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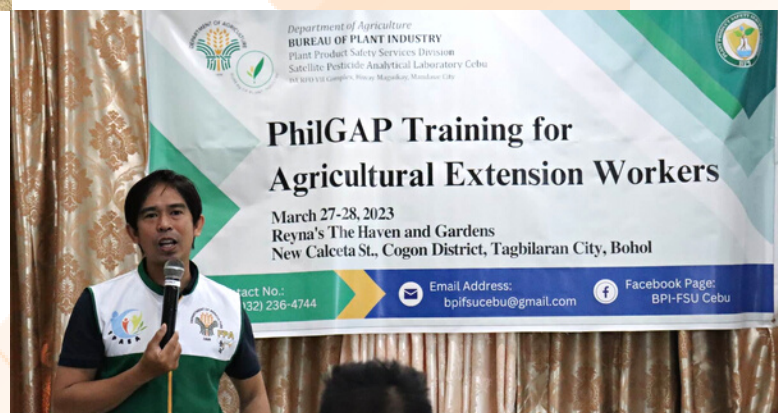
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This showcases the different activities of FPA in implementing its core mandates as provided for under Presidential Decree 1144.





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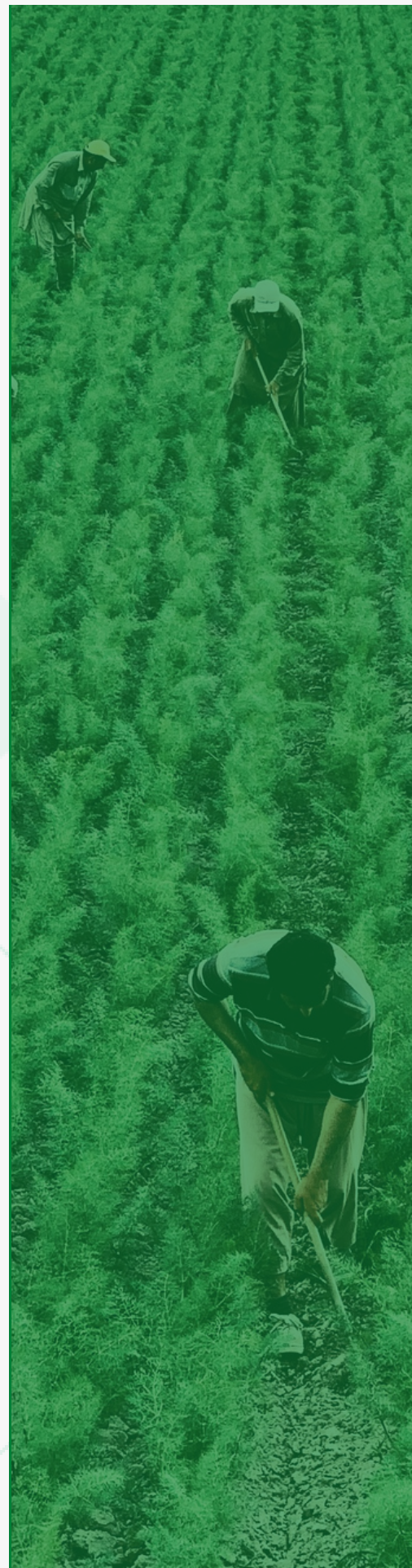
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# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD

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 - MARCH 20, 2023

KALINGA – FPA CAR Provincial Officer Augusto Nagayang issued a Stop Use, Stop Move, Stop Sale (SUMS) Order to an unlicensed dealer in Tabuk City, Kalinga for having 11 liters of alleged FAKE Brodan 31.5 EC.

Mr. Roberto Suguitan, a representative from Planters Products, Inc. (PPI), confirmed that the physical appearance of the products involved (label and the packaging) was not from the legitimate BRODAN 31.5 EC.



# ILOCOS REGION

## FPA RFU II MARCH 13-17, 2023

ILOCOS NORTE - The FPA RFU II conducted a clean-up drive operations in Ilocos Norte last March 13-17, 2023, to monitor/inspect handlers to avoid possible entry of illegal F/P products and to ensure their compliance with FPA regulatory policies.

Out of the 46 dealers monitored, five (5) were selling damaged pesticide products (e.g. damaged label or no label at all, container deformed, bottle cap popped-out, and with leakages), one (1) with expired LTO and four (4) unlicensed dealers, two (2) sellers of unregistered products, and one (1) unauthorized repacking of pesticide products.

The team was composed of FPA RFU-1 Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez, and Provincial Officers Noel Tablada, Medardo Santiago, Christan Fortin, Melecio Chos-chos, and John Mark Manangan.





# CAGAYAN VALLEY



## FPA RFU II - MARCH 7-9, 2023

QUIRINO AND NUEVA VIZCAYA - FPA Cagayan Valley conducted an inspection of fertilizer and pesticide handlers in the provinces of Quirino and Nueva Vizcaya. This is a regular activity of FPA to determine the compliance of these handlers with FPA rules and regulations.

The team also visited the experimental site for the efficacy test of Ram J liquid foliar fertilizer product in Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya.



# CALABARZON-MIMAROPA

## FPA RFU IV - MARCH 9, 2023

CALAUAN, LAGUNA - FPA Region IV Regional Officer Suzettie Alcaide and Agriculturist II Mark Nicky Larga conducted an onsite validation of a report involving an insecticide that allegedly caused a burning effect on one (1) hectare rice field in Brgy. Lamot Uno, Calauan, Laguna last March 9, 2023.



