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Hon. ELSIE D. VISCA
Municipal Mayor
Santa Fe, Romblon

Thru: **Engr. Derrick E. Mayor**
MPDC
This municipality

Madam:

Submitting herewith the Municipal Agriculture Office's Annual Accomplishment Report from January 2023 to December 2023.

For your information and perusal.

Very truly yours,


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**HIGHLIGHTS
OF AGRICULTURE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
C.Y. 2023**

A. RICE BANNER PROGRAMS ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

I - CROP PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

The total area planted and reported for rice was 566.9 hectares both wet and dry cropping season tilled by 1217 farmers. The same area has been harvested in years prior. The average yield per hectare obtained from inbred variety was 4.73 mt per hectare.

As of February 7- March 15, 2023, MA and Staff assisted the Georeferencer on geotagging of riceland areas registered to RSBSA subject for validation of actual measurement of productive rice area. After a months it was resumed last November 20-December 6, 2023 in response to the request of newly registered farmer.



Learning Site for Agriculture was fully established last February 2023 by the initiative of Municipal Agriculturist and Rice team through the moral and financial support of Agricultural Training Institute funded under Rice Program amounting 150,000.00. The main objective of this LSA is to enhance and develop knowledge and skills of our farmers most especially the young farmers on farming practice and training. It shows the full package of Agriculture matters wherein different crops are visible and livestock also. Luckily, Mr. Clement Ray T. Asis was the farm owner of this LSA.



Established Learning Site for Agriculture named as “BILOG FARM” located at Brgy Magsaysay, Santa Fe, Romblon.

Last June 8, 2023 the DA-LGU received 950 bags of certified inbred rice seeds from PhilRice under Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) containing 20 kgs/bag which is good for 267 hectares. It was utilized during **wet season** by 759 eligible rice farmers and reported as planted and harvested. Also, the farmers received a packs of BIO-N that serve as initial fertilizer to their certified rice seeds under rice program.



During the hauling and distribution of certified rice seeds and BIO-N for wet season 2023.

Last July 10- October 12, 2023 the Municipal Agriculture's Office through the support of Agricultural Training Institute(ATI) conducted Farmers Field School on Production of High Quality Inbred Rice Seeds, Seed Certification and Farm Mechanization at Learning Site for Agriculture, Bilog Farm, located at Magsaysay, Santa Fe, Romblon.



A total of 23 rice farmers attended and graduated during the conduct of FFS on rice last wet season 2023.

Conducted monitoring and inspection of different inbred varieties. At the same time, encourage those eligible rice farmers to ensure their crops to Phil. Crop Insurance Corporation through the Municipal Agriculture's Office.



During the conduct of ocular inspection and monitoring of planted certified rice seeds especially the affected area due to pest and diseases but insured to PCIC.

Last November 14, 2023 the DA-LGU received 950 bags of certified rice seeds from PhilRice under Rice Competitiveness Enhancement containing 20 kgs/bag which is good for 282 hectares. It was utilized during **dry season** by 759 eligible rice farmers and reported as planted. In addition, we distributed 280 Knowledge Product Kits with 280 beneficiaries.



During the hauling, distribution of certified rice seeds, and KP Kits for dry season 2023.

Last December 5-6, 2023 , MA and Staff assisted the DA-Regional Staff on distribution of Intervention Monitoring Card (IMC) that serve as ATM to eligible rice farmers for financial assistance amounting 5,000.00.



A total of 778 rice farmers received IMC that serve as ATM for financial assistance.

Farm machineries is in Santa Fe! It was a great help for our farmers to do their job in easy way. We must go for innovation!



Biocomposting Facility, Harvester , Thresher and Hand Tractor.

II - ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

A. Native Chicken Multiplier Farm

The Native Chicken Multiplier Farm of the Municipal Agriculture has successfully dispersed forty (40) heads of chicken to ten (10) qualified household which are basically a member of Magsaysay Seaweed Farmers Association. Each farmer has received 4 heads which is primarily composed of two males and two females. This Poultry Livelihood Project is a continuous support for farmers to recover from lost due to Covid-19 pandemic. Figure below shows the actual footage of dispersal conducted last June 3, 2023.



