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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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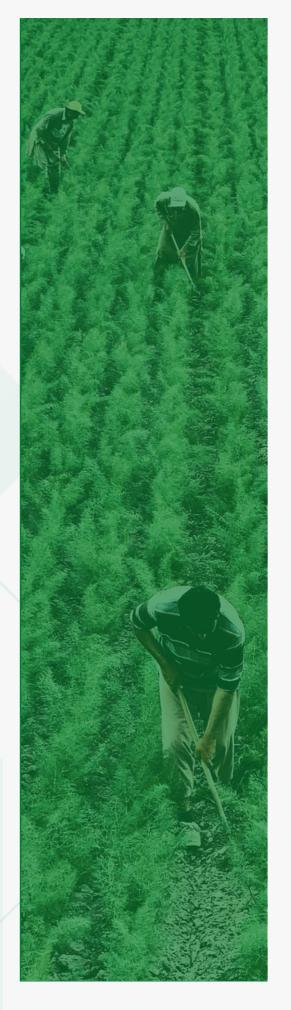
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- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



FPA RFU CAR - APRIL 21, 2023

TRINIDAD, BENGUET – FPA CAR Provincial Officer monitored Experimental Use Permits in Balili, La Trinidad.

FPA-CAR monitors 100% of the approved EUPs to assure compliance of handlers and researchers for the necessary requirements on the registrations of agricultural products (fertilizer and pesticide). The purpose of the trial is to generate bio-efficacy and residue data for product registration.



FPA RFU I

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ILOCOS REGION



CAGAYAN VALLEY





FPA RFU II - APRIL 25, 2023

SANTIAGO CITY, ISABELA - FPA Cagayan Region conducted an inspection of the Fortified Organic fertilizer plant of Aljay Agro-Industrial Solutions, Incorporated in Santiago City.

Other plants will be inspected soon to determine their production capacity, and manufacturing practice and product quality to ensure quality fertilizers to be used by our end users.

EASTERN VISAYAS



FPA RFU VII - APRIL 26, 2023

FPA Central Visayas and FPA Eastern Visayas, headed by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. and RO Francis Salvador Costas, conducted a unified manufacturing plant visit and inspection to Atlas Fertizer Corporation in Daanlungsod, Toledo City last April 26, 2023.

NORTHERN MINDANAO



FPA RFU X - APRIL 10, 2023

FPA Northern Mindanao conducted a manufacturing plant inspection at R.I. Chemicals Corporation last April 10, 2023 at Jasaan, Misamis Oriental.

The team was led by Regional Officer Ma. Sonia Calleja, along with FPA OIC Executive Director Julieta Lansagan, OIC Chief Agriculturist of the Pesticide Regulatory Division (PRD) Maribel Querijero, and PRD Agriculturist II Jay-Ar Rivera.

Ms. Calleja introduced the FPA team to the personnel of R.I Chem. Corp. then followed by the product presentation of R.I Chem Corp. research team.

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - APRIL 3-4, 2023

PANABO CITY & DAVAO CITY - Four (4) Extrusion Plants that manufacture pesticide-impregnated polybags used for the banana industry were inspected on April 3-4, 2023.

The inspection was conducted to ensure quality standards and safe operating procedures at the extrusion plant. The team also collected samples of the finished product from the extrusion process (polybag) for further laboratory analysis. The findings during the inspection will serve as a pre-requisite for renewal of their License to Operate (LTO) as Extruder with FPA.

The team was composed by Deputy Executive Director Eric Divinagracia and FPA RFU XI Officers Marrisa Napalit, Cheery B. Agrade, and Louie T. Palarao.

SOCCSKSARGEN



FPA RFU XII - APRIL 4-5, 2023

A two-day pullout activity was conducted in Sarangani, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and North Cotabato on April 4-5, 2023.

This is in line with the letter released by FPA, dated February 27, 2023, to pull out and relabel those herbicides with erroneous product registration numbers as corrective actions.

The activity was witnessed by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority-Region 12 headed by its Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea, together with Provincial Officers Joey B. Pascua and Jennie M. Basilio.





