



CDA and PHILMECH

Partnership Report







About the Cover

The cover Triangular Shape represent "The Power of Partnership" portrays a visually captivating and dynamic representation of the collaboration between the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHILMECH). The design emphasizes the strength and impact of their partnership in fostering agricultural development and uplifting rural communities.


Center of Triangular shape serves as the focal point of the cover. The triangle represents the three entities involved in the partnership the CDA, PHILMECH, and the agricultural cooperatives. The shape signifies the stability, balance, and unity that result from their collaboration.




Brown represents stability and reliability, crucial for establishing trust in a partnership. It symbolizes a solid foundation, providing security and dependability.



Bisque color symbolizes harmony and balance, crucial for successful partnerships where individuals or organizations complement each other's strengths and work together in sync.



Blue represents the open exchange of thoughts, fostering understanding and collaboration.



Pistachio green symbolizes growth and renewal in partnership, representing continuous progress, adaptation, and rejuvenation.




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CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Continues to Empower the FCAs in Region I

(Dagupan City, Pangasinan) - Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in Partnership with the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) successfully conducted the eight (8) batches of training workshops among FCAs in the region.

Over 150 farmer-cooperative and association (FCA) operators attended the training, which equipped them how to have an entrepreneurial mindset, record financial transactions, prepare cash flow, and create financial reports. Besides which, the participants completed training in basic bookkeeping and how to use the Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book in order to maintain the operation of the PHilMech-provided equipment and keep accurate records.



CDA Chairman Joseph "Joy" B. Encabo (standing front row, third from right) posed for photo opportunity during the training with Acting Regional Director Alberto A. Sabarias, with the CDA MTT and FCAs

The training workshops were held on the following dates:

DATE	Venue
October 5-6, 2022	Casa Del Camba, Alaminos City, Pangasinan
October 11-12, 2022	Lenox Hotel, Dagupan City, Pangasinan
October 19-20, 2022	Rupertos and Land Resort, Binalonan, Pangasinan
October 26-27, 2022	Cozy Place, Rosales, Pangasinan
November 8-9, 2022	Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union
November 15-16, 2022	Ban-Aw Resort, Candon City, Ilocos Sur
November 17-18, 2022	NSCC Vigan Hotel, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur
November 23-24, 2022	North Stellar, Batac City, Ilocos Norte

The said training is also being conducted to: (1) improve Farmers, Cooperatives, and Associations' (FCAs') capability to operate and manage the Farm Machinery Service Provider (FMSP) as a sustainable agricultural business enterprise; (2) instill cooperative awareness among FCA recipients, including its value and merit in the sound operation of an agricultural business enterprise; and (3) equip FCA officers and members with the fundamental values and skills required to operate an agricultural business enterprise.

Former CDA Acting Regional Director Alberto A. Sabarias and newly installed Regional Director Atty. Frederick Joe N. Robles were the driving forces behind the aforementioned activity.





The Training Management Team, which is led by Ms. Jacqueline L. De Leon, CPDAS and Mr. Van Ian F. Enriquez, CRITS, as well as resource speakers from CDA Region I, facilitated the activity. They discussed about the four modules of the training, which covered the topics of (1) Introduction to Concepts of Entrepreneurship and Successful Enterprise, (2) Cooperativism and Values, (3) Introduction to Bookkeeping, and (4) Roles of FCAs in Attaining the Goals of RCEF-Mechanization Program & In Sustaining the Farm Machinery Service Provider.





CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Training Seminar on Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program.

The Cooperative Development Authority and the Philippine Center for Post-Harvest Facilities (Philmech) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on May 27, 2021, in the Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija, the partnership aims to oversee the smooth and orderly implementation of the farm mechanization program through various capacity and capability building enhancement activities for various farmer cooperatives and association beneficiaries of the Philmech program. CDA Region 02 Extension Office conducted seven (7) batches of face-to-face training workshops among FCAs in the region. A total of 26 Farmer Cooperatives with 71 individual members and 41 farmer associations with 119 individual members beneficiaries attended the training which was conducted on the following dates;

- October 22 to 23, and 28 to 29 at Tam-an Mt. Resort and Hotel, Busilac, Bayombong Nueva Vizcaya;
- November 9-12, December 7-10, and 22-23 at Piazza Zicarelli Hotel and Bakeshop, Upi, Gamu, Isabela respectively.

TAM-AN MT. RESORT & HOTEL



October 22 to 23, and 28 to 29 at Tam-an Mt. Resort and Hotel,
Busilac, Bayombong Nueva Vizcaya;



November 9-12, December 7-10, and 22-23 at Piazza Zicarelli Hotel and Bakeshop, Upi, Gamu, Isabela respectively.

The FCAs were trained on how to have an entrepreneurial mindset, proper recording of financial transactions, and how to prepare financial reports/statements. More importantly, they were also capacitated on how to use the Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book (FMURB), a simplified tool specifically crafted by Philmech to help their program beneficiaries through proper recording and following a strict maintenance schedule, which ultimately equates to a more efficient and effective management and utilization of their farm equipment. Furthermore, CDA's mandate and core functions as well as the salient features of cooperatives were also discussed during the seminar, this is to encourage farmer associations to convert into cooperatives.

A group of farmers wearing hats and casual clothing are working in a lush green field, likely a vegetable or fruit plantation. The background shows a clear sky and some distant trees.

CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

November 29, 2022 | It's a wrap! This year's round of Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship (BTC-COBE) is now complete.

