



**DAGYAW 2024**  
**STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK REPORT**

Region: V

<b>Dagyaw Topic:</b>	[RDP 2023 – 2028 Chapter 7] Modernize Agri-fishery and Agribusiness “Mag Agri Kita! Masaganang Bicolandia sa Bagong Pilipinas”
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	August 2, 2024; 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
<b>Venue:</b>	Virac Town Center (VTC), Virac, Catanduanes
<b>Total No. of Participants</b>	<b>In-person:</b> <u>3,946 participants</u> <b>Online:</b> <u>312 participants</u>

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1. Based on the demographics conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), fisherfolk and farmers have the highest poverty incidence. What could be the reason of this? – Ms. Aurora De Guzman, CSO	1. In the Province of Catanduanes, the statistics published by the PSA is inconsistent with the data of the PLGU of Catanduanes. A convergence meeting with the concerned agencies should be set forth for the consistency of the data. – Mr. Rafael Magallanes, Agricultural Program Coordinating Officer, Department of Agriculture (DA)  For those engaged in agricultural business, such as abaca production, whenever the demand is low, business owners should focus on other goods to stabilize their income. They may also apply integrated farming. - Mr. Roberto B. Lusuegro, Provincial Fiber Officer, PhilFIDA	



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<p>2. How to manage the interest of the youth in engaging with agricultural advocacies and works without mandate from any ordinance? – <i>Youth representative</i></p>	<p>2. We cultivate the mind. We share knowledge on agriculture on the youth, specifically the junior high school students, by integrating the subject in their curriculum, in the hopes that most of them, if not all, would be interested or would choose an agriculture-related strand or course. So that whether or not there is an ordinance, agriculture mindset would be inculcated in them. People say, “the only way to measure sustainability is replication.” It is imperative that there is guidance to the youth from the very start until they are able to stand on their own. – <i>Mr. Josh Barcelon, Executive Director, Albay Young Farmers Organization, Inc</i></p>	
<p>3. How to avail the scholarship for students whose parents are fisherfolks? – <i>Councilor, LGU Bagamanoc</i></p>	<p>3. The scholarship is open for students with parents who are fisherfolks. There is a prescribed form and a list of requirements to be complied, and an examination to be taken. This may be coursed through their municipal agricultural office. – <i>Mr. Raymond Tolledo, Provincial Fisheries Officer, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)</i></p>	
<p>4. How will the problem of fishpond owners in getting their supply of fingerlings in mainland and the cost thereof? – <i>Councilor, LGU Bagamanoc</i></p>	<p>4. The BFAR has a designated hatchery. Although it is designed for mangrove farming, it is actually good for multi-species. We are striving for innovation using</p>	



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	<p>technology. We are working on stabilizing the supply of fingerlings in the island. The Provincial Agricultural Services Office (PASO) proposes the municipalities to put-up hatchery. Regarding the price of fertilizers or other inputs, the transport cost is the main cause why they are expensive. Hopefully, when more players venture in the island, the cost will drop. - <i>Mr. Raymond Tolledo, Provincial Fisheries Officer, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)</i></p>	
<p><b>General Feedback:</b></p> <p>The feedback provided by the participants on agricultural concerns mainly on the status of fisherfolks and farmers, livelihood and costs, and youth participation.</p>		

*\*During the Bicol Dagyaw 2024, no Pre and Post-Evaluation Form were given out to the participants, hence, the questions and responses during the Open Forum were translated to this Report.*