FPA RFU XII - APRIL 28, 2023

SOUTH COTABATO – Fifteen (15) establishments were monitored as the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Region 12 conducted a clean-up drive operation in different municipalities of South Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat on April 18-20, 2023.

During the operation, the team found 11 fertilizer and pesticide (f/p) handlers without a license to operate and trained Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) personnel, which resulted in the issuance of Notice of Violations (NOVs). Officers then invited the violators to attend the upcoming ASD training on May 17, 2023, in Tacurong City.

In addition, 46 fertilizer products and 94 pesticide products were inspected to assure the farmers of safe and standard products catered in the market.

The team also distributed triple-rinse posters to all handlers in the area as part of the agency's campaign on empty pesticide container management.

Further, occupational health monitoring and risk appraisal assessment were conducted in one banana plantation in Lake Sebu to ensure the enforcement of policies on safety in accordance with Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) regulations.

This activity aims to enforce safety and regulatory practices and strengthen the monitoring and inspection of F/P handlers, products, and warehouses.



Accounts on:

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

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



FPA RFU CAR - APRIL 4, 2023

TUBA, BENGUET - Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Billig conducted Accredited Safety Dispenser Training for 24 fertilizer and pesticide handlers/end user-farmers at Tabaan Sur, Tuba, Benguet.

This was done during the training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for fruits and vegetables at the Municipal Agriculture Office of Tuba, Benguet last April 3-5, 2023.

The participants were officers and members of the Kiwet Gimong Farmers Association (KGFA). KGFA is interested to be a dealer of fertilizer and pesticides to cater to the agricultural nutrients and crop protection product requirements of the farmer- members, and non-members in their locality.

ILOCOS REGION



BAUANG, LA UNION - Eighty-seven (87) individuals from the four (4) provinces in Ilocos Region attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Region I at Hotel Ariana and Restaurant, Brgy. Paringao, Bauang, La Union last April 19-20, 2023.

This training was led by RO Martinez of DA-FPA Ilocos Region, along with Provincial Officers Melecio Choschos, John Mark Manangan, Medardo B. Santiago, Christian Fortin, and Noel M. Tablada.

CALABARZON-MIMAROPA





FPA RFU IV - APRIL 12, 2023

CANDELARIA, QUEZON - FPA CALABARZON-MIMAROPA conducted a face-to-face Accredited Safety Dispenser Training for fertilizer and Pesticide last April 12, 2023, at Sioland Grand Premier Hotel, Candelaria, Quezon.

Forty-three (43) participants passed the training.

BICOL REGION



FPA RFU V - APRIL 24,2023

CAMARINES SUR – Forty-seven (47) participants from Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Masbate, Albay, and Sorsogon attended the Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training at 2nd flr., Lanuza Hall, CBES Bldg., DA-RFO5 Cmpd., San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur on April 18-19, 2023.

Regional Officer (RO) Gabriel Atole spearheaded the two-day training, which served as a support to the dealers who were found operating without licenses during inspections.

The team was composed of RO Atole, Provincial Officers (PO) Winsor Nueva, Rosie Malazar, Christopher Nuñez, Cris Legaspi, Rodny Conda, Ardon Ryan Nee-Estuye and Regional Staff Mr. Louie M. Atuli.



WESTERN VISAYAS



FPA RFU VI - APRIL 27-28, 2023

A total of 41 individuals have completed the two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) training conducted by Western Visayas.

This training aimed to equip the attendees with proper knowledge relevant to protecting and safeguarding fertilizer and pesticide products used by different stakeholders, especially our local farmers. This also capacitated the handlers of the product by equipping them technically with safe and judicious use of FP products stored in store shelves and warehouses.

DAVAO REGION



FPA RFU XI - APRIL 20, 2023

MATI CITY, DAVAO ORIENTAL - Twenty-four (24) participants from the different municipalities attended the training and refresher course for Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) at Baywalk Hotel, Mati, Davao Oriental, last April 20, 2023.

