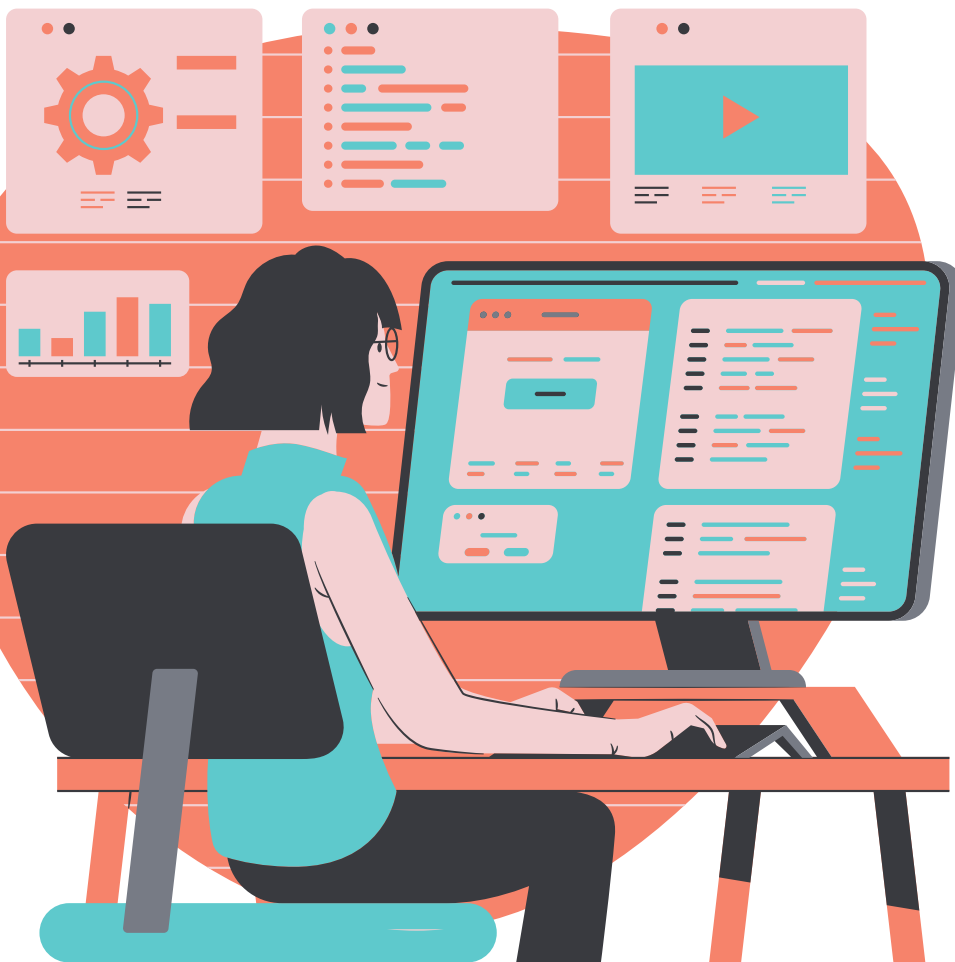


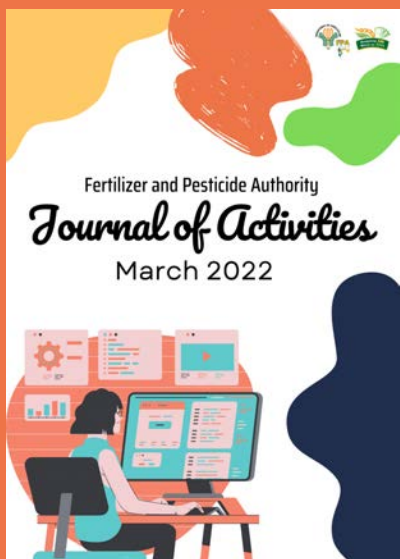


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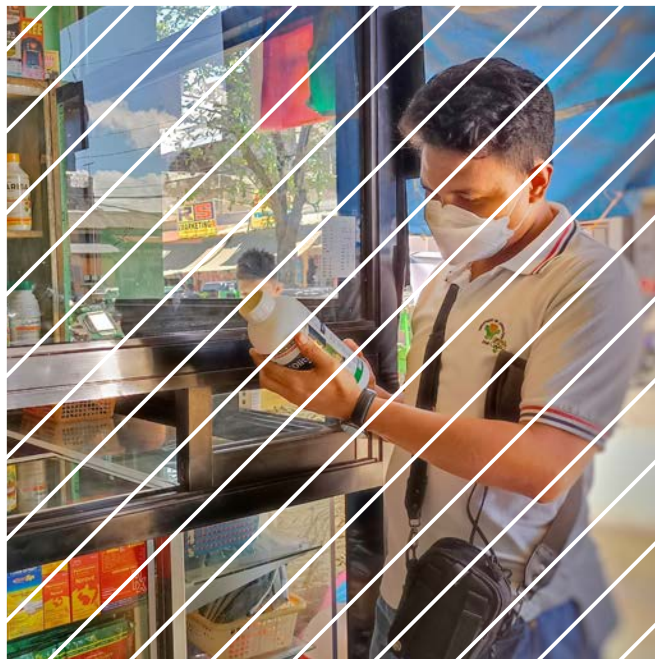
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# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



## 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

## FPA Central Luzon - March 1, 2022

Representatives of Kingstone Fertilizer (JGT Corp) sought the audience of FPA Region 3 to discuss matters relating licensing of their fertilizer product. RFU 3 Officials aided the clients to achieve proper licensing of their product and business.



