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February 06, 2025

**Hon. ELSIE D. VISCA**

Municipal Mayor  
Santa Fe, Romblon

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

Madam:

Submitting herewith the Municipal Agriculture Office Annual Accomplishment Report from January 2024 to December 2024.

For your information and perusal.

Very truly yours,

**ENGR. CHARLIE T. ANDRES, JR.**  
Municipal Agriculturist



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# OFFICE ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT F.Y. 2024

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## I - RICE PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The total area planted and reported for rice was 566.9 hectares both wet and dry cropping season tilled by 1,217 farmers. The same area has been harvested in years prior. The average yield per hectare obtained from inbred variety was 4.49 mt per hectare.

### A. Site Validation for Bio Composting Facility

Last February 20, 2024, personnel of BSWM together with Regional Rice Staff and MAO Personnel conducted site validation which is suitable for Bio Composting Facility consist of Biocomposter and shredder. Luckily, 4 associations in the municipality of Santa Fe will receive that intervention intended for rice program.





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### B. Delivery And Distribution of Rice Seeds for Wet Season

Last May 16, 2024 the DA-LGU received 985 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 950 eligible rice farmers and reported as planted and harvested.





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**During delivery and distribution of rice seeds for wet season 2024.**



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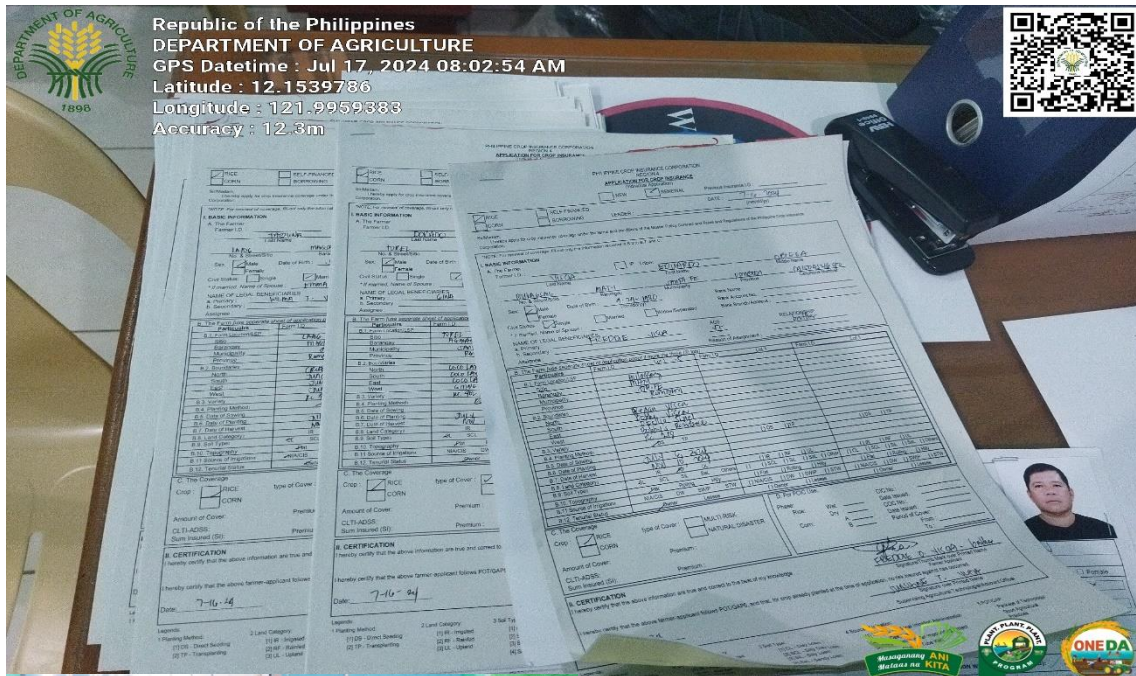
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**C. Conduct of Rice Insurance and Check Distribution**

Twice a year the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist in partnership with Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) conducted rice insurance to ensure rice crop on different damages brought by calamity, diseases and pest.





