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## TAPATAN on Disaster Preparedness & Climate Change Adaptation

DILG R1 gears up for TAPATAN on Disaster Preparedness and Climate Change Adaptation; SILG Robredo leads guests line - up



*City of San Fernando, La Union* – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 is gearing up to conduct the Tapatan on Disaster Preparedness and Climate Change Adaptation on July 10, 2012 at the Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Regional Director Corazon P. Guray said, “No less than Secretary Jesse M. Robredo will spearhead this activity where we are expecting to convene an estimated 400 participants composed of Governors, Mayors and other local officials, and local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (DRRMOs) from the 129 Provinces, Cities and Municipalities of the Region.” She added that

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## Region 1 inaugurates completed projects under the SaLiNTubig Program - the first nationwide

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH) and National Anti – Poverty Commission (NAPC) inaugurated and turned over completed projects under the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig (SaLiNTubig) Program to the Municipalities of Aguilar and Bolinao, both in the Province of Pangasinan. The waterworks systems are the very first projects completed out of the 155 Projects under the SaLiNTubig Program nationwide.

“The project is now yours,” declared DILG Region 1 Director Corazon P. Guray to the Municipal and Barangay Officials, and other stakeholders, of Aguilar, Pangasinan, when the Php11 Million worth Bayog Spring Development Project – Level II was handed over to the said municipality. The Director said that Aguilar was blessed being one of the only three (3) municipalities all over the region which benefitted from the SaLiNTubig Program. She also enjoined them to take care and maintain this blessing, as “water is life” Dir. Guray said. *(continued to page 7)*



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## Performance Challenge Fund: Success Story

# "PCF: Key to Expanded Health Services of Cervantes, Ilocos Sur"



***As they always say, "Health is Wealth". There is also a common belief that, the healthier a person, the more productive and competitive he is; thus, he is considered an asset of the community.***

Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandated every Local Government Units (LGUs) to extend basic health services to its constituents and ensure that health and safety is promoted. Included to this mandate is the provision and sustainability of basic health facilities, advocacy campaign on the promotion of healthy lifestyle, maternal and childcare protection, and nutrition program, among others.

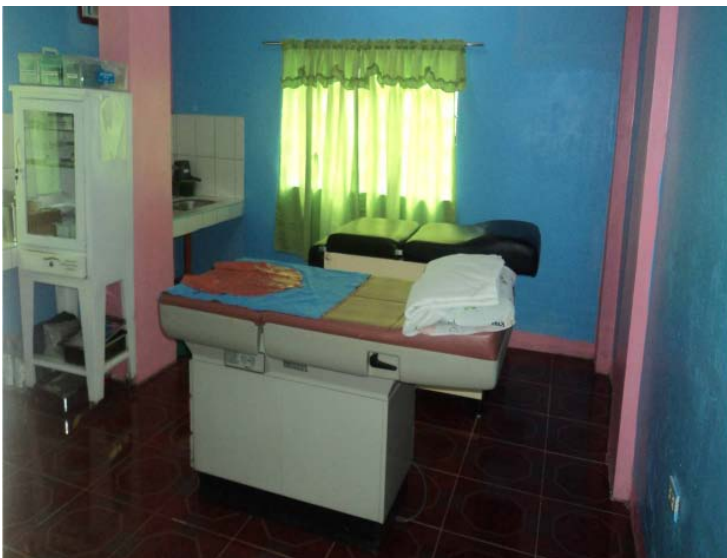
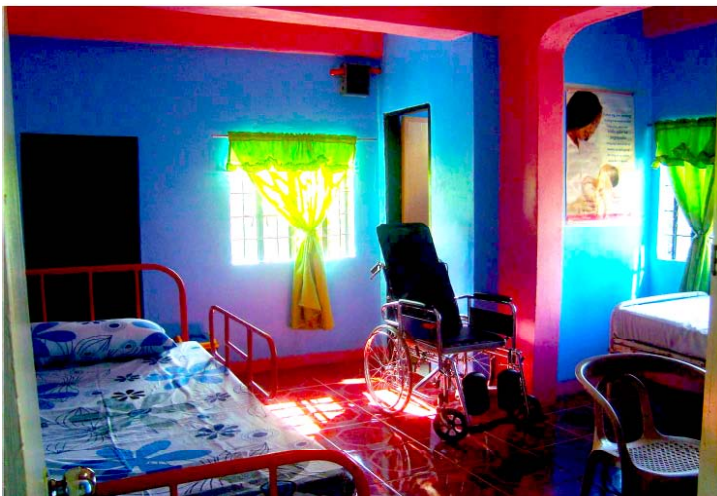
Likewise, the realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is a joint undertaking of the national government and LGUs. They (LGUs) hold a very critical role in addressing the MDGs especially on the reduction of child mortality, improvement of maternal health care, and combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other infectious diseases. These concerns focus on health that every established Rural Health Units (RHUs) should perform.

