

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURIST

JUNE
MONTH
2024
YEAR

Accomplishment Report

	RAM/PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION			/REMARKS/ PLISHMENT	
1.	Seed Assistance Program					
a.	Seed Production	DA-PLGU Collaborative Project. A commitment of individual accredited seed growers in providing certified seeds for buffer seed and stocking.	Registered Se (hectares) whil Certification, a bags at 40 kg Moreover for V were planted to	eds were planded to tall of 269,96 g/bag were sured to tall of 108.7 Wet Season (Weat a total of 108.7		of 1736.17 leeds. For S bag and 10 pratory anal egistered S
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Varieties Planted for Seed Production for
Wet Season (WS) crop 2024

Province	Variety	SEED CLASS PLANTED (ha)	
		F	R
	NSIC Rc 218		1.00
	NSIC Rc 222		61.10
Isabela	NSIC Rc 402		8.20
ISabeia	NSIC Rc 436		22.90
	NSIC Rc 480		4.00
	NSIC Rc 512		3.50
	PSB Rc 18		8.00
Total			108.70

2. Regular Programs and Projects under the Rice Development Program

a. Provincial Rice Technology Forum (PRTF) PLGU Funded. An initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with DA-RFO, MLGU and Private Seed and Bio-Fertilizer Companies.

A technology showcase in cluster farms of the different hybrid rice varieties and technologies.

The team conducted courtesy call with the Municipal Agriculture Office through Mr. Noel C. Baquiran Jr., the Municipal Agriculturist of Tumauini, Isabela. He committed and expressed his full support to the project.

The team headed by the Provincial and Assistant Provincial Agriculturist visited and conducted courtesy call at National Irrigation Administration-Isabela Management Office (NIA-IMO) Tumauini, Isabela. Upon discussion, the Assistant Division Manager expressed his full support to the project. The team also joined the IA federation meetings in order to introduce and discuss the project. During the meeting, with the help and guidance of the NIA Officer and IA federation, the site for the said project was identified. Thereafter, the team proceeded with the preliminary activities with the assistance of Irrigators Association (IA) like site validation, master-listing of target farmer cooperators and conduct of meetings with the stakeholders.

During the conduct of meetings, the following undertakings were discussed and settled:

- a. Presentation and discussion of overview and protocols of the project. The farmer cooperators signified their interest and committed to participate in the project.
- b. Layouting of the field and distribution of area per participating Seeds and Bio-Fertilizer companies.
- c. Farmers Interview for the Rice Crop Manager (RCM) as basis for the fertilizer Recommendation.
- d. Seed allocations for Bio-fertilizer derby by DA-MLGU

- e. Set schedule of seed sowing based on the water delivery schedule of NIA. However, the set schedule of seed sowing was not followed due to scarcity of water as per NIA updates.
- f. The team decided to wait for the rainfall and the next schedule of water delivery.

















b. Technology
Demonstration
on Rice
Production
through Farm
Mechanization
with Farmers'
Field School

Initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with MLGU.

A combination of lectures and hands-on training for farmer-participants to enhance their capacity and farming practices.

Conducted a site validation and a courtesy meeting with Dr. Archival B. Sabado, Municipal Agriculturist of LGU-Cordon, Engr. Roger O. Ocampo of LGU-Quezon and Mr. Reynaldo M. Gumiran, Designate Municipal Agriculturist of LGU-Cabagan, Isabela on planning of establishing a Technology Demonstration on Mechanization with Farmers' Field school (FFS) in collaboration with the Local Government Unit this Wet Cropping Season 2024 in the municipalities of Cordon, Quezon and Cabagan, Isabela respectively.

The personnel discussed some interventions to showcase on the one-hectare target area showcasing the different planting methods through farm mechanization that can be utilized by farmers to lessen their production cost and increase their yield and income.

The team also conducted benchmarking of farmer cooperator who met the criteria for the said technology demonstration. Mr. Norwell A. Sabigan discussed during the benchmarking the

			rview and proe e agreed.	tocols of the	said	projects	s of w	hich both pa	rties
3. Price Monitoring of Palay	A data collection of prevailing price per kilo of palay from the different commercial centers.			rice per Kilo Dry Wet	ograr	Php	lay (J 27.60 22.92)	
4. Monitoring of	Data collection of the		Plantin	g Report fo	the l	Month o	of Jur	ne 2024	
Rice Planting and Harvesting	status of rice planting and harvesting.		Eco	system	<i> </i>	Area Pla	anted	(ha)	
				rigated			324.32		
				ainfed Total		-	30.58 8 54.9 0		
			Harvestii	ng Report fo		Month	of Ju	une 2024	1
			Ecosystem	Harvested		duction MT)		rage Yield	
			lunia ata d	(ha)			(MT/ha)	
			Irrigated Rainfed	2,031.04	11,0)31.10		5.43	-
			Total	2,031.04	11 (31.10		5.43	
				g Crop per S		as of J			J
			Stages	Irrigate	d	Area Rainf		Total	
		Ma	turity		6.90	- 141111			6.90
			productive	2,07			5.80	2,201	1.55
			getative	68,53		3,126		71,664	
		-	edling/NP	36,79		2,819		39,614	
		Tot	tal	107,56	5.13	6,072	2.02	113,637	.15

5. Attendance and participation to Meetings/
Symposia

To keep abreast of the programs/projects of the different government agencies for the development of agriculture sector.

The OPA rice team conducted a training on Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) on rice production at Sta. Maria and Cordon, Isabela. Ms. Hermina B. Atal, Municipal Agriculturist of LGU-Sta. Maria and Ms. Judith Agpalza, Agricultural Technologist of LGU-Cordon delivered their message of support to the 56 participants from the two municipalities (32 from Sta. Maria and 24 from Cordon) and gave emphasis on the benefits of being a GAP certified farmer.

The topics discussed were the ff: the RA 10611:Food Safety Act of 2013, Philippine National Standards (PNS): code on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for rice production, the Soil Sampling/Balanced Fertilization, the Pest and diseases Management/ Biocontrol Agents (BCAs), the Proper use, safe handling and disposal of fertilizer and pesticides, and the PhilGap Certification Guidelines.

