Possible Projects of RICs/ Members

- Health and Nutrition
- Food Production (crops, fruits, livestock, fisheries)
- Food Trades/Food processing
- Population Education/Responsible Parenthood
- Cooperatives/Business Enterprises
- Income generating projects
- Supplemental feeding
- Handicrafts and other cottage industries
- Vegetable, fruit, forest tree Nursery
- Beekeeping
- Buy and sell
- Farm labor Ornamental and Herbal plant production/processing
- Agricultural Extension Methods/Activity
- Homemakers classes/trainings
- Season long FFS
- Farm Demonstrations (result demonstration)
- Meetings
- Farm and Home project visits
- Hands-on Demonstrations
- Community Trade Fairs/Fiesta
- Parade
- E-learning, text, call, social media, e-mails
- Achievement Days and Contests
What is Rural Improvement Club (RIC)?

Rural Improvement Clubs of the Philippines (RIC)

- is a nationwide non-government organization in the Philippines which is rural or barangay-based, uplifting the living standard of its members and making them effective and productive partners of the government in community development.

- Voluntary group of women compose of at least 25 members with varied interests and capabilities who are mobilized for socio-economic projects.

- Serve as multiplier of home extension teachings and activities and as channel for developing women's leadership and potentials towards home and community improvement.

- It is initially supported by the Local Government Unit (LGU) and the Department of Agriculture.

Historical Background

RIC roots started in late 1920s by Maria Y. Orosa, expert in food preservation, organized a pool of Home Economist who conducted home demonstrations in the countryside;

1934 – the 1st RIC was organized in Moltalban, Rizal.

1936 – Home Demonstrator Positions were created through Commonwealth Act No. 85

World War II – RIC activities were interrupted

July 16, 1952 – Republic Act 680 creating the Bureau of Agricultural Extension (BAEx) was passed. RIC works sustained

1967 – RIC-Children’s Center was initially established

1991 – Extension including management of RBOs/ RIC was devolved to LGUs (LG Code)

1996 – DA issued AO No. 9 to revitalized participation of RBOs in DA activities, assigning ATI is national Secretariat and Overall Coordinator in the management and supervision of RBOs

RIC General Objectives:

To bring about effective involvement and participation of rural women in home and community projects through participatory and collective efforts

Specific Objectives:

- To promote mutual cooperation among members of the RIC throughout the Philippines
- To encourage activities for the welfare of the family and community
- To promote unity, peace, love, and friendship among women of the country and the world;
- To develop organizational skills and appreciation of cultural values and heritage
- To become useful citizens, ideal wives and mothers, functional socio-economic partners in development and active community leaders

Qualification of RIC members

- Rural Women and wives
- Married or Single
- Willing to develop self culturally, socially and economically
- Willing to engage in various profitable livelihood projects

RIC Organization

- National RIC Federation (Board)
- Regional RIC Federation
- Provincial RIC Federation
- Municipal RIC Federation
- RIC (Barangay)