

ISED I REPORT

Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives of Ateneo de Davao University

UP-Valuing and Village Level Processing Center Enhancement Project (VLCEP)

Department of Agrarian Reform

(Province of Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental and Davao City)

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)'s Up-Valuing Support Project is helping selected Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations (ARBOs) improve their market performance through product development and market development. The Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISED I) of the Ateneo de Davao University (ISED I-AddU) was



commissioned by DARRO XI in October 2015 to assist at least 1 ARBO per province in the conduct of the simplified market study, a series of capacity building activities, composed of technical advice, mentoring, and formal training and FDA Accreditation. The ARBOs included in this project (Up-Valuing Support or UVS) are: AMS Employees Fresh Fruits Producers Cooperative (AMSEFPCO); Agraryong Reporma Samahang Kababaihan (ARSK); DAVECO

Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative The ARBOs come from Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental and Davao del Sur areas in the Davao Region. Two of the ARBOs are producing banana flour, and the rest are producing durian yema and pastillas, squash pancit canton, pineapple and coco vinegar, banana chips and coco-corn coffee. As of press time, ISED I is focusing its efforts on completing the task that have yet to be implemented for the two (2) assisted ARBOs in Davao del Sur.

On the 19th of February 2016, Ms. Christina Ramos, an ISEDI consultant on food processing, presented the production manual and production layout for SAVARBCO and ARSK. The activity was also attended by DARPO Davao Oriental personnel: CARPO Arlene Linsag, Ms. Esther Matangcas, and PARPO I Andrew Salvana. DARRO XI was also represented in the activity by Ms. Dolly Varquez. The same activity was conducted for the ARBOs in Davao del Norte on February 25, 2016.

In Davao del Sur, ISEDI team conducted the Module 1, 3, 4 for the month of February for the ARBOs of BREAD MPC Sta. Cruz and PARBUF MPC in Kiblawan, Davao del Sur.

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

Now on its 7th month of the project implementation, ISEDI conducted training on Trial Farm Set-up last February 15-17, 2016 in partnership with BALSAs Mindanao. A total of 17 Male and 5 Female participated the activity. During the 3 days training the participants enhanced their skills in setting up the trial farms. Mr. Crisostomo Genosas, a Resource Person from BALSAs applied theory inputs and actual application to the participants. During the workshop the participants came to Lay-out their ideal farm and also discussed components of nursery and plant propagation.



ISEDI Team together with BALSAs continued their field work in partner communities, including meeting of the Compostela Farmers Association to share updates in terms of Project Implementation. The team also conducted coaching and mentoring of the key leaders in terms of the specific targets. In all these activities, ISEDI team closely coordinated with the LGUs of Monkayo and Compostela.



Batch2 – Progress and Process Monitoring (Agri-Extension Services and Business Development Services)



The panel addressed concerns raised by a participant

ISED I Team monitored, BFI activities on Business and Technology Forum at Lispher Inn, Davao City on February 24, 2016. ARBOs covered by the Batch 2 of DAR's ARCESS from Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, and Davao del Sur attended the activity. During the activity, representatives from DTI, DPWH, DOST, DA, Regwill Corporation, AGUS Pinoy Producers Cooperative, and Century Pacific Agricultural Ventures presented their respective services and projects where the

ARBOs could potentially connect in terms of agricultural technology and market linkage. The activity was also attended by DAR, and ISEDI as BFI's partners in the DAR ARCESS Project implementation.

ISED I team, PPM for ARCESS also monitored the conducted a Training on the Proper Handling and Maintenance of the CSF for CASCOFACO. The activity which was facilitated by BFI was held at the CASCOFACO Building in New Bataan on February 17, 2016.

In Davao Oriental, Last February 21-22, 2016 ISEDI participated and monitored the establishment of the organic rice demo farm in San Vicente, Banaybanay. The two day activity was organized by Babas Foundation, Inc. (BFI) as part of their Agri Extension Services under DAR's ARCESS project. The first day was dedicated to land preparation, wherein they spread the ten (10) bags of vermicast over the 1,500 square meters of farm land. The vermicast was provided by BFI while the land is owned by Marcelino Gellicana, BARBCO's chairperson.



Farmer Technicians filtering the vermicast given to them by BFI to serve as the basal in their land preparation

The second day was devoted to rice planting. The onsite coaching and mentoring activity was attended by local farmer technicians from BABRCO, CARBFARCO, and SAVARBCO.

ISED I Monitored Davao del Sur- BFI activities on Values Formation and Leadership Training to the Coconut ARBOs of Sta. Maria, Davao del Sur on the 19th of February 2016. Ms. Faith Comaling of BFI served as the resource person. Ms. Comaling utilized the Structure Learning Episodes (SLEs) method wherein she explained the goal of each activity after it was finished. The resource person stressed that the values and behavior of the members are very

important in every organization. On February 4, 2016, the BFI conducted a Re-echo activity to the Local Farmer Technicians of Rice ARBOs in Matanao. The Farmer Technicians were trained on the Organic Farming Technology. The ARBOs were also invited to be a member of MAKIMAMA, the vermicast producing group in Davao del Sur.

In Partnership with Orient Integrated Development Consultants Incorporated Baseline Study for the Joint Programme for Maternal and Neonatal Health (JPMNH) Phase2

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) awarded Orient Integrated Development Consultants, Inc. (OIDCI) to conduct a **Baseline Study for the Joint Programme for Maternal and Neonatal Health (JPMNH) Phase 2**. ISEDI provided OIDCI with assistance in providing Field Supervisors and local enumerators.

The JPMNH project mainly aims to contribute to improved Millenium Development Goal (MDG) No. 4 (Reduced child mortality) and No. 5 (Improved maternal health) anchored on a functional and effective Service Delivery Network (SDN). The project's proposed interventions are the provision of continuum of quality care and services from pre-pregnancy to neonatal care; increased equitable access to and utilization of reproductive health /maternal and newborn information, goods and services; and enhanced effectiveness of national and sub-national support to local planning, implementation and monitoring of the Maternal and neonatal child health and nutrition (MNCHN) strategy.

ISEDI field supervisors are acquiring experience in the health sector through the JPMNH. An **Institutional Survey** where administrative data gathering related to indicators set by JPMNH will be accomplished and a **Sample Survey among Women of Reproductive Age (WRA)** to identify client – service delivery dynamics.

ISEDI Team covered the partner LGUs North Cotabato (Pres. Roxas, Arakan, Aleosan, Midsayap) with the total breakdown of the target respondents:

LGU	Pregnant			Not pregnant		
	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 49	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 49
Aleosan, North Cotabato	1	20	180	197	196	208
Arakan, North Cotabato	4	129	175	193	196	208
Pres. Roxas, North Cotabato	1	116	168	175	184	207
Midsayap, North Cotabato	6	151	198	195	206	195

