



## DA-PRDP scores Satisfactory Rating from the World Bank

The Department of Agriculture – Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) reached another milestone for the year, as the Project scored an overall Satisfactory rating for its project performance, which was reported during the Wrap-Up Meeting of the recently concluded 14th World Bank

Implementation Support Mission (WB ISM) to the DA-PRDP on June 13, 2022.

With the WB ISMs conducted twice a year, the DA-PRDP has consecutively achieved a Satisfactory rating for the fourth time since the 11th WB ISM held in 2020.

DA-PRDP National Project

Director Undersecretary Ariel T. Cayanán commended the PRDP family for their commitment and hardwork in the last three weeks, having pulled off a well-planned 14th WB-ISM.

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"I tip my hat off to the men and women of the DA-PRDP. Again, you continue to embody what it takes to be a true public servant, and I am grateful that I am continuously surrounded by individuals that have the passion for public service. All of you deserve a salute, a round of applause, for the safe and smooth conduct of our hybrid 14th World Bank Implementation Support Mission" Usec. Cayanán expressed.

WB Task Team Leader Eli Weiss presented the 14th WB ISM Aide Memoire that included the Project's overall rating, covering Project Development Objectives, Global Environment Objective, Overall Implementation Progress, Project Management, Procurement, Financial Management, Monitoring and Evaluation and Management Information System (MIS).

WB Operations Manager Achim Fock expressed his appreciation for the invitation to take part and learn from the ground during the field visits. He also praised the tremendous implementation capacity of the DA-PRDP in every level, making the project successful in bringing the best support services for the project beneficiaries.

Head of Cooperation of the European Union (E.U.) Delegation to the Philippines Christoph Wagner expressed positive anticipation on the partnership with the DA-PRDP, with the aim to reach out to communities with minimal capacity, and inspire more engagement among the stakeholders.

As the first hybrid event since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 14th WB ISM held from May 23 to June 13, 2022, served as a venue for consultations, discussions, workshops,

and action planning from the DA-PRDP National Project Coordination Office (NPCO), Project Support Offices (PSOs), and Regional Project Coordination Offices (RPCOs).

From May 31 to June 3, 2022, the DA-PRDP and WB Task Team formally conducted actual site visits to selected subprojects in North and South Luzon. Activities include subproject assessment, dialogue with Local Government Units (LGUs), Proponent Groups (PGs), project beneficiaries, discussions with contractors, and presentations from the PSO North and South Luzon clusters.

The next 15th World Bank Implementation Support Mission to the DA-PRDP is tentatively scheduled on November 14, 2022. (*Iconn Mel D. Cayabyab and Kristine Victoria L. Bistoyong, NPCO InfoACE*) ■



National Project Director Undersecretary Ariel Cayanán delivers his opening message during the wrap-up meeting of the 14th World Bank Implementation Support Mission to the DA-PRDP.



National Deputy Project Director Shandy Hubilla congratulates the men and women of the Project for their successful concerted efforts to pull off the hybrid mission.



World Bank Task Team Leader to the DA-PRDP Eli Weiss presents the WB's findings during the span of the mission and delivers the satisfactory rating for the Project..



# 14th World Bank Implementation Support Mission to the DA-PRDP Site Visitations

After two years of conducting the site visitations virtually, the World Bank team was finally able to physically visit the featured subprojects of South and North Luzon.

May 31, 2022



## **Banana Trading, Processing, and Marketing** *Barangay Iraan, Aborlan, Palawan*

The DA-PRDP and WB team first visited the nearly completed Banana Processing Center in



Barangay Iraan in the Municipality of Aborlan, Palawan. At the time of the site visit, the subproject was nearing completion, with a 90.44% physical progress rate, and is expected to be completed before the end of the second quarter of this year. It has a total cost of PhP19 million.



During the site visit, members of the Aborlan Rainbow Marketing Cooperative, the subproject's PG, together with the Municipal Agriculture Office of Aborlan, were also engaged in a community dialogue as part of the assessment of the subproject.



