





RICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES					
PROGRAM/ PROJECT/ ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	STATUS/REMARK/ ACCOMPLISHMENT			
Seed Assistance Program a. Seed Production	DA-PLGU Collaborative Project. A commitment of individual accredited seed growers in providing certified seeds for buffer seed and stocking.	As of March 2025, for Dry Season (DS) crop 2024-2025, <i>Registered Seeds</i> were planted to a total of 1709.65 has. (Hectares).			
		Varieties Planted for Seed Production Dry Season (DS) crop 2024-2025			
		Province	Variety	Seed Class Planted (ha)	
		Isabela		F	R
			NSIC Rc 160		1.00
			NSIC Rc 216		70.30
			NSIC Rc 218		17.30
			NSIC Rc 222		1,165.41
			NSIC Rc 402		21.35
			NSIC Rc 436		117.10
			NSIC Rc 480		62.40
			NSIC Rc 508		107.80
			NSIC Rc 512		127.29
			NSIC Rc 534		4.20
			PSB Rc 18		5.80
			PSB Rc 10		9.70
			Total		1,709.65

Price Monitoring of Palay	A data collection of the prevailing price per kilo of palay from different commercial centers.	<div>Average Price per Kilogram of Palay (March 2025)</div> <table><tr><td>Dry</td><td>Php22.07</td></tr><tr><td>Wet</td><td>Php17.33</td></tr></table>	Dry	Php22.07	Wet	Php17.33																																															
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<p>Collaborative Programs/ Projects</p> <p>a. Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF)</p>	<p><i>The PAFFF is a program of the President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., to support the agriculture and fisheries sectors. The program covers financial assistance to farmers and fisherfolk who were affected of the El Niño.</i></p>	<p>The Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF) of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., in partnership with the Provincial Government of Isabela continues to help thousands of beneficiaries in the province. The PAFFF program aims provide much-needed relief to farmers and fishers whose livelihoods have been severely affected by climatic phenomenon. The OPA team assisted the distribution of Financial Assistance to farmer recipients under the PAFFF program amounting to Php4,000 in the form of cash and eight kilograms of Isabela Rice.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th><th>MUNICIPALITY</th><th>No. of FBs</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="4">March 12, 2025</td><td>Benito Soliven</td><td>72</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gamu</td><td>73</td></tr> <tr> <td>San Mariano</td><td>1,481</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>1,626</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">March 13, 2025</td><td>Angadanan</td><td>268</td></tr> <tr> <td>San Guillermo</td><td>492</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>760</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">March 19, 2025</td><td>Delfin Albano</td><td>107</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tumauini</td><td>1,246</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>1,353</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">March 20, 2025</td><td>Jones</td><td>1,511</td></tr> <tr> <td>San Agustin</td><td>841</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>2,352</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">March 21, 2025</td><td>Naguilian</td><td>188</td></tr> <tr> <td>San Manuel</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>273</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3">March 25, 2025</td><td>Cauayan City</td><td>662</td></tr> <tr> <td>Reina Mercedes</td><td>351</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>1,013</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">March 26, 2025</td><td>Cordon</td><td>747</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>747</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Grand Total</td><td>8,124</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	MUNICIPALITY	No. of FBs	March 12, 2025	Benito Soliven	72	Gamu	73	San Mariano	1,481	Total	1,626	March 13, 2025	Angadanan	268	San Guillermo	492	Total	760	March 19, 2025	Delfin Albano	107	Tumauini	1,246	Total	1,353	March 20, 2025	Jones	1,511	San Agustin	841	Total	2,352	March 21, 2025	Naguilian	188	San Manuel	85	Total	273	March 25, 2025	Cauayan City	662	Reina Mercedes	351	Total	1,013	March 26, 2025	Cordon	747	Total	747	Grand Total		8,124
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<p>b. Masagana Rice Industry Development Program</p>	<p><i>The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 02 (DA-RFO 02) held the 3rd Masagana Rice Industry Development Program (MRIDP) Convergence Meeting.</i></p>	<p>Target programs of the Department of Agriculture (DA) under the Masagana Rice Industry Program (MRIDP) were tackled during the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Marvin B. Luis, Regional Rice Focal Person reiterated the duties and responsibilities and commitment of the different agencies involved in the MRIDP.</p> <p>Different offices of National Irrigation Administration (NIA)—the NIA MARIIS and Region 02 presented and discussed the results of their Double Dry Program. The total area allocated for the said project is around 15,000.00 hectares of the entire Region 02.</p> <p>Also, PhilRice Isabela gave updates on RCEF Programs, particularly in the target delivery of seeds under the Double Dry Program of National Irrigation Administration (NIA). This program aims to increase the Rice production in region 2.</p> <p>Additionally, the Regional Executive Director, Rosemary G. Aquino of DA-RFO2 delivered her messages and directives to each agency involved in the MRIDP Programs. She reiterated the commitments of each agency for the successful implementation of the programs.</p> <p>The OPA Staff were able to attend, assist and delivered message of support to the Program.</p> <div data-bbox="747 1308 1495 1634">  </div>
<p>c. Technical Briefing and Workshop on Philippine National Standards (PNS): Code on Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) for Rice Production</p>	<p><i>The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 02 (DA-RFO 02) and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist promote sustainable and responsible agricultural practices.</i></p>	<p>The Resource Speakers were from DA-RFO2 as the lead Agency, the DA-RCPC, and Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA).</p> <p>PhilGAP or Philippine Good Agricultural Practices aimed to enhance the capability of the Farmers to improve the quality, safety, and sustainability of food and agricultural products while maintaining environmental, economic, and social sustainability.</p>