All 24 participants successfully passed the examination.

FPA RFU XI APRIL 27, 2023

DAVAO CITY – Eight (8) Individual Business Owners (IBO) from Amway Philippines have attended the training for Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) at Amway Philippines, Amway Bldg., Quimpo Blvd., Davao City.

All 8 participants successfully passed the examination.





Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and the regulations on fertilizer, pesticide, and other agrichemicals

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

FPA RFU CAR - APRIL 12, 2023

TUBA, BENGUET - FPA-CAR Provincial Officer Rowena Billig delivered safe and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides to 15 farmer-aspirants for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certification. The three-day (April 11-14, 2023) GAP training on fruits and vegetable production was held at Senior Citizen Hall, Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet. The activity was organized by the Office of the Municipal Agriculture of Tuba, Benguet.



FPA RFU CAR - APRIL 14, 2023

MANKAYAN, BENGUET - FPA-CAR Provincial Officer Rowena Billig delivered a lecture on the safe and effective use of fertilizer and pesticide products during the training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for fruits and vegetables on April 13-14, 2023 at Bato, Tabio, Mankayan, Benguet.

Forty-two (42) farmers of Brgy. Tabio, Mankayan, Benguet completed the training which was funded by the participants themselves through their association, Green Express Farmers Ass'n, and in collaboration with the Mankayan Municipal Agriculture Office.





FPA RFU CAR - APRIL 18, 2023

BAKUN, BENGUET - Seventeen (17) potato growers of Kayapa, Bakun, Benguet attended the training for Potato Seed Production and Certification at Kayapa Multipurpose Hall, Bakun, Benguet on April 18-20, 2023.

The three-day training was organized and sponsored by the Provincial Agriculture Office of Benguet province in collaboration with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Bakun. FPA-CAR Provincial Officer Rowena Billig presented the Insecticide Resistant Management on the said training.

FPA RFU CAR APRIL 20, 2023

FPA-CAR Provincial Officer Rowena Billig informed the 25 farmers of the safe and effective use of fertilizers and pesticides during the Package of Technology Training on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for upland vegetables at New Conference Hall, DA RFO-CAR, Guisad, Baguio City on April 19-20, 2023.

The training was organized and sponsored by the DA RFO-CAR through its HVCDP Section of the Field Operations Division, in collaboration with the City of Veterinary and Agriculture Office, Baguio City. It was attended by farmers from Baguio City and La Trinidad.



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FPA RFU CAR APRIL 26, 2023

FPA-CAR Regional Officer Rogelio Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena Billig discussed the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) and Safe and Effective Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides to 21 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) during the training on the Palaycheck System with Emphasis on Integrated Nutrient Management System.

The training was organized by ATI-RTC-CAR as part of their programs on Capability Enhancement for AEWs last April 24 - 28, 2023, at Dammuhan Hall, ATI-RTC-CAR, BSU compound, Balili, La Trinidad, Benguet.





FPA RFU II - APRIL 12-13,2023

FPA RFU I Regional Officer Leonardo Bangad attended the DA and DENR multi-sectoral round table discussion on April 12-13, 2023, at Hive Hotel & Convention Place in Quezon City.

This event aimed to harmonize the transition towards Biodiversity-friendly agriculture as the use of agrichemicals in crop production areas within protected landscapes should be regulated immensely by every stakeholder to maintain healthy biodiversity to sustain food security.

FPA RFU II APRIL 18, 2023

The FPA RFU II conducted training on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides in Reina Mercedes, Isabela on April 18, 2023.

This was in coordination with the Municipal Government of Reina Mercedes thru the Municipal Agriculture Office headed by OIC MAO Dionisio Tamayao and the FMC Corporation as part of their regular product stewardship program.

The training was attended by 230 farmers who actively participated in the discussion on the safe and judicious use of pesticides.



FPA RFU II APRIL 25, 2023

The FPA RFU II Regional Officer Leo Bangad acted as the resource speaker during the ATI's Training of Trainors on the coffee-based farming system last April 25, 2023, at DISADECO Food Processing Plant in Diffun, Quirino.

