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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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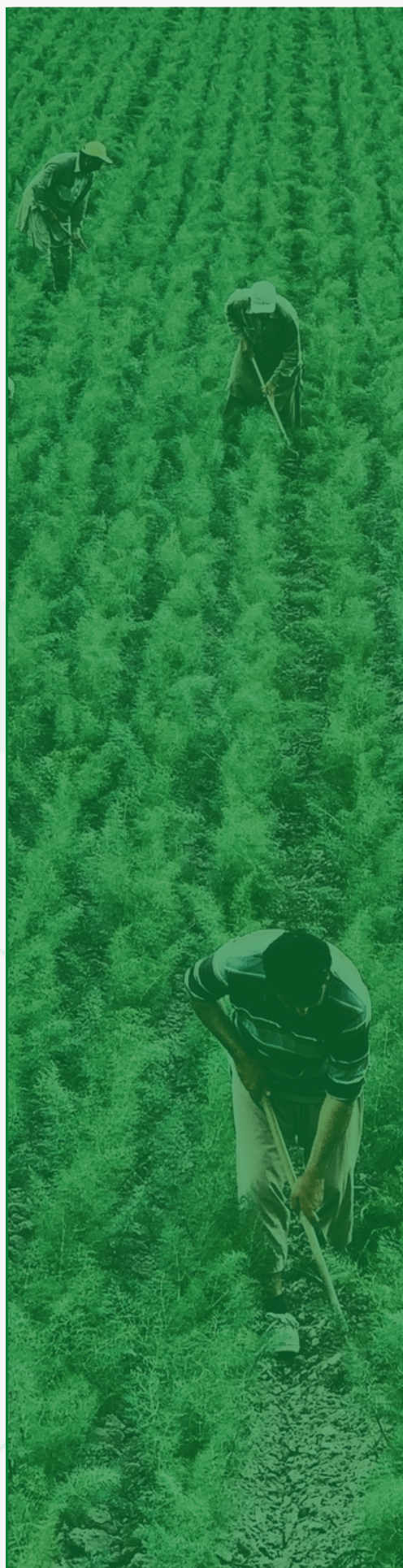
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# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

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



# CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



## FPA RFU CAR - JULY 18-21, 2023

FPA CAR carried out a clean-up drive operation for fertilizer and pesticides (F/P) handlers last July 18-21, 2023, in some municipalities of Mt. Province, Ifugao, and Kalinga.

During the first day of the clean-up drive, ten (10) handlers were monitored in Alfonso Lista and Aguinaldo, Ifugao Province, along with the two (2) establishments in Paracelis, Mt. Province.

The team inspected eight handlers in Paracelis and Natonin, Mt. Province, and three (3) handlers of Tabuk City, Kalinga, on the 2nd day of the operation.

Twenty-five (25) handlers were monitored in Kalinga Province on the 3rd and 4th day. Overall, the team only found two (2) unlicensed handlers throughout the operation.



# ILOCOS REGION



## FPA RFU I - JULY 4, 2023

LA UNION - The FPA Ilocos Region conducted an on-site inspection at Farm Aide Enterprises in Brgy. Santiago Norte, San Fernando City, La Union, on July 4, 2023, in response to a written complaint regarding improper waste disposal, operating without an LGU permit, and non-compliant to Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).



# BICOL REGION



## FPA RFU V - JULY 20, 2023

LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY – Forty-three (43) fertilizer and pesticide dealers were inspected during a Clean-Up Drive (CUD) operation in the Province of Albay on July 11-14, 2023.

Out of the 43 handlers, 22 unlicensed dealers received Notice of Violations (NoVs) for not having an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) and License to Operate (LTO) as a dealer.



# WESTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VI - JULY 6-7, 2023

On July 6-7, 2023, FPA Western Visayas conducted a series of warehouse inspections and product verification in Iloilo province to ensure that the warehouse registrants followed the protocol set by the agency.

## FPA RFU VI JULY 17-18, 2023

ILOILO - The FPA Western Visayas team conducted fertilizer sampling of products from various manufacturers and importers in Iloilo City and San Miguel, Iloilo, on July 17-18, 2023, to assure that all products available in the market passed the standard of FPA for safe and quality fertilizer.



PHOTO: ATI Bicol

## FPA RFU VI - JULY 26, 2023

ILOILO CITY - To ensure an adequate supply of fertilizer for cropping season, the FPA Western Visayas continued its monitoring activity through random weighing of fertilizer products available at the importer's warehouses.

Last July 26, 2023, the team inspected the physical quality of fertilizer products sold at the market, as well as surveilled distributors' inventory and movement of fertilizer from the source to dealers in Iloilo City.



