



CropLife Philippines' commits to continued stewardship programs in Mindanao

CropLife Philippines (CLP) continues with its capacity building programs for its partners in Davao and SOCCSKSARGEN as part of its commitment to better productivity.

CLP recently conducted a product stewardship seminar for the promotion of safe and responsible use of pesticides attended by chemical handlers and applicators to provide vital information on how to use these chemicals effectively for better harvest.

The participants were oriented on general information on pesticides, safe and responsible use, as well as emergency measures and first aid methods in case of emergencies. Bayer's Allen Jay Ponce, CB Andrew's Gabriel Lampon and Syngenta's Cathy Sumagaysay were on hand to provide their expert advice. The FPA was also well represented with regional officer Alita Bornea, Davao Oriental provincial officer Rustom Tanduyan, and Davao del Norte provincial officer MARRISA Napalit attending the activity.

In SOCCSKSARGEN, CropLife Philippines also led the establishment of three SCoPSA techno demo farms and a vetiver grass nursery in Mindanao. Among the areas who benefitted from the program were Purok Pag-Asa, Poblacion, Lake Sebu South Cotabato, Senator Ninoy Aquino (SNA), Sultan Kudarat and Bagumbayan also in Sultan Kudarat.

CRAN SOCCSKSARGEN President Reynaldo Tabulo led the CRAN members in the event while Forester Gualberto Tortoza oriented the teams on the proper way of making contours and hedgerows in sloping areas. For the event, participants used vetiver grass as hedgerows. This was part of the plan to establish a one-hectare vetiver nursery since corn farming in sloping areas in Mindanao is starting to increase.

"We are constantly encouraged by the positive response to our stewardship programs and we are committed to aid our farmers and frontliners as they make their farms sustainable and productive in the years to come," CLP Executive Director Edilberto de Luna said.