

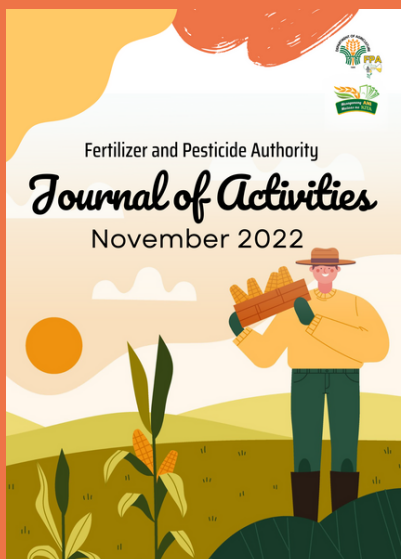


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This showcases the different activities of FPA in implementing its core mandates as provided for under Presidential Decree 1144.

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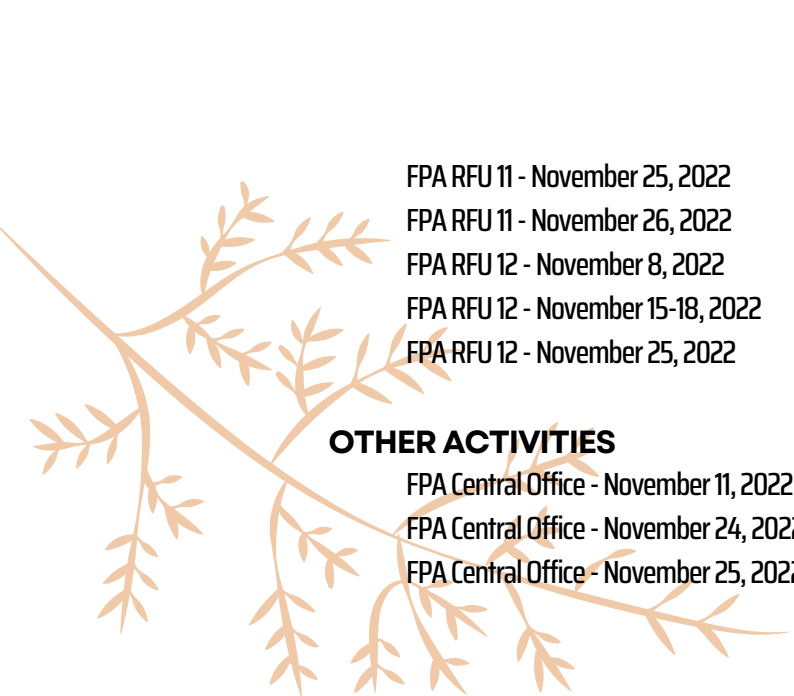
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# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



## Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

## CAGAYAN VALLEY



### FPA RFU II - November 8-10, 2022

FPA Region II carried out a clean-up drive operation in Isabela province on November 8-10, 2022.

Through the clean-up drive, the inspection team conducted activities, including fertilizer weighing, inspection of products and stores, and surprise visits to fertilizer and pesticide warehouses and fertilizer manufacturing plants in the said province.



## DAVAO REGION



### FPA RFU XI - November 8, 2022

**PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE | NOVEMBER 8, 2022** - The FPA Team conducted a Blended Post-licensing Inspection of an Extrusion Plant that manufactures pesticide-impregnated polybags used for the banana industry to ensure quality standards and safe operating procedures at the extrusion plant. Safety precautions of workers were also monitored including emergency showers, eyewash facilities, first aid, fire emergency equipment, proper wearing of PPEs, and good housekeeping. The findings of the inspection will serve as a pre-requisite for their renewal as licensed Extruder with FPA.

FPA Regional Officer Ms. MARRISA G. NAPALIT led the said inspection along with Provincial Officer Ms. CHEERY B. AGRADE and with the presence of the Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) headed by acting Division Chief Engr. JACQUELINE M. ROMUALDEZ.



### FPA RFU XI November 16, 2022

**PANABO CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE | NOVEMBER 16, 2022** - FPA Davao Region conducted another Blended Post-licensing Inspection of an Extrusion Plant, led by Regional Officer Ms. MARRISA G. NAPALIT, Provincial Officer Ms. CHEERY B. AGRADE, and with the presence of the Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) headed by acting Division Chief Engr. JACQUELINE M. ROMUALDEZ.

