



VSU RESEARCH QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FORM

January 01 – March 31, 2022

I. Program/Project/Study Objectives

Project Title: **Agritourism Farms as Conduit of the Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in Eastern Visayas, Philippines**

Objectives:

1. *Understand the prevailing institutional arrangements at the national and local levels in relation to GAP certification and Agritourism accreditation in the Philippines and in the study areas;*
2. *Establish criteria and requirements for GAP certification of agritourism farms through benchmarking of model farms;*
3. *Generate the profile of the selected agritourism farms in the Eastern Visayas Region;*
4. *Assess the different agritourism farms in the Eastern Visayas Region; and*
5. *Formulate a local policy design in support of GAP certification of agritourism farms and non-agritourism farms in Eastern Visayas.*

II. Relevance to VSU and College's Thrust and Priorities: Relevant

III. Highlights of accomplishments within the quarter

1. Conducted Courtesy Call and Inception Meeting with DA-RTC8, BPI, ATI, DOT, and other stakeholders.
2. Conducted site visits and initial assessment of the project sites: Canaan Hills Farm, Verol Eco Farm, Softea Garden, and Villaconzoilo Farm.
3. Conducted face-to-face Key Informant Interview with Gourmet Farm; and virtual interview with Bunch Farm, Urminita's Farm, EV Sanchez Farm.
4. Created Facebook Page related to Good Agricultural Practices as initiative of the project in promoting GAP in the country.
5. Sent SRAs to Basic Video Editing Training as part of capability building.
6. Organized workshops as part of knowledge sharing between team members.
7. Conducted face-to-face meeting with Regional Executive Director of the Department of Agriculture Region 8.





8. Conducted face-to-face meeting with Provincial Agriculture Office and Department of Tourism and Investment Office of Biliran by which problems and opportunities in relation to GAP have been discussed.

IV. Issues, Problems and Recommendations

Most prevalent concern encountered upon accomplishing the project activities was the mandatory travel restriction due to the threat of CoVid-19.

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