B. Native Free-range Chicken Monitoring

DA-LGU staff together with the DA regional personnel from Agriculture Program Coordinating Office (APCO) has conducted a quarterly monitoring of the dispersed native free-range chicken beneficiaries at barangay Pandan.



C. Cattle Production under DA Livestock Livelihood Program

Last December 2022, about 30 lucky members of Samahan ng Mga Magsasaka ng Danao Norte (SAMADAN) has received 30 heads of cattle (heifer). One farmer one female cattle that is capable of producing an offspring which is intended for continues dispersal to the other members of the said association.

As an LGU Counterpart on the implementation of DA-Livestock Livelihood Assistance Program, the staff of the Municipal Agriculture Office, particularly the livestock coordinator together with the DA-APCO personnel has conducted a quarterly monitoring of the dispersed animals. In addition to that, regular deworming and vitamin supplementation was conducted twice a year. Below are the random photos taken during monitoring, vitamin supplementation, and deworming.



D. Animal Health Promotion Program

Regular Animal Health Promotion Program of this office was able to distribute deworming and veterinary medicine to sixty-four (64) individuals as shown in the Table below.

Table 1. Number of farmers per barangay that avail deworming and veterinary medicine.

Number of farmers	Barangay
4	Agmanic
35	Danao Norte
2	Danao Sur
1	Guinbirayan

8	Magsaysay
2	Pandan
9	Poblacion
3	Tabugon
64	TOTAL

1. Deworming and Iron Supplementation

As a part of animal health promotion program of the Municipal Agriculture office, services like iron supplementation is consistently delivered to requesting farmers. Figure below shows the iron supplementation activity at Malacad's Piggery Farm, Barangay Tabugon, Santa Fe, Romblon.



2. Attending on the regular meeting of farmers association

Attendance of the staff of the Municipal Agriculture in the meeting of farmers association is important in determining the local needs, farming issues and concern. This could help the office to understand the situations below farmers' level in order to achieve the effectiveness of service delivery. Figure below shows the regular meeting of SAMADAN at Barangay Danao Norte, Santa Fe, Romblon.



3. RSBSA Registration

As of December 31, 2023 the Municipal Agriculture Office has successfully enrolled about 388 farmers, farmworkers, and fisherfolks. This registration was started from January 2023 to December 2023. Figure below shows the RSBSA Registration at Barangay Agmanic, Santa Fe, Romblon.



4. Monitoring and Surveillance of Backyard Hog Raisers

The Municipal Agriculture Office has regularly conducted a monitoring and surveillance of backyard hog raisers to deliver awareness to farmers regarding on animal diseases, prevention, treatment and control. Figures below show the random monitoring at Barangay Canyayo, Mat-I, and Pandan, Santa Fe, Romblon.



5. Disposal of Confiscated Pork Products and By-products Due to ASF

The Municipal Agriculture Office together with the Provincial Veterinary Office was joint force in the strict implementation of EO No. 29 & 30 S-2023 approved by Hon. Elsie D. Visca. Confiscated pork products and by-products were disposed properly as shown in the Figure below.



6. Emergency Meeting of Santa Fe ASF Task Force during the ASF outbreak in the Municipality

September 29, 2023 when Hon. Elsie D. Visca approved the EO no. 29 S-2023 that banned the transport of pork meat products coming from Barangay Tabugon due to confirmed ASF case in the area. Figures below shows the emergency meeting of Santa Fe ASF Task Force at SB Session Hall, Municipal Building, Poblacion, Santa Fe, Romblon.



7. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC)

Prior of hog depopulation on the ASF affected area within 500-meter radius of the affected farm, the Municipal Agriculture Office have conducted IEC to affected farmers to convince them of their cooperation. Figures below shows the IEC conducted at Barangay Guinbirayan, Poblacion, Mat-I, and Danao Sur.