The training was attended by AEWs from the provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Isabela, and Cagayan.

BICOL REGION



FPA RFU V - APRIL 26, 2023

CAMARINES SUR - FPA conducted a Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program (FOFDP) briefing and site evaluation at LGU Pili, Camarines Sur last April 26, 2023.

The FPA team, composed of Mr. Edward Allen A. Calapatia (Head, FOCU), and Ms. Mirasol O. Bacarisas (OIC, PMID); from FPA RFU5: Mr. Gabriel B. Atole (Regional Officer), and Ms. Rosie T. Malazar (Provincial Officer), visited the Acting Mayor Hon. Francis B. Belen, Mr. Arvin P. Salvino (Acting Municipal Agriculturist), Mr. Rolando S. Llegado (Head, MENRO), and Engr. Rommel M. Nacario (Organic Agriculture Program Coordinator).

FPA RFU V APRIL 27, 2023

BULAN, SORSOGON - Another Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program (FOFDP) briefing and site evaluation was conducted last April 27, 2023 at LGU Bulan, Sorsogon.

The team visited the LGU Bulan, Sorsogon and met with Hon. Romeo A. Gordola (Municipal Mayor), Ms. Marietta G. Bayoca (Municipal Agriculturist), and Mr. Mikhail Paolo D. Rosil (EMS, MENRO).



FPA RFU V APRIL 28, 2023

LEGAZPI, ALBAY - The FPA team conducted a Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program (FOFDP) briefing and site evaluation with LGU Legazpi City, Albay last April 28, 2023.

The team made a courtesy visit to LGU Legazpi City: Mr. Carlos A. Ante (City Administrator), Ms. Sheila R. Nas (City Agriculturist), and Engr. Linno Benju Q. Calleja (OIC, OCENR).







FPA RFU V APRIL 24-28, 2023

NABUA, CAMARINES SUR - The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Bicol tapped the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) as one of the resource speakers to 28 Local Farmer Technicians (LFTs) during the refresher course on Pest and Nutrient Management on April 24-28, 2023, at Macagang Business Center, Nabua, Camarines Sur.

The activity was organized by Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Bicol, and attended by participants from provinces of Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, and Sorsogon.

WESTERN VISAYAS



Five hundred six (506) farmers and twenty-eight (28) fertilizer and pesticide companies participated in the Baylo Basyo Program on April 13, 2023, in Leon, Iloilo.

Baylo Basyo Program serves part of FPA's product stewardship program in partnership with agri-industries, which aims to collect toxic pesticide containers from farmers to avoid inherent risk to the public and the environment due to neglect of these waste materials.

The program is a joint effort of FPA Western Visayas, FPIA, Municipal Agriculture Office, Sanggunian ng Bayan for Agriculture and Environment, and Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO).

CENTRAL VISAYAS



TRINIDAD, BOHOL - FPA Region VII conducted safe and judicious use pesticides training for vegetable farmers on April 19, 2023.

In line with this, Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. and Provincial Officer Andy Cornell Bornillo attended the ceremonial turn-over and opening of the Vegetable Crop Production Project of the DSWD under SLP on April 14 and 18, 2023 in Brgy. La Union, Trinidad, Bohol.



FPA RFU VII APRIL 26, 2023

The FPA Visayas Cluster recently held its 1st cluster meeting on April 26, 2023, in Silay City, Negros Occidental.

This meeting aims to promote better coordination among officers especially in the implementation of FPA regulations and sharing of best practices in the field. Also present is Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide Eric C. Divinagracia as the guest of honor.

EASTERN VISAYAS



FPA RFU VIII - APRIL 12, 2023

FPA RFU VIII PO Eric Castañas gave a presentation on the update, trend, and outlook of fertilizer, followed by the Balanced Fertilization Strategy.

This seminar was conducted to accommodate the request of La Granja de Reyna Farm School, an Extension Training Provider of ATI-R8. Twenty (20) participants from the different farm school owners and representative of the region attended the seminar.