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**Rice Insurance and check distribution together with PCIC Personnel.**







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**D. Releasing of Fertilizer Discount Voucher**

Last July 30, 2024 selected 130 rice farmers containing an area of 0.7 – 1.0 ha. in total of 100 hectares received fertilizer discount voucher amounting to 3,400.00 per hectare. It was conducted by DA-MiMaRoPa Personnel, Arya Coop Personnel and MAO.



**During the release of FDV for wet season 2024.**



## E. Delivery and Distribution of Rice Seeds for Dry Season 2024

Last November 14, 2024 the DA-LGU received 1,000 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 943 eligible rice farmers and reported as planted. In addition, we distributed 380 Knowledge Product Kits and 380 pieces 2025 calendar with 380 beneficiaries.





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## II – CORN AND CASSAVA PROGRAM

### A. Master listing of Corn and Cassava Farmers

In the first quarter of the year, the office assigned Mr. Dolly M. Asis Jr. as Corn and Cassava Coordinator in eleven (11) barangays of this municipality. The aim is to monitor/ master listing of corn and cassava farmers, organized association, at end of the year 2024 the of list of corn and cassava farmers already updated with the total of 236 corn farmers and 319 cassava farmers based on the data submitted by each barangay.

### B. Organized Association

Based on the record, and coordination with the barangay, we invited the corn and cassava farmers to attend the meeting and conduct election of officers to organize farmers association. Only four (4) barangays responded and successfully have an organized association.

Danao Norte Corn and Cassava Farmers Association (DNCCFA) with 23 members a DOLE registered association, Canyayo Cassava and Corn Planters Association (CAACOPA) with 18 members, Magsaysay Corn and Cassava Farmers Association (MaCCaFA) with 48 members and Mat-I Farmers Corn and Cassava Planters Association (MFCCPA) with 43 members.

### ***Magsaysay Corn and Cassava Farmers Association***





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**Mat-I Farmers Corn and Cassava Planters Ass.**

**Danao Norte Corn and Cassava Farmers Ass.**



**C. Distribution of Corn Seeds**

Since there is no allocated municipal budget for the purchase of corn seeds, The Municipal Agriculture Office requested to the DA Provincial Office for the allocation of corn seeds to our municipality and it is granted, after the delivery, we inform the target beneficiary in coordination with the Barangay and Organized Association the corn seeds dispersed immediately after the farmers signed the received form, mostly of the farmers received are from barangay's Mat-I, Magsaysay, Danao Norte and Canyayo due to there is already an organized association which is the first priority. And there is already an existing area for corn production.





#### D. Corn and Cassava Monitoring

In monitoring of area planted and harvested, it is conducted every two (2) weeks, to make an accurate technology adaptation. Planting and harvesting record for the first cropping season (January to June) a total area of 6.5 ha planted of inbred corn from barangay Canyon, Danao Sur, Magsaysay, Mat-I and Poblacion and on second cropping (July to December) have a total area of 7 hectares Hybrid corn and 1-hectare inbred corn from barangay Canyon, Danao Norte, Mat I, Magsaysay and Tabugon. Continues monitoring of the standing crop, market price of fresh corn and cassava, corn grits and crack corn are also done within the municipality have been conducted. Results after it is consolidated will be submitted to the Provincial Agriculture Office for their guidance, information and proper action.





### III – HIGH VALUE COMMERCIAL CROPS (HVCC)

#### A) Vegetables Seeds

##### Vegetables Seeds from Department of Agriculture - MiMaRoPa

Department of Agriculture – MiMaRoPa funded 30 kilograms of assorted vegetables seeds with Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to Pandan Ati Farmers and Fishermen Association (PAFFA). The 30 kilograms of assorted vegetables seeds were divided into two. The other 15 kilograms were granted to PAFFA and the other half to the Municipal Agriculture Office and being used for the distribution of vegetables seeds to other active farmers associations, schools and barangay communal gardens. A total of 274 farmers benefited the program.