The team conducted the inspection to ensure quality standards and safe operating procedures at the extrusion plant. Safety precautions of workers were also monitored, including emergency showers, eyewash facilities, first aid, fire emergency equipment, proper wearing of PPEs, and good housekeeping.

# SOCCKSARGEN



## FPA RFU XII - November 8, 2022

FPA South Cotabato Provincial Officer Jennie M. Basilio conducted a warehouse inspection and risk appraisal assessment of Dole Stanfilco located at Brgy Crossing Rubber, Tupi, South Cotabato, last November 8, 2022. Marizel Tucayao facilitated the inspection.

After the inspection, PO Basilio discussed the result of the inspection and gave recommendations, such as the provision of an exhaust fan for better ventilation and the availability of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS). Generally, the result of the inspection was acceptable.

The activity was conducted in compliance with the above-mentioned company for the renewal of their FPA Warehouse Registration Certificate.

## FPA RFU XII November 10, 2022

FPA Region XII conducted a warehouse and field inspection at Dole Philippines Inc. located at Polomolok, South Cotabato last November 10, 2022.

Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea led the inspection, along with Provincial Officer Jennie Basilio and FPA Central Office representatives Atty. Janel Pabalate and FOCU Head Edward Calapatia.



## FPA RFU XII - November 11, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region XII conducted an actual inspection of Syngenta Field Development Station located at Maribulan, Alabel, Sarangani last November 11, 2022 in line with the renewal of their application.

FPA Regional Officer Alita C Bornea led the inspection along with Provincial Officers Joey B Pascua and Jennie M Basilio and FPA Central Office representatives, Atty. Janel Pabalate and FOCU-Head, Edward Calapatia in coordination with Syngenta Philippines. Pesticide Regulatory Division attended the inspection online.

The company was found compliant with the FPA Standards.





## CARAGA



### FPA CARAGA - November 22, 2022

FPA CARAGA conducted an ocular inspection and validation for the renewal of product registration of foliar liquid fertilizers at the manufacturing and formulation facilities in Trento, Agusan del Sur on Nov. 22, 2022.

### FPA CARAGA November 24, 2022

FPA CARAGA conducted a periodic and regular checking through random weighing and sampling of fertilizers at the distributors warehouses in Butuan City on Nov. 24, 2022.

The activity was done to determine further the quality and quantity of the said inputs in line with the mandate of FPA on protecting the welfare of the public especially the farmers from buying and using inorganic fertilizer products.



# ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA



## Accounts on:

- Trainings, workshops, and other learning activities initiated by FPA
- Trainings with FPA Accredited Training Association (FATA)



## CENTRAL LUZON



### FPA RFU III - November 16-17, 2022

FPA Central Luzon conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training at Diwa ng Tarlac last November 16-17, 2022.

FPA Regional Officer Romeo Val R. Suguitan Jr. welcomed the participants from Region III provinces while Provincial Officers acted as the facilitator and lecturers for the training.

The Provincial Agriculture Office of Tarlac helped the agency to facilitate the activity.

## CALABARZON-MIMAROPA

### FPA RFU IV November 24, 2022

**CAVITE | November 24, 2022** – The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Region 4, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Agriculture and Oracle Chemical Corp., conducted a training on safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) to the 44 corn and rice farmers from the different cities and municipalities in the province at Farmer's Hall, Provincial Agriculture Compound, Trece Martires City, Cavite last November 24, 2022.



## CENTRAL VISAYAS



### FPA RFU VII November 22, 2022

Forty-two (42) participants successfully completed the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training in Sunburst Fried Chicken, Mango Avenue, Cebu City last November 22, 2022.

## ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



### FPA RFU IX - November 3, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Michael Tuico conducted a seminar on the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides to the Farmer leaders of Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur last November 3, 2022.

A total of 25 farmer leaders attended the said activity, which was organized by the office of the Municipal Agriculturist.

