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## DAR and LANDBANK conduct land assessment and valuation in Western Visayas

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in Western Visayas with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) recently conducted coaching, mentoring and simulation of actual field investigation on land assessment to determine the necessary data for the appraisal of landholdings under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

DAR Western Visayas Regional Director Atty. Sheila B. Enciso said the activity

aside from conducting the joint DAR and LBP field investigation serves as a mentoring session passing on the necessary knowledge and skills – from the LBP to the DAR personnel – on how to properly assess and evaluate landholdings covered under the scope of CARP.

“Field investigations (FIs) are a crucial part of the land valuation process. This activity is important to determine the

necessary data required for the appraisal of the landholdings, which, in turn, is a key activity for determining the landowners’ compensation, as well as amortization schedules for payment by the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs),” Enciso said.

Enciso stressed that the activity aims to orient and train newly created Field Investigation Teams of the regional and provincial offices in terms of how to

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conduct the FI and the preparation of reports. The activity likewise served as a venue to discuss and address related issues and concerns on the assessment and appraisal of CARP-covered properties. Joining the DAR Western Visayas Regional Director Atty. Sheila B. Enciso and Assistant Regional

Director Lucrecia S. Taberna were representatives from LBP Iloilo, Acting Agrarian Affairs Officer and resource speaker Ray H.R. Gonzalez, Property Valuation Specialist Joebert L. Navarra and LBP Bacolod Head, Atty. Peter V. Cañoso and members of the DARRO VI and DARPOs Field Investigation Team.



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## DAR, DTI conduct training on agri-marketing to members of Cagayan ARBOs

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) provincial office of Cagayan-Batanes and the Department of Trade and Industry Region 2 has teamed up to boost the skills and knowledge of members of agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations' (ARBOs) in the province of Cagayan on marketing their agricultural products.

The five-day training dubbed "Trends and Issues in Marketing and E-Marketing" aims to provide a better avenue for ARBO-MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) to improve their marketing strategies, as well as, to help them identify and formulate marketing plans that will strengthen their competitiveness in both domestic and global markets.

Cagayan Valley Director Samuel Solomero said three (3) ARBOs including the Sta. Cruz Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Pamplona, Patasda ARB Cooperative in Allacapan, and Salamin Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Tuao attended the extensive training.

"After the training, we expect that these ARBOs would be armed with the latest and effective marketing strategies that would help in uplifting their organizations' economic status," Solomero said.

The training was implemented under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program's (CARP) support service component where the DAR and DTI would closely work together to provide extensive market and product development assistance to agrarian reform communities and ARBOs.

DTI-CARP Provincial Coordinator Andre Abique introduced the concepts and advantages of both traditional and modern methods of marketing.

He also stressed the benefits and importance of online marketing, which is relevant in today's era.



JUNE 3

## SORSOGON AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES PAY LAND AMORTIZATION

SORSOGON CITY--The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in this province reported that six agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in Casiguran town have already paid their land amortizations, of which, five have paid in full. Provincial Agrarian Reform Chief Nida A. Santiago said that under section 6 of Republic Act No. 6657, or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), "farmer-beneficiaries shall pay for lands awarded under this act to LBP."

The amortization payment was made through the Support to the Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) project of the DAR.

"The recipients of computerized titles (c-titles) in Barangay Mabini have paid the government a total of P65,355.56 in amortization payments. With this information, the LBP will now prepare the documents needed to get the encumbrance taken from their land titles," Santiago said.

Santiago said that paying taxes and land amortization proves that the farmers are now the legal owners of the land they are tilling.

"We have had a good relationship with our CARP Implementing Agencies here in Sorsogon, and that includes LBP, where the money from the collection of agrarian reform receivables is deposited," she said.

Engr. Jessie L. Basco, manager of the LBP-Agrarian Operations Center in Legazpi City, said his office is glad to collaborate with the DAR and the ARBs on this noble endeavor.

"We remain committed to building a productive cooperation with them to implement CARP in Sorsogon," he added.

Basco facilitated the collection of land amortization data based on the Land Distribution Information Schedule (LDIS) set by the DAR provincial office and LBP-Agrarian Operations Center.

Basco said the LDIS is a vital document for determining the value of farmland allotted to CARP farmer-beneficiaries. It contains the data necessary to compute the amortization an ARB must pay to the government.

"Now that I am holding the symbol of my struggles and that of my parents, I can say that I am thrilled and appreciative to DAR for giving this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to my family. I vow to care for this land," said Marlon Faller, a beneficiary of the Augorio Martinez estate in Mabini, Casiguran town.

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## SORSOGON AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES PAY LAND AMORTIZATION

Mariam Jamoralin, Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer, stated that the successful implementation of project SPLIT has benefited not just the ARBs in Sorsogon, but also the entire province, as it has made CARP more inclusive.

“We cannot wait to implement this project in Casiguran. It has not only expedited the issuance of individual titles to ARBs, but it has also imbued them with renewed hope and confidence for an uninterrupted tenure on the land where they have lived their entire lives,” Jamoralin said. DAR Bicol Regional

Director Rodrigo O. Realubit expressed his appreciation for the significant efforts the department has made in implementing project SPLIT in Sorsogon.

He said DAR Sorsogon has already produced 114 c-titles covering a total area of 178,8907 hectares, which have benefited 112 beneficiaries in the province. In 2021, Sorsogon was one of the first provinces in the country to launch the project SPLIT. Since its inception, the province has validated 1,240.4956 hectares of land in Sorsogon City and 14 other municipalities.

JUNE 4

## DAR-XII ENHANCES FIELD INVESTIGATION ON CARPABLE LANDS

Koronadal City – To better serve the landless farmers and other stakeholders, the officials and personnel of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in Region XII and its provincial offices recently attended an orientation and refresher on the conduct of joint field investigation and preparation of field investigation report.

The activity, in cooperation with the Land Bank of the Philippines Agrarian Operations Center (LBP-AOC), came by virtue of the Agri-Agra Social Concerns Committee’s approval of the proposed exclusion of the LBP on the actual conduct of field investigation.

Assistant Regional Director Rodolfo Alburo, said the field investigation is crucial in the land acquisition and distribution process since the data gathered from it will be the basis for land valuation and amortization, and landowner’s compensation, to be determined by LBP-AOC.

“Being one of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program or CARP-implementing agencies, we sought the assistance of LBP-AOC to refresh our field personnel on the conduct of field investigation as well as the preparation of its report, in order to come up with accurate and substantial data to be used in land valuation,” said Alburo.

The land acquisition and distribution process covers research and documentation, survey of new lands, Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) registration, CLOA distribution, agrarian reform beneficiaries’ installation, leasehold, subdivision survey of collective CLOAs, and re-documentation of collective CLOAs.

LBP-AOC Head of the Valuation and Field Services Unit Jesus Capitli served as the resource person of the said activity and re-oriented the participants on the essential data and information needed for an effective field investigation, including the preparation of field investigation reports.

“The DAR provincial offices will be conducting their respective field investigation in their provinces and submit a post-activity completion report, as well as a complete field investigation report, to be evaluated by LBP-AOC,” said Capitli.

LBP Manager Benjamin Santos expressed their commitment to provide technical assistance to the DAR to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data gathered during the field investigations, and for the submission of complete and error-free claim folders for valuation.

# DAR distributes 1,153 has. gov’t-owned lands to Siargao farmers

SIARGAO, Surigao del Norte-- A total of 849 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) here received their certificates of land ownership award (CLOAs) in a simple ceremony led by Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Bernie Cruz held last June 3, comprising a total of 1,153 hectares of government-owned lands (GOLs). The Secretary explained that the distribution of GOLs was made possible with President Rodrigo Duterte’s signing into law of Executive Order (EO) No. 75, Series of 2019, on February 1, 2019, subjecting the said lands under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

“When you become a CARP beneficiary, you have to pay a specified amount for land amortization but if you are a beneficiary of E.O. 75, it’s free, you don’t have to pay even a single cent,” Cruz said. Cruz disclosed that the CLOAs were expedited to help farmers of Siargao get back on their feet after typhoon-Odette ravaged their farms.

“President Duterte wanted to help the farmers and the

province of Siargao recover from the devastation of typhoon Odette, so he directed the DAR to distribute all available lands to farmers here,” said Cruz.

Right after President Duterte gave the order to DAR, Secretary Cruz immediately created Task Force Agrarian Siargao-Dinagat headed by the DAR Undersecretary David Erro.

The task force identified the government-owned lands suitable for agriculture in the municipalities of Burgos, Del Carmen, Gen. Luna, San Isidro, Pilar and Socorro.

