



DILG Pangasinan: Best Performing Province for CY 2017

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) awarded CY 2017 Best Performers during the Regional Management Committee (RMC) Meeting, Awarding of CY 2017 Best Performers, and Capability building for GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) cum Quality Management System (QMS) Implementation Updates on May 21-25, 2018 at El Cielito Hotel, Baguio City.

The results were deliberated by members of the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee of DILG Region 1.

Best Performing Province

DILG Pangasinan was awarded the Best Performing Province for CY 2017 in the implementation of the various programs, projects and activities (PPAs) and compliance to financial and administrative requirements which contributed to the attainment of the Department's thrusts and accomplishments.

On behalf of DILG Pangasinan Provincial Director Agnes A. De Leon, OIC-Program Manager LGOO III Cyrus Rommel Evangelista expressed his gratitude.

In his message, he emphasized the importance of teamwork and unity in reaching a single goal.

"It is a joint effort. This award is a testimony that by working together everything is possible, so I thank the management for recognizing our efforts," he said.

The three other provinces were awarded as follows: 1st Runner-up - DILG Ilocos Sur; 2nd Runner-up - DILG La Union; and 3rd Runner-up - DILG Ilocos Norte.

Best C/MLGOO

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LDP planning and implementation for LGUs enhanced



The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) is conducting a new capability program dubbed as Enhancing LGU's Capacity on Planning and Implementation of Local Development Programs (LDP) for 4th to 6th income class municipalities in the region.

The capability program is composed of five training components focused on project development, government project procurement, contract management, project implementation and management, and sustainability planning.

Through this program the identified LGUs are expected to improve their competencies and capabilities in planning, implementing and managing their local development projects, contributing to the competitiveness of our country in the ASEAN region.

Two of the five training components were conducted on the first semester of 2018.

Project Development

The training on Project Development was conducted on March 26-27, 2018. It was attended by Municipal Engineers and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs) of 39 municipalities.

The training team was headed by Project Development, Investment Programming and Budgeting Chief Ms. Caroline M. Castro of National Economic Development Authority (NEDA). They discussed the basic parts of a project proposal with emphasis on its market, socio-economic, technical, financial, and environmental aspects.

The training aimed to capacitate the municipal engineers and MPDCs in creating a more

comprehensive project plan that would emphasize the importance of project monitoring and evaluation, marketability of a project, and avoidance of serious or irreversible damage to the environment, among others.

Government Procurement

The second training component entitled "Orientation Training on Government Project Procurement and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRRs)" was held on April 18-20, 2018 at the Hotel Stotsenberg, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga.

Participants composed of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) members and secretariat of the 34 4th to 5th income class municipalities, provincial BAC members, technical working group and secretariat.

In his message, Local Government Capability Development Division Chief, Pedro D. Gonzales, emphasized the importance of procurement in the planning process.

"This training is one of the interventions to address the need for LGUs to enhance their competencies relative to project planning and implementation," he said.

On the other hand, Regional Director James F. Fadrihan expressed his gratitude to the participants for responding to the invitation. *(cont. on page 6)*

DILG R1 ready to implement "all-in" in SGLG



On May 04, 2018 the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) conducted the 2018 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Regional Orientation at the DILG Regional Office 1 Training Hall, San Fernando City, La Union.

The activity was attended by members of the Regional Assessment Team (RAT) together with NGO representatives, DILG Provincial Office staff, and DILG R1 Technical staff.

In his welcome remarks, Regional Director James F. Fadrilan shared the message of DILG Usec. Austere A. Panadero, Undersecretary for Local Government, that the LGUs must be evaluated in accordance with their strict compliance to the guidelines of 2018 SGLG.

"We are not after the number but the quality of passers," RD Fadrilan said.

He ended his message with a reminder to the assessment team: *"Let us uphold the integrity and credibility of the assessment."*

Among the 17 regions nationwide, DILG R1 has registered the most number of SGLG passers for the past 3 years. In 2017, 68 LGUs received the award which represents 53% of the total number of LGUs assessed in the region- a 51% increase from

the 45 LGU passers in 2016 and a 70% increase from the 40 LGU passers in 2015.

SGLG provincial orientations were also held on May 10, 2018 for the provinces of Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan and on May 11, 2018 for the province of Ilocos Norte.

On July 13-20, 2018 the Regional Assessment Team (RAT) conducted documentary review and data verification, completeness and sufficiency of documents for the 129 local government units (LGUs) of Region 1. It was done through a table assessment at the DILG Region 1 training hall.