Mr. Teddy Zarriz from BSWM also introduced and promoted the Balance Fertilization strategy (BFS).

## DAVAO REGION



### FPA RFU XI - November 24, 2022

**MALABOG, PAQUIBATO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY | November 30, 2022** - Twenty-two (22) aspiring dispensers participated in the 1-day training for Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) of fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) at Brgy. Hall, Brgy. Malabog, Paquibato District, Davao City last November 24, 2022.



# SOCCSKSARGEN

## FPA RFU XII November 15, 2022

Fifty-three (53) farmers and Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) completed the 1-day seminar on the proper handling and management of fertilizers and pesticides held at Mt. Sabrina Panoramic View and Resort, Tambler, General Santos City on November 15, 2022.

FPA Provincial Officers Cherubin Alonzo, Jennie Basilio, and Joey Pascua led the activity in coordination with the City Agriculture Office of General Santos City.

The participants were composed of rice, corn, and high value crop growers and chemical handlers in the city.



## FPA RFU XII November 22, 2022

FPA Region XII provided an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training to the 16 members of the Sarangani Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative Federation (SARBCOFED) last November 22, 2022 at DAR Provincial Office, General Santos City.

The activity was conducted in coordination with the Department of Agrarian Reform Sarangani Provincial Office.

# PUBLIC INFORMATION



## Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals



# CAGAYAN VALLEY



## FPA RFU II - November 9-10, 2022

The FPA Cagayan Valley, DA RFU (through RCPC Region II, DA CVIAL, DA GAP team) and MAGRO Dupax Del Sur has conducted the GAP training to 120 highland vegetable farmers in support to RA 10611 also known as "Food Safety Act of 2013". This aims to strengthen the Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (PhilGAP).

The training was facilitated by the LGU in coordination with the BLGU's of Carolotan and Canabay in Dupax del Sur on November 9-10, 2022.



## FPA RFU II November 28, 2022

FPA Region II administered the examination of CPA-fumigators at FPA Regional Office last November 28, 2022.



## CENTRAL LUZON

### FPA RFU III

**November 17-18, 2022**

The Provincial Agriculture Office-Soils Program and Soils Lab. Section conducted a 2-batch Training-Workshop on Soil Analysis and Nutrient Management of Different Crops (Farmer Level) at Nagbayan Agriculture Cooperative in Brgy. Nagbayan, Castillejos, Zambales and at Alex Paulo Integrated Diversified Farm in Brgy. East Dirita, Sn. Antonio, Zambales last November 17-18, 2022.

FPA Provincial Officer Quirino T. Baterna served as a resource speaker to discuss the importance of 2 major agricultural inputs in crop production, particularly fertilizer, the appropriate and safe use of these inputs, and the role and functions of FPA.



## BICOL REGION

### FPA RFU V

**November 24, 2022**

**PILI, CAMARINES SUR | November 24, 2022 -** The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Bicol Region presented its 2022 accomplishments in the Stakeholders Consultative Meeting happened last November 24, 2022, at Troy's Diner, Pili, Camarines Sur.

FPA Regional Officer (RO) Gabriel Atole met the 24 fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) area distributors and company representatives and presented the region's accomplishments for January to October 2022. He also highlighted the importance of cooperation between the different handlers and consumers, particularly in the monitoring of their product stewardship activities.





## CENTRAL VISAYAS

### FPA RFU VII

**November 7, 2022**

Leads Agricultural Products Corporation successfully conducted a product launching and Stewardship Program last November 7, 2022 in Barangay Bayongan, San Miguel, Bohol.

FPA representatives were invited.



### FPA RFU VII - November 11, 2022

The FPA Region VII, in partnership with Cebu Agri Technician Association (CATA), successfully conducted a "PALIT BASIYO (BAYLO BASYO) Program" last November 24, 2022 in Barangay Taptap, Cebu City. Fifty (50) farmers from Barangay Taptap and neighboring barangays participated in the event, in which a total of 120 kilograms of empty pesticide containers were collected and subjected to proper disposal.

To prepare for the event, CATA Officers and FPA Provincial Officer Sunday Flores visited the chairman of Agriculture in Cebu City, Councilor Jun Alcover last November 11 to discuss the details of the said activity, especially on the disposal of the collected empty pesticide containers.

