

## **CDA REGION VI PARTICIPATES IN THE 9<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (RIATC) 6 AND DSWD EPAHP 3<sup>rd</sup> REGIONAL CONVERGENCE TEAM MEETINGS**

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The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Region VI participated and was represented by Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) Focal Person Vincent J. Unarce in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Inter-Agency Technical Committee (RIATC) 6 meeting at Jamins Hotel and Resort Event's Place, Colong Colong, Ibaay, Aklan and in the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) EPAHP 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Convergence Team Meeting at District 21 Hotel, Atria Business District, Mandurriao, Iloilo City on September 6, 2023 and September 8, 2023, respectively.

In the morning of the RIATC 6 Meeting, there was a Ceremonial Memorandum of Agreement Signing and Distribution of Certificate of Animal Stewardship by National Dairy Authority. The meeting proper started at one o'clock in the afternoon presided by Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Mr. Francis B. Fegarido in lieu of Regional Manager Dr. Neil J. Melencion with the presentations and discussions on the monthly updates of the activities by the implementing agencies and the proposed planning workshop for 2024 implementation of the CFIDP.



The DSWD EPAHP 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Convergence Meeting was presided by DSWD Regional Program Management Office Head Narlaine P. Gajisan. The agenda of the meeting were the Updates on the RMOU for the EPAHP Program, Reiteration of the Regional Criteria Set for the Qualified and Semi-Qualified Community Based Organization, Updates on the 2021-2022 Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) Projects, Presentation of Proposed 2024 Program Convergence Budgeting Projects and re-planning based on the updated target, initial discussion of Food Stamp Program and presentation of updates and accomplishments of EPAHP Partner Agencies.

During the meeting the conversion of association into cooperatives, the advantages of being a cooperative, the advance submission of the list of beneficiaries for the PCB Project and the joint PCB Project monitoring were also discussed.