## FPA RFU IV MARCH 21-23, 2023

QUEZON PROVINCE – Notice of Violations (NoVs) were issued to Nine (9) unlicensed f/p dealers during the Clean-Up Drive (CUD) operations conducted by the FPA RFU IV from March 21-23, 2023, in Quezon Province.

The team was able to visit a total of 23 establishments from seven (7) municipalities (Lucban, Sampaloc, Mauban, San Francisco, Mulanay, Catanaunan, Unisan, Macalelon, and Padre Burgos).



# BICOL REGION



## FPA RFU V - MARCH 20-22, 2023

MASBATE CITY, MASBATE - Forty (40) fertilizer and pesticide dealers were inspected during a Clean-Up drive (CUD) operation on March 20-22, 2023, in Masbate.

Out of the 40 dealers, FPA Bicol Region issued Notice of Violations (NoVs) to two (2) dealers for operating without Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) personnel in the store. As an intervention, they were required to attend the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training.



# CENTRAL VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VII - MARCH 14-16, 2023

A Clean-Up Drive (CUD) operation was conducted in Bohol on March 14-16, 2023, to reach out to dealers in the province and monitor their compliance with the FPA rules and regulations in accordance with PD1144.

In line with this activity, the team encouraged new dealers (unlicensed) to attend a scheduled Accredited Safety Dispensers (ASD) training in Tagbilaran City.



# ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



## FPA RFU IX - MARCH 15, 2023

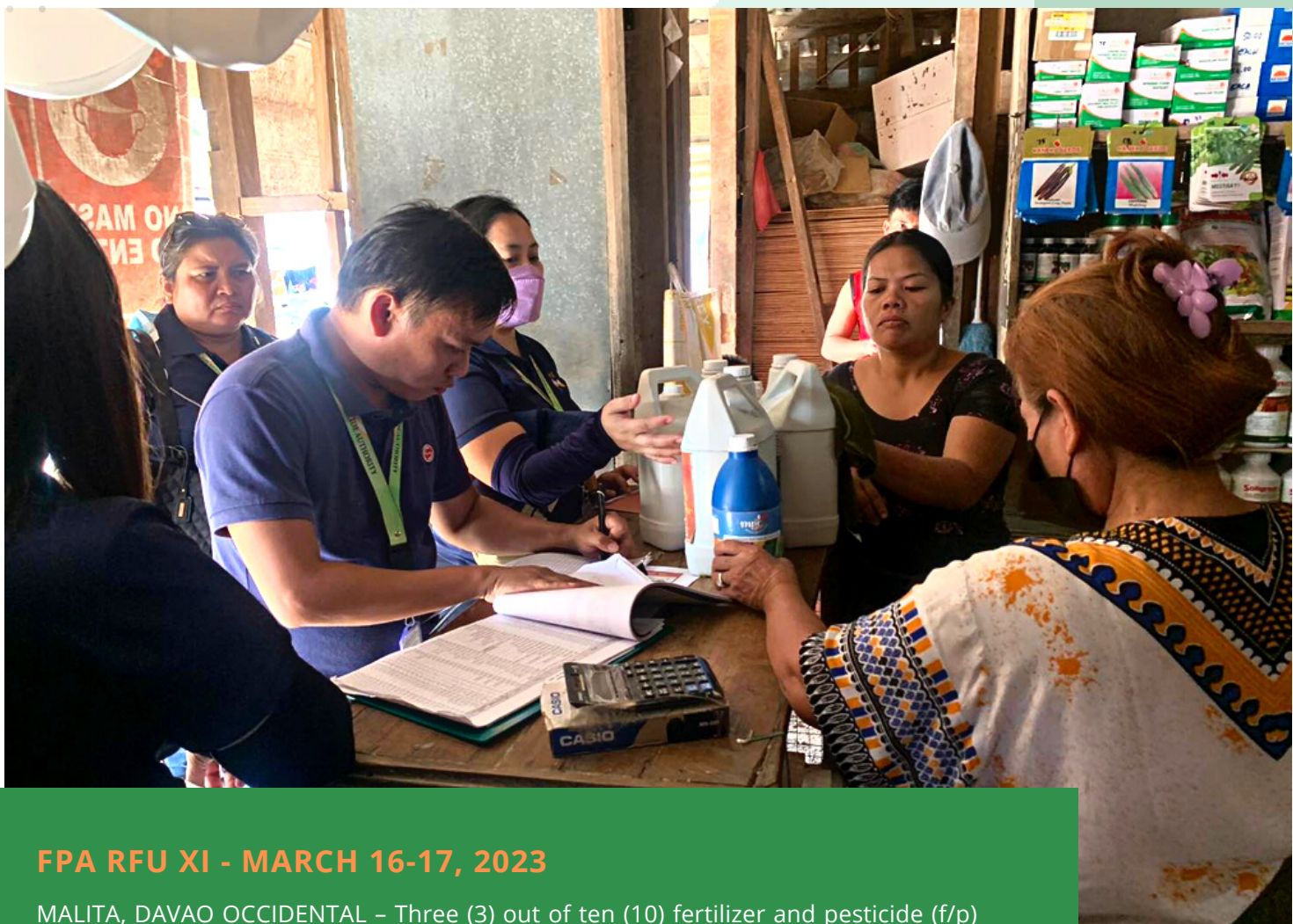
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE - FPA Provincial Officer witnessed and documented the pullout of Herbicut 480SL glyphosate for corrective actions of re-labeling.