The training aimed to equip the participants on Good agricultural Practices (GAP) and help them apply such practices for on-farm production and pest production process, resulting in safe and healthy food and non-food agricultural products, while taking into account the economic, social, and environmental sustainability (FAO).













a. Monthly Municipal/City Agriculturists meeting

Attended the regular monthly Municipal/city Agriculturists meeting at DA-CVRC, San Felipe, City of Ilagan, Isabela. The following agenda discussed during the meeting were Updates of the weather condition, Updates from NIA, Rice and Corn Program.

- 6. Collaborative Programs/ Projects
- a. ParticipatoryClimate RiskMappingWorkshop

Climate Risk Mapping Workshop. The activity was held and spearheaded by Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) Isabela and was done through the combined effort of the participants from the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office 2, National Irrigation Administration, Provincial Government of Isabela and representatives from the different municipalities of Districts 3 and 5 mainly from the Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Center (MDRRMC) and Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO).

The OPA-Rice staff attended in the conduct of Participatory

The activity aimed to identify the risks of municipalities from year 2019 to present and develop adaptation plans. The risks identified from different municipalities were typhoon, flood, drought and pest and diseases. The frequency and severity of the risks were also identified by the participants for their respective municipalities.





b. Advocacy
Campaign on
Crop
Establishment
Technologies

Mr. Oliver J. Grantoza, Agriculturist I, attended the Advocacy Campaign on Crop Establishment Technologies conducted by the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) held at San Andres, Santiago City, Isabela with the objective of increasing yield and income through the adaptation of crop establishment technologies. The event was attended by Engr. Dominador L. Fernandez, Jr., City Agriculturist of Santiago City, representative of South Nueva Ecija Seed Growers Multipurpose Cooperative and 70 farmer participants.









c. Organizational
Assessment and
strengthening
Associations

The team assisted the conduct of Organizational Assessment and strengthening of officers and members of the Amianan Bubug Irrigators Association at Bubug, Sto. Tomas, Isabela. The said activity is spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 02 through the Field Operations Division (FOD) - Institutional Development Unit (IDU). This is to promote responsible leadership, modify farmers' perspective, and convert each member's values and ethics to sustain their active engagement and increase their passion in making their organizations more productive.









d. Rice
Competitiveness
Enhancement
Fund (RCEF)
program

OPA Rice Staff assisted in the distribution of seeds to farmerrecipients under Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) program to smallholder rice farmers registered to the Registry System for Basic Sectors (RSBSA) tilling/owning farmland area of two hectares and below to different municipalities of Isabela.

Municipality	Farmer Beneficiaries
Sto. Tomas	62
Sta. Maria	47
Total	109









CORN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES					
STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENT			DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM/PROJECT/ ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	
				Monitoring and Consolidation of Corn and Cassava Planting and Harvesting Reports	1.
ng Season 2024 as of June 30, 2024		Pla	Data collection of the status of corn planting	Corn Crop	a.
Area Planted (ha)	Туре		and harvesting reports		
56,941.00	low		from LGUs.		
135.00	nite	Wh			
57,076.00	tal	То			
Report as of June 30, 202 Area Planted (ha.)		Stages of (
White Tota	Yellow	Corn Stage			
74.00 4,884.	4,810.01	Reproductive			
641.45 97,910	97,269.42	Vegetative			
19.00 12,662	12,643.25	Seedling			
734.45 115,457	114,722.68	Total			
3 has. or (79.82 %) of the tanted as of June 30, 2024. TION CROP YEAR 2023 as of June 30, 2024	9 has. were pla	area of 144,646.	Data collection of the	Cassava Crop	b.
Production Average	Area (ha)	Туре	status of cassava planting and harvesting		
(MT) Yield (I	` ′		reports from LGUs.		
3,180.00 9.95	319.60	Commercial			
0.00 0.00	0.00 319.60	Food Total			
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Stages	s of Cassava Planting Report as of June 30, 2024	4
	Crop Year 2023	

Cassava	Area Planted (ha.)			
Stages	Yellow	White	Total	
Harvested	319.60	0.00	319.60	
Maturity	2,668.65	47.00	2,715.65	
Total	2,988.25	47.00	3,035.25	

CASSAVA PRODUCTION CROP YEAR 2024 Planting Report as of June 30, 2024

Cassava Type	Area Planted (ha)
Commercial/Industrial	1,630.00
Food Consumption	145.00
Total	1,775.00

Stages of Cassava Planting Report as of June 30, 2024 Crop Year 2024

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Corn Store	Area Planted (ha.)				
Corn Stage	Yellow	White	Total		
Maturity	65.00	5.00	70.00		
Vegetative	1,006.40	50.00	1,056.40		
Seedling	1,630.00	145.00	1,775.00		
Total	2,701.40	200.00	2,901.40		

2. Price Monitoring of Corn

Data collection of the prevailing price per kilo of corn from different trading centers in the province.

Average prevailing price of corn monitored from different trading centers for the month of June 2024

CORN Average Prevailing Price (Php)						
	Yellow White Flint Glutinous					
Dry	17.13	*	*			
Fresh 12.00						

3. Regular Programs and Projects under the Corn Development Program and Services

a. 16. 50 - Hectare Isabela Provincial Corn and Bio-fertilizer Derby (IPCBD) Techno Demo cum Farmers' Field School

The Isabela Provincial Corn and Bio-fertilizers Derby (IPCBD) Techno Demo project is located Fermeldy, Brgy. Tumauini, Isabela, a PGI initiative project through OPA Corn Program that showcases seed company's high yielding varieties with production protocols, adoption of Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS), and Biofertilizer Technology Protocols using fertilizer

CORN and BIO-FERTILIZER DERBY cum FFS PROJECT PROFILE/STATUS

DISTRICT District I

ESTABLISHMENT

LOCATION Brgy. Fermeldy, Tumauini, Isabela

COOPERATORS 14 farmers
AREA 16.50 hectares

ECOLOGICAL ZONE RIVER FLOOD PLAIN (UPPER VEGA)

DATE OF CROP May 24-25, 2024

INTERVENTIONS T1 – Balanced Fertilization Strategy

T2 – Bio-fertilizer Technology Protocol

T3 – Silage Production

FFS PARTICIPANTS 50 farmer-participants from Barangay

Fermeldy, Malamag West, and Fugu

Norte, Tumauini, Isabela

(FFS) Wet Cropping Season 2024 materials to sustain nutritional requirement of crops and maintain soil health for long-term productivity.