“These areas have a very lush biodiversity because Siargao island is a protected area. It was proclaimed by the government as the Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape, a composite of lands declared as protected areas under various laws and executive issuances,” Erro said.

Pilar municipal mayor Maria Liza Resurreccion expressed his gratitude to President Duterte for helping the landless farmers of Siargao have their own land through EO No. 75.

“With these lands, we have high hopes that the farmer’s lives in the area would improve,” Resurreccion said.



# DAR, LBP simplifies field investigation and land valuation procedures on lands covered under CARP



The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) has simplified the procedures and documentary requirements to speed up the conduct of field investigations and land valuation activities for landholdings covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

DAR Secretary Bernie F. Cruz said the challenge of completing the land acquisition and distribution (LAD) process in the remaining private agricultural lands has been a recurring issue in the implementation of the CARP.

“The current operational developments of the agency have

compelled the DAR to incorporate amendments which resulted to the streamlining of LAD process;” he said.

Cruz said the simplified LAD procedural amendments were coursed through Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2022 entitled “Amendment to DAR Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2020, Entitled Guidelines Simplifying the Land Acquisition and Distribution Process on CARP-covered Private Agricultural Lands,” which will eventually accelerate the distribution of lands to the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs).

“Under the AO, the DAR and LBP joint field investigation (JFI) Team shall conduct field investigations

based on the approved survey plan (ASP) or the advance survey plan (AdvSP) to verify the information contained in the claim folders that will serve as the basis for the valuation of the subject landholding” he said.

He said that the LBP will provide the value of just compensation based on the Field Investigation Report (FIR) and ASP or AdvSP of the subject landholding.

“Upon completion of the land valuation, the LBP will prepare and send the Memorandum of Valuation, together with Land Valuation Worksheet, to the DAR provincial office (DARPO) for the preparation of the Notice of Land Valuation and Acquisition,” he said.

Cruz disclosed that the LBP shall deposit the compensation proceeds, in cash and Agrarian Reform bonds, upon receipt of the Order to Deposit Land Owner’s Compensation together with a copy of the ASP from the DARPO. The LBP shall issue the Certificate of Deposit (COD) within three (3) banking days from the deposit.

“The COD, ASP, and other necessary documents shall be the basis of the Registry of Deeds (ROD) to cancel the landowner’s title for the landholding covered under the CARP, in case of total coverage. It will also issue a

Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) or Original Certificate of Title (OCT) in the name of the Republic of the Philippines (RP) and issue a title for the retained area, upon submission of the owner’s duplicate copy (ODC) of the landowner’s title,” he added.

Cruz stressed that the LBP shall process the claim folder, until the issuance of the Memorandum of Valuation, within twenty (20) days from receipt of the complete documents.

The JFI Team will be composed of designated personnel from the DAR Provincial or Municipal office, a member of the Barangay Agrarian Reform Council (BARC), or in its absence, any authorized representative of the Barangay Council, land owner or his authorized representative, potential ARBs, representatives of the Municipal or Provincial Agricultural Office of the Department of Agriculture, if there is an issue on the landholding’s suitability for agriculture, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Community or Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, if there is an issue as to the 18% slope.

Cruz disclosed that the concerned DAR field officers are required to introduce appropriate strategies to continue the LAD process in accordance with the procedures and timelines prescribed under the AO.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT MARCOS JR’S P20 PER KILO RICE POSSIBLE THRU DAR’S MEGA FARMS PROJECT

QUEZON CITY -As president-elect Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. aspires to bring down rice prices to around P20 per kilo, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) sees the realization of it through the implementation of its mega farms project.

DAR Secretary Bernie Cruz, the proponent of the project, said the concept of the mega farms is to consolidate small farm lots into mega farms for rice production.

“The “Mega Farm” is a cluster of contiguous farms that are consolidated to form a sizable plantation capable of producing a large volume of farm products

to meet the demands of consumers,” Cruz said.

“From the studies we conducted in the mega farms project, we found out that not only is the P20-a-kilo rice achievable, but it will also be profitable for our agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs),” Cruz said.

Cruz said that the DAR has come up with a program called “Programang Benteng Bigas sa Mamamayan” (PBBM) under the “Mega Farm” project.

DAR Undersecretary David Erro, who is a co-proponent of mega farms said the PBBM will initially start with 150,000 hectares rice land under the coverage of the Comprehensive



Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and its adjacent small farm lots.

According to studies made by the DAR, the 150,000-hectare can produce an average of 142 cavans of rice per hectare per cropping season. This translates to a gain of P76,501.00 annually for ARBs.

“We Filipinos have a daily average per capita consumption of rice at

301 grams or 109.9 kilograms per year. With that figure, this project can feed around 9 million poor Filipinos in our country,” Erro said.

“If our PBBM project under the “Mega Farm” project pushes through, it will not only lower the price of rice to P20, but it will also liberate the farmer-beneficiaries of CARP from subsistence farming,” Erro said.

# DAR provides potable water to school children and teachers in North Cotabato

North Cotabato – A total of 330 school children and 13 teachers will now have access to safe drinking water after the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) recently turned over a Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) project in the town of Libungan in this province.

The WATSAN facility, which includes a rainwater collector and iron removal filter, was provided to Kitubod Elementary School to serve the need of the schooling children with potable water supply, just in time for the resumption of the face to face classes.

Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer Charish Paña, said the facility was made possible under the Community-Managed Potable Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene (CPWASH) project of the DAR and was part of the total project cost amounting to Php160,000.00 for barangay Kitubod.

“We really understand that safe drinking water is always a

challenge to far-flung areas like barangay Kitubod. That is why DAR is providing this WATSAN facility to address your need and make your lives better,” Paña said. Paña also added that the availability of the facility would also improve schooling children’s access to clean water, hence, reducing their vulnerability to water-borne diseases and illnesses.

Meanwhile, CPWASH project Regional Project Point person Mustafa Bituanan explained

that the facility is a big help to communities who greatly depend on rain as their source of water supply.

“It really helps our schools especially those far from the water source and depends on rain. With this facility, rainwater will become potable with the help of an iron removal filter which removes iron, unwanted smell, and bacteria with the help of charcoal, pebbles, and screen as filters,” Bituanan said.

The rainwater collector and iron removal filter were the only WATSAN facility installed in Kitubod Elementary School that provides schooling children with direct access to safe drinking water and addresses hygienic concerns.

Raul Rizado, Public School District Supervisor, is thankful to the DAR for the provision of the WATSAN facility which is one of the requirements for the approval of the face-to-face classes.

“We in the DepEd fully support this project because it also affects the welfare of our learners. With this facility, we were given the approval to open our school for the face to face classes. Now, we are already 100% back from kindergarten to grade 6,” Rizado said.

Rizado also committed that they will try their best to take good care of the facility, maintain it, and sustain it for the benefit of everyone in the school and the community.

During the turn-over ceremony, elementary pupils were happy to see the facility functioning well where they could fetch safe water supply right within their compound.



# DAR INVITES FARMERS’ GROUPS TO DISCUSS P20 PER KILO RICE PROJECT

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Bernie F. Cruz is inviting various farmers’ groups to join the DAR and discuss with them their project that may bring down rice prices to around P20 per kilo.

“We invite them to join our project and discuss with them the details, so we can serve our country and the people,” Cruz said.

It will be recalled that the DAR conducted a press conference last June 6, 2022, where it announced its plan to submit a proposal to President-elect Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. for a project called “Programang Benteng Bigas sa Mamamayan” (PBBM) under the

“Mega Farm” project.

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Cruz, the proponent of the project, said the concept of the mega-farms is to consolidate small farm lots into mega-farms for rice production.

“From the studies, we conducted in the mega-farms project, we found out that not only is the P20-a-kilo rice achievable, but it will also be profitable for our agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs),” Cruz said.

As to the concerns of other farmers’



groups, Cruz said that the DAR, through the Mega Farm project is pushing for the provision of subsidies to augment the cost of the production inputs of the farmers.

Cruz said the project needs the full support from the national government: “It is integrated with values of land tenure security, adoption of modern and mechanized farming practices and farmer entrepreneurship, and holistic support services by the government with the participation of the local and foreign investors.”

“Other farmers’ concerns can be inputted into the DAR’s proposal before this will be presented to the President-elect,” Cruz said.

Under the Mega Farm project, DAR is proposing the initial 150,000 hectares of rice land under the coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and its adjacent small farm lots.

According to studies made by the DAR, the 150,000-hectare can produce an average of 142 cavans of rice per hectare per cropping season. This translates to a gain of P76,501.00 annually for ARBs.