## FPA Central Luzon - March 1, 2022

RFU 3 PO for Bulacan, Roel Valdez inspected GEM Agrologic and Planter's Product Inc. in Bulacan. Both companies were found competent following FPA standards for dealers of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA - March 1, 2022

Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer (DEDF) Myer Mula, Ph.D., along with RFU 4 Team, visited major fertilizer warehouses in Batangas. RFU 4 team was headed by Suzettie Alcaide.

The aim of the visit was to gather information regarding the current situation of fertilizer industry players. The information will be critical inputs for policy formulation aiming to mitigate the impact of increasing price of fertilizer not only to farmers but to the industry as well.

Dr. Mula was also able to visit one of the local manufacturing plants of foliar fertilizer located in Lipa City where he stressed the importance of locally manufactured fertilizers as alternative source of nutrients for crop production. He also mentioned that local manufacturers shall ensure that the quality of their products will be maintained from production to application by farmers. He also promoted the utilization of Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS).





## FPA Western Visayas - March 2, 2022

Provincial Officer of Iloilo Ryan Gelladulla inspects the warehouse of Du Pont Far East Inc for renewal of pesticide warehouse registration.



## FPA CARAGA - March 2, 2022

FPA CARAGA Team conducted random weighing of fertilizer and inspected several stores to assure the public of good quality and exact quantity of fertilizer from the different warehouses in Butuan City.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 3, 2022

RFU 2 personnel conducted clean up drive operation in Cagayan province to monitor compliance of fertilizer and pesticide dealers in the area.

Area of coverage included the municipalities of Baggao, Lallo, Camalaniugan, Gattaran, and some parts of Western Cagayan.



## FPA Central Visayas - March 3, 2022

RFU 7 Team monitored bioefficacy trial at Bohol Experimental Station (BES), Gabi, Ubay, Bohol.

Prior to issuance of product registration, a bioefficacy data generation is required by FPA to a product registrant as a mechanism to support the claims on the effectiveness of a product (Fertilizer) to supply the major and minor nutrients needed by the plants for growth and reproduction. Only FPA Accredited Researchers are allowed to conduct such trials.



## FPA Davao Region - March 3, 2022

Provincial Officer Louie Palaro inspected a fertilizer warehouse in Brgy. Linang, Davao City. Random weighing of fertilizer bags was also conducted.

The said on-site inspection was conducted to ensure that handlers observe FPA standards in safety, order, disposal.



## FPA Bicol Region - March 4, 2022

Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher M. Nuñez monitored the conduct of product stewardship programs of Bayer CropScience Inc., BASF Philippines, Inc., SL Agritech Corporation, Aljay Agro-Industrial Development Corporation, and Syngenta Philippines, Inc., during the National Rice Technology Forum (NRTF) farmers' farm walk at San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur. The NRTF activity is spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture-RFO5 and participated by 60 farmers from different barangays of Pili and Bula, Camarines Sur.



## FPA Eastern Visayas - March 4, 2022

Supervising Agriculturist of RFU 8, with DA Region 8 Executive Director Angel Enriquez, conducts joint visit to Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corporation-LIDE, Isabel, Leyte for the update on the status of PHILPHOS plant and its production of fertilizer.



## FPA Soccksargen - March 4, 2022

Provincial Officer Joey Pascua conducted quality and quantity monitoring of fertilizer and crop protection products in Sarangani.

Moreover, prices of fertilizer and top most sold pesticides were also monitored including the proliferation of suspected fake crop protection products to assure the farmers of Maitum, Sarangani and other neighboring municipalities of safe and adequate supply of fertilizer and crop protection products.





## FPA Davao Region - March 8, 2022

FPA RFU 11 Team conducted inspection of warehouses in Davao City. The team is composed of Regional Officer Ms. Marrisa G. Napalit, and Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palara.

The said on-site inspection focuses on the checking of fertilizer and pesticide storage, arrangement, order, good housekeeping and others. This is to ensure the compliance status of handlers in the region and as a prerequisite to renewal of license.



## FPA CARAGA - March 8, 2022

FPA CARAGA Team, together with PA Armando Valiente and DA 13 APCO Chief Ma. Theresa Espinido, observed aerial spraying of the banana plantation of Lapanday.

The team noticed the efficiency of the device as it uses GPS and targets specific items for spraying. In using this strategy, the impact of contamination to off-targets is lesser because the delivery of drifts can be easily controlled by CAAP-registered and licensed pilot.



## FPA NCR - March 8, 2022

FPA NCR conducted a follow-up inspection on Harbest Agribusiness Corporation at Brgy. San Juan, Taytay, Rizal regarding the SUMS Order issued involving products identifying their company as the manufacturer/distributor.

Upon checking with the Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD), the products were found unregistered. Harvest Agribusiness Corporation was advised to halt their operations until the issues are resolved. FPA NCR will continually guide the company until the concerns were absolved.



## FPA Ilocos Region - March 8-10, 2022

The FPA Ilocos Region Team conducted a clean-up drive around Ilocos Sur to warn dealers and handlers not to patronize unregistered fertilizer and pesticide products and encourage them to report illegal peddlers of said products. The team also went around the area to check and invite unregistered dealers to attend ASD training scheduled on March 28-29, 2022 at NSCC, Caoayan, Ilocos Sur.