The CDA Region III Extension Office, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech), had just completed the 14th and last batch of the BTC-COBE at the Crown Royale Hotel, Capitol Dr, City of Balanga, Bataan for 2022. Overall, the CDA Training Management Team, which is comprised of 2 groups, had finished conducting 14 batches of the BTC-COBE in 7 different provinces in Region III, namely, Aurora, Bulacan, Pampanga, Zambales, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, and Bataan. A total of 473 participants from 218 Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCA) took part in the training sessions.



Each batch was held within the respective province of the target FCAs. The first batch was conducted in Amco Beach Resort, Buton Street, Baler, Aurora. 28 participants from 15 FCAs attended the training. 25 participants from 13 FCAs attended the training in Hacienda Galea Resort and Events Place, 806 Purok Pinagpala Brgy. Pinagbarilan, Baliuag, Bulacan.

24 participants from 11 FCAs attended the training in Hacienda Gracia Resort and Hotel, Lubao, Pampanga. 33 participants from 17 FCAs attended the training in L. Reutotar Beach Resort, Pundakit, San Antonio, Zambales. 87 participants from 34 FCAs attended 2 batches in La Maja Rica Hotel, Ligtasan Street corner, MacArthur Hwy, Tarlac City, Tarlac.



Nueva Ecija, in turn, had a total of 7 batches held at the Consuelo's Filipino Chinese Restaurant, Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija, gathering a total of 248 participants from 115 FCAs in all 4 districts of the province. The project concludes with 28 participants from 13 FCAs attending the training at the Crown Royale Hotel, City of Balanga, Bataan.

Four modules were discussed in the training, which included the following topics:



1. Introduction to Concepts of Entrepreneurship and Successful Enterprise



3. Introduction to Bookkeeping



2. Cooperativism and Values



4. Roles of FCAs in Attaining the Goals of RCEF-Mechanization Program & in Sustaining the Farm Machinery Service Provider and Introduction to Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book

Three workshops covering basic bookkeeping and RCEF-Mechanization Program record-keeping were also provided to the participants to help them practice and retain the knowledge from the modules discussed.

These were facilitated by resource persons from among the experienced staff of CDA Regiono III Extension Office, as follows, Ms. Marichris S. Lanorio, Ms. Elena P. Dela Cruz, Ms. Jasmin P. Barroga, Ms. Raquel A. Roquis, Mr. Cresencio V. Pilao, Jr., and Ms. Vernilyn Fe C. Parentilla. The topics were conveyed in a manner that the participants would easily relate to, appealing to their innate sense of humor and experience in the farmlands.

In behalf of Executive Director Dr. Dionisio G. Alvindia, representatives from DA-PHILMech also joined in on the action, namely, Ms. Julie Marie Sebastian, Engr. Ronnie Duran, Danielle Antoinette I. Castro, and June Rhimel Joven. They enthusiastically responded to the queries of the participants during the open forum. Frequently asked questions included schedules of farm machinery distributions and required entries in the Farm Utilization Record Book.

The training sessions were also graced with the presence of and message of inspiration from a few distinguished guests. Ms. Cristina H. Villamil, CDA Region III Extension Office's Regional Director, was there to commend the participants for their outstanding dedication to the agriculture



industry and to motivate them as they strive to do even more for the entire nation who depends on this industry.

Undersecretary Joseph B. Encabo, Chairman of the CDA, thanked and congratulated the participants for taking part in the initiative to strengthen the local farming industry through the provisions and development of skills and knowledge.

Senator Cynthia A. Villar, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food, also gave an inspiring message highlighting the advantages of mechanizing the farming industry. She also assured the participants that they are in very capable hands and that by the end of the project, they'll be equipped with the necessary tools to improve their livelihood.

Aside from the resource persons and guests, these successful training activities wouldn't be possible without the efforts of the project team of the CDA Region III Extension Office composed of staff from the Cooperative Project Development and Assistance Section (CPDAS) and the Cooperative Research Information Training Section (CRITS). These include Mr. Raul S. Encarnacion (Chief of CPDAS), Ms. Jenalyn D. Ferrer (Acting Chief of CRITS), Ms. Myra C. Dacwag, Ms. Karen Krystel F. Ysaïs, Mr. Ruben L. Abucejo Jr., Ms. Mirasol M. Calma, and Ms. Dianne Marie B. Balleza.

Field personnel in charge of the participating areas were also present to assist and provide additional guidance to the participants. They were Mr. Alexander P. Rotas of Aurora, Mr. Aron S. Tubig of Bataan, Mr. Cresencio V. Pilao, Jr. and Mr. Francis R. Mangacu of Bulacan, Ms. Margarita U. Gulapa and Ms. Monika Vanessa T. Escobar of Pampanga, Ms. Elizabeth T. Acayan of Zambales, Mr. Rogelio D. Pardua, Jr., Ms. Hemilin S. Cardinoza and Mr. Richard B. Padilla of Tarlac, and Ms. Ofelia A. Ciriaco, Ms. Cristina S. Amores, Ms. Jasmin P. Barroga and Ms. Phylisia Kaye P. Cristal of Nueva Ecija.

By the end of each batch, participants went home with certificates of completion and attendance, enhanced knowledge on entrepreneurship and cooperativism, improved linkages, and warm smiles.

This concludes the BTC-COBE for 2022. With the results of this year's batches, the team will prepare for the next set of trainings for 2023 and strive to continuously improve the project, help more Farmers Cooperatives and Associations in Region III, and contribute to the overall improvement of farming in the country.





CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

The Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) is an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture (DA). It is responsible for spearheading the development of post-harvesting, to foster globally competitive and sustainable agriculture and fishery sectors. It is mandated to generate, extend and commercialize appropriate and problem-oriented agriculture and fishery postharvest and mechanization technologies, practices, and systems.