8. Animal Investigation

Animal Investigation on suspected rabies bite cases were conducted upon request by the pet owners. Animal sample were collected and delivered to the RADDL which is subjected for laboratory testing and confirmation. Figure below shows the collection of samples on the rabies-suspected animal.



9. Depopulation and Culling

Upon the release of positive result of blood sample collected from Barangay Tabugon, Mat-I, Pandan, Danao Sur, Magsaysay, and Poblacion early hog depopulation and culling was initiated by the Office of the Municipal Agriculture in coordination the Provincial Veterinarian and the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC). Figures below show the depopulation team ready to kill the ASF infected animals.



10. Dog Vaccination

Staff of DA-Santa Fe participated in the mass vaccination facilitated by the Provincial Veterinary Office at Alcantara, Romblon. The said activity aims to capacitate the technical skills of livestock technician in the actual field vaccination. Figures below shows dog vaccination activity at Alcantara, Romblon.



11. Attending the Barangay-Level General Assembly Meeting

The participation of MAO on the general assembly meeting in the barangay level has enabled the farmers to be educated regarding on DA programs and interventions. Likewise, the farmers can be able to raise their farm issues and concerns which will be helpful in making plans and decisions of the policy makers. Figures below show the General Assembly Meeting at Barangay Tabugon.



12. Attending the MAFC Meeting

MAFC meeting was regularly attended by the MAO staff together with the other concerned offices in the neighboring municipalities as shown in the figure below.



13. Dissemination of Reading Materials

Reading materials that covers various animal productions such as cattle production, native chicken production, goat production, duck production and other related materials were distributed to farmers to enhance their knowledge and technical know-how in the field of diverse farming techniques. Figure below shows the distribution of reading materials at Barangay Danao Norte, Santa Fe, Romblon.



14. Blood Sample Collection

As a requirement on the Recognition of Active Surveillance (RAS) in the Municipality of Santa Fe due to ASF outbreak, intense blood sample collection was conducted by the Municipal Agriculture Office with the aid of the Provincial Veterinary Office. Figures below show the blood sample collection performed by the blood collectors at Barangay Tabugon, Santa Fe, Romblon.



15. Attend Training on Integrated Bite Case Management (ICBM)

The training on Integrated Bite Case Management (ICBM) delivers the trainees the appropriate procedures on how to collect brain sample from rabies-suspected animals as shown in the Figures below. The said training was facilitated by the RADDL last October 14, 2023 at Sato Beach Resort, Brgy. Tabing Dagat, Odiongan, Romblon.



16. Active Surveillance and Monitoring

Regular disinfection of the ASF infected farms and entry port was conducted to diminish and or control the spread of the virus in the Municipality to prevent further infections. Figures below show the actual farm disinfection conducted by the Municipal Agriculture Office.



17. Verification, Assessment, and Payout of the ASF-Affected Hog Raisers

The Municipal Agriculture Office assisted the verification, assessment, and payout of about 1,339 ASF-affected hog raisers in the Municipality of Santa Fe. Each farmer has received an amount ranging from 2000 to 5000 pesos as a financial assistance from the Provincial Government through the MSWDO. The event was leaded by Cong. Budoy Madrona, Gov. Otik Riano, Mun. Mayor Elsie D. Visca, Brgy. Capt. Asher C. Visca, and other Barangay Officials as shown in the Figures below.



18. Established Check Points on Entry Points

The Municipal Agriculture Office has established check points in all possible entry points to control the spread of the major animal diseases such as ASF virus and the Avian Influenza. All passengers passing by with their packages were checked to insure that neither pork meat products nor poultry products and their by-products being transported illegally as shown in the Figures below.



III – HIGH VALUE COMMERCIAL CROPS (HVCC)

A) Vegetables Seeds

Vegetables Seeds Purchased by the Municipal Agriculture's Office

The office of the Municipal Agriculturist purchased a total of Php. 115,000.00 assorted vegetables seeds that was used as materials for the conducted 5 days training on Edible Landscape Farming for Women which is funded by the Gender and Development Program (GAD) of the Local Government Unit of this municipality. There are 200 pouch of assorted vegetables seeds that was distributed to the 30 training participants of the said training and another 600 pouch was distributed to all farmers association, school gardens, individual vegetable growers, 4P's members and barangay community gardens.



