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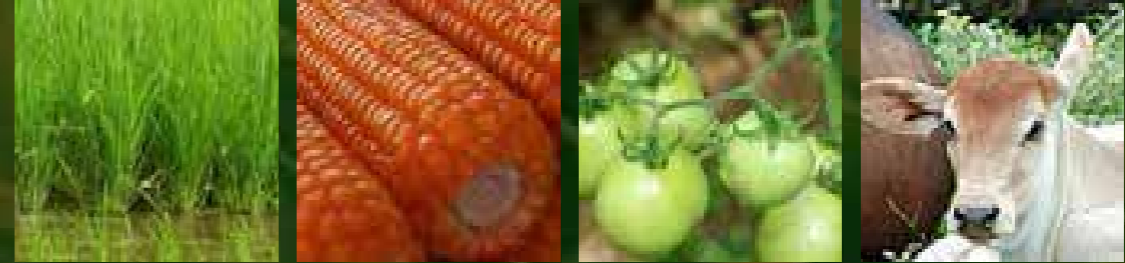


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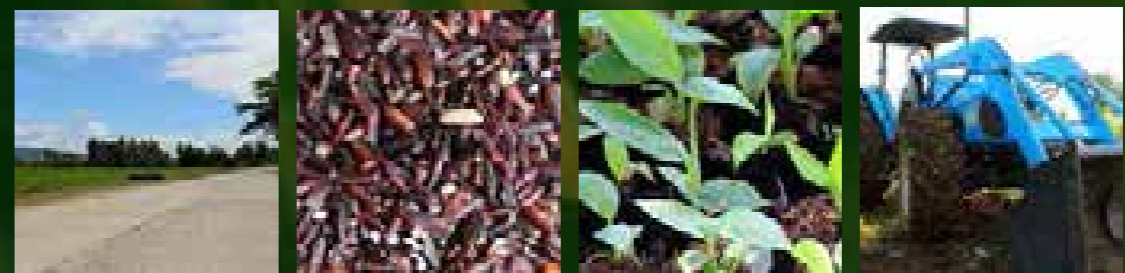
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MANDATE

The Department is the government agency responsible for the promotion of agricultural development by providing the policy framework, public investments, and support services needed for domestic and export-oriented business enterprises.

VISION

A modernized smallholder agriculture and fisheries; a diversified rural economy that is dynamic, technologically advanced and internationally competitive. Its transformation is guided by the sound practices of resource sustainability, the principles of social justice, and a strong private sector participation.

MISSION

To help and empower the farming and fishing communities and the private sector to produce enough, accessible and affordable food for every Filipino and a decent income for all.

Message from the DIRECTOR



The Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Office XIII continues to commit in improving the lives of our farmers and fisherfolks in Caraga Region amidst challenges we are facing in the course of program and project implementation.

In 2015, we experienced the long drought brought by the El Niño phenomenon. It affected the production of the agriculture and fishery sector. But, it did not hinder us to move forward and, yes, we made significant milestones!

Corn production has posted 100.88 percent accomplishment with a total of 118,774 metric tons compared to the target of only 117,740 metric tons.

Our Farm-to-Market Road Development Program has completed a total of 40.44 kilometers farm-to-market roads from CY 2014 to CY2015 benefitting 5,079 farmers. These have paved way to the opening of serviceable roads for the 7,058

hectares of farm areas planted with rice, corn, banana and other high value crops, making transport of produce accessible from the farms to the markets.

The establishment of state-of-the-art facilities have helped farmers reduce their post-harvest losses and protect their crops. These are the Rice Processing Center III and the Regional Crop Protection Center in the municipalities of San Francisco and Trento, Agusan del Sur.

Our ongoing construction of the Agri-Pinoy Trading Center in Dapa, Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte will strengthen trade promotion and marketing of farm produce in the locality. This will also provide farmers an opportunity to directly link their products to potential buyers, partners, and consumers for a higher income.

We are also proud of the growing number of achievers from our region. We have awardees for the National Quality Corn Achievers Award, Rice Achievers Award, Gawad Saka and Outstanding Rural Woman Award. These recognitions indicate the potential and active involvement of our farmers and stakeholders.


These are just some of the notable achievements we had for this year - achievements that are not just ours, but also yours.

We are very grateful to all of our farmers, fisherfolks, civil society organizations, other stakeholders, bureaus and attached agencies, Regional Management Committee members, and the Local Government Units for these successes. Your support to our programs and interventions has helped us in the realization of our commitment.

For 2016, we will continue to improve, innovate, and explore new possibilities. The DA-RFO XIII personnel, backed by the very supportive DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala, are very determined to soar high and accomplish greater goals with you as our partner.

To help you is our commitment. It has been another fruitful year for us.

Mabuhay!


Edna M. Mabeza, Ph.D.
Acting Director IV

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

In support to the production and improving productivity of the region's major commodities and increasing income of farmers and fisherfolks, the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Office XIII continuous to provide necessary interventions through its Agri-Pinoy banner programs and special projects.

The agency intensified delivery of services as it partners with the Local Government Units (LGUs), attached agencies and bureaus, national and non-government agencies and other stakeholders in the provision of production support, market development, extension support and trainings, research and development as well as putting up of necessary infrastructures like farm-to-market roads, small-scale irrigation facilities and postharvest machineries and equipment.

A total of 2,800 individual farmers and 510 groups benefited from the 346,330 kilograms of palay seeds, 32,050 kilograms of corn seeds and 13,563 kilograms of assorted vegetable seeds distributed in 2015. The office also provided 1,153,033 pieces of assorted planting materials such as cassava, mangosteen, guyabano, pineapple, jackfruit, coffee, rubber and banana along with the other production inputs like fertilizer, soil ameliorant, insecticide, rodenticide, bactericide, fungicide, trichogramma cards and flower inducer for off-season mango production.

Increasing the population of various animal species is also an important agenda of the Department. The interventions are through implementation of genetic improvement program such as provision of breeder stocks and artificial insemination services, provision of drugs and biologics, and strengthening the early warning system through updating database on the livestock and poultry inventory, products and production in relation to the possible effects that may be caused by adverse climatic conditions.

While the office is strategizing mechanisms to improve genetics of the animal population, it is also intensifying efforts to conserve and increase the population of native animals as they are proven resistant to pests and diseases and are adaptive to local conditions.

Upholding teamwork as its guiding principle, the DA relentlessly paves for the harmony and unity between and among the different stakeholders of agriculture in the implementation of programs and projects.

Institutionalization of the various meetings and events was pursued to tackle and resolve issues and concerns that surface during the implementation.

A regular conduct of Quarterly DA-LGU coordination meeting is participated by all Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturists and Veterinarians. This is to provide them updates of the program/project implementation and keep track of its progress. Policy issues and sectoral concerns are forwarded to the concerned bureaus and attached agencies of the region during the quarterly coordination meetings with the Provincial/City Agriculturists/Veterinarians and the Regional Management Committee, composed of Regional Heads of bureaus and attached agencies of the Department.

The region also pioneers the conduct of Agricultural Extension Worker's Congress. Now on its 9th year, the annual event convenes all agricultural extension workers (PAs, MAs, and Technicians) and provides them updates on the latest developments in agriculture. This is also a venue for them to meet and discuss issues relative to their plight as extension workers which they raised to the DA Regional Management for appropriate action. This is also an opportunity of the Department to give recognition to our partners as DA's extension arm in the delivery of agricultural services as well as to showcase their best practices. The activity is an effective channel of creating a stronger relationship and partnership.

After the full personnel complementation

as a result of the implementation of the Department's rationalization, Agricultural Program Coordinating Officers (APCOs) were assigned in the five (5) provinces of the region. This brings the DA closer to our partners for easy access and prompt facilitation of all agricultural services with the LGUs.

With the active participation of the Agriculture and Fishery Council (AFC), the monitoring and evaluation activities were strengthened, through a third party participation. This promotes the transparency initiatives of the Department. In fact, the RAFC in Caraga was among in the top rank in terms of monitoring activities nationwide in CY 2015. RAFC is indeed instrumental in providing policy directions that helps improve service delivery of the Department of Agriculture. Other innovations that were carried out to improve delivery of services were the following:

- Upgrading and strengthening of the regional laboratories for animal disease diagnosis, soil and feeds analyses, and crop protection;
- Launching and operationalization of Text Blasting System;
- Organization of DA Information Network with the LGUs and attached agencies;
- Conduct of Short Film (*on its 3rd year*) and Radio Drama Contests (*on its 3rd year*) as advocacy and promotion of agriculture to the youth in coordination with the academes;
- Strengthening of media relations as allies in information dissemination through conduct of media briefings and exposure to DA projects.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The region also boasts of this year's awardees for the Agri-Pinoy Rice Achievers Award, National Quality Corn Achievers Award, and Gawad Saka Award.

Agri-Pinoy Rice Achievers Award

The Municipality of Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur has been a consistent National Awardee as an Outstanding Municipality for Agri-Pinoy Rice Achievers Award since 2014 until this year 2015.

Declared as the National Winners for 2015 are the 11 Outstanding Agricultural Extension Workers from four different municipalities in the region as follows;

R.T.Romualdez, Agusan del Norte

- Ms. Maria Theresa O. Bagunoc
- Ms. Cherrie Mae L. Berganio

Jabonga, Agusan del Norte

- Ms. Victoria I. Roda

Bunevista, Agusan del Norte

- Ms. Conception P. Sumaoy
- Ms. Basilisa S. Huera
- Ms. Gertrulyn T. Natonton

Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

- Mr. Bohmind C. Nonan
- Ms. Editha G. Osin
- Mr. Lindamar I. Nonan
- Mr. Patrocinio G. Moran, Jr.
- Mr. Marion G. Martin III.

The region also has its National Winners for the Outstanding Local Farmer Technicians namely Ms. Crescencia V. Virgen of Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte, and Ms. Elizabeth I. Uy of Bunawan, Agusan del Sur.



National Quality Corn Achievers Award

With the improved corn productivity in the region, DA RFO XIII has been a consistent awardee of the National Quality Corn Achievers Award. Local Government Units that are very supportive to the program were recognized as Hall of Famer.

The municipality of Esperanza in Agusan del Sur is adjudged as the Hall of Famer as Outstanding Municipality. Also named as the Hall of Famer in their respective contribution were Jose Zaldy S. Manug being the Outstanding Municipal

Agriculturist, Jovie R. Ego-ugan as the Outstanding Municipal Coordinator, and Esmael S. Saguran as the Outstanding Agricultural Extension Worker.

At the provincial level, the province of Agusan del Norte is adjudged as the Outstanding Province with Oscar S. Tuyor as the Outstanding Provincial Coordinator. Butuan City on the other hand, was named as Outstanding City with Alberto B. Buca, Erlinda E. Plaza, Maria Luz C. Bangalisan, and Eduardo Vecina as the Outstanding



City Agriculturist, Outstanding City Coordinator, and Outstanding Agricultural Extension Workers, respectively.

Nilo Y. Villamor of Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur was also named as the Outstanding Agricultural Extension Worker.

For CY 2014 and CY 2015, DA-RFO XIII

was recognized as one of the Best Regional Corn Teams. No less than Regional Executive Director Edna M. Mabeza, Ph.D., Assistant Regional Director for Operations and LGU support Edgardo D. Dahino, CESO IV, Chief, Field Operations Division Rebecca R. Atega, and Regional Corn Report Officer Angelo N. Pandan received the award.



DA Gawad Saka 2015

A seafarer turned into a successful farmer - Joel S. Callano from Sitio Matinaw, Poblacion Tagbina, Surigao del Sur won the 2015 National Gawad Saka Outstanding Small Animal Raiser with the national awarding held at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City on December 9, 2015.

Aside from the honor he received from the national office, he received a presidential citation, presidential trophy and a cash prize worth Php 200,000.



Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification

Antongalon Farmers Association Caraga Incorporated (AFACI) was certified as the first Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) vegetable farm in the region after complying with the Code of GAP of the Department of Agriculture.