# CENTRAL VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VII - JULY 13, 2023

CEBU - Provincial Officer (PO) Sunday Flores conducted a manufacturing plant inspection and collection of fertilizer samples for confirmatory analysis to renew the certificate of product registration of Atlas Fertilizer Corporation in Toledo City, Cebu last July 13, 2023.

The collection of samples was done during the dry run of the production process of the said fertilizer product in line with the MC. No. 27 S. 2022.

Representatives from the said corporation accompanied PO Flores during the inspection.



# EASTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VIII - JULY 18-20, 2023

LEYTE - The FPA Eastern Visayas conducted a 3-day clean-up drive operation and regular monitoring of fertilizer and pesticide dealers in Leyte Island on July 18-20, 2023.



# DAVAO REGION



## FPA RFU XI - JULY 27, 2023

DAVAO CITY - The FPA Davao Region observed the product re-labeling of a fertilizer company in Tulip drv., Quimpo blvd, Davao City last July 27, 2023, which was a corrective action to the SUMS issued due to mislabeling of their products.

The team advised the said company to correct all labels (foliar fertilizer) to its approved label. A total of 212 bottles (250 ml/bottle) were re-labelled.





# ACCREDITATION TRAININGS AND SYMPOSIA

Accounts on:

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



# CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

## FPA RFU CAR - JULY 6-7, 2023

To minimize unlicensed establishments and help stakeholders with renewal applications for the license to operate, FPA-CAR conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at the FPA-CAR Regional Office, Shilan, La Trinidad, Benguet last July 6-7, 2023.



## FPA RFU CAR JULY 10-11, 2023

FPA CAR organized a 2-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) of fertilizers and pesticides (F/P) training, on July 10-11, as a response to the request from the Department of Social Welfare and Development - CAR to train the officers and members of the Palina Community Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPA) from Brgy. Palina, Kibungan, Benguet.

Eleven (11) out of 23 members/officers of the SLPA had completed the ASD training.



## FPA RFU CAR JULY 12-13, 2023

An Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training on fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) was organized for 15 representatives of Camp 4 Tuba Consumers Cooperative (CTCC) last July 12-13, 2023, in Camp 4 Tuba Consumers Cooperative Building, Tuba, Benguet.

In addition, FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena Billig inspected the two establishments of the CTCC and found them compliant with FPA's minimum standards.



## FPA RFU CAR JULY 24-25, 2023

FPA-CAR collaborated with Corteva Agriscience in conducting an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training of fertilizers and pesticides to Palina Agricultural Farmers and Community Organization (PAFCO) in Palina Barangay Hall, Kibungan, Benguet last July 24-25, 2023.



# ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



## FPA RFU IX - JULY 20-21, 2023

FPA Zamboanga Peninsula organized an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training of fertilizer and pesticide in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur on July 20-21, 2023, to help agricultural establishments complete their requirements for dealership licenses.

A total of 18 store owners, storekeepers, and cooperative representatives completed the ASD training.



# DAVAO REGION



## FPA RFU XI - JULY 28, 2023

DAVAO CITY - Thirty-six (36) fertilizer and pesticide dispensers underwent to Accredited Safety Dispenser Training and Refresher Course at Iko's Garden Resto, Davao City last July 28, 2023.

This training aimed to train agricultural store staff on the safe dispensing of fertilizers and pesticides to end-users/farmers as they were also responsible for disseminating information about safe agriculture to farmers.

Representatives from Sygenta and Tierra Agri-Technologies Inc. also helped deliver important concepts of handling pesticide products and the role of fertilizer for plant growth.





# 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



# CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



## FPA RFU CAR - JULY 5, 2023

KAPANGAN, BENGUET - Through collaboration with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Kapangan, the FPA CAR conducted a seminar on the safe use of fertilizer and pesticide for 53 farmers during the Municipality's Farmers' Congress and Agri-Trade fair in Farmers' Multi-purpose Building, Lomon, Paykek, Kapangan, Benguet last July 5, 2023.

As one of the mandates of FPA, the activity aimed to protect the general public from the risk inherent in the chemicals used in food production and to educate the agricultural sector on the proper use of these agricultural products.



## FPA RFU CAR JULY 12-14, 2023

BAGUIO CITY - The City Veterinary and Agriculture Office (CVAO) in Baguio City invited FPA CAR to be one of the resource speakers during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training for fruits and vegetables on July 12-14, 2023.

Provincial Officer (PO) Rowena F. Billig discussed the safe handling and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products to thirty (30) participants.



