

Batch 3 of DARRO XI's ARCESS Kicks Off

On January 8, 2016, ISEDI officially began its activities as the Progress and Process Monitoring (PPM) service provider of the DAR - ARCESS Project for Batch 3 (Lot 11- PPM-A and Lot 11 PPM-B). This batch covers four (4) provinces in Region XI; Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur and Compostela Valley.

ISEDI will be monitoring the interventions of Development Options Social Entrepreneurship (DOSE) Inc., and Babas Foundation Inc. (BFI) in their capacity as the Professional Service Providers (PSPs) for Agri-Extension Services (AES) and Business Development Services (BDS), respectively. All three PSPs were commissioned by DARRO XI to assist them in serving 15 ARBOs in the provinces.

Activities that were undertaken so far by the PSPs (ISEDI, DOSE and BFI) include courtesy calls, project orientations and OE-NADA Validation.



The Professional Service Providers (PSPs) meet up with Davao del Sur's DARPO Elmer Gerigdig



ARCESS Orientation in Davao del Norte

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DAR-ARCESS IN COMPOSTELA VALLEY

Nabunturan, Compostela Valley - The team of Professional Service Providers (PSPs) composed of DOSE, BFI and ISEDI has started their preliminary activities for DAR-ARCESS's Third Batch on January 14, 2016. So far, they have conducted a Courtesy Call, Orientation and Leveling Off with the DARPO. They were joined by DARPO Comval staff headed by CARPO Ellordo Gualberto, and Mr. Heracleo Bato, the ARCESS Point Person.

The PSPs will be working with six out of the eight ARBOs that were initially covered by the program. These ARBOs are:

- Cabinuangan Small Coconut Farmers Cooperative (CASCOFACO)
- Katipunan Multi-Purpose Cooperative (KMPC)
- Maragusan Grower Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAGROW MPC)
- Maragusan Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAMPCO)
- Tagnanan CARP Beneficiaries Cooperative (TCBC)
- Laak Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LAMPCO)

DAR-ARCESS IN DAVAO CITY

Davao City— ISEDI, as the PPM, is tasked to monitor the subproject on Cacao Production and Cacao Beans Consolidation. Progressive Highland Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PHMPC) with its 1,092 members (39 ARBs and 1,053 non-ARBs) is Davao City's ARCESS beneficiary. The Agri Extension Services (AES) will be provided by the Development Options for Social Entrepreneurship Inc. (DOSE Inc.) while, Babas Foundation Inc. (BFI) will be handling the Business Development Services (BDS).

As of press time, the PSPs have accomplished the following activities: conduct of courtesy

Pag-asa Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in New Bataan and Island CARP Beneficiaries Cooperative of Tagnanan, Mabini were excluded as they were no longer engaged in Cacao Production and their business operations were not transparent.



DOSE explaining their AES interventions during their Courtesy Call/Project Orientation in DAR Compostela Valley's Provincial Office

call cum project orientation, OE-NADA validation and leveling –off of the PSPs AES and BDS intervention to be provided to PHMPC.



The PPM team meets up with the ARBOs

Project Orientation with DARPO Davao City



LEARNING EXPEDITION FOR DAVAO ORIENTAL ARBOS

Ten (10) Rice and Corn ARBOs from Banaybanay, Cateel and Boston, Davao Oriental participated in the recently concluded Learning Expedition that was conducted on January 26 to 27, 2016. Orchestrated by Babas Foundation, Inc. (BFI), the activity is one of the PSPs's AES and BDS interventions under DAR's ARCESS Project.

The organizers of the learning expedition hoped to expose the visiting ARBOs to good methods and practices that are being applied by other organizations so that they may in turn apply it in their operations. BFI also wanted to inspire the ARBOs of Davao Oriental by exposing them to successful ARCESS beneficiary ARBOs.

The group had two provinces in their itinerary, Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley. In

Davao del Norte, they were able to visit ASAWA MPC and Basak Pangutusan CARP Irrigators' Association. In the former, they observed how the cooperative managed their Flatbed Dryer. They also examined the Common Service Facility's (CSF) Operation and Management. In Basak Pangutusan, the DavOr ARBOs visited the IA's Vermicast Production. A tour of NARCICO and LIPRIMPCO's Organic Rice Production in Nabunturan, Compostela Valley completed the group's circuit.



