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Sugarcane Block Farming

Updates from the Sugar Block Farming (SBF) Project

Implementation in Region XI, XII and the Negros Island Region

The implementation of the SBF Projects in Regions XI, XII, and the Negros Island Region (NIR) is progressing at steady pace with a few minor setbacks in some areas.

Negros Island Region (NIR)



ARBOs	TDF	Nursery	Water System	Training
Negros Occidental 1				
1. Codcod Agrarian Reform Community Cooperative	1 hectare planted variety: 88-354	1 ha - already planted : 2 varieties: 84-947 and 88-354	Delivered 1set of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 90 (69Male & 21Female): All ARBs
2. Dolis Agrarian Reform Cooperative	1 hectare planted with 2 varieties: 88-384 and 88-484	1 ha - planted; 3 varieties: VMC-484, 88524 and ME 529	Delivered 1set of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-3 Total pax = 185 (125Male & 60Female): All ARBs
3. Nieves Agro Agrarian Reform Cooperative	3 hectares planted varieties: 88-354 and 84-524	3 has: 0.5 ha partially planted; remaining 2.5 (for survey) awaiting resolution and DAR Approval of land issues between the coop and individual ARBs of Nieves. variety: 84-524	Delivered 3sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-3 Total pax = 90 (63Male & 24Female): All ARBs and 3male from Non-ARBs



4. San Isidro Agrarian Reform Cooperative (SIARC)	1 hectare planted variety: 99-	1 ha (2 sites). Site 1 planted with 2000-2569 variety	Delivered 1set of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 180 (85Male & 95Female): All ARBs
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Negros Oriental				
5. Katakaghan Small Farmers and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (KASFARBECO)	1 hectare planted 3 varieties: 99-1793, 2000 and 84-524 Weeding and second doze of fertilizers	1 ha planted; 3 varieties: 97, 2000 and 99 Weeding and second doze of fertilizers	Delivered 1set of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 179 (149Male & 30Female) : All ARBs
6. Lapay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LARBEMCO)	3 hectares: on-going land preparation, on-going top cutting of canepoints 3 varieties: 99-1793, 2003-1389, 2004-1011	5 has. on-going Plating; 4 Varieties : 99-1793, 2000 - 2569, 2003-1389, 2005 - 1065	Delivered 5sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 170 (30Male & 105 Female) : All ARBs Non-ARBs – 15Male and 20Female
7. Samac United Farmers for Agrarian Cooperative (SUFARCO)	1 hectare planted; 3 varieties: 97-3933, 99-1793 and 2000-2569	Planted 2 hectares with varieties: 2000-2569 and 99-1793	Delivered 2sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 188 (53Male & 33 Female) : All ARBs Non-ARBs – 29Male and 40Female
8. Masulog Farmers Community Cooperative (MAFACCO)	2 has. - planting on-going; 2 varieties: 99-1793, 84-947	2 has. - not yet planted . Target site still has standing cane	Delivered 2sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 141 (90Male & 51 Female) : All ARBs
9. Ramrod Agricultural Multi-Purpose Cooperative (RAMPUCO)	3 has. planted; 2 varieties: 88-354 and 84-947	Planted 4hectares; 3 varieties: 2000-2569, 88-354 and 84-947	Delivered 4sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 132 (90Male & 42 Female) : All ARBs



10. Sycip Plantation Farm Workers Agrarian Cooperative (SPFWAC)	5 has. planted 3 varieties: 2004-1011, 2000-034, and 2000-2569	Planted 6 has. variety: 2000-2569	Delivered 6sets of water pump with hose	Done all Module 1-5 Total pax = 173 (129Male & 10 Female) : All ARBs Non-ARBs – 29Male and 5Female
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For now, the major issues and concerns are the missing accessories in the irrigation pumps that were delivered, and organizational problems between and amongst the ARBOs. However, ISEDI is working on fixing the problems in coordination with the DAR and ARBO management.

REGION XI



Region XI's SBF implementation for this month mostly revolved in capacitating our farmer beneficiaries. Last June 13-14, 2017, ISEDI-AdDU as the service provider facilitated the conduct of Farm Planning and Budgeting with the targeted Agrarian Reform Beneficiary (ARB) farmer cooperators of the two (2) assisted ARBOs. PARBUF had seventeen (17) participants on June 13, while COBARBMECO had twenty (20) the

following day. The objectives of the activity were: 1) to prepare the ARB farmer cooperators enrolled in SBF for an advance planning on their own farm land in planting the sugarcane crop ; and: 2) to provide ample time in accessing and or acquiring additional capital for the establishment of their individual sugarcane farm. Sugarcane planting material or “lacsas” of high yielding varieties will be provided from the established nurseries of the project during cutback time scheduled by November and December of this year.