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**Random photos taken during the distribution of vegetables seeds.**







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The Municipal Agriculture Office also purchased assorted lowland vegetables seeds worth of 120,000.00 pesos as part of the regular program of the municipal agriculture office (MAO). The recipients of the project were the farmers associations and individual farmers engaged in vegetable production. A total of 150 vegetable farmers benefited the program.



**Random photos taken during the distribution of vegetables seeds.**



## Vegetables Seeds from the Provincial Agriculture Office

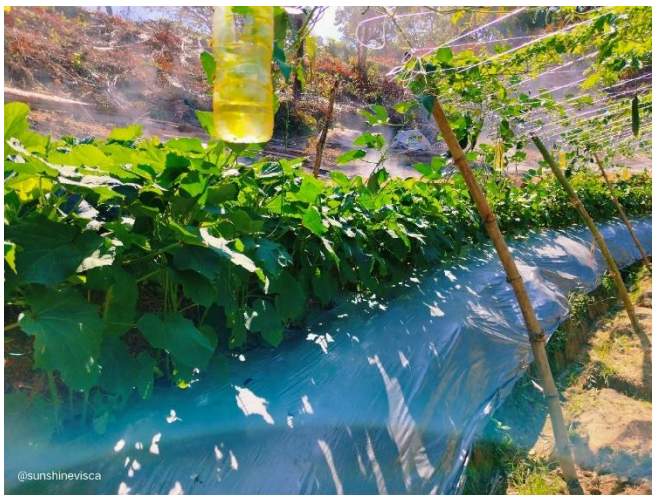
The Provincial Agriculture Office has an existing program which is “Gender and Development: Vegetable Seeds Production” also shares vegetable seeds of Eggplant, Okra, Sitao, Ampalaya, Pechay and Squash to our office and was dispersed to 409 farmers engaged in vegetable production and mostly parents who have malnourished children were the beneficiaries.





## B). Planted Vegetables

Distributed 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 and communal gardens established by the individual vegetable's farmers and farmers associations.





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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 give technical assistance to farmers.



### C. HVCDP Small-Scale Irrigation Facility

The Magsaysay Fishermen and Farmers Association was one of the beneficiaries of the Small-Scale Irrigation Facility project under HVC Development Program of the DA-Region Office. The project aims to help farmers association engaged in vegetable production to continually produce healthy, fresh and quality vegetables for their community even during the dry season. Also, to give livelihood to the farmer's association members engaged in vegetable farming, so to uplift their way of living.



The association was granted to have one (1) set of Pump and Irrigation System on Open Source (PISOS). The project intervention was implemented for C.Y. 2024 and was delivered last January 27, 2025.

The unit was installed at the communal garden of the association located in Brgy. Magsaysay, Santa Fe, Romblon. With the project intervention received by the



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association, rest assured that they can produce quality vegetables even during dry season.

Another project intervention from DA-Region Office under Small-Scale Irrigation Facility project of its High Value Crops Development Program is one (1) unit of Power Sprayer and granted to Tabugon Farmers Association (TFA). The unit will be use by the association specifically in their Mango fruit production.

The project aimed to help Mango farmers to produce quality Mangoes, control production losses and to augment income in Mango production.



The unit was under the care of the president of Tabugon Farmers Association in the person of Mr. Rolando C. Caunca.



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## IV – LIVESTOCK (ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT)



In March 2024, the DA Regional Office undertook a thorough validation of beneficiaries for ASF indemnification. These dedicated hog raisers made the commendable choice to voluntarily surrender their hogs during the ASF outbreak, demonstrating their commitment to swiftly eradicating the infectious disease in the municipality. A total of 61 farmers were successfully validated, with the majority hailing from barangays Magsaysay, Pandan, Tabugon, Poblacion, Danao Sur, and Mat-I. By November 2024, these farmers received well-deserved indemnification assistance, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Municipal Agriculture in Santa Fe, the DA Regional Office, and the Provincial Veterinary Office. This initiative not only supports our local farmers but also strengthens our collective fight against ASF, ensuring a healthier and more resilient agricultural community.