For 2018, the Seal shifts its focus to a more results-based parameter that would influence behavioral change. It included gradual introduction of output-outcome indicators and exacting accountability from supervisory function over lower LGUs and facilitate a holistic approach for development. From its "4+1" criteria, it transitioned to "All-in" where LGUs have to pass all the assessment areas, namely: Financial Administration; Disaster Preparedness; Social Protection; Peace and Order; Business-friendliness and Competitiveness; and Environmental Management, Tourism, Culture, and the Arts.

(LGOO V Hope E. Ordoño)

Bridging the gap: CO launches "Ugnayan Program" during 1st Quarter RMC



"Ugnayan is aimed to bridge the gap between the central office and regional operating units in terms of coordination, complementation, and communication."

This was the opening statement conveyed by Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba, Director of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) during the conduct of "Ugnayan: Interfacing with the Regional Management Committee (RMC)" on May 22, 2018 at El Cielito Hotel Baguio, Baguio City.

In his message, he emphasized the importance of nurturing the relationship between the central office and the regional operating units.

"Proper guidance inspires us to respond effectively and it helps us in bringing the fruits of what we want to achieve for the LGUs," he said.

His message further stressed the benefits of having a system of acquiring and sharing information within the Department that would lead to the creation of a more sustainable, reliable, and grounded strategic plan.

He also pointed-out that Ugnayan is not just a mere meeting but it can be used as a medium to share experiences and challenges among

field offices. It may also serve as a feedback mechanism in order to enhance Department policies. A collaborative effort may also be employed to conduct LGU site validation to get updates from their PPA implementation.

On the other hand, Asec. Ester A. Aldana, Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance discussed the FY 2017 and FY 2018 Comparative Budget of the Department.

Asec. Aldana discussed the importance of timely and proper obligation and disbursement of financial resources in the Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) especially in good governance conditions. She said that having a large amount of savings is attributed to poor planning. She also said that the DILG qualified for the 2017 PBB and that as of April 30 this year, DILG Region 1 is the highest in the utilization of funds in all the regions.

Finally, OIC Veronica B. Macabate, Personnel Division, discussed the salient features of the Omnibus Rule on Appointments.

(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)

Orientation on BNEO for GREAT Barangays Program held

On June 5, 2018 the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) conducted the Regional Orientation on the Barangay Newly- Elected Officials (BNEO) towards Grassroots Renewal and Empowerment for Accountable and Transparent (GREAT) Barangays Program.

The regional orientation was attended by DILG R1 personnel composed of the division chiefs, provincial directors, program managers, cluster leaders and city/municipal local government operations officer.

In her opening message, ARD Victoria H. Ramos encouraged the participants to give inputs in enhancing the training plan given by the Local Government Academy (LGA) to ensure the effective implementation of the program. She stated that the program may be implemented in partnership with the Liga ng mga Barangay or with Local Resource Institutes.

LGCCD Chief Pedro D. Gonzales, discussed the provisions included in Memorandum Circular No.



2018-77: Guidelines in the conduct of the BNEO towards GREAT Barangays Program.

He emphasized that the program is designed to meet the challenges of reinvigorating the political and administrative leadership, and preparing the Barangays/ Barangay Officials in actively fulfilling their roles and relevance to development.

Other topics presented were the BNEO GREAT Barangays Webinar Platform, BNEO Monitoring and Evaluation, and the Preparation of a Provincial Action Plan.

(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)

Newly elected SK officers undergo mandatory training

The involvement of the youth in the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and Katipunan ng mga Kabataan (KK) is one way of empowering them and ensuring their meaningful participation in local governance and public affairs.

That is why the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with the National Youth Commission (NYC) implemented the Sangguniang Kabataan Mandatory Training (SKMT) for all elected SK Officials.

In Region 1, the SKMT was conducted from May 16-26, 2018. It covered all the 3,267 barangays of the region. To make the implementation more participative and comprehensive, DILG Region 1 invited local resource institutes (LRIs) that helped in facilitating the training.

These LRIs are: Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU); University of Northern Philippines (UNP); North Luzon Philippines State College (NLPSC); Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC); Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU); Pangasinan State University (PSU); Saint Louis College

(SLC); Gifted Learning Center (GLC); and Lyceum-Northwestern University (LNU).