# DAR'S "P20/KILO OF RICE" RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM TF MAPALAD

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) found support from the Task Force Mapalad (TFM) in its initiative to bring down rice prices to around P20 per kilo as the latter backed the agency's Mega Farm Project. The Mega Farm Project is a cluster of contiguous farms that are consolidated to form a sizable plantation capable of producing a large volume of farm products to meet the demand of consumers. In a statement, TFM, a federation of agrarian reform beneficiaries and landless peasants, stressed

that they support the Mega Farm Project but to make it happen, it requires a strong political will of the next administration. To realize its objective, TFM provided some suggestions in a move to fine-tune the project, which include the government's guarantee that banks should expand their credit portfolio in the countryside, and that the DAR should commit itself to providing farmers crucial inputs like fertilizer, pesticide, and fuel at lower prices, among others. Meanwhile, DAR Secretary Bernie F. Cruz was pleased to know that

TFM sees the potential of Mega Farm Project in bringing down the price of rice. "We are open to constructive inputs and suggestions that are viable in ensuring the success of this project," he said. Cruz divulged that the DAR continues to do researches and craft policies on the project also dubbed as "Programang Benteng Bigas sa Mamamayan" (PBBM) to ensure that it is not just achievable, but also profitable for the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs). "Based on our studies, the

150,000-hectare can produce an average of 142 cavans of rice per hectare per cropping season. This translates to a gain of P76,501.00 annually for ARBs," he said. The Secretary continued that Filipinos have a daily average per capita consumption of rice at 109.9 kilograms per year and with that figure, the project can feed around 9 million people. "With strong political will and support from various farmers' groups and other sectors, our aspiration would be achieved sooner," Cruz said.

JUNE 10

## DAR celebrates 50th year of PD 27 and CARP's 34th



QUEZON CITY—The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is celebrating the 50th year of the Presidential Decree no. 27 (PD 27) and the 34th for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program's (CARP) implementation with various activities starting on June 10, 2022. PD 27 was issued by President Ferdinand Marcos Sr. on September 21, 1972, while the CARP law was signed by President Corazon Aquino on June 10, 1988. Both government initiatives aim to grant landless farmers and farm workers ownership of agricultural lands. Anniversary activities To kick off the event, the DAR will hold a historical photo exhibit at the DAR central office on June 10. The exhibit will feature photos of the milestones of PD 27 and

CARP. Mass distribution of land titles to farmer-beneficiaries will also be led by DAR Secretary. An Agraryo Trade Fair will be held on the grounds of DAR in Quezon City on June 10-15. It will showcase agri-products of agrarian-beneficiaries such as fresh and processed products, processed poultry and meat products, food ingredients and additives, furniture and handicrafts, natural and organic products, and a lot more. Other highlights of the celebration on June 10 include a short video showing decades of PD 27 and CARP implementation, an employees' day where DAR employees will indulge in games and talent competitions, presentation of DAR accomplishments, awarding of successful agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations, and a press conference.

## DAR personnel conquer Mr. Apo, plant trees and conduct clean-up drive



Catching their breath and exerting extra efforts under the scorching heat of the sun, 21 men and women of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the province of North Cotabato recently conquered the country's highest summit. They climb Mt. Apo, which towers 10,311 feet above sea level, to feel the thrill, see the breathtaking beauty of nature, and dedicate their success and hard work in time for the 34th year celebration of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). The CARP, an agrarian reform law of the Philippines with a legal basis as the Republic Act No. 6657 was signed on June 10, 1988. After spending some 12-13 hours hiking, with some rest in between, the group reached the summit with a sense of pride, fulfillment, and feat. Municipal Agrarian Reform

Program Officer (MARPO) Christy Nullada said their feat could be compared to their work in DAR, which is to improve the lives of the farmers and help boost the agricultural sector of the country. "However tedious and tiring our tasks, we can overcome it through perseverance, cooperation, and dedication. We encountered many obstacles in reaching the summit and some of us wanted to give up, yet our goal is bigger than these hiccups that at the end of the day we still conquered," she said. Nullada stressed that the essence of dedicating their achievement to the CARP anniversary is that despite the numerous problems the DAR is facing, in the end, its success would rely on its goal to fulfill the grand aspirations of the farmers. Before they commenced their climb traversing the Mandangan trail in Ilomavis, Kidapawan City, the employees planted some 40

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Nullada divulged that their small deed is their contribution to the environment because trees help in reducing air pollution and prevent soil erosions and landslides.

Before descending back to the campsite in Lake Venado, the group conducted a clean-up drive by picking up the trashes left by other trekkers.

The said climb was in close coordination with the

Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Kidapawan City's tourism office, where they awarded the DAR employees with certificates of climb.

The employees include: MARPOs Felipa Cabrera, Christy Nullada, Leosa Nanette Arenal, Reno Olivares, Hans Vinluan, and other personnel including Lady Diana Garcisto, Robie Joy Jamoner, Ryan Rey Galvez, Alvin De Guzman, Hannah Maeh Espadera,

Karen Mae Ceballos, Eva Vesta Bao-ay, Elpedio Neil Porras, Alma Lyn Quinones, Lady Lee Reyes, Cheerlyn Perocho, Ana Marie Luma, Cherry Mae Manon, Sandra Cortez, Ayana Bianca Caramugan, and Arth Christian Quinola.

Earlier this year, a group of 10 employees of DAR NorthCot also climbed Mt. Apo and planted agohe tree seedlings along the Mandangan trail.



**JUNE 11**

## OP COMMENDS DAR FOR BEING A RESPONSIVE AGENCY

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has been recognized and commended by the Office of the President (OP) for its quick action on the total of 985 citizen complaints it received on public service through the government's 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center.

"The DAR for two years and four months covering the period of January to December 2020 and 2021 and January to April of 2022, acted upon 100% of its citizen's complaints," DAR Secretary Bernie F. Cruz said. Cruz thanked the DAR officials and employees for supporting the Hotline 8888 Program of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

"I am also very thankful to the OP for commending the DAR. We would like to assure everyone that they can count on our agency to continually address the concerns and issues that will be raised by our clientele," he said.

The commendation was sent through a letter addressed to Cruz by 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center Director Bernadette Casinabe, which recognized its efforts in ensuring that all tickets are acted upon within the prescribed period. Cruz reported that the DAR from January to December 31, 2020, has responded to 311 tickets; from January to December 31, 2021, 499 tickets; and from January to April 2022, has responded to 175

tickets under its 8888 Citizen's Complaint Center.

"All the 985 tickets were acted upon with an equivalent of 100 percent accomplishment of the task completed within the prescribed period," he said.

As a national government's 24/7 public service hotline, 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center aims to address queries or grievances from the public directed to government agencies, bureaus,

and offices.

Clientele Relations Service Director Atty. Jazon E. Collado disclosed that all ticket referrals were evaluated and referred to the concerned DAR offices, who in turn had a concrete and specific action within the 72-hour deadline set by the OP.

"To ensure the 100% resolution rate of this task within the set time, a close monitoring of the action of the concerned DAR Office was done by the CRS," he said.



**JUNE 12**

## Land Bank Eastern Visayas trains DAR to assess and value lands covered under CARP

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in partnership with the Land Bank of the Philippines – Agrarian Operations Center (LBP-AOC) in Eastern Visayas recently conducted an orientation workshop to prepare the DAR for its new tasks on land assessment to determine the necessary data for the appraisal of landholdings covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Assistant Regional Director for Operations, Renato Badilla said that DAR wants to be proactive, thus, the Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officers (MARPOs) and the Geodetic Engineers (GEs) are being prepared for their new task this early.

Badilla said

originally, Field Investigation Report (FIR) forms are filled out by a certified appraiser from the LBP-AOC during joint field investigations.

Badilla said the new role of the DAR is stipulated under the new policy recently issued by the DAR through Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2022 entitled "Amendment to DAR Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2020, Entitled Guidelines Simplifying the Land Acquisition and Distribution Process on CARP-covered Private Agricultural Lands."

"The intertwined role of DAR and LBP in the accomplishment of mandated targets for land acquisition and distribution has always been crucial," he said.

Newly acquired learnings from this orientation workshop will enhance the capabilities of DAR field personnel in the successful

conduct of the field investigation.

LBP-AOC Manager Fiel Pedrosa said that because of the newly issued DAR policy, the FIR will now be the DAR's responsibility, while LBP will focus on the computation of the land valuation.

Pedrosa said that the participants include Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officers II, Chiefs of the different Land Tenure Improvement Divisions (LTID), selected MARPOs, GEs, and claim folder processors.

"Land Bank's computation of land valuation will be based on what you have inputted in the FIR," he said.

For a deeper understanding and appreciation of the lectures, the participants, accompanied by the LBP certified appraiser and resource person Engr. Clodualdo Marcellana, went to Barangay San Diego in Alangalang, Leyte for the actual conduct of field investigation in a CARP-covered landholding.