Random photos taken during the distribution of vegetables seeds.

B). Planted Vegetables

Dispersed vegetables seeds to vegetable farmers were planted and monitored for the updating and reporting of vegetables and other high value crops planted and produced every month to the Department of Agriculture Region Office under its High Value Crops Development Program. Photo below shows the pictures of backyard gardens that represent the 11 barangays under the jurisdiction of the municipality of Santa Fe and was validated during the monthly monitoring of High Value Crops planted.

Barangay. Agmanic



Barangay Canyayo





Barangay Danao Norte



Barangay Danao Sur



Barangay Guinbirayan



Barangay Guintigbasan



Barangay Magsaysay



Barangay Mat-I



Barangay Pandan



Barangay Poblacion



Barangay Tabugon



Monitoring of planted vegetables and other high value crops were done once a month by the high value crops coordinator. To gather data of production, to share new techniques and ideas in growing vegetables, to monitor pests and diseases incidence in vegetables and to assist farmers in their farming activities.

C.) Gulayan sa Paaralan Maintained and Established

There were 2 (two) "Gulayan sa Paaralan" established and maintained and these are Danao Sur Elementary School and Canyayo Elementary School. Gulayan sa Paaralan Program was in collaboration with the DePED MiMaRoPa Region and DA-MiMaRoPa. The school garden was funded by the Department of Agriculture MiMaRoPa Region under its High Value Crops Development program. DA has provided complete set of garden tools to the school such as spade, rake, hoe, straw lace, tying wire, seedling tray, plastic mulch, spading fork, sprinkler, hand sprayer and vegetables seeds to aid the school in establishing their school garden.

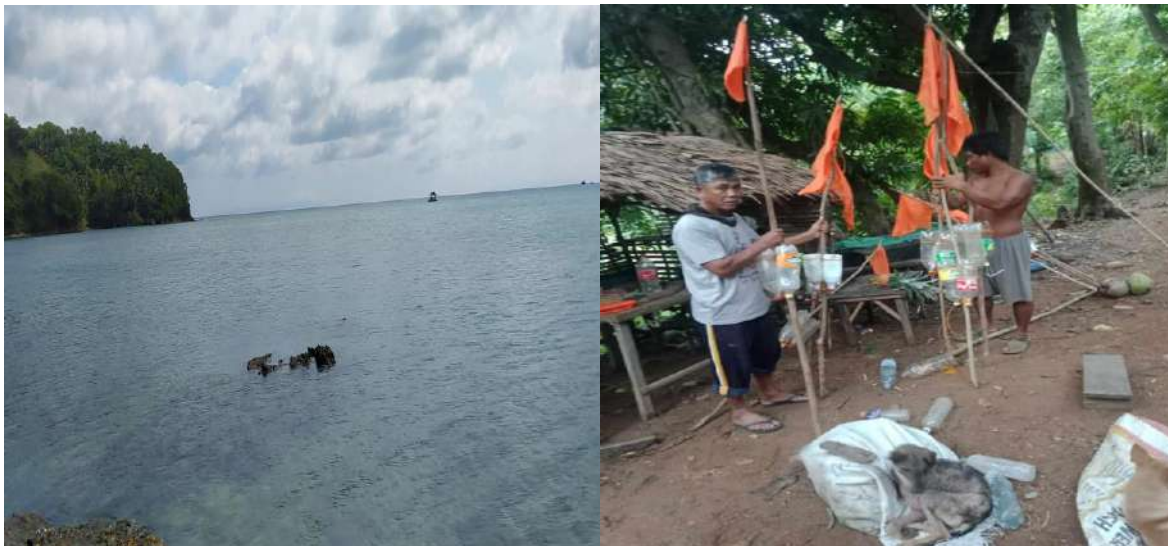


IV – FISHERIES

A. COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

1. Monitoring and surveillance of Municipal Water

The office of the Municipal Agriculturist together with Bantay Dagat conducted installation of bouy/marker at Puro Island Fish Sanctuary and Sabang Cove Fishery Management Area. Regular monitoring, supervision, evaluation and surveillance were conducted in the area to prevent encroachment of illegal fishers and to efficiently manage and Safeguard the municipalities' fishery Resources.