The PhilMech continues to discover, re-invent and innovate through technology systems. It provides efficient technologies and systems to agri-fishery sectors in the country by empowering them in ways of increasing efficiency and productivity, reducing losses of postharvest, and adding value to the proceeds. It connects far-flung mountainous farms to the nearest road market.

It invents various farm types of machinery and equipment to add value to the commodity by producing excellent quality products that would lead to improving the quality and

income of the farm food processors, to access technology that is accessible and convenient.

The PhilMech fills in the gap and strengthens areas by applying appropriate technologies that would improve the efficiency and productivity of farmers. They treat diseases of local commodities to improve quality to increase the export potential and for local producers to be future exporters.

These sustainable systems create a business opportunity for farmers, COOPERATIVES, and private investors. The said agency is aggressive to promote rice mechanization in the country to create awareness among farmers of the new trend in farming. They transfer the technology to their stakeholders thru creative ways like exhibits, trade fairs, information education, communication materials, forum, and training. They also formulate and advocate policies that create a favorable environment for postharvest and mechanization development.

In line with this, PhilMech intensified its advocacies by establishing strong partnerships

with agricultural networks, academic institutions, organizations, and partner agencies. It envisioned delivering better products and faster services to stakeholders, making sure that every technology designed and developed, every innovation discovered and every practice found effective will uplift the lives of the stakeholders.

To replicate the advocacy of the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), it tapped the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) to accelerate the developmental projects and programs for cooperatives, especially the agrifishery sectors.

The partnership program aims to work hand in hand to achieve its objectives for the betterment and development of farmers as well as the group or associations of farmers to organize into cooperatives.

This program aims to ensure equal opportunities and eliminate the barrier of discrimination among local farmer-producers, traders, and large companies.

The partnership of the CDA and PhilMech intends to capacitate the farmers. To be equipped and competitive, the provision of the capacity building thru trainings, the promotion of effective groupings of farmers into cooperatives, the establishment of orderly and systematic marketing machinery, and control by them will place the agriculture industry on a basis of economic equality among other industries.



CDA STAFF from right PCDS of Cavite Ismael Fampula, PCDS of Quezon Ranel B. Lingahan, Senior CDS of CRITS Ms. Ivyrene Rose Panaglima, Regional Director of CDA R4A, RD Giovanni T. Platero and 3rd from left Senior CDS OF CPDAS Romel P. Mabilangan and cooperative participants for PHILMECH Training Batch 1 Real, Quezon las October 12-14 2022

The collaboration of both agencies aims to empower the farmers to compete globally on how to venture into a reliable business.

This partnership generally aims to open and broaden opportunities for organized agricultural farmers, cooperatives, and associations. To capacitate them in cooperativism and entrepreneurship with various developments thru training. The consecutive training aims to increase awareness on basic training on bookkeeping, financial literacy, and business management, capacitate and empower them so they could contribute to the economic development of agricultural networks not only in the Philippines but also in other countries, enjoined farmers to

take the opportunities to organize into a cooperative for them to avail the benefits and privileges in terms of tax exemption upon complying with the regulatory requirements with the BIR, stimulate their interest in organizing cooperatives, capacitate their business strategies and other entrepreneurial opportunities, strategies, and techniques in enhancing trading and marketing, and be part of the essential partners in the food industry and the goal contribution of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) is to encourage farmers and associations to organize a cooperative.



Field CDS Alexaida Arganosa of Laguna as Resource Speaker on Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship last November 8-11, 2022 at Royal Blooms Hotel Inc., Sta Cruz, Laguna



Ms. Alyssa Jeanne Latag providing technical assistance on bookkeeping to FCAs participants last November 8-11 at Royal Blooms Hotel Inc., Sta Cruz, Laguna

The Cooperative Development Authority Region 4A Extension Office conducted five (5) batches of training about cooperatives, bookkeeping, and entrepreneurship. It capacitated and trained a total of one hundred eighteen (118) farmers, cooperative members, and association members for the year 2022. These endeavors paved the way for all Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to experience the comfort of life while learning. They were given chances and opportunities to explore and improve their business operations to compete in all aspects of challenges in the food industry.



Participants attentively listening o PHILMECH Basic Training Course on Cooperative, Bookkeeping Entrepreneurship last November 8-11, 2022 at Royal Blooms Hotel Inc., Sta Cruz, Laguna

The PhilMech participants were happy and satisfied with what they have learned especially on bookkeeping. They have gained knowledge and skills on it. According to them, they will apply what they have learned and they are interested to organize or join an existing cooperative.



Participants during workshop on Bookkeeping of PHILMECH Training Batch 1 st Real. Quezon last October 12-14, 2022

CDA will continue to monitor the progress of the cooperatives that have benefited from this partnership with the ultimate aim of graduating them from micro to small to medium enterprises which will surely redound to the benefit of its members.



CDS II Celeste M. Castro of Cooperative Project Development and Assistance Section as Resource Speaker on Basic Training Course on Cooperative Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship last November 8-11, 2022 at Royal Blooms Inc., Sta Cruz, Laguna



CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of RCEF Mechanization Program was done in MIMAROPA Region.

The Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program was conducted by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) according to the agreed schedule of the Philmech MIMAROPA Region TWG.