# DAR TO SETTLE AGRARIAN DISPUTE IN HACIENDA TINANG CASE

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Bernie F. Cruz appealed to the more than 236 co-owners of the collective certificates of land ownership award (CCLOAs) to patiently wait for the validated report that was conducted last May 23-25, that will show the official lists of qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) to be installed in the 200-hectare Hacienda Tinang located in Barangay Tinang, Concepcion,

Tarlac. “Let us wait for the result of the validation being conducted by the Task Force Tinang-Tarlac and help our farmers develop their farming for the country’s food security,” Cruz said. Task Force Tinang-Tarlac was created by Cruz on March 11, 2022, through Special Order No. 91, series of 2022 to check the records and validate the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), farmers, and occupants of a landholding.

The Task Force is headed by Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Research Office and concurrently Undersecretary for External Affairs and Communications Operations Office Atty. David D. Erro as Chairperson and Undersecretary for Field Operations Office Atty. Elmer N. Distor as co-chairperson. Cruz assured that an immediate and impartial investigation against the ARBs and peasant

advocates will be conducted. “The Task Force has already coordinated with the farmers in Tinang-Tarlac and the arrested farmers, peasant rights advocates, and volunteers were freed,” Cruz said. He disclosed that the initial hearing of the accused is on Friday, June 17, 2022. He added that Assistant Secretary for External Affairs and Communications Operations Office John Lana as vice-chairperson.



JUNE 14

# DAR turns over solar-powered irrigation system to 3 Palawan ARBOs

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the province of Palawan has separately turned over three (3) solar-powered irrigation systems (SPIS) to 3 agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) to irrigate a total of 15 hectares of rice, mango, and vegetable lands, particularly during the dry season. Regional Director Atty. Marvin Bernal said the newly awarded-irrigation system, with its energy-

efficient nature, is expected to reduce the production costs, and ensure a year-round increase in the yield of palay, vegetables, and mangoes. He said the three irrigation systems worth Php 2.6 million can sufficiently irrigate the ARBOs’ farms and serve about 48 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in the area. “Each SPIS unit, amounting to P861,488 each, consists of 12 solar panels, and two units of polyethylene

tanks with a capacity of two cubic meters each,” Bernal said. He disclosed that the project is being implemented under the Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Project (CRFPSP) of the department which is designed to help members of the ARBOs in the remote areas to irrigate their farmlands to boost their yield even during the dry months. “With the help of the SPIS, the

production cost of our farmers will be reduced because they will no longer buy gasoline for their generator sets and this will eventually increase their production as farmers will not only rely on rain for their irrigation,” he added. Bernal said the 3 ARBOs which were provided with the SPIS include the Elvita Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Barangay Elvita, Sition Manaile ARBs Farmers Association in Dumagueña, Narra, and Estrella del Norte Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Taytay. Elvita Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative Chairperson Diosdado Banado said that with the help of DAR’s SPIS, sufficient water would be equivalent to abundant harvests. “We are thankful that we have been given a solar-powered irrigation system, it is a big help to us, especially during the second cropping season where there is no water in the area, that we are forced to plant corn instead of palay,” Banado said.



# DAR URGES FARMER'S GROUP IN CAMSUR TO FIGHT HUNGER AND POVERTY THRU VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

LEGAZPI CITY — The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) urged the Turague Agrarian Farmers Association (TAFE) in Camarines Sur to boost its participation in the government's Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) convergence program to boost their agricultural output and ensure a stable household income. Engr. Romulo Britanico, DAR Bicol Region Assistant Director for Operations said that increased participation of agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in the EPAHP program would ensure access to a market because the government and private sector partners will purchase their produce directly. He said it will also create jobs and help farmers connect with business partners and bigger markets.

Established on February 24, 2021, the 50-member Turague Agrarian Farmers Association (TAFE) in Sagnay town is one of the cooperatives assisted by the agency which now includes the EPAHP that will provide them with farm inputs, a series of technical training, and other assistance.

"It is the responsibility of the DAR to assist them in increasing their agricultural output, identifying institutional markets, securing official receipts, and providing them with training and farm support," said Britanico.

As a recipient of the EPAHP, the organization received starter kits for vegetable production, including 30 free-range chickens,

feeds, a greenhouse, a grass cutter, a submersible water pump, garden tools, and a variety of vegetable seeds, such as eggplant, pechay, string beans, hot pepper, tomato, bottle gourd, bitter melon, squash, bell pepper, cauliflower, cucumber, and lettuce.

"With these starter kits, and the establishment of their vegetable gardens, the TAFE will be able to supply agricultural products, particularly for the May-Ogob Agrarian Reform Cooperative in Ocampo, Camarines Sur, which is the supplier of vegetables for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology," Britanico said.

TAFE Chairman Rodel P. Encinas thanked DAR on behalf of the group's members and said that the DAR's help is important to the success of their association. He also urged his colleagues to keep the equipment that would be used to establish the community garden at Turague Community School.

"We are thankful for these starter kits given to us because these will give us added income for our families. We will plant them and apply what we learned to make it bountiful," said Encinas.

Encinas, who received a half-hectare of land from DAR, said that they plan to grow high-value crops like lettuce, broccoli, and eggplant on the 800 square-meter land at the community school in Turague. An idle area in the Turague Community School will be the site of the community organic vegetable garden of TAFE. For two years, the area will serve as a demonstration site for implementing EPAHP vegetable gardens.



# DAR partners with MASS-SPECC to improve skills of agrarian reform beneficiaries

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Mindanao Alliance Self-Help Societies Southern Philippines Educational Cooperative Center (MASS SPECC) will soon implement the Partnership on Agrienterprise Capacity Enhancement (PACE) project to strengthen the competencies and skills of the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) of the DAR in farm management as a business and facilitate their engagement with markets that will give their product high value.

MASS SPECC is the oldest and largest cooperative federation in the country which provides education, technical advice, and extension services to various cooperatives nationwide.

DAR Secretary Bernie Cruz said the PACE Project will be implemented through the Regional Project in Rural Development (RPRD) of MASS SPECC which is being supported by the German Sparkassenstiftung for International Cooperation, or the DSIK Philippines.

"This initiative will go a long way in enabling our field implementers in all regions and selected provinces to re-frame the ARBs from the production-focused practice to entrepreneurial and market-led farming operations," he said.

Cruz said the DAR still has a long way to go to improve the quality of life of the ARBs and other farmers.

"We have partners to help them, like the MASS SPECC and DSIK Philippines. I think this road has made it easier for the farmers to attain a better quality of life," Cruz said.

Undersecretary for Support Services Office Emily O. Padilla

said through the PACE Project, the ARBs and members of the ARB organizations (ARBOs) can gain new knowledge, skills, and competencies in farm management as a business, which hopefully can be bundled with other support services programs of the DAR like the Linking Smallholder Farmers to Markets and Microfinance (LinkSFarMM), Farm Business School, Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Program, and even credit assistance interventions.

"We can help the farmers attain an entrepreneurial mindset and facilitate their engagement with their target markets that can give their products higher value," she said.

Padilla said the PACE Project, can infuse fresh and new blood or young farmers in the agricultural sector to usher in a new phase in agriculture and in the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

"Through the PACE Project, the DAR, MASS SPECC, and DSIK Philippines will work together to enhance the capacity development interventions that are currently being provided to ARBs and ARBOs to address their emerging financial and non-financial needs in order to augment their farm productivity and income.

Bureau of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development (BARBD) Director Baltazar T. Cruz said the DAR will utilize the Farmers' Business Simulation, a highly interactive and innovative training tool for farmers that will teach them the actual practice, improvement, success, and sustainability of start-ups and small businesses.

"This is in line with our attempt to depart from the usual lecture and technical inputs-heavy entrepreneurial training courses," Cruz added.



# The coop that touches lives

In the southernmost region of Quezon Province, there is a cooperative that passionately lends its hand to its members and other farmers to improve their economic lives. The Cawayan II Farmers' Multi-Purpose Cooperative (C2FMPC), a Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)-assisted cooperative.

Aside from being a progressive cooperative, it is also a cooperative that touches lives.

Among those whom the cooperative has touched lives was Nemesio Nosce, an agrarian reform beneficiary (ARB) who received various support from the C2FMPC.

"I am so thankful that I am a member of this coop, through their help and services, I was able to finance the needed capital for my crops such as banana, coconut, and corn. I also invested in animal production, especially on pigs, chickens, and others," Nosce said.

He proudly said that through the C2FMPC, he managed to build a house in Barangay Cawayan II, and from the profits he gained from his farming, he was able to support his children's education.