The Municipality of Cervantes, Ilocos Sur has its Rural Health Building, which, at the same time serves as the Municipal Health Office (MHO). This is where the residents of the municipality go for medical consultations and other health services. Before its completion in 2011-2012, the said facility could not accommodate all clients. The Municipality started renovating the building in the last quarter of 2010. However, due to insufficient funds, the LGU was unable to complete the renovation. Despite the condition, the MHO occupied the building to continuously deliver health services.

In 2011, when Cervantes was stamped with the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH), the local officials realized their vision of a complete and functional RHU, with the PhP1M Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) and the PhP1.590M counterpart from the LGU RA 7171 share.

The completion of the RHU Building opened new opportunities to provide additional health services, which, they were unable to provide in the previous years. According to the

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## Key to Expanded Health Services...

MH Officer, Dr. Gaudencio T. Bustillo and his staff, the RHU is more spacious now and that "working here is more comfortable compared to the old building with very limited space and facilities." Before, service provided by the RHU is limited to medical consultations for outpatients and walk-in clients. Now, the completed RHU operates round the clock and is utilized as birthing facility. Since its completion in March 2012, there were 16 recorded deliveries normal delivery. The Municipality organized the Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEMONC) Team to ensure safe delivery of women admitted in the RHU.

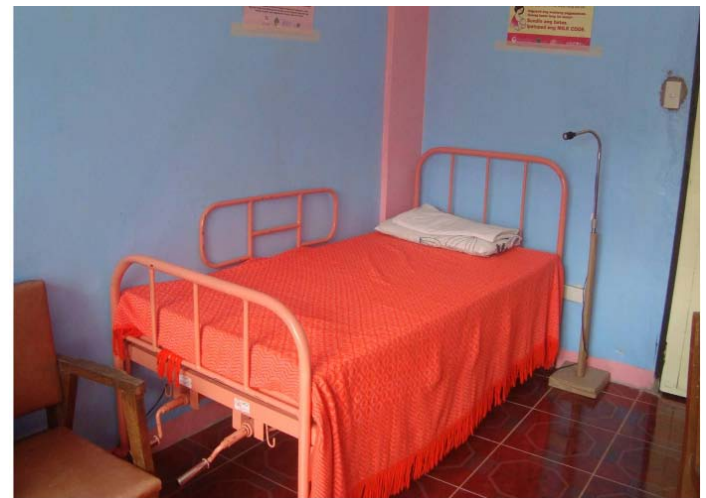
Also, based on the records of community midwives, there was a significant decrease in the number of home deliveries compared to previous years. This implies that pregnant women now prefer to go to hospitals or the RHU than giving birth at home, resulting to decrease in mother and child mortality rates.

Mrs. Laura Ganase, a resident of Brgy. Rosario, Cervantes, Ilocos Sur who gave birth at the RHU on April 28, 2012 said that, she opted to be admitted in the Unit instead of going to the hospital because it was nearer from their residence and expenses incurred was much lower compared to private hospitals and other birthing facilities outside the Cervantes. And if she will again get pregnant, Mrs. Ganase said that she would still choose to deliver her baby at the RHU.