		<p>There were 40 members of the Santiago Amos Credit Development Cooperative (SACDECO) who attended the training.</p> 
<p>d. Sytems Management Committee (SMC) Meeting</p>	<p><i>The meeting aims to provide updates on MARIIS Plans/Programs and Stakeholders' Various Programs for Farmers/IAs.</i></p>	<p>The OPA Staff attended in the SMC Meeting at NIA Head Office, Minante 1, Cauayan City, Isabela together with other agencies, namely DA-RFO2, PCIC, ATI, PHILRICE, DOST, Irrigators Associations (IAs) and selected PLGUs and MLGUs.</p> <p>Mr. Sergio St. Galamgam, OIC-Provincial Agriculturist of Isabela, presented the target and on-going activities of the province, particularly on rice-related programs.</p> <p>He emphasized the importance of collaboration among agencies for better project outcomes. Also, other agencies presented their target and On-going programs of their respected offices.</p> 
<p>e. National Gawad Saka-Search for Outstanding Sugarcane Farmer</p>	<p><i>The Gawad Saka, an annual program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), recognizes outstanding farmers and fisherfolk who have excelled in agriculture and fisheries, including outstanding sugarcane farmers.</i></p>	<p>The undersigned personnel successfully assisted and coached the province and regional's national entry for Gawad Saka Search under the Outstanding Sugarcane Farmer.</p> <p>Prior to the actual evaluation of the National Technical Committee (NTC), the OPA team and the nominee conducted cleaning and arranged the finished products (value added) that were displayed in the outlet store located in front of the gymnasium.</p> <p>The evaluators from the different provinces of the Philippines are:</p> <p>1. Mr. Mikko C. Libo-on - La Granja, La Carlota</p>



		<div data-bbox="787 191 1469 378" data-label="List-Group"><ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Paul John Rico - SRA Isabela3. Kent Untalan - SRA Quezon City4. Helen B. Lobaton - SRA Bacolod5. Benjamin Manlapuz - SRA Lares, Pampanga6. Rex Jinon - SRA, Bicol</div> <div data-bbox="738 416 1502 642" data-label="Text"><p>The sugarcane nominee, Mr. Joseph Laggui of Villabuena, Sta Maria, Isabela successfully answered the questions that had been asked by the evaluators. Lastly, the evaluators conducted a field visitation of Mr. Laggui's sugarcane area—a total of 22has. planted area and 10has. of harvested area.</p></div> <div data-bbox="738 667 1485 1004" data-label="Image"></div>
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a. High Innovative Technology (HIT)	Technology Demonstration project promotes the ‘Double Row’ planting, use of jabber planter, BCAs, and fertilizer recommendation based on soil analysis as a development intervention to help farmers increase their production and income through cost reducing technology.	COOPERATOR : Rommel C. Agacer AREA : 1.0 ha. ADDRESS : Brgy. Mansibang, Naguilian, Isabela DATE OF PLANTING : January 10, 2025 VARIETY : NK-6130 CROP STAGE : Maturity Stage																								


