



# TCP2 NEWSLETTER

NIA-JICA STRENGTHENING SUPPORT PROJECT (TCP2)

## BAROTAC VIEJO AND MAMBUSAO RISs HOLD FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL ON WATER SAVING TECHNOLOGY

Two (2) batches of Farmers' Field School (FFS) on water saving technology (WST) were successfully conducted- one in Mambusao RIS located in Mambusao, Capiz on November 26 and on the next day, November 27, another one was held in Barotac Viejo RIS in Barotac Viejo, Iloilo. In the Mambusao RIS FFS, the demonstration farm (DF) site of PAMMARBBA IA, Inc. in Bergante, Mambusao municipality played host to 164 farmers. On the other hand, the Barotac Viejo RIS FFS located at the Bariga Magdalo Farmers IA, Inc. service area in Barangay, Bariga, Banate, Iloilo was attended by 160 farmers.



Actual visitation of the farmers to the demo farm sites and sharing of observations after. Above picture: FFS in MRIS; Below: FFS in BVRIS

DFs on WST are designed to showcase the comparative practice between alternate water application as against the conventional way of maintaining standing water most of the time in the fields. One objective of FSS is to give an opportunity for the cooperators to be able to demonstrate and explain to other farmers the benefits of alternate wet and dry irrigation to rice growth. Much more, the visiting farmers shall recognize the importance of water saving technology in growing rice and are expected to replicate the technology in their respective areas.

The DFs in the two (2) systems started in the middle of September 2008. The FFS was timed on the 6<sup>th</sup> week when the rice plants are on their late tillering and early booting stage to show the good effects to other farmers in the neighboring IAs. This period was when there was no water above the ground but actually below and yet the plants are thriving with no visible ill effects.

Part of the activity was an interaction of farmers similar to a classroom setting where participants shared their observations and learnings after the actual field visitation to the sites. Farmer-cooperators also gave their testimonies on their experiences as cooperators in the implementation of WST.

*-(by Mr. Edmund Mendoza-IDO, BVRIS)*

## MASALIP AND AMBURAYAN RISs HOST

### NIA-IA PARTNERSHIP ON O & M OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS SEMINAR



Mr. Ofrecio was explaining the role of NIA's mandate

Two (2) project sites in Region 1—Masalip River Irrigation System in Agoo, La Union and Amburayan River Irrigation System in Sudipen town also in the same province- have completed their respective orientation on NIA-IA Partnership in Operation and Maintenance (O & M) of the Irrigation Systems. The Masalip RIS orientation was conducted in October 9 at the Agoo Coastline Villas Agoo, La Union while Amburayan RIS held its own activity on October 10 at Ordonio Farm Resort in Balaoan, La Union. (continue on Page 3...)

## OFFICIAL TRAVELS, MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

- **Nov. 4-6**  
-Travel to Reg. 1 (Amburayan & Masalip RISs)- Monitoring and Site Inspection-Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Matsuo & Mr. Ofrecio.
- **Nov. 10-14**  
-Training of Trainers on Strategic Planning and IA Policy Formulation (TOT) at Camelot Hotel, Quezon City.
- **Nov. 18-20**  
-Travel to Reg. 11 (Padada and Saug-LL RISs)- Monitoring and Site Inspection-Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Matsuo, Mr. Ofrecio and Ms. Villarico.
- **Nov. 26**  
-Farmers' Field School- Mambusao RIS, Region VI.
- **Nov. 27**  
-Farmers' Field School- Barotac Viejo RIS, Region VI.
- **Dec. 17**  
-NIA-EAS CHRISTMAS PARTY (Bingo Socials)
- **Dec. 18**  
-NIA XMAS PARTY
- **Dec. 19**  
-Deadline of Submission of Documents and Reports to PMO
- **Dec. 23**  
-IDD Xmas Party
- **Dec. 25-31**  
-Christmas Holidays

A Merry Christmas & A Prosperous New Year To All!!!

