FPA Provincial Officer Francis Felimon Villamon conducted monitoring of fertilizer bagging operations of the La Filipina Uy Gongco Corp. and Phil. Phosphate Fertilizer Corp. at the BREDCO Port in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. A total of 1,800,804 bags of fertilizer composed of 46-0-0 (Prilled), 21-0-0, and 16-20-0 have been imported from Indonesia, China, Qatar and Korea.
To educate individuals intending to become fertilizer and pesticide dealers, the FPA Region II conducted five batches of Accredited Safety Dispensers’ Training on August 6, 11, 12, 18 and 20, 2020 in the provinces of Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Cagayan, respectively.

A total of 150 participants have attended the said training who are mostly beneficiaries of the Rice Resiliency Program of the Department of Agriculture.

For safety measures and in compliance with IAFT protocols, the participants were required to secure Medical Certificate from their Municipal Health Offices and subjected to mandatory thermal scanning upon entry.
FPA REGION VI SUPPORTS RICE RESILIENCY PROJECT
AUGUST 6, 2020

FPA Provincial Officer Francis Felimon Villamon assisted the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office VI in the delivery and inspection of fertilizer subsidy to the beneficiaries of the Rice Resiliency Project in Bago City and Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental.
The Field Operations and Coordinating Unit (FOCU) conducted its first virtual Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training on August 12, 2020 (Wednesday). The training accommodated twenty-five (25) participants from the National Capital Region (NCR) and other regions.
The FPA Davao Region attended the Session 2 of the Webinar on MoA Labeling and Herbicide Resistance organized by Croplife Philippines.
ENFORCING FPA’S MANDATE IN THE FIELD
AUGUST 18, 2020

To ensure compliance of industry stakeholders with government regulations, the FPA Davao
Team headed by Regional Officer Mr. Jinny Louie T. Ale and Davao del Norte Provincial
Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit conducted a site inspection at the HPIC Extrusion Plant in
Panabo, Davao del Norte. The activity aims to assist them of their renewal of License to
Operate (LTO) as Extruder.
The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority -XII conducted a workshop on excel application to harmonize data on the updated list of fertilizer and pesticide handlers in the region. It was facilitated and organized by Ms. Jennie Basilio, FPA -Provincial Officer-South Cotabato.
The FPA Region II attended the consultative meeting, monitoring of the infestation of fall-army worm (FAW) and techno-demo on drone spraying, at Garit and Pangal Echague Isabela.

The activity was graced by DA Undersecretary Medrano, Dir. Dionicio Alvindia of DA-BPI, Mr. Eugene of Agricomponent, and different members of the crop protection industry.
COA CONDUCTS CASH AUDIT IN FPA CAR
AUGUST 20, 2020

Ms. Sharifa Pico, resident COA auditor of the DA-CAR and attached agencies conducted a prompt cash exam to FPA-CAR regional office, which was attended by Rowena Billig, Agriculturist II and Beverly Lete, Admin Aid.

The FPA representatives provided and presented needed documents such as official receipts which were verified by the COA representative. The COA findings will be soon forwarded.
FPA CAR CONDUCTS ASD TRAINING TO FP DEALER APPLICANTS
AUGUST 20-21, 2020

The FPA CAR conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at the AL’s Restaurant & Cafe, Poblacion, La Trinidad, Benguet on August 20-21, 2020.

FPA Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig and Mr. Jesson Y. Del-amen, Ph.D., FPA Accredited Researcher, and Ms. Beverly A. Lete, FPA-CAR Admin Aide, facilitated and served as resource persons of the activity.

It was participated by two females and nine males who are applicants for LTO as dealer & fertilizer manufacturer – distributor; and field personnel of a fertilizer handler.

The participants suggested that similar seminars should be given to all farmers and expressed that it is not easy to be a dealer of FP products since there is a need to implement a corporate social responsibility (CSR) program.
FPA REGION VII CONDUCTS SURPRISE MONITORING AND INSPECTION OF FP HANDLERS
AUGUST 21, 2020

The FPA Region 7 Officers inspected all FP handlers without prior notice to determine their compliance with P.D.1144 and other FPA policies. The activity is a strategic way of identifying uncompliant and unlicensed handlers to ensure the availability of quality fertilizer and pesticide products in time for the cropping season.
FPA Region 7 Provincial Officers Mr. Sunday B. Flores and Mr. Andy Cornell G. Bornillo regularly remind the farmers in the Province of Bohol on the importance of proper and safe use of fertilizer and pesticide.
The FPA Region VI represented by Provincial Officer Francis Felimon Villamon inspected the newly constructed storage pond and Lagoon 5 (an old storage pond that is adjacent to sicaba river) newly constructed concrete barrier to prevent water run-off of the Victorias Milling Company- Distillery Plant Wastewater in Cadiz City, in compliance with DA Administrative Order No. 26.
ENFORCING FPA’S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

AUGUST 25, 2020

FPA Davao Oriental conducted an ASD Orientation at the City Agriculture’s Office Training Hall, City of Mati, Davao Oriental on August 25, 2020. Provincial Officer Mr. Rustom Gain Tanduyan served as resource person for the five ASD participants. Wearing of face mask and social distancing were observed throughout the duration of the orientation.
As an active member of the DTI Consumernet, the FPA Region 7 represented by Cebu Provincial Officer Mr. Noel V. Negre, joined the DTI Consumer Protection Webinar held on August 27, 2020.
To screen employees of possible infection of COVID-19, all FPA Central Office personnel composed of regular employees, Job Order personnel, security guards, and janitorial staffs unwent Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Testing or swab testing sponsored by the Philippine Red Cross at the MOA Arena in Pasay City.
The first online training on Agricultural Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA)- Exterminator was conducted by the PMCPFI and Philippine Association of Pesticide Applicators (PACPA), in coordination with FPA. The online exam was administered on September 7-8, 2020.