b. Corn Production Enhancement Project (CPEP) under Corn Program of the Department of Agriculture Region 2	<p><i>The Corn Production Enhancement Program (CPEP) is a Department of Agriculture (DA) program that aims to annually increase corn production per hectare by 3%. The program's goals include:</i></p> <div><div>1. To increase income of corn farmers; and</div><div>2. To increase the availability of yellow and white corn for feed and food.</div></div>	<p>The Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office No. 02 has allotted 33,460 bags of hybrid corn seeds and 33,460 bags of inorganic fertilizer under the Corn Production Enhancement Project (CPEP) implemented for the Wet Season 2025 in the province of Isabela.</p>																																																																																																																																																																																				
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<p>c. Agri Day Fest 2025 at ISU Cauayan Campus</p>	<p><i>The seminar is in celebration to the Agri Day Fest 2025 of the university. The event aims to broaden the knowledge of agri-students in their chosen field, providing them with valuable insights, skills, and networking opportunities to enhance their academic and professional pursuits.</i></p>	<p>Mr. Jayson R. Pattong, Agriculturist I, served as Resource Speaker on the symposium/seminar held during the Agri Day Fest 2025 at the Isabela State University-Cauayan Campus (ISU-CC) on March 19, 2025. The speaker is a distinguished alumnus of the university.</p> <p>The activity was attended by Dr. Mirasol Foronda, Campus Director of Academic Affairs of ISU-Cauayan Campus, Mr. Francis Nitura, the CEO of FDN Integrated Farm, Mr. Charlie Alejandro representing Mr. Richard Tan, CEO and owner of Aurora Premium Cattle Farm.</p> <p>A question-and-answer portion of the seminar effectively addressed the concerns of both the students and faculty members, providing clarity of the topic discussed and offering valuable insights that enhanced their understanding of the subject matter.</p> 

<p>d. Capacity Building Activity for Climate Information Services (CIS) in Agriculture and Fisheries in Region II</p>	<p><i>The capacity building aims to empower key stakeholders in the agriculture and fisheries sector to enhance climate resilience</i></p>	<div data-bbox="776 209 1511 600" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Representative of the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist under corn program attended the three-day Capacity Building Activity for Climate Change Information Services (CIS) in Agriculture and Fisheries in Region II, organized by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), through the Interdisciplinary Studies Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management (UPLB-INREM) and in partnership with Isabela State University (ISU), serving as Subnational Competence Center (SNCC) for CIS in agriculture and Fisheries.</p> <p>The activities of the three-day activity building include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contextualizing Climate Change Impacts in Agriculture and Fisheries (Municipal Level) and Evaluation of Responses: CCA and DRRM 2. CIS Basics: The what, why and how 3. CIS Basics: PAGASA, PHILVOCS, DA 4. Introduction of CIS Portal and Guidance Documents on CIS Knowledge Products 5. CIS Basics: User-centered CIS 6. CIS Basics: Popularizing Scientific and Technical Information 7. CIS Basics: Digital Barriers and Traditional Communication in CIS 8. Crafting of KPs and Communication Plan 9. CIS Basics: Stakeholder Engagement and IEC Campaign 10. CIS Basics: Community Engagement and Mobilizations 11. CoP in CIS: Role of LGUs 12. Sustainability Planning/Updating of CDRA, LCCAP in terms of CIS
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Regular programs and projects under the HVCC Development Program

- a. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

identifying and resolving production gaps and constraints, encouraging innovation and value addition and strengthening the business environment.

Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs), and institutional buyers/partners to develop a strategic framework for sustainable growth in the banana export industry.

The highlight of this activity was the presentation of Ms. Juliet Wasit, Supervisor from the Altertrade Philippines Inc., Northern Luzon Cluster where she discussed the export opportunities of the Banana industry specifically the Balangon variety. She also discussed the characteristics/specification needed, market potential and company demand, good agricultural practices, post-harvest handling, fair trade opportunities, farmer support and challenges of Balangon banana farming.



