

DAR ARCESS – PPM Batch 3

ISEDI, in its capacity as the PPM Service provider for DAR ARCESS Batch 3, has monitored the series of activities conducted by DOSE. As the Agri-Extension service provider, DOSE carried out Training Needs Assessment (TNA) and Direction Setting for the ARBOs in Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, Davao City and Davao del Sur from March 1 to March 15, 2016. The activities were designed to determine which interventions were needed and at the same time, inform the ARBOs about DOSE's intentions as the AES. The activities were participated by officers and potential farmer technicians of each ARBO.

DOSE's activities continued on March 28-29 with the conduct of the Training on Cacao Technology on Production Management. Twenty five (25) Farmer Technicians (FT's) attended the training as well as some of the PHMPC BOD located in Purok 5, Sitio Baracayo, Brgy. Daliaon Plantation, Toril District, Davao City. The two (2) day activity's main focus was on top grafting technology in raising cacao.



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Mr. Keisuke Yamazaki from AIESEC Japan concluded his internship in ISEDI on March 31, 2016 with a presentation of his research study on the Cacao Pod Husk. In his study, Mr. Yamazaki was able to identify the cacao pod's potential as a fertilizer. He also shared that converting the cacao pods into fertilizer would not be costly as the materials are already available in the farmers' locale. According to the interviews he conducted in Calinan, the farmers were accustomed to throwing the pods into the trash.

DAR-Up valuing Project (Davao del Sur)

ISEDI had a meeting with DAR Davao del Sur's PMAO, Mary Ann Rabutan, on March 9. During the meeting, the discussion revolved around the expected outputs of the different activities to be conducted in PARBUF-MPC in Kiblawan and BREAD-MPC in Darong. Several agreements were also made, including but not limited to: ISEDI crafting 2 Business Plans for the two ARBOs in lieu of Activity 7 which is the Training for Market Linkaging and Market Analysis., and that the presentation of all outputs from Activity 1 to 7 except 3, will be presented in one venue and DARPO-Davao del Sur will take charge of the venue and food.

In addition to the meeting, Activities 4, 5 and 6 were carried out for PARBUF-MPC last March 12.



Mr. Keisuke Yamazaki of AIESEC Japan presenting his research study.



These activities were done in the presence of the ISEDI Consultants Ms. Aivey Viscayno, and Peter Amaya, and with DARPO DDS's Mr. Ryan Art Tuling. In the activity, the consultants provided input on the product labels, critiqued the Banana Chips based on the 9 Evaluation Criteria. The process flow was also observed as input to the Production Management Manual.



Ms. Aivey Viscayno observes how the banana chips are made.



Upscaling the Balik-Uma Project: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Rainforestation for Food and Community Resilience

For the First Quarter of 2016 (January to March), ISEDI and BALSAs have conducted field visits, Re-Echoes of the Trainers' Training, and Trial Farm Setup Training.

The various Community Tribal Leaders and Community members were reintroduced to the Indigenous Sustainable Farming System through the Re-Echoes of the Trainer's Training in each cluster. They were also made aware of the effects of synthetic fertilizers to the human body and were taught how to process organic fertilizers as an alternative.