Snapshots from the learning expedition

UP-SCALING THE BALIK UMA PROJECT ACTIVITIES



The future trainers with their Livestock instructor, Dr. Mel Ello

Mr. Cris Genosas served as the participants' Sustainable Agriculture instructor



The Trainers' Trainings on Indigenous and Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock and Poultry Production with inputs on Vermi Worm Culture was attended by 35 trainees from the project areas. Under the guidance of ISEDI and BALSAs these trainers will pass on what they have learned to other members of their communities. The schedule for the re-echoing is as follows:

- January 19,2016: Mambusao cluster
- January 21,2016: Re-echo Training at Bango cluster
- January 22,2016: Re-echo Training at Putting Bato
- January 24,2016: Re-echo Training at Letter V
- January 26,2016: Re-echo Training at Purok 4B(Side 4)

LGU Compostela also donated a total of 1,600 tilapia fingerling for SitioMambusao.

ISEDI and BALSAs also conducted Team Meeting on January 9, 2016.

ISEDI ATTENDS THE SJSA COLLOQUIM

Gloria N. Peñera, Project Coordinator of ISEDI attended the 3 day SJSA Colloquium last January 13-15, 2016 as the firm's representative. The activity was held at the Xavier Hall Training Room of Community Center of the First Companions, Ateneo de Davao University.

The objectives of the activity were:

- To updates each other regarding the current situation of each apostolate with the last year's goals;
- To practice discernment in decision-making endeavors;
- To appropriate the Province Roadmap and its implementation strategies;
- To circulate the different works of the institutions;
- To set the next meeting of SJSA.

Participating Institutions were:

- Jesuit Social Apostolate Commission
- Jesuit Province Affiliated Institution
- Jesuit Province Bukidnon Mission District
- Ateneo de Davao University
- Ateneo de Manila University
- Ateneo de Naga University
- Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- Xavier University
- Simbahang Lingkodng Bayan (Secretariat)

Two workshops, which revolved around responding to the calls and challenges of Pope Francis: to go to the poor and the peripheries, to promote new evangelization (*EvangeliiGaudium*), and to care for the earth (*Laudato Si*), served as the highlights of the SJSA activity. The results of the workshop will become part of the

interventions of the Society of Jesus Philippine Province. ISEDI as a member institution under the Ateneo de Davao University, was chosen by the group to facilitate the Action Plan on Poverty on Research and Advocacy by engaging in the upcoming plan on "Pakighinabi: Conversation on Poverty (Regional and National level) scheduled this year. The group included Fr, Albert Alejo (SJ), Atty. Romeo Cabarde (UCEAC), Perpy Tui (Mindanawon), and Sir Moussolini Lidasan (Al Qalam).





The Exit Meeting between ISEDI, DARRO XIII, and the ARBOs

ISEDI's PPM Contract with DAR CARAGA for ARCESS Batch 2 Ends

Last January 22, 2016 – the Exit Meeting for the ARCESS PPM Component was held at the DAR Region 13 Conference Room. The meeting was attended by the ARCESS Team headed by CARPO Antonio Miso of the Support Services of DARRO 13, CARPO Beth de Guzman of DARPO Surigao del Norte, Mr. Gudy Centena of DARPO Agusan del Sur, the MAROs and the leaders of the assisted ARBOs.

ISEDI as the PSP on PPM was asked to present the highlights of the findings and analysis of PPM Lot ADS (Esperanza and Prosperidad) and PPM Lot SDN (Del Carmen, Tubod and Alegria). The findings were based on the processes used by the DOSE Inc. and BFI as the PSPs on BDS, and FREEDOM Inc. as the PSP on AES in providing assistance to the ARBOs in the provinces mentioned.

In the highlights, it was mentioned that some of the deliverables were achieved but there were also a few that were not completed. The transfer of technology on corn was not successful because of the drought that badly affected the demo farms in early 2015. Despite this however, the communities are now more receptive to the ARCESS project Overall, the ARBOs also felt that the project addressed their needs to some extent. They learned new things in terms of Crop Production and new technologies . At the same time, their Core Managements were also capacitated in terms of knowledge, skills and right orientation of the Core Management Team. Aside from that, the common service facility/ies provided by DAR proved to be a great help to the members of the ARBOs. Not only that, but it also became a new enterprise, as it is now generating income for the ARBOs.

The ARBOs and the DAR representatives from Caraga Region, DARPOs and MAROs from ADS and SDN are hopeful that the ARCESS Project will be continued by the next Philippine President to be elected.