## FPA RFU CAR-ILOCOS REGION JULY 18-21, 2023

FPA CAR and FPA Ilocos joined forces to assist DA-ATI RTC-CAR in the conduct of Training of Trainers on Vegetable Production Employing Good Agricultural Practices for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) of Abra and Apayao from July 18-21, 2023.

The activity was conducted at Abra State Institute of Science & Technology (ASIST), Lagangilang, Abra.



## FPA RFU CAR JULY 25-28, 2023

FPA-CAR served as reserved speakers to discuss the safe use of pesticides during the Training of Trainers on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Principles and GAP Farm Inspection for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) at Dammuhan Hall, ATI-CAR-RTC, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet on July 25-28, 2023.

ATI-RTC-CAR organized the training, which was attended by 32 AEWs from Apayao, Abra, Benguet, Kalinga, and Mt. Province.



# BICOL REGION

## FPA RFU V - JULY 14, 2023

CAMARINES SUR - The FPA Bicol Region attended the technical briefing on Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program with the theme "Abongong Swak: Swak sa Budget, Swak sa Palay" at the Sonrisa Farm, Magarao, Camarines Sur last July 14, 2023.

Twenty-five (25) local farmer technicians and learning sites cooperators from the different municipalities of Camarines Sur attended the briefing.



## FPA RFU V JULY 18, 2023

The Provincial Government of Camarines Norte officially received the 5,000 bags of urea fertilizers from the donation from the People's Republic of China (PRC) in a ceremonial distribution, on July 18, 2023, in APTC Sto. Domingo, Vinzons, Camarines Norte.

FPA Regional Officer Gabriel Atole and Provincial Officer Cris Legaspi attended the ceremony.



# WESTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VI - JULY 20, 2023

The FPA Western Visayas office went through a spot cash examination by COA Region 6 on July 20, 2023, to ensure that all cash collected from license and warehouse fees is properly accounted for and deposited through the landbank at the account of the Bureau of Treasury.



# CENTRAL VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VII - JULY 24, 2023

PO Sunday Flores administered the examination for Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) at the FPA RFU VII Office in Mandaue City, Cebu last July 24, 2023.



# ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



## FPA RFU IX - JULY 27, 2023

FPA Zamboanga Peninsula served as resource speaker of the first batch of Technical Briefing on Balance Fertilization Strategy (BFS) organized by ATI Zamboanga Peninsula at Sibugay Valley Irrigation System Office, Brgy. Kahayagan, Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur last July 27, 2023.

Twenty (20) participants composed of Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) and farmer leaders attended the technical briefing.



# DAVAO REGION



FPA Davao Region continuously serves farmers through conducting trainings on Philippine Good Agricultural Practices (PhilGAP) and safe use of agricultural inputs.

## July 6, 2023

The Philgap training held at Barangay Gymnasium in Brgy. Melilia, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur in which 42 participants attended, mostly Durian exporters.

## July 12, 2023

The second Philgap training in Brgy. Melilia, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur had 46 participants in attendance.

## July 14, 2023

152 durian exporters attended the Philgap training held at Barangay Gymnasium in Brgy. Saliducon, Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur.

## July 27, 2023

The Philgap training held at DILG Hall in Brgy. Poblacion, Matanao, Davao del Sur in which 42 participants from Fruit & Vegetable Growers Assoc. attended.





# OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accounts on:

- affairs and activities of the FPA Central Office





### **FPA CENTRAL OFFICE - JULY 14, 2023**

QUEZON CITY – Dir. Julieta B. Lansangan took oath before the Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Domingo Panganiban as the new Executive Director of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) last July 14, 2023.

Dir. Lansangan, who has served as Officer-in-Charge Executive Director of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority for eight (8) months, was officially installed as the new leader in hopes of implementing changes for the agency.

During her recorded speech for FPA shown during the flag raising ceremony on July 17, she valued the agency in providing the right services to the public while urging its employees to contribute without grabbing credit or competing for importance. Through this, she is encouraging everyone to work interchangeably as possible.

Dir. Lansangan has been serving FPA since 1986.





## FPA CENTRAL OFFICE JULY 17-25, 2023

The FPA Internal Quality Audit Committee reviewed processes and management system of all divisions of the agency last July 17-25, 2023 in preparation to the surveillance visit for ISO 9001:2015 certification on August 30, 2023.

The agency aimed to maintain the said certification and continuously improve the quality of services offered by FPA to its stakeholders.



## FPA CENTRAL OFFICE - JULY 27-28 2023

The FPA Laboratory Services underwent the third surveillance assessment visit conducted by the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) for ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation last July 27-28, 2023.

This visit aimed to check the competence of the laboratory services of FPA in conducting the calibrations and tests or sampling, specifically in chemical testing of fertilizers and pesticides.





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