AFACI is an association with 16 active members organized to help Antongalon farmers attain a sustainable vegetable production and direct market linkage. It was organized by the City Government of Butuan and assisted by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Trade and Industry, and Butuan City Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation.



Gender and Development (GAD)

A full-time housewife engaged in organic farming – Ms. Nelly S. Arangali (5th from left) of Kinamlutan, Butuan City was awarded as one of the Philippines' 2015 Outstanding Rural Women at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City last June 19, 2015.



BANNER PROGRAMS



RICE



CORN



HIGH VALUE CROPS



LIVESTOCK



ORGANIC

RICE PROGRAM

PALAY PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

Caraga Region's palay production in 2015 declined by negative 19.36 percent with 481,312 metric tons compared to the production output in the previous year which totaled to 574,499 metric tons.

All provinces posted lower outputs for the year with Agusan del Norte suffering the biggest setback at negative 30.97 percent followed by Agusan del Sur at negative 20.05 percent. Surigao del Sur, Province of Dinagat Islands, and Surigao del Norte, absorbed decreases of negative 7.25, 6.05 and 5.15 percent, respectively.

Area harvested and yield per hectare also declined by negative 12.27 percent and 6.45 percent, respectively. Only Province of Surigao del Norte registered positive

growth in yield from 2.88 metric tons in 2014 to 2.93 metric tons in 2015.

The reduction in harvest area was due to dry spell, insufficient water supply attributed to the damage of the Andanan NIS main canal in Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur, and the late release/insufficient rainwater in Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur.

The region contributed 2.65 percent to the country's total rice production in 2015.

Table 1. Palay Production, Caraga Region, 2014 - 2015

Province	2014			2015		
	Production (MT)	Area (Ha)	Yield (MT/Ha)	Production (MT)	Area (Ha)	Yield (MT/Ha)
Agusan del Norte	99,786	27,469	3.63	76,191	23,363.95	3.26
Agusan del Sur	292,019	87,973	3.32	233,526	75,430	3.09
Surigao del Norte	63,694	22,093	2.88	60,575.50	20,642	2.93
Surigao del Sur	112,493	33,701	3.34	104,883	32,848	3.19
Dinagat Islands	6,507	2,934	2.22	6,136	2,846	2.15
Caraga Region	574,499	174,170	3.30	481,311.50	155,129.95	3.10

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Agri-Pinoy Rice Program of DA RFO XIII has provided various support services to help the farming sector in the region improve production, increase productivity and become resilient to climate change.

In ensuring that farmers have access to quality seeds, the program has distributed a total of 625,000 kgs. high quality seeds (HQS) to around 3,000 farmer-beneficiaries in 40 clusters.

For rice hybridization program under the High Yielding Technology Adoption (HYTA), farmer beneficiaries availed package of interventions of hybrid seeds, inorganic fertilizer and soil ameliorants. A total of 18,000 kgs. of hybrid seeds, 2,400 bags of synthetic fertilizers and 4,800 kgs. soil ameliorants were distributed for the purpose.

The Buffer Stocking is a significant intervention in times of natural calamities,

so that the farmers in the region are assured of readily available seeds for rehabilitation.

This year, 80 percent of the 238,750 kgs. of seeds as buffer stock were distributed to farmers affected by the long dry spell brought about by El Niño Phenomenon.

Along with the seeds, 3,637 liters of foliar fertilizers and 3,250 bags of bio-compost were provided to farmers whose rice farms are adversely affected by the long drought. A total of 2,926 liters of insecticides/fungicide and 500 kgs of rodenticides were also distributed to farmers to control pests and diseases.



Marilyn C. Aranas, Chairman - Sto. Niño Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Brgy. Sto. Niño, Butuan City receives rice seeds as production support from the Agri-Pinoy Rice Program.



EXTENSION SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

Considered as one of the milestones of the Rice Program is the establishment of Rockwall Rice Terraces in Mt. Carmel, Bayugan City. Mt. Carmel is a major producer of high value crops and farmers were never before into rice farming due to the rolling terrain of the area. Through intensive information campaign, farmers were convinced to start planting rice through the establishment of rockwalls.

Now, farmers were able to build six plots of rice paddies using the said technology. It can be recalled that some farmers went to see for themselves the Rockwall in Arakan Valley, North Cotabato to replicate the rockwall farming . During the graduation ceremony , Brgy Captain Merla P. Ajan extended her gratitude towards the DA-Rice Program for initiating the activity and committed to fund additional layers of rice terraces.

This project did not only improve agricultural productivity, but it is expected to boost agri-tourism in Bayugan City because of its resemblance to the Banaue Rice Terraces.

The Rockwall Rice Terraces at Mt. Carmel, Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur.



This year, some 16 Local Farmer Technicians (LFTs) were added to the pool of farmer technicians in the barangays, or a total of 112 LFTs for the region. After completing the Training of Trainers (TOT), these LFTs were deployed as farmer leaders, assisting other farmers in their locality. They conducted Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and established Technology Demonstration farms showcasing matured technologies in rice production.

Through them, a total of 30 demonstration sites of FFS were completed and participated by around 750 farmers.





Caraga delegation poses with the DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala at the Makinasaka event last December 1, 2015 at PICC, Pasay City.

Three national events were attended by stakeholders and farmer leaders during the year. Some 150 farmer-irrigators from Caraga Region joined the Small Water Irrigation System Association (SWISA) Congress at Apo View Hotel, Davao City and Makinasaka Road Show at PICC, Pasay City, Metro Manila. A National Convention for Local Farmer Technicians was also held in Cebu City which was attended by around 100 participants from Caraga Region.

IRRIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Water is an essential element for sustainable rice production. To address this need, five (5) irrigation systems were constructed and rehabilitated in Claver, Surigao del Norte, Cagwait, and Cortes Surigao del Sur (*Construction of Diversion Dams*), Magallanes, Agusan del Norte (*Rehab of Canal Lining*) and in Marihatag, Surigao del Sur (*Rehab of Diversion Dam*). These are projected to serve 202 hectares of rice farm.



AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Mechanization plays a very important role to hasten production, and reduce labor cost in order to produce better quality goods and services. Non-mechanized way of farming was proven to be less efficient compared to the mechanical farming in which the rice program highly recognized and have been providing farm equipment to qualified farmers organizations and LGUs in the region.

During the year, two Rice Processing Centers (RPCs) were inaugurated by the Honorable DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala during his provincial visit last September, located in San Francisco (RPC 3), and Trento Agusan del Sur (RPC 2). Operated by Agus-Pinoy Incorporated and FITTCO, respectively, these two RPCs are now operational. The said facilities have greatly helped the rice farmers in the locality in terms of reducing postharvest losses during drying, milling and processing. Moreover, RPC-1 at Sto. Nino, Butuan City is also fully operational.

In addition to the operational RPCs, four (4) more units located at Madrid, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur, Florida and Lemon, Butuan City were established but not yet operational.

Moreover, on-going construction of another five (5) units (RTR, Agusan del Norte; Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur; Del Carmen and Sison, Surigao del Norte; Esperanza, Agusan del Sur; while the remaining three (3) units (Tandag City,



Marihatag, Surigao del Sur and Taganaan, Surigao del Norte) are for fund transfer upon compliance of documentary requirements by the concerned beneficiaries.

To further realize farm mechanization, the program distributed the following to the qualified recipients;

- 2 units Combine Harvesters (Province of Agusan del Sur)
- 5 units Rice Reapers (Alegria FA and

Little Pautao FA, Bacuag, Surigao del Norte, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur; Malambuon MPC, Dumalagan, Butuan City; Gamoton IA, Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte, and Tapi Farmers/Livestock & Poultry Raisers Association of Tapi, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.)

- 1 unit Multi-Crop Combine Harvester (Research Experimental Station (RES) in Trento, Agusan del Sur)
- 26 units of Hand Tractors
- 50 units of Pump and Engine Sets





CORN PROGRAM

CORN PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

Corn production in 2015 reached 118,774 metric tons from harvested area of 42,396 hectares attaining an average yield of 2.80 metric tons per hectare. The production output is lower by 5.58 percent compared to the harvest attained in 2014 at 125,406 metric tons despite the increase in harvested area by 1.0 percent and average yield which contracted by negative 6.78 percent.

Among the provinces, only Dinagat Islands attained positive growth both in production and area while Agusan del Norte registered increase in yield per hectare from 2.49 metric tons in 2014 to 2.84 metric tons in 2015.

Some of the reasons on the decrease were insufficient moisture, dry spell and conversion to white corn as food staple from high yielding yellow corn.

Caraga Region shared 1.58 percent to the overall corn production of the country.

Table 2. Corn Production, Caraga Region, 2014 - 2015

Province	2014			2015		
	Production (MT)	Area (Ha)	Yield (MT/Ha)	Production (MT)	Area (Ha)	Yield (MT/Ha)
Agusan del Norte	15,153	6,078	2.49	16,370	5,768	2.84
Agusan del Sur	97,864	29,674	3.30	93,791	31,055	3.02
Surigao del Norte	1,558	798	1.95	1,386	768	1.80
Surigao del Sur	10,768	5,372	2.00	7,105	4,725	1.50
Dinagat Islands	63	35	1.80	122	80	1.52
Caraga Region	125,406	41,957	2.99	118,774	42,396	2.80

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

The Agri-Pinoy Corn Program shows significant performance in production by 100.88 percent this year versus its target of 117,740 metric tons. A total of 118,774 metric tons of corn are produced in the region making it in the top five of the country.

The success is contributed by the following interventions to improve corn productivity.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Activities in this component are geared towards cost-reducing technologies for global competitiveness and productivity.

The program has distributed 1,350 bags (20 kg per bag) of registered open-pollinated variety (OPV) corn seeds under Seed Exchange Program. This is to support to

corn farmers in ensuring steady supply of white corn grains in the promotion of white corn as main staple food.

On the other hand, the Organic- Based Agriculture Program for Soil Fertility Mapping and Sampling through the Regional Soil Testing Laboratory (RSTL) has analysed 801 soil samples. This is to assist soil fertility enrichment and improve the farm productivity in sustainable ways.

The Soil Fertility maps have helped farmers to know the required amount of macro nutrients needed in the land they till and making it sustainable for a high yield production.

The Agri-Pinoy Corn Program has also produced and distributed trichogramma cards and earwigs to control corn borers. Under its Biological Control program, it has conducted Pest and Disease Surveillance Operations in 10 different sites of the region. This was done during the Farmers' Field School in collaboration with the DA RFO XIII, the Local Government Units (LGUs), and farmers group.

To ensure quality of corn in the region, the Regional Feed Chemical Analysis Laboratory (RFCAL) was able to analyse 120 corn samples to identify aflatoxin level.



Aside from corn, the program also distributed 221,000 high yielding and disease-free cassava seed pieces in the region. Produced from the Research Experiment Station (RES) of Tagbina, Surigao del Sur, these quality planting materials help cassava farmers and processors improve their production.

Cassava Mother Garden at Tagbina Research and Experiment Station, Tagbina, Surigao del Sur

EXTENSION SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

The program conducted 96 technical trainings to develop farmers' and Agricultural Extension Workers' skills in corn and cassava production to make them more efficient and productive. These trainings were conducted in batches as follows:

- 30 Corn and Cassava Technology Demonstration;
- 20 Farmers' Field School;
- 5 Entrepreneurial training for Chicha Corn;
- 3 Post Harvest Technology Promotion, Extension and Trainings;
- 10 Corn Training and Technical Briefings;
- 20 Cassava Trainings and Meetings, and;
- 8 Cassava Livelihood Training

Twenty sites of Cassava Technology Demonstration and 10 sites of Corn Technology Demonstration were established showcasing nutrient management. These TDs capacitated farmers in terms of cultural practices and management in corn and cassava production.