This product has a pending suspension order for its Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) due to having erroneously indicated the approved product registration number on its label.

A total of 150 gallons of the said product were pulled out from the dealer in Zamboanga del Norte by the concerned company.



# DAVAO REGION



## FPA RFU XI - MARCH 16-17, 2023

MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL – Three (3) out of ten (10) fertilizer and pesticide (f/p) handlers received Notice of Violations (NoVs) as the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) RFU XI continued its monitoring activities in Brgy. Demoloc and Brgy. Lagumit, Malita, Davao Occidental last March 16-17, 2023.

During the operation, field officers issued NoVs to three (3) handlers for selling (f/p) products without license and Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD). The FPA Field Officers advised them to attend the ASD training scheduled on March 24, 2023, in Digos City, Davao del Sur.

In addition, one (1) handler was given a Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) order for selling unregistered fertilizer products.



# SOCCSKSARGEN



## FPA RFU XII - MARCH 28, 2023

SULTAN KUDARAT - FPA Provincial Officer Cherubin Alonzo conducted a monitoring and inspection at CDM Marketing of Purok Luyan, Brgy. Kalanawi 2, Pres. Quirino, Sultan Kudarat last March 28, 2023.



# CARAGA REGION



## FPA RFU CARAGA - MARCH 9, 2023

SURIGAO DEL SUR - FPA Caraga conducted an onsite compliance validation to PD 1144 and its IRR of FPA at the banana plantation in Barobo, Surigao del Sur last March 9, 2023.





# 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 - MARCH 2023

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) CAR provided a series of Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training for 224 individuals in the first quarter of 2023.

Led by Regional Officer (RO) Rogelio Tanguid, FPA CAR trained 43 incubatees of the Benguet State University-Agri-based Technology Business Incubator Innovation Center (BSU-ATBIIC) on February 20-21, 2023, in the Center's Training Hall, Betag, La Trinidad, Benguet.

On February 22-23, 2023, the team collaborated with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tuba, Benguet, to train 20 farmers on Good Agricultural Practices and proper dispensing through ASD training. These farmers were from Ligay Abiang Kapangdanan Suyocto Farmers Association and Ligay Multipurpose Cooperative at Ligay, Brgy. Camp One, Tuba, Benguet.

Other sets of trainings were also conducted for 33 officers and members of the San Roque Community Agriculture Cooperative at Sab-atan Hall, ATI-CAR, La Trinidad on February 23-24, 2023, and 12 participants from seven (7) establishments at Benguet Provincial Capitol on February 27-28, 2023.

In addition, a total of 116 Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) were trained in support of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) sustainable livelihood project under the Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Project (CRFPSP).

These trainings were given to 28 participants from Sagubo Multipurpose Cooperative on February 21-22, 2023, at Sagubo, Kapangan, Benguet; 27 participants from Bayanakeo Farmers and Basket Weavers Association at Poblacion, Atok, Benguet last March 7-8, 2023; 27 participants from Bulala Farmers Association last March 3-4, 2023 at Bulala, Sablan, Benguet; and to 34 participants from Tanap Organic Rice Producers at Poblacion, Kibungan, Benguet on March 14-15, 2023.

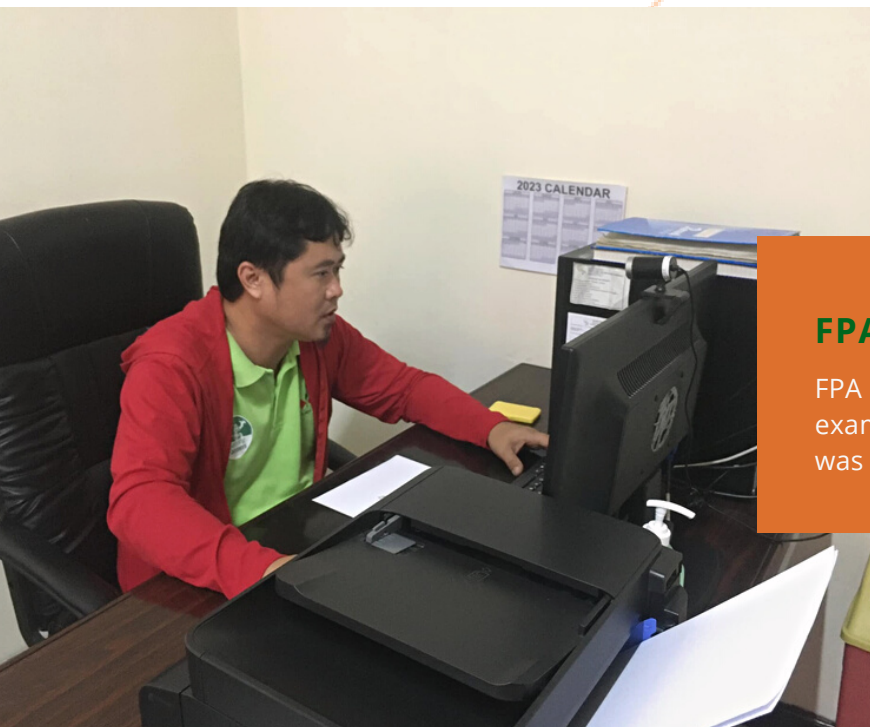


# CAGAYAN VALLEY

## FPA RFU II MARCH 2, 2023

IGUIG, CAGAYAN – 45 individuals attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training conducted by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Cagayan Valley last March 1-2, 2023, at DA-SCRC, Minanga, Iguig, Cagayan.