# Status Of Minor Rehabilitation Works As Of December 15, 2008

by Takamitsu Matsuo-JICA Expert, TCP2

Project sites	Items	Quantity	unit	June				July				August				September				October				November				December				Remarks	Total Approved Budget	Remaining Budget
				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4			
1 Amburayan (July 7)	Desilting(manual)	1,721	cu.m.					■	■			■																				Completed	995,514.0	162,009.0
	Desilting(backhoe)	2,822	cu.m.					■	■			■																About 70% was completed						
	Enbankment Protection	30	m																					■	■	■	■	Completed						
	Steelgate	12	unit													■	■											10 out of 12 were installed						
1 Masalip (June 3)	Desilting(manual)	722	cu.m.	■	■	■	■																					COMPLETED	1,176,059.0					
	Modification of Road Crossing	1	unit																					■	■									
	Raising of Manhole	4	unit					■	■																									
	Grouted Rip-rap	71	m	■	■	■	■																											
	Steelgate	47	unit					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■																			
	Turn-out	4	unit					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■																			
3 Bucao (June 3)	Desilting(manual)	3,756	cu.m.	■				■	■															■	■			COMPLETED	981,408.7					
	Clearing & Grubbing(Manual)	24,000	sq.m.	■				■	■																									
	Canal Structure	6	unit	■	■																			■	■									
	Drainage Facility	1	unit									■	■																					
	Steelgate	14	unit									■	■											■	■									
3 Nayom- Bayto (July 7)	Desilting(Manual)	2,732	cu.m.					■	■																			About 30% was completed	912,077.2	716,566.2				
	Steel Pipe Canal	17	m																									Materials were delivered at the office						
	Concrete Bench Flume	20	m																															
	Concrete Grouted Riprap	56	cu.m.																															
	Steelgate	23	unit																															
6 Barotac Viejo (July 29)	Desilting(Manual)	4,435	cu.m.					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■													COMPLETED	970,837.5					
	Concrete Bench Flume	297	m									■	■	■	■																			
	Canal Structure	3	unit									■	■																					
6 Mambusao (July 7)	Concrete Bench Flume	90	m													■	■	■	■									Completed	929,193.4	21,954.9				
	Turn-out	16	unit																					■	■	■	■	4 out of 16 were completed						
	Concrete Staff Gage	3	unit																					■	■			Completed						
	Steelgate	16	unit																									Gates were delivered at the						
11 Padada (June 3)	Canal Lining	255	m																					■	■			COMPLETED	1,167,350.3					
	Check Structure	3	unit																					■	■									
	Division Work	1	unit																					■	■									
	Road Crossing	1	unit																					■	■									
	Steelgate	14	unit																					■	■									
11 Saug- Libuganon Left(May 30)	Desilting(Manual)	23,482	cu.m.	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	About 98% were completed	999,734.9	24,940.8				

\* The dates mentioned under the project sites, names are the official starting dates of works in the respective sites.

It is also the date the budget was transferred from JICA Phils. to the Project's Account.

## Schedule of Farmers' Field School Activities

(By: Hiromasa Suzuki, JICA Expert, TCP2)

As of December 15, 2008, all of the eight (8) project sites have already purchased the farm inputs requirements as well as the devices for the DF activities. These were distributed to the identified farmer-cooperators through the respective NIS offices. The funds were cautiously expended within the programmed budget for each site. In addition, measuring tools like meter sticks and weighing scales were also provided to the farmer-cooperators.

Schedule of farmers' field school activities of the project sites is summarized in the table below.

	September				October				November				December				January				February				March							
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4				
Amburaya Zone1								●	△				△				☆								☆							
Amburayan Zone2																					△				△				☆			
Masalip Lower stream								●	△				△				☆								☆							
Masalip Upper stream												●	△				☆												☆			
N-Bayto								●	△				△				☆								☆							
Bucao									△				△				☆								☆							
B-Viejb	●				△				△				☆				☆															
Mambusao									△				☆				☆															
SSL												●	△				☆												☆			
Padada												●	△				☆												☆			

### NIA-IA partnership... (from Page 1)

Designed as a kick-off activity for the operationalization and institutionalization of "participatory approach" in the operation and maintenance of irrigation system, the general objective of the orientation-seminar was to discuss and explain the roles and responsibilities of NIA staff and IA officers and members in jointly managing irrigation system. About 75 IA leaders and Turnout Service Area Group (TSAG) Officers attended. Seminar facilitators were from Institutional Development Department (IDD) Central office, regional and system office staff.

(By Heartie Navarro-IDD NIACO)

### PADADA RIS HOLDS GROUNDBREAKING RITES



Padada River Irrigation System located at Hagonoy, Davao del Sur in Region XI has held a groundbreaking ceremony last October 17, 2008 marking the onset of the minor rehabilitation of irrigation facilities and structures in selected sites. On the same occasion, two (2) billboards for the establishment of Pilot Demonstration Farm on Water Savings Technology were unveiled by Hon. Mayor Franco Calida, Engr. Ed Draculan, IDD Manager NIA Region 11, Engr. Manuel L. Rañeses, OIC-Irrigation Superintendent of Padada RIS, and IA President Segundino Baura. The well attended affair was witnessed by the farmer-cooperators and IA members.

