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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Advocacy campaign and social mobilization
- Market Participation
- Project monitoring and evaluation
- Communicating and promoting rice science and technology



## FEATURED DEVELOPMENT WORK

Hazel served as the director of the Department of Agriculture's rice demand management campaign dubbed as the National Year of Rice 2013 that later on evolved into the Be RICEpossible campaign. Both of which won several awards. These aimed at helping the country achieve rice self-sufficiency while helping increase the income of rice farmers and promoting better health among rice consumers. Hazel also pioneered the work in making brown or unpolished white rice more accessible and affordable by tapping farmers' cooperatives and linking them to suppliers and restaurant associations. Thus, helping farmers increase their income while making brown rice more affordable and accessible to consumers. Different local policies such as the ordinance requiring the serving of half-cup of rice to lessen rice wastage, and the resolution to serve brown rice in food establishments to make a healthier rice option available, are also in place in various local government units because of her.



Hazel earned a Master of Science degree in International Development Studies, with specialization in development economics, from Wageningen University and Research Center in The Netherlands. While studying, she was commissioned to assist in the university's European Union project on integrated testing strategies and was chosen to be the university's delegate to the International Conference on Civil Society, Politics, Development, and Donors Strategy in Southern Africa. These gave her additional training on environmental economics and humanitarian aid and reconstruction. She finished Bachelor of Science in Development Communication with recognition at the University of the Philippines Los Baños with development journalism as major.

She is now doing her PhD in Development Studies at the University of Auckland with a research on rice farmers' market participation.