## FPA Soccksargen - March 8-10, 2022

To ensure the quality, authenticity and availability of the fertilizer and agricultural pesticide products being sold in the market, Provincial Officer Joey Pascua conducted product monitoring and inspection in all dealers of fertilizer and pesticide in the Municipalities of Kiamba and Malungon, Sarangani Province.



## FPA Davao Region - March 9, 2022

RO Marris Napalit and PO Ruston Gain Tanduyan conducted a Banana Plantation inspection in the municipalities of Compostela and Mawab in Davao de Oro.

The ocular inspection highlights the chemical mixing facilities especially on the functionalities of the equipment, disposal of excess waste, the safety of the chemical handlers, and more. The team also inspected the warehouses of fertilizers and pesticides, its good housekeeping practices, and its order.



## FPA Soccksargen - March 11, 2022

Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide (DEDP) Eric Divinagracia visited DOLE Philippines and met with the Director for Agriculture Research and Applications at Polomok, South Cotabato to discuss the issue on pineapples.

The pineapples were to be exported. However, the produce were infected with molds. The products were required to be inspected and registered first before exportation.



## FPA Western Visayas - March 13, 2022

RO Noel Negre and PO Raymund Alfor visited EUP applicant trial for site validation. EUP must be filed by applicant and approved by FPA before any bioefficacy field test to generate data required for product registration. Hence all experiments must be conducted by FPA-Accredited Researchers.





## FPA Davao Region - March 14-15, 2022

On March 14, 2022, the FPA Team conducted an inspection on product re-labeling of pesticides in Brgy. Mahayag, Bunawan, Davao City. This inspection was headed by Deputy Director for Pesticide (DEDP) Eric C. Divinagracia, Regional Officer (RO) Ms. Marrisa G Napalit and Provincial Officer (PO) Mr. Louie T. Palarao.

The next day, the same re-labeling activity was also conducted in Tagum City, Davao del Norte by the same chemical company. This was witnessed by RO Napalit and Ms. Cheery B. Agrade.

The re-labeling is being done to update shelf-life of the said pesticides by marking new expiry dates on the label. However, prior approval from the FPA is required before average re-labeling is done.



## FPA Soccksargen - March 15-16, 2022

RFU 12 headed by RO Alita C. Bornea conducted a clean-up drive operation in the Sultan Kudarat.

The activity was conducted to ensure the quality, legitimacy and availability of fertilizer and pesticide products being sold in the market.

Dealers found with no license to operate were given notice of violation and advised to attend Accredited Safety Dispenser training as one of the requirement to secure their FPA License.

Moreover, the FPA team explained to dealers in the area the reasons of the price increment of fertilizer.



## FPA Central Visayas - March 15-17, 2022

RFU 7 Team conducted an intensified clean-up drive operation in Negros Occidental. This activity aimed to reach out to dealers and monitor their compliance with the FPA regulatory policies.

Minor violations were observed, and the handlers were advised to undergo ASD training.





## FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - March 15-17, 2022

the RFU 9 RO Alex Paalisbo spearheaded the conduct of clean-up drive operation and monitoring in Zamboanga City and Zamboanga Sibugay.

Violators were invited to attend the ASD Training on March 16-17 at Buog, Zamboanga Sibugay.



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA - March 15-18, 2022

RO Suzettie Alcaide, along with POs Mark Nicky Larga, Allan Jade Rojo, Georlene Orbista, and Edmar Bundalian, conducted a clean-up drive operation in Quezon Province.

The activity aimed to monitor the compliance of fertilizer and agricultural pesticide handlers to FPA standards and the Food Safety Act of 2013. Monitored handlers were reminded of the good housekeeping practices that must be observed in their establishments especially those that are offering feeds and food products.

Moreover, through the conducted activity, the team had identified potential new handlers who were invited to attend training and apply for a License to Operate as a Dealer.

Visited municipalities were Calauag, Tagkawayan, Guinayangan, Lopez, Gumaca, Macalelon and Unisan, Quezon.



## FPA Davao Region - March 18, 2022

The Regional Team conducted an inspection of FP Dealers in the municipality of Malita, Davao Occidental.

The monitored Dealers were reminded of their license renewal and checked their respective stores through ocular inspections.





## FPA Bicol Region - March 18, 2022

Camarines Sur Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher M. Nuñez monitored the conduct of product stewardship programs of Bayer CropScience Inc., BASF Philippines, Inc., SL Agritech Corporation, Jardine Distribution, Inc., FMC Corporation, and Syngenta Philippines, Inc., during the National Rice Technology Forum (NRTF) farmers' farm walk at San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur. The NRTF activity is spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture-RFO5 and participated by more than 40 farmers from different barangays of Bula, Camarines Sur.



## FPA Central Luzon - March 21, 2022

The Fertilizer Regulation Division (FRD) headed by its chief, Julieta Lansangan, and RFU 3 RO Romeo Val Suguitan Jr. and his team conducted product assessment, operational capabilities, and stock inventories of several fertilizer manufacturers, importers, and distributors across Bulacan Province.

The following companies were inspected: Texicon Agriventures, International Chemical Industries and Agrimate Fertilizer Manufacturing .



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA - March 21, 2022

PO Edmar Bundalian conducted inspections of dealer establishments, monitored fertilizer and pesticide prices, post-audit of licenses issued, and assisted new and existing fertilizer and pesticide dealers with their license applications.

