

	OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURIST	OCTOBER
		MONTH
	Accomplishment Report	2023
		YEAR

PROGRAM/PROJECT ACTIVITIES	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	ACCOMPLISHMENT																																																				
I. RICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES																																																						
A. Seed Assistance Program																																																						
a. Seed Production	<p>DA-PLGU Collaborative Project. Commitment of individual accredited seed growers to provide certified seeds for buffer seed and stocking</p>	<p>As of October 2023, for Wet Season (WS) crop 2023 a total of 242 Local Seed Growers (SG) planted an area of 1,640.26 hectares for Registered to Certified Inbred seed production and 13 hectares for foundation to registered seeds with 6 seed growers. Furthermore, about 289,688 bags @20kg and 72,023 bags @40 kg passed on the seed certification. Varieties planted in the Seed Production for Wet Season 2023 were as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Province</th><th>Variety</th><th colspan="2">SEED CLASS PLANTED (ha)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>F</td><td>R</td></tr><tr><td>Isabela</td><td>NSIC Rc 160</td><td></td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 216</td><td>1</td><td>7.7</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 218</td><td></td><td>9.3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 222</td><td>9</td><td>777.18</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC RC 436</td><td></td><td>241.49</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 480</td><td></td><td>124.85</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 508</td><td></td><td>188.27</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 512</td><td>3</td><td>262.57</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>NSIC Rc 514</td><td></td><td>11.3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>PSB Rc 18</td><td></td><td>14.6</td></tr><tr><td>Total-----</td><td></td><td>13</td><td>1640.26</td></tr></table>	Province	Variety	SEED CLASS PLANTED (ha)				F	R	Isabela	NSIC Rc 160		3		NSIC Rc 216	1	7.7		NSIC Rc 218		9.3		NSIC Rc 222	9	777.18		NSIC RC 436		241.49		NSIC Rc 480		124.85		NSIC Rc 508		188.27		NSIC Rc 512	3	262.57		NSIC Rc 514		11.3		PSB Rc 18		14.6	Total-----		13	1640.26
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b. Technology Demonstration	<p>PLGU Funded. Initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with MLGU</p> <p>Establishment of Technology Demonstration showcasing Different planting methods using farm machineries like Mechanical</p>	<p>The techno demo was immediately harvested after the conduct of Farmers Field Day and Graduation at the two FFS sites at Barangay Malalinta San Manuel and Pabil, Ramon, Isabela. Based on the results, both FFS sites noted that using of planting machines like mechanical transplanter and spreader showed improvement in terms of yield and other parameters compared with conventional/ traditional method. However, the potential yield of both of the techno demo sites was affected due to typhoons and strong wind wherein the crops lodged at the early maturity stage.</p> <p>Moreover, despite of the calamity, the results were accepted and appreciated by the farmers and signified their interest to adopt the technology depending on the availability of the machines.</p>																																																				

b.1. Technology Demonstration on Rice Production through Farm Mechanization

b.1.1. Season-Long Farmers' Field School

b.1.2 Provincial Rice Technology Forum (PRTF)

Transplanter and Spreader.

PLGU Funded. Initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with MLGU combination of lectures and hands-on training for farmer-participants to enhance their capacity and farming practices

PLGU Funded. Initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with DA-RFO, MLGU and Private Seed Companies
A technology showcase in cluster farms of the different hybrid rice varieties and technologies

Summary of results of the yield data per FFS sites were shown at the table below.

Method of Planting	Actual Harvest (t/ha)	Remarks
Manual transplanting	5.5	The crops was lodged due to Typhoons and strong wind
Mechanical transplanting	6.5	

Yield data results of techno demo at Pabil, Ramon, Isabela

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Mechanical Transplanter	4.75	
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Yield data results of techno demo at Malalinta, San Manuel, Isabela

The OPA team conducted post meeting and interviewed farmer-participants after the seasonlong training at the two FFS sites to assess their feedbacks/impressions. Based on assessment, the participants expressed their heartfelt gratitude because of the learnings acquired in the project. They signified their commitment and interest to apply and adopt what they learned and willingness to acquire additional learnings and information for future purposes.



