



Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority

# Journal of Activities



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# Enforcing the Law and Fulfilling the Mandates in the Field

March 3-6, 2020



To identify new dealers who may participate in the upcoming ASD Training, FPA Region II conducted a clean-up drive in Northern Isabela, Cagayan and Lower Apayao on March 3-6, 2020. The team collected fertilizer samples for analysis and monitored the fertilizer and pesticide handlers in the region whether they comply with FPA policies and regulations.

# Public Information

March 3-6, 2020



The FPA CAR team facilitated the conduct of ASD training for the Dada Multipurpose Cooperative (a licensed dealer of FP products since December 2015) and Dada Farmers Food Terminal (a licensed dealer of FP products since February 2017) on March 3-4, 2020 at the Dada Multipurpose hall, Poblacion, Bakun, Benguet. A total of fifty (50) individuals comprised of 10 males plus 40 females completed the activity.

On March 5-6, a separate ASD training was conducted for the Hakbang sa Kaunlaran Association at Balili Barangay Hall, Mankayan, Benguet.

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March 4, 2020

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Using a risk appraisal checklist, the FPA Region XII headed by Supervising Agriculturist Alita C. Bornea- and FPA Regional Officer, conducted an audit and inspection of the Sinochem Warehouse located at Matin-ao, Polomolok, South Cotabato on March 4, 2020. The activity aimed to ensure that good housekeeping in the storage and handling of pesticides, both in the store and warehouse, are observed.

# Strengthening Institutional Capacity through Field Cross Visits

March 5, 2020

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On March 5, 2020, the FPA Region VII welcomed FPA Davao team composed of Regional Officer Jinny Louie Ale, Provincial Officers, Mariz Napalit, Imelda Rasay, Junette Cano, Cherry Agrade, and Admin Aides Ellan Banaay and Regin Uy, for a cross-site visit that aims to enhance the knowledge sharing and collaboration between and among FPA field units on the conduct of field operations, monitoring and enforcement activities.

# Public Information

March 11-12, 2020

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FPA Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer and Pesticide, Eric C. Divinagracia, attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training on March 11-12, 2020 at Hotel Guillermo, Pagadian City.

In his inspirational message, he reiterated the importance of fertilizer and pesticide dealers in improving the farm productivity and profitability of the farmers.

# Enforcing the Law and Fulfilling the Mandates in the Field

March 11, 2020



The FPA Region XII, headed by Supervising Agriculturist/Regional Officer Alita Bornea, together with Agriculturist II/Provincial Officer-SARGEN Joey Pascua, inspected the warehouses and chemical mixing facilities of Lapanday Foods Corporation and Lapanday Agri-Development Corporation located at Kalaong, Maitum, Sarangani and Kling, Kiamba, Province of Sarangani on March 11, 2020. The findings of inspection and recommendations of FPA were discussed with the plantation heads.

# Public Information

March 11, 2020



The FPA Region II in partnership with Cropking Chemical, Inc. conducted a seminar on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides at the Banila, Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya on March 11, 2020. Around 79 farmers attended the activity which aims to educate the farmers on the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides.

# Strengthening Engagement with Farmer Stakeholders

March 12, 2020

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Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia is in Dumalinao to attend the Farmers forum and Techno-demo Expo organized by Allied Botanical Company on March 12, 2020.

Attended by 150 participants, Deputy Director Divinagracia witnessed the postharvest process of sorghum. In his message, he advised the farmers to find additional sources of income from the processing of sorghum. He also reminded the farmers on the importance of safe and judicious use of fertilizers, pesticides and other agricultural chemicals, and to ensure that these inputs are FPA registered and should be purchased only from licensed dealers.

# Stakeholders Engagement Towards Heightened Public Information Campaign

March 12, 2020

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To enhance public awareness on the proper use of pesticides, the FPA Region II headed by Supervising Agriculturist, Henry M. Fronda, organized a meeting with the different Agricultural Pesticide Company Representatives in Cagayan Valley held at the DA CVRC, San Felipe, Ilagan City, Isabela on March 12, 2020.

Among others, the following issues were discussed namely: Fake and Unregistered pesticide products; Shelf-life of pesticide products; Observance of Good Housekeeping Practices in Dealer's stores; Product Stewardship Programs; Mislabeled pesticide products; and Implementation of "Mode of Action" for Insecticides.

# Provision of Technical Assistance to LGUs on the Safe and Judicious Use of F/P

March 11-12, 2020

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Through the invitation of Cagayan Provincial Agriculture Office, Arwin A. Cardenas of FPA Region II spoke on the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides to rice farmers in Monte Alegre, Amulung, Cagayan on March 11-12, 2020.

The activity aims to prepare them for their application and possible accreditation and certification as GAP farmers. He highlighted and reiterated that chemical options like pesticides will always be part of the menu of chemicals which includes traditional practices including cultural, biological and physical control of crops.

# Enforcing the Law and Fulfilling the Mandates in the Field

March 12-13, 2020



Days before the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine, the FPA Region XI Team conducted a Clean-up Drive Operation on March 12-13, 2020 in Marilog District, Davao City. This is to ensure that only licensed and legitimate dealers shall sell F/P products and to encourage them to attend the ASD training scheduled on April 22-23, 2020.

# FPA as Frontliner during the COVID-19 Emergency Situation

March 24, 2020

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The FPA Region XI in coordination with the Department of Agriculture- Regional Field Office XI, provided assistance in the transportation of agricultural products amid the COVID-19 Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) at the main entry points in the region.

The FPA, as a regulatory agency under DA, ensures the continuous movement of agricultural inputs particularly fertilizer and pesticides, by checking and verifying the transporter's FPA license which is a requirement before a Food Pass is issued.

# Assuring Supply of F/P during the COVID-19 Emergency Situation

March 28, 2020

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In support to the Department of Agriculture's (DA) measures to sustain availability of food amid the COVID 19 emergency situation, the FPA CAR continues to conduct monitoring of establishments in Baguio- Benguet. The FPA CAR team also ensures that fertilizer and pesticide handlers in Benguet and Baguio City observe Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) protocols.

The FPA CAR reported that the handlers complied with the local and national protocols against COVID 19 such as the window hour (opening and closing time of establishments); physical distancing; and wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Further, the prices and inventory of inputs were being monitored to assure their accessibility to farmers.

More than their continued operations, some of the handlers donated food, PPE, and cash assistance coursed through fund raising organizers intended to support the frontliners.

# Assuring Supply of F/P during the COVID-19 Emergency Situation

March 28, 2020

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To assure the agricultural sector of adequate supply of fertilizer and pesticide at reasonable prices during the emergency situation brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the FPA Region X continues to conduct monitoring of establishments. Aside from the usual monitoring of establishment's compliance to FPA rules and regulations, appropriate measures for the prevention of COVID-19 spreading are also observed.

It includes the observance of the presence of disinfectants and sanitizers within the vicinity, social distancing, and the wearing of mask and gloves by the business employees.

# FPA as Frontliner during the COVID-19 Emergency Situation

March 30, 2020



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority- XII issued and released 24 Foodlane Vehicle Pass Card to all FPA licensed Handlers in the region on March 26, 2020.

The FPA XII advised licensed Handlers in the Region to follow the guidelines set by IATF in the movement of goods.