

DA RFO XII CY 2013 ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

CY 2013 for DA RFO XII Organic Agriculture Program was a year of challenges, transition and innovation.

The Regional Management of DA RFO XII conscious that one of the political agenda of the Administration of **PRESIDENT BENIGNO C. AQUINO III** and through the leadership of **SECRETARY PROCESO J. ALCALA** to translate the agenda of inclusive growth into operational terms. **DA RFO XII's** bias to small holders rather than big enterprises is translated to its implementation framework of providing organic agriculture facilities, livelihood projects and technology transfer to small farmers.

In CY 2013, the Program was able to establish twenty-five (25) vermi-organic fertilizer facilities in addition to twenty-six (26) which had been established in CY 2011 and CY 2012.

These facilities can produce **1,214 MT of organic fertilizers** that will serve as essential agri-inputs so that program objective of transforming **5%** of Region XII agricultural area or **77,354.183 has.** to organic farming.

The Program provided financial assistance to the regions organic practitioners in attending to two (2) international trade fairs/exhibits. One of the significant events was a breakthrough in the initiative of **USEC. DANTE S. DELIMA and RED AMALIA J. DATUKAN**, DA RFO XII clinched marketing contracts for **DON BOSCO FOUNDATION to export organic black, brown and red rice to HONGKONG, DUBAI, INDONESIA, MACAU, USA and GERMANY.**

Again during the 1st International Organic and Natural Producer's Exhibit at the PICC, a Region XII Organic/Natural farmer practitioner has caught the attention of DA High Officials because of its big potential of its naturally-grown ingredients to its wine especially the European market, that they are invited to attend and introduce to the lucrative European market through the Organic Trade Fair in Germany sometime in February next year.

Concerned of the quality and limited area of proponents in their submitted organic proposals on the establishment of vermi-organic fertilizer facilities and organic vegetable production as if these are only the available options to organic farming, the OAP commissioned its researchers to develop prototypes that can serve as a wider option other than vermi-organic fertilizer facility *i.e.* organic swine, chicken, goat breeding and production, urban organic agriculture. Moreover, it has harnessed the expertise of its staff and the vast land resources of its research outreach stations for the breeding of the aforementioned livestock, seed production for organic vegetables and packaging of technology that will serve as technology guides for AEWs and farmers.

Fully-conscious of the big contribution of techno-demo to learning, our Regional Executive Director, **AMALIA "Bing" DATUKAN** initiated the utilization of the frontages of the four (4) ROSes as a techno-demo for vegetable organic farming cum income generating project of our ROSes. In a short time, it has become a must see site to travelers not only because of its catchy label "Pick, Weigh and Pay" as it has become a reliable source of fresh, affordable organic vegetables.

The OAP is confident that it had established the basics for organic farming so that for CY 2015, it has moved to forward to the next value chain, post-harvest and marketing.

The biggest challenge is for the OAP to hurdle the issue of certification. In as much as a third party certification is beyond the reach of stakeholders, the Program is contemplating a group that will adopt Participatory Guaranteed System (PGS) where a two (2) party system – the producer and the buyer mutually agree that the product is organic and be recognized as be used as a standard for the domestic market.

- Established ANC Dormitel for Urban Organic Fertilizer Production (by Julito Saladan) OA Focal Person of Kidapawan City.



- Formulated and Developed a Prototypes for Organic Pig Farming and Goat Raising



- Implemented Edible Landscaping in different DA Stations dub as **“Pick, Weigh and Pay” (PWP)**.



- Established 11 Vermi Fertilizer Plant.





- Exported Quality Organic Colored Rice

COUNTRY	RICE	VOLUME
DON BOSCO MPC:		
1. Dubai	Colored	15 MT
2. Hong Kong	Colored	12 MT
3. Macau	Colored	14 MT
4. Germany	Colored	7MT
FIRMUS MPC:		
1. Indonesia	White Long Grain	14.4 MT
2. Singapore & USA	White Long Grain	17 MT
TOTAL		66.8 MT