GAP beneficiaries in the municipalities of Aurora and Echague, Isabela, were randomly monitored and interviewed by OPA personnel conducted on March 6, 2025. On each respected date, these people were chosen randomly from the previously held Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Training on Fruit Trees and Vegetables last 2024 in the aforementioned municipalities.



Aurora, Isabela



Echague, Isabela

Others

- a. Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF)



Gamu, Isabela







Sta. Maria, Isabela




The provincial government has distributed financial aid to 72 farmer-beneficiaries in the municipality of Benito Soliven, Isabela under the Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families (PAFFF) program. This assistance was given to Isabela farmers and fisherfolk affected by El Niño.

Farmers and fisherfolk, who faced crop failures and reduced fish catches, were particularly impacted. The financial support aims to help these individuals and their families recover and rebuild their livelihoods, providing essential relief after a challenging year of extreme weather events.





FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND SERVICES														
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Technology Demonstration Project	<i>The project aims to showcase the technology of polyculture and semi-intensive culture of different aquaculture species in ponds for adoption by fisherfolk clients.</i>	<p>The on-site monitoring of the techno demo project was conducted at San Pablo, Isabela ensuring that the application of the technology is implemented.</p> 
Support to other Agri- Fishery Programs and Projects <p>a. Meeting and formation of Provincial Council Leaders</p>	<p><i>Attended the election and formation of Isabela Fisherfolk Provincial Council Leaders, on March 7, 2025 at BFAR CVFTOS-San Mateo, Isabela. The activity aims to represent the fisherfolk sector in higher-level consultations and appoint a representative to the Regional</i></p>	<p>Chairperson: Ms. Susana S. Rivera – ISAACO, Ramon, Isabela</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Ms. Marivel Sinoli – Dreamers Fisherfolk Association, Quezon, Isabela</p> <p>Committees: Aquaculture Chairperson: Alfredo A. Pascua – Cordon, Isabela Post Harvest and Marketing Chairperson: Luisa A. Nimura – Ramon, Isabela Inland Municipal Chairperson: Roberto B. Betay – City of Ilagan, Isabela </p>





	<p><i>Fisherfolk Council who will participate in the selection of 2025 Mangingisdang Director.</i></p>	
<p>b. Marine Protected Area Planning Workshop</p>	<p><i>Workshop Objectives are to engage stakeholders in the participatory planning of an MPA; develop the contents of an MPA Management plan; draft the key provisions of a Municipal Ordinance for the MPA; and ensure compliance with the international and national laws.</i></p>	<p>The Marine Protected Area Planning Workshop held at San Mariano, Isabela from March 4-6, 2025 was organized by LGU-San Mariano through the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), together with the participation of key stakeholders, including PGI-ENRO, PGI-OPA, PGI-ITO and PGI-ICDO, BFAR R02 and DENR-Isabela.</p> 
<p>c. 1st Regular Meeting Magat IFARMC</p>	<p>The meeting aims to discuss and address key issues of the council.</p>	<p>The meeting discussed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment of MAGAT IFARMC Committees 2. Update on the dredging project of NIA-MARIIS DRD at Magat Reservoir 3. Schedule and Venue of Training requested from ATI RO2 4. Update of MAGAT IFARMC Profile 5. Fisherfolks capability skills development and enhancement on composite fiberglass boat making for industry support and alternative livelihood 6. Fisherfolk Aquaculture entrepreneurship development seminar 7. List of fisherfolk with unpaid arrears from NIA 8. Update list of Fisherfolk Association 9. Schedule of Inventory of Fish Cages along Magat Reservoir 