The participants were from different municipalities of Cagayan, Quirino, and Isabela.



## FPA RFU II - MARCH 13, 2023

FPA Regional Office II facilitated the examination for CPA-Agricultural Exterminator was co



# BICOL REGION



## FPA RFU V - MARCH 23-24, 2023

MASBATE CITY - To facilitate accreditation and license renewal of dealers with NoVs, FPA Bicol conducted an ASD training in Masbate City on March 23-24, 2023. The said training was attended by fourteen (14) participants.

# CENTRAL VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VII - MARCH 22, 2023

Thirty (30) participants successfully completed the Accredited Safety Dispenser training last March 22, 2023 in Reynas the Haven and Gardens, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.



# EASTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VIII - MARCH 21-22, 2023

TACLOBAN CITY - FPA RFU VIII conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Training Center, Marasbaras, Tacloban City.



# ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



## FPA RFU IX - MARCH 7-8, 2023

IPIL, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY - The FPA in Zamboanga Peninsula concluded its two (2) day accreditation training in Roderics Resort, Ipil Zamboanga Sibugay last March 7-8, 2023.

The activity was attended by store owners and storekeepers of different dealers in the region. This accreditation is one of the requirements to secure a license from FPA to legally sell fertilizer and pesticide products in their respective areas.



# DAVAO REGION



## FPA RFU XI - MARCH 24, 2023

DIGOS CITY, DAVAO DEL SUR – Thirty-three (33) participants from the different provinces in Davao Region attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training for fertilizer and pesticide at Ascencia Resto Bar, Lapu-Lapu St., Digos City, last March 24, 2023.

Regional Officer (RO) Marrisa Napalit explained that ASD training aimed to train store owners/proprietors, Individual Business Owners (IBOs) on the proper dispensing of fertilizer and pesticide (f/p) products as part of securing a license to operate.

The team is headed by RO Marrisa Napalit, Provincial Officer (PO) Imelda Rasay, Rustom Gain Tanduyan, Louie Palarao, and Cheery Agrade.



# SOCCSKSARGEN



## FPA RFU XII - MARCH 14, 2023

SOUTH COTABATO - On March 14, 2023, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region 12 facilitated the Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO) and Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) Examination at FPA Regional Office, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

## FPA RFU XII MARCH 15, 2023

KIDAPAWAN CITY - Seventy-three (73) prospected fertilizer and pesticide dealers attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training organized by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority-Region 12 on March 15, 2023, at HOF Mansion Inn, Balindog, Kidapawan City.







# 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 - MARCH 2023

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION – A total of 222 individuals participated in the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticides (f/p) training as the FPA CAR continues its collaboration with the local government for the first quarter of 2023.

For the month of March, the team conducted four seminars on the safe and judicious use of f/p products, which served 45 farmers from Balili, Mankayan, 16 from Camp 4, Tuba, Benguet, 28 officers and members from La-Diyang Haven Community, and 25 from Tabaan Sur, Tuba, Benguet.

Meanwhile, 69 participants attended the training on the safe and judicious use of f/p and Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) in a joint effort between FPA and ATI-CAR Regional Training Center.

Moreover, Benguet State University – Northern Philippines Root Crops Research and Training Center (NPRCRC) tapped Regional Officer (RO) Rogelio Tanguid and Provincial Officer (PO) Rowena Billig to discuss the safe and judicious use of f/p products as part of the program in celebrating their 46th anniversary in La Trinidad, Benguet last March 21. A total of thirty-nine (39) participants attended the said event.



# ILOCOS REGION



## FPA RFU I - MARCH 13, 2023

ILOCOS NORTE - The FPA Ilocos Region made a courtesy call to the Office of the Branch Manager of the National Tobacco Administration (NTA), Batac City, Ilocos Norte branch and greeted Engr. Randy I. Abella, the OIC Branch Manager, on March 13, 2023.

Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez explained that the clean-up drive activity being conducted by FPA in the Province of Ilocos Norte is to monitor and/or prevent the possible entry of illegal, fake pesticides and adulterated fertilizers. He also explained that the said activity was to ensure the availability of fertilizers in the province.

## FPA RFU I MARCH 29, 2023

PANGASINAN - Regional Officer Joseph Andre John Martinez attended the 1st quarter RAFEN-1 meeting at RISATI, Lipay, Villasis. Pangasinan.

RO Martinez was delegated in the said event to represent the DA-FPA RFU 1 as one agency member of the RAFEN 1.