In the promotion of Cassava for food activities, the program conducted cassava livelihood skills training among members of Rural Improvement Club (RIC) and housewives of cassava farmers. Participants were able to apply of what they learned and generated additional income, which contribute in improving their quality of life.



AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

The program distributed 10 units of 4-wheel drive farm tractor, two units corn picker, and two units cassava digger, five units hammer mill with a total amount of Php 27M. Other machineries are waiting for delivery such as three units corn planter and two units combine harvester. This is to help corn and cassava farmers to cultivate new areas and attain maximum yield through better and more effective land preparation technology. This Farm mechanization is under the 85:15 counterparting financial scheme.

The program also expanded its intervention through distribution of post-harvest facilities: distribution of two units vertical dryer, seven units hermetic storage, four units vacuum pack sealer and six units corn mill with a total amount of Php 11M. In addition, three units cassava granulators worth Php 322 Thousand were distributed during Secretary Proceso J. Alcalá's visit.

This is to increase production of quality corn grain and cassava, and to reduce post-harvest losses. On process is the establishment of Php 7.5M corn village type dryer in Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur and Php 4M cassava dryer with warehouse in Loreto, Agusan del Sur.



Two units Corn Picker were distributed during Secretary Proceso J. Alcalá's visit last November 23, 2015 at the Caraga State University, Ampayon, Butuan City

HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In support to the High Value Crops Industry, the Agri-Pinoy High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) strengthens its initiative to attain food security and self-sufficiency. This is to address poverty and sustain growth in agricultural economy by increasing production, creating opportunities, and providing support to production, processing, and marketing to empower the high value crops producers.

This year, the program has support production services through distribution of lowland, upland, and indigenous vegetable seeds, planting materials of various fruit trees, industrial crops and other staple foods. HVCDP also supports irrigation services through provision of Small Scale Irrigation System and Agricultural Equipment and Machineries through post-harvest and processing facilities.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

A total of 503 hectares and 2,862 hectares were planted with different vegetable seeds and planting materials, respectively. About 510 groups benefited the intervention. This is hoped to create livelihood opportunities to farmers and increase their income.

production of carabao mangoes in the region, the program distributed a total of 400 bags of Calcium Nitrate (CaNO₃) and 100 liters of Paclobultrazol to the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Agusan del Sur. These are areas where large plantation of carabao mangoes are located.

To sustain the whole year round

Table 3. Quantity and number of groups who benefited the vegetable seeds and other planting materials per province.

Commodity	Agusan del Norte		Agusan del Sur		Surigao del Norte		Surigao del Sur		Province of Dinagat Islands		Total	
	Qty	Grp	Qty	Grp	Qty	Grp	Qty	Grp	Qty	Grp	Qty	Grp
Seeds (kg)												
Mungbean	2200	8	1200	8	1000	12	1400	9	450	3	6250	40
Peanut	1200	11	1400	14	1950	9	1750	10	700	2	7000	46
Hot Pepper	1	2	2	4	2	4	-	-	-	-	5	10
Lowland Vegetable	33	10	55	14	56	48	28	11	28	6	200	89
Upland Vegetable	30	6	34	4	25	3	5	1	14	6	108	20
Planting Materials (pcs.)												
Mangossteen	20000	7									20000	7
Guyabano	606	1	14994	14							15600	15
Pineapple									105000	1	105000	1
Jackfruit	609	3					14991	6			15600	9
Grafted coffee	62000	9	120000	14	64000	2	204000	6			450000	31
Budded rubber	55833	10	71250	10	42500	3	93750	8			263333	31
Saba-banana					40625	2			21875	2	62500	4

EXTENSION SUPPORT SERVICES



Several trainings were conducted on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for different High Value Crop Commodities. This is in relation to the harmonization of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) GAP. Related to this, a total of 33 trainings were conducted benefiting 1,480 individuals. Participants were trained on the proper management of different commodities while ensuring quality and safe production that considers worker's health, safety and welfare.

A total of 336 schools participated in the Agri-Pinoy Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (Agri-Pinoy GPP) contest both for elementary and secondary level from the 12 divisions of the Department of Education, Caraga Region. Interventions such as assorted vegetable seeds, garden tools and materials are some of the support that the Department of Agriculture had provided.

This is to encourage children in schools to engage in simple food production activities and promote consumption of vegetables.

IRRIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

The program supports the installation of irrigation systems in the provinces of Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Norte with eight units of pump and engine sets, and a solar pump. This has provided irrigation to 60 hectares vegetable farm. With irrigation system in place, it is hoped to increase production of high value crops.



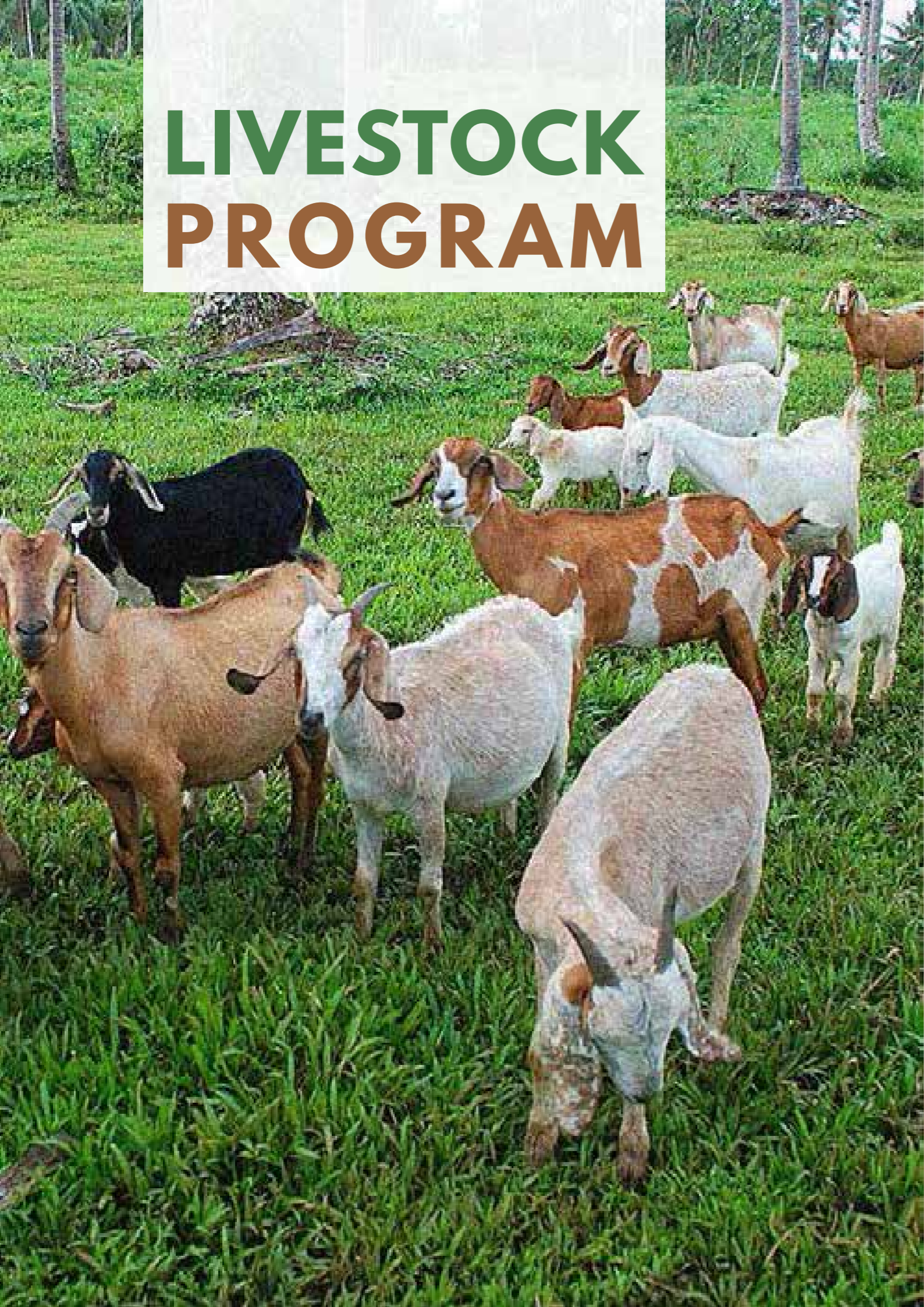
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

To assist the farm activities of high value crop farmers, the program provided two units 4-wheel drive mini-tractors, 25 units power sprayers and 80 units knapsack sprayers. These equipment aimed to hasten the farming operation.

The program encourages local production of planting materials thus, 10 units greenhouses, 22 units nurseries and six units seed storage facilities were established benefiting 38 groups of farmers.



LIVESTOCK PROGRAM



The Livestock Program designed its services for the development of the livestock and poultry industry in the region. It is anchored towards increasing farmers' profitability, food security and sustainability and promoting the use of eco-friendly technologies.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Genetic Improvement Program (GIP)

A total of 2,500 animals were inseminated in the region as a result of 5,080 semen straws and 2,985 liters of liquid nitrogen provided by the program. Also, in support to liquid nitrogen plant established in CY 2010, the program has turned-over two additional liquid nitrogen tanks to the Provincial Veterinary Office of Agusan del Sur.

At least 1,137 heads of cattle, 495 heads of carabao, and 18 heads of goat were inseminated for upgrading of stock with superior breeds.

A total of 80 heads of carabao, 52 heads of cattle, 160 upgraded heads of goat, 165

parent stock gilt and grand parent boar breeder stocks were distributed to LGUs' for stocks infusion.

Animal Health Program

A total of 146,323 doses of drugs and biologics were distributed to augment LGU's animal health program to reduce the incidence of diseases.

These include antibiotics, dewormers, supplements and vaccines for anti-rabies, hog cholera, hemorrhagic septicemia, newcastle disease, and fowl pox vaccine.

The recipients were 74 Local Government Units including five Provincial Veterinary Offices as well as multiplier farms and Non-government Organizations.





Philippine Native Animal Development (PNAD)

A total of 400 heads of off-types Patani native chicken were distributed this year. Sourced out from the Taguibo conservation farm, these were delivered to seven municipalities in the region in support to the conservation and production of native chicken at the municipal level. This aims to provide pride, health and wealth to Filipinos by producing native animals under a sustainable environment.

EXTENSION SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

A total of 493 farmers (215 male and 278 female) and 86 agricultural technicians (57 male and 29 female) were trained to effectively carryout service delivery and program implementation in their respective area of assignment.

The capability building program included trainings on Livestock Product Utilization, Farmer Livestock School Goat Enterprise Management, Poly Ethylene Digester, and Advance Artificial Insemination.



Strengthening of Livestock-based Organization

The Livestock Program had convened the Caraga Goat & Sheep Raisers Association (CAGOSHERA) and Caraga Swine Raisers Incorporated (CARSI), which was participated by 34 swine and small ruminant raisers in the region. The groups shape strategic actions and came up with concrete plans for the livestock industry advancement for the coming years.



Livestock & Poultry Information and Early Warning System (LPI-EWS)

An Early Warning System for the chicken and swine industry was crafted to provide ready information to stakeholders, policy makers, and key players of the industry in making forecast and strategic actions affecting the industry.

City Veterinary Offices in the region, the LPI-EWS hopes to address concerns on concrete and reliable data on the situation and outlook of supply and demand of broiler meat and pork in the region.

In collaboration with the Philippine Statistic Authority, National Meat Inspection Services, Bureau of Animal Industry, and the Local Provincial and

The establishment of early warning system is geared towards achieving food sufficiency, security and sustainability by ensuring adequate supply of chicken and swine in the region.





NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

The Organic Agriculture Program has yielded a 106 per cent increase in the number of farmers adopting organic agriculture and 177 per cent in area converted to organic farming.

This is a major milestone that this program has achieved. The success is contributed by the program's various services which include: Production Support Services; Marketing Development Services; Extension Support, Education and Training Services, and; Agricultural and Fishery Machinery, Equipment, and Facilities Support Services.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

To intensify the production of organic products, the program provides production services which help our farmers in promoting Organic Agriculture (OA).