<p>d. Ceremonial Harvest of HDPE Circular Fish Cage Project</p>	<p><i>The project started on August 2024 under the supervision of Isabela Aqua Agriculture Cooperative (ISAACO) with the Provincial Fishery Office (PFO).</i></p>	<p>The HDPE Fish cage is a technology in the aquaculture sector which aims to help the fisherfolk activities productive.</p> <p>The Fish Cage Project provides positive contribution to the livelihoods of the residents.</p> 
<p>e. Hands-on training on fish processing and grow-out management culture of tilapia and hito</p>	<p><i>Two technical staff of PGI-OPA served as Resource Speakers during the conduct of training on Tilapia and Hito (Catfish) Grow-Out Culture in Ponds and Fish Processing (Empowering Women Through Sustainable Aquaculture for Livelihood Programs). In celebration of Women's Month, the City Agriculture Office, with the support of the City Government Unit, Cauayan City, Isabela under the leadership of City Mayor Caesar S. Dy, Jr, successfully implemented a women-focused livelihood program aimed at empowering women through sustainable aquaculture and food processing.</i></p>	<p>With the collaboration of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Region 02 and the Provincial Government of Isabela - Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (PGI-OPA) and the City Local Government Unit of Cauayan – City Agriculturist (CLGU-CAO), the initiative provided beneficiaries with hands-on training in Tilapia and Hito (catfish) Grow-Out Culture in Ponds and Fish Processing Techniques, specifically Smoked Fish (Tinapa) and Tapang Tilapia production.</p> <p>The program also included the awarding of Tilapia fingerlings and fish feed to members of the Rural Improvement Club (RIC), Cauayan City Green Ladies Organization (CCGLO) and SM Kabalikatan to help them jumpstart their aquaculture projects.</p> 



<p>f. Gawad Saka National Evaluation for Aquaculture Category</p>	<p><i>The purpose is to prepare for the upcoming evaluation of the Gawad Saka under the Aquaculture Category, discuss and monitor the necessary preparations, including tasks to be addressed and improvements to be made for the farm of Mr. Arnel R. Santiago, the regional winner and contender for the 2025 Gawad Saka Search. The meeting also aims to provide guidance on potential questions that may be raised by the evaluators.</i></p>	<p>The meeting was attended by PGI-OPA staff, BFAR RO2, and the MLGU-OMA of San Mateo regarding the 2025 Gawad Saka Search National Evaluation – Aquaculture Category of Mr. Arnel R. Santiago held from April 02 to 04, 2025 at Brgy. Gaddanan, San Mateo, Isabela.</p> <div data-bbox="847 426 1377 715" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="847 740 1377 1076" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>g. Capacity Building Activity for Climate Information Services (CIS) in Agriculture and Fisheries in Region II</p>	<p><i>The capacity building aims to empower key stakeholders in the agriculture and fisheries sector to enhance climate resilience. Specifically, it seeks to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Improve Region II stakeholders' understanding of climate science and the application of CIS;</i> <i>2. Strengthen the capacity of national government agencies, their regional offices, local government</i> 	<p>The Office of the Provincial Agriculturist attended the three-day Capacity Building Activity for Climate Information Services (CIS) in Agriculture and Fisheries in Region II, organized by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), through the Interdisciplinary Studies Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Environment Management (UPLB-INREM) and in partnership with the Isabela State University (ISU), serving as the Subnational Competence Center (SNCC) for CIS in agriculture and fisheries.</p> <p>Activities of the three-day capacity building include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contextualizing Climate Change Impacts in Agriculture and Fisheries (Municipal Level) and Evaluation of Responses: CCA and DRRM 2. CIS Basics: The What, Why, and How 3. CIS Basics: PAGASA, PHILVOLCS, DA 4. Introduction of CIS Portal and Guidance Document on CIS Knowledge Products 5. CIS Basics: User-centered CIS 6. CIS Basics: Popularizing Scientific and Technical Information 7. CIS Basics: Digital Barriers and Traditional Communication in CIS 8. Crafting of KPs and Communication Plan 9. CIS Basics: Stakeholder Engagement and IEC Campaign 10. CIS Basics: Community Engagement and Mobilization




	<p><i>units, and state universities and colleges to deliver timely, relevant, and actionable climate information;</i></p> <p>3. <i>Equip farmers and fisherfolk with the knowledge and skills to use CIS effectively; and</i></p> <p>4. <i>Foster collaboration among stakeholders on climate initiatives through Community on Practice (CoP) on CIS for agriculture and fisheries.</i></p>	<p>11.CoP in CIS: Role of LGUs</p> <p>12.Sustainability Planning/Updating of CDRA, LCCAP in terms of CIS</p> 
<p>h. Presidential Assistance for Farmers, Fisherfolk and Families (PAFFF)</p>	<p><i>The PAFFF is a program of the President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., to support the agriculture and fisheries sectors. The program covers financial assistance to farmers and fisherfolk who were affected of the El Niño.</i></p>	<p>Personnel from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist were present to assist the distribution of cash assistance and eight kg. of Isabela Rice to farmers and fisherfolk affected by El Niño.</p> 