In his inspection, he discussed the reasons for the fertilizer price increase in the Philippines. Further, he encouraged the utilization of organic fertilizers and other fertilizer products available in the market to augment the fertilizer requirement of crops grown in the province.



## FPA Central Luzon - March 22, 2022

The Fertilizer Regulation Division (FRD) headed by Julieta Lansangan and RFU 3 Regional Officer Romeo Val Suguitan Jr. and his team visited several warehouses in Bataan.

They inspected Universal Harvester Inc. warehouse in Seafront Shipyard, Lucanin, Yara Fertilizer Phils situated in Seafront Townsite, Bgy. Townsite, Vigor Plus Foliar Fertilizer in Brgy. Central, Balanga City, and Green Acres Agri tech Corp in Bgy. Tucaop, Dinalupihan.

FRD Chief Landsangan emphasized the strict implementation of printing the Batch Numbers on sacks of fertilizer and the Country of Origin.



## FPA Bicol Region - March 22, 2022

Bicol RO Gabriel B. Atole and FPA-Cam. Sur PO Engr. Christopher M. Nunez conducted inspection and monitoring of dealers in the Municipality of Caramoan. They also coordinated with the LGU Municipal Agriculturist regarding FPA programs..



## FPA Central Luzon - March 23-24, 2022

FRD and RFU 3 jointly conducted an inspection and audit in Tarlac. The activity is to ensure the safety of employees and quality of its product.

The following companies were inspected: FG POWER Agri Venture Inc. of Brgy. Telabanca , Concepcion, Tarlac and Golden Valley Corporation , Brgy Parsolingan , Gerona , Tarlac.



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA- March 24, 2022

To ensure quality and safety, the FPA Pesticide Regulations Division, headed by Ms. Jacqueline Romualdez, together with PO Mark Nicky Larga, conducted a plant audit at a licensed formulator and repacker of agricultural pesticide located at Carmelray Industrial Park 1, Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna.

The team observed the compliance of the company in good housekeeping, presence of warning and exit signs, proper use of PPEs, availability of emergency showers, eyewash, and care carts, and their waste management procedure. Further, training, health records, and other documents were also checked to ensure the company's monitoring of the health and safety development of employees.

At the end of the activity, the audit team recommended some improvements, such as expanding the area for an emergency shower, optional use of earplugs, and putting up spill kit procedure on the formulation and repacking area.



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA - March 28, 2022

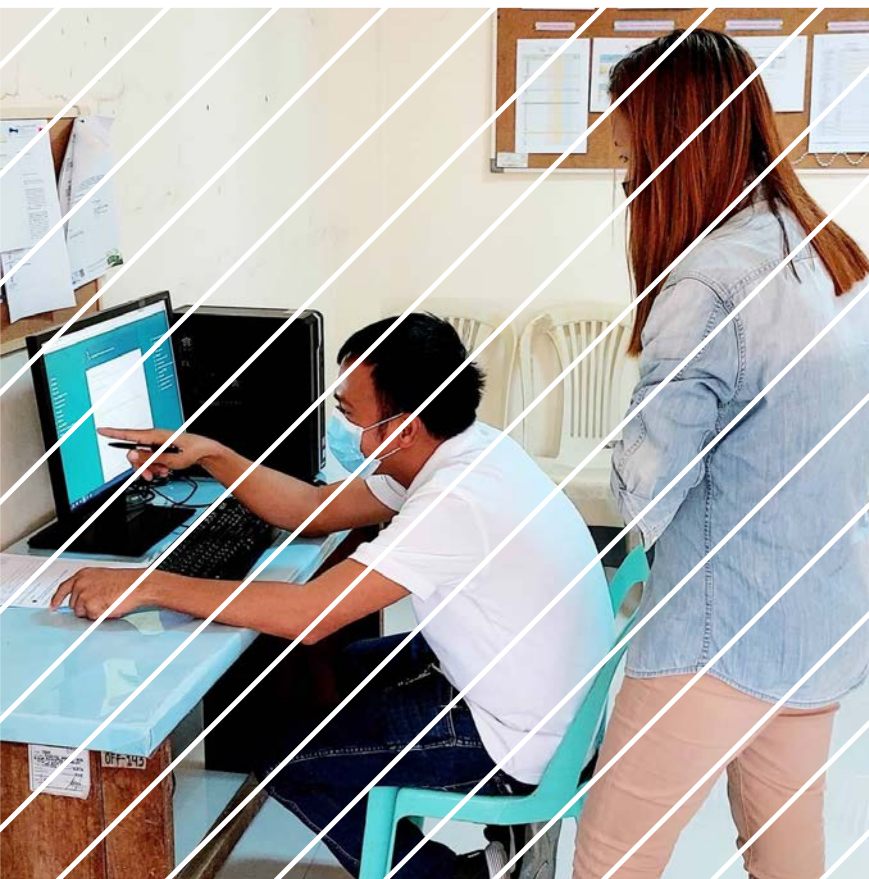
To ensure strict compliance with FPA rules and regulation, PO Jocelyn Baduyen conducted regular inspection and monitoring on Licensed F/P handlers in the Southern Part of Palawan.

Monitored unlicensed dealers were invited to attend ASD Training and encouraged them to secure Dealership License from FPA.





# ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA



Accounts on:

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

## FPA Northern Mindanao - March 7, 2022

DEDF Dr. Myer Mula and RFU 10 Team headed by RO Ma. Sonia Calleja, conferred the reasons and the interventions on fertilizer price hikes to the Nueva Vista Strawberry and Vegetable Associations at Don Victoriano, Misamis Occidental.

One of the paramount importance of the meeting is to adopt the "Balance Fertilization Strategy" (BFS) to address land degradation issues as well as preserve and protect soil health.



## FPA Northern Mindanao - March 8, 2022

Dr. Mula and RFU 10 met with Baroy Stakeholders and Fishermen Cooperative, Lanao del Norte Provincial Fishery Officer Noel Saldajeno, and Baroy Municipal Agriculturist Nelly Catigbe.

The meeting was in regards to the involvement in the safe re-use of wastewater as fertilizer and the opportunity for the mass production of seaweeds using enzymes (beneficial microorganisms) as synergists.

RO Calleja also gave a lecture on the reasons and the interventions for the price hike of fertilizers. She was followed by Dr. Mula who magnified and reiterated the indispensability of Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) to the stakeholders.



## FPA Northern Mindanao - March 8, 2022

DEDF Dr. Myer Mula had a consultation meeting with RFU 10 and fertilizer bulk blenders and formulators at Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City.

Matters discussed were the importance of experimental use permits (EUP) and bioefficacy data generation. A bioefficacy trial is a vital tool in scrutinizing the effectiveness of certain new fertilizer products prior to registration. Ma. Sonia C. Calleja also tackled the protocols of bioefficacy trial and EUP application including the requirements for such matters.



## FPA CARAGA - March 15, 2022

FPA CARAGA conducted an alternative accredited safety dispenser (ASD) training at Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur. PO Armando Valiente oversaw the activity.

The training was attended by 15 participants.





## FPA Central Office - March 15-17, 2022

The Planning, Management and Information Division (PMID) of the FPA Central Office monitored the online training of the Philippine Association of Professional Fumigators Inc. (PAPFI) for Agricultural Certified Pesticide Applicator-Fumigator (CPA-F). Thirty-three (33) individuals participated in the training.

## FPA Central Office - March 15-17, 2022

Five (5) participants attended the online training for Agricultural CPA-Exterminator conducted by the Philippine Association of Certified Pesticide Applicators (PACPA). PMID monitored the training.

## FPA Central Office - March 15-18, 2022

The Pest Management Council of the Philippines Foundation Inc. (PMCPFI) conducted online training for Agricultural Responsible Care Officer (ARCO). There were 28 attendees and was monitored by FPA Central Office through PMID.

## FPA Bicol Region - March 16-17, 2022

An Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) of Fertilizer and Pesticide Training was conducted by FPA-Bicol at Tin-Tin Apartelle, Daet, Camarines Norte.

It was attended by 23 prospected fertilizer and pesticide dealers who want to secure their FPA dealership license and be knowledgeable on the safe handling and dispensing of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA Western Visayas - March 16-17, 2022

RFU 6 conducted a face-to-face Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training in Iloilo City. The activity was overseen by Atty. Janel Aquino-Pabalate and DEDP Eric Divinagracia.

The said ASD has 91 total participants coming from the provinces of Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Guimaras and Iloilo.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 17-18, 2022

RFU 2 conducted an Accredited Safety Dispensers Training at DA - Southern Cagayan Research Center, Minanga, Iguig, Cagayan.

The total participants reached 53.



## FPA Davao Region - March 18, 2022

A total of 37 participants have attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training conducted by RFU 11 at Ascencia Resto Bar, Digos City, Davao del Sur.

RO Ms. Marrisa Napalit, Catherine Sumagaysay (Product Stewardship Manager of Syngenta), and PO Imelda Rasay headed the program.

Thirty-seven (37) participants were able to learn new ways of the proper dispensing and other technical know-hows of agricultural inputs in their respective stores through the help of the resource speakers during the training and with the aid of their respective ASD Manuals as well. A pre and post-test were given to the participants as gauge to fully equip their capacity as Safety Dispensers.



## FPA Soccksargen - March 22-24, 2022

RFU 12 led by RO Alita C. Bornea administered the FPA Accreditation examination for accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) and Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) at Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

The FPA accreditation program for pesticide handlers is designed to update and upgrade the technical knowledge of commercial users and distributors in line with the standards and or protocols set by the FPA.

CPA demonstrate competence and practical knowledge in the safe use, handling, storage, and disposal of restricted pesticides, the life cycle of the wide variety of pests, types of formulations appropriate for the pest extermination and fumigation, and of the safe and effective pest control practices as well as the appropriate protective clothing.

Moreover, by promoting responsible care programs in their respective companies, ARCO provides excellent leadership and management practices in protecting the people, especially the farmers, and our environment from the adverse effects which may result from the handling of crop protection products.

## FPA Central Office - March 22-24, 2022

PMID monitored the online training of the Philippine Association of Entomologists, Inc. (PAE) for ARCO. Forty-one (41) individuals participated in the training.

## FPA Central Office - March 22-24, 2022

Thirty-four (34) participants attended the online training for Agricultural CPA-Exterminator conducted by the PAE. PMID monitored the training.

## FPA Bicol Region - March 23, 2022

RFU 5 facilitated the examination of applicants for Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) Fumigator and Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) held at FPA-Bicol Training Room, 2nd Flr., Farmers Hall, DA-RFO5 Cmpd., San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur.