The program has distributed 10,000 kgs. registered rice seeds, 10,000 kgs. colored rice seeds, 5,000 kgs. Open Pollinated Variety (OPV), and 50 kgs. OPV vegetable. A total of 2,400 liters of soil ameliorants were also distributed to farmers engaged

in organic farming. This is in support to 46 technology demonstration sites to encourage other farmers to switch into organic farming.

Today, 3,405 farmers are producing environmentally-friendly fertilizer to reduce its production cost. These farmers are now selling their produce to other farmers thus, increasing their income.

MARKETING DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Marketing strategy is also an important key to promote organic products. For this year, two Organic Agriculture Trading Posts (OATP) were launched as a market venue for the organic products.

To ensure functionality of these trading posts, the program through the Agri-business Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) has also conducted trainings to capacitate OATP beneficiaries in operating and maintaining these facilities. Capacity building includes Business Planning and Training on the Operation Management System.

The region also participated in several agri-trade fairs during the Naliyagan Festival in Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur last June

17, 2015, Philippine Natural and Organic Products Expo last October in Quezon City, and the National Organic Agriculture Congress last November 24- 25, 2015 in Bacolod City.



EXTENSION SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

To empower organic farmers in the region, this program has conducted capacity building activities in the different areas of the region. This includes Biodynamic Agriculture, Quarterly Meeting of Caraga Organic Farmers Federation Inc., Strengthening of Local Technical Committees in the five provinces and three cities, Orientation on the Guidelines for the Subsidy on 3rd Party Certified Applicants, and Installation of (ICS) on organic farms.



In strengthening organic farming advocacy, this program through the information Section of DA RFO XIII, has produced and distributed 1,500 copies of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials. A radio program was also aired during the 1st OA Month to gain farmers support in adopting organic agriculture. Some success stories of farmers adopting organic farming in Agusan del Sur and Butuan were also documented to inspire other farmers and realize that they too can be successful organic farmers.

During the 1st OA Month celebration, three advocates in the region were recognized for their significant contribution in strengthening campaign for organic agriculture. Ms. Violeta A.

Alegado from Buenavista, Agusan del Norte, was named as the Outstanding Organic Farmer for individual category. For the Outstanding Municipal Organic Agriculture Focal Person, Mr. Marlon Medalla of Esperanza, Agusan del Sur was awarded. Foundation for the Development of Agusanon Incorporated, also got the Outstanding Organic Farmer award for the group category. The Cabatañas' Family of Talacogon, Agusan del Sur was also named as the Outstanding Farming Family during the awarding ceremony.

This program has also supported the Technology Demonstration Farms of the Research Extension Station (RES) in the region.

The edible landscape demonstration garden in Trento RES of Agusan del Sur has encouraged farmers that gardening can now be combined with landscaping. Instead of growing ornamental plants that are usually used in landscaping, different edible plants such as camote, kangkong, malunggay, tomato, eggplant, pechay and lemon grass are planted and grown to provide additional source of food.

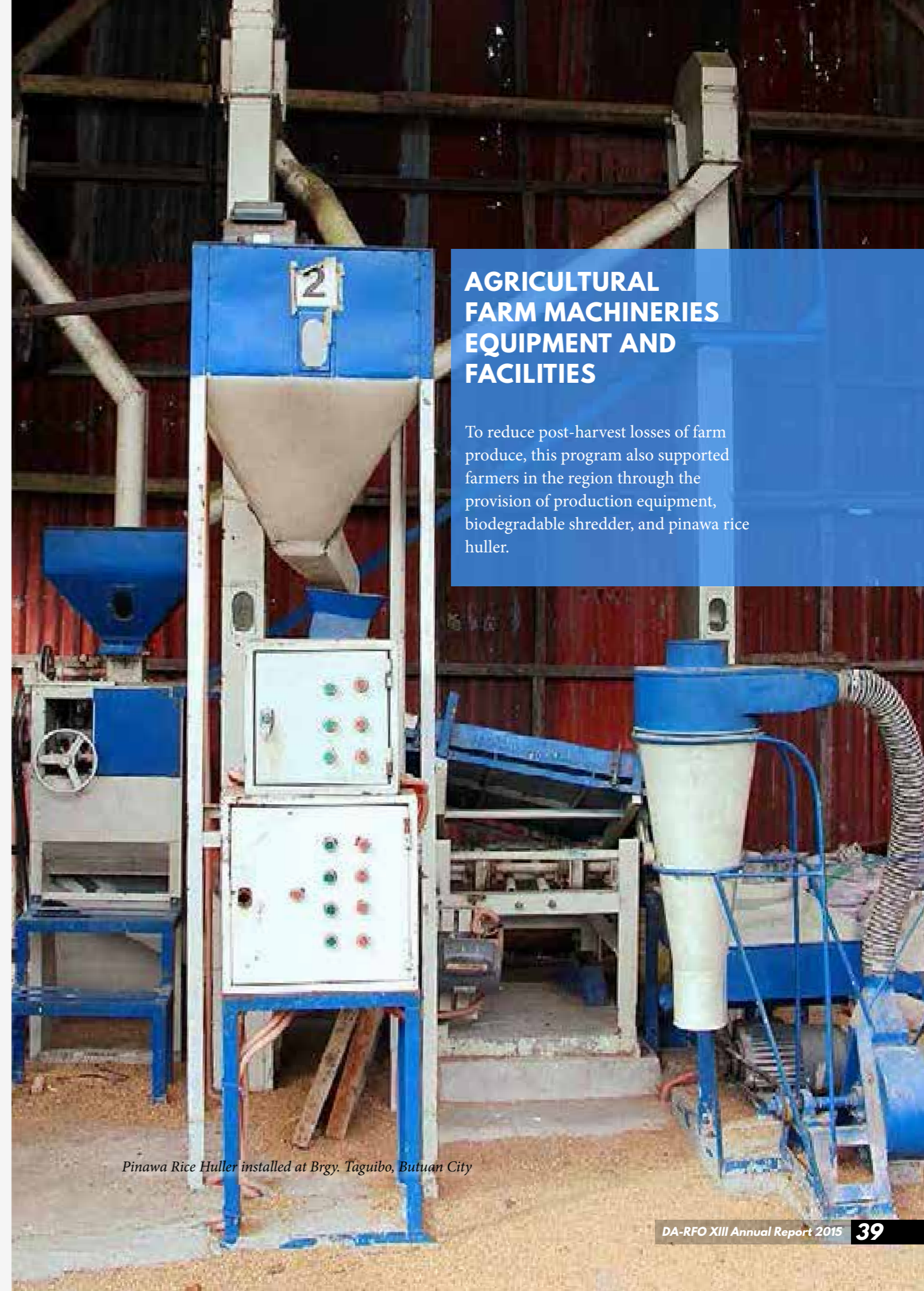
The Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) in RES Del Monte in Agusan del Sur and RES Tagbina in Surigao del Sur has showcased the strategy of using legumes and other crops to improve soil fertility and stability.

SALT is a technology on soil conservation and food production, integrating different soil conservation measures in one setting.

Aside from this technology, these research stations also maintained production of vermicast and vegetables to serve the neighboring organic farmers.

AGRICULTURAL FARM MACHINERIES EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

To reduce post-harvest losses of farm produce, this program also supported farmers in the region through the provision of production equipment, biodegradable shredder, and pinawa rice huller.



Pinawa Rice Huller installed at Brgy. Taguibo, Butuan City

VARIOUS SUPPORT SERVICES



PLANT AND ANIMAL REGULATION

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

PLANT AND ANIMAL REGULATION

The Regulatory Division is mandated to protect the plant and animal industry and ensure public health and food safety by enforcing strict regulations on veterinary drugs and product utilization, feed quality manufacturing, with adherence to good agricultural practices and international animal welfare standards.

A total of 63 newly opened and 88 renewal of feed establishments were endorsed and approved by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) in compliance to the enforcement of RA 1556 or "Livestock and Poultry Feeds Act". This office is mandated to regulate and control the manufacture, importation, labeling, advertising and sale of livestock and poultry feeds within the region.

In addition, regular monitoring, spot inspection and sample collection were conducted to safeguard the quality of feeds and feedstuff that are sold in the different feed outlets.

Laboratory result from feed samples collected during monitoring showed that at least 82 per cent of samples from various feed establishments are conforming to BAI standards. This implies that feeds being sold in the retail outlets are of good quality and safe for animal consumption. Outlets with non-conforming samples are notified

and advised to check their feed storage management. Otherwise, they will be charged for penalty specified in the penal provision of the law.

On the implementation of Administrative Order No. 08 otherwise known as the "Orderly Marketing of Livestock, Poultry, Meat and Animal by-products," the Division was able to facilitate and endorsed eight applications for registration and 12 renewal of License to Operate for Animal Product Handlers License. For the Transport Carriers, 7 new and 21 renewal applications were facilitated.

On the other hand, at least 14 animal facilities for registration and renewal were endorsed and approved by the BAI in compliance to RA 8485 otherwise known as "Animal Welfare Act of 1998". To further strengthen the campaign for Animal Welfare, a seminar on "Improved Animal Welfare Program for Pigs and

Cattle during Transport and Pre-Slaughter” was conducted. It was participated by livestock raisers and traders, abattoir staff and operators, animal facilities owners, and veterinarians from the provinces,

municipalities and cities. This seminar is in coordination with the Animal Welfare Act of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)/Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP) and Organic Practices



The only certified Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) farm in the region, the Antongalon Farmers Association of Caraga Incorporated (AFACI) maintains its compliance to standards on food safety.

Classified as a small-hold group of farmers, AFACI is the 16th of the 77 registered farms all over the country as of this year. Their produce are safe for human consumption, free from synthetic fertilizers, and safe for the environment that considers workers' welfare.

GAP and GAHP (Good Animal Husbandry Practices) for livestock are in compliance to the Food Safety Act of 2013. The division facilitates these certifications through on-farm consultations and

conduct of pre-inspection for applying farms.

By far, promotion of standards has reached the entire region through massive information campaigns. In compliance to ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015, an information caravan was conducted within the five provinces in the region. Also, a GAP Caravan towards AEC 2015 encouraged practicing farmers to avail of the free application for certification.

More farms are expected to avail of this free offer as identified crop and livestock farms are on the list for pre-inspection, consultation and application. A total of 15 farms were pre-inspected and 9 farms consulted.

Disease Monitoring and Surveillance

With the creation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Cassava Phytoplasma Disease, the Regulatory Division is actively doing monitoring and surveillance for the spread of this disease that has reduced the yield of cassava farmlands.

To mitigate spread and control of the disease, the TWG identified affected farmers, area and varieties. Moreover, the team intensified information campaigns to cassava growers and financial service providers. These campaigns have given

awareness for early detection and progress in pest eradication activities.

On the other hand, the region is proud to have maintained its Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Avian Influenza (AI) free status. This is done through continuous monitoring and strict implementation of quarantine laws with the active participation of stakeholders involved in the prevention of re-entry and possible introduction of diseases.



Annual Coordinators Meeting of Foot and Mouth Disease and Avian Influenza



MARKET DEVELOPMENT

This year, the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) was able to meet 98 per cent of its annual target. This achievement was made through various market related activities conducted, facilitated and funded, that benefited 584 individuals, and 42 groups/cooperatives.

The conduct of six Investment Fora for black rice, banana, coconut, guyabano, mango and sea weeds encouraged Overseas Filipino Workers, Retirees and Private Individuals to invest into Agribusiness.

Through market matching activities, AMAD facilitated 54 Marketing

Agreements signed between local farmers/processors and identified buyers. These include commodities such as rice, corn, cassava, vegetables, fruits and livestock. Total volume traded reached up to 512 MT (102% of its target) with a total value of Php 4.8 M.