# CAGAYAN VALLEY



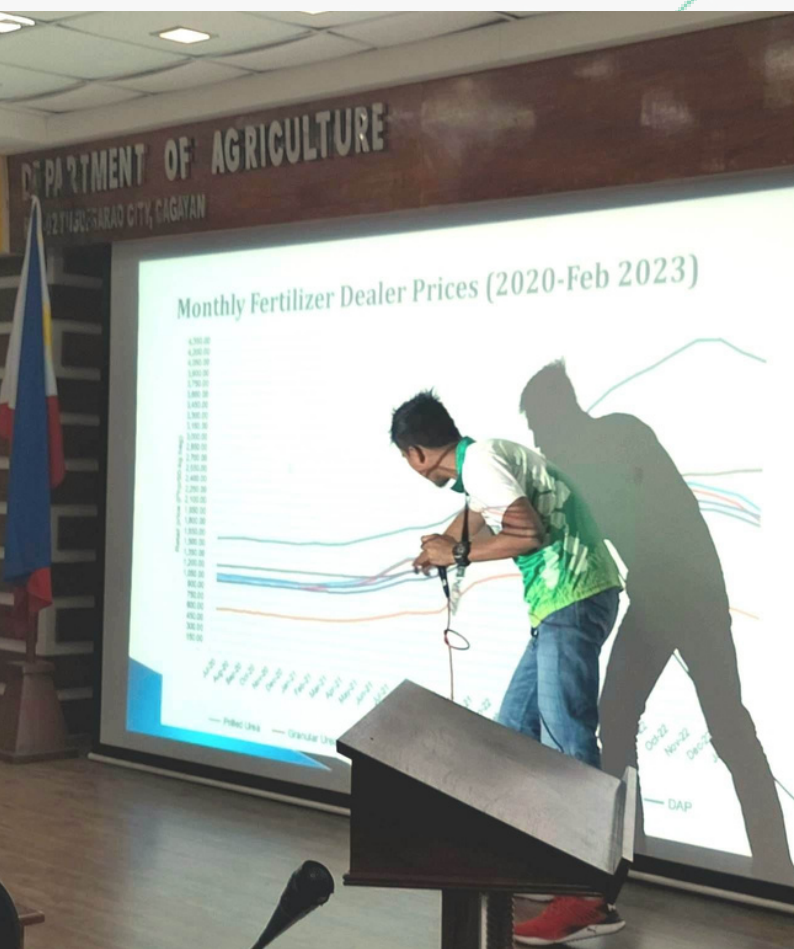
## FPA RFU II - MARCH 8, 2023

NUEVA VIZCAYA - Twenty eight (28) Agrarian Reform beneficiaries attended the training on the Responsible Use of Agricultural Pesticides facilitated by FPA Region II in cooperation with AVC Chemicals and Bayer Crop Science Philippines in Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 10, 2023

SOLANA CAGAYAN - FPA Provincial Officer Henry Cayaban, Jr. discussed the safe handling of pesticides during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training of farmers in Lingu, Solana, Cagayan.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 21, 2023

Provincial Officer Noel Baliuag, Jr. attended the consultative meeting of the Regional Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team (RBPMT) at DA Regional Office, Tuguegarao City last March 21, 2023.

The meeting aimed to update the members of the RBPMT regarding issues and concerns on the prices and supplies of agricultural commodities and harmonize functions in support of food security in the region.

In this event, Mr. Baliuag, Jr. presented the status and current updates of fertilizer prices in the region.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 22, 2023

ISABELA - FPA Provincial Officer Robert Salvador discussed the outlooks and trends of the fertilizer industry in the region during the Training of Trainers (TOT) on site-specific nutrient management at ATI, San Mateo, Isabela.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 22-23, 2023

NUEVA VIZCAYA - Through the initiative of the Municipal Agriculture Office-LGU Kayapa, the Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority (FPA) Region II conducted training on the safe and judicious use of pesticides at Barangay Besong and Kayapa Proper West, Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya on March 22-23, 2023.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 23, 2023

MINANGA, IGUIG, CAGAYAN – FPA Cagayan Valley discussed the guidelines on pesticide application using Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) or Remote Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) during the technical briefing on drone operations of rice production and calibration for the project, “Assessment of Drone Application on Rice Production in Region II: Direct Seeding, Fertilizer Broadcasting, Pesticide Spraying” on March 23, 2023, at DA-Southern Cagayan Research Center, Minanga, Iguig, Cagayan.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 24, 2023

ABULUG, CAGAYAN - The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority conducted a training on responsible use of agricultural pesticide in Libertad, Abulug, Cagayan.

This activity was in coordination with the Municipal Government of Abulug thru the Municipal Agriculture Office headed by Mr. Bernard Ojano and with the support of Divine Agro OPC Chemicals and Fertilizer.



## FPA RFU II MARCH 28, 2023

FPA RFU II had a meeting with DA RFU 02 Regional Executive Director Narciso Edillo, RTD for Research and Regulation, RTD Rosie Aquino, CVRC Manager Engr. Rolando Pedro and Chairman Tobias of the Regional Agriculture and Fishery Council.

The CropLife Philippines thru its Executive Director Mr. Ramon Abadilla makes its presence felt for a long-term collaboration with other government entities in pursuit of safety, food security, and environmental protection.



## FPA RFU II - MARCH 31, 2023

BUGUEY, CAGAYAN – Provincial Officer (PO) Arwin A. Cardenas discussed the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) with 20 rice farm leaders in Buguey, Cagayan, on March 31, 2023, during the briefing on BFS conducted by the Agricultural Training Institute - Regional Training Center (DA-ATI RTC), Region II.



# CALABARZON-MIMAROPA



## FPA RFU IV - MARCH 15, 2023

TANAUAN CITY , BATANGAS - The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA), through the Field Operations and Coordinating Unit (FOCU) and Regional Field Unit IV, conducted a collaboration meeting with the Local Government of Tanauan City, Batangas on March 15, 2023.