FPA RFU VIII APRIL 20, 2023

ATI-RTC8 tapped FPA Region VIII to discuss the safe and judicious use of agricultural pesticides to 33 participants at Alde Farm, Babatngon Leyte last April 20, 2023.

FPA PO Eric Castañas highlighted the production of high-quality inbreds and seeds and farm mechanization.

FPA RFU VIII APRIL 21, 2023

BAYBAY CITY - FPA Region VIII, along with the Eastern Visayas Agri-Chemical Association (EVACA) President Jaypee Ollave, met with the EVACA officers and representatives from various chemical companies at Zone 21, Baybay City, Leyte last April 21, 2023.

The meeting highlighted the association's future objectives and initiatives, such as the Hipos Baseyo program and the sports activity to be held in Ormoc City (tentative) in May 2023.





Twenty (20) active ATs and AEWs from the different municipalities and cities of Leyte attended the training. $\,$

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FPA RFU XII - APRIL 5, 2023

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority - Region 12, through its Provincial Officer, Cherubin Alonzo, conducted the safe and judicious use of pesticides seminar in partnership with Syngenta Philippines Inc. - Product Stewardship Manager, Catherine Sumagaysay to 5J Banana Farm in Brgy. Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat last April 5, 2023.

The seminar was conducted to address the hazards and risks to human health and the environment associated with the use of pesticides, and to ensure that the company's products are properly handled and safely used.

FPA RFU XII APRIL 20, 2<u>023</u>

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority-Region 12, led by Regional Officer Alita Bornea, met with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources (MENRO), Municipal Agriculturists of Municipality of Norala, South Cotabato, representatives from agro-pesticide companies, and farmer leaders.

The activity was conducted to discuss a project for the possible recycling of empty pesticide containers and reused as raw materials for making eco bricks (concrete blocks).





FPA RFU XII APRIL 26, 2023

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority-Region 12 and other members of the Regional Bantay Presyo Monitoring Team attended the 1st quarter RBPMT Meeting on April 26, 2023, in Koronadal City.

The said activity focused on the presentation and approval of the revised special order of RBPMT members as well as the price trends of the RBPMT members.

CARAGA REGION



SURIGAO DEL SUR - FPA CARAGA, along with Bayer CropScience, Inc. representative, Mr. Allen Jay Ponce, conducted a seminar on the safe and responsible use of crop protection products last April 14, 2023, at North Eastern Mindanao State University Tagbina Campus in Surigao del Sur.

FPA CARAGA Provincial Officer Yzredin Baconguis served as a resource person for the seminar, which was attended by 208 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Technology (BAT) students of the university.

FPA RFU CARAGA APRIL 20, 2023

The FPA CARAGA team met with various licensed dealers in Agusan del Sur to review the FPA guidelines and its implementing rules and regulations as mandated by PD 1144 on April 20, 2023.

The discussion was followed by the election of officers of Southern Agusan Agro Dealers Association (SAADA) being presided by former Mayor Solomon Rufila (SAADA Pres.).



FPA RFU CARAGA APRIL 26, 2023

FPA CARAGA Provincial Officer Jeyson Atillo discussed the safe and proper handling of pesticides with AEW's rice specialists and agriculturists from different municipalities of Region 10 and Region 13.

This activity was conducted during training of trainors organized by PhilRice on April 17 - 20 and April 24- 28, 2023, at PhilRice Research Complex, RTR, Agusan del Norte.



Accounts on:

• affairs and activities of the FPA Central Office





FPA CENTRAL OFFICE APRIL 20, 2023

The Pesticide Regulation Division met with Bayer and Crop Life last April 20, 2023.

These meetings signified a strong partnership and collaboration in promoting the advocacies on Plant Science, especially on product stewardship and ensuring the safety of the products for humans, animals, and the environment and the benefits to the end users, the farmers.



FPA CENTRAL OFFICE - APRIL 27, 2023

Assistant Secretary James Tayug of the Department of Agriculture visited the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority last April 27, 2023.







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