SEED COMPANY WITH VARIETY USED FOR BFS AND SILAGE INTERVENTIONS

AND SILAGE INTERVENTIONS						
Corn Seed Company	Variety					
(9.0 ha.)	BFS	SILAGE				
SYNGENTA	NK-6130 EZR	NK-6130 EZR				
	NK-6410 VIP					
BAYER	DK - 8282S	DK-8282S				
CORTEVA	P-3585 PW					
	P-3582 PW	P-3582 PW				
ADVANTA	PAC 339 Vt2	Super 999 Vt2 Pro				
	Pro					
CORNWORLD	CW-1777	CW-1722				
	CW-1722					
BIOSEED	Healer 102G	Healer 101G				
ASIAN HYBRID	J-505	J-505				
	Supreme					
	5150					
VIGOUR SEED	MAIZE D30	Mais Swerte				
	Mais Swerte					
EVOGENE	EG-501	EG-501				

BIO-FERTILIZER COMPANY AND PRODUCT/S

Bio-fertilizer Company	Product/s
ENVIRO-AZOTABAC	EN
ADAMCO	Adaboost
THAIPHIL	Synergy,BIO H600
RICH PAUL	Wonder, Amaze
CROP KING	Consort
CORTEVA	Maisagana (utrisha)
ALJAY	0. Valley, Alga 600 MOP,
	Alga 300 plus
ALDIZ	Avatar
ROMARC	Yaman
ENVIREAU PACIFIC	Vigor Raja
BIOPRIME	Bioprime
AGRISPECIALIST	BIO-N

COMPANIES AND SOIL AMELIORANT PRODUCT/S

Company	Product/s
UPL	Zaba and Macarena
ATLAST	Inorganic Fertilizer
ASIAGOLD	Buffalo Inorganic Fertilizer

REMARKS:

- Corn crop at 35 Days After Planting (DAP) is classified at Vegetative (mid whorl) Stage.
- Drying of leaves is one of the following signs of water stress due to insufficient rainfall in the Derby Demo area.
- Involved partners (private companies and farmercooperators) agreed to conduct massive irrigation using Shallow Tube Well (STW) with equal division of labor

- expenses in case the said area faces a worst drought during its reproductive stage.
- In plot areas without water source, concerned group installed 1 unit STW for such purpose.





b. Farmers' Field School (FFS)

Initiated project of PLGU in collaboration with MLGU. A combination of lectures and hands-on training for farmer-participants to enhance their capacity and farming practices and pursue the adoption of the technology interventions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL (FFS) IN DERBY DEMO PROJECT AT BRGY. FERMELDY, TUMAUINI, ISABELA (WET SEASON 2024) June 14 and 21, 2024 (Week No. 1 and 2)

Farmers' Field School (FFS) activity was attended by 50 farmer-participants, FFS LGU focal person, and private companies.

Highlights of the FFS activity in the Derby project:

- 1. Overview of the Season-long Farmers' Field School (FFS) project.
- 2. Groupings, Norm Settings, Pre-test, Host Team Formation and Levelling of Expectations for facilitators, participants, venue, food and the project.
- 3. Field demonstration on data gathering process through Agro-Ecosystem Analysis (AESA) in the field.
- 4. Topic presentation/discussion of Agro-Ecosystem Analysis by OPA facilitators.
- 5. Presentation of corn related technologies and product promotion by private companies as follows:

Week No. 1, June 14, 2024

Bayer Crop Science (corn seed company)

Rich Paul Agri Supply Corporation (bio-fertilizer company)

Week No. 2, June 21, 2024

Asian Hybrid Seed technologies, Inc. (corn company) Aldiz Incorporated (bio-fertilizer company)

6. Planning was done for weekly activities.





c. Technology
Demonstration
on High
Innovative
Technology
(HIT) for corn
production

The establishment of techno demo on High Technology Innovative (HIT) on corn production promotes double-row planting, use of jabber Biological planter, Control Agents (BCAs), and recommends fertilizer based on soil analysisdevelopment intervention to help farmers increase their production and income through cost reducing technology.

HIT TECHNO DEMO PROFILE/STATUS

NAME OF FARMER LOCATION AREA VARIETY USED DATE OF PLANTING CROP STAGE Brgy. Captain Lily B. Martinez
Bagong Sikat, Naguilian, Isabela
1.0 hectare
NK-6410 VIP and NK-6130
June 20, 2024
Vegetative Stage (Early Whorl)

Remarks: A verification trial was made for the two (2) varieties adapting one technology intervention. The demo site will serve as learning field of the farmers for the season long on-site Farmers' Field School (FFS) on corn production.





4. Collaborative Programs and Projects

a. Corn Production Enhancement Project (CPEP) under Corn Program of the Department of Agriculture Region 2 The Program covers yellow corn and is being implemented on the first cropping season of CY 2024 in priority corn production areas. Priority areas include new/idle areas, crop/varietal shifting, and with average grain yield lower than 4.20 metric tons per hectare for yellow corn.

The project aims to (1) to increase the grain yield per hectare of yellow corn by 3% annually, (2) increase income of corn farmers and (3) increase the supply of yellow corn for feed.