Schedules of Implementation

Province	Date	Number FCA- Participants	Venue	TWG
Oriental Mindoro	Sep. 26-27, 2022	22 FCA -44 Pax	Roxas, Oriental Mindoro	Eva, Lilia, Jefhtee, Edar, Christian
	Sep. 28-29, 2022	23 FCA -46 Pax	Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro	Eva, Lilia, Jefhtee, Edar, Roxanne
Occidental Mindoro	Oct 11-12, 2022	23 FCA -46 Pax	Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro	Eva, Lilia, Jefhtee, Edar, Christian
	Oct 13-14, 2022	23 FCA -46 Pax	Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro	Raul, Eva, Reyward, Mark, Fatchi
Palawan	Oct 4-6, 2022	15 FCA -30 Pax	Brookes's Point, Palawan	Marian, Clifford, Romel
	Oct 11-13, 2022	9 FCA -18 Pax	Quezon, Palawan	
	Oct 18-20, 2022	5 FCA -10 Pax	El Nildo, Palawan	

Our Regional Officers, led by Acting Regional Director Ms. Bernadette Preciosa G. Hornilla, Acting Supervising CDS Lilia S. Buela, CPDAS Head Raul Evangelista and CRITS Head Eva Loraine Cataje, and all involved staff and training facilitators, as well as the One Hundred Twenty (120) Farmers Association from the province, worked together to make this year's implementation a success.

The training program was conducted on a uniform basis, and it formally began at 8:00 a.m. with an audio-visual presentation of prayer, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Participants from various Farmers Associations were introduced by one of the event implementers, who also

served as the program moderator. The PhilMech Director Mr. Baldwin G. Jallorina, CDA Assistant Secretary ASec. Virgilio R. Lazaga, CDA Chairperson USec. Joseph Encabo, and the Honorable Senator Cynthia Villar delivered a heartfelt message respectively, via Audio-Visual Presentation.

After all the messages, one of the staff discussed the 2 days Training Overview wherein we presented the flow of the programs and the topics and modules to be discussed, followed by Levelling of Expectations from the participants. When the expectations were presented by the participants, Pre- Test questionnaires were distributed to the participants and given them 10 minutes to answer the Pre- test.



Thus, we presented the Introduction about CDA as a lead agency that aims to promote the viability and growth of cooperative as instrument of social justice, equity and economic development, followed by introduction about PhilMech as well as the Brief Review of Rice Competitiveness.



Moreover, another speaker from the TWG discussed the Module 1: Introduction to Concepts of Entrepreneurship and Successful Enterprise

- Entrepreneurial mind-setting
- Warm Up Exercise #1
- Concept of Entrepreneurship
- Concept of Farm Machinery Service Provision
- Types of business
- Fundamentals of a successful Enterprise



It was discussed for almost one and half hour exactly consistent on the allotted time on the program.

After the discussion of Module 1, hefty lunch was served. After lunch break, one of the implementer continued to present the Module 2: Cooperativism and Values

- Concept of Cooperativisim
- Cooperative Values
- Difference of cooperatives from other organizations



The session objectives in this module is to identify and discuss the characteristics of a successful enterprise and required business management skills and values; IA/FA participants will be motivated in transforming into a cooperative and Cooperative participant will be able to promote cooperativism among the IA/FA participants

Thereafter, another staff discussed topics on Module 3:

- Introduction to Bookkeeping
- Work Shop 1



The first day of training was ended past 6:00 in the evening but the moderator of the day leaves them an assignment to be presented on the next morning, and the dinner was already prepared and made available to the participants.

On the second day, about 8:00 again in the morning, the training was started by an audio-visual prayer, moderated by the secretariat. Prior to the training, the secretariat conducted recap from the 1st day of training.

- Presentation of Output for Workshop 1
- Source Documents and Records
- Difference of cooperatives from other organizations

Further, the formal presentation of module was initiated by the last speaker of the first day and then the discussions of Module 4: Roles of FCAs in Attaining the Goals of the RCEF- Mechanization Program & in Sustaining the Farm Machinery Service Provider, the speaker imparts learnings on the Important role of FCA beneficiaries in attaining the goal of RCEF-Mechanization Program and Responsibility of FCAs in complying with the requirements as beneficiary of the program



Afterwards, another speaker discussed the Introduction of Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book, relatively the FMRUB will serve as guide of FCA in reporting and to standardize the recording of farm machinery operation

Activity Workshop for filling out of Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book

Post Training Activities:
-Post Test and Post Training Evaluation

Finally, after the evaluation, the Closing Program comes in:
Training Highlights by the TWG, Impressions from Participants from two to five Participants, Awarding of Certificates, Closing Message, to be given by the Regional Director of CDA MIMAROPA Region. And then souvenir shots and pictorials.



Batch 1, September 26-27, 2022,
Roxas, Oriental Mindoro



Batch 2, September 28-29, 2022,
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro



Batch 3, October 4-6, 2022,
Brooke's Point, Palawan



Batch 4, October 11-13, 2022,
Quezon, Palawan



Batch 5, October 11-12, 2022,
Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro



Batch 6, October 13-14, 2022,
Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro



Batch 7, October 18-20, 2022, El Nido, Palawan

The training ended at around 5:30 p.m., after which we prepared dinner and the participants went home with new ideas and knowledge about cooperatives, bookkeeping, and entrepreneurship.

CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of RCEF Mechanization Program.

The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) made a partnership with the PHILMECH in which its purpose is to improve the cooperative awareness and entrepreneurial capabilities of the Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) beneficiaries of the RCEF-Mechanization Program and contribute in ensuring the sustainable operation and use of the machineries distributed under the said program.



The said partnership covers the conduct of capability enhancement activities such as trainings and/ or learnings for the FCA-recipients of the RCEF-Mechanization program. The training was conducted for two-days in which the CDA Resource Speakers are the lead trainers for the said training.



