



The Impact of Conflict to the Sustainability and Resilience Capacity of Local Food Systems

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Prof. Emma Ruth V. Bayogan, PhD, retired this year but continues to work as an adjunct professor at the Department of Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies, University of the Philippines Mindanao. Her research works are focused on postharvest biology and technology, horticulture, sustainable agriculture, and seed technology coupled with extension activities. She is the current President of the PhilFruits Association. Through Dr. Bayogan's leadership, the Postharvest Laboratory was established in UP Mindanao and their laboratory regularly coordinated trainings for postharvest handling technologies. Dr. Bayogan served as the Program Leader of the DOST PCAARRD-funded research program "Enhancing Livelihood Opportunities in Conflict-Vulnerable Areas in Mindanao through the LIFE (Livelihood Improvement through Facilitated Extension) Model" from 2017 to 2021 (LIFE UP Mindanao), which aimed to improve farmers' livelihood and quality of life through facilitated extension. The program's paper "Giving Farmers uwen fananafedew: Improving Agricultural Extension in Conflict-Vulnerable Areas through the Livelihood Improvement through Facilitated Extension (LIFE) Model" won Best Development Paper in 2020 during the SMAARRDEC's Regional Symposium on Research Development and Extension Highlights and in 2021 as representative of Region XI for the National Symposium on Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development of PCAARRD.