During the meeting and interview of participants

The team conducted consultative meeting with the partner agencies, seed and fertilizer companies held at the OPA conference room. The meeting was presided by the Rice group with the assistance of the Provincial Agriculturist, Dr. Marites E. Frogoso. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Presentation of data results from the previous Provincial Rice Technology Forum (PRTF) site
- Discussed and reviewed the guidelines of implementation as well as the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Finalization of area coverage per company (1ha per company for the two interventions; Company and Balance

Fertilizer Strategy)

- Agreement for the counterparting scheme on logistics (Seeds, Inorganic Fertilizers, Organic Fertilizers, Crop Establishment, Labor Cost, Regular meetings, Collection of Soil Samples and others)
- The validation and farmers briefing for the new proposed sites will be scheduled on October 20, 2023.



Consultative Meeting at PGI-OPA Conference Room

The OPA and MLGU Mallig spearheaded the conduct of site validation wherein the first choice was at Brgy. Casili, Mallig, Isabela under the Casili Dam Farmers Irrigators Association (CADAMFIA) in accordance with the set criteria. However, during the farmers briefing, the farmers did not signify their commitment with the project protocols. Therefore, the team decided to opt for another site thus transferred to Brgy. Victoria, Mallig, Isabela where the participants signified their interest and had committed with the protocols. Series of meetings were conducted at Brgy. Victoria, Mallig, Isabela for the planning of activities, address issues and concerns, farm layout, collection of soil samples, allocation of area per company per intervention through a draw lots and planning for the schedule of crop establishment and method of planting. All the three interventions; Company Protocol, Balance Fertilization Strategy and Bio-fertilizer will be implemented with the use of mechanical transplanter as per agreement with the team and as part of the promotion of Farm Mechanization. Seed sowing will start on November 22, 2023 and planting will be on the first and second week of December, 2023.



Site Validation and Project Briefing at Brgy. Casili



Project Briefing for Victoria Farmers at DA Warehouse



Site Validation and Conduct of Meetings at Brgy, Victoria, Mallig, Isabela

c. Good Agricultural
Parctices (GAP)

PLGU Funded.
Initiated project of
PLGU in
collaboration with
MLGU, Training on
Good Agricultural
Practices (GAP) on
Rice


Preparation of the needed documents for the conduct of training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on Rice. Tentative schedule will be on the third and fourth week of November, 2023 for the two batches. Target participants will be the graduates of the Seasonlong Training/Farmers Field School last Wet Season (WS) 2023.

d . Monitoring of Palay
Price

Data collection of
prevailing price per
kilo of palay from the
different commercial
centers

Dry: Php23.46/kg
Wet: Php19.63/kg

e. Monitoring of Rice Planting & Harvesting	Data collection on the status of rice planting and harvesting	PLANTING REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023																												
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II. INTERVENING ACTIVITIES																														
a. Attendance and participation to Meetings/ Symposium	To keep abreast of the programs/projects	Attended the Municipal/City Agriculturists' Meeting at DA-CVRC. The following agenda discussed during the meeting were: Updates and Status of Seed Distribution of Hybrid and Inbred Seeds, Updates on the Fertilizer distribution under National Rice Program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), PCIC updates, Status of water level in Magat Dam, Farming activities and Updates of water deliveries of MARIIS and CIS and Climate and Weather Outlook. Adjustment of planting has been emphasized due to the effect of cold spell in the months of January to February. Water delivery schedules were also considered.																												
b. Program/Project Coordination and validation	For smooth implementation of program/ project	Assisted the Seed Distribution of Hybrid Seeds under National Rice Program (NRP). As of October 2023, about 50% of the total allocation were distributed.																												