Aside from the LRI's involvement, the region also came up with the initiative to conduct an orientation to DILG R1 Provincial Focal Persons who will in turn re-echo the SKMT modules to the city/municipal local government operations officers (C/MLGOO).

These initiatives ensured that there are sufficient numbers of competent resource speakers in the whole duration of the training.

The conduct of the SKMT is pursuant to section 27 of RA 10742 otherwise known as the "Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015". It states that the Sangguniang Kabataan official, whether elected or appointed, must undergo a mandatory training before he or she can assume office. *(LGOO V Nicolette May O. Amon)*

2018 World Water Day – “Nature for Water”



The DILG-OPDS, through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) of DILG Region I steered the celebration of the 2018 World Water Day on April 17, 2018 with the theme “Nature for Water” – exploring nature-based solutions to the water challenges we face in the 21st century.

Over 30 participants composed of residents and DILG personnel took part in the community clean-up activity conducted around the water reservoir in Barangay Bato, the selected barangay in the Municipality of Naguilian, La Union.

This is a movement to carry out the advocacy to inform and educate the public about the significance of water conservation and sanitation.

The yearly celebration of the World Water Day is a reminder on the importance of water. It is likewise a chance to encourage everyone to maintain water resources for the next generation to enjoy.

World Water Day is an international observance and an opportunity to learn more about water related issues. World Water Day dates back to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development where an international observance for water was recommended. The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day. It has been held annually since then. Each year, UN-Water — the entity that coordinates the UN’s work on water and sanitation — sets a theme for World Water Day corresponding to a current or future challenge. The engagement campaign is coordinated by one or several of the UN-Water Members with a related mandate.

(IO II Alethea A. Cedo)

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“Thank you for coming despite your hectic schedules in the LGU and to the training team headed by RD Failon,” he said.

“Problem arises when there are different interpretation of the IRR and I hope that this engagement has given all of you better understanding dahil napaka-importante na ating malaman ang ating bidding process so that it can be as smooth and efficient as it should be,” he added.

The training aimed to give the participants an overview of RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act; its revised IRR; the concept of Green Procurement; procurement planning and monitoring and; the stages of the procurement process.

The training team was headed by the Department of Budget and Management Region 1 (DBM R1) Director Nenita A. Failon.

Other Trainings

The three remaining training components, are expected to be conducted on the second semester of 2018 until the first quarter of 2019.

Conducting these activities will further improve the capacity of the LGUs in project development, feasibility analysis, resource mobilization, and project proposal preparation and negotiation. It is also expected that it will strengthen the capacity of LGUs in developing, marketing and managing local development projects.

(LGOO V May Rose R. Ancheta)

DILG R1 conducts initial meeting for the CSBP RWG



As the lead agency for the Regional Working Group (RWG) on Employment and Livelihood Team, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) conducted the first meeting on June 19, 2018 at the DILG RO 1 Conference Room.

It was a venue to unify the monitoring activities of the member-agencies involved in coordination and in the provision of employment and livelihood assistance to dependents covered under the Comprehensive Services Benefits Program (CSBP).

DILG R1 Assistant Regional Director Victoria H. Ramos, CESO V commended the presence of all the member-agencies through their CSBP Focal Persons: TIDS Allan O. Lulu of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); PDO II Maynard A. Cezar of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); SLEO Barbara Macabiog of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); and RPIO Esperanza C. Tinaza of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The invited Resource Persons from the Presidential Management Staff-Regional Field Unit 1 (PMS-RFU1) Officer-in-Charge Julieta B. Castañares, CSBP Focal Mark T. Eslava and PSA George Marquez along with ARD Victoria H. Ramos facilitated the activity and provided the participants a comprehensive update for each of the Killed-in-Action (KIA) and Killed-in-Police Operations (KIPO) dependents.

To date, there are 11 battle casualty for Region I: seven (7) KIA and four (4) KIPO. PMS-RFU1 OIC Castañares cited that so far, the CSBP beneficiaries

of Region I have already received the assistance committed by the President. She was pleased to announce that the Region has the least number of casualties in the country.

The CSBP is a priority program of the President for the effective and efficient delivery of social benefits/assistance to AFP soldiers and PNP personnel who are battle/duty casualties and their dependents for the period starting in July 1, 2016.

There are six (6) RWG in each region nationwide created to assist the implementing agencies at the national and regional levels.