Mrs. Cristeta Apalla, of Brgy. Concepcion, who gave birth to her fifth child on April 17, 2012, said that, personnel of the RHU are very accommodating and friendly in treating their patients. Of her five (5) children, four (4) of them were born thru home deliveries; to ensure her safety and of her fifth baby, however, Mrs. Apalla decided to give birth at the RHU.

The RHU personnel also observed that since the Unit became fully functional, with its expanded services and their continued health advocacies and service offerings, there was an increase in the number of medical consultations.

In addition to regular medical services, the RHU now features two (2) bedroom labor and recovery rooms, delivery room, two (2) healing rooms for alternative medicine such as acupuncture, "bentosa" treatment massage, herbal compress and moxibustion, and one laboratory room. A separate conference room for Rural Health Midwives and RHU personnel aa separate



offices for the Sanitary Inspector, DOH Representative, MH Officer, Nurses and support personnel were also provided to ensure a quality delivery of health services.

With the completed RHU building, the LGU could further improve the delivery of health services not only to its own constituents but other residents of nearby towns. (OIC - MLGOO Gerald Gallardo)



# "PCF: Matatag na Tulay tungo sa mas Masaganang Pamumuhay" - Candon City, Ilocos Sur

One essential factor, which contributes to economic growth and development of an area, is the presence of road network. Tablac, one of the 42 barangays of Candon City, Ilocos Sur, is considered to have the largest land area (713.65 hectares) and population (3,329 people) based on the 2007 Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS) results. It is located along the national highway extending about 5 kilometers eastward. It has an average gross annual actual income of 1,692,483.03 for the last three years (2009 – 2011). And based on the COMELEC April 16, 2012 data, the barangay has 1,523 registered voters. Tablac is composed of seven (7) "sitios", namely: Tayab, Highway, Surdoc, Centro, Turod, Callagip and Pacquiao.



In "Sitio Tayab", a major creek separates 128 households from the major access road of the barangay. Before the construction of the project, a wooden bridge served as the only option for vehicles and pedestrians, permitting only one vehicle to pass precariously. The City Government regularly replaced the wooden running boards to maintain the integrity of the structure, which, was taxing on their part.



In 2011, Candon City was conferred with the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) and was eligible to receive the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF). The City Government Officials prioritized the construction of a concrete bridge, replacing the wooden structure, to ensure the smooth and safe flow of traffic and increase the economic activities of the affected households in Sitio Tayab.



Farming is the main source of livelihood of these people. Transporting their farm produce to the city proper is now safer, more convenient and faster resulting to increased income and better quality of life. Public transportations like the tricycle, 4-wheel vehicles and delivery vans carrying goods into the "sitio" can already pass the bridge easily. Harvest season rewards the hard labors of the barangay folks and their mobility in transporting their products saves them time and costs. (OIC - CLGOO Andres A. Vendiola, Jr)

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representatives from civil society organizations, national government agencies, media and local resource institutions were also invited to take part in the event.

“This is the second time that DILG is doing Tapatan. The first one was last year where the Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) of the Department was put across. The compliance of local government units in the Region is excellent. One hundred percent of the 129 Provinces, Cities and Municipalities are disclosing their local budgets and finances, including their bids and public offerings,” Director Guray shared. She added, “This year, we are bringing Disaster Preparedness and Climate Change Adaptation at the fore front because we want to stress the urgent message that all stakeholders must work together now to make our local governments disaster prepared and resource – able.” The ultimate goal, the Director said, is to make the communities and the more than 4.7 million populace of Region 1 safe.

Aside from the Call to Action Message and the “Tapatan” or the open dialogue between Secretary Robredo and the participants, other highlights of the activity is the release of more than Php31M Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) to cities and municipalities stamped with the 2011 Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) of the DILG. Also, eight (8) Municipal Mayors will enter into Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig (SaLiNTubig) Para sa Lahat Program. The target municipalities will receive Php7M SaLiNTubig grants, while the target barangay will be given Php3M.