### FPA RFU VII

**November 8-11, 2022**

Provincial Officer Sunday Flores attended the 4-day Orientation and Workshop Training on the use of PRDP tools conducted by Philippine Rural Development Project RPCO VII last November 8-11, 2020 held at the Eastland Residences, Kasambagan, Cebu City.



### FPA RFU VII - November 23, 2022

The FPA Region VII attended the consultative meeting with the students of West Visayas State University last November 23, 2022. FPA Regional Officer Noel Negre lauded the initiative of information and technology students for developing an insect pest identification app that prescribed pesticide on rice fields using SSD Mobilenet Model on Deep Learning.

## ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA

### FPA RFU IX

November 7, 2022

The FPA Zamboanga Peninsula administered an examination for Certified Pest Applicator (CPA) - Fumigator at FPA Regional Office Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur last November 7, 2022.



## NORTHERN MINDANAO



### FPA RFU X - November 7-9, 2022

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY | November 7-9, 2022** - FPA Northern Mindanao administered a Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) Exterminator and Fumigator categories and Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) last November 7-9, 2022 at FPA Regional office, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City.



## DAVAO REGION

### FPA RFU XI - November 14, 2022

**TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE | November 14, 2022** - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Provincial Officer Ms. Cheery B. Agrade discussed the safe and proper pesticide management and Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) in accordance with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) to the 30 local plant growers during the Tagum City Fiesta Fair last November 8, 2022.



### FPA RFU XI - November 7-11, 2022

**DAVAO CITY | November 7-11, 2022** - A total of forty-four (44) examinees (13 ARCOs and 31 CPA-Exterminators/Fumigators) from different firms took the ARCO and CPA Online Examination at the FPA Regional Office last November 7-11, 2022.

The examinees used electronic mediums such as FPA-issued computers to ensure the exam's security and confidentiality and were prohibited from using smartphones and taking pictures. FPA organized the examination into 3 different sessions (morning, noon, and afternoon).

### FPA RFU XI November 18, 2022

**DIGOS CITY, DAVAO DEL SUR | November 18, 2022** - Provincial Officer Imelda Rasay participated again in a radio program aired last November 18 on DXKL 97.5 Radyo Astig as part of FPA's commitment in providing knowledge-based awareness on fertilizer and pesticide products and handlers.

On its fifth installment, the program focused on the FPA's regulations on License to Operate (LTO) as handlers, as well as on the product registration process of fertilizers and pesticides in the Philippines.



## FPA RFU XI - November 22, 2022

**MARAGUSAN, DAVAO DE ORO | November 22, 2022** - Fifty (50) vegetable farmers from the different barangays in the municipality of Maragusan participated in the training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) during the Araw ng Maragusan last November 22, 2022 at the Agri Trade Fair Grounds, Brgy. Poblacion, Maragusan, Davao de Oro.



## FPA RFU XI - November 23, 2022

**DAVAO CITY | NOVEMBER 23, 2022** - FPA, together with the Interfacing Development Interventions For Sustainability (IDIS), conducted a round table discussion on the following studies: (1) Research on Impacts of Glyphosate in Agriculture- MASIPAG Mindanao, (2) Proposed Pesticide Drift Regulation Ordinance of Davao City- IDIS, and (3) Pesticide Level Analysis on Human and Environment Samples- IDIS.



City Councilor Hon. Marissa S. Abella and DA RFO XI Regulatory Division spearheaded the discussion in coordination with the City Agriculturist's Office and Organic Agriculture Management Council of Davao City.



## FPA RFU XI - November 25, 2022

**TAGUM CITY, DAVAO DEL NORTE | November 25, 2022** - Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Provincial Officer (PO) Rustom Gain Tanduyan served as a resource speaker during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training, held at Herobel Hometel, Tagum City, Davao del Norte last November 25, 2022.

DA RFO-XI PhilGAP Team and FPA RFU-XI brought the said training to 30 durian farmers from Davao Del Norte, Davao De Oro, and Davao Oriental.