The other RWG Composite Teams are: Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT); Capacity-Building Training (CBT); Housing; Education; and Healthcare (PhilHealth membership and Medical Assistance). **(SAO Corazon C. Sibayan)**



DILG R1's continuing journey on QMS



Taking into account the trainings and seminars attended by the core team members, an activity on understanding ISO 9001 – Quality Management System (ISO 9001-QMS) and DILG R1's roadmap to certification was conducted during the Regional Management Council (RMC) meeting held in Baguio City on May 22, 2018.

A broader understanding on QMS was also advocated in the DILG Regional and Provincial offices to intensify awareness.

DILG Region 1 is now on its implementation process. The office has started using the document and record control with the actual application of the quality procedures. The quality monitoring and evaluation tools have also been utilized.

Efforts have been intensified to ingrain the QMS process in the daily work flow of all DILG R1 employees. This will make DILG R1 move a step closer towards ISO 9001 QMS Certification.

(IO II Alethea A. Cedo)

DILG R1 Quality Policy

We, the men and women of the DILG Region 1 commit to provide effective technical and administrative services that nurture excellence in local governance as we foster integrity, commitment, teamwork and responsiveness.

We shall endeavor to provide our people equal opportunities for career growth, ensure equitable delineation and assignment of responsibilities and give due recognition and reward for exemplary performance.

We shall seek continual improvement in our Quality Management System to ensure prompt, efficient and high quality service delivery to our clients, and make a significant difference in their lives.

Pangasinan hosts RPOC 1st Quarter meeting

April 18, 2018 - The 1st Regular Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) 1 Meeting was held at Sison Auditorium, Capitol Compound, Lingayen, Pangasinan.

The meeting started with the presentation of Police Regional Office 1 (PRO 1) Assistant Chief PSUPT Gary J. Garen on the Peace and Order Accomplishment Report and Moving Fast and Safe on the Manila North Road Project.

It was followed by a presentation on the office thrusts and mandates of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP) by Mr. Adonis Bringas, OPAPP North Luzon Area Management Office, Officer-in-Charge.

He also discussed the 6-point Peace and Development Agenda of the government. Mr. Bringas continued the presentation on Project PAMANA (Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan), including its objectives, guiding principles, and the program interventions. The following are the identified PAMANA Zones: agricultural productivity support; community infrastructure; health insurance; livelihood; study grant; water supply system.

Local Government Operations Officer V Benedicta M. Barnachea, Focal Person on Peace and Order Program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) presented the status of Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPSP) implementation by the Local Government Units (LGUs).

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AMP coordination team reviews LDIPs of R1



The Assistance to Municipalities Program (AMP) Coordination Team of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG-R1) conducted Local Development Investment Programs (LDIP) analysis and review of all the FY 2017-2019 projects of 116 municipalities in the region.

This activity is in relation to the attainment of the 5-Year Governance Milestones anchored on the AMP upon which all Municipal Local Government Units (MLGUS) are envisioned to have enhanced LDIPs by year 2018.

The task of reviewing the LDIP

To achieve this, the activities undertaken by the coordinating team were: communicate with field officers and provincial offices; review LDIPs; render technical assistance to MLGUs; and facilitate the submission of list of priority projects for AMP.

They also gathered information on all existing projects to create the regional and provincial data summary. The data summary will be used in ranking the projects identified in the LDIP. Finalized results will be used by Central Office as inputs for the 2019 budget deliberation in both chambers of congress.

The coordination team of AMP

The team was created in November of 2017. It is composed of two Development Management Officers

(DMOs) assigned at the Regional office and two Community Development Officers (CDOs) deployed in each of the provincial offices.

Their roles are guided by the Support to Local Government Program - Oversight Program Management Office (SLGP-OPMO) whose primary function is to oversee activities and ensure that the Local Development Councils (LDCs) in LGUs are fully functional.

For Region 1, the team is composed of two (2) DMOs and eight (8) CDOs.

Enhancing their skills

With all these tasks at hand, the DMOs/CDOs must be equipped with enough skills and knowledge on the concepts of local governance particularly those related to the attainment of the 5-year Governance Roadmap.

On May 8, 2018, DILG RO1 conducted an orientation for the team entitled "Orientation on

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The Coconet Project: from indigenous to ingenious



The City of Vigan introduced a new approach in river slope protection. Dubbed as the Coconet Project, this strategy employs a new way of utilizing the coconut plant to help in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA).