## FPA Central Visayas - March 23, 2022

RFU 7 conducted an ASD Training at Dumaguete City, Negros Occidental, and Training on the Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide at Brgy. Sabang, Larena, Siquijor.

The product stewardship was coordinated with Leads Agricultural Products Corp led by Lucete Canete, Dennis Parcon, and Edgar Manaba.

While the ASD Training was initiated with Leads Agricultural Corp Luceno Canete, Silliman University College of Agriculture Aresnio Bulfa Jr., Bayer Crop Science Elmer Lesondra and DA-PATCO Harvey Neil Revelegia with 34 participants.



## FPA Eastern Visayas - March 23-24, 2022

RFU 8 conducted Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training at Haiyan Hotel & Resort last March 23-24, 2022 which actively participated by 42 handlers from different provinces of Eastern Visayas.

Invited guest speaker Ms. Mardie S. Sarsaliyo, the Toxicology Nurse of EVMC, who discussed Pesticide Poisoning and First Aid and highlighted the importance of safe pesticide handling and applications and the need for a triple rinse of empty pesticide containers before disposal to avoid poisoning/hazards in the community.

Fertilizer and pesticide handlers are required to attend ASD Training as a pre-requisite in the issuance of FPA dealership license. They were also trained on the safe, proper application and judicious utilization, storage and handling as well as disposal of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA Bicol Region - March 24, 2022

PO. Christopher M. Nunez conducted a 4-hour Alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser Training at FPA-R5 Training Room, 2nd floor Farmers Hall, DA-RF05 Cmpd., San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur on March 24, 2022 to 4 prospective fertilizer and pesticide dealers who want to secure their FPA dealership license and be knowledgeable on the safe handling and dispensing of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA Ilocos Region - March 28, 2022

The FPA Ilocos Region conducts an FPA Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training on Fertilizer and Pesticide at the NSCC Plaza Convention Center, Brgy. Don Alejandro, Caoayan, Ilocos Sur to address the training needs of business or store owners who are planning to venture into Fertilizer and Pesticide dealerships. Eighty (80) individuals attended the training.

The ASD training is mandatory training and it is a prerequisite requirement before applying for a License to Operate as a dealer of the said products.

As part of the training, the FPA Ilocos Region invited Atty. Meilyne C. Padua, Professor from the College of Law at the University of Northern Philippines, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur is the resource speaker to discuss deeply the provisions of the FPA's PD 1144.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 28-30, 2022

RO Leo Bangad and POs Keith Mabanag and Roselle Anne Labucay coordinated with MAGRO Kayapa to conduct training on the safe and judicious use of pesticides.

The 246 participants were from highland vegetable farming barangays of Mapayao, Pinayag, and Babadi, Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya.

The training was also conducted in partnership with Cropking Chemicals Inc and Greenworld Agrisolutions Inc. as part of their Product Stewardship programs.



## FPA Central Visayas - March 29, 2022

FPA Region 7 Officers administered the online examination for Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) - Exterminator at the FPA Regional Office, Bohol Provincial Office.



## FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - March 29-30, 2022

RFU 9 trained 35 participants of ASD Training in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay. They were trained to ensure that proper handling of pesticides and effective use of fertilizers at the farmers' end shall be practiced for they are the direct/front liners in the selling and disposition of pesticides and Fertilizers in their respective establishments/stores.



## FPA Northern Mindanao - March 31, 2022

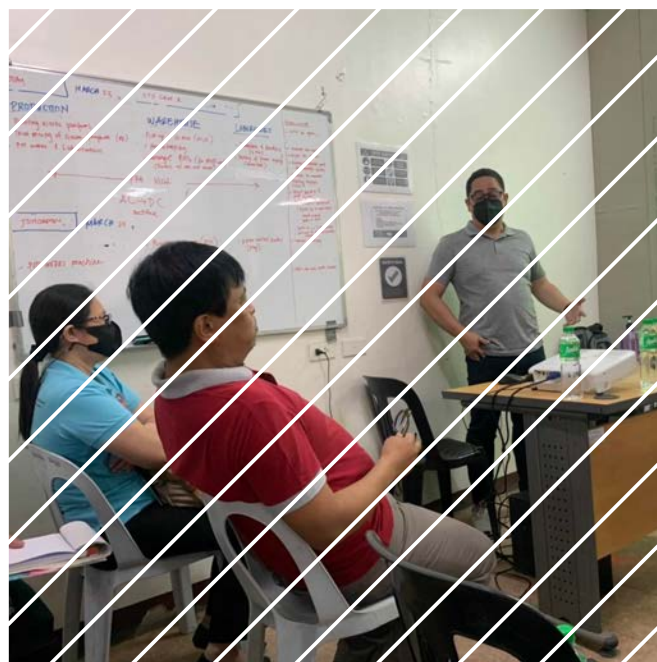
RFU 10 conducted a refresher training on "Safe and judicious use of pesticides" to Allied Pest Exterminator and General Services in Cagayan de Oro City.

There were 16 participants who attended the training. The activity aimed to advance the frontiers of knowledge of the participants, especially on the safe, effective and efficient use of pesticides.





# 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

## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 8, 2022

RFU 2 headed by RO Leo Bangad gave a lecture on the Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticide and Balance Fertilization Strategy during a Module Writeshop on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) at ATI-RTC, San Mateo, Isabela.

The lecture was a vital component of the GAP on Vegetable Training module for AEWs and farmers' training.