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<p>b. RIC Achievement Day (approved resolution)</p>	<p><i>To formally recognize and celebrate the contributions of rural women to agricultural and community development.</i></p>	<p>The Sangguniang Panlalawigan approved a resolution endorsing and adopting Resolution No. 2, Series of 2024, of the Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council of Isabela, recommending the institutionalization of the conduct of Rural Improvement Club (RIC) Achievement Day every month of May in celebration of Rural Women’s Month.</p>
<p>c. National Gawad Saka Search Under Outstanding Rural Improvement Club</p>	<p><i>The National Gawad Saka Search aims to recognize and celebrate rural women who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and achievements in the fields of agriculture and fisheries.</i></p>	<p>OPA Personnel assisted and coached the national entry for Gawad Saka Search under the Outstanding Rural Women Club Organization at Brgy. Sta. Maria, Alicia, Isabela.</p> <div>     </div>
<p>d. Regional Launching of Capacity Building Activities & Women-managed livelihood Program for Rice Farming Communities</p>		<p>Attended the Regional Launching of Capacity Building Activities & Women-managed livelihood Program for Rice Farming Communities, held at the Balzain Gymnasium, Dupax Del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya on March 13, 2025. The said Launching was participated by different agencies such as PhilRice, ATI-RTC 02 Isabela, Cooperative Development Authority R02 (CDA), DA-RFO 02, Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD) R02, OPA-Isabela, and OPA-Nueva Vizcaya & other Organizations, FCAs.</p> <p>Dr. Ofelia C. Malonzo, Chief Science Research Specialist of the PhilRice Isabela, gave updates on the RICEBIS 2.0 Program & Basic GAD Orientation. Meanwhile, Mr. Bladimir of the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI-RTC 02) Isabela, discussed their Programs, Projects & Orientation on the Capacity Building Activities of the ATI. Moreover, other cooperating agencies with their respective representative also presented and discussed their program and project activities for implementation.</p>

<p>Young Farmer</p> <p>a. Young Farmers Organization (Approved Resolution)</p>	<p><i>To promote youth involvement in Agriculture and Fisheries.</i></p>	<div data-bbox="695 209 1520 563" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Sangguniang Panlalawigan approved a resolution endorsing and adopting Resolution No. 1, Series of 2024, of the Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Council of Isabela, which recommends the organization Young Farmers Organizations in various municipalities and cities across the province of Isabela</p>
<p>Philippine Agricultural and Fisheries Council (PAFC)</p> <p>a. 3rd Women in Agriculture Congress cum Recognition of Outstanding Women Farmers</p>	<p><i>It highlights the achievements of women who face numerous social, economic, and cultural challenges, and have remained resilient and strong in their roles in agriculture.</i></p>	<p>The event was graced by Ms. Bernadette T. Galoso, Project Evaluation Officer V, and Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Council Executive Officer, who introduced the participants and esteemed guests. Notable attendees included representatives from partner agencies across region 2, such as the Department of Trade Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Civil Service Commission (CSC), Rural Improvement Club (RIC) Federation, PCAF Technical Staff National Coordinators, and GESI representatives from different municipalities and cities.</p> <div data-bbox="695 1726 1505 2070" data-label="Image"> </div>

		
<p>Other Matters</p> <p>a. San Mateo Isabela 79th Founding Anniversary- Mekan Ken Mainum competition</p>		<p>Served as one of the board of judges in the Mekan Ken Mainum competition during the 79th Founding Anniversary held at Faustino N. Dy Multi-Purpose Center San Mateo, Isabela.</p> <p>There were 29 Competing groups which composed of different schools in the Mekan Ken Mainum contest activity. Hon. Mayor Gregerio A. Pua delivered his inspirational message to the audience, inspiring and encouraging all contestants to share their knowledge and skills in cooking different recipes with good health benefits.</p>  <p>The Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk and Families (PAFFF) of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., in partnership with the Provincial Government of Isabela continues to help thousands of beneficiaries in the province of Isabela who are affected by the El Niño 2023-2024 Dry Cropping Season.</p> <p>Each beneficiary received Php 4,000.00 cash and an 8 kg of rice as the government's support for those hit by natural disasters.</p>

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