(By: Ed Draculan-Reg. XI)

Holding spades are from left: Hon. Mayor Franco Calida, OIC-IS Mr. Manuel Rañeses and IDD Manager Ed Draculan with IA Pres. Segundino Baura



# PHOTO GALLERY OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1 (OCT. 2007 to NOV. 2008)

-By: Nenita H. Ramon-IDDCO

## A. PLANNING STAGE





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**1<sup>st</sup> Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting & Project Implementers Workshop (01-31-2008)**



**B. PREPARATORY STAGE / FINALIZATION OF INPUTS**



**MINOR REHABILITATION  
(May to June 2008)**



**CAPABILITY BUILDING  
PROGRAM (CBP) WORKSHOP  
(8-27 to 28-2008)**



**PREPARATORY WORKSHOPS ON  
DEMO FARMS (SEPTEMBER 2008)**



**Between TCP2 & IA Presidents**



**Between NIA and JICA Phils.  
through their representatives**



**Between NIA, IA and farmer-cooperators  
witnessed by LGU representatives**

**Signing of MOA Contracts**

**C. IMPLEMENTATION STAGE**

**MINOR REHABILITATION**



**Construction materials**



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### CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS



### DEMONSTRATION FARMS



### PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES





## TCP2 CONDUCTS TRAINORS TRAINING FOR NIA STAFF ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY FORMULATION

A trainers' training (TOT) for NIA staff on the subject of strategic planning and policy formulation was recently held last November 10–14, 2008. The five-day live-in training was conducted at the historic Camelot Hotel located at Mother Ignacia Avenue in Quezon City. Mr. Nicamor Babiera, institutional, training and extension planner of the Joint Ventures of Consultants, Bago River Irrigation System Rehabilitation and Improvement Project in Bago City, Negros Occidental was the main facilitator. Some 35 participants composed of NIA central office, regional and system office staff who are directly involved in the project implementation attended the training.



*Participants working with the assigned tasks while the facilitator, Mr. Babiera, is observing them.*

The subject activity was identified as one of the capability development needs for implementers during the baseline surveys and training needs assessment conducted by the Project Management Office of NIA-JICA TCP2. The TOT's main objective is to provide the participants with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude to enable them to conduct and facilitate similar strategic planning and policy formulation training and workshops for field facilitators while its specific objectives are to: (1) define strategic planning; (2) explain and discuss the process of environmental scanning; (3) formulate the organization's vision, mission and objectives; and (4) discuss the concepts and principles of policy planning and formulation.

Major highlights of the TOT were the environmental scanning workshop, analyzing the IA environments using the strength-weaknesses-opportunities-threats (SWOT) Matrix, focusing and clarifying strengths and opportunities and clarifying scenarios. From the output of the SWOT workshop, the participants wrote the vision statement, mission statement and objectives and subsequently, drew the IA vision and IA logo, and finally wrote the policy statement



*The most exciting and challenging part of the workshop is putting the IA vision into a picture.*

The next workshop being lined-up by the Project on the same area of learning will be a facilitators training for field implementers mainly with Institutional Development Officers (IDOs) and system's O & M staff as participants. This particular training was actually scheduled in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December 2008 but was postponed for early next year. *-(By Bayani P. Ofrecio – IDD NIACO)*

### IDD CO STAFF RETIRE UNDER YEAR ONE OF RP

Six (6) IDD staff at the central office have availed of the NIA Rationalization Plan under Year One implementation among which four (4) of them are members of the TCP2 team. The retirees are as follows:

Name	Position	Effectivity of Retirement
1. Avelino M. Mejia	Department Manager	January 1, 2009
2. Enrique A. Sabio, Jr.	Division Manager	January 1, 2009
3. Candida O. Ginez	Institutional Development Chief A	January 1, 2009
4. Corazon F. Pascua	Supervising Irrigation Development Officer	January 1, 2009
5. Loida C. Ofrecio	Supervising Irrigation Development Officer	November 7, 2008
6. Concepcion Agraviador	Data Encoder	January 1, 2009

To the retirees, we wish you all the best! Thank you for your continued support with the TCP2 project.

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