"What I appreciate most about this coop was how they care for their members, especially during calamities. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, C2FMPC took care of us by regularly providing us with 10kgs. of rice, canned goods, noodles, and Php2,000 cash as part of their pandemic response," he disclosed. C2FMPC also provides life insurance and other benefits to its members. They regularly conduct house visits to check on their members and provide help if needed.

Currently, 1,527 members are enjoying the full benefits of what the cooperative offers.

## The progressive coop

As of 2021, C2FMPC had accumulated an estimate of Php55-million in assets, Php38-million in liabilities, Php14-million in share capital, and Php4-million in savings.

Their microfinance business was an important factor in the growth of the coop, especially in terms of assets. Their huge number of loans released and sub-borrowers

further proved that the microfinance operations had been patronized not only by its members but also by their ARBs and other farmers from the 12 municipalities in the 3rd District of Quezon who eventually joined the cooperative.

The coop could offer loans to members with a minimum of Php25,000 and a maximum of Php50,000. Because of the coop's continuous payment of loans, the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) has reciprocated by increasing its credit line. In 2020, it has reached a staggering Php29-million loan package which they have already fully paid.

This only showed that Cawayan II's microfinance services are fully supported by financial institutions because of their commitment to pay off their loans resulting in the increase in the loans being offered to them. For this year alone, the cooperative has a credit line of Php40-million.

## The beginning

In October 2003, 25 ARBs from Barangay Cawayan II in San Francisco, Quezon II, established the Cawayan II Farmers' Auto-Savings Group under the INACAWAYAN Agrarian Reform Community (INACAWAYAN ARC) to help its members and other farmers in sustaining their farms and livelihoods.

As implied by its name, savings and lending operations were the first business venture of the cooperative through the borrowing of capital needed from various financial institutions such as the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and United Coconut Planters' Bank (UCPB).

They began with Php25,000 savings. But with their drive and passion to offer more to its members and improve the farming practices in their community, the organization managed to pool Php50,000 which resulted in UCPB approving their Php100,000 loan for their microfinance business.

With this capital, the organization's microfinance created a buzz among the masses and boosted their membership.

Because of the improvement in their standings, the cooperative acquired several assets that helped them in their operations.

According to C2FMPC Manager Salvacion R. Dugan, the cooperative



managed to construct a 3-storey building as their base of operations in San Francisco, Quezon. Moreover, C2FMPC also built a consumer store on the first floor of the building.

Another asset that the cooperative had acquired is a van which they use during out-of-town seminars or events. As an additional income generator, the coop offered the van for rent when not in use. Aside from this, they also own three motorcycles, which they use to visit and check on their members, particularly those who are residing far from the cooperative.

## The challenges

C2FMPC Chairwoman Loida Hilario divulged that the coop had experienced difficulties just like any coop and organization.

"We had been consistently providing loans to our members, but there were times the amount loaned cannot suffice for their needs, and members had difficulties paying for their loans. We also had limited knowledge on microfinance then," she said.

However, a window of opportunity opened up for the cooperative in 2014 when they were chosen to participate in the "DAR-CARD",

a program partnership by the DAR and CARD Bank Inc. in which cooperatives and organizations are taught about the new advances in technologies on microfinance.

C2FMPC underwent various training and seminars on how to further improve their knowledge and skills in microfinance.

"The impact of the program has not only changed and developed our methods but also opened doors for the cooperative. Membership had skyrocketed, and the range of members had expanded as well. Aside from the ARBs and farmers in the INACAWAYAN Agrarian Reform Community (ARC), neighboring municipalities such as Mulanay and San Andres are coming, availing of our services, which resulted to a positive change in the financial situation of our organization," she revealed.

Hilario stressed that they managed to rise not only by helping the farmers but also with the help coming from the members themselves.

"We derive our strength by seeing our members succeed in their lives. We know that there are many problems that will come but knowing that our members continue to rely on us, and the DAR on our side, we will overcome anything that comes our way," she asserted.

# DAR ASSURES CONTINUOUS PROBE OF HACIENDA TINANG LAND CONFLICT



Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Research Office and concurrent Undersecretary for External Affairs and Communications Operations Office, Atty. David D. Erro, who is the Chairperson of the Task Force-Tinang Tarlac assured the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) that the DAR will continue to look into the land conflict involving Hacienda Tinang in Concepcion, Tarlac.

“These farmers have undergone validation to qualify as beneficiaries of the disputed land in Hacienda Tinang,” he said. Erro disclosed that after the validation, the initial list of qualified beneficiaries will be published through tarpaulin or billboard, and if nobody opposes, or seeks inclusion or exclusion, then individual titles shall be generated and subsequently, and install them.

“We will still have to identify the specific lot for each of them,”

Erro said.

He warned them that such cultivation activity ahead of the issuance of notice of qualified beneficiaries could have legal consequences.

“Even though one is identified as a beneficiary, they can still be disqualified if premature entry is done if they are not yet formally installed,” he said.

“We will not immediately disqualify them, we will afford them due process,” he said.

A total number of ninety-one (91) persons were arrested and detained by the Concepcion town police office on June 9. Some were released the following day, while 83 persons – including farmers, land reform advocates, artists, and journalists – spent three days in detention before their release on Sunday, June 12.

A total of 200 hectares was issued to 236 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) through the certificate of collective land ownership award (CCLOA) way back in 1995, but the farmer-beneficiaries have yet to be awarded individual titles to this day.

# 7 agrarian farmers' groups in Bicol earn more than P5M in sales in just 4 months



LEGAZPI CITY— Seven agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in Bicol have earned more than P5 million in the first four months of 2022 through vegetable sales and continued food deliveries to the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Department of Agrarian Reform-Bicol Regional Director Rodrigo O. Realubit said that from January 2022 to April 2022, NNC bought a total of P5.2 million worth of fresh produce from the ARBOs in Bicol.

Realubit said that the relationship between the ARBOs and

institutional buyers gives farmers a chance to make more income because they no longer need middlemen to sell their fresh produce.

“We are very happy. The volume of produce the farmers provide and the sales that they earn from it speak of opportunities and, at the same time, challenges too. Our farmers are assured that the BJMP, NNC, and the public will purchase their produce,” Realubit said.

The agricultural products purchased by institutional buyers include milled rice, vegetables, eggs, and fruits.

“This initiative under the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) provides the

correct direction for our ARB support services initiatives,” he added.

Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Marilyn Valeza said the NNC is committed to sustaining its partnership with DAR-supported organizations. She emphasized the need to eradicate malnutrition and stunting throughout the country. “We hope that the government will continue to help poor people, especially the children, through the Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program (TKDSP),” Valeza said.

She said that an agreement had already been made with the ARBOs in Masbate and Camarines Sur for the implementation of TKDSP phase 4 for children ages 6 to 23 months and preparations are now being made for phase 5 of TKDSP in the provinces of Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, Catanduanes, and Masbate.

“Sixteen 4th and 5th class municipalities are part of the

initiative. Six of them are in Catanduanes, four are in Camarines Sur, three are in Masbate, and three are in Sorsogon,” Valeza said.

NNC has partnered with six farmers’ organizations in Albay, namely: Association of Women and Men in Gabawan, Vinisacan Irrigators Association Inc., Panganiran Irrigators Association, Quipia Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative, Sta. Florentina Farmers Irrigators Association Inc.; and South Quinale Irrigators Association Inc. They also forged an agreement with Ugnayang Lakas ng Dariao Agrarian Reform Cooperative (UNLADCO) in Catanduanes province.

National director of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) JSSupt. Flory Sanchez thanked the partnership and urged other ARBOs to negotiate with Bicol jails for the purchase of their agricultural products.

She said that it is apparent that BJMP’s purchases from the ARBOs have increased significantly from 2020 to 2022, reaching P941,487.55.

# DAR provides safe water to North Cotabato residents



Libungan, North Cotabato – The Department of Agrarian Reform recently turned over the Community-managed Potable Water Sanitation and Hygiene (CPWASH) project in Barangay Kitubod in this town to address the community’s concerns on water supply, sanitation, and

hygiene. Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer II Charish Paña said the project, amounting to Php160,000.00, is composed of biosand filter, biogas digester, and rainwater catcher with iron removal filter.

“The project provides low-cost, culturally acceptable, and appropriate technologies to address problems on poor access to potable water supply like here in Barangay Kitubod,” Paña said.

Paña added that through this project, the department is anticipating a positive change in the lives of the residents and improvement of the community in the future.

“The said barangay is the farthest community of Libungan and CPWASH caused a great sigh of relief from the threat of acquiring water-borne diseases and illnesses to more than 600 individuals from 200 households,” she disclosed.