CDA-Region V Extension Office, together with its respective provincial contact offices, conducted the said trainings on the following dates and venues:

Province	Date	Venue
Masbate	Oct. 19-20, 2022	Freshco Beach Resort
	Nov. 8-9, 2022	Freshco Beach Resort
Camarines Sur	Oct. 26-27, 2022	Villa Rosita Hotel
	Nov. 23-24, 2022	Regent Hotel

Aside from FCAs, Personnel from local government units which heavily involved in the implementation of the Farm Mechanization Program in their locality participated also in the concluded training.



The participants of the said trainings learned a lot and thanked both the CDA and the PHILMEC for such training. After the trainings, some of the farmer associations were mesmerized on the "cooperative ways" in which they have shown intent to be part of the cooperative family.

CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

CDA RVI Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship

As part of the implementation of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development Mechanization (PHILMECH) Partnership Program for this year, CDA Region VI set their goals for the conduct of Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship for the Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program. This training aimed to help the farmers, cooperative and associations (FCAs) in reaching their full potential in achieving sustainability and development



These beneficiaries were identified with the help of Philmech, as these FCAs were awarded with various types of farm machineries and equipments such as tractors, harvesters, and rice threshers. The role of CDA is to harness their capabilities, knowledge and skills that can help uplift their lives. As of this writing, CDA RVI has conducted said training to beneficiaries in the provinces of Antique and Negros Occidental.

During the conduct of the training at Eden Garden Resort, Brgy. Aningalan, San Remigio, Antique, we were privileged and honored that it was graced by no less than the Head of the Agriculture Cooperatives Cluster and one of the Board Members of CDA, Asec, Virgilio R. Lazaga, M.D. and the Vice Governor of Antique, Hon. Edgar D. Denosta, DPA. On the other hand, the training conducted in Nature's Village Resort, Talisay City, Negros Occidental was by far attended by a large number of FCAs, to note about 128 participants.



The Training Management Team on both venues were composed of the following: Regional Director, Dr. Nora Patron, Supervising CDS, Atty. Roumelia B. Alpasan-Base, Senior CDSes, Ma. Joyce S. Losaria, and Ma. Llolah T. Infante, CPDAS Chief, Vincent J. Unarce, CDS II, Lanelyn T. Belicena, Ma. Arlene B. Cedullo, Jona J. Gepilga, Queennie Marie V. Suresca, Jonilyn D. Vestidas, Ana Marie P. Atutubo, Felamie D Tanaleon, and Cassy S. Jimeno. The team facilitated and discussed the several topics and modules during the training which lasted for about three (3) days.





"Ma'am madamo gid nga salamat, kanami gid sa inyo mag tudlo sa amon. Kabay may masunod pa gid nga training". (Ma'am thank you, you have taught us well. Hoping there will another training) to quote the exact words that was shared by one of the participants during the closing program. Truly, a heartwarming statement that helped and kept the training management team's mood boosted and energized.

CDA RVI has already scheduled the next leg of trainings in the remaining provinces of Aklan, Capiz and Iloilo before the end of 2022.



A photograph of a farmer wearing a cap and a patterned shirt, operating a tractor in a flooded field. The tractor is moving through the water, creating a wake. The background shows a green field and a fence under a clear sky.

CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Conduct of Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship in Region VII

The Cooperative Development Authority Region 7 implemented the Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of RCEF Mechanization Program. The program is a partnership of the Cooperative Development Authority, Philippine Center of Postharvest Development and Mechanization(Philmech).

The training activities were conducted in the identified areas of the provinces of Bohol and Negros Oriental. There are 9 batches of seminars for the region, where 8 were already accomplished. CDA R7 Team started the activity in the last week of October and hopefully to conduct the last training in the first week of December.

Assistant Secretary Virgilio M. Lasaga, M.D., attended one of the trainings in the province of Bohol. He encouraged the farmers to make good use of the training for the success of their operations. Regional Director, Engr. Doreen C. Ancheta was present in all the areas to relay to the farmers association the program and shared insights of cooperativism.

It was an experience for everyone, where most of the Farmers Associations(FAs) are not aware of cooperatives. After hearing the significance of cooperatives and the benefits garnered, the FAs are looking forward to register into one.



Conduct in the Province of Bohol



Conduct in the Province of Negros Oriental



CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

TECHNICAL COOPERATION



Physical Accomplishment:

● Narrative of the activities undertaken

The participants must register before the preliminaries can begin on Day 1 of the Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program. An overview of the training, a setting of expectations, and a practice test came next. The introduction to PhilMech and the CDA as an organization follows after a brief health break. After that, the discussion of Module 1, which delves into the concepts of entrepreneurship and successful enterprise got on. The ideas of cooperativism, cooperative principles, and how cooperatives differ from other organizations were then introduced. The principles of bookkeeping were explained later in the afternoon.

Continued bookkeeping discussions and presentations of the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Operation take place on the second day of the course. The Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book was discussed later on. The conclusion program, which includes the synthesis, post-training activities, training highlights, participant feedback, and the awarding of certificates, is then presented.

● **Partner agencies/organizations engaged with**

The Municipal Agriculture Officers of the many Local Government Units from the various municipalities receiving this training are the partner agencies we worked with to carry out this training program. In addition, a representative from Philmech was present for the training program's Batch 2 and Batch 8.