Resource Speakers from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Climate Change Commission (CCC), the DILG and the University of the Philippines – Diliman will discuss the National DRRM Framework Plan, National CCA Plan, Enhancing LGU Capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation and Project Noah. *(LGOO V Lily Ann O. Colisao)*

## “Mayors and Punong Barangays should join forces to combat Dengue” - DILG



The Regional Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1, Dir. Corazon P. Guray, enjoined all DILG Provincial Directors, Cluster Leaders and field officers to ensure that Mayors and Punong Barangays join forces and are working together to combat dengue.

“It is rainy season once again. We already know that dengue – carrying mosquitoes thrive during this season especially in dirty surroundings. We should make sure that efforts exerted in previous months’ dengue clean – up drives will be sustained, or should be intensified,” Director Guray started. She shared DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo’s call for Mayors and Punong Barangays to team – up and lead the Aksyon Barangay Kontra Dengue (ABKD), the national government’s response to intensify the fight against dengue outbreak.

“The ABKD is an inter – agency cooperation strategy which also aims to reduce dengue cases and control dengue transmission” the Director added.

In the implementation of the ABKD, the Department enjoined punong barangays to spearhead and intensify the conduct of clean-up drives through the mobilization of volunteers, residents and Barangay Health Workers and Health Emergency Response Teams and Tanods.

Director Guray further strengthened the Department’s call by reiterating Secretary Robredo’s statement, “if we really want zero-dengue incidence, this (clean-up activity) should be a regular activity in all barangays that should be participated in by residents and other concerned sectors.” *(continued at page 8)*

**Erratum:** The article published “Candon formally begins LGSF project” in the 1st quarter issue was written by OIC - CLGOO Andres A. Vendiola, Jr. not LGOO V Cynthia P. Pe Benito



*Across the Region...*

## Laoac's BIKE for Continuous Development

("BIKE for Continuous Development", is the entry of Laoac, Pangasinan to the National Literacy Awards 2012, was subjected to onsite assessment & validation of the Board of Judges/National Awards Committee recently.)

The acronym **BIKE** stands for **B**aguhin (transparency and accountability in financial transactions); **I**angat ang **K**abuhayan (Economic Development); **K**alidad na **S**erbisyo **H**indi **N**egosyo (Quality Public Service); **E**dukasyon (Education is the future of the next generation). This encompasses all the major thrusts of the present administration which are all geared towards the upliftment of the quality of life of every Lawakenian especially the poorest of the poor.

These thrusts are also aligned to the five (5) performance areas of the Local Governance Performance Measurement System (LGPMS) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the yardstick of good governance and the benchmark of all local government programs, projects and activities.

Major accomplishments of the LGU on education are the establishment of two (2) integrated schools – Calmay Integrated School and Don Maximo G. Gombio Panaga Tabao Integrated School; construction of multi-purpose classrooms at Cabilaoan Agro-Industrial High School & Laoac National High School; distribution of 16 sets of computers and printers in public elementary and secondary schools; construction of



plant boxes and steel truss roofing at Turko Elementary School and Quevedo – Anisca Elementary School, respectively and academic scholarships.

The LGU has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with TESDA - Luciano Milan Memorial School of Arts and Trade (LMMSAT) to establish a TESDA satellite school at the municipality under the "Kasanayan, Kabuhayan Para sa Kinabukasan" program. To date, 1,465 graduates have finished different courses, 54 of which are already employed locally and 21 internationally. Seventy five (75) have put up their own businesses through the capital assistance program.

"That education is one of the cornerstones of my programs of government is by no means not an accident. Everything in life is hinged on learning. And from learning comes the power to make informed decisions... to make the right choices," Mayor Silverio D. Alarcio, Jr. explained during the validation program.

This 4th income-class municipality is again the region's nominee to the national search for Best LGU on Literacy Programs Category B. In 2010, the LGU bagged the 3rd prize at the national level. (MLGOO Hedelisa R. Bergonia)

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In 2007, the Municipality of Aguilar specifically Sitio Mapita of Barangay Laoag, one of the beneficiary barangays of the Bayog Spring Development Project, was one of the areas with the most number of cholera cases in the region. Thus, in his acceptance speech, Mayor Ballesteros was very grateful to the three (3) national government agencies and to the President for granting Aguilar the opportunity to be one of the LGU beneficiaries of the SaLiNTubig Program.