The biosand filter is made of a plastic container with carefully

selected sand and gravel that serve as strainer of bacteria, iron, and other impurities which make the water safe to drink.

As part of the CPWASH project to Barangay Kitubod, the DAR also installed the rainwater collector and iron removal filter at Kitubod Elementary School providing 330 students and 13 teachers access to safe drinking water.

The DAR also trained 10 para-engineers in the community to facilitate the replication of the biosand filter and biogas digester.

Barangay Chairman Lucsim Ando thanked the DAR for bringing the CPWASH project to their barangay as they used to rely mainly on deep wells, hand pumps, and rainwater. These are not safe as drinking water, causing incidences of amoebiasis, typhoid fever, and other water-related illnesses but they still used them to survive their daily activities. “Now, that we have the CPWASH technology, we will intensify the replication of these, especially the use of biosand filter so that every household will be assured of safe drinking water,” Ando said.



# DAR SET TO DISTRIBUTE REMAINING YULO ESTATE TO 190 MASBATE FARMERS

MILAGROS, MASBATE— Following the oath-taking of 190 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) that include three (3) former New People’s Army (NPA) rebels, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in this province is set to distribute the remaining 303.0467 hectares of Yulo Estate in Masbate province. Agrarian Reform Program Officer II Herald Tambal said the 190 ARBs recently took their oath before Judge Rolando G. Sandigan of MTCC-Masbate City, which was followed by the signing of the Application to Purchase and Farmer’s Undertaking (APFU)

He said the land is a portion of the 1,372.5657-hectare landholding formerly owned by Luis A. Yulo in Barangay Matagbac in Milagros town, of which 1,069.5280 hectares were already distributed to

357 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in 1993.

“The subject property was once classified as an agrarian revolutionary area for many years,” he said.

Despite the local rebellion, Task Force Yulo of DAR and the Armed Forces of the Philippines were able to successfully acquire and develop the land.

“The issues in the coverage of the landholding were resolved, including the delays in the conduct of the subdivision surveys due to the anti-reform resistance by local rebels,” Tambal said.

He said the task of distributing the estate to qualified ARBs is inching towards realization, with the completion of the identification of the landholdings for distribution, perimeter surveying, and submission of the survey plans for approval by the task force.

Former New People’s Army



guerilla Alyas “Bambam”, who surrendered and made peace with the government under the rebel-returnee program, is one of the beneficiaries of the government’s Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, assuring him a 1.8-hectare land. “After recognizing the futility of war and fighting, which deprived me of valuable quality time with my family throughout the years, and with the government-promised livelihood opportunities and farmland,

which I continue to enjoy to this day, I decided to go back to the fold of the law to start a new life,” Bambam said.

Bambam joined the rebel movement in Masbate when he was 19 years old and served the Malisyang Bayan wing of the New People’s Army for about 17 years. He surrendered last October 2021. Earlier, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte directed DAR to distribute agricultural lands to farmers living in areas with armed conflicts and rebel returnees.

# DAR: NO NEED TO AMEND AGRARIAN REFORM LAW



QUEZON CITY— “The agrarian reform program is not about consolidating lands. The program awards individual land titles to beneficiaries to give them the freedom of managing it themselves and to create more opportunities for them,” said Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Secretary Bernie F. Cruz. Cruz is reacting to the statement

of George Barcelon, the president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) when the latter said specific amendments in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) include easing the rules in land consolidation and ownership to create opportunities for better agricultural productivity by farming larger tracts of land.

Cruz said the agrarian reform program under Presidential Decree No. 27 and the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) issues individual land titles to landless farmers and farmworkers.

“If we will consolidate lands, that would be going against the intent and essence of PD 27 and CARP. We will be destroying the legacies of the father and grandfather of President-Elect Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. and incoming DAR Secretary Conrado Estrella, III, respectively,” said Cruz.

“Under the CARP though, we have awarded collective land titles called the collective certificate of land ownership award (CCLOAs) in the past. Seeing that the farmers are not prospering in their collective lands, President Duterte directed us to split these landholdings. We are now in the process of

individualizing these CCLOAs to serve the farmers better,” Cruz added.

Cruz said the farmers who are bound to CCLOAs are disadvantaged in a lot of ways.

“Collective ownership does not protect the property rights of our farmers because they do not have their own titles of their lands. They also fight over what to plant,” Cruz added.

Cruz said that amending the CARP law is not the answer to make the farmers more productive.

“We all want the same thing, to improve our agricultural system through massive crop production, and we can achieve this through our Mega Farms project. It involves consolidation of production with support services and protects the property rights of farmers. It is not consolidation of ownership,” Cruz said.

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## DAR FORGES AGREEMENT WITH IBP TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO FARMERS

ANGELES CITY, Pampanga—

In its effort to help more farmers get agrarian justice, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) yesterday, June 21, signed an agreement with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP).

The initiative, dubbed as “Abogado para sa mga Magsasaka ng Central Luzon,” is a program of the DAR that aims to provide free legal consultation, and counseling to indigent agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs).

DAR Secretary Bernie Cruz said the department, in its mandate to distribute lands to the landless farmers, is also required to look after their welfare.

“Legal problems are stressful and could affect our ARBs’ productivity, the best thing we could do is help, be with them and support them in facing their challenges. The farmers, especially those deprived of the means to help themselves will greatly benefit from this program,” Cruz said.

DAR Regional Director James Arsenio Ponce said that Central Luzon has an overwhelming number of agrarian legal cases

for farmers.

“Resolving cases, mediation and legal representation are among the legal services we give our ARBs for free. This agreement with the IBP will intensify our drive to provide legal help to ARBs of Central Luzon,” Ponce said.

Under the agreement, the ARBs will be provided early representation in cases involving agrarian disputes as well as civil and criminal proceedings.

“The great thing about this agreement with the IBP is, the provision of legal service is not limited to agrarian cases only, we will also help the farmers if they are confronted with civil and criminal charges,” Ponce said.

Atty. Peter Paul Maglalang, the governor for IBP-Central Luzon and co-signee of the agreement said the legal help that will be provided to ARBs also extends to their spouses and children.

“With this program, we want to help not only the ARB but also their immediate family. We want to provide hope and let the farmers know that the DAR and we in the IBP are with them in their fight for justice,” Maglalang said.



# DAR TRAINS NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FARMERS ON ORGANIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

CALATRAVA, Negros Occidental—Twenty-seven farmer-members of the Hilub-ang Upland Farmer Beneficiaries Association (HUFBA) recently underwent training on Organic Fertilizer and Concoctions Preparation through the capacity and skills development program of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

DAR Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer Jonalyn Portrias said the concept of organic farming was introduced to the farmers of HUFBA during their training held in Barangay Hilub-ang, Calatrava, Negros Occidental and they are now growing rice organically. “They are now into organic rice production. We provided this training to help them enhance the fertility of the soil and improve farm biodiversity. The knowledge and good practices they learned in the training will also reduce their expenses on farm inputs since the materials

used in making organic fertilizers came from biodegradable materials that can be found in their area,” Portrias said.

Portrias said the farmers were oriented on the importance of organic fertilizer on soil rehabilitation. “They also participated in lectures that provided the technical know-how on producing organic fertilizer and pesticides to lessen the use of synthetic fertilizer and chemicals that can be harmful to plants and animals in the long run,” Portrias said.

The HUFBA is a DAR-assisted cooperative whose members engage mainly in planting rice. The DAR helps cooperatives with the provision of various support services such as training, access to credit, farm inputs, and infrastructures.

“We will monitor the HUFBA’s organic rice farming activities so we can assess and provide what they need to sustain it,” Portrias said.



# Malacañang appoints Erro as DAR-OIC Secretary

QUEZON CITY—The Office of the President (OP) has appointed Atty. David Erro as (OIC) Officer-In-Charge Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) replacing Acting Secretary Bernie Cruz.

By operation of the law, Cruz’s appointment should pass through the Commission on Appointments. The Congress has adjourned this June 2022, and Cruz’s appointment is, therefore, considered bypassed, prompting the OP to assign an OIC.

Cruz was appointed as acting DAR Secretary in November

2021 after former Secretary John Castricones quit his post to run for the Senate. Cruz is now back serving as an Undersecretary of the department.

Erro, took his oath of office as DAR OIC-Secretary administered by DAR Regional Director Cupido Gerry Asuncion. His appointment from the Office of the President was signed on June 20 and received by the DAR records division on June 21. Erro will serve as OIC Secretary until June 30 when incoming Secretary Conrado Estrella III takes over as head of the agency.