The FPA team was composed of Mr. Edward Allen A. Calapatia, Mr. Jowee Estefan P. Gabiano, Ms. Suzettie M. Alcaide, Mr. Mark Nicky S. Larga, Mr. Jan Paolo E. Umerez and Ms. Georlene P. Orbista.

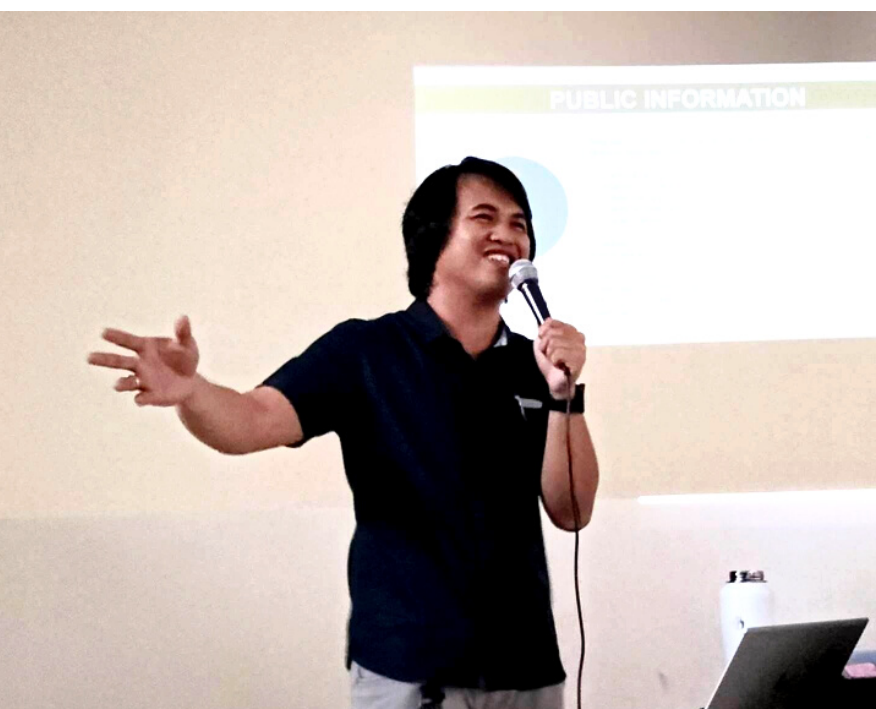


# BICOL REGION



## FPA RFU V - MARCH 8, 2023

MAGARAO, CAMARINES SUR – The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Bicol Region promoted the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) during the Training of Trainers (TOT) for New Local Farmer Technicians (LFT): Specialized Training Course on Rice Production Technology and Extension Delivery System with GAD Concepts on March 8, 2023, at Sonrisa Farm, Magarao, Camarines Sur.



## FPA RFU V MARCH 17, 2023

FPA Bicol Regional Officer Mr. Gabriel B. Atole served as a resource speaker during the colloquium in agriculture entitled AGRI-TALK: Issues in Agriculture with the theme of "Shaping the Path Forward: Perceptions and Opportunities in Agriculture" conducted by Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) students of Bicol University Guinobatan (BUG).



# WESTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VI - MARCH 16, 2023

ILOILO - The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority RFU VI had a consultative meeting with the Fertilizer and Pesticide Industry Association (FPIA) to plan the implementation of the Baylo Basyo Program to be conducted in Leon municipality.

The consultative meeting was attended by 18 f/p companies.



# CENTRAL VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VII - MARCH 16, 2023

The Bohol Technician's Association (BTA) conducted its 1st quarterly meeting for CY 2023 with guest (via Zoom) Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia and Regional Officer Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr. held in Barangay Hagbuyo, San Miguel, Bohol on March 16, 2023.



## FPA RFU VII MARCH 27-28, 2023

BOHOL - The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region 7 was invited by the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) as a resource speaker in the PhilGAP Training for Agricultural Extension Workers (AEW) on March 27-28, 2023 held in Reynas Haven & Gardens, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The training was participated by seventeen (17) Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) from different Provinces in Region 7. Provincial Officer (PO) Andy Cornell Bornillo discussed the module "Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide".



# EASTERN VISAYAS



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 1, 2023

To continuously educate and increase the number of effective farmer field school facilitators, FPA Provincial Officer Eric Castañas was invited to discuss the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides.

This ATI RTC 8 initiative aimed to train trainers on the production of high-quality inbreds and seeds and farm mechanization at Alde Farm, Babatngon Leyte. Thirty-three (33) participants from the province of Eastern Samar attended the said activity.

## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 2, 2023

TANAUAN, LEYTE - FPA Provincial Officer Eric Castañas witnessed and took part in their product stewardship program during the showcase of "Alangang Aldiz Mula Ugat Hangang Bunga," the full product line of ALDIZ Inc., during their Big Land Owner (BLO) Field Tour in Cabarasan Guti, Tanauan Leyte, which was participated by 42 selected farmers from the location and nearby barangays.





## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 10, 2023

FPA Provincial Officer Eric Castañas presented the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides during the Rice Pest Management and Field Diagnostic in Villaconzoilo Farm School, Jaro Leyte, on March 10, 2023.

The Villaconzoilo Farm School is a regional training extension service provider with ATI RTC 8 accreditation. It seeks to improve vast array of skills and knowledge of its trainees.