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b. Cassava Crop	Data collection on the status of cassava planting and harvesting reports from LGUs.	Stages of Cassava Standing as of October, 2023			
		CASSAVA			TOTAL
		Stages (Ha.)	FOOD	INDUSTRIAL	
		Harvested	4,614.69	326.60	4,941.29
		Maturity	737.00	1,369.31	2,106.31
		Total	5,351.69	1,695.91	7,047.60
		(CY 2023 Planting)			
		Cassava Harvesting Report (CY 2022 Planting) For the month of October, 2023			
		Corn Type	Area Harvested (ha.)	Production (mt)	Ave. Yld/ha (mt)
		Commercial	450.50	5,105.00	11.33
Food					
TOTAL	450.50	5,105.00	11.33		
2. Monitoring of Price of Corn	Data collection on prevailing price per kilo of corn from different trading centers in the province.	Stages of Cassava Standing as of October, 2023 (CY 2022 Planting)			
		CASSAVA			TOTAL
		Stages (ha)	FOOD	INDUSTRIAL	
		Maturity	16.25	0.75	17.00
		Reproductive	439.00	47.00	406.00
		Vegetative		0.00	0.00
		Total	455.25	47.70	503.00
		Average prevailing price of corn monitored from different trading centers for the month of September, 2023 as follows:			
		CORN (per kg.)			
			Yellow	White Flint	Glutinous
Dry	Php 17.89	*	*		
Fresh	Php 11.68				
3. Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas (SCOPSA) cum Farmers Field School (FFS) Season 1,Wet Cropping Season 2023	Technology Demonstration for the control of soil erosion in hilly/sloping areas cultivated to corn with the Seasonlong on-site Farmers' Field School (FFS) involving 30 farmer-participants.	SCoPSA DEMO SITE 1 BRGY. DALLAO, CORDON, ISABELA WET SEASON 2023			
		SCoPSA cum FFS PROJECT PROFILE/STATUS			
		DISTRICT	: District IV		
		LOCATION	: Brgy. Dallao, Cordon, Isabela		
		COOPERATOR	: Jeanraytopher D. Lanila		
		AREA	: 2.0 hectares		
		ECO ZONE	: Hilly		
		DATE OF CROP	: June 3, 2023		
		ESTABLISHMENT			
		VARIETY	: NK-8840		
HARVESTED	: 4.0 MT/HA (low yield was due to typhoons and dry spell that hit the province)				
		HEDGEROWS CROPS			
		-Pineapple (planted – July, 2023) – Vegetative Development			
		-Banana (planted – September, 2023) – Vegetative Development			

FIELD DAY OF THE SUSTAINABLE CORN PRODUCTION IN SLOPING AREAS (SCOPSA) CUM SEASON-LONG ON SITE FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY ON OCTOBER 04, 2023 IN BRGY. DALLAO, CORDON, ISABELA

With its goal of uplifting the economic condition of farmers in local communities, the OPA- Corn program headed by the Provincial Agriculturist Marites E. Frogoso, spearheaded the *Field Day of the Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas (SCoPSA) Demo cum Graduation Ceremony* of the farmer-participants for the Season-long on-site Farmers' Field School (FFS) Project in Brgy. Dallao, Cordon, Isabela for CY-2023 Wet Crop Season;

The said graduation activity was attended by the SB Committee on Agriculture Hon. Efren Malupeng, MAFC Chairperson Mr. Romeo Samiling, Acting Municipal Agriculturist Ms. Jessa Puma with five (5) staffs and Brgy. Dallao Officials headed by Hon. Walter P. Cuenta, DA-RCPC Chief Ms. Mindaflor Aquino, DA-CVRC APCO Engr. William Contillo, Syngenta representative Mr. Roger Tolentino and 100 farmers from Brgys. Taliktik and Dallao, Cordon.

With the active participation of private/agency partners and partner-participants on the intensive training on the package of technology in growing corn, the activity was made possible. The program concluded with the awarding of the Certificate of Recognition to the Dallao Brgy. Council, MA Office, LGU of Cordon & Syngenta Phils as collaborating partners and Certificate of Training for 27 farmer-participants who have graduated on the FFS project this Wet Crop Season 2023. Each farmer-graduate received a jabber planter, printed mug, a pack of BIO-N good for one hectare and arm sleeve courtesy of Syngenta Company.



