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# INTRODUCTION

The Journal of Activities (JOA) is a monthly publication of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) that depicts the monthly activities of the agency. It contains articles from FPA Regions 1 to 13, CAR, and NCR.

The activities comprise but are not limited to, meetings attended by FPA Officials, seminars and webinars conducted by the regions for information distribution to farmers and other stakeholders, inspections of fertilizer and pesticide storehouses and distributors, etc.

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## FPA CAR

*December 1, 2021*

FPA-CAR Provincial Officer for Benguet & Baguio City, Rowena F. Billig delivered safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticides cum FPA rules and regulations during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training on fruits and vegetables at Taba-aan Norte Barangay Hall, Tuba, Benguet. The activity which was organized and funded by the LGU- Tuba through its Municipal Agriculture Office, was attended by twenty (20) farmers.



*December 3, 2021*

FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig joined the force of Atok Municipal Agriculture Office in conducting the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training in Olis, Paoay, Atok, Benguet. The training is the second batch for the officers and members of the Bosleng Potato Seed Growers Association. It was co-funded by ATI-CAR and LGU Atok. The Crop Protection Association of the Philippines (CPAP) had their stewardship activity. CPAP representatives provided lectures on safe use of pesticides and distributed thirty-five (35) packs of lunch with groceries and personal protective equipment (PPE). According to CPAP representative, they waived their Christmas party and used the budget allocation to buy one hundred (100) packs of groceries and PPE, which they distributed to selected farmers in Benguet on the same date.





# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

## FPA Region XIII



*December 1-3, 2021*

FPA Caraga conducted a simultaneous inspection of new applicants as dealers for fertilizer and pesticide while also closely checking the rebagging of fertilizer neutral bags in the province of Agusan del Sur.

# TEST RUN AND EXTRUSION PLANT INSPECTION

## FPA Region XI



*December 6, 2021*

FPA Davao conducted an ocular inspection of the Extrusion Plant and Test Run Activity in Brgy. Manay, Panabo City, Davao del Norte.

with PRD OIC Ms. Bella Fe Carmona and Ms. Chris Minguez from PRD.

The activity was led by Regional Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Ms. Cheery B. Agrade, along

The inspection was conducted to ensure that the FPA standards are well observed and as compliance for licensing with FPA as Extruder.







*December 6, 2021*

A dinner meeting was held at the Almont Hotel in Butuan City to discuss fertilizer price hikes and regulatory requirements and processes. Present in the meeting were Sec. William Dar, RMC and DA ManCom led by RED Onate, Governor Dale Corvera of Agusan del Norte, Butuan City Mayor Ronnie Vicente Lagnada, and Congresswoman Ma. Angelica Amante-Mat-ba.

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### FPA Region XI

*December 7, 2021*

Last December 07, FPA Region XI, represented by Davao del Norte Provincial Officer, Cheery B. Agrade, attended the committee hearing called upon by the Committee on Agriculture Chairman, Hon. Renante F. Bangoy, City Councilor of Panabo City. The Sangguniang Panlungsod Office requested the presence of an FPA personnel to discuss the issues on the increasing prices of fertilizers during this pandemic. Ms. Agrade presented the reasons behind the current price hike and the proposed strategic interventions to combat the issue at hand.

Present also were the members of the Committee, Hon. Catalan, Hon. Blase and the Panabo City Agriculturist, Samuel Anay.





# UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

## FPA CAR

*December 7-8, 2021*

Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training was conducted for 5 potential fertilizer and pesticide handlers at FPA-CAR Regional Office, Shilan, La Trinidad, Benguet. This was conducted by FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig with assistance from Admin Aid Beverly A. Lete.



## FPA Region II *December 7 & 9, 2021*

FPA Region II conducted an ASD Training for two days. The first day was held at Upi, Gamu, Isabela, with 22 participants present. And the second day was held at Nueva Vizcaya Agricultural Terminal (NVAT), Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.