# DAR launches book on CARP

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) launched a book entitled “Tenure vs. Agrarian Reform: Lessons from the Commonwealth to Contemporary Periods,” on June 23, 2022 in Quezon Memorial Circle.

The book project is commissioned research in partnership with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the Policy and Research Service of the DAR.

Newly appointed OIC-Secretary David Erro said the activity is part of the celebration of the 34th CARP anniversary and the 50th year of Presidential Decree No. 27.

“If we were to be retained at DAR, I will pursue to continue the research and the study,” Erro said, referring to the book which was researched and dated from

1935 until 2015.

This activity signifies that the book is ready for publication and presentation to the DAR implementers and stakeholders as well as the public.

“It was a challenge that we had to continue and finish because it is worth writing, not only for prosperity, but for the purposes we hope to generate – better understanding about agrarian reform among learners, better implementation of the program, and better crafting of laws” said Dr. Rene R. Escalante, Chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines

The book launching was attended by officials from the DAR central and field offices, NHCP, book authors and CARP-stakeholders.

DAR officials from the central and field offices, NHCP, book authors and CARP-stakeholders held on June 23, 2022 in Quezon Memorial Circle.

# COOP FARMER-LEADERS ATTEND DAR SUMMIT TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

In recognition to the men and women leaders of agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in agrarian reform communities (ARCs), the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) on June 23, 2022, conducted an ARBO leaders' summit with the theme: "Magsasakang Pilipino: Kaabiklat sa Pagpapaulad ng mga Kanayunan."

DAR Undersecretary for Support Services Atty. Emily O. Padilla said the summit aims to update and capacitate the men and women leaders of ARBOs in ARCs, specifically on the development trends affecting their communities and generate support for the project RAISE the ARCs.

"The ARBO Summit will serve as a venue for knowledge harvesting and knowledge sharing on their success stories through the different products and services," she said.

Padilla disclosed that the Summit is an opportunity to discuss common issues and seek resolutions to problems shared by the farmer-leaders, to introduce strategies and promote collaboration across ARBOs and

ARCs.

"In this gathering, we come together to share the good experiences and successes you have achieved. These eventually will be a collection of good lessons and answers that can be developed into steps or policies to address the problems that may be encountered by the DAR, agrarian reform beneficiary (ARB), ARBO and ARC in the future," she said.

Padilla expressed her hope that this DAR farmer-leaders summit will serve as a powerful catalyst to align the ARB leaders, the 500,000 ARBs of 9,000 ARBOs, 2,247 ARCs, and 178 ARC Clusters nationwide.

Among the topics discussed during the Summit were transforming the rural communities into viable ARCs through the DAR-SSO Roadmap: Raise the ARCs, gender and development (GAD) mainstreaming in ARBOs and entrepreneurial leadership and livelihood opportunities for ARBOs.

ARBO leader from Tarlac Edgar H. Sumat expressed his gratitude to the DAR for offering its tireless support services to the ARBs.

"We are hoping that the DAR will become even more stable in promoting this kind of leadership training for the sake of the future generation of farmers," Sumat said.

# 135 Mindoreño farmers now landowners



SABLAYAN, Occidental Mindoro—A total of 135 landless farmers received their Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in a simple ceremony held on June 24 at the municipal council hall of the town.

The agricultural lands, covering an area of 140.5 hectares are situated in the municipalities of Mamburao, Abra de Ilog, and Sablayan.

DAR Undersecretary Bernie Cruz, who led the distribution said, the government recognizes the important role of farmers in feeding the nation.

"Without all of you, the country will go hungry. And with the looming food shortage worldwide, we hope that you will do your best to make these lands be productive," Cruz said addressing the farmers.

He urged the beneficiaries to do their part in improving their respective farmlands and elevating their economic lives.

"We promise to give you support services like farm machinery, access to credit, and various training to help you sustain the gains that you will reap from your

land, which now, legally, are your own property," Cruz said.

DAR MIMAROPA Regional Director Marvin Bernal said that of the 140.5 hectares distributed, 125.8 hectares with 107 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) were implemented under the agency's land acquisition and distribution program and 14.7 hectares with 18 ARBs were under the DAR's Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project.

"The 18 ARBs under the SPLIT project were previously awarded lands under collective certificates of land ownership award (CCLOAs). This time, they were given computerized titles (c-titles) after the department went through the process of individualizing the CCLOAs," Bernal explains.

"The SPLIT project will strengthen their land tenure security and property rights to their lands," added Bernal.

The c-titles were distributed through the SPLIT Project, a process of individually subdividing and determining the exact metes and bounds of the areas covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), involving awarded lots to ARBs under CCLOA.



# DAR AWARDS OUTSTANDING FARMERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES



San Mateo, Rizal - The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has recognized the outstanding contributions of the women and men agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), ARB organizations (ARBOs), and AR communities (ARCs) for their invaluable contributions in the successful implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) in the

country in a simple rite held on June 24, 2022. DAR Undersecretary for Support Services Office (SSO) Atty. Emily O. Padilla awarded the plaques of certificates to the agrarian reform key players, who aside from being recipients of the lands and support services provided by the DAR, have been active participants and leaders to make their awarded lands under CARP productive.

Padilla emphasized that the awardees were also able to make the ARBOs as conduit of support services and propellers of development to transform the ARBs from mere farmer-tillers to farmer-entrepreneurs in the rural communities.

"It is my privilege and great honor to recognize the model ARBs, progressive ARBOs and progressive ARCs who openly shared their stories and practices to contribute to the success of the agrarian reform program in the country," Padilla said.

Padilla said that the DAR's awards and recognition program has facilitated the formation of a pool of agrarian reform champions who will act as advocates to support CARP, as well as effective communicators to promote the best and promising practices in the delivery of support services.

"The best, the most creative, and pleasant methods used by

the ARBOs in the field of business development and management, coupled with their products and services to the community were given emphasis and recognition," she added.

The recipients of the most outstanding ARBs include Edgar N. Sumat from Tarlac, Cecilia Garcia Gamit from Nueva Ecija, Mabini B. Besino from Capiz, Shariza Shaika Requero from Albay, and Flaviano Hilay from Zamboanga del Norte.

The Most Progressive ARBOs were Bagumbayan Primary Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Nueva Ecija, Bonbonon Farmers Agrarian Reform Multi-Purpose Cooperative from Negros Oriental, and Goodyear Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Zamboanga Sibugay. The Most Progressive ARCs were the PALABITAN ARC of Nueva Vizcaya, the BICAO ARC of Bohol, and the NITSIBULB ARC of Davao del Sur.

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## DAR distributes electronic land titles to Bohol farmers



A total of 40 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) became new landowners after the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the province of Bohol distributed electronic certificates of land ownership award (e-CLOAs) in the town of Carmen.

The lands, with a total area of 51.9317 hectares of land were distributed through the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) Project, the DAR's thrust in subdividing and determining the exact metes and bounds of the areas previously awarded via collective certificates of land ownership award (CCLOAs), which was covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

DAR Central Visayas Director Romeo Reyes said the e-CLOAs would strengthen the ARBs' individual ownership of their

lands giving them full control in enriching their own farms.

"The DAR is doubling its effort to fortify our farmers' land tenure security so that they can pass these lands to the next generation. We would continue to support them in making these lands productive," he said.

Reyes also lauded the joint effort of the SPLIT project personnel in doing their best in fast-tracking the parcelization of landholdings.

Meanwhile, Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer Ronald Pumatong reminded the new landowners of their responsibilities to the lands.

"Do not sell nor neglect these lands. Make these properties productive and it would boost your economic lives," he said.

Because of the SPLIT Project, 86-year-old Andiana Baquilid, was given an opportunity to own the land she was tilling for years.

# DAR official celebrates bday with janitors and security guards



QUEZON CITY—Janitors and security guards of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) expressed their gratitude to DAR Undersecretary Bernie Cruz for celebrating his birthday with them.

Cruz, who turned 59 yesterday, June 25, said he wanted to thank them for their service to the department.

“I appreciate all their hard work and service especially during my short stint as acting secretary of DAR. My birthday is the perfect way to show my appreciation to them,” Cruz said.

“Madalas, daan-daanan lang sila ng lahat. Ngayon gusto ko maramdaman nila na appreciated sila. This party is for them,” Cruz added.

Cruz also invited the janitors and security guard’s spouses and kids to attend the celebration of his birthday at the DAR gymnasium. His staff arranged

all the food and drinks complete with balloons and music.

“Salamat po, Sir Bernie! Isa po kayo sa mga boss namin dito na di nakakalimot at pinapansin kami,” said Denz Egana, a DAR janitor for 10 years.