		<p>SCoPSA DEMO SITE 2 BRGY. SAN CARLOS, ECHAGUE, ISABELA WET SEASON 2023</p> <p>SCoPSA cum FFS PROJECT PROFILE/STATUS</p> <p>DISTRICT : District VI LOCATION : Brgy. San Carlos, Echague, Isabela COOPERATORS : Victoria B. Saclayan Rigor Quindara AREA : 2.0 hectares ECO ZONE : Hilly DATE OF CROP : June 10 and July 2, 2023 ESTABLISHMENT VARIETY : NK-8840 HARVESTED : 4.208 MT/HA (low yield was due to typhoons and Dry spell that hit the province)</p> <p>HEDGEROWS CROPS: -Pineapple (planted July, 2023) – Vegetative Development -Banana Suckers (delivered on October 11, 2023) – advised the cooperators to clean the contour area prior to its planting.</p> <p>FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL (FFS) IMPLEMENTATION IN BRGY. SAN CARLOS, ECHAGUE, ISABELA</p> <p>October 11, 18 and 25, 2023 - Week No. 8,9 and 10, Farmers' Field School (FFS) activity attended by farmer-participants during the scheduled FFS activity in the area together with Mr. Tomas Pauig, Jr., AEW of LGU-, Echague, Isabela.</p> <p>Highlights of the four (4) FFS sessions in the barangay;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Practical field exercises at the SCoPSA Demo for data gathering and direct observations through AESA #8, 9 and 10 processing and discussion.▪ Facilitators guided the AESA learning process focusing on the corn ear development and farmers were able to list down observations and recommendations for discussion.▪ Presentation of <i>What Went Right and What Went Wrong</i> for the 8th, 9th and 10th FFS activity in the area, and▪ Planning was done for every week activity.▪ Following topics discussed:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Corn Nutrient Defficiency2. Cassava Production Technology3. Corn Technology Guide<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Land Preparation▪ Seed Varietal Selection▪ Planting▪ Inter-Row Cultivation▪ Integrated Nutrient Management▪ Water Management▪ Integrated Pest Management▪ Weeds and Weed Management▪ Conduct Crop cut in the Techno Demo Project<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ OPA Corn Team facilitated and supervised the conduct of crop cut being done by the farmer-participants at the SCoPSA Demo Area which randomly done in three (3) selected sample sites at (SCoPSA) Demo Area in Brgy. San Carlos, Echague, Isabela. Computed yield per hectare of NK-8840 was 4,208 kg.
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SCoPSA DEMO SITE 3 BRGY. MASIPI EAST, CABAGAN, ISABELA
WET CROP SEASON 2023

SCoPSA cum FFS PROJECT PROFILE/STATUS

DISTRICT : District I
LOCATION : Brgy. Masipi East, Cabagan, Isabela
COOPERATORS : 1. Rolando B. Gonzales
2. Florentino Pascua
3. Cornelio C. Ossao
AREA : 2.0 hectares
ECO ZONE : Hilly
DATE OF CROP : June 14, 2023
ESTABLISHMENT
VARIETY : NK-8840
HARVESTED : 3.039 MT/HA (low yield was due to typhoons
and dry spell that hit the prov.)

HEDGEROWS CROPS:

- Pineapple (planted July, 2023) – Vegetative Development
- Banana (planted September, 2023) – Vegetative Development