Table 4. List of Cooperatives/ Associations and Individuals with Signed Marketing Agreement

Commodity	Volume (mt)	Value (Php)	Name of Producer/Supplier	Name of Buyer
Corn	60	810,000	Bayugan Corn Farmers and Esperanza Corn Farmers	Sinubong by VPO Farms Incorporated, Rosario, Agusan del Sur
Organic Rice	7.7	338,800	Sto. Niño Multi Purpose Cooperative, Sto. Niño, Butuan City	San Roque Farmers and Displaced Workers (MPC), Bislig City, Surigao del Sur
Commercial Rice	27.7	1.04 M	Sto. Niño Multi Purpose Cooperative, Sto. Niño, Butuan City	San Roque Farmers and Displaced Workers MPC, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur
Mango	6.4	77,928	Olegario C. Centino Carmen, Agusan del Norte	Alyn G. Bobila, Davao City
Corn	5.44	73,440	Melchor G. Contadan Esperanza, Agusan del Sur	Sinubong by VPO Farms Incorporated, Rosario, Agusan del Sur
Organic Rice	9	764,000	Sto. Niño Multi Purpose Cooperative, Butuan City	Sunnywood Superfoods Corporation, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila
Rice	12	464,480	Sto. Niño Multi Purpose Cooperative, Butuan City	Mangagoy Fishermen Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAFISCO), Mangagoy, Bislig City
Rice	18.25	730,500	Sto. Niño Multi Purpose Cooperative, Butuan City	Sto. Niño Multi Consumers Cooperative, Magallanes, Agusan del Norte
Cassava	380	1.3 M	Caraga Cassava Farmers	Antongalon Multi-Purpose Cooperative



A total sales of Php 996,000 was generated during the conduct and participation to international and local trade fairs and exhibits. More than five farmers, eight private organizations and ten processors have benefited the said event. Participation to International Trade Fairs include BIMP EAGA in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and SIAL Middle East in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Through various support services, AMAD funded five local trade fairs conducted by the LGUs of Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Province of Dinagat Islands, and Butuan City. A positive feedback was gained from the exhibitor both in the private organization and participating LGUs including the

2nd Caraga Agriculture and Fishery Expo (CAFEX).

For farmers to become more capable in managing their business, Entrepreneurial Training and Capability building was conducted. An "Entre-Farm Game" for example, taught farmers on the management of their Farm Business, increase income and strategize its operation. Preparation of Business Plan was also introduced to farmers and small entrepreneurs.

About 75 per cent of the corn growers who participated the Training on Chicha-corn Processing were able to propagate, harvest, and replant the Glutinous Corn Seeds while some were already engaged into food



processing. Moreover, the participants were able to develop new enterprise through value adding.

On the other hand, organic farmers in RTR, Agusan del Norte and Butuan City have their nearest market for organic products through the establishment of the Organic Agriculture Trading Post (OATP). The project serves as food depot that provides a separate area for organically and naturally grown products and makes it available to the consumers. Ten organic farmers were able to supply their produce with the help of Kahugpungan sa mga Mag-uuma nga Nagsubay sa Lihok sa Kinaiyahan and Taguibo IPM Irrigators Association.

In addition, the established Food Terminals

(FT) in the region has helped 28 small farmers sell their produce directly to the FTs at the best price. Commodities supplied to FTs include rice, vegetables, banana, fish, and meat products. As a result, consumers in the locality have accessed and availed affordable and fresh agricultural products.

Market Price Monitoring on agriculture and fishery products continually observed from the five provinces in the region. At least 100 booklets of Caraga Buyers and Producers Directory and 550 leaflets of Cost Structure on selected commodities-banana, abaca and cassava were distributed to farmers, agricultural technician and walk-in clients. These materials had helped our clients in finding information related to market and production data.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Research Division has validated and promoted an ecosystem specific technologies available to rice farmers in the region. These technologies are in response to the problem of low yield caused by floods, drought and salinity.

Farmers can now access available newly released varieties suitable for adverse condition at the Philippine Rice (PhilRice) Research Institute - Central Experiment Station and at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) through the DA-RFO XIII.

Varieties such as NSIC Rc282, NSIC Rc286, and PSB Rc68 can be used by farmers for rainfed areas during drought season. Based on the research managed trials, these varieties have obtained a promising result with an average yield of 5.52, 5.32, and 5.27 tons per hectare, respectively.

For saline affected areas, farmers can use varieties such as the IR84675-58-4-1-B-B, NSIC Rc294, and NSIC Rc290. Results showed that these varieties obtained an average yield of 6.35, 5.60, and 5.35 tons

per hectare based on crop cut conducted in the varietal trial.

The PSB Rc18 sub1, NSIC Rc194, and Ciherang sub1 are recommended to farmers for flood-prone rice areas. Based on the result, these varieties obtained an average yield of 5.70, 5.0, and 3.81 tons per hectare. This will be further verified through the technology demonstrations cum quality seed production project.

With the development of these new varieties, farmers are advised to consult Agricultural Extension Workers in their locality for optimum yield. A Rice Crop Manager recommendation sheet is also available through the online program of IRRI at <http://webapps.irri.org>. This to help farmers in the crop nutrient management.

Table 5. Top yielding varieties tested under adverse conditions, December, 2014 - January 2015 planting in various sites.

Ecosystem	Site	Variety	Yield (tons/ha.)
Rainfed	Buenavista, Agusan del Norte	NSIC Rc282	5.52
	San Francisco, Agusan del Sur	NSIC Rc286	5.32
		PSB Rc68	5.27
Saline	Lianga, Surigao del Sur	IR84675-58-4-1-B-B	6.35
		NSIC Rc294	5.60
	Lianga & Gigaquit	NSIC Rc290	5.35
Flood-prone	Tago, Surigao del Sur	PSB Rc18	5.70
	Trento, Agusan del Sur & Tago, Surigao del Sur	NSIC Rc194	5.00
	Trento, Agusan del Sur	Ciherang sub1	3.81

RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENT STATIONS

The three Research and Experiment Stations located in the municipalities of Trento and Talacogon, Agusan del Sur, and in Tagbina, Surigao del Sur have established Edible Landscape. This project showcased the technologies of using vermi cast and vermi compost, vermi tea organic fertilizers, and biological control agents on various vegetables.

Farmers, students, faculties, people's organizations, and Agriculture Extension Workers adopted the technologies and received various planting materials out from this project. The project encourage farmers the integration of edible landscaping to their farms to increase income and net profit.

On the other hand, the Trento and Del Monte Research and Experiment Stations have also implemented the Community-Based Mushroom Production and Processing project. Through the use of farm wastes such as rice straws, rice hulls, sawdust, and dried banana leaves as medium of spawn production, naturally grown mushroom are now sold in the local market by the farmers.

Aside from producing mushrooms, farmers were also taught on how to process mushroom into chips, pickles, tocino, bola-bola, and deep fried mushroom, thus increasing their income.



PLANNING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The crafting of the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Mechanization Program (RAFMechP) for CY 2016-2022 as mandated by Republic Act 10601 was one of the major activities conducted this year spearheaded by the Planning Monitoring and Evaluation Division.

It is a consolidation and harmonization of all agricultural and fishery programs and projects in the region for inclusion in the National Agricultural and Fishery Mechanization Program (NAFMechP). The document was formulated through a combined top-bottom-up participatory approach and packages the proposed interventions to mechanize the agriculture and fishery sector.

In ensuring effective and timely project implementation, monitoring of 210 projects was undertaken. This is to validate project status and determine its impact on the agriculture sector and the lives of its beneficiaries.

The monitoring focused on the projects implemented by the LGUs through fund transfer. This is to determine the bottlenecks and other concerns that hinder the efficient utilization of funds and its implementation. Results were instrumental in faster liquidation and completion of the project. Monitoring reports with recommendations were provided to the management to guide actions and make decisions.

Moreover, periodic reviews and assessments, were conducted to discuss concerns and strategies, harmonize efforts and polish reports for submission to oversight agencies.



RAFMP Workshop, Surigao City



DA-LGU Coordination Meeting at PLGU, SDS, Tandag City

Monthly Management Committee meetings (ManCom), and Quarterly Coordination meetings per provinces were conducted to discuss issues and concerns and strategies to fastract project implementation.

Trainings were conducted to enhance capability of the operating units in project development and effective report writing. This resulted to the organization and institutionalization of DA's clearinghouse and pool of technical writers among its programs and services.

The clearinghouse is a special body that receives and evaluates feasibility of project proposals that are submitted to the region for funding. This will also facilitate identification of proposed projects for the succeeding planning period.

Quality and prompt submission of progress and narrative reports from the programs and services are expected in the next reporting periods with the pool of writers.

In compliance to the Civil Service Commission's directive, the office implemented the Unified Strategic Performance Management System (USPMS) starting this year. Series of workshops were conducted at the regional level to harmonize and finalize the Office Performance and Commitment Review (OPCR) and Individual Performance and Commitment Review (IPCR). The USPMS is an evaluation system of the agency's performance as well as the contribution of each division and individual employees in the attainment of the targets.



INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATION

Considering the wide coverage of the Department of Agriculture (DA) in the implementation of its programs and services, information, communication, and advocacy have always been a test of efficiency and effectiveness.

Rising through the challenge, the DA-Information and Public Relations Section embarks on a multimedia approach in its information dissemination, advocacy, and promotion. This covers support to

banner commodities like Rice, Corn, High Value Crops and Livestock Program. Many relevant information campaigns were conducted to boost productivity and food security.

Print

Farmers were able to access information on various agriculture-related technologies. Twenty thousand copies of various printed materials were distributed at farmers' gatherings and walk-in clients. To increase awareness on the DA's campaign specifically on Farm Mechanization, tarpaulins were hanged at strategic places covering 1000 barangays nationwide.



Broadcast (Radio and Audio Visual)

A total of seven radio programs were maintained regionwide to reach more farmers including those in the remote areas. Aside from airing the Department's programs and services, the programs served as feedback mechanism with DA's advocacy on transparency and accountability as listeners send their feedback through text messages.

Considering its role on climate change

advocacy, Information Section forged partnership with the Philippine Agricultural Journalists, Inc. (PAJ) by conducting "Climate Change: Get's Mo Na Ba?" workshop with the regional media and conducted the text blasting campaign dubbed as AgriVisory on climate change. Five thousand registered subscribers are recipients of the daily updates on climate change AgriVisory in coordination with PIA.

Internet and Social Media

The Department has tapped current social media trends in capturing other stakeholders in agriculture. A Facebook Page has been put up and maintained as an avenue to update netizens of DA-13 programs and activities. The page has already garnered more than 2000 subscribers.



Interpersonal

Face to face interaction with the target beneficiaries has always been considered the most effective means of communication. In partnership with PhilMech, information caravan on Farm Mechanization covering 8 municipalities in Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur was conducted which greatly boost farmers' interest on farm mechanization.

In partnership with Field Operations Division, a series of awareness campaign on ASEAN Economic Community Integration was conducted in five provinces. Farmers, private sectors, cooperatives and LGUs were informed of the salient features of AEC to prepare them for the full implementation of the law affecting also the agriculture sector.



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

This year is a dream come true to many of the DA-RFO XIII's employees. After serving the Department for several years as contractual workers, finally, they are now regular employees.

This development is made after the implementation of DA Rationalization Plan wherein a total of 172 out of 189 positions were filled. The hiring and promotion resulted to more than 200 percent increase in the workforce of DA Caraga which significantly contributed to the attainment of the Department's physical and financial target this year. (This number is expected to

increase while screening of applicants to 17 positions is still ongoing.)

To further enhance the performance of the Department's employees, the Human Resource Section has conducted series of orientation, training, and team building. Employees were oriented on Values and Assertive Oral Communication.

Media Relations

Information Section strengthens partnership with the media through quarterly media briefings and project expository tour.

Networking and Convergence

The DA-LGU information partnership has expanded through the inclusion

of Information Officers from attached agencies and bureaus.

