

<b>Name of Extension/Public Service</b> (The name of the service being offered)	Conduct of Training Workshops for the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Local Government Unit (LGU) Technicians, and Cassava Farmers on the Proper Use and Handling of Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit
<b>Objective</b> (Description of the service being provided; History of service provision)	<p>These training workshops aim to create awareness among DA and LGU technicians and cassava farmers about the varying levels of cyanide in the different varieties of cassava.</p> <p>Specifically, these workshops are intended to create awareness among DA and LGU technicians and cassava farmers that the cyanide content in cassava can be analyzed in the field using the Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit. It trains DA and LGU technicians how to properly use the Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit, and in turn, encourage cassava farmers, through DA and LGU technicians, to propagate low-cyanide cassava varieties to reduce, if not totally eliminate, incidence of acute or chronic cassava cyanide poisoning.</p> <p>Lastly, it seeks to recommend to cassava consumers, through the DA and LGU technicians, ways of reducing cyanide content in cassava.</p>
<b>Duration/Date</b>	Conducted since November 2015, by request of the Department of Agriculture (DA)
<b>Target Beneficiaries</b>	DA and LGU Technicians, cassava farmers, and cassava consumers
<b>Cost of Participation</b>	Participants are charged registration fees (PhP 500 per participant) DA Regional Field Office VI shoulder the cost of training and other logistics
<b>Office in Charge</b>	Department of Chemistry College of Arts and Sciences University of the Philippines Visayas
<b>Office Profile</b> <b>Degree granting or non-degree granting</b> <b>Purpose of creation</b> <b>Location in the hierarchy</b> (Background of the office providing the service i.e. Number of personnel	The main proponent of the service, Dr. Vivian Azucena-Topor, (PhD in Biochemistry) is a senior faculty member of the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas. She is assisted by Ms. Rnie Shayne Gaurana, a junior faculty member. Prof. Steve P. Janagap, Chair of the Department of Chemistry, has also been providing logistical support for the program.

and Key personnel providing the service)	
<b>Awards/recognition received by the office</b> (The awards given by or received by the office offering the service, if any)	<p><i>Community Biochemist</i>            Awarded to Dr. Vivian Azucena-Topor by the Bato Balani Foundation, Inc. and Diwa Learning Systems</p> <p>Certificates of Recognition has always been given to the Team after training workshops.</p> <p>The Team has always been referred to thesis students, communities by DA for cassava cyanide concerns.</p>
<b>Official website and Social media accounts</b> (The link to the official website of the service)	
<b>External links for documentation</b> (The external links featuring the service [for the electronic copy, e.g. features in newspapers etc.])	<p><a href="http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/339-topor-is-bato-balani-foundation-inc-the-many-faces-of-the-teacher-2016-honoree">http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/339-topor-is-bato-balani-foundation-inc-the-many-faces-of-the-teacher-2016-honoree</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/278-dept-chem-cas-holds-technical-briefing-on-cassava-in-aklan">http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/278-dept-chem-cas-holds-technical-briefing-on-cassava-in-aklan</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/236-dept-chem-cas-team-develops-an-easy-to-use-cassava-cyanide-test-kit">http://www.upv.edu.ph/index.php/news/236-dept-chem-cas-team-develops-an-easy-to-use-cassava-cyanide-test-kit</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.upv.edu.ph">www.upv.edu.ph</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.batobalanifoundation.org.ph">www.batobalanifoundation.org.ph</a></p> <p>Philippine Daily Inquirer, dated October 6, 2016 (which article? Info can be redacted if unable to retrieve link)</p>
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<b>Other Remarks</b>	This activity has been reported to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension at UP Visayas. The project was initially funded by the UPV Foundation, Inc.
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