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The Municipal Agriculture Office proudly conducts the Animal Health Promotion Program twice a year, significantly benefiting local farmers. This comprehensive program encompasses essential services such as deworming large cattle, administering vitamin and iron supplements, treating wounds, providing vaccinations, and performing castrations. By elevating farmers' awareness of available medications and treatments, the program empowers them to take better care of their animals. Furthermore, it introduces innovative techniques and best practices that can dramatically enhance productivity and boost farmers' incomes, fostering a thriving agricultural community.





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The free-range chicken multiplier farm, under the Office of Municipal Agriculture, plays a vital role in empowering local poultry raisers. By providing comprehensive training in animal health, modern technologies, and innovative techniques for sustainable native chicken production, the farm equips farmers with the tools they need to thrive. Additionally, it offers essential support in the medication and treatment of poultry diseases while implementing effective preventive measures to combat infectious diseases. Together, these efforts not only enhance the health of poultry but also strengthen the entire community's agricultural resilience.

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Agricultural engineers play a vital role in ensuring that machinery delivered to clients not only meets but exceeds quality and performance expectations. This rigorous assessment process guarantees that equipment aligns with the manufacturer's capacity and efficiency standards, empowering end users to acquire only the highest quality machinery while steering clear of any substandard options. As depicted in the figure above, the corn hammer mill has undergone comprehensive testing in accordance with PAES standards.

These evaluations are critical; should any test results fall short of acceptable levels; immediate and effective adjustments will be made to ensure all equipment meets or surpasses the required standards. This dedication to quality and performance not only builds trust but also enhances the overall operational efficiency for end users.



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Municipal ordinance number 115 S-2017 empowers the Municipal Agriculture Office to enforce Republic Act 9482, widely recognized as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007. Each year, this office takes bold action in protecting the community by conducting mass dog vaccinations. In a recent effort, approximately 650 dogs received vaccinations, highlighting the office's unwavering dedication to safeguarding both pets and their owners from the severe and often fatal threat of rabies.

This vital initiative not only ensures crucial vaccinations to combat this deadly virus but also equips the community with essential information on how to effectively respond in the event of a dog bite. By promoting animal health and curbing the spread of rabies, the Municipal Agriculture Office and the Municipal Health Office work relentlessly to create a safer environment for all. Together, both offices are fostering a healthier, more secure community.



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Two personnel from the Municipal Agriculture Office participated in an essential training course on basic meat inspection held in July 2024 at the NMIS regional field office in Diliman, Quezon City. This training is a crucial step in preparing for the launch of a slaughterhouse regulated by the local government unit (LGU). Its primary goal is to guarantee the safety and quality of meat, ensuring the health and well-being of consumers. Additionally, this initiative will play a vital role in controlling zoonotic diseases, protecting both public health and the community at large.



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In response to the serious threat posed by African Swine Fever (ASF) and the accompanying restrictions on the importation of pork and pork products from infected zones, the municipality of Santa Fe has taken decisive action to safeguard local hog farmers. Recognizing the profound risks and impacts of ASF, a rigorous monitoring system for incoming and outgoing pork products has been established, thanks to a strong partnership between the municipal Agriculture Department and the provincial Veterinary Office. A dedicated quarantine officer from the Provincial Veterinary Office has been appointed to oversee operations at the port of Santa Fe.

As demonstrated in the figure above, shipments of tocino and longganisa from the province of Aklan, which were illegally imported, have been swiftly confiscated and condemned. This urgent response underscores our commitment to preventing the potential spread of ASF within our community and protecting our local agriculture industry.