## FPA Bicol Region - March 8, 2022

To give an update on the fertilizer price situation and measures being done by DA & FPA to mitigate the impact of fertilizer price hike, FPA-Bicol RO Mr. Gabriel B. Atole appeared on the Radio Program "Dapat Agri, Agri Dapat" hosted by Mr. Rolly Serrano of Radyo Veritas Legazpi and Mr. Jayson Gonzales of Department of Agriculture.



## FPA CAR - March 10, 2022

PO Engr. Augusto Nagayang discussed the factors influencing the global fertilizer situation and trends which affect the uptrend fertilizer price in the country, balance fertilization strategy (BFS) program of DA, and unregistered pesticides and their hazardous effect on the users during the PALAYSIKATAN Farmers Field Day and Forum by DA PhilRice and Isabela MLGU at Rizal, Kalinga.

This was attended by 164 farmers from different farmers' associations and cooperatives within the Municipality of Rizal, Kalinga, Office of Agricultural Services - Kalinga, and Barangay Officials.



## FPA Bicol Region - March 10, 2022

Provincial Officers Engr. Christopher Nunez, Engr. Cris Legaspi, and Winsor Nueva served as resource speakers to discuss the topics on Safe and Responsible Use of Crop Protection Products during the training on Local Farmer Technicians Refresher Course: Technology Updates on Modernized Rice Production Technology with Gender and Development Concepts at Sonrisa Farm, Zone 6, Carangcang, Magarao, Camarines Sur.



## FPA Western Visayas - March 10, 2022

PO Emmanuel Barrida joined the Information Caravan initiated by DA RFO 6 at the Municipality of Ajuy, Iloilo. He discussed the FPA's Primary Services and Fertilizer Price Update.





## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 14, 2022

PO Robert Salvador acted as the Resource Speaker during the conduct of Training of Trainers on Lowland Vegetable Production facilitated by the Agricultural Training Institute Region 02 at ATI-RTC, Malasin, San Mateo, Isabela.

PO Salvador emphasized the importance of using agricultural pesticides in the proper ways.

The training was attended by 30 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) coming from different provinces of the region.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 17, 2022

RO Leo Bangad, along with PO Roselle Ann Labucay, served as the resource speaker on the Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticide during the technical briefing on the Implementation of the production of pesticide-safe vegetables in Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya.

The training was attended by highland vegetable farmers of Brgy. Pangawan, Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya.



## FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - March 17, 2022

RFU 9 Team conducted an assessment of dealership status in Isabela City and Lamitan City in Basilan. They also provided information regarding the issues in fertilizer prices and smuggled pesticide. They also guided the locals on the FPA licensing process.

Both cities are considered prone to smuggled agricultural products and limited information dissemination due to its geographical location.



## FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - March 17, 2022

RFU 9 Team visited Senior High School students to ignite their interest in farming. RO Alex Paalisbo and POs Michael Tuico and Paulyne Kim Alfuentes shared their knowledge and insights on agricultural development to motivate the students.

The Team also orient the role of FPA in agricultural productivity including the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and crop protection products.



## FPA Ilocos Region - March 17-18, 2022

Ilocos Norte Provincial Officer Noel Tablada served as a resource speaker on GAP Training.

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG) thru the Ilocos Norte Agriculture and Fishery Extension Center (INAFEC) conducted a two-day GAP Training on Onion and Garlic in the Municipalities of Pasuquin and Vintar.

The training was conducted in preparation for the applications for the GAP certificate of interested farmers of Onion and Garlic. PO Tablada discussed the safe and judicious use of pesticides in correlation with the basic principles and approaches of GAP in the Philippines or the PhilGAP.



## FPA Davao Region - March 22-24, 2022

DED Myer Mula, along with RFU 11, conducted an on-the-spot consultation and awareness on proper fertilizer and pesticide applications.

RO Marrisa G. Napalit explained to the farmers the reasons for the fertilizer price hikes and encourage them to practice Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS). To minimize the use and cost of inorganic fertilizer, farmers were advised to utilize organic fertilizers by using their own farm wastes such as chicken manure and leguminous crops. She also gave information about pesticides and safe handling, advised them not to patronize fertilizer and pesticide products offered by peddlers, and encouraged the farmers to always purchase agricultural inputs from FPA licensed Dealers.



Dr. Mula, together with the FPA Team headed by RO Napalit consulted with the different fertilizer industry players to discuss the major concerns about the status of fertilizer production, movement, and others. They also discussed the BFS to address the sky-rocketing increase in fertilizer prices,

To further address the issue, Dr. Mula programmed a plan in coordination with the stakeholders to help inform and spread proper and scientific fertilization technologies to our farmers through IEC campaigns and education of the farmers about the BFS.

The rest of the activities focused on the operations of fertilizer formulation and manufacturing in Davao City.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - March 23-24, 2022

RFU 2 acted as a resource speaker on the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides during the conduct of GAP training for vegetable and rice farmers in the municipality of Solana, Cagayan.

The first day (March 23, 2022) of training was held in Barangay Parug-parug, Solana Cagayan, and was attended by more than 20 vegetable farmers, while the second day (March 24, 2022) was held in Brgy. Gadu, Solana, Cagayan and was attended by 30 rice seed growers coming from different municipalities of Cagayan.

The said training was conducted prior to the applications of the said participants for GAP certification and encouragement for other farmers to join and take part in the implementation of food safety in the region.