### Coming full circle

For Bolinao, Pangasinan, the completion of the Bolinao Waterworks System – Level III Expansion Project under the SaLiNTubig Program, is like coming in full circle. The waterworks systems which the present local administration started replacing three (3) years ago was the same waterworks systems which were granted to the local government unit when the DILG was still known as the Presidential Arm on Community Development (PACD).

The more than PhP14M project covered five (5) waterless barangays of Bolinao, namely: Arnedo, Concordia, Luciente 1, Balingasay and Germinal. The target household is 830 spread throughout these barangays. Fourteen (14) days after its completion, a total of 395 households are already benefitting and connected in the waterworks system.

The SaLiNTubig Program promotes shared responsibility between the national government and local government units in providing water supply systems to waterless areas by awarding national government grants and requiring local government counterpart funding. For the completion of the Bayog Spring Development Project, Aguilar provided a counterpart of PhP1M, while Bolinao allotted PhP3.3M for the completion of its Level III Waterworks System Expansion Project.

For CY 2012, NAPC identified eight (8) local government units in Region I as beneficiaries. These are the Municipalities of Suyo, Ilocos Sur, Burgos, La Union, Banna, Ilocos Norte, Bani, Pangasinan; and Barangays from Agoo, La Union, Naguilan, La Union and Magsingal, Ilocos Sur. Target Municipalities will receive PhP7M SaLiNTubig grants, while the target barangay will be given PhP3M. The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among all stakeholders will be witnessed by DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo during the Tapatán on Disaster Preparedness on July 10, 2012 at Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union. (LGOO V Lily Ann O. Colisao)

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Region 1 DOH Director Dr. Myrna C. Cabotaje shared that the SaLiNTubig is part of President Aquino's Universal Health Program. "The Salintubig is implemented by the DILG, DOH and NAPC. For CY 2011, the NAPC identified the beneficiary - LGUs, while the DILG provided capacity development activities and the DOH released the funds." "For this year, however," Dir. Cabotaje added, "that the DILG will release the funds while the DOH will provide the necessary technical assistance. The NAPC is still responsible in the identification of beneficiaries."

Engr. Jose Carmelo Hendrano, a consultant from NAPC, on the other hand, emphasized the need for the less fortunate sectors of the community to have access to the projects given by the national government. "With the completion of the Bayog Spring Development, I believe that the more than 3000 community folks of Aguilar will enjoy having potable water for the longest time," he said.

The Bayog Spring Development Project – Level II of Aguilar, Pangasinan will benefit three (3) barangays: Poblacion, Pogombo and Laoag. More than 900 households or 3000 residents of these barangays will have access to communal sources of potable water.



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On the other hand, city and municipal mayors, should cause the enactment of an ordinance embodying measures on dengue prevention and control, as well as allocate funds for dengue prevention and control, subject to national and local rules and regulations.

Moreover, Director Guray emphasized the directive of the Secretary for Mayors to ensure that punong barangays under their supervision should carry out the “conduct of information campaign relative to the Ovicidal / Larvicidal (OL) – Trap system as a strategy to control and detect impending dengue outbreaks.”

The OL Trap System, a device consisting of a tumbler, strips of plywood and pellets, can detect population of the Aedes mosquito, the carrier of dengue, and acts as an early warning signal to pre-empt any impending dengue outbreaks.

Punong Barangays should also assist in the identification of distribution centers or stores for the kits, mobilize the Barangay Health Teams as distribution agents of OL-Trap products, and allocate funds to sustain the continuous supply of OL-Trap materials for free to their barangay constituents.

Similarly, city or municipal health officers are expected to conduct massive information campaign relative to the OL-Trap system; monitor the health situation; provide data on dengue cases to partner agencies; extend technical assistance in the conduct of training and orientation relative to dengue prevention and control; devise a scheme of providing support fund to ensure sustainability of dengue prevention and control; and ensure that dengue patients are provided with timely and proper medical attention.

Last year, a total of 25,533 dengue cases have been reported, which resulted to the death of 180 patients where most of the victims were children ages 1 to 15 years old.