## **Mango Processing Facility and Marketing Enterprise** *Sitio Tagumpay, Brgy. Inagawan Sub, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan*

The second subproject that was visited by the DA-PRDP - WB team in Palawan was the PhP15.43



million-worth Mango Processing Center in Barangay Inagawan-sub, Puerto Princesa City. The enterprise was proposed to help resolve the oversupply of mango in the city during peak season.

Under the management of the Tagumpay Agrarian Autosavings Multipurpose Cooperative (TAAS MPC), the processing center can



process fresh mango supplied by mango growers, who are also members of the cooperative, into dried mango, mango nectar, and mango jam. The products will then be sold at some of the largest pasalubong centers in the city and other retailers in malls, public markets, and restaurants.



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### Dialogue with the Green Island Fisherfolks Association and Tumarbong Marine Protected Area Management Board *Brgy. Tumarbong, Roxas, Palawan*

Coinciding with the I-REAP site visits, a community consultation



also took place in Barangay Tumarbong, Roxas between the fisherfolk of the Green Island Fisherfolks Association and the Tumarbong Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Board, where the attendees shared updates and experiences on the subproject. This was followed by a discussion on how the Seaweeds Culture and



Production Project and Tumarbong MPA can recover from the effects of Typhoon Odette.

Green Island Bay is one of the DA-PRDP's identified Global Environmental Facilities (GEF) that includes seven (7) MPAs, namely, Tumarbong, Caramay, Johnson Island, Malcampo, Rizal, San Miguel, and Tinitian.

June 1, 2022



### Construction and Upgrading of Junction Salban – Culasian – Magsaysay FMR *Dumaran, Palawan*

The second day of the South Luzon leg saw the progress of the construction and upgrading



of the 17-kilometer Junction Salban-Culasian-Magsaysay FMR in Dumaran, Palawan. As of May 30, 2022, the FMR is 98.608% complete, with a total project cost of PhP197.21 million.

The FMR connects Barangays Danleg, Culasian, and Magsaysay, which has a total of



4,542 subproject beneficiaries, where 1,009 are farmers. During the dialogue, beneficiaries of the FMR expressed their gratitude to the WB and DA-PRDP, as the infrastructure subproject gave them direct access to markets, schools, and hospitals, and further reduced travel time and transportation costs.





June 2, 2022



**Commercialization of Ilocos Garlic: The White Gold Treasure of the North Enterprise**  
*Brgy. Buyon, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte*

Setting foot in the Province of Ilocos Norte, the DA-PRDP – WB



Team visited the Commercialization of Ilocos Garlic: The White Gold Treasure of the North Enterprise, located in the Municipality of Bacarra. During their visit, the team was given a tour of the consolidation facility, where the process of sorting and packing of dried garlic takes place, before delivery to intended markets. With a total cost of Php23.16



million, it is the biggest enterprise subproject in the Ilocos Region. Led by the Bacarra Zanjera Irrigators Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BZIMPC), the PG buys the produce of garlic farmers in Ilocos Norte, member or non-member of the BZIMPC, which is then sold to institutional buyers.



June 3, 2022



**Rehabilitation of Pug-Os – Nagcullooban FMR**  
*Sinait and Cabugao, Ilocos Sur*

The final site visit saw the ongoing upgrading/expansion of the FMR, which sits at a 78.11% physical progress rate as of May



2022. The Rehabilitation of Pug-Os – Nagcullooban FMR is the largest infrastructure subproject in the Ilocos Region under the DA-PRDP, which spans at 15.48 kilometers and a total project cost of Php206,348,000.00. Targeted for completion



in September 2022, the FMR will connect with another completed subproject, the Rehabilitation of Tubigay–Baracbac–Nagcullooban FMR in Sinait, Ilocos Sur, linking eight (8) barangays and increasing the income of farmers in the area by 30%.