Table below shows the status of major indicators of the 2 ARBOs assisted under the SBF Project in Davao del Sur:

Name of ARBO	Techno Demo Farm	Nursery	Pump	Training
1. Pasig Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PARBUF)	2 hectares planted with high yielding varieties: PHIL-99-1793; PSR-200-11 and PHIL-2000-171	2 hectares planted with high yielding varieties: PHIL-99-1793; PSR-200-11 and PHIL-2000-171	Delivered 2 set of water pump with hose and other accessories	Conducted 2 major training and Farmer Field School (FFS) by module for 3 modules with



MPC)				57 participants (18males; 39females)
2. Cogon Bacaca Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative (COBARBEMCO)	2 hectares planted with high yielding varieties: PHIL-99-1793; PSR-200-11 and PHIL-2000-171	2 hectares planted with high yielding varieties: PHIL-99-1793; PSR-200-11 and PHIL-2000-171	Delivered 2 set of water pump with hose and other accessories	Conducted 2 major training and Farmer Field School (FFS) by module for 3 modules with 58 participants (27males; 31females)

REGION XII



The ISEDI team met up on the 24th of June to discuss the developments regarding the SBF implementation in Region XII. The techno demo farms and nurseries have been planted with high yielding variety canepoints. However, for most areas, only half of the targeted hectarage has been accomplished for the nursery and techno demo farms. The other half is currently awaiting land preparation as perennial heavy rains have hit the areas.

The following table below shows the major indicators for the five (5) areas being assisted in Region XII:

ARBOs	TDF	Nursery	Water System	Training
ONICA – Kidapawan	Planting conducted last June 2 – 9 with 1 area (1 ha.) attended by 15 pax in the FFS With 2000 – 171 and PSR 862 varieties With 1.5 planting distance	1 ha. Planted last June 2 – 9 With 1.3 planting distance	Done canvass on submersible pump (2nd area) For canvass – water sprinkler and dripper (1st area) wherein Drip and Furrow Irrigation was recommended	OPSI – conducted last March 21 with 29 farmer co-operators attended
Palma Perez – M’lang	Planting conducted last June 3 – 4 with the 1 area (1 ha.) With 2000 – 171	Area is ready for land prep.	Done canvass for submersible pump (1st and 2nd area) For canvass –	OPSI – conducted last March 25 with 19 farmer co-operators attended



	and PSR 862 varietie		Pump Irrigation System for Open Source (1st area)	
Kidama – Matalam	Area waiting for land prep. (weather condition) since area is waterlogged		For canvass – water pump and engine set with piping (for new identified)	OPSI – conducted last March 22 with 26 farmer co-operators attended
New Bugasong - Matalam	Planting conducted last June 10 – 13 with 1 area (1 ha.) With 2000 – 171 variety	1 ha. Planted With 2000 – 171 variety	For canvass – Shallow Tube Well and water pump	OPSI – conducted last March 28 with 16 farmer co-operators attended
Kibudtungan - Carmen	Planting conducted last May 26 – 27 with the 2 areas (2 has.) With 2000 – 171 and PSR 862 varieties	Planting conducted last June 14 – 15 with the 2 areas (2 has.) with 2000 – 171 variety.	For canvass – submersible pump (3 HP)	OPSI – conducted last March 27 with 12 farmer co-operators attended

Another issue from Region XII, aside from the heavy rains, is the lack of interest of the participants which resulted in low attendance during group activities. We are currently in the process of strengthening our links with both the local DAR personnel and the ARBO officers and members to remedy the situation.

Balik Uma Project

Updates for the “Upscaling the Balik-Uma Project: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Reforestation for Food and Community Resilience”

Farm work, both communal and individual, continued all throughout the month of June for the Balik Uma Project. ISEDI has monitored that the farmers in all the areas were able to clear their farms. Farmers from all the areas have started planted corn, ginger, and vegetables in their individual farms. In Sitio Mambosao, the communal farm was planted with seventy (70) hills of banana. A new fish pond was also half finished.

However, not all areas have started planting. In Sitio Quarry, farmers are still looking for seeds to plant.

As the implementing agency, we have already reached out to existing farms and other partners for possible sources of seeds.