● **Matrix of Summary of training conducted, Numbers of FCAs and the number of participants per FCA (Annex the list of FCAs and the participants attended)**

Training Title: Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of RCEF Mechanization Program

Batch	Venue	Schedule	Number of FCAS	Number of PAX
1	Tierra De Milagrosa Resort, Palo, Leyte	October 5-6, 2022	13	27
2	Hotel Lorenza, Tacloban City	October 12-13, 2022	17	30
3	Casa Carolina, Villaba, Leyte	October 19-20, 2022	14	26
4	Cristobal's Inn, Ormoc City	October 26-27, 2022	18	35
5	Marianne Family Center, Sogod, outhern, Leyte	November 9-10, 2022	8	20
6	Milka Hotel, Tacloban City	November 16-17, 2022	13	26
7	M Grand Royale Hotel, Catbalogan City	November 24-25, 2022	14	33
8	2/F Handomanan Building, Calbayog City	December 15-16, 2022	7	13
Total			104	210

Financial Accomplishment:

Fund Utilization Report

Particulars	AMOUNT
NTA Received	1,008,000.00
Less:	1,008,000.00
Total Disbursements	1,008,000.00
Less: Reverted to BTr	0
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	0

Narrative on the Challenges encountered and the good practices applied.

We faced a number of difficulties both before and throughout the course of our training. Contact information provided was out-of-date, there was poor reception in FCA areas, conflict of schedules, and confirmed participants were absent while the training was being conducted. Some FCAs sent representatives who weren't the appropriate delegates to the training. Due to transportation concerns, some participants choose not to complete the entire session. Despite all the challenges we ran through, we were able to use a number of effective strategies to make this training course a success. To put it another way, we arranged transportation for FCAs who lived in places with limited access to transit. For those who weren't able to attend on their scheduled date, we made arrangements that they need to attend the next batch that is closer to their location.





CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Empowering Farmers Cooperatives and Associations of Zamboanga Sibugay

The first batch of Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) is now attending the three (3) day Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program, from October 4-6, 2022, in SIVAMPCO Function Hall, Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay.

Regional Director Glenn S. Garcia of CDA 9 encouraged the participants to enjoy the experience and expand their knowledge in support of the government's efforts to empower and equip farmers' cooperatives and associations for sustainable development in Philippine agriculture.





San Jose Sibuguey Farmers Association



Old Boyugan Farmers Association



Pandan Pandan Water Pump Irrigators Association



Salinding Farmers Association

A background image showing a man wearing a cap and a patterned shirt, operating a tractor in a field. The field appears to be a rice paddy, with water visible in the foreground and a fence line in the background.

CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Region X implementation of the CDA-PHILMECH partnership on the conduct of BTC_COBE for the beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program for the year 2022.

Since the start of the implementation of the CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP of the RCEF Mechanization Program, a total of 210 participants from 113 FCAs from Region 10 completed the Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship (BTC_COBE). Beneficiaries from Bukidnon attended the training, held at The Margarett Business Hotel on October 11-12 for the first batch and October 13-14 for the second batch. On October 19-20, 2022 beneficiaries coming from Lanao del Norte converged at the Cooperative Union of Iligan City (CUIC) Training Center, Iligan City and were part of batch 3. The week after, on October 24-25, Misamis Occidental FCAs came together to attend the training at Royal Garden Hotel in Ozamiz City.

For the beneficiaries from Misamis Oriental, and those from Bukidnon who were not able to attend during their schedules, they were provided with the necessary training last November 3-4 at De Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. This was supposed to be the fifth and last batch, however due to more beneficiaries still willing to join the necessary trainings, the 6th and final batch coming from Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon and Lanao del Norte received their certificates of completion last November 21-22, 2022 at De Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. Regional Director Aminoden A. Elias and Supervising CDS Ms. Marissa B. Catubig joined Senior CDS for CPDAS, Edilberta M. Balaba during the awarding ceremony for the final batch which also turned out to be the culminating activity for the conduct of the BTC_COBE this year.



3rd Batch on the Conduct of BTC_COBE training held at Cooperative Union of Iligan City (CUIC) Training Center, Iligan City on October 19-20, 2022, participated by 12 FCAs from the province of Lanao del Norte.



Supervising CDS, Ms. Marissa B. Catubig addressing the participants of the of the Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship held on November 3-4, 2022 (5th Batch) at De Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.



CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Rice farmers organizations in Region XI have been trained under the PHILMECH-CDA partnership.



CDA Regional Office 11, in partnership with Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech), conducted three (3) batches of capacity building courses on "Basic Training Course on Cooperatives, Bookkeeping, and Entrepreneurship for

Beneficiaries of the RCEF Mechanization Program" to Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCA) in Region XI who are beneficiaries of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Mechanization Program. The November- December 2022 at the Grand Regal Hotel, Lanang, Davao City.

This is the the second year of PCA-CDA partnership wherein seventy-seven (77) Farmers Cooperatives/ Associations (FCA) with a total One hundred forty-eight (148) participants successfully completed the training for Region XI.

The partnership is aimed at empowering FCAs by providing technical skills training on the basic values and skills required to sustainably operate the agricultural business enterprise and inculcate cooperative awareness among the FCA beneficiaries, including its value and merit in the sound operation of an agricultural business enterprise



CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

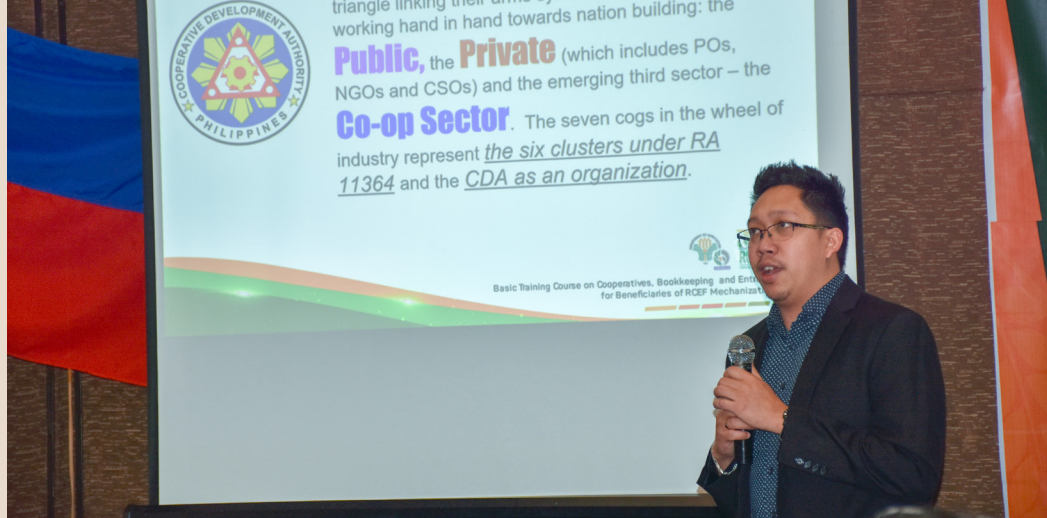
CDA Region XII Conducts BTC-COBE to FCAS

Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Region 12 in partnership with Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) conducted a Two-week Basic Training Course on Cooperatives Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship for Beneficiaries (BTC-COBE) RCEF Mechanization Program to different Farmers' Cooperative Associations (FCAs) and Irrigator's Associations (IAs) in the provinces of Sarangani, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and General Santos City.

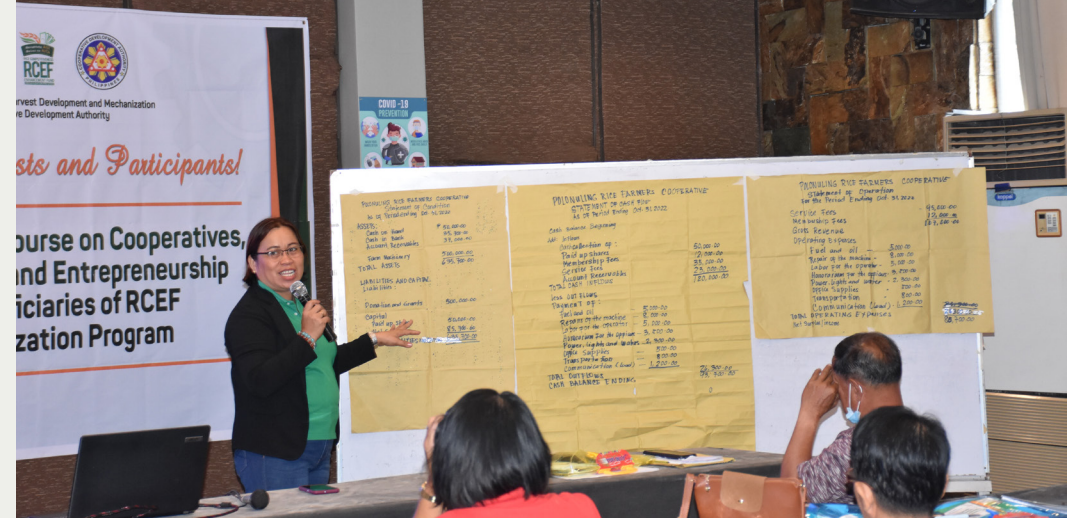
The first batch of the training was conducted in Sun City Suites, General Santos City on November 15-18, 2022 with 24 participants coming from 12 Irrigators Associations (IAs) in Region 12. While, the second batch of the training was conducted at Hotel Eighty-Eight in Koronadal City on November 22-25, 2022 with 23 participants representing five (5) Irrigator's Associations and seven (7) Farmers' Associations.

The resource speakers during the said training were the technical personnel of CDA Region 12, headed by Regional Director Elma R. Oguis who also introduced CDA as an agency to the attendees.

The participants had a positive response after attending the training. Also, they have expressed their commitment in turning their organization into cooperatives and will register with the Cooperative Development Authority.



Atty. Gil Ray Ontal, Legal Officer of CDA 12 presenting CDA as an Agency to the attendees.



Marlyn R. Santillan, CDS II of Sultan Kudarat Province as she synthesize the output presentation of the participant.



The BTC-COBE Batch 1 Graduates with the CDA XII Training Team



The Resource Persons headed by RD Elma R. Oguis and the Composite Training Team

Participants





CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

CDA Caraga Conducts PhilMec Trainings for Farmer-Entrepreneurs

CDA-PhilMec Partnership started on March 10, 2021, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint implementation of the project.

After a successful implementation of the first phase, "Entrepreneurial Capability Enhancement of the FCA Beneficiaries of the RCEF – Mechanization Program, the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) and the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) agreed to pursue the benefits and empowerment initiatives for farmers to enhance the entrepreneurial capability of the FCAs through cooperativism.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Phase II of the partnership project was signed on June 9, 2022, at PhilMech Training Hall, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija. A budget of Php 21 Million has been allocated to conduct 120 training batches for 1,800 Farmers' Cooperative Associations (FCAs) from the different regions nationwide.

This phase of the Project focuses on enhancing the capability of FCAs to operate and manage the Farm Machinery Service Provider (FMSP) and Rice Processing System (RPS). The objectives of the Project are, to 1) inculcate cooperative awareness among the FCA beneficiaries, including its value and merit in the sound operation of an agricultural business enterprise, and 2) equip the FCA officers and members with the basic values and skills required to sustainably operate the agricultural business enterprise.