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<p>4. Corn Production Enhancement Project (CPEP) under Corn Program of the Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>CPEP program shall cover yellow corn and start on the first cropping of CY 2023 in priority corn production areas in Isabela province. It is a cluster organization (FCA) approach where cluster members will be the beneficiaries of corn seeds and inorganic fertilizers.</p>	<p>Continue receiving copies of masterlist of farmer-beneficiaries for the corn hybrid seeds and inorganic fertilizers from LGUs under the CPEP project for consolidation, review and for PA/ADH signature prior for its submission to DA Region2.</p> <div data-bbox="755 381 1464 682"></div>
<p>5. PLGU Livelihood Assistance to Tobacco Farmers in the Province of Isabela.</p>	<p>The Provincial Government of Isabela thru Hon. Governor Rodito T. Albano, III extended the provincial share from tobacco excise tax in the form of livelihood assistance to tobacco farmers</p>	<p>No distribution schedules yet for Livelihood Assistance to tobacco farmers in the month of October, 2023.</p>
<p>6. Monitoring and Evaluation of established Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas (SCoPSA) and High Innovative Technology (HIT) Demonstration Projects in targeted municipalities.</p>	<p>This activity aimed to evaluate both the farmer-cooperator and farmer-participants of the aforementioned projects in the municipalities of San Pablo, San Guillermo, and San Mariano, Isabela in assessing the status of the knowledge and technology imparted to them in attaining the objectives of the projects implemented in the community.</p>	<p>The Corn Program of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist held the monitoring and evaluation activity on the previously established technology demonstration on Sustainable Corn Production in Sloping Areas (SCoPSA) and High Innovative Technology (HIT) with Farmers' Field School (FFS) last 2022 - 2023 Dry Cropping Season.</p> <p>There were 72 total respondents (farmer cooperators and farmer-participants) who attended and participated in the recently Monitoring & Evaluation Activity conducted by the OPA-Corn Program staff to measure and assess the level of adaptive capacity of technology interventions in the said rural farming communities.</p> <div data-bbox="755 1685 1445 1986"></div> <div data-bbox="755 2002 1445 2303"></div>

<p>7. 4 Ks (Kabuhayan At Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo) Comprehensive Program of the Department of Agriculture Region 2.</p>	<p>The 4 Ks (Kabuhayan At Kaunlaran Ng Kababayang Katutubo) is a comprehensive program of the Department of Agriculture following the directives of former president Rodrigo Duterte for an enhanced provision of assistance in the form of agricultural and fisheries related livelihood opportunities to help in the development of the Tribal Communities.</p>	<div data-bbox="755 282 1446 585" data-label="Image"></div> <p>The Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Unit No.2 through the 4 Ks Program in the region, 600 pieces of Sweet Abulug Pomelo (SAP) seedlings and 130 bags of Yellow Corn Seeds were partially distributed out of 1,200 SAP seedlings and 150 corn seeds allocated for Mabegsak a Magsikaw nga Agta ti Dibuluan Association through its president Mr. Orlando Magaoay in Brgy. Minanga, San Mariano, Isabela on October 5, 2023.</p> <p>The distribution of Sweet Abulug Pomelo (SAP) seedlings and corn seeds is in support to the Production and Livelihood Component of the program spearheaded by the DA-CVRC APCO, Engr. William Contillo. This was witnessed by the staff of MA Office in San Mariano and representative from the OPA Office of PLGU, Ilagan. There were at least 17 Agtas who received the livelihood assistance through their association president.</p> <div data-bbox="751 1335 1443 1639" data-label="Image"></div>
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<p>III. HIGH VALUE COMMERCIAL CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</p> <p>A. Operation and Maintenance of Provincial Nursery</p>	<p>PLGU initiated. Production of assorted vegetable seedlings for distribution to farmers.</p> <p>PLGU initiated. Production of sexually propagated fruit trees.</p>	<p>Produced a total of 27,185 pieces assorted vegetable seedlings which were distributed to 96 walk-in clients and also distributed 4,833 packs of assorted vegetable seeds to one walk-in client farmers and 26 Farmer Cooperatives/Associations.</p> <p>Continues production of assorted vegetable and fruit tree seedlings, production of vermicompost and production of assorted vegetables for seed purposes.</p> <div></div>

B. Monitoring of Planting		Conducted monitoring of planting reports within the whole province.																																																																																																																																					
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Finalized total area for the intervention are as follows:

Mallig	23 ha.
Cabagan	14 ha.
San Pablo	10 ha.



Assisted the guests from Caraga State University last October 17-20, 2023 on the Research Project Industry Assessment of Citronella and Lemon grass in key areas in the Province of Isabela. The said project is in coordination with the Central Mindanao University and the University of the Philippines-Visayas and is funded by the DOST-PCAARRD. The assessment's purpose is to identify potential opportunities and areas that require intervention for the enhancement and development of the said commodities in Region II.