CPEP ALLOCATION PER MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA FOR WET CROP SEASON 2024

			ALLOCATION				
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	SEE	DS	FERTI	LIZER	BIO)-N
		AREA (HA)	BAGS	AREA (HA)	BAGS	AREA (HA)	PACKS
	CABAGAN	908	1,816	848	848	242	1,452
	CITY OF	2,575	5,150	2,450	2,450	700	4,200
	DELFIN ALBANO	210	420	196	196		336
- 1	SAN PABLO	643	1,286		600	172	1,032
	STA. MARIA	366	732	342	342	98	588
	STO. TOMAS	454	908	424	424	121	726
	TUMAUINI	1,738	3,476		1,669		2,862
	BENITO	1,158	_		1,081		1,854
	GAMU	223	446		208		354
	NAGUILIAN	662	1,324	618	618	177	1,062
"	PALANAN	25	50		24	_	48
	REINA	445	890				714
	SAN MARIANO	1,351	2,702				2,244
	ALICIA	13	26		12		30
	ANGADANAN	934	1,868		872		1,494
Ш	CABATUAN	88	176		82		138
	RAMON	41	82				66
	SAN MATEO	101	202	94	94	27	162
				ALLOC	ATION		
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	SEE	DS	FERTIL	LIZER	BIO	/-N
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				ALLOC	ATION	ALLOCATION			
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	SEE	DS	FERTI	FERTILIZER		D-N		
		AREA (HA)	BAGS	AREA (HA)	BAGS	AREA (HA)	PACKS		
	SANTIAGO CITY	17	34	16	16	6	36		
	CORDON	459	918	429	429	122	732		
IV	DINAPIGUE	5	10	_	3				
	JONES	1,122	2,244	1,047	1,047	299	1,794		
	SAN AGUSTIN	521	1,042	487	487	139	834		
	AURORA	375	750	350	350	100	600		
	BURGOS	178	356	166	166	47	282		
	LUNA	107	214	100	100	29	174		
v	MALLIG	217	434	202	202	58	348		
ď	QUEZON	139	278	130	130	37	222		
	QUIRINO	444	888	414	414	118	708		
	ROXAS	333	666	311	311	89	534		
	SAN MANUEL	58	116	54	54	15	90		
	CAUAYAN CITY	1,739	3,478	1,670	1,670	477	2,862		
VI	ECHAGUE	1,550	3,100	1,494	1,494	427	2,562		
٧.	SAN GUILLERMO	806	1,612	752	752	215	1,290		
	SAN ISIDRO	32	64	29	29	8	48		
Total		20,287	40,574	18,935	18,935	5,413	32,478		

Remarks: Positioning of corn hybrid seeds and inorganic fertilizers to LGU Warehouses for inspection and distribution to farmers for the Wet Planting Season 2024 is ongoing. Some GM corn varieties are not yet delivered to municipalities and are subject for seed testing by the National Seed Quality Control Services Division of the Bureau of Plant Industry.





b. Distribution of farm inputs to IPs of 4K program of the Department of Agriculture

The Kabuhayan Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (4K) 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 fishery-related and livelihood opportunities to support the development of the Tribal Communities.

The Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Unit No. 2 through the 4Ks program, distributed 40 bags GM corn hybrid seeds (NK-6410) and 80 bags inorganic fertilizers (46-0-0) to 20 Indigenous People farmers who are members of AGTA – DUPANINAN ITI SITIO MAGAMUT of San Vicente, San Pablo, Isabela through their president, Mr. Baron G. Cipriano.

The distribution of the corn seeds and fertilizers is in support to the Production and Livelihood Component of the program spearheaded by the DA-CVRC APCO, Engr. William V. Contillo.



c. Seminar
Workshop on the
Emergence of
GM Unlicensed
Seeds
conducted by
SIKAP/STRIVE
INC.

SIKAP/STRIVE INC. is a non-profit organization commissioned by the Department of Agriculture (DA) Biotechnology Program to trace the history surrounding emergence of unlicensed GM (UGM) corn seeds and analyze the the implications to Seed **Philippine** Regulatory Systems.

The seminar workshop on the emerging issue of unlicensed GM corn seeds held at Hotel Andrea, District I, Cauayan City, Isabela was attended by distinguished experts and stakeholders from the private sector and government offices in the Province of Isabela and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

The said workshop includes giving of insights, reflections, presentations and discussions to foster dialogue and knowledge exchange relative to the emerging issue of unlicensed corn seeds on possible implications to the regulatory systems of the agency.



d. Training on Corn
Production
under Special
Area for
Agricultural
Development
(SAAD) Program
of DA-RFO2

The Special Area for Agriculture Development (SAAD) Program of the Department Agriculture (DA) essentially anchored in poverty incidence reduction, and local production agricultural activation, through

The trainings on Good Agricultural Practices and Integrated Pest Management on corn production for farmers were conducted by the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Unit No. 2 (DA RFO2) through Special Area for Agriculture Development (SAAD) program. The said activity was headed by its focal person, Mr. Emelito Yuro and was attended by 95 farmer-participants who are members of PATANAD and DUR-AS FARMER ASSOCIATIONS of the municipality of San Isidro and Luna, Isabela.

livelihood assistance for marginalized **Filipino** farmers and fishers. The program is committed to development marginalized Filipino communities improving their economic conditions and creation of livelihood opportunities in the agriculture and fishery sectors.

Resource Speakers were from the Institutional Development Unit (IDU) of DA and OPA-Isabela and was participated by AEWs and barangay officials of the said barangay.



e. Good
Agricultural
Practices (GAP)
in Corn
Production
conducted by
the DA-RFO2

The Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training program of DA-RFO2 is a technical briefing and Workshop on Philippine National Standard (PNS) to farmers which aims to enhance the knowledge of participants on the basic principles of GAP and its application to farms for certification.

A total of 35 farmer-participants completed the two-day Technical Briefing and Workshop on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) program to corn farmers and officers of the ASOSASYON NG MGA AMA SA SIYUDAD NG ILAGAN of the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

Resource Speakers invited were Mr. Wilbert Crisologo of DA-RCPC, Ilagan and Mr. Noel Baliwag of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). The said briefing was held at LMB Office, City of Ilagan, Isabela and facilitated by the OPA staff.



f. Conference
Workshop and
Focus Group
Discussion
(FGD) with the
staff committee
of Sen. Cynthia
A. Villar

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform held a focus group discussion with corn experts for the formulation of the Philippine Corn Industry Development Act which aims to help marginalized farmers cultivating corn.