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The Municipal Agriculture Office empowers farmers by forming a strong association dedicated to facilitating government interventions and programs. This association serves as a vital resource, enabling farmers to easily access training and a variety of activities offered by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI). Moreover, it plays a crucial role in the development and enforcement of resolutions and ordinances, ensuring that farmers have a voice in shaping agricultural policies that impact their lives.



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In September 2024, the Department of Agriculture regional office officially validated the newly established biomass composting facility granted to the Tabugon Farmers Association in Brgy. Tabugon, Santa Fe, Romblon. This facility represents a significant advancement for the association and the community. The Municipal Agriculture Office, alongside Mr. Caunca, the association's president, played a vital role in collaborating with personnel from the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) to thoroughly inspect materials and promptly address any challenges encountered during the facility's dry run. This proactive approach ensures that the facility operates at its fullest potential, benefiting both local farmers and the environment.



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The staff of the municipal agriculture office plays a vital role in participating in regular meetings and key discussions with the farmers' association. This active involvement empowers the association to strategically plan and execute its initiatives with greater effectiveness and efficiency, all under the expert guidance of technical personnel from the Department of Agriculture (DA).





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In October 2, 2024, a tragic incident unfolded when a male resident of Barangay Tabugon lost his life due to rabies. This alarming event prompted a swift and decisive response from the SPEEDIER team, in partnership with the Municipal Health Office and the Municipal Agriculture Office. They immediately implemented comprehensive disease surveillance and monitoring within a 500-meter radius of the infected area. To protect the community, immediate dog vaccinations were conducted, and extensive information campaigns were launched in the barangay. These efforts aimed to raise awareness about rabies and provide essential guidance on how to respond effectively in the event of a dog bite, ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents.



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The DA regional office, in partnership with the Municipal Agriculture Office, has actively engaged in a thorough validation process for the upcoming 2025 fuel subsidy beneficiaries. This vital fuel assistance is exclusively designated for local farmers who own agricultural machinery and equipment registered with the Municipal Agriculture Office. We are pleased to announce that around 160 owners have successfully passed the initial validation, and they will soon undergo a final evaluation to ensure they qualify for this crucial support program. This initiative stands as a testament to our commitment to empowering local farmers and enhancing agricultural productivity.



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The municipal agriculture office, in partnership with DA regional personnel, has undertaken a vital initiative to monitor the dispersed cattle received by the SAMADAN association. Remarkably, ten out of thirty members have successfully bred new cattle, paving the way for the next set of beneficiaries, particularly their fellow association members. This critical monitoring occurs quarterly, ensuring that the project remains sustainable and effective. Furthermore, proactively addressing common challenges and issues related to the dispersed cattle is a top priority that demands immediate attention to safeguard the success of this important program.



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## IV – FISHERIES (COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

### A. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

#### A.1. Distribution of Livelihood assistance to Fisherfolks Associations

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) thru the Office of Municipal Agriculture 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. SAAD is a program essentially anchored in poverty incidence reduction and local food production activation through livelihood assistance for marginalized fisher folks. The program is committed to the development of marginalized communities by improving their economic conditions through the creation of livelihood opportunities in the fishery sector.

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 Seaweeds Organization, Guinbirayan Tabugon Fishing Farming Association, Samahan ng mga Mangingisda ng Kulasi Tabun-ac at Sabang and Pandan Ati Farmers and Fishers Association.





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



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## A.2. Trainings

### Deputation of Fishery Warden Training

The Office of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources BFAR in collaboration with the office of the Municipal Agriculture conducted Deputation of Fish Warden Training Last September 2024 at Romblon State University Santa Fe Campus. The training conducted in order to enhance law enforcers awareness and understanding with regards to the importance of sustainable use and management of aquatic resources and to help them develop Action Plan to implement and enforce fishery laws, rules and regulations and to acquire skills and develop right attitudes on fishery law enforcement. A total of 20 Fisherfolks coming from 8 Fisher folks association were trained.