There were pre-identified farms which were assisted by DOST-PCAARRD, these are farms from Villa Miguel, Quirino with 2.0 ha & Tuminez, Naguilian with 1.0 ha. Additional identified farms with corresponding area were extracted from the Municipal Agriculturist Office in LGUs respectively, which are from Lacab, Jones (7 ha.); Babaran, Echague (0.5 ha); San Pablo, Cauayan City (2.5 ha.) and Poblacion 2, Sta. Maria, (0.06 ha.) Isabela.



Lemon grass production of Tanap ARB Solar Irrigators Assoc., San Pablo, Cauayan City, Isabela



Saint Joseph Integrated Farm, Babaran, Echague, Isabela



Citronella Producers and Processing Coop., Tuminez, Naguilan, Isabela



ARANAAR, ARB MPC, Villa Miguel, Quirino, Isabela



Arvyk Eco-Farm, Poblacion 2, Sta. Maria, Isabela

Conducted the site/area evaluation and had an actual interview with the MLGU-Ramon nominees for the Agricultural Achievers Search for Outstanding HVCDP Farmer Category at San Miguel, Ramon, Isabela. The parameters of the interview are based from the indicators of farmers' (1) management skills; (2) technical skill & decision making; (3) innovativeness; (4) value adding thru processing/packaging; (5) farm conditions which include: the farm layout and plan, yield, return on investment (ROI), sustainability, replicability and certification and lastly the (6) social impacts in the community which include farmers' involvement in the community and impact of the farm and technology in the community.

The first nominee of the above-mentioned category is Ms. Florine R. Francisco, a newly retired engineer from Purok 3, San Miguel, Ramon, Isabela with a total of 4.9 ha. farm land, where 2.0 ha. farm is dedicated to fruit tree plantation of mango (220 trees), avocado, guyabano and banana.

The second nominee for the same category is Mr. Vergilio A. Mangino, Jr. with a total of 7.5 ha of farm land composing of rice plantation and poultry & livestock area, where 1.0 ha. Is devoted to fruit tree production area composing of mango (150 bearing trees), avocado, santol, coconut and jackfruit.



Ms. Florine R. Francisco's Farm, Purok 3, San Miguel Ramon, Isabela





Mr. Vergilio R. Mangino's Farm, Purok 3, San Miguel Ramon, Isabela

Supervised the monitoring of seeds/seedlings to farmer--beneficiaries of GAP/FFS Training and regular clients of the Provincial Nursery. The monitoring was conducted in various barangays of Mallig, Jones and Cabagan, Isabela.