# CLEAN -UP DRIVE OPERATIONS

FPA Region II

*December 8, 2021*

FPA Cagayan Valley conducted a surprise inspection in Isabela province to check whether fertilizer and pesticide handlers complied with the requirements mandated by law. As a result, two alleged unregistered pesticides and fertilizers were issued a Stop Use, Move, and Sales Order.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

FPA Region V

*December 9, 2021*



FPA-Bicol spearheaded by Mr. Gabriel B. Atole conducted a Stakeholders Consultative Meeting last Dec. 9, 2021, at Troy's Diner, Pili, Camarines Sur with the following agendas:

- 1) Presentation of FPA-Bicol 2021 Accomplishments;
- 2) 2022 Plans & Programs;
- 3) Updates on Fertilizer Price Situation;
- 4) Issues & Concerns;
- 5) Awarding of Certificate of Appreciation to Partner Stakeholders

The said meeting was attended by FPA-Bicol Provincial Officers and different fertilizer and pesticide stakeholders operating in the Bicol Region.

Partner stakeholders were also recognized for their contribution to the attainment of FPA-Bicol's accomplishments.



# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## FPA Region XIII

*December 9, 2021*

Collaborative meeting and fertilizer plant visit with PCA staff headed by RM Joel Oclarit at VPORAIDC, Sta. Cruz, Rosario, Agusan del Sur.



# UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

## FPA Region VII

*December 9-10, 2021*

FPA Region 7 conducted an Accredited Safety Dispensers (ASD) training in Tagbilaran City. The workshop aimed to enhance the skills of the agricultural dealer/retailer, provide information about product knowledge, input use, storage and handling, demand forecasting, and general shop management.





# PUBLIC INFORMATION



## FPA Region VII

*December 10, 2021*

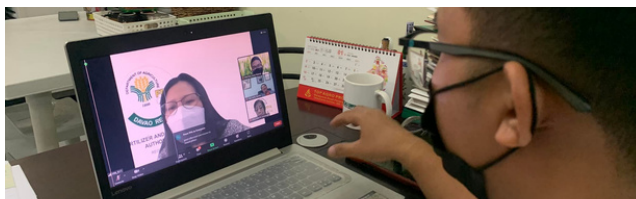
FPA Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia served as the guest speaker during the Association of Farmers and Fisherfolks in La Union (AFFILA) assembly held in La Union, Trinidad, Bohol.

During the assembly Dir. Divinagracia provided updates on Mode of Action (MOA) labeling for pesticide and its proper use.

## FPA Region XI

*December 10, 2021*

FPA Davao conducted a verification activity led by Provincial Officers Mr. Louie T. Palarao and Ms. Cheery B. Agrade in Panacan, Davao City. This is to ensure and verify that all submitted inventories for the unsound fertilizers are kept in the warehouse.



## FPA Region XII

*December 13, 2021*

FPA Davao Region hosted a virtual meeting with FPA Central Office, FPA Region XII, and other concerned industry players regarding the issue of fertilizer bags, particularly on its markings/labeling and alleged distribution.

The meeting was attended by Director Wilfredo C. Roldan, Ms. Julieta B. Lansangan (FRD Chief), Regional Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palarao (Region XI), Regional Officer Ms. Alita C. Bornea (Region XII), and the rest of the Staff from Central Office on December 13, 2021.

Dir. Wilfredo C. Roldan reminded and acknowledged all industry players to always conform with the FPA Regulations, especially on product labeling to ensure compliance.



# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## FPA Region IV December 13-15, 2021

To enhance the productivity of the priority commodities in the province of Cavite, the FPA RFU IV collaborated with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist to conduct training on Pesticide and Fertilizer Management from December 13 to 15, 2021.

A total of 120 agricultural technicians, mango, pineapple, and vegetable farmers attended the three-day training focused on one commodity per day: lowland vegetables on the first day, pineapple and mango on the second and third day, respectively. The training tackled different topics on the pests and diseases of

the priority commodities. Other topics discussed include general information on pesticides, their safe handling, transport, and storage; soil, fertilizer, and plant growth; fertilizer safe handling; and, recognition and first aid procedure for pesticide poisoning.