The said workshop was attended by corn experts from private sector, national agencies, local LGUs and FCAs to enhance the committee in the task of assisting Senator Cynthia A. Villar in the forthcoming plenary deliberation of the Philippine Corn Industry Development Act.



g. Training of
Trainers (TOT)
on Certified
Participatory
Guarantee
System (PGS)
Groups Towards
Accreditation as
Organic
Certifying
Bodies (OCB)

The said TOT conducted by ATI-RTC, San Mateo, Isabela aims capacitate Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), selective Organic Implementers, and Certified PGS on the establishment and operations of **PGS** groups towards accreditation as Organic certifying Bodies (OCB).

Learning participants who attended the said training were five (5) Agricultural Extension Workers, twenty (20) Organic Implementers and Certified PGS of LGU Sta. Maria.

The attendees drafted Internal Standards and Manual of Operation based on the Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Organic Agriculture.





HIGH VALUE COMMERCIAL CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM					
PROGRAM/PROJECT/ ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION		STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENT			
Operation and Maintenance of Provincial Nursery		seedlings which were distributed to 37 walk-in clients. 170 pa			
	Production of sexually propagated fruit trees.	Meanwhile, breakdown of the maintenance of produced 315 pieces of assorted fruit tree seedlings is presented below:			
		Fruit tree seedlings No. of pcs Cacao 220 Atis 25 Pomelo 30 Rambutan 30 Mango 10 Total 315 The production of vermi compost and production of assorter vegetables for market and seed purposes is continually being done.			

2. Monitoring of Planting

Data collection of updated standing crop per city/municipality every 15th and 30th of the month.

Conducted monitoring of planting reports within the whole province.

SUMMARY OF HVCCDP STANDING CROP as of June 2024

Commodity	Seedlings stage Newly Transplanted (ha)	Vegetative (ha)	Reproductive (ha)	Total
Ampalaya	21.71	64.17	148.53	234.41
Eggplant	37.35	96.43	280.93	414.71
Tomato	27.83	38.24	104.38	170.45
Pole sitao	28.67	88.19	198.23	315.09
Okra	17.33	51.72	147.44	216.48
Upo	14.53	59.03	118.24	191.8
Squash	15.3	73.51	142.82	231.63
Pepper	11.95	40.34	127.55	179.84
Winged Bean	1.27	9.92	28.79	39.98
Sponge Gourd	5.82	15.53	59.35	80.7
Radish	-	-	-	•
Mustasa	0.45	1.1	2.66	4.21
Assorted Vegetable Total	182.21	538.17	1,358.92	2,079.30
Root crops	100.06	47.81	79.94	227.81
Banana	835.77	2,120.88	4,946.47	7,903.12
Citrus	31.04	74.2	563.13	668.37
Pineapple	46.55	303.19	350.49	700.23
Mango	319.93	1,050.58	1,898.56	3,269.07
Cacao	0.3	84.01	52.56	136.87
Coffee	4	8.62	57.53	70.15
Mungbean	2,150.00	1,203.00	5,190.50	8,543.50
Watermelon/Melon	36	19.9	10.7	66.6
Papaya	-	0.9	7.12	8.02
Guyabano	-	-	32	32
Peanut	5	20.55	14.5	40.05
Red Onion	6.55	8.39	6.23	21.17
Yellow Onion	-		-	•
Cabbage	-	-	-	-
Brocoli	-	-	-	-
Cauli flower	-	-	0.02	0.02
Ginger	-	13.1	2.46	15.56
Total	3,717.40	5,493.31	14,571.14	23,781.84

3. Attendance and participation to meetings/ trainings/ symposia

Processing

a. Mango

Spearheaded by National and Local agencies with programs and projects in agriculture sector.

understand preferences requirements processors and

The activity aims to

the and of benchmark the existing processing facilities of

mango.

Conducted Benchmarking of Mango Processing Facilities in Regions III and VII.

Most of the visited processing plants market their produce internationally. Almost 80% of their produce is intended for international market while the remaining 20% is being sold locally.

These processing plants prefer to source out their raw materials in Mindanao particularly in Davao Region because of their allyear-round production of Mango. They are very particular with the age of mangoes as it affects the quality and sweetness of the processed products. Moreover, they are lenient about the skin and appearance of the fruits as long as it is dry and matured (two to three days before ripening).





b. Mapping of High Value Crops in the province Conducted the mapping of High Value Crops per Municipality/City in the province.

Actual geo-tagging of HVCC areas was done through workshop. The activity was spearheaded by the Bureau of Soil and Water Management (BSWM), DA-CVRC, OPA-Isabela, and Office of Municipal/City Agriculturists of the province.



c. Agro-Climatic Advisory Portal (ACAP) through CC-AMIA Program The ACAP Project is a digital platform for Climate Information Services (CIS) and a "one-stop-hub" for the creation and dissemination of Agroclimatic advisories using "crop decision trees" tailored to specific stages and farming activities of agricultural commodities, under dynamic weather and climatic condition.

Attended the launching ceremony of the Agro-Climatic Advisory Portal (ACAP) through CC-AMIA Program.

ACAP Project's main services are focused on the following:

- 1. PAG-ASA's ten-days weather forecast and data
- 2. Seasonal Climate Outlook Advisory (six-month season outlook)
- 3. Special Weather Forecast and Advisories
- 4. Commodity cropping calendar
- 5. Climate risk-based recommendation



d. Greenhouse Technology and Hydrophonics

Training on Greenhouse Technology and Hydroponics aims to showcase basic food production using various technologies community and encourage every household to engage in urban farming to ensure food availability.

