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NAME OF COOPERATIVE: Progressive Women Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PWARC)

ADDRESS: Gibato, Dumarao, Capiz

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The Progressive Women Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PWARC) addressed at Gibato, Dumarao, Capiz is an organization led by women who engaged in Calamansi Juice processing, Lending, and Catering with its newly opened Inland Resort. It has more than 4,000 members and operates region wide. Among the members, 60% are engaged in farming.

Since Super Typhoon Yolanda landed in Capiz, PWARC has started to do some measures to help Nature recover from the devastation of the said typhoon. Greening practices since then such as Tree planting activities has been a tradition to be done annually. The provision of renewable energy (Solar Energy) by the Department of Trade and Industry has made a great impact in its day to day operations. It produces organic fertilizer (Vermicast) and encouraged the farmers to use it in their farms to give a lasting effect to the soil. PWARC does not add preservatives in its products for it promotes healthy living. It also practices energy conservation inside and outside the Coop Office. It also conducts seminars on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation for the members and the community. PWARC has been a part of the community in promoting clean and green environment. It sponsors programs such as Fun Walks with a Cause (My World is in HUE) with Tree planting activities, Clean up drives and Eco-Friendly Village competitions in schools. (Contest which focuses in cleaning up and recycling).

Planting more trees lessens the effect of Global warming, prevents soil erosion and freshens up the air we breathe. With the use of the solar energy, added to the energy conservation practices such as switching off of lights and appliances not in use, the use of LED lights and fans instead of air conditioning units, helps lessens the electric bill of

the cooperative. These energy conservation practices can be applied by all. In return, the energy surplus of the coop is directly used by CAPELCO by sharing it to the people in the community. The use and production of organic fertilizer helps lessen the acidity of the soil and adds the sweetness of the calamansi fruits and other crops when applied. The consumption of food with no preservatives helps the consumers live a healthy life. PWARC also practices the segregation of trash as well as the recycling the recyclables. It also sponsors environmental programs and projects in the community for the purpose of encouraging everyone to be responsible of taking care of our Mother Earth. This is one of the best ways to prevent floods, landslide and most of all in making our world a beautiful place to live in.

If we need to achieve something, we need to plan, strategize, communicate, collaborate, implement and sustain the program. We need to look for people, organizations or agencies who can be of help and are willing to support. Strategize on what to do, and communicate to those who will be involved. Collaborate so that it would be easier, and the burden will be lighter. Implement with a heart so that we could come up to the best result and do your best to sustain the program. Not all programs need big financial support. Some just need partnership to attain its goal. A sustainable implementation of a program would do a great impact in the awareness of the people and support from the community.

It has been nine (9) years since we started this program and just being developed as time passes by up to the present.

Since we started using the solar energy, our electric bill decreased by an average of Php 9,000.00 per month. The customers are very satisfied of our products which are free from preservatives. The scattered plastics were finally lessened if not totally eradicated due to our plastic segregation and recycling projects. This is a great help to prevent flood through the clogged drainage which affects the community.

In July of 2016, the Progressive Women Agrarian Reform Cooperative won as Grand winner in the Capiz Green Enterprise Award given by DTI, ProGED and MSMED. Since then its BOD Chairperson was invited to talk about its best practices in Greening its enterprise both Local and National.



The Solar panels in the PWARC building & Processing Center



The Green house planted with lettuce also uses Solar Energy in running its hydroponics garden.



The Lettuce Hydroponics Garden



PWARC Tree planting activities at Gibato Elementary School



PWARC Officers and members Tree Planting Activities @Ramon A. Benjamin Sr. National High School.



Use of LED lights and Fans instead of aircon



Waste segregation



Signages used as constant reminder to all not to waste energy.



Waiting area outside the office uses vines as shed to add coolness.





Seminar on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Risk Reduction Management conducted by PWARC in collaboration with MDRRMO and Gibato Barangay Council.



We produce healthy foods and drinks for there are no preservatives added and are made of pure organically grown fruits in the community.



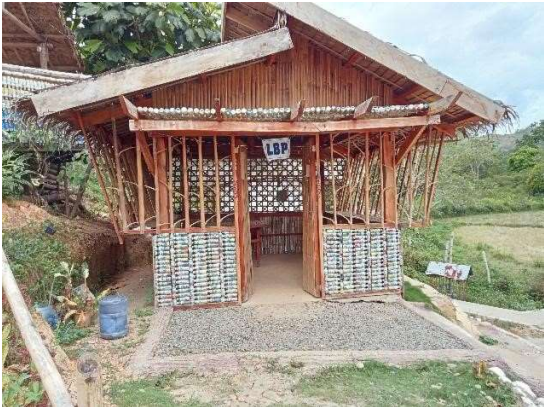
We also promote the use of eco-bags These different variants of juices are all instead of plastic. made from fresh pure fruit extract

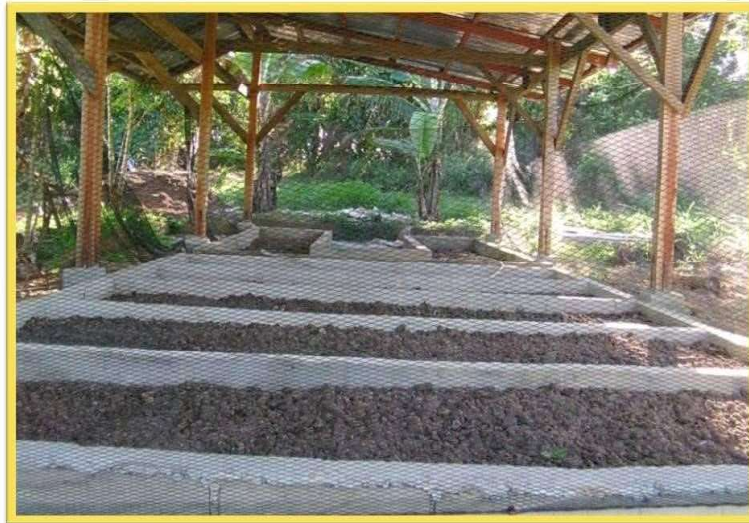


Rojean Lasap-Manager and Myrna Villarosa-BOD Vice Chairperson with the Board of Judges and school administrator of Ramon A. Benjamin Sr. National High School during the opening of Eco-Friendly Village cottage competition Sponsored by PWARC, in collaboration with the Supreme Student Government of the school.



The Golden Site Resort





African Night Crawlers bed for the Vermicast production (Vermiculture)



Progressive Women Agrarian Reform Cooperative was awarded as
The Grand winner for the Capiz Green Enterprise Awards for the Province of Capiz