D. Monitoring of Price	PLGU Initiated. Data collection on prevailing market price of assorted vegetables from different commercial trading centers in the province.	<table><tr><th>VEGETABLE (Kilo)</th><th>Average Price (Php)</th></tr><tr><td>Ampalaya</td><td>47</td></tr><tr><td>Eggplant</td><td>43</td></tr><tr><td>Tomato</td><td>57</td></tr><tr><td>Sitao</td><td>39</td></tr><tr><td>Squash</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>Pechay</td><td>41</td></tr><tr><td>Okra</td><td>43</td></tr><tr><td>Onion Red</td><td>135</td></tr><tr><td>Onion White</td><td>129</td></tr><tr><td>Garlic</td><td>118</td></tr><tr><td>Ginger</td><td>54</td></tr><tr><td>Raddish</td><td>62</td></tr><tr><td>Sweet Potato</td><td>51</td></tr><tr><td>Taro</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td>Labuyo</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>Pinakbet/Panigang</td><td>62</td></tr><tr><td>Damilig/Saba</td><td>18</td></tr><tr><td>Lakatan</td><td>45</td></tr><tr><td>Latundan</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>Calamansi</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>Habitchuelas</td><td>59</td></tr><tr><td>Papaya</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>Mango</td><td>78</td></tr></table>	VEGETABLE (Kilo)	Average Price (Php)	Ampalaya	47	Eggplant	43	Tomato	57	Sitao	39	Squash	30	Pechay	41	Okra	43	Onion Red	135	Onion White	129	Garlic	118	Ginger	54	Raddish	62	Sweet Potato	51	Taro	46	Labuyo	60	Pinakbet/Panigang	62	Damilig/Saba	18	Lakatan	45	Latundan	26	Calamansi	40	Habitchuelas	59	Papaya	16	Mango	78
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VI. FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES A. Volume of Provincial Fish Production	Consolidation of fish production report from various fishery resources (freshwater and marine) Operation and management of existing fishery facilities to support the province's requirements for fish stocks	<div> <div> Summary: Municipal – 201.269 MT Aquaculture – 440.355 MT TOTAL – 641.324 MT </div> <div> Fishpond – 427.516 MT Fishcage – 12.839 MT SWIP – 30.202 MT CBWs – 157.792 MT Marine – 13.275 MT </div> </div>
1. Production Support Services 1.1. Fisheries production and dispersal at San Pablo Freshwater Fish Farm, San Pablo, Isabela		<p>Maintenance of 3,000 pieces female breeders and 2,000 male breeders</p> <p>Conducted routinary farm activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection and conditioning of tilapia fingerlings - Collection and conditioning of tilapia breeders - Water refilling of ponds and concrete tanks - Stocking of breeders in hapa - Feeding of stocks - Draining of ponds for pond preparation <p>Small Water Impounding Project (Mangga SWIP, Quezon, Isabela)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fingerlings dispersed – 10,000 - Water Area – 1.0 Ha. - No. of beneficiaries - 28 <div>   </div>
2. Pond Based Semi-Intensive Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School	A season long activity showcasing semi-intensive polyculture technology demonstration project which aims to increase production and income of fisherfolk	<p>Conducted and facilitated in the weekly activities of the Season-Long Pond Based Semi-Intensive Polyculture Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) with the following activities:</p> <p>October 06, 2023 – Benchmarking Activity of Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) Participants</p> <p>Places visited were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabatuan Fishers and Farmers Association, an association engaged on post-harvest fish processing such as smoked fish, dried fish, salted, fermented fish and minced products. (They are the first batch of the Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) program initiated by OPA in collaboration with the MLGU of Cabatuan and a recipient of post-harvest equipment and utensils from BFAR Region 02.



- A.R Santiago Fish Farm, a tilapia hatchery farm owned and managed by Mr. Arnel R. Santiago a GAWAD Saka Provincial Winner in 2021. A technology to minimize high temperature using aqua-shade technology was practiced in the hatchery farm to maintain stable fish production.
- BFAR Cagayan Valley Freshwater Technology Outreach Station (CVFTOS), operated by BFAR R02, a tilapia and ulang hatchery projects cater the fingerling requirements of marginal and backyard fishponds in the province.
- Isabela Aqua Agriculture Cooperative (ISAACO), a cooperative formed from seven (7) fisherfolk associations from Ramon and Cordon, Isabela. Majority are fish cage operators at MAGAT Dam Reservoir.



October 13, 2023 – Stock sampling was done to determine the average body weight (ABW) and to adjust the daily feeding rate of the fish stocks. Based on the result of the sampling conducted, the ABW of the tilapia weighs 200g/piece and 300g/piece of hito, respectively.



October 20, 2023 – Harvest Field Day and Culminating Activity of the Seasonlong Pond Based Semi-Intensive Polyculture Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) was conducted with thirty (30) successful fisherfolk from different barangays of Quezon, Isabela from June to October 2023. The training aimed to provide valuable knowledge to fisherfolk-participants through technology demonstration project and series of trainings to enhance their skills in the operation of livelihood project in fisheries. The program highlighted with the confirmation and acceptance of the 30 successful candidates for graduation. The Cost and Return analysis were also presented and recorded with 39.08% Return on Expenses (ROE) showcased at 500 sq.m. fishpond.


The culminating activity was a momentous occasion for the fisherfolk participants. These events manifested their willingness and dedication towards the improvement of their technical know-how in fish production and management to a more sustainable and responsible fishing practices within the community.