For CDA Caraga, a total target of 94 FCAs with 188 pax across the region were conducted in 7 batches. For the first batch, it was a 2-day extensive training held at Hotel Karajaw, in Cantilan, Surigao del Sur attended by 16 FCAs with 32 pax. The 2nd batch was held at Tandag City with 16 FCAs and 32 pax. The 3rd, 4th and 5th batches were held at Del's Hotel, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur with 14 FCAs and 28 pax, 15 FCAs with 30 pax and 13 FCAs with 30 pax respectively. The 6th and 7th batches were held at Balanghai Hotel, Butuan City with 8 FCAs, 14 pax; and 12 FCAs with 26 pax, respectively.

No.	Batch	Venue	Target		Accomplishment		Status
			FCAs	Pax	FCAs	Pax	
1	I	Cantilan, Surigao del Sur	17	34	16	32	Conducted
2	II	Tandag City, Surigao del Sur	17	34	16	32	Conducted
3	III	San Francisco, Agusan del Sur	15	30	14	28	Conducted
4	IV	San Francisco, Agusan del Sur	15	30	15	30	Conducted
5	V	San Francisco, Agusan del Sur	13	26	13	26	Conducted
6	VI	Butuan City	14	28	12	26	Conducted
7	VII	Butuan City	14	28	8	14	Conducted
Total			105	210	94	188	

Participants were given training kit in an expanding envelope. Inclusions were 2 pencils, spreadsheets, record books, name tags, notebooks and a collared tee shirt. The participants were also given accommodation on the hotel/ same venue where the trainings were held.

There were 8 modules in total that were being tackled in every batch:

1. Training Overview,
2. Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund Mechanization Program,
3. The Cooperative Development Authority,
4. Introduction to Concepts of Entrepreneurship,
5. Fundamentals of A Successful Enterprise and Cooperatives,
6. Introduction to Bookkeeping,
7. Roles of FCAs in Attaining the Goals of the RCEF-Mechanization Program & Sustaining the Farm Machinery Service Provider and
8. Introduction to Farm Machinery Utilization Record Book.

The resource persons for the entire duration of the training were: Leopoldo B. Cabiad, Niño Rosil C. Bantayan, Demelyne B. Gabales, Alvi May D. Musico, Gezzel B. Quiao and Jeffrey Raya with the support of the CDSes assigned in the area.

Simply, the objective of the CDA-PhilMech Program is to increase the profit of every farmer entrepreneur. The formula is "lessen the production cost, increase the production".

One participant promised after receiving the support: "we are thankful for the machineries we received. These have helped us in our farming activities. We can assure you that we will take care of our machineries".

The CDA-PhilMech trainings were all done/implemented to give hope and right mind-set to every farmer. . . that they will take an advance step forward to become farmer- entrepreneurs.



CDA-PHILMECH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:



Post Training Evaluation among participants of FCAs in Ifugao. Attended by 18 coop participants; 12 farmers association and 4 local government

There were two separate training for beneficiaries of the PhilMech-CDA Program. One was on November 8-10 in Ifugao and the other was on November 22-24 in the Province of Kalinga. The training is an offshoot of consultation between the Cooperative Development Authority and the PhilMech to train the Farmers' Cooperative and Association in entrepreneurship and bookkeeping their farm mechanization activities.

In the Cordillera Administrative Region, the provinces of Ifugao and Kalinga are the only participating program of the PhilMech-CDA program to mechanize rice production. The mechanization of rice production needs a land topography appropriate for the rice mechanization under the PhilMech-CDA program, hence only Ifugao and Kalinga were involved given their flat parcels of land. In Kalinga, there are sixteen (16) cooperatives participating and in Ifugao, there are three (3) farmers' association and two farmers'

cooperative that participated in the PhilMech-CDA program that implements Republic Act 11203 of enhancing the rice competitiveness of farmers cooperatives and association or FCAs. Increasing their income through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (Rice Fund) is improving their competitiveness to increase their income. While cordillera rice producers are not producing in volumes, the region has been part of the production process for selected and certified seeds distributed by the Department of Agriculture in the rice production industry. Hence, the participating FCAs in the Cordilleras has its role the Philippine rice liberalization trade policy including, among other provisions, the lifting of quantitative restriction on rice import and replacing it with tariff. The fund has enhanced their bookkeeping skills in monitoring The Rice Fund establishes the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program (RCEP) which aims to complement and supplement the existing National Rice Program of the Department of Agriculture.

Likewise, there pronouncement of the President and at the same time the Secretary of Agriculture to bolster agricultural production is to combat the imminent food crises that may arise in the poor resource utilization. Addressing food insufficiency and food insecurity has always been put in the back burner until the current administration put its focus more on agricultural production.

The RCEP has four key components:

1. rice farm mechanization
2. inbred rice seed development, propagation, and promotion
3. expanded rice credit assistance
4. rice extension services.

The implementation of these components shall be integrated and consistent with the existing DA interventions.



Participants in the PhilMech Bookkeeping and Entrepreneurship Seminar is formulating their recording and bookkeeping system in their machinery operation

The training course generally aimed to equip the participants with the basic knowledge and understanding on Cooperativism and Entrepreneurship, and to enhance their skills on bookkeeping of farm machinery operation. It was through a two-day training activity in order to provide the information needed by FCAs at the level they will understand. Specifically, the two-day activity will endeavored to:

1. To orient the FCA participants on the Rice Competitive Enhancement Program (RCEP) as well as the Rice Competitive Enhancement Fund (RCEF) importance
2. To integrate cooperative concept as business structure in the rice production activity of FCAs
3. To make the FCAs' farm machinery service provision operational and sustainable enterprise as well as to enhance skills on bookkeeping of farm machinery operation

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