The discussion revolved around the following topics:

- 1. Greenhouse Technology
- 2. Greenhouse Farming and its Advantages
- 3. Different Types and Styles of Greenhouse Farming
- 4. Requirements in Hydroponic Production (Solar Energy, Ambient Temperature, Ventilation and Air Circulation, Potting Media)
- 5. Option for hydroponic set ups (personal, community, commercial scale)
- 6. Economics of Hydroponics
- 7. Overview of the activity
- 8. Hands-on setting up of hydroponics using styrobox



e. Training of
Trainers on
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The training aims to capacitate Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs), selected Organic Implementers, and Certified PGS on the establishment and **PGS** operations of towards groups accreditation as OCB.

The participants have enhanced the draft Internal Standards and Manual of Operation (MOP) developed by the PGS core groups, enumerated the general requirements and procedures for accreditation of core PGS group as OCB, demonstrated essential skills in the conduct of peer review and certification protocols, and prepared a doable re-entry plan during the training at ATI-RTC 02, Malasin, San Mateo, Isabela on June 24-28, 2024.

The training on PGS as core basis, is a quality assurance initiative that follows the production-to-consumption approach in providing guarantees on the integrity and quality of organic products. As a guarantee system, it is widely used and accepted as a quality assurance system in the Organic Agriculture (OA) sector, wherein farmers could provide direct assurance to the consumers.



- 4. Regular programs and projects under the HVCC Development Program
- a. Farmers' Field School (FFS) through Seasonlong Training on off-season Mango Production.

The annual Season-long Training for mango production through FFS as extension modality has started on the first week of February in the municipalities of Ramon and San Pablo with the following activities:

JBPMA Farm, Poblacion, San Pablo, Isabela site

Graduation ceremony of the Season-long Farmer's Field School on Mango Production

The program was graced by Vice Mayor of San Pablo, Hon. Antonio Jose T. Miro, III as well as a message delivered by the Provincial Agriculturist, Dr. Marites E. Frogoso. The program was also attended by the OIC-Municipal Agriculturist of San Pablo, Engr. Nestor C. Guiquing and staff.

The four-month training launched last February 8, 2024 and culminated on June 6, 2024. The activities of the season-long training were composed of series of lectures (technology-transfer), hands-on demo, benchmarking on processing centers and educational tour on mango model farms and processing center at Laoag City, llocos Norte.



Awarding of Paclobutrazole and mango seedlings to the graduates of Season-long FFS on Mango Production

Brief instruction and reminders were given to the farmergraduates to maximize the effectiveness of the Paclobutrazole.

Each of the famer-graduate was given a bottle of Paclobutrazole and two (2) fruit tree seedlings of mango and rambutan.



Mangahan Resort, San Miguel, Ramon, Isabela site

Graduation ceremony of the Season-long Farmer's Field School on Mango Production

The program was graced by SB Sectoral Representative for Agriculture, Hon. Gregorio Honorio. He commended the graduates who dedicated their time and for their patience during the training.

He also thanked the PGI-OPA-HVCC team for the service on this intervention. Along with him was Brgy. Kagawad of San Miguel, Mr. Noli Urbano who welcomed the other guests and participants. MLGU staff of Ramon, Isabela were also present during the program headed by the Municipal Agriculturist, Mr. Cayetano C. Absolon.

The four-month training launched last February 7, 2024 and ended on June 7, 2024. The activities of the season-long training were composed of series of lectures (technology-transfer), hands-on demo, benchmarking on processing centers and educational tour on mango model farms and processing center at Laoag City, llocos Norte.



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 Establishment of Demonstration
 Garden for Organic
 Vegetable
 Production The activities conducted were the maintenance of plot beds, application of organic fertilizer, weeding and hauling of posts for trellis.

The group also dug holes for construction of compost pit, repaired resting area and harvested ten (10) kilos of organic eggplants.





FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES				
PROGRAM/PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENT		
Volume of Provincial Fish Production				
a. Production Support Services Fisheries production and dispersal at San Pablo Freshwater Fish Farm, San Pablo, Isabela (SPFFF)	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.		304.140 25.838 33.115 257.982 16.002 637.077 old set of breeders and 12,600 r future breeders is continually ites such as: s sing of fingerlings and ponds of breeders and pond	

Municipalities served	3 (Naguilian, Sta. Maria, and San Pablo)
Fingerling dispersed	25,000 pcs
Water Area	5,100 sq.m
Fisherfolk Served	5



- 2. Regular
 Trainings,
 Programs, and
 Projects under
 the Fisheries
 Development
 Program
- a. Technology
 Demonstration
 Project

Launching of Pond Based Semi-Intensive Polyculture Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) at Brgy. Arcon, Tumauini, Isabela The establishment of the project aims to showcase Technology the Demonstration in Semi-Polyculture Intensive System (tilapia and hito at the rate of 60%-40% respectively) Freshwater **Fishponds** coupled with lectures and hands-on training designed on a half-day session once a week and a whole day session when needed.

The establishment of demonstration farm will serve as observation and learning sites of the participants during the four-month culture duration. Twenty-five (25)fisherfolk participants were selected as participants of the season-long training. The selected participants will provided with snacks during the conduct of the said training. Agricultural inputs such as feeds and fingerlings and training materials and other supplies will be provided by PGI-OPA.

The launching of the Pond-based Semi-intensive Polyculture Technology Demonstration cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) was held at Brgy. Arcon, Tumauini, Isabela.

The activity was graced by Municipal Mayor, Hon. Venus T. Bautista, Ms. Carivie Bandulin-BFAR PFO/FLDT, Hon. Joel F. Balindan, SB Committee on Agriculture, and Kagawad Jordan B. Claraval, Barangay Committee on Agriculture.