Twenty-one (21) local farm technicians (LFT's from various municipalities and cities in the region attended the training).



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 15, 2023

SOUTHERN LEYTE - FPA Provincial Officer Claudette Mae Terciño was invited by the DA-LGU of Saint Bernard to discuss on the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) anchored on corn production as a resource speaker for the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides, storage, and disposal.

The training was attended by 27 corn farmers at the ABC Hall, St. Bernard, Southern Leyte.



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 15, 2023

FPA Provincial Officer Eric Castañas presented the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides, as requested by ATI-RTC 8, for the second batch of their training series, Training of Trainers (TOT) on the production of high-quality inbreds and seeds and farm mechanization, at Alde Farm, Babatngon Leyte.

It was attended by 32 delegates from various municipalities and cities in the region.



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 22, 2023

LEYTE - Provincial Officer (PO) Eric Castañas was invited by La Granja de Reyna Farm, Tacloban City, to give an update, trend, and outlook for fertilizer.

He discussed the global market situation of fertilizer prices and the Balanced Fertilization Strategy as he pointed out the importance and commitment of FPA to one DA program, its objectives, plant nutrition strategy, role, and organizational structure.

It was participated by 15 farm school owners, managers, and representative from the different provinces of the region.



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 27, 2023

FPA PO Eric Castañas discussed the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) and the safe and responsible use of agricultural pesticides as requested by ATI RTC 8 for their third batch of the TOT series, on the production of high-quality inbreds and seeds and farm mechanization at Alde Farm, Babatngon Leyte.

Thirty-two (32) AEWs, FS, LS, and NIA trainers from several municipalities and cities of Eastern Samar attended the training.



## FPA RFU VIII MARCH 27-30, 2023

BAYBAY, LEYET - FPA PO Garz de La Cruz served as a resource speaker in the training/refresher course on the protocol for abaca disease management held at ATI training center, VSU, Baybay Leyte.

This activity was attended by 60 personnel from different regional offices of the Philippine Fiber Industry Dev't Authority (PhilFIDA).



# ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA



## FPA RFU IX - MARCH 2, 2023

FPA Region IX headed by Regional Officer Alex Paalisbo made a courtesy call and follow-up visit to Sanguniang Bayan member of Ipil and Committee on Agriculture Hon. Serafin Ramos. The team discussed with unified effort and strategic action concerning the selling of illegal pesticides.

## FPA RFU IX MARCH 9, 2023

FPA Regional Officer Alex Paalisbo made a courtesy visit to OIC Executive Director Dr. Girlie Saludo of the Philippine Rubber Research Institute (PRRI) in Sanito, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay.

The purpose of the visit was to give updates and coordination to address an emerging disease of rubber called Pestalotiopsis sp. threatening the rubber industry in the region.





## FPA RFU IX MARCH 13-14, 2023

ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY – The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region IX discussed the Presidential Decree 1144 to more than 100 rice farmers during the Rice Information Caravan under the Rice Banner Program on March 13-14, 2023, in Tungawan and Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay.



## FPA RFU IX MARCH 27 AND 29, 2023

FPA reached out to 100 rice farmers from eight barangays in Zamboanga City through the Rice Information Caravan by DA9, in coordination with the City Agriculturist Office of Zamboanga, in Ayala (March 27) and Manicahan (March 29), Zamboanga City.





### **FPA RFU IX - MARCH 29-31, 2023**

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE - FPA Provincial Officer of Zamboanga del Norte was invited as one of the resource speakers to discuss the safe, effective, and proper use of Pesticides to the young extension workers of the Zamboanga del Norte Agricultural (ZNAG) Program. The said training was conducted in Irasan Roxas, Zamboanga del Norte.



# NORTHERN MINDANAO



## FPA RFU X - MARCH 8, 2023

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - FPA Northern Mindanao discussed the responsibilities of a Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA) during the pest management orientation of the employees of 801 hotel and Olives suites on March 8, 2023, at 801 hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.



# SOCCSKSARGEN



## FPA RFU XII - MARCH 16, 2023

As part of the periodic general safety training of the plantations, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority Region XII, headed by Regional Officer Alita Bornea and Provincial Officer Maricel Tabigue, in collaboration with the Syngenta Philippines represented by Product Stewardship Manager, Catherine P. Sumagaysay, conducted Occupational Health on Safety and First Aid Training to 52 chemical handlers of Green Crop Agriventures - a license Institutional User of Fertilizer and Pesticide by FPA.

