

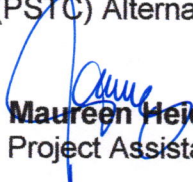
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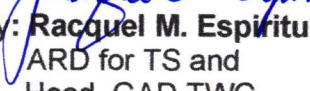


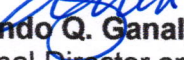
Face-to-Face Discussion of GFPS Members with the CEST Program Implementers at the Technical Services Office. In the photos were: (from front left) Ms. Angel Lyn O Leandado, Ms. Joanna Rose P. Angayen, Ms. Maureen Heidi L. Perez, Mr. John Oliver E. De Vera, and ARD Racquel M. Espiritu.

DOST 1 GFPS conducts self-assessment on CEST Program using HGDG Tool

The DOST 1 GAD Focal Point System – Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) convened with CEST Program Implementers and conducted a focus group discussion and Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) workshop on Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Operations Manual on June 22, 2021 via Microsoft Teams and face-to-face meeting. The activity was presided by Ms. Racquel M. Espiritu, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services and GFPS-TWG Head. Using the Project Implementation and Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation (PIMME) Checklist, the participants assessed the CEST Operations Manual and garnered a score of 14.25 which means that the program is gender-sensitive. The PIMME Checklist or the HGDG Box 16 and 17, is used to determine the extent that the targeted HGDG score is attained based on the program/project's annual accomplishment report. The score indicates the level of gender-responsiveness of the program/project. One of the issues identified was the traditional assignments of works for both sexes that is prevalent to the beneficiary communities where conduct of gender-related capacity buildings is recommended to better appreciate sex and gender roles of every beneficiary. It must be noted that in identifying and addressing gender issues, project implementers must be sensitive to the socioeconomic variations to both men and women beneficiaries. The activity was participated by 13, composed of 7 females and 6 males, GFPS Members, Provincial S&T Center (PSTC) Alternates/Representatives and CEST Program Implementers.

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