DA also partnered with the Department of Education through the conduct of short film and radio drama productions that promote agriculture and inspire high school students to consider agricultural courses in college. Outputs of the contest were also used to convey agri-related messages.





Specifically, they were reoriented on their rights and benefits as employees, and on the Department's policies. It has also equipped them with appropriate values in the practice of public service and in achieving effective and open communication in the office.

Employees were also oriented on Republic Act 9470 otherwise known as the National Archives of the Philippines which aimed on improving their knowledge on proper handling of public documents and records.

In order to enhance the process flow of the office, 18 selected Administrative and Finance Division (AFD) personnel were sent for an expository tour in Regions 2, 4A and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). Learning and observations from the tour were adopted in the office.

In recognition of employees' loyalty and vital role in achieving office goals and

targets, a teambuilding and awarding ceremony activity was conducted. This has strengthened camaraderie and professional relationships among the employees. Loyalty Awards were also given to employees who have served the Department for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years.

By 2016, the DA-RFO XIII will be adopting the newly introduced Electronic Budgeting (eBudgeting), Electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS) and Electronic Modified Disbursement Scheme (eMDS). Recordkeeping of all budget and accounting-related transactions will be enhanced to make easy the monitoring and reporting of status of funds, disbursements and obligations.

The Administrative and Finance Division continues to improve its services to meet the demand of the increasing population of the employees and the volume of transactions.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For CY 2015 the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office No. XIII – Caraga Region has a total budget amounting to Php 1,508,039,998.11 as presented in Figure 1. below.

Figure 1. Financial Allocation

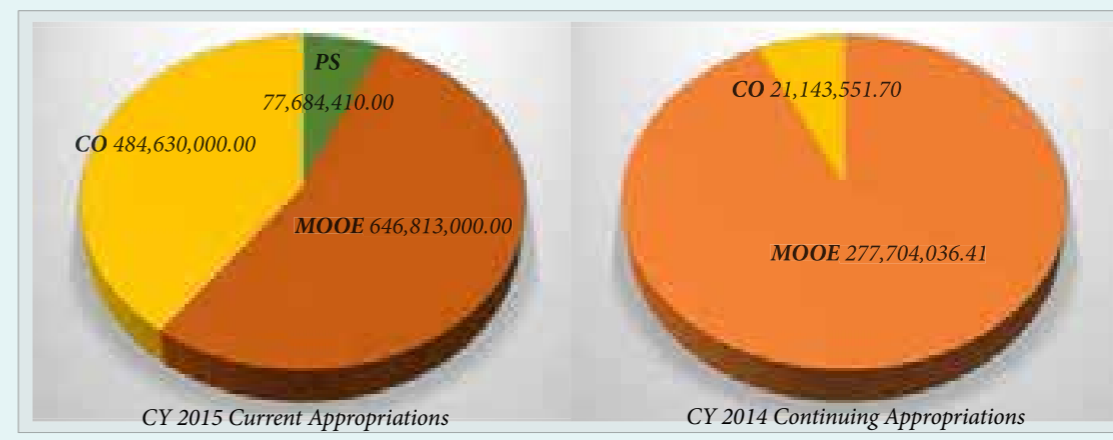


Table 6. shows the total obligations for current year appropriations amounted to Php1,094,628,156.23 or 91% while Php268,035,796.63 or 90% of the total continuing appropriations were obligated, leaving an unobligated balance of Php145,376,045.25 of which Php33,815,708.24 was automatically reverted to the National Treasury and Php111,560,337.01 will be considered as 2015 Continuing Appropriations for the following year (2016).

Table 6. CY 2015 Agency's Fund Utilization

Appropriations/ Allotment Class	Allotment	Obligations	Unobligated Balances	% Utilization
Current Appropriations	1,209,192,410.00	1,094,628,156.23	114,564,253.77	91%
P S	77,684,410.00	74,680,493.24	3,003,916.76	96%
M O O E	646,813,000.00	540,899,346.46	105,913,653.54	83%
FinEx	65,000.00	29,300.00	35,700.00	45%
C O	484,630,000.00	479,019,016.53	5,610,983.47	99%
Continuing Appropriations	298,847,588.11	268,035,796.63	30,811,791.48	90%
M O O E	277,704,036.41	249,840,185.36	27,863,851.05	90%
C O	21,143,551.70	18,195,611.27	2,947,940.43	86%
GRAND TOTAL	1,508,039,998.11	1,362,663,952.86	145,376,045.25	90%

As compared to CY 2014 total budget, the CY 2015 budget decreased by 14% as shown in Table 7 below:

Table 7. Comparative Budget Appropriations

Allotment Class	Year		Amount Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase / (Decrease)
	2014	2015		
P S	49,022,813.00	77,684,410.00	28,661,597.00	58%
M O O E	955,655,000.00	646,813,000.00	-308,842,000.00	-32%
FinEx	0	65,000.00	65,000.00	0%
C O	404,265,000.00	484,630,000.00	77,365,000.00	19%
GRAND TOTAL	1,408,942,813.00	1,209,192,410.00	-199,750,403.00	-14%

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY COUNCIL

AFC Consultation Meeting

Given the major role of Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) in identifying and resolving issues affecting the development of Agri-Fishery Development in Caraga, consultation meetings are conducted.



Regional AFC endorsed 21 resolutions, 15 were policy and six were non policy.

The illegal logging of mangroves in Gigaquit, Surigao del Norte was regulated through the Municipal AFC resolution. The LGU hired a guard to secure the area.

“If concerned agencies will put their hands together, problems can be solved,” explained Elvira A. Egay, Ph.D., MAFC Chairperson.

Also, through the resolution passed, farmers of Barangay Magroyong, San Miguel, Surigao del Sur looks forward to the establishment of ‘baby dam’ in 2016 under the Bottom Up Budgeting (BUB) Project. This will help irrigate 15-20 hectare of farm land which used to be rain dependent.

Private sectors are encouraged to generate policy recommendations and give feedback on government programs and projects.

As part of consultation initiatives, RAFC conducted team building and experiential expedition to improve bonds among members.

Last November 12-14, AFCs of Caraga, with 49 participants, attended the PAFC Summit and 1st AFC Mindanao Congress held in General Santos City.

Discussions on various trends concerning agri-fishery sectors in the Summit led to 57 formulated resolutions.

Consultations serve as an opportunity for the agriculture and fishery sectors to raise queries to resolve issues and concerns affecting their locality.

Monitoring and Evaluation

RAFC has conducted three Cross Monitoring Activities on the 280 completed and ongoing programs and projects of DA.

PCAF has also provided new guidelines. Monitoring teams should be composed of a coordinator and two private individuals per province.

The AFC is empowered to give feedback thru Monitoring and Evaluation on the Department of Agriculture’s programs and projects. This will ensure the success and sustainability of the programs and projects implemented.

To validate the information, data are consolidated and reported during Exit Conference through the representation of different DA’s concerned programs during the meeting.

Monitoring activities also helped farmers to see milestones of other farmers which can be practiced in their locality. If applicable, they can request for interventions from DA through writing a proposal in partnership with the LGU to avail the same project.



SPECIAL PROJECTS



PAYAPA AT MASAGANANG PAMAYANAN



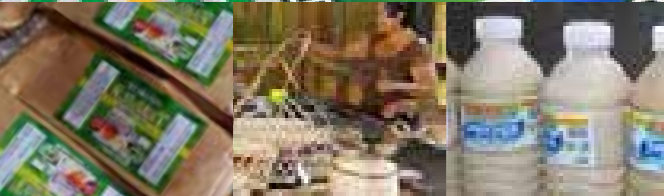
BOTTOM-UP BUDGETING



FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



SUPPORT TO EMERGENCY AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - II

LOCALLY FUNDED



The Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program, as embodied in the Philippines Development Plan for 2011 to 2016, was launched as the National Government's framework for intervention in conflict-vulnerable areas to complement the peace negotiation efforts in line with its commitment to address the causes of conflict and issues affecting the peace process.

This is the third year of the program's implementation by the Department of Agriculture (DA). For 2015, there were Five (5) Farm-to-Market Road projects and five (5) Livelihood projects funded by PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAN

Program (PAMANA) in the four (4) Provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte and Surigao del Sur. Implementation of said projects are still on-going. Below are the list of the funded projects in 2015.

Table 8. Livelihood Projects

Location	Name of Project	DA Allocation
Mahaba, Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte	High Value Crop Production Enhancement	200,000.00
Marfil, Cabantao, Novele and Rosario, Agusan del Sur	Rubber Production	3,000,000.00
Camp Eduard, Budlingin, Ferlda, Alipao, San Juan and Pongtud, Alegria, Agusan del Sur	Establishment of Agricultural Supply (Nursery)	300,000.00
Brgy. Sto. Nino, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur	Establishment of Abaca Grading/Baling Station	500,000.00
Layog, Lindoy, Caras-an, Bangsud, Cabangahan and Cayale, Tago, Surigao del Sur	Fruit Bearing Tree Production	2,500,000.00
Total		6,500,000.00

Table 9. Farm-to-Market Road Projects

Location	Name of Project	DA Allocation ('000)	Project Length (Target)
Bangayan, Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte	Completion of Bangayan-Zapanta Valley FMR Upgrading Project	80,000	8km
Esperanza, Agusan del Sur	Tagabase - Bakingking FMR, Phase II	4,000	4km
La Paz, Agusan del Sur	Rehabilitation of Brgy. Angeles - Langaisan FMR, Phase II	10,000	1km
Marfil, Rosario, Agusan del Sur	Rosario - Marfil - Tagbina Phase II	80,000	8km
Janipaan, San Agustin, Surigao del Sur	Road opening and concreting from Barangay Janipaan to Andap Valley	290,000	29km
Grand Total		464,000	

LOCALLY FUNDED



Responsive to the needs identified by the community at the grassroots level, the Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB) Program has implemented several projects on production, irrigation facilities, pre- and post- harvest facilities, and Farm-to-Market Roads.

Under the 2015 appropriations, BUB has turned-over two units of four-wheel drive farm tractors worth Php. 4.8 million to two farmer associations in San Isidro, Surigao

del Norte which are the Sto. Niño Farmers Association (SANIRFA) and Sta. Paz Farmers Association (SANTAPAFA).

We are thankful to the LGU and DA-RFO XIII for giving us the opportunity to be one of the identified recipients of the program, rest assured that the project will not only give benefit to the members of the association alone but also to the neighboring barangays.

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Table 10. Status of CY 2013 BuB Projects

Category	Number of Projects	Allocation ('000)	Remarks
Livelihood	86	29,892	73 projects completed, 1 project on-going, 12 were discontinued
Farm-to-Market Road	47	164,860	31 completed, 8 on-going, 8 pipelined
Irrigation Facilities	9	14,080	7 projects completed, 2 on-going
Pre and Post Harvest Facilities	22	4,859	All projects were completed
Fishery Projects	57	39,667	All projects were completed

Table 11. Status of CY 2014 BuB Projects

Category	Number of Projects	Allocation ('000)	Remarks
Livelihood	219	153,513	54 completed, 67 on-going, 87 pipelined and 11 discontinued
Farm-to-Market Road	32	181,768	6 completed, 6 on-going, 20 pipelined
Irrigation Facilities	18	15,833	2 completed, 5 on-going, 10 pipelined, 1 discontinued
Pre and Post Harvest Facilities	60	57,119	14 completed, 10 on-going, 30 pipelined, 2 proposed and 4 discontinued
Fishery Projects	97	50,166	10 completed, 13 on-going, 70 pipelined, 1 proposed and 3 discontinued
PCA	5	1,138	1 completed and 4 pipelined

Table 12. Status of CY 2015 BuB Projects

Category	Number of Projects	Allocation ('000)	Remarks
Livelihood	70	81,030	11 Proposed, 59 Pipelined
Irrigation Facilities	16	21,476	8 proposed, 7 pipelined, 1 discontinued
Pre and Post Harvest Facilities	66	98,079	14 Proposed, 50 Pipelined, 2 completed
Fishery Projects	3	2,034	3 Pipelined

The program has already completed several projects for livelihood, farm-to-market roads, irrigation facilities, pre-and post-harvest facilities, and fishery development projects.