This initiative combines demonstration of semi-intensive polyculture techniques with hands-on training and education to improve productivity, sustainability, and livelihoods of the participants.









b. Weekly activities of Pond Based Semi-Intensive Polyculture Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) at Brgy. Arcon, Tumauini, Isabela

The project aims to showcase the technology of polyculture and semiintensive culture different aquaculture species in ponds to attain an increase in production and source of livelihood and income for fisherfolks. The establishment of technology demonstration farm will

Technical staff facilitated the weekly conduct of activities of the Fisherfolk Field School (FFS). A pre-test was given to the participants to assess their knowledge on the said activity. The topic presented during the first week of the activity was the factors to consider in pond construction and steps in pond preparation. Participants were also group into four (4) and assigned each group to lead the preliminary activities and recapitulation of lectures every meeting.

serve as observation and learning sites for fisherfolk participants and cooperators within the community.





c. Hands-on Training on Fisheries Post Harvest and Value Adding Technologies for Fisherfolk and Stakeholders at Brgy. Simanu Norte. San Pablo and Brgy. San Isidro West, Sta. Maria. Isabela

The training aims to strengthen the knowledge and skills on the production of value-added products and of fisherfolks to improve the quality and shelf-life of fish products through advanced processing techniques and introduce value-adding practices that can increase the income of fisherfolks.

The hands-on training on fish processing and value adding was a successful initiative that equipped fisherfolks and other stakeholders with essential skills and knowledge.

The training fostered an understanding of the importance of quality control and market-oriented production for improved income and sustainability in the fishery sector. The training was conducted at San Pablo and Sta. Maria, Isabela, covering various techniques and methods to improve fish processing and introduce value-adding practices. It was participated by twenty-five (25) fisherfolk and other stakeholder, municipal fishery coordinator, and barangay officials per site.



Brgy. Simanu Norte, San Pablo, Isabela



Brgy. San Isidro West, Sta. Maria, Isabela

3. Collaborative Technology Demonstration Project

a. Collaborative
Techno-Demo
cum FFS, a
project between
LGU San Mateo,
BFAR PFO
Isabela and PGIOPA at Brgy.
Victoria, San
Mateo, Isabela

The bi-weekly activities of the collaborative project were facilitated by the technical staff together with collaborative agencies.

Facilitated the weekly activities of the Collaborative Aquaculture Technology Demonstration Project cum Fisherfolk Field School (FFS) at Brgy. Victoria, San Mateo, Isabela. The activity started with sampling of stock and the Average Body Weight (ABW) will be the basis of the computation for the Daily Feed Ratio (DFR) to be given next feeding of stock. ABW gained for 29 days is 8 grams.











4. Support to other Agri-Fishery Programs and Projects

a. Oyster and Green Mussel Livelihood Project

Project inspection, monitoring, and on-site water quality testing of the oyster and green mussel project in Divilacan and Palanan, Isabela.

The oyster and green mussel project aims to provide livelihood to the fisherfolk of the coastal municipalities, to promote shellfish farming by introducing culture farming techniques, and to promote and sustain production of quality and safe shellfish products for Isabeleños.

The focus was on assessing the current status of the project, evaluating the implementation process, production and identifying any issues or challenges that need to be addressed to ensure the project's success.

The Oyster and Green Mussel Project in Divilacan and Palanan is making a significant progress and has the potential to greatly benefit its local communities. While there are challenges needed to be addressed, the overall response from the community is positive, and the project is on track to achieve its objectives. By implementing the recommended improvements and providing continued support, the project can further enhance its impact and sustainability to be able to provide sufficient oyster and green mussel breeders for local communities who are interested to engage in shellfish enterprise.



b. Strengthening of Fisherfolk Association

> Distribution of Fishing Gears to Fisherfolk Association

Fishing Gears Distributed	150 pieces (cast net)
Municipality served	10 (City of Ilagan, Cabagan, Sta. Maria, Tumauini, Maconacon, Gamu, Roxas, Aurora, San Mateo, Luna)
Fisherfolk Association served	10
Total beneficiaries	150







c. Distribution of Rice Allowance to Fisherfolk PGI-initiated program to support the fisherfolk of the province.

Municipality Served	33
No. of Fisherfolk	4, 891
No. of Bags (5kgs.)	4, 891





d. Consultation
Workshop for
Aquaculture
National
Development
Plan

The consultation workshop is strategically designed to involve key stakeholders from the aquaculture sector in crafting a comprehensive national plan. The approach allows for efficient gathering of feedback and insights, fostering a more inclusive and effective national plan and engage key stakeholders from the aquaculture sector in productive discourse on the **ADMP** draft document by facilitating dialogue and soliciting valuable insights and aimed to lay groundwork for a robust framework that will quide sustainable development management aquaculture across the country.

Identification of the root causes and problems of the aquaculture industry development for Pre-Production phase and Post-Harvest phase following the ADMP conceptual framework was done as follows:

- 1. Stable Broodstock, Seedstocks, input supplies and prices
- 2. Environmental integrity and sustainability
- 3. Data and information management
- 4. Capacity building/Strategic manpower/Available expert
- 5. Food safety and quality and aquatic animal health protocols in place
- 6. Sustainable livelihood and enterprise development
- 7. Partnership and collaboration
- 8. Conducive policy and regulatory environment
- 9. Accessible credit and financing
- 10. Open available local and international markets and
- 11. Innovative investments





	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT					
PROGRAM/PROJECT/ ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION		DESCRIPTION	STATUS/REMARKS/ ACCOMPLISHMENT			
1.	Rural Improvement Club (RIC)					
a.	Attendance to Meetings/ Symposia	To strengthen and empower the rural women sector through Rural Improvement Club and actively involve in Farm and Home Resource Management Service.	Improvement Club on June 26, 2024 held at the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Conference Room. The agenda discussed were the following: 1. Submission of RIC Enrollment			
b.	Livelihood Project on Mushroom Production		Monitored the status of Livelihood Project on Mushroom Production at Sta. Maria, Isabela. The RIC Sta. Maria has continued and applied what they have learned from the training conducted by the office on Mushroom Production and Spawn Making.			

2. Young Farmer's Organization (4H Club)

a. 71st Farm Youth (4H) National Convention An organization of Out-Of-School Youth (OSY) and In-School Youth (ISY) involved in agriculture programs and livelihood projects for the four-fold development of the 4H (Head, Heart, Hands, and Health).