The activity was attended by Hon. Jimmy S. Gamazon Jr., Municipal Mayor of Quezon, Isabela, Engr. Roger O. Ocampo, Municipal Agriculturist, Mr. Veja Jay Ujano, Jr., Aquaculturist II of the BFAR PFO-Isabela, fisherfolk participants and visitors with OPA team.





<p>B. Support to other Agri-Fishery Programs and Projects</p> <p>1. Facilitated Meeting on Mariculture Park</p>	<p>To give updates on various programs and projects on the different agriculture commodities such as rice, corn, hvcc, fisheries and livestock</p>	<p>October 17, 2023 - Facilitated meeting regarding the proposed Mariculture Park in the coastal municipalities of Isabela together with BFAR Region 02 staff, BFAR PFO Isabela staff, ENRO and OPA Fisheries Division. Mariculture parks are areas in the sea that are similar to industrial parks or estates on land where the appropriate infrastructure such as roads, other facilities, and support services are provided to attract entrepreneurs/investor. The proposed mariculture park shall cover 300 hectares of the marine protected area of Dimasalansan and Bicovian Cove. However, during the discussion, since the proposed areas are marine protected, the group was hesitant on the said intervention which may have effect on the environment and people within the community.</p>
<p>2. Launching of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Fishcage Project at Magat Dam</p>	<p>To showcase technology advances in fish production through the establishment of HDPE fishcage projects</p>	<p>Projects were allocated to the municipalities of Cordon and Ramon, Isabela. These projects were established to provide our fisherfolk clients, with livelihood assistance geared towards increase production, stable income and job creation. The HDPE is designed to withstand rough weather conditions and mitigate the negative impacts of climate change on aquaculture livelihood.</p>



<p>3. Monitoring of Fishing Gears (Gill net) previously awarded to Fisherfolk Associations in the province.</p>	<p>To gather data on the effectiveness of gears used in inland waters and initial data on fish catch.</p>	<p>October 27, 2023 – Monitoring was done to help ensure that the gill nets are used in sustainable manner, preventing overfishing and in observance on the “ludong” closed season from October 1 – November 15, 2023.</p> <div data-bbox="722 424 1515 763"></div>
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V. RURAL WOMEN ORGANIZATION (RIC)	To strengthen and empower Rural Women sector in the formation of RIC and actively involved in Farm and Home Resource Management Service	<p>The Office of Provincial Agriculturist through the RBO program successfully conducted the four (4) batches of “Hands-On Training on Fruit Processing with Packaging, Labelling and Safety Management with Starter Kit”. This program was designed to empower rural women by equipping them with valuable skills, knowledge and resources ultimately leading to enhancement of their livelihoods and promotion of economic opportunities within their communities. A total of thirty-five (35) members per batch attended and participated in the said training. Hereunder were the four batches conducted, to wit;</p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Municipality</th><th>No. of Participants</th></tr><tr><td>October 5, 2023</td><td>San Mariano</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>October 6, 2023</td><td>San Guillermo</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>October 12, 2023</td><td>Ramon</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>October 13, 2023</td><td>Cauayan City</td><td>35</td></tr></table> <p>An additional noteworthy aspect of the training was the provision of utensils to the participants. The initiative aims to jumpstart potential start-up enterprises and livelihood projects, ensuring that the acquired skills can be practically applied as additional source of income for livelihood.</p> <p>Finished products obtained by the groups were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Calamansi Juice2. Apple Juice3. Cucumber Juice4. Bugnay Wine <p>San Mariano, Isabela</p> <div></div> <p>San Guillermo, Isabela</p> <div></div>	Date	Municipality	No. of Participants	October 5, 2023	San Mariano	35	October 6, 2023	San Guillermo	35	October 12, 2023	Ramon	35	October 13, 2023	Cauayan City	35
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October 12, 2023	Ramon	35															
October 13, 2023	Cauayan City	35															

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<p>VI. Young Farmer Organization (4H Club)</p>	<p>To encourage more youth/young farmers to participate in the program in support to their livelihood undertakings</p>	<p>Coordinated Implementing Guidelines / Procedure on the Outstanding Young Farmer Search.</p>

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