In 2013 alone, the program has allocated a total of Php 253 million for the 221 projects. In 2014, projects funded under Special Purpose Fund (SPF) program has allocated Php 459.5 million for 431 projects.

This year, the program has sent its team together with some Municipal Agriculturists in the region to Palawan to visit various successful projects in the province. The activity aims to observe best practices and replicate the same to help our farmers and other stakeholders compete with other countries in line with the ASEAN integration.

BUB is one of the flagship programs under the Aquino administration. It empowers ordinary citizens in decision making with an expanded engagement of Civil Society Organizations by giving them the chance to voice their own development project plans and acquire funding for the project they want to implement. Through this program, the grassroots in the community is provided with the necessities they deserve.

LOCALLY FUNDED

FARM TO MARKET ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A total of 40.44 kilometer Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) were constructed amounting to P409M under the Farm-to-Market Road Development Program (FMRDP) since CY 2014 to CY 2015.

These benefit 10,387 recipients and serve an area of 6,510 hectares planted with rice, corn, banana and other high value crops. The program has also generated local employment of 410 individuals.

For the current year, the program was given P390M funding for FMR (throughout the region). A total of 11.94 kilometer stretch of FMR is completed namely: Agusan del Norte - 7 km; Agusan del Sur - 4.44 km, and; Surigao del Norte - 0.5 km.

Construction of FMR has been a continuing program in the Department that aims to provide easy access of transporting produce from farm to market in hard-to-reach areas, thus reducing

post-harvest losses. This not only concerns the movement of farm produce and input but also provide access to employment opportunities and other basic social services (school, health and access to communication and technology).

FMRDP is jointly implemented by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). DA conducts the pre-implementation activities, monitoring and evaluation during its construction. The DPWH does the implementation activities including the preparation of all documents, procurement and oversees the construction phase.

FOREIGN FUNDED

PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



The **Intensified Building-Up of Infrastructure and Logistics for Development (I-BUILD)** is one of the component of the Philippine Rural Development Project. It aims for : (1) improving the links from production areas to markets to enhance the efficiency of transporting agricultural products, (2) Higher productivity as a result of increased cropping intensity and yields, (3) food security and improved health from readily available potable water and (4) lower post-harvest losses resulting in higher volume of the outputs and more efficient support facilities.

Currently, there are ten (10) Value Chain Analysis (VCA) results which serve as reference of the city and provinces in the preparation of City/Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (C/PCIP), namely: abaca, rubber, banana, cassava, oil palm, cacao, seaweeds, coconut, coffee and mango.

The conceptualization of proposed subprojects and preparation of documents will be at the City/ Provincial Local Government Unit for PRDP funding. As such, all proposed subprojects should be based on the City/ Provincial Commodity Investment Plan with the project cost sharing of 80% World Bank, 10%

Government of The Philippines and 10% Local Government Equity.

The table below presented the details of the sub-projects covering the years 2014, 2015 and 2016. Out of 26 sub-projects under I-BUILD, two (2) were cancelled and one (1) sub-project was pushed thru under I-REAP component. In totality,

there were 24 sub-projects and four (4) of these started the implementation already. A total of Php 144,678,035.63 was approved with No Objection Letter (NOL) 1 and NOL 2. For the remaining proposed sub-projects, the status is either for re-bidding, deferred, waiting for NOL or waiting for Certificate of Availability of Funds (CAF) (for I-REAP).

Table 13. I-BUILD Component Sub-Projects

Year	Location	Name of Sub-Projects	SP Category	Qty. (In.m)	Contract Cost / Estimated Cost	Remarks
2014	Talacogon, Agusan del Sur	Const of Batucan-Malihao-Del Monte FMR	FMR	2.48	29,300,110.50	On Going
2014	Veruela, Agusan del Sur	Const/Concreting of NRJ Anilao - Mahayahay FMR	FMR	3	28,186,245.17	On Going
2014	Esperanza, Agusan del Sur	Concreting of Tag-anahaw to San Isidro FMR	FMR	1.4	13,871,073.62	With NOL-2
2014	Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte	Const. of Gamoton - Lake Mainit FMR	FMR	1	8,784,419.56	On Going
2014	Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte	Construction/Concreting Sangay - Mahayahay FMR	FMR	1.56	14,779,096.78	With NOL-1
2014	Surigao City, Surigao del Norte	Construction / Concreting of Guiso FMR	FMR	1.27	15,489,000.00	With NOL-1
2014	Gigaqiu, Surigao del Norte	Improvement/Concreting of San Isidro Centro- Baleyasa FMR	FMR	1.45	13,641,000.00	With NOL-1
2014	Sison, Surigao del Norte	Rehab./Const. of Gacepan - Mayag FMR	FMR	1.82	20,627,090.00	With NOL-1
2014	Bacuag, Surigao del Norte	Construction/Concreting of Tegase FMR	FMR	1.9	31,620,000.00	For Rebidding
2014	Placer, Surigao del Norte	Rehab/Const/Concreting of Bad-as Tres De Mayo Amoslog FMR	FMR	4.36	47,100,000.00	For Rebidding
2014	Trento, Agusan del Sur	Construction/Concreting of SitioGasa to Algon FMR	FMR	2.78	21,155,000.00	For Rebidding
2014	Esperanza, Agusan del Sur	Concreting of Lumbia- Mabao FMR	FMR	2.92	33,178,000.00	For Rebidding
2014	Malimono, Surigao del Norte	Construction of Barangay Hanagdong-Bunyan Potable Water System Level II	PWS	1	4,910,871.26	For CAF request
2014	Madrid, Surigao del Sur	Construction of San Vicente Single Lane Flat Slab Bridge	Bridge	36	11,302,735.27	Cancelled SPs
2014	Carrascal, Surigao del Sur	Construction of Manag-as Single Lane Flat Slab Bridge	Bridge	36	11,364,065.81	Cancelled SPs
2015	San Luis, Agusan del Sur	Concreting of Mahapag-Dona Maxima FMR	FMR	8.93	125,863,000.00	With NOL-1
2015	Bayugan and San Luis, Agusan del Sur	Package 2: Concreting of Marcelina-Mahapag FMR	FMR	13.89	203,130,000.00	Waiting for NOL-1 (WB review)
2015	Prosperidad and San Luis, Agusan del Sur	Package 3: Concreting of San Vicente-Mahapag FMR	FMR	12.14	140,151,000.00	Waiting for NOL-1 (WB review)

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Year	Location	Name of Sub-Projects	SP Category	Qty. (In.m)	Contract Cost / Estimated Cost	Remarks
2015	Bayugan City, Agusan del Sur	Package 1: Concreting of Bucac-Marcelina FMR	FMR	1.56	14,779,096.78	Deferred
2015	Esperanza and San Luis, Agusan del Sur	Concreting of Anoling-Anislagan FMR	FMR	1.27	15,489,000.00	Deferred
2016	Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	Rehabilitation of Culit CIS	CIS	70	33,960,900.88	Waiting for NOL-1
2016	Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte	Concreting of Bay-ang to Mahaba FMR with Bridge	FMR w/ Bridge	8.85	156,103,950.09	Waiting for NOL-1
2016	Malimono, Surigao del Norte	Rehabilitation/Concreting of Jubgan-Binocaran Farm to Market Road	FMR	6.5	45,762,726.97	Waiting for NOL-1
2016	Mainit, Surigao del Norte	Package 1: Rehabilitation/Concreting of Magsaysay-Bobonaon FMR	FMR	9.4	103,161,000.00	Waiting for NOL-1
2016	Mainit and Placer, Surigao del Norte	Package 2: Rehabilitation/Concreting of Sta. Cruz-Paco FMR	FMR	9	114,739,000.00	Waiting for NOL-1
2016	Cortes, Surigao del Sur	Concreting of Poblacion-Manlico-Uba FMR	FMR	14.33	187,690,833.89	Waiting for NOL-1

Table 14. I-REAP Component Sub-Projects

Year	Location	Name of Sub-Projects	Contract Cost / Estimated Cost	Remarks
2016	Santiago, Agusan del Norte	Integrated Abaca Enhancement Enterprises	31,220,000.00	Waiting for CAF

For the year 2014, there are fifteen (15) approved sub-projects amounting to Php 282,641,906.90 which is the excess sub-projects from the Mindanao Rural Development Program-APL 2 and funded under the Philippine Rural Development Project. While for year 2015, only the Province of Agusan del Sur had submitted five (5) sub-projects proposal amounting to Php 555,874,677.00. However, on the sub-project Joint NPCO-PSO technical review held at Davao City, only four (4) sub-projects were considered since there was an overlapping of influence area. The result of the review was one(1) sub-project is given for No Objection letter-1(for bidding) while the other three (3) were forwarded to the World Bank for their review since the amount was beyond the threshold of

NPCO for the issuance of No Objection Letter. After the World Bank review, only two (2) sub-projects were considered while the other one (1) was deferred. In addition, there was an inclusion of sub-project for 2015 totalled to Php 31,220,000.00 under the I-REAP component. And for the year 2016 subproject, there were only three (3) Provincial Local Government Unit and one (1) Municipal Local Government Unit had submitted their subproject proposals, namely: Province of Surigao del Norte with three (3) subprojects; Province of Surigao del Sur, Province of Agusan del Norte & Municipality of Nasipit with one (1) each sub-project. The total amount for 2016 subproject is Php 641,418,411.83. All sub-projects were waiting for the NPCO NOL-1 issuance.

FOREIGN FUNDED

SUPPORT TO EMERGENCY AND LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-II (SELAP 2)

The Support to Emergency and Livelihood Assistance Project Phase II has successfully constructed and implemented Rural Infrastructure and Livelihood projects. Its prime purpose is to increase income and to reduce poverty among farmers and marginalized sectors in the countryside.

SELAP 2 in general, contributed beneficial effects in spreading economic development to the poorest municipalities of the region. Empowering women to make them more productive through various trainings in both skills and personal development were also conducted.

With the sub-projects implemented in the remote barangays, the residents felt the programs of the government especially in conflict areas. It helps the farmers to reduce transportation cost thus, increasing income.

In the Rural Infrastructure component, a total of Php 143.5 million worth of Farm-to-Market-Roads were constructed in 12 sites with the total stretch of 20.64 kilometer.

To date, 10 sites were already completed with physical accomplishment of 18.085 km. and two sites with a combined length of 2.3 km are still going on. Table 1 shows completed FMR in the region.

Table 15. Completed FMR Projects under SELAP- 2

Name of Project	Project Proponent	Location	Km.	Amount ('000)	Status/ Remarks
CY 2012			8.585	48,500	
1. Concreting of Olave - Simbalan FMR	Brgy. Olave - Simbalan	Olave - Simbalan, Buenavista, ADN	2.485	15,000	Completed last March, 2014
2. Concreting of Lower Panaytayon FMR	Brgy. Lower - Panaytayon	Lower - Panaytayon, Magallanes, ADN	2.0	10,000	Completed last December, 2013
3. Concreting of Diaz - Brgy. Poblacion FMR (Additional)	Brgy. Diaz - Poblacion	Diaz - Brgy. Poblacio, San Francisco, Surigao Del Norte	0.6	6,000	Completed last December, 2014
4. Concreting of Siawang - Tambulao FMR	Brgy. Siawang - Tambulao	Siawang - Tambulao, San Miguel, SDS	3.5	17,500	Completed last December, 2014
CY 2013			7.2	46,280	
5. Concreting of Banbanon - Diaz FMR	Brgy. Banbanon - Diaz	Banbanon - Diaz, San Francisco, Surigao Del Norte	2.10	15,000	Completed last December, 2013
6. Concreting of Binocaran Malimono FMR	Brgy. Binocaran	Binocaran. Malimono, Surigao Del Norte	1.60	10,500	Completed last December, 2013
7. Concreting of Sitio Ipil - Brgy. Agsam FMR	Brgy. Ipil - Agsam	Ipil - Agsam, Lanuza, Surigao Del Sur	1.5	10,500	Completed last December, 2014
8. Concreting of Albor - Quezon FMR	Brgy. Albor - Quezon	Albor - Quezon, PDI	2.0	10,280	Completed last May, 2014
CY 2014			2.55	25,500	
9. Concreting of Tagbuyacan - E. Morgado FMR	Brgy. Tagbuyacan - E. Morgado	Tagbuyacan - E. Morgado, Santiago, ADN	1.05	10,500	Completed last November, 2014
10. Concreting of Tubo -tubo - Mam-on FMR	Brgy. Tubo-tubo - Mam-on	Tubo - tubo - Mam-on, Cagwait, SDS	1.5	15,000	Completed last March, 2015
TOTAL			18.085	120,280	

This project also provided value adding of the infrastructure completed through livelihood support to people's organization. A total of Php5.8 million was released to 19 qualified beneficiaries.