“Sir Bernie, di ka namin makakalimutan. Ang sarap po ng handa ninyo at nakasama pa pati ang mga anak at asawa namin. Thank you po,” said Louie Extra, a security guard stationed at the lobby of the department.

Cruz served as DAR Undersecretary for Foreign Assisted Projects Office (FASPO) before his appointment as DAR Acting Secretary. He started his appointment on October 28, 2021 and ended on June 20, 2022 when DAR Undersecretary David Erro was appointed by the Office of the President as (OIC) Officer-In-Charge Secretary of DAR. Cruz is now back serving as an Undersecretary of the department.

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# DAR ENSURES SUSTAINABILITY OF MINSAAD PROJECTS IN SULTAN KUDARAT



Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat—The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) recently conducted an onsite visitation and inspection of the turned-over Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development (MinSAAD) projects in this town to monitor the condition and sustainability of the turned-over projects.

MinSAAD is a project funded under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) aimed to improve the agricultural production and income of farmers in three (3) Mindanao regions comprising Northern Mindanao, Davao Region, and Soccsksargen. Mindanao Affairs and Rural

Development Undersecretary Ranibai Dilangalen, who spearheaded the activity, said the current status of the projects from MinSAAD has helped improved the lives of the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs).

“I am hopeful that more projects will be awarded to them in order to further alleviate the poverty in the countryside and pave the way for agritourism,” she said.

Dilangalen, with other officials and personnel from central, regional and Sultan Kudarat provincial offices, also provided inputs and action plan to the ARBs to help them continue the smooth operation of their production, transport and processing, as well as, to further sustain and ensure



the longevity of the turned over projects.

Among the projects visited were the Masiag-Kanulay farm-to-market road and Masiag post-harvest facility.

Barangay Kanulay Chairman Rodrigo Carmelo expressed his gratefulness for the projects as they improved the overall production and output of their farm produce, resulting in higher profits.

“Prior to the implementation of the MinSAAD projects in our barangay, especially the farm-to-market roads, it was extremely difficult for us to transport our produce, especially during the rainy season, because roads were impassable, following in a

significant loss of income. Now we can transport our products to the market without hurting our profit,” he said.

Meanwhile, Sultan Kudarat OIC-provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer Mary Jane Aguilar was pleased with the outcome of the monitoring and inspection of the MinSAAD projects and lauded the personnel responsible for their continued efforts in improving the lives of the farmers in this town.

“We are also grateful to the initiatives of our ARBs and our stakeholders in ensuring the continuous usability of the awarded projects. Let this reciprocal responsibility among us be instrumental to ensure its sustainability,” Aguilar said.

# DAR turns over P32-M Wacal Bridge to Nueva Vizcaya farmers



The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has turned over a P32 million worth of Wacal Bridge to the local government of Solano, Nueva Vizcaya which is intended to provide the farmers with easier access to transport their products to the market.

Program Officer Rustico Turingan said the turn-over of the Wacal Bridge is part of the 34th year anniversary celebration of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and the 50th year of Presidential Decree No. 27. "The project was funded by the DAR under the Tulay ng Pangulo para

sa Kaunlarang Pang-Agraryo (TPKP) project in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the local government of Solano," Turingan said.

He disclosed that the construction of the steel bridge started in October 2021 and will benefit 3,500 villagers and residents where 472 are agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) and members of the Uddiawan agrarian reform community (ARC).

"The P32 million project is made up of a 22.8 lineal meters and seven meters wide steel bridge that can accommodate all types of vehicles," Turingan said.

He said the bridge is intended to ease the transportation of the farmers' products from their

farms to the market to help them sell their products at a fair price and increase their income.

Solano local government officials led by Municipal Mayor Eufemia Dacayo and Representative Luisa Cuaresma thanked the DAR leaders for the Wacal Bridge project who said that the project will inspire the farmers to produce more their agricultural products that will help increase their income as well as the food security of Novo Vizcayano.

Also present to grace the event were Vice Mayor-Elect Eddie Tionsgon, provincial agrarian reform program officer Engr. Cherry N. Magno, Provincial Agrarian Reform Council Committee members, provincial OIC-Chief Edwin Algeria and staff, Engineer II Andress Cafugaoan and Punong Barangay ng Wacal.

## DAR TO INCLUDE RISK MANAGEMENT IN ITS ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN

The Internal Audit Division (IAD) of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is organizing its audit activities by including risk management in the development of its Annual Audit Plan as it conducts a three-day seminar-workshop on the integration of risk assessment in strategic and operations planning held on June 27-30, 2022.

DAR OIC-Secretary David Erro in a video message acknowledged the importance of IAD in making the right recommendations for the future undertakings of the DAR.

IAD OIC-Director Atty. Edwin N. Mendame Jr. said that in the past strategic and operations planning processes of the DAR, risks were not taken into account. This he said has led to the selection of mistaken strategies or the absence of a strategy important to the achievement of the DAR's identified objectives.

"It was during the 2021 year-end assessment that the IAD

emphasized the need to identify, assess and manage the risks that go with the implementation of the program," Mendame said.

Mendame said the risk management process is a critical part of providing sound governance that can assist in identifying the key controls related to the agency's significant activities.

"The implementation of key controls is one common method to manage risks. The Internal Auditors assess these key controls and provide assurance on the management of the significant risks," he said.

Mendame noted that the activity was conceptualized in coordination with the Planning Service as a prelude to the proposed strategic planning activity that they will spearhead in the third quarter of 2022.

Participants in the event include the DAR regional assistant director for administration, chief administrative officers, regional planning officers, central office service directors, and bureau assistant directors.

## DAR turns over utility vehicles to farmers' groups in South Cotabato

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) in the province of South Cotabato recently turned over utility vehicles to two (2) agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) in the said province to boost their agricultural productivity.

The Lambontong Vegetable Growers Association (LAVEGA) from Barangay Lambontong, Surallah, and Linan Integrated Farmers Cooperative (LIFCO) from Barangay Linan, Tupi, both received their utility vehicle amounting to Php250,000 pesos per unit.

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# DAR TURNS OVER UTILITY VEHICLES TO FARMERS' GROUPS IN SOUTH COTABATO



OIC-Assistant Regional Director Roldan Ali said the utility vehicles would be a big help in improving the livelihood of the farmers belonging to these organizations.

“LAVEGA could use the vehicle for the consolidation and marketing activities of their vegetable production, while LIFCO could use the unit for hauling and consolidating their coconut products from the production area up to the marketing activities,” he said.

Ali encouraged the ARBOs to increase their membership and upscale their production with the adaptation of appropriate farming technology to ensure production sustainability.

“We assure you that in spite

of the impending change in the administration, the support of the DAR will still continue to help you in uplifting your economic lives,” he added.

The utility vehicles were provided under the DAR’s Climate Resilient Farm Productivity Support Project - Sustainable Livelihood Support for Disaster Affected Areas, which aims to support the farmers’ production, processing, and marketing activities to increase their household income.

LAVEGA President Ronald Domingo thanked the DAR for the support given to them.

“We assure you that we fully commit ourselves to take good care of the project to maintain its sustainability,” he said.

**JUNE 30**

# FARMERS AND EX-REBELS IN NUEVA VIZCAYA RECEIVE LAND FROM DAR



BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) recently awarded certificates of land ownership award (CLOAs) to 89 farmers and 20 former rebels in Cagayan Valley as part of the government’s effort to end the five-decade insurgency.

DAR-Nueva Vizcaya provincial agrarian reform officer Rustico Turingan said the former rebels were able to get lands under the executive order no. 70 or the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on December 4, 2018.

“As a member of the NTF-ELCAC, one of the primordial tasks of the DAR is to allocate agricultural lands to former rebels. Under the NTF-ELCAC, the DAR is working with other government agencies in giving former rebels the support they need to start over a new life. So, aside from farm lots, we will also provide them support services like access loans, insurance, and others,” Rustico said.

The CLOAs cover 103.8 hectares

of farms located in Dupax del Sur, Dupax del Norte and Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya. Of the 103.8 has., 10 has. was awarded to 20 former rebels of Sitio Montanibong, Brgy. Baretbet, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya. During the activity, the agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) were informed of their rights and responsibilities, while the Provincial Social Welfare and Development showed their programs and projects that the ARBs can avail of.

“Hindi na mga baril ang hawak ninyo, kundi mga titulo na ng lupa. The President and the national government will continue to support and give assistance not only to farmers but also to all of you (former rebels) to make your lands productive and profitable,” said DAR Assistant Regional Director Alfredo Lorenzo said during his inspirational message.

The awarding of CLOAs was part of the agency’s 50th anniversary of Presidential Decree No. 27 and the 34th year commemoration of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) held at the Philippine National Police gymnasium.