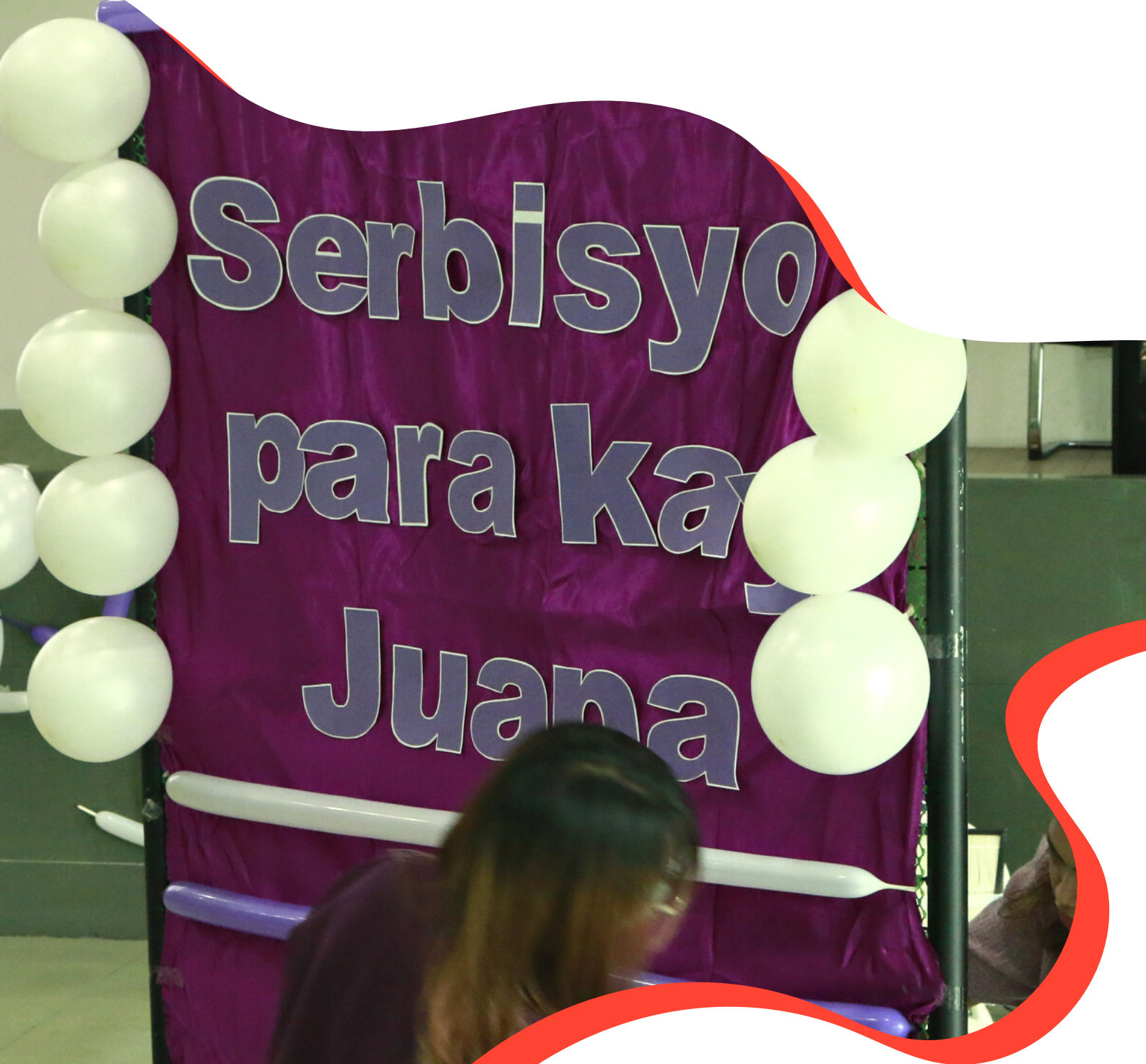


## FPA RFU XII MARCH 14, 2023

NORTH COTABATO - FPA Provincial Officer Maricel Tabigue attended the first quarter handlers meeting of the Province Of Cotabato Fertilizer And Pesticide Handlers Association (POCOTFAPHA) last March 14, 2023, at HOF Mansion Inn, Balindog, Kidapawan City.

The meeting was scheduled to harmonize the issues like price war and scope of activity between dealer and distributor.





# OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accounts on:

- affairs and activities of the FPA Central Office





## FPA CENTRAL OFFICE - MARCH 2023

#WEcanbeEquALL: FPA joins call for gender equality and inclusive society – The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority continues to advocate gender equality as it joined the month-long observance of the National Women's Month in March 2023.

With the theme "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society", the Agency through the FPA Gender and Development Focal Point System (FPA-GADFPS) has once again conducted various activities to promote the empowerment of women, not just in the workplace, but in the community.





### **FPA CENTRAL OFFICE - MARCH 13-16, 2023**

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority OIC Executive Director Julieta Lansangan unveiled the plans for F.Y. 2024 during the Department of Agriculture (DA) Internal Budget Hearing held at Hacienda Gracia Resort and Hotel, Lubao, Pampanga on March 13-16, 2023, proposing a total of Php 394,445,000 for continuous regulatory services and upgrades.

The total budget proposal mainly focused on quality control and inspection through intensifying regulatory functions, promoting the Balance Fertilization Strategy (BFS), upgrading fertilizer and pesticide regulatory programs and services, and policy reforms through updating the Fertilizer and Pesticide guidelines.

These programs were aligned with the 1st and 4th Strategic Agenda of the Department of Agriculture for boosting local production and strengthening institutions to enhance efficiency and accelerate the modernization of the sector.

Moreover, OIC Lansangan emphasized the need to increase expenditures on the establishment of Border Control Management to address the root cause of the irregularities in the distribution and the proliferation of "off-specification" agricultural inputs in the market.

Other plans and activities were also presented, such as the amendment of Presidential Decree No. 1144 and its implementing rules and regulations (IRR), the development of a fertilizer and pesticide online system for product registration and licensing, strengthening the enforcement and conduct of entrapment (Buy Bust) operations, expansion of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Laboratory Recognition Program, and a comprehensive information caravan on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides.





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