

A woman in a floral shirt and shorts is using a long wooden tool to spread a layer of grain on a concrete surface. The background shows a rural setting with trees and a utility pole.

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND WORK THROUGH SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



CENTER FOR AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

About CARRD

Center for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (CARRD) is a not-for-profit organization supporting agrarian reform beneficiaries, small-scale farmers, and their cooperatives in selected communities in Batangas, Capiz, and Iloilo.

We improve quality of life and work of small-scale farming households by promoting access to productive resources and enabling them to make informed decisions about environment-friendly, non-discriminatory, and sustainable livelihoods.

We believe in people-centred development and a faith that promotes justice, peace, and integrity to all people.

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Quick facts about PH agriculture:



107 000 hectares ++

of Philippine land are devoted to organic farming as of 2015



120 kg of rice

is the annual per capita consumption of the Filipinos' staple food



3.4 million households

depend on agriculture as the primary source of livelihood



98 percent

of farms are classified as small-scale



Smallholder agricultural productivity provides continuity and sustainability to land ownership. We support smallholder farmers in increasing their productivity by providing them access to organic farm inputs and to production loans through our partner-cooperatives. We also help them in product innovation by developing with them, sustainable farming technologies. We help farmers gain leverage to access mainstream markets by strengthening their human capital, providing social assistance and inculcating environmental stewardship. We also recognize that while economic factors are major contributors for rural development, gender and environment sensitivities play a major role in making such developments sustainable.

What makes agriculture

sustainable?



ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND

We maintain soil fertility by producing our own chemical-free farm inputs



HUMANE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

We provide a safe and natural environment for animals to roam



SOCIALLY JUST

We specifically support small scale agrarian reform households to further secure their property rights over their most productive resource - their farms



ECONOMICALLY-VIABLE

We provide post-harvest, processing and marketing support built on sound business planning



How we help make

change



Agri-extension work in partner communities: We provide agricultural extension support to our partner communities engaged in the production of organic farm commodities. We establish internal quality control systems, run by organic farming co-operators, in partnership with our assisted cooperatives, as organic standard monitoring systems. These internal control systems also prepare farmers toward organic certification.

Farmers' learning circle: We organize learning circles to allow farmers share information and practical farming tips with one another. Learning circles ensure that we are able to combine indigenous farming practices with modern approaches. These circles also provide us with feedback mechanisms to improve our experimental farms and organic inputs and post-harvest facilities.





Input supply centers and post-harvest support: Through the assistance of various donors, we were able to establish input supply centres and post-harvest facilities for organic rice production in Barangay Salngan, Passi City Iloilo. This organic rice farming facility now provides post-harvest assistance and access to organic inputs to farmers in Salngan and adjacent communities.

Research, information and education: We publish communication materials to inform and educate farmers on their right to decent work and to access to productive resources. We also undertake researches to influence policies and advocacies related to agriculture and agrarian reform.



Production and credit assistance: Our assisted cooperatives “retail” production and credit support from CARRD to their individual farmer-beneficiaries. This serves as a vital support for smallholder farmers during the planting season.



Where we *work*



We cover six municipalities in the third and fourth district of Iloilo:

- Passi
- San Enrique
- Calinog
- Dingle
- Duenas
- Pototan

Our partner-cooperative, Katilingban sang Agraryo Padulong sa Pag-uswag sang Iloilo Agrarian Reform Cooperative (KASAPPI-ARC) has more than 500 farmer-members. CARRD's service communities in Passi City are the first organic farms certified by the [Organic Certification Center Of The Philippines \(OCCP\)](#). With funding support from the [Embassy of Japan in the Philippines](#), CARRD built a rice milling complex devoted to organic rice in Barangay Salngan, Passi City, Iloilo. This was complemented by post-harvest facilities and technical assistance from [Department of Agriculture](#) and [公益信託アジア・コミュニティ・トラスト / Asian Community Trust](#). The local government unit of Passi City also funded the building of an organic fertilizer processing facility to support the expansion of organic farming efforts in the adjacent communities. Recently, KASAPPI-ARC received the Department of Agriculture Region VI 2017 organic agriculture achievers award under farmers' group.