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***Deputation of Fishery Warden Training***





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### Training on Good Aquaculture Practice of Seaweeds Production with Emphasis on Pest and Diseases Management.

This training aims to capacitate our local seaweed Farmers with the recent and effective technologies in seaweeds farming and how to deal and manage the occurrence of various pest and diseases to ensure its sustainable production.





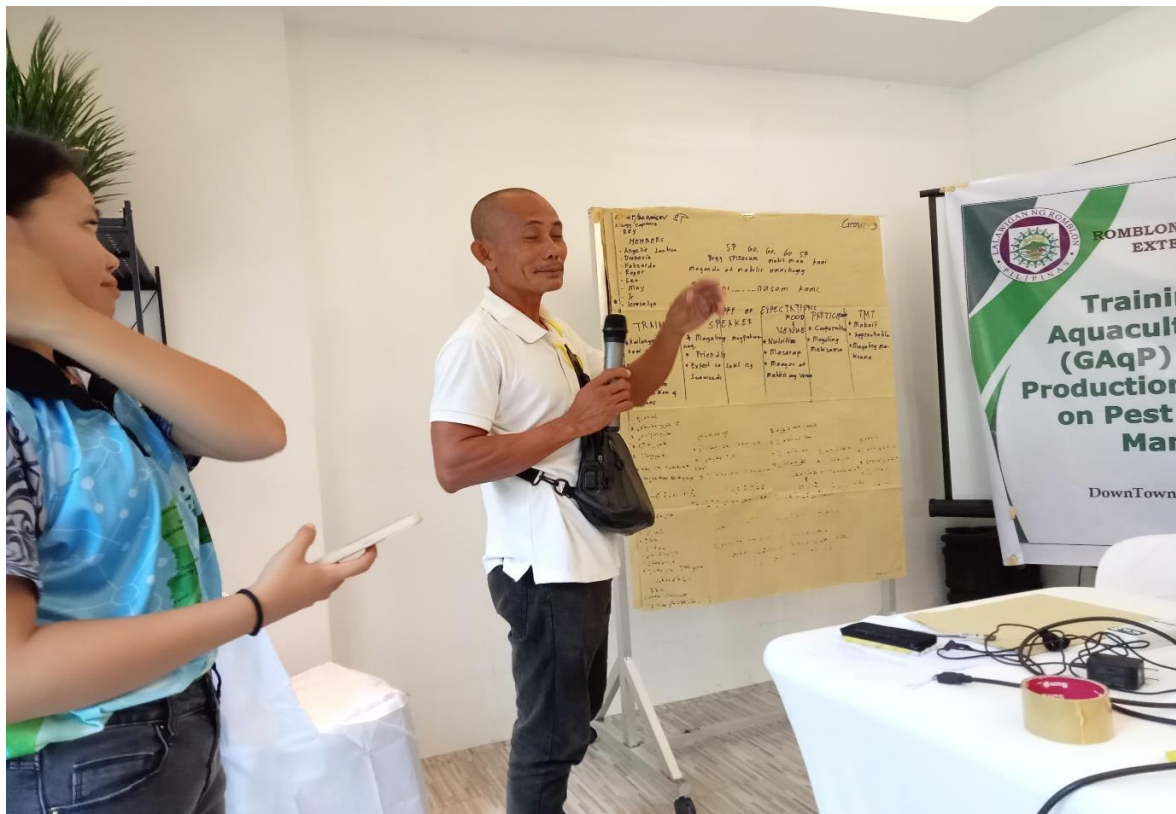


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**Training on Good Aquaculture Practice**



## VI – OTHER ACTIVITIES ATTENDED and CONDUCTED

### A. Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC) Quarterly Meeting

The Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC) conducted quarterly meeting. During these regular gatherings of the MAFC is to discuss, plan, and decide on municipal agriculture and fishery development initiatives, every quarter.