The DILG designated a regional focal person on dengue to monitor the actions undertaken by the city, municipal and barangay governments and require them to submit quarterly reports to the DILG Secretary. *(LGOO V Lily Ann O. Colisao / With Reports from the Office of Public Affairs)*

## Events



DILG Region 1 trains the members of the Special Project Development and Management Team (SPDMT) to ensure the efficient implementation of PCF, SGH, Gawad Pamana ng Lahi, SaLiNTubig and Anti - Red Tape Act (ARTA) Report Card Survey (RCS). The SPDMT is composed of regional and provincial management and key personnel.



RD Guray and LGOO V Sharwyn M. Sangel listen to the updates of LGOO V / HEA Lily Ann O. Colisao on Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Family - based Actions for Children and their Environs in the Slums (FACES). The cities of Batac and Laoag of Ilocos Norte are among the new targets of the 2nd National Roll - out of the Program and will receive Php300, 000.00 funding assistance from the Department through the Local Government Academy (LGA).

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DILG Regional Director Corazon P. Guray, in two separate events promotes the major thrust of the Department. She, as the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the joint June 12, 2012 Independence Day Celebration of La Union and City of San Fernando; and in Aguilar, Pangasinan during the inauguration of their SaLiNTubug Program project.



## LGOO 47th Batch



The balancing act of the 35 Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) trainees of DILG Region 1, combining fun and hard work. The trainees celebrated their 'Fiesta' and took time out from their hectic training schedules.

## *DILG R1 2nd Quarter Financial Report*

P/P/A ALLOTMENT OF CLASS OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	ALLOTMENT RECEIVED	OBLIGATIONS INCURRED		UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF ALLOTMENT
		THIS REPORT	TO DATE	
<b>CURRENT</b>				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
PS	P 102,564,000.00	14,116,441.02	69,451,835.00	33,112,165.00
MOOE	20,330,000.00	1,051,663.33	5,582,771.12	14,747,228.88
PEACE AND ORDER	432,000.00		31,592.75	400,407.25
CAPITAL OUTLAY	32,000,000.00	-	-	32,000,000.00
SUB-TOTAL, REGULAR APPRO.	155,326,000.00	15,168,104.35	75,066,198.87	80,259,801.13
SSL 3 (second tranche)				
MPBF				-
PS				
SUB-TOTAL, MPBF	P -	-	-	-
RLIP				-
REGULAR	9,830,000.00	1,555,121.00	6,577,309.85	3,252,690.15
TOTAL, RLIP	P 9,830,000.00	1,555,121.00	6,577,309.85	3,252,690.15
OTHER RELEASES				-
SA 2012-011	296,000.00		296,000.00	-
SA 2012-048	128,000.00		128,000.00	-
SA 2012-086	442,800.00	74,415.00	100,452.00	342,348.00
SA 2012-029	323,000.00	18,273.50	252,776.50	70,223.50
SA 2012-115	11,406.00	2,492.00	11,406.00	-
SA 2012-138	46,000,000.00		46,000,000.00	-
SA 2012-222	106,000.00		106,000.00	-
SA 2012-205	28,000,000.00		28,000,000.00	-
SA 2012-188	79,800.00	79,800.00	79,800.00	-
SA 2012-173	344,000.00		344,000.00	-
SA 2012-163	80,800.00		80,800.00	-
SA 2012-257	368,975.00	52,365.00	52,365.00	316,610.00
SLLIII (Third Tranche)				
SARO-BMB-D-12-0993455	10,473,000.00	-	-	10,473,000.00
SARO-BMB-D-12-0993456	1,158,000.00	-	-	1,158,000.00
SUB-TOTAL, REGULAR APPRO				-
TOTAL	87,811,781.00	227,345.50	75,451,599.50	12,360,181.50
CONTINUING Appropriations				-
POC	142,742.75	142,742.75	142,742.75	-
SA2011-569	14.00			14.00
	142,756.75	142,742.75	142,742.75	14.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>P 253,110,537.75</b>	<b>17,093,313.60</b>	<b>157,237,850.97</b>	<b>95,872,686.78</b>