

2013 Gender and Development (GAD) Annual Report

The Magna Carta of Women (R.A. 9710) mandates all government agencies and local government units to adopt Gender Mainstreaming as a strategy in the implementation of the law, in this light, RFU 12 had undertaken GAD initiatives where rural women in the agriculture & fishery sectors were involved in the planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of the DA's PAPs, likewise, initiated steps in strengthening the Regional GAD Focal Point System (RGFPS) and enhanced the Sex-Disaggregated Data Base to aid implementers in planning, programming and policy formulation that addresses issues and concerns on women and recognize women's significant role in the development of the farming and fishing communities.

Production Support

- a) OPV Vegetable Seed Production Project Sites
 - Sustained two open-pollinated (OPV) Vegetable Seed Production sites at ROS Tupi and Barangay Concepcion, Koronadal City managed by 2011 GAD national awardee.
 - Established three new vegetable production sites at ROS Amas, Balindog and Aroman in North Cotabato

- b) Vegetable seeds distribution to indigenous peoples (IPs) and rural women, rural-based organizations (RBOs) and local government units (LGUs) with a total of 4,230 of packs.
 - 650 packs to PLGU Sultan Kudarat being used in their annual vegetable garden contest spearheaded by OPAG
 - 150 packs to MLGU of Antipas
 - 200 packs to MLGU of Alamada
 - 250 packs to MLGU of Bagumbayan
 - 200 to MLGU of Tupi
 - 200 to OPAG South Cotabato through their Provincial Rural Improvement Club (RIC)/GAD Coordinator
 - 300 packs to elementary pupils through the Department of Education (DePED) during the celebration of Nutrition Month
 - 400 packs to women-inmates through the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in General Santos City and in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato
 - 200 pack for walk-in clients
 - 200 packs of "Pinakbet" vegetable seeds to child laborers under the DA-DILG RCLC program seeds sourced out from AP-HVCDP

- 1,480 packs of assorted OPV vegetable seeds to RFU-VIII (Tacloban) for their rehabilitation program for rural women affected by Typhoon Yolanda given last Dec. 21, 2013 through their GAD Focal Person.
- c) Distributed three sets of HH processing equipment (stove, frying pan, steamer, knives, strainer, basins, laddles, etc) to LGUs and women organization to improve quality processed products that had undergone food processing-entrepreneurial training.

Extension, Education and Training Support

Celebrated the annual **Women's Day in March** every year through the conduct of the following:

- **Health fitness** for 100 women and men of RFU XII, BFAR and LGU partners
- **GAD Forum** on Health and Nutrition for 106 rural women-leaders, LGUs and RFU staff
- **Techno-demonstration on Food Processing** attended by 100 women and men participants from RFU, BFAR, LGUs and women organizations

Conducted **three (3) entrepreneurial trainings** for 81 small scale cassava processors of Antipas (28), Alamada (28) and Koronadal (25). One **Bead Bag Making** for 123 women-inmates of General Santos City in collaboration with ATI-12 and LGU-OPAG of South Cotabato.

Further, a **Techno Demo on Adlai and Soybean production and processing** to 103 women and men leaders, LGUs and other guests during the Regional GAD Search Awarding ceremony was held.

Mainstreamed Gender Orientation to 6 TOT on Meat Processing conducted by AP-Livestock Program with 180 women-leaders and LGU partners.

Conducted one **GAD Knowledge Exchange and Exposure Trip** to selected GAD and Gawad Saka Awardees of Region XII (Serquiña's Coconut Farm, Kidapawan, Luisa Balagot Horticulture Farm, Makilala, Rebecca R. Latog Integrated Farm, Bagumbayan, Remia Apostol Integrated Farm, Koronadal City, Evelyn I. Lorenzo Vegetable Farm, Tupi and side trip to a Strawberry Garden in Polomolok), participated by 53 rural women-leaders and LGU partners.

Assisted and facilitated the conduct of GAD-related trainings in the national level (Gender Responsive Value Chain Analysis on Coffee in Baguio, GAD Integration in the DA Agri-Pinoy Program in Clark, Pampanga, and Visayas-Mindanao GAD Orientation for FPA Personnel conducted in General Santos City).

Conducted 15 meetings and attended 18 GAD-related meetings in the local, regional and national levels. We continuously conducted 20 Monitoring and Evaluation of GAD-related projects, activities and other programs.

Policy Formulation and Advocacy

Cognizant of the exemplary contribution of rural women farmers in developing the agri-fishery sector and the rural community, the region had annually conducted the GAD Search for outstanding Rural Women in collaboration with the LGUs, private sector and had produced **four regional nominees** and nominated **R-XII Regional Winner Mrs. Rebecca R. Latog** of Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat to the national level and was **declared as the 2013 national GAD awardee as the Outstanding Rural Woman of the Year** beating national finalists from Region I, II, IV-B, V and CARAGA.

The winners were given awards during the celebration of the International Rural Women's Day and World Food Day in October. The region had supported 11 R-XII delegates in this activity (LGU partners, escorts and RFU TWG).

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Production Support

Established two vegetable seed production areas as source of good quality planting materials for distribution to rural women and men through LGU partners. Located at Bololmala, Tupi and Brgy Concepcion, Koronadal City with a total area of 900 sqm. Produced and distributed 600 packets of assorted OPV of vegetable seeds to 200 rural women and 123 women inmates of General Santos City in collaboration with BJMP and LGU- OPAG South Cotabato.

Distributed 20 kilos of Brazilian Cacao seeds and 8 LPM to RFU- 8, Tacloban City in October 29/12 in support to their GAD Women Council Cacao Production project. 10 kilos of Brazilian Cacao seeds to City Agriculture Office of Valencia City for propagation and distribution to rural women. The seeds were given free by Tiny R. Tamayo, 2012 GAD Outstanding Rural Woman.

In coordination with BFAR XII, distributed 9 portable smoke houses to 4 rural women organization and 5 LGUs in support to fish processing livelihood projects.

Extension, Education and Training Support

For capacity and skills enhancement activities RFU XII has conducted 1 GST for RFO Officials with 28 attendees, sent 3 officials to gender trainings, 2 forums on Gender for Health and Nutrition and the Magna Carta of Women attended by 151 women and men, 2 Techno-Demo on meat and fish processing with 82 attendees and conducted one Knowledge Management Exposure trip to Outstanding Rural Women national awardee's farms with 49 participants from LGUs, rural women leaders, RFO and BFAR XII.

Extended Learning Exposure to RFU 8, Tacloban City by giving lectures on GAD, Good Agricultural Practices and the success story of R-XII Outstanding Rural Woman, Tiny R. Tamayo with the purpose of motivating other rural women to have an active role in the development of the Agri Sector. And Conducted 7 GAD meetings and attended 14 GAD meetings for capacity enhancement and gender updating.

Policy Formulation and Advocacy

In recognition of the significant contribution of rural women in the field of agriculture and fishery, the rural community and the economy, the GAD Search for Outstanding Rural Women has been institutionalized.

For 4 consecutive years, R-XII in partnership with the LGUs had produced 5 national winners in the annual GAD Search for Outstanding Rural Women. For year 2012, Tiny R. Tamayo of Antipas, North Cotabato was adjudged as national winner in October 18, 2012 at the NIA Convention Center, Q.C. and was awarded with P75,000 cash prize, 1 hand tractor and P500,000 worth of project to be implemented in her barangay, by no less than Secretary Proceso J. Alcala. These outstanding rural women had been our partners in the implementation of DA's GAD programs, activities and projects truly they are equal partners of our men farmers for feeding the nation.

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