## FPA RFU XI - November 26, 2022

**MONTEVISTA, DAVAO DE ORO | November 26, 2022** - Forty-six (46) attendees attended the 3rd year-end General Assembly and Christmas Party of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Dealers Association of Davao de Oro Inc. (FAPDAGI Davao de Oro) at D' Fortees Nature Park and Inland Resort in Montevista, Davao de Oro last November 26, 2022.

The re-election of a new set of officers and fun activities for the members were also experienced in the event.



# SOCCSKSARGEN



## FPA RFU XII November 8, 2022

FPA RFU XII facilitated the examination for Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) and Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) last November 8, 2022 at the FPA Regional Office, Alunan Avenue, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

## FPA RFU XII - November 15-18, 2022

FPA Regional Field Unit XII headed by Regional Officer Alita C Bornea, together with Provincial Officers Maricel Tabigue and Joey Pascua, attended the CY 2024 Plan and Budget Proposal Consultation Cum Joint Planning Workshop for FY 2025-2028 last November 15-18, 2022 at Cinco Niñas Resto, Koronadal City. Different municipalities in the 4 provinces in the region attended the workshop as well.

The Department of Agriculture-XII organized workshop to formulate regional list programs, activities and projects for the agri-fishery sector.



## FPA RFU XII November 25, 2022

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region XII PO Maricel Tabigue organized a Handlers General Assembly Meeting in North Cotabato last November 25, 2022.

The meeting served as a refresher on the FPA Regulations and Updates on product status for the Fertilizer and Pesticide Handlers in the province.

FPA Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea led the team with assistance of Provincial Officers Cherubin M. Alonzo, Jennie M. Basilio, and Joey B. Pascua.





# OTHER ACTIVITIES



## FPA Central Office - November 11, 2022



NOV. 11 EPISODE 1	FPA Mandate and Functions
NOV. 17-18 EPISODE 2	Trends in Fertilizer price and Balanced Fertilizer Strategy (BFS)
NOV. 25 EPISODE 3	Off-specs fertilizers and pesticides
DEC. 2 EPISODE 4	Issuance of Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) and TPA, VAT Exemption, EUP, and other certificates for fertilizer regulation  Issuance of License to Operate (LTO) as Fertilizer handler, dealer, dealer-repacker, mango contractor, warehouse registration and fertilizer manufacturing
DEC. 9 EPISODE 5	Permit to purchase Methyl Bromide
DEC. 16 EPISODE 6	Issuance of Accreditation Licenses/IDs (ARCO, CPA, Researcher and ASD)



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## FPA Central Office - November 11, 2022

The Planning, Management, and Information Division of FPA Central started its Webinar Series last November 11, 2022. A total of six (6) episodes were prepared for the viewers to discuss the FPA mandates and functions, BFS, off-specs fertilizer, services under FRD, permit to purchase Methyl Bromide, and the issuance of accreditation licenses/IDs for ARCO, CPA, researcher, and ASD.

For its third season, the episodes were live-streamed on the FPA Facebook page every Friday (10 AM), and the first episode accumulated approximately a thousand views as of writing.



## FPA Central Office - November 24, 2022



Coastal Clean-up Activity of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority in coordination with the Leads Agri, Valap, CENRO Bataan and Brgy Tortugas LGU.

Participated by 40 volunteers from the FPA Central Office, FPA Region III and stakeholders, the total trash collected was 1,495 pcs of various items of plastic, paper and metal with a total estimated weight of 175.3 lbs.

## FPA Central Office - November 25, 2022



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) participates in the 2022 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) at the FPA Central Office in Quezon City on November 25, 2022, as part of the government's advocacy to promote and safeguard women's human rights.

The National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) is declared every year on November 25 by Republic Act (RA) No. 10398. The event is in accordance with the 2006 Proclamation No. 1172 series, which encourages government entities to promote awareness about the problem of violence and contribute to the abolition of all forms of violence against women and girls.

This year marks the beginning of the campaign's new six-year repeating theme, 'UNiTed for VAW-free Philippines,' which intends to highlight the strong impact of harnessing and integrating individual efforts toward the goal of achieving a VAW-free Philippines. It also supports the United Nations' (UN) UNiTE by 2030 campaign to end VAW.



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