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**B. Assisted Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) In The Conduct of Mass Insurance Registration To Coconut Farmers**



*Random photos taken during the conduct of Mass Insurance Registration to Coconut farmers in the municipality last March 4 – 8, 2024.*



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**C. Trainings Attended**

On the last week of June, the Office of the Mayor ordered to attend one (1) month training on Basic Meat Inspection Course from July 2-29, 2024 in Quezon City. Some of the topics on the said training are the proper handling of pre slaughtered animals, common illness of animals, proper handling of slaughtered meat, diseases monitoring, proper PPA and tools of butchers and employee of slaughterhouse, how to conduct reinforcement, ocular monitoring and inspection of Slaughterhouse, Poultry Dressing Processing and Plant, Meat Processing and Cutting Plant, Cooled Storage Facility.



***Meat inspection at Pasig Public Market.***

***At Poultry Dressing Plant, Morong Rizal.***





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**Meat inspection and markings at  
 Novaliches Slaughterhouse**

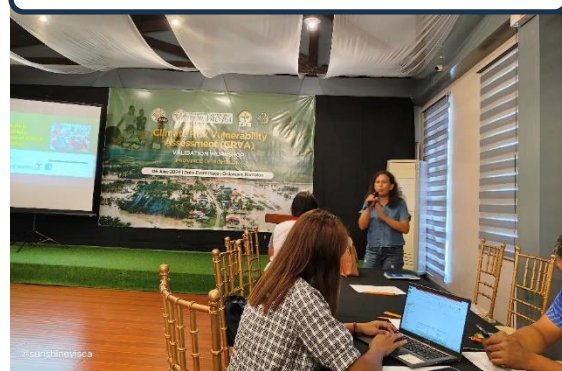


**Graduation day**

**Organic Agriculture Consultation Meeting**



**Climate Risk Vulnerability Assessment**



**TOT on Insect Pest & Diseases Management in Vegetables**





### Training Of Trainers On Pest And Nutrient Management



#### D. Distribution of fuel subsidy card to corn farmer

There are 19 corn farmers who received a fuel subsidy card from the Department of Agriculture, the said program is a registered farmers in RSBFA and have a registered farm machinery. Those farmers are from Barangay Danao Norte, Mat I, Pandan and Tabugon.







### E. Participate in Mangrove planting Activity during ARBOR Day

Mangrove planting activity was conducted in barangay Guintigbasan, Santa Fe, Romblon last June 28, 2024.



### F. International Coastal Clean-Up

Municipal Agriculture Office personnel participated the Coastal Clean-Up Drive initiated by the LGU during the during the International Coastal Clean-Up 2024. The activity was also participated by other agencies like PNP, BFAR and DepEd.





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## G. On-the-Job Training Program

Eight (8) agriculture students from Romblon State University – Agpudlos Campus rendered 32 days of On-the-Job Training started July 15, 2024 to August 27, 2025. The OJT program was coordinated with our office through Dr. Ken N. Falculan, professor and adviser of the students.



On-the-job training for agriculture students serves several purposes such as (1) to enhance their practical skills both in hands-on and technical skills; (2) building knowledge and understanding by exposing them to best practices and understanding agricultural systems; (3) developing soft skills like teamwork and communication and adaptability & resilience; (4) preparing them for entrepreneurship and market awareness and lastly (5) addressing labor shortages both for workforce development and knowledge transfer.

By providing on-the-job training in agriculture, individuals can acquire the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience to succeed in this vital industry.

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To sum up, these accomplishments of the office demonstrate progress, success, and impact in agriculture, contributing to improved livelihoods of marginalized farmers and fisherfolks, food security, and sustainable development within our locality.



A Plaque of Recognition was hereby awarded to Municipal Agriculture Office – Santa Fe, Romblon for being the TOP 1 OUTSTANDING LGU in the implementation of the Department of Agriculture – MIMAROPA's programs and projects for the calendar year 2024.