## FPA Region XI December 16 2021

Farmers attended the Municipal Agri-Fishery Council (MAFC) 4th Quarterly Meeting last December 16, 2021 held in Barangay Poblacion, Matanao, Davao del Sur. Ms. Imelda Q. Rasay explained to the farmers the reasons behind the increasing prices of fertilizers in the country.

Prices of agricultural inputs, especially fertilizers and pesticides, are expected to increase further in 2022 due to

the limited supply of raw materials in the global market. Farmers are encouraged to practice alternatives in farming such as organic fertilizers and other farm techniques as the prices are still increasing.





# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## FPA Region XI

*December 17, 2021*

An alleged incident on herbicide spraying, which reported damaging mango trees, has been circulating in Brgy. Dulangan, Digos City, Davao del Sur which alarmed the mango growers in the said barangay.

To address the issue, the Local Government of Digos City collaborated with the High-Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) of the City

Agriculture's Office and FPA in conducting a consultation meeting and technical assistance to the growers last December 17, 2021.

The meeting provided basic knowledge on the safe and proper usage of agricultural inputs, especially in the use of pesticides in mango farming. An ocular inspection was also conducted on the same



## ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



**FPA CAR**  
*December 19, 2021*

FPA CAR Provincial Officer, Rowena Bilig monitored EUP-P-21-00203, a field trial by an accredited researcher of the Isocycloseram active ingredient against DBM, Flea Beetle, and cabbage worm.





# STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION WITH LGUS

## FPA CAR

*December 21, 2021*

Last December 21, 2021, FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena Billig attended the Season Long Farmer Field School graduation 2021 cum Information Dissemination of Agricultural Programs. The activity was the output through concerted efforts by the 11 graduates/farmers and the LGU Atok through its Municipal Agriculture Office. The activity was attended by 32 farmers at Cattubo Barangay Hall, Atok, Benguet

Meanwhile, the farmers are thankful to the Crop Protection Association of the Philippines (CPAP) for providing PPEs like rainboots, masks/respirators, goggles, and gloves as a token to the 11 FFS graduates and another additional set of PPEs, composed of masks, goggles, and gloves for all the farmer- participants. New super farmer store, a licensed dealer had donated 1 case / 10 sets of the PPEs to augment those provided by CPAP.



## PUBLIC INFORMATION FPA CAR

*December 21, 2021*

FPA Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Myer G. Mula, Ph.D., joined the face-to-face meeting of the officers of the Baguio Benguet Mt. Province Agricultural Ass'n. (BBMPAA), Inc. with the representatives of various agrochemical companies in Km4 Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet. BBMPAA, Inc. is the dealers and distributors' association in the locality. Dr. Mula recognized the great contribution of the fertilizer and pesticide industry in agricultural development. He encourages the group to continually be active in supporting the government's endeavors.

FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena Billig were also present and provided some insights.

As to the association's president, the meeting was in preparation for the upcoming general assembly of the association by the first quarter of 2022.





# UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

## FPA Region IV

*December 21, 2021*

As the global pandemic still rages on, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Regional Field Unit IV takes on the challenge to ensure continuous delivery of services through the conduct of different modes of Alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training on December 6, 9, 10, and 20, 2021.

Guided by FPA Memorandum Circular No. 18, Series of 2020, the FPA RFU-IV has conducted nine (4) online/virtual and offline/AVP ASD training in different provinces of CALABARZON and MIMAROPA. A total of 64 participants had benefited from the training.



The said training serves as a pre-requisite in securing FPA License to Operate (LTO) as a dealer aiming to educate the participants on the efficient, safe, and proper handling and storage of farm inputs. After the training, accredited safety dispensers are also expected to guide and assist buyers/farmers on the appropriate use and disposal of these inputs.

## ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



## FPA Region XI *December 21, 2021*

Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palarao conducted an inspection of F/P handlers in Brgy. Lumondao, Marilog, and Morahan. The purpose of the said activity is to check the dealer's compliance with the FPA standards, especially on pesticide's shelf life, good housekeeping, etc.



# UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

FPA-CAR Provincial Officers Augusto M. Nagayang and Rodell C. Goha-od conducted Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training for twenty-six (26) officers and members of the Bantey Sustainable Livelihood Project Association at Holy Trinity, Bantey, Tadian, Mt. Province. The activity was in collaboration with the DSWD-CAR.



**FPA CAR**  
*December 21-22, 2021*

**FPA CAR**  
*December 22, 2021*



FPA Deputy Executive Director Myer G. Mula, Ph.D. met with FPA-CAR staff, headed by Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid at the DA-CAR/ BPI compound, Guisad Baguio City last December 22, 2021.

They discussed the re-organization based on the area of assignments:

- Engr. Augusto M. Nagayang will cover provinces of Apayao (upper and lower)
- Kalinga, and Abra;

- Mr. Rodell C. Goha-od will cover Ifugao and Mt. Province; and,
- Mrs. Rowena F. Billig will cover Benguet and Baguio City

Mr. RB Tanguid will assist the provincial officers in their respective assigned areas. Other concerns, like mobility, were raised for further discussions with the management.



# PUBLIC INFORMATION

## FPA Region V

December 22, 2021

During the Regional Year-End Meeting, last Dec. 22, 2021, at Sorsogon City, Sorsogon, Regional Officer Mr. Gabriel B. Atole lauds the team FPA-Bicol Oragon for the job well done in achieving its 2021 targets within the time frame.

The highlights of FPA-Bicol 2021 Accomplishments are as follows:

- 1) Increased the number of licensed handlers by 15% from 665 last year, to 768 this year.
- 2) Monitored more than 120% of the target Fertilizer and Pesticide Handlers & Products
- 3) Coordinated & Conducted 28 Safe & Judicious Use of Pesticides Seminars which was participated by 810 farmers
- 4) Monitored & Collaborated on 3 Product Stewardship Programs that benefited 327 farmers
- 5) Conducted 6 Enforcement Activities (Clean-up Drive Operation) that resulted in the issuance of 107 Notice of Violations
- 6) Conducted 28 Alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser Training with a total of 105 prospected dealer participants
- 7) Distributed a total of 3,837 copies of FPA Info Materials in the Provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur & Sorsogon.

Also, during the Year-End Meeting, Mr. Atole reiterated the best practices of FPA-Bicol by giving the word "ORAGON" a new acrostic meaning:

O-pen Communication

R-esponsive

A-ctive & Aggressive

G-ood Governance

O-n Time

N-ew Ideas/Innovations

Under his leadership, he recognized the efforts of Provincial Officers in achieving the different targets. They were awarded Certificate of Recognition this year, to wit: Top Performing Provincial Officers, Most Compliant Provincial Officers in the submission of reports and financial claims, and Special Recognition to the Most Number of Attendance during Flag Ceremony.





# PUBLIC INFORMATION



## FPA CAR

*December 23, 2021*

FPA-CAR Regional Officer and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig attended the launching of the Mini-Laboratory for Pesticide Residue Analyses at Benguet Agri-Pinoy Trading Center, Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet. The project is in support of the DA-CAR to the Food Safety Act or the RA 10611. The analyses are limited to organophosphates and carbamates only.

## FPA Region XI *December 29, 2021*

On December 29, 2021, the FPA Region XI conducted a special meeting to discuss the region's successful targets and catch-up activities for 2021.

These proposed activities for 2022 will serve as the baseline for the region to meet the needs of the succeeding year and provide quality services to our stakeholders regionwide.

The region also discussed the calendar of activities for 2022, including training schedules, clean-up drives, IEC Campaigns, and other activities..



# MONITORING OF LARGE-SCALE HANDLERS



**FPA Region XI**  
*December 31, 2021*

Provincial Officer Louie Palarao inspected the fertilizer system and warehouse in Davao City to ensure that handlers were upholding FPA standards.