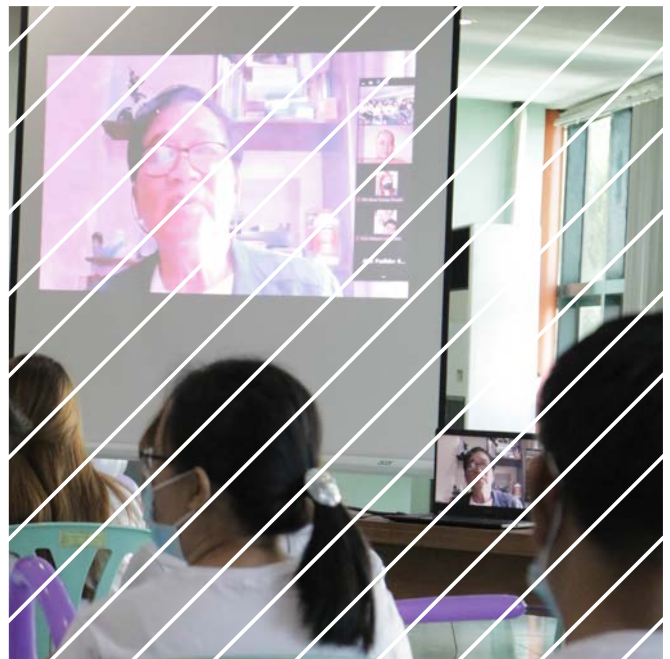
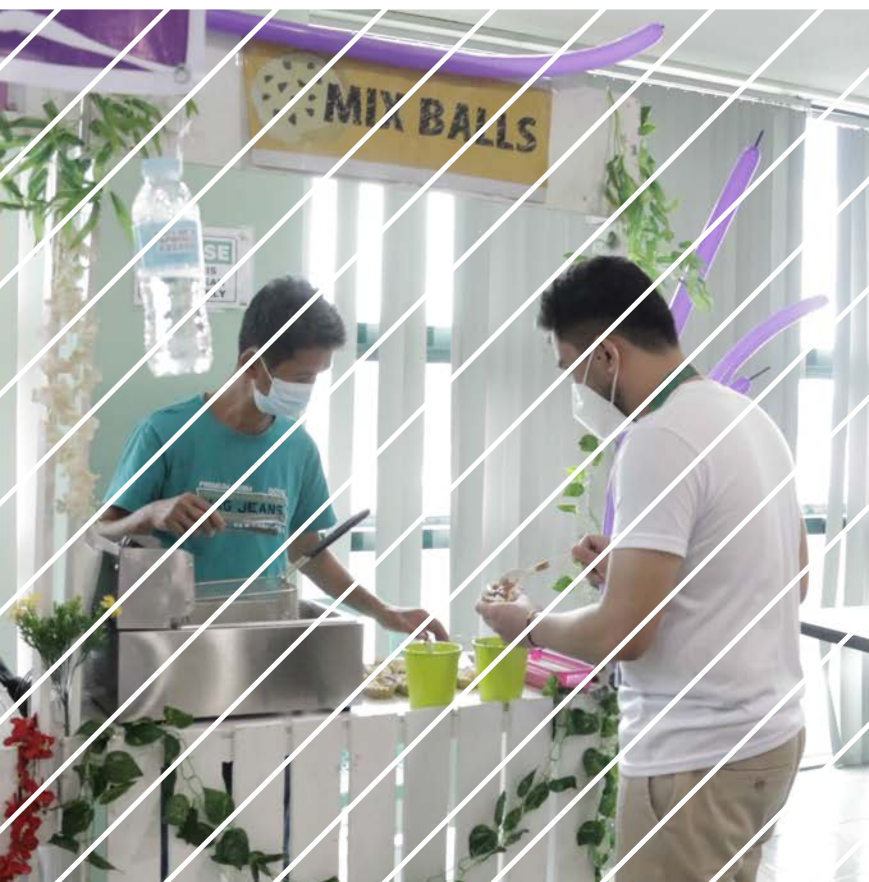
## FPA CAR - March 25, 2022

FPA CAR representative Engr. Augusto Nagayang discussed the factors influencing the uptrend fertilizer price in the country and the effects of using banned/unregistered agricultural pesticide products on the end-user, the general public, and the environment during the PALAYSKITAN Field Walk at Rizal, Kalinga.

The activity was attended by 100 farmer leaders, barangay officials, and local agriculture employees of Kalinga Province.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES





# National Women's Month - March 2022

## FPA Central Office

FPA Central Office celebrated National Women's Month with the theme "Agenda ng Kababaihan Tungo sa Kaunlaran".

FPA introduced hashtags as part of the online advocacy for the celebration. The hashtags are:

- #WomenMakeChange
- #FPASerbisyoParaKayJuana2022
- #NWM2022
- #GADFPS
- #FPAGADFPA
- #BidaJuana

The FPA Gender and Awareness Development Focal Point System (GADFPS) also launched CineJuana, a film showing of women empowering movies, and a photo booth.

FPA concludes the month-long celebration with "Serbisyo para kay Juana" and a series of lectures on financial literacy and health care insurance. The Serbisyo para kay Juana activities include:

- Food for the GAD - a program that offers free mixed balls, cheese waffles, scramble, and cotton candy to FPA employees and stakeholders, and,
- Self-care Exhibit by Honorio Lopez Technical Institute - which offers massage, manicure, and pedicure services.











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