4H emphasizes community-based projects in agriculture and homemaking for the youth who are single, from 15-30 years old.

71st Farm Youth (4H) National Convention

The 4-H Club Region 02 achieved the Overall 4th runner-up of the 71st Farm Youth (4-H) National Convention 2024. The 4H Club Region 02 was composed of 33 4-H Club members and coordinators led by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI-RTC 02) and 4-H Club of the Philippines Region 02, through the collaboration and collective effort of Office of the Provincial Agriculturist of Isabela, Cagayan, Quirino and Nueva Vizcaya.

The region hailed as 5^{th} placer in the overall ranking with the following awards:

Champion	Mr. John Lloyd Marcelo (NEAA Head)	Sta. Ana, Cagayan
Champion	Mr. Arjay Siminig (NEAA Hands)	Santiago City, Isabela
4 th Place	Mr. Robert Karl Rumusud (NEAA Heart)	Iguig,Cagayan
9th Place	Ms. Germalyn Azuero	Quirino, Isabela
5 th Place (Agri- Innovation Pitching)	Mr. Jeorel Saguibo and Juan Marcel Magno	San Mateo, Isabela
12 th Place (Agri-Tale)	Mr. Marlon Arcellano	Santiago City, Isabela
6 th Place (Trashformati on)	Mr. Russel Kim Abad	Aglipay, Quirino
10 th Place (SongConDue t)	Mr. Kelly Zingapan and Mr. Gerald Barquillo	Baggao, Cagayan
8 th Place (Coconut Cooking Contest)	Mr. Constantino Leomar, Mr. Charlie Barcena, Ms. Jessa Sadama, and Ms. Lyka Agabin	Sanchez Mira,Cagayan
7 th Place (Quiz Bee)	Ms. Carmella Adduru	Iguig,Cagayan
8 th Place (Most Outstanding 4Her)	Ms. Nemalyn Grace Allupay Maraña	Villa Verde, Nueva Vizcaya
3 rd Place (Most Outstanding Municipal 4H Coordinator)	Ms. Jennifer Pastidio Petines Miranda	San Mateo, Isabela
2 nd Place (Most Outstanding Provincial 4H Coordinator)	Ms. Evangeline D. Dannug	llagan City, Isabela









b. Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) Program

Young Farmers Challenge Summit and Awarding Ceremony

Attended the Young Farmers Challenge Summit and National Awarding Ceremony 2023 and Business Development Services on June 6, 2024 at PhilRice Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.

Senator Imee Marcos graced the event as the Keynote Speaker. She gave her message of support and emphasized that the youth has the ability to develop the agriculture sector in the Philippines. She also encouraged the youth to actively participate in farming by promoting agricultural activities. She also aims to inspire a new generation to appreciate the value of sustainable food production and contribute to the growth of the agricultural sector.

Seventeen (17) young Agri-Fishery entrepreneurs received grants from the Department of Agriculture's (DA) Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) Program during the National Awarding Ceremony for FY 2023.

The said event was also attended by the DA officials, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Consumer Affairs, Regional Executive Directors (REDs), YFC Provincial and Regional Awardees, State Universities and Colleges (SUC) Presidents and representatives, YFC Regional Project Management Team (RPMT), High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), National Rice Program (NRP), and Local Government Unit (LGU) officials.









3. Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC)

Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fishery (PCAF) is an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA) that facilitates broad-based participatory processes in the agriculture and fisheries sector.

2024 Luzon Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) Stakeholders Conference

Attended the 2024 Luzon Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) Stakeholders Conference held at the Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City with the theme, "Bridging Gaps: Connecting Producers to Markets for Sustainable Rural Development" on June 18-21,2024.

The conference was led by the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries hosted by the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and was attended by the AFC stakeholders from Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, MIMAROPA, CALABARZON, and the Bicol Region. The event aimed to convene farmer and fisher leaders in meaningful dialogue concerning local industry challenges and advancements and come up with collaborative policy recommendations.

Ms. Julieta Opulencia, the PCAF OIC-Executive Director emphasized during her opening message that the identified recommendations are the major outputs of the conference. Meanwhile, Atty. Genevieve Guevarra, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Consumer Affairs, who delivered the message of DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr., recognized the importance of private sector in collaborating with the government for the sustainability of agriculture of the next generation of farmers and fishers. Also, representatives of local chief executives particularly Benguet Governor Melchor Diclas and Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, through their representatives, expressed their support to the activities and initiatives of AFCs for the improvement of the agri-fishery sector. Moreover, a Ceremonial Signing of the Pledge of Commitment was held to capture the commitments of the Regional Executive Directors, partner LGUs and RAFC Chairpersons to achieving AFC's goals.



4. Others

 a. Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) Attended the 2nd Quarter Joint Meeting of Municipal Nutrition Action Officers, Nutrition Program Coordinators, and Provincial Nutrition Committee. Agenda discussed were the following:

1. DILG MC 2024-071

Adoption and Implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023-2028. The main objectives are to reduce malnutrition rates, address food security, and promote sustainable nutrition practices nationwide.

2. Executive Order No. 44

Walang Gutom 2027: Food Stamp Program. The program focuses on providing food assistance to the most vulnerable sectors including low-income families, children and elderly.

3. Nutrition Month Celebration

Contested Activities:

- -Poster Making Contest
- -Digital Photography contest
- -Batang Hataw sa Galaw
- Best in Garden
- 4. DCMNPC Conference updates
- 5. Status of LNAP Submissions

These were presented by Ms. Reynia Andres and Ms. Antonete Sanchez during the meeting. The successful Adoption and Implementation of the PPAN 2023-2028, the launch of the Walang Gutom 2027 Food Stamp Program, and the effective celebration of the 2024 Nutrition Month are expected to significantly impact the nation's nutritional health and food security. Continous collaboration and execution are the key to achieving these objectives.





b. Fish Processing and Value Adding To strengthen the knowledge and skills on the production of value-added products from fish and fish smoking technology for fisherfolks and other stakeholders.

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