Installation of buoy marker and conducted surveillance of illegal fishers at Puro Island Fish Sanctuary and Sabang Cove Fishery Management

2. Fisherfolks Meeting

The office of the Municipal Agriculturist together with Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic resources and Management Council (MFARMC) conducted Fisherfolks consultation at Barangay Agmanic, Santa Fe, Romblon with regards to the propose Fishery Management Area (FMA). This aims to conserve, preserve, protect and promote responsible utilization of marine resources in our municipality.



Fisherfolks meeting conducted last July 2023 at Brgy. Agmanic Covered Court

B. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

1. Distribution of Livelihood assistance to Fisherfolks Associations

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) thru the Office of Municipal Agriculturist under the Special Area for Agriculture Development (SAAD) Program of BFAR MIMAROPA Conducted distribution of livelihood assistance to the Fisherfolks Community in our municipality particularly in terms of Capture Fishing, Postharvest and Aquaculture. This program aims to contribute to poverty reduction and improve the living Conditions of vulnerable Fisherfolks by providing sustainable livelihood opportunities and support especially to poor fishing sectors in the locality.

The inputs were distributed to eight (8) Fisherfolks Associations: Magsaysay Seaweeds Farmer and Fishers Association, Guinbirayan Seaweed Farmers and Fishers Association, Puro Island Fisherfolks Association, Agmanic Fisherfolks Association, Guinpoingan Fishers Farmers and sewers Organization, Guinbirayan Tabugon Fishing Farming Association, Samahan ng mga Mangingisda ng Kulasi Tabun-ac at Sabang and Pandan Ati Farmers and Fishers Association.









Distribution of Livelihood assistance to eight (8) Fisherfolks Associations of the Municipality.

C. Others

1. Fish Catch, Seaweeds Production and Fish cage production Monitoring

Monthly monitoring of Fish catch Production, Bangus Fish cage Production and Seaweeds Production were conducted to ensure that fish population harvested from wild and aquaculture remain sustainable. It also helps to ensure if there is sufficient food production in our locality.







OTHER ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED AND ATTENDED

A. Edible Landscape Farming Training For Women

This office conducted an Edible Landscape Farming Training for Women last April 10-14, 2023 in Hinaklupan, Magsaysay, Santa Fe, Romblon. The training was funded by GAD program of this Local Government Unit. There were a total of 30 training participants that comprises of 28 women and 2 men. The training aims to empower women farmers through farming skills, marketing skills and food production in their own using the different farm inputs that is affordable and available in their area.



B. Conduct of Mass Insurance to Rice Farmers and other crops

The Municipal Agriculture Office conducted mass insurance to rice farmers for the wet season planting in all 11 barangays of this municipality. There was a total of 634 rice farmers who were able to register their rice crop to Philippine Crop Insurance. The insurance will automatically expire after the farmers harvested the crop. For the dry season planting there were 182 rice farmers who were able to renew their crop insurance.



There were also 3 farmers who were able to register their Banana crops to Crop Insurance and the insurance applied will automatically expired after 1 year. After that they will can renew their crop insurance again.



C. Distribution of PCIC Claim for Indemnity Check

For C.Y 2023 there were a total of 70 Rice, Livestock and Seaweeds farmers who were able to received Claim for Indemnity Check from the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC). For rice crop farmers the checks they received were a compensation of the damage of their crop due to calamities, pests and diseases that causes them to have low yield. For Livestock farmers was due to the ASF outbreak of Swine and for Seaweeds farmers due to Ice-Ice disease. The distribution of Indemnity Checks was spearheaded by PCIC Insurance Representative in the person of Lucille I. Cristo. PCIC lived with their purpose in being the partner of farmers and fisherfolks in the growth and development of agriculture and fisheries sector.