“With this Banana Processing Facility, the future of the banana farmers and this community looks bright. I am hoping that this is the beginning of something big for the people of Aborlan. Most importantly, I am hoping that this project will continue to inspire and bring all the stakeholders to work together towards achieving inclusive growth.”

**Hon. Celsa B. Adler**  
**Municipal Mayor, Aborlan, Palawan**  
 Banana Trading, Processing, and Marketing  
 Barangay Iraan, Aborlan, Palawan

“Malaki po ang kontribusyon nito para sa ating mga member farm producers. Dahil po sa proyektong ito, nag-generate po ito ng dagdag nilang income. Salamat po sa inyo. Ganun din po sa coop at sa sambayanan po ng Inagawan-sub, dahil po ‘yung epekto nito sa employment.”

**Benjamin Salazar**  
**Punong Barangay, Barangay Inagawan-sub**  
 Mango Processing Facility and Marketing Enterprise  
 Sitio Tagumpay, Barangay Inagawan Sub, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan



“Sa ngalan po ng mga mamamayan ng Dumarán, partikular ng mga nakatira sa tatlong barangay na siyang direktang magbebenipisyo sa proyektong ito, ako po ay labis na nagpapasalamat sa inyong lahat.”

**Hon. Arnel Caabay**  
**Municipal Mayor, Dumarán, Palawan**  
 Construction and Upgrading of Junction Salban – Culasian – Magsaysay FMR  
 Dumarán, Palawan



“We know that this is still our white gold (garlic) and we have many improvements to make. And surely, with all of our efforts here into this project, you (DA-PRDP) are leading the way. And for that, we are very grateful.”

**Gov. Matthew Marcos Manotoc**  
**Governor, Ilocos Norte**  
 Commercialization of Ilocos Garlic: The White Gold Treasure of the North Enterprise  
 Barangay Buyon, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte



“Itong road na project na ito ay malaki - napakalaking tulong dito sa pitong barangay ng Cabugao at isang barangay ng Sinait. Lalung-lalo na dito sa barangay na ‘to, sa Maradodon at Caellayan, alam na natin na itong mga ito ay remote areas. Itong mga kalsada, before na-implement ito, is talagang hindi makakadaan ang mga motorized vehicles, kasi pasagad lang ika nga ‘yung makakadaan. Ngayon, talagang ang ganda na, makikita na ang luwang ng kalsada. At least ‘yung mga produkto nila, mas madali na nilang i-transport, mas maayos na nila mai-transport.”

**Engr. Madeleine Arce**  
**Provincial Engineering Head**  
 Rehabilitation of Pug-Os – Nagcullooban FMR  
 Sinait and Cabugao, Ilocos Sur







“Hindi lang po maswerte, they really earned it. You know why? PRDP is actually compliance-based and requirement-based. Maski gaano po kayo kaswerte, kung hindi niyo po nacomply ‘yung mga requirements, hindi niyo po naipasa ‘yung mga compliance, no way that it will be given to you. So kung meron pong dapat palakpakan dito maliban sa swerte kayo, pakipalakpakan po ninyo ang sarili ninyo.”

**Undersecretary Ariel T. Cayan**  
**National Project Director, DA-PRDP**

*On the success experienced by the Bacarra Zanjera Irrigators  
Multi-Purpose Cooperative*

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Barangay Buyon, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte*

“It was incredibly good to be back in the field after two years of the pandemic, to see and talk to all the stakeholders from the LGUs, Proponent Groups, to the beneficiaries, and see firsthand all the investments and the subprojects that have a transformational impact in the communities.

I believe that the DA-PRDP staff did not forget at all how to organize physical field trips, as everything was perfectly organized, and it was further improved from what it was before, including the use of digital tools for monitoring that helped in the field.”

**Eli Weiss**  
**World Bank Task Team Leader**

*On the smooth conduct of the site visits  
since the start of the pandemic*



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