This component provides opportunity to people's organization to run a small business. Some ventured either into hog raising, coconut buy and sell, and nipa shingles making.

SELAP 2 also strengthened these peoples' organizations through capability building to stand as an organization. Different trainings on organizational development

were conducted to equip its officers and members the necessary skills to run an organization. This includes basic bookkeeping, sales training, leadership development, among others.

One notable success of improved capacity and empowered organization is the Rural Improvement Club of San Isidro, Placer, Surigao Del Norte. Aside from running their own sari-sari store in the locality, they are now supplying 50 bags of rice per month to Silangan Mindanao Mining Corporation, Inc. (SMMCI) in the municipality which opened a big opportunity for them to engage in business.

With its improved business management, these peoples' organizations can now avail of the different programs of the government. Most of them are now the recipients of various programs and projects funded by the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Agrarian Reform, and Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Currently, monitoring of activities and progress of work is being conducted in order to recommend corrective measures that are not in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement and other policies related to the implementation of the projects.

Observations were noted during monitoring activities that most of these livelihood sub-projects have minimal sales and income. Solutions were also discussed during coordination meetings which were participated by some officers and focal persons of each organization to increase income and to sustain the project.

Mechanisms are now introduced in these organizations to ensure long term benefit of the project. A working system on Financial Management, Marketing Management, Quality Control Management, Safety Management, Procurement Management and Monitoring Management is hoped to be established to make the projects sustainable.



SELAP 2 Livelihood Projects

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BANNER PROGRAM BRIEFER

RICE Program

The Rice Production Program is one of the central components of the Department of Agriculture's commitment to rice farming and agribusiness in the Philippines.

Objectives

A. Production Support Services

- Assist production of rice for small-scale farmers (subsidized credit, input, and technical assistance)
- Support Rice Production Development
- Establishments of Community Based Rice Mills (CBRM) - Support
- Support to Support Program Agricultural Research Center (SARC) - Support
- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice

B. Input Development Services

- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice
- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice
- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice

C. Other Interventions and Facilities Development Services

- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice
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D. Market Development Services

- Support to Rice Milling, Marketing, and Distribution of Rice
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Extension Support, Education and Training Services

A. Extension Support, Education and Training Services

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REGULATORY SERVICES

To avail the services please comply the following requirements:

POST-HARVEST FACILITIES	SOIL/FARM INFRASTRUCTURE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Intent • Survey/Map • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Intent • Survey/Map • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination • A/C/Dissemination

INTERVENTION/INPUT PRODUCTION SUPPORT

- Letter of Intent
- Survey/Map
- A/C/Dissemination

Corn Program

Over a 40-year period, support for the Corn Program has been substantial. The program aims to increase the yield and quality of corn production, improve the livelihoods of corn growers, and ensure the availability of quality corn for the nation.

Program Components

- 1. PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES**
 - **Wet-Land Based Production and Extension Services**
 - Production and distribution of quality improved corn seed
 - Extension support to farmers in wet-land areas
 - **Support to Corn Production**
 - Provision of high yielding varieties of corn seed
 - Extension support to farmers in dry-land areas
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 - Provision of high yielding varieties of corn seed
 - Extension support to farmers in dry-land areas
- 2. Post-Harvest Services**
 - Support to Corn Production
 - Support to Corn Production
- 3. Extension Support, Education and Training Services**
 - Extension Support, Education and Training Services
 - Extension Support, Education and Training Services
- 4. Regulatory Services**
 - Extension Support, Education and Training Services
 - Extension Support, Education and Training Services

POST-HARVEST DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

I. Post-Harvest Facilities Program

- Support to Corn Production
- Support to Corn Production

II. Market Development Services

- Support to Corn Production
- Support to Corn Production

III. Extension Support, Education and Training Services

- Extension Support, Education and Training Services
- Extension Support, Education and Training Services

IV. Regulatory Services

- Extension Support, Education and Training Services
- Extension Support, Education and Training Services

GENERAL CHECKLIST TO AVOID AGRIBUSINESS COMPLAINTS

- 1. Letter of Intent
- 2. Survey/Map
- 3. A/C/Dissemination
- 4. A/C/Dissemination
- 5. A/C/Dissemination
- 6. A/C/Dissemination
- 7. A/C/Dissemination
- 8. A/C/Dissemination
- 9. A/C/Dissemination
- 10. A/C/Dissemination

High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP)

It is a priority program of the Department of Agriculture to help address food, security, poverty alleviation and sustainable growth. It also helps to promote the production, processing, marketing and distribution of high value crops. Strategically, HVCDP helps to increase producer's income, create livelihood opportunity and contribute to national agricultural development in the Philippines.

Interventions

Technical and Support Services

- Production Support Services
 - Seeds / Planting Materials
 - Fertilizers, Equipment and Machinery
 - Production Expenses (Establishment, Maintenance, Rehabilitation)
 - Support to Pests and Diseases
 - Monitoring and Surveillance



Market Development Services

- Market Development Services
- Market-related events (trade, mission, exhibits, congresses)



Extension Support, Education and Training Services

- Training and Training-related activities
- Establishment of Technology Demonstrations
- Strengthening of Organizations



Research and Development

- Funding of Production-Related Research Activities
- Funding of Post-Harvest-Related Research Activities

Irrigation Network Services

- Rehabilitation/Rehabilitation/Construction of Small Scale Irrigation

Agricultural Equipment and Facilities Support Services

- Provision of Agricultural Equipment and Machinery



Standard Requirements to Avail of High Value Crops

1. Production Support Services

- Identified Farmer Group with Pre-Master List of Recipients
- Validated Area for Expansion

2. Infrastructure - Production Facilities (e.g. Rain Shelter, Greenhouse, Bunting Facility, Irrigation Projects (SER, Spring Dev. Act.)) - Project could be either for Fund Transfer or DA Procured

- Identified Farmer Group with Pre-Master List of Recipients
- Validated Area for Expansion (percentage)
- No unutilized account for Fund Transfer
- No unutilized account for Fund Transfer
- Detailed Engineering Works
- Program of Works
- One Print for Project worth 1 Million Pesos
- Location Map
- Certificate of Counterpart 50% cost of the Project signed by Local Finance Committee Accountant, Budget Officer and Mayor
- Counterpart could be land, labor or cash
- Deed of Donation for Land, UTILIZED (Rental 10 years)
- For government owned land (Assessor's Certification or Tax Declaration)
- Approved MCA
- Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign MCA with DA
- Payment for Notarization

3. Equipment and Machinery Project (could either be for Fund Transfer or DA Procured)

- Approve Proposal
- Identified Farmer Group with Pre-Master List of Recipients
- Validated Area
- Complete Specification and Equipment Picture
- No unutilized Account for Fund Transfer
- Certificate of Counterpart 50% cost of the Project signed by Local Finance Committee Accountant, Budget Officer and Mayor. Counterpart could be land, labor, or cash
- Approved MCA
- Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign MCA with DA
- Payment for Notarization

LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

Vision

Livestock industry as an agribusiness venture anchored on farmers' profitability and food security.

Mission

To accelerate the development of the livestock and poultry sector by increasing production and profitability of the stakeholders to improve standard of living through partnership and competitiveness.

Livestock Programs & Services

Technical & Support Services

- Production Support Services
- Market Development Services
- Extension Support, Education & Training Services
- Research & Development

Ag-Equipment & Facilities Support Services

- Provision of Agricultural Equipment & Facilities

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

INCREASE BREEDER-BASE

- Genetic Improvement Program
 - Cattle
 - Small Ruminants
 - Multiple Farms
 - SR Sermes Processing Laboratory
- Swine Re-stocking Program
 - Upgrading (Caraga Swine Industry & Breeding Centers)



Support Programs

- Forage & pasture development
- Post-Harvest Infra & facilities
- Animal Product and By-Product Processing Utilization



ANIMAL HEALTH

- Support the professional medicines, supplements and vaccines
- Strengthening of Philippine Animal Health Information System

LINKAGE

- Value adding of products
 - Meat processing
 - Milk processing & goat soap production
- Philippine Native Animal Development (Climate resilient stock)
 - Swine
 - Native chicken
- Support to organized farmers/livestock-based associations

LOU SUPPORT

- Support to 185 Livestock ACWs for DA-LGU Ext'n Linkage
- Technical trainings/forum/lectury and



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE Program

The state remains committed to healthy and prosperous community without negatively compromising nature through organic agriculture practices to grow both locally and globally

Sub-sections:

- A. Production Support Services**
 - Supply technical support on soil, water & nutrient management
 - Distribution of organic fertilizer and other materials
 - Establishment of nurseries involving distribution of organic inputs, seedlings
 - Support to Regional Integrated Agricultural Research Center (IRCI) - Taguig, Bulacan City, Cavite, Tarlac, Laguna and San Pablo, Agri-Ad Hoc
 - Support to Regional Soil Fertility Laboratory
- B. Other Infrastructure and Facilities Development Services**
 - Provision of equipment, software & other production related hardware & material to enhance LGU/NGOs organic farming activities in a market setting manner
- C. Market Development Services**
 - Conduct of market marketing focus trainings and activities, organic market fairs
 - Fair Trading/Trade of the LGU level or market for marketing of organic products and services
 - Support to integration of services to small collection
- D. Extension Support, Education and Training Services**
 - Enhancement of MTRs professional and technical capability and proficiency through continuous training & improved access to technologies
 - Conduct of extension through capacity building & improved access to education, technology and support services with the end in view of strengthening farm and well-being and progression to more developed of farm-based LGU farmers to build progress and adoption of new technologies practices
 - Provision services to identify, validate of farm and animal waste as source of organic inputs
 - Establishment and maintenance of farm-based demonstration and Training/area
- E. Research and Development Services**




To avail the services please comply the following:

Requirements for Projects

1. Letter of intent signed by the Mayor
 - In case of NGO, letter of intent signed by the representative of the Municipality Agriculture
2. Project Proposal (to follow the presented SA project proposal template) signed by the Municipal Agricultural and approved by the Municipal Mayor
 - In case of NGO, proposal signed by the director, endorsed by the Municipality Agriculture and Development Office

With Building establishment / construction / rehabilitation:

1. Detailed engineering design signed by an agricultural engineer, municipal engineer and approved by the Municipal Mayor
2. Progress of works reflecting the LGU/NGOs counterpart (e.g. labor & other financial expenses) indicated in one column
3. Certificate of land ownership (or other legal documents e.g. lease of land) document, valid for (5 years) duly substantiated by a notary public where the structure to be established
4. Certificate of LGU/NGOs counterpart in cash or in kind

Requirements for Production Support

1. Letter of request signed by the Municipal Agricultural head by the Municipal Mayor in case of NGO, should be signed by the Chairman endorsed by the Municipal Agricultural and Municipal Mayor
2. List of beneficiaries with corresponding signatures
3. List of use of production with corresponding number of hectares for every specific commodity









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