Various DRR-CCA programs were introduced in the Heritage City of Vigan to counter disaster-related incidence. Recently, indigenous materials were used, particularly the coconut plant.

Everything started when the disposal of coconut shells and husks from buko vendors became a major concern for the city government. It produced a foul smell in the public market, and during rainy season it clogged the city's drainage system.

In 2014, Sen. Cynthia Villar visited Vigan City and shared the Las Piñas City experience, wherein waste was properly managed and recycled. It became the answer to the pressing concern of coconut waste. With the help of Sen. Villar, Las Piñas and Vigan became partners on recycling measures.

The City of Las Piñas donated a decortivating machine made of heavy duty steel plate, with a 40hp motor and control panel. Trainings were also conducted for Vigan City personnel who would be handling the equipment.

In 2015, Ms. Eva Marie Medina, former mayor of Vigan City, turned over the decortivating machine to Gabriela, a women-oriented non-government organization, whose members were eventually trained to operate the machine to produce Coco Coir Net or the Coconet.

Coconut shells were used to make these nets. It has coarse fibrous materials called coir, making

up a third of the coconut pulp, which has strong yet pliable fibers. It is waterproof and resistant to the damaging effects of salt water. The Coconet is woven to form a beehive-like comb, and it is biodegradable and eco-friendly.

The net allows plants to grow inside the cell like openings to further hold back the soil with their long roots. Compared to plastic nets, the Coconet is more durable, almost invulnerable to the damaging effects of sun and water. Because of its biodegradability, it decomposes over time and helps in fertilizing the soil.

By learning the process of manufacturing the Coconet, Gabriela members became more empowered. They eventually engaged in livelihood activities. To further allow the organization to sustain their new livelihood, members were given a working space in barangay Ayusan Sur.

The women were able to produce four rolls per week, which is sold as a material to riprap the length of the riverbanks. This preventive measure is cheaper than conventional riprap methods like cement and stone but yields the same results in preventing soil erosion.

The product was then sold to the city government to be used as an alternative for river slope protection.

The slope protection of all river basins within the city is a major disaster mitigation activity, since

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Legal FAQ

Question: Will an Indigenous People's Mandatory Representative (IPMR) be considered ipso facto resigned from office upon filing of his/her certificate of candidacy?

This has reference to a request for an office opinion with regards to the status of Indigenous People's Mandatory Representatives (IPMRs) whether or not they are ipso facto resigned from office upon filing of their Certificate of Candidacy.

Before dwelling on the issue, this office invites the readers' attention to Section 13, Republic Act No. 9369 which states that:

xxx Provided, finally, that any person holding a public appointive office or position, including active members of the armed forces, and officers, and employees in government-owned or controlled corporations, shall be considered ipso-facto resigned from his/her office and must vacate the same at the start of the day of the filing of his/her certificate of candidacy. xxx

The selection of the IPMR has been categorized by the Department in DILG Legal Opinion No. 13, S. 2014, dated April 22, 2014 which states that:

"As could be gleaned from the foregoing, RA 8371 and NCIP Administrative Order No. 001, series of 2019 used another term, that is, selection vis-à-vis the representative of the ICCs/IPs in the local sanggunians."

The next issue therefore is how we would categorize "selection", the mode in which the ICC/IP representative is chosen, is it within the term "election so that the ICC/IP representative shall be considered as an elective official, or within the proscription under Section 6, Article IX-B of the 1987 Constitution as reiterated under Section 94 of RA 7160 and Section 4, Rule XIII, Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Personnel Action (CSC Memorandum Circular No. 40, S. 1998, as amended).

The Department is of the view that the position of ICC/IP representative is necessarily elective in nature, thus, not within the prohibition under the Constitution, RA 7160 and CSC Issuance for the following reasons:

1. As already defined by the above, an appointment is the act or designation by the executive officer, board or body to where that power has been delegated, of the individual who is to exercise the functions of a given office.

May it be respectfully noted that it is not the NCIP or this Department which selects the ICC/IP representative. Under the aforementioned Section 12 of NCIP AO No. 001, S. of 2009, the ICCs/IPs themselves chose the particular ICC/IP representative to the local sanggunian in accordance with the Local Guideline that they

themselves have adopted or promulgated for the purpose. The only participation of the NCIP in the process is the issuance, thru their Regional Office, of a Certification of Affirmation (COA) to the chosen ICC/IP representative and on the basis of such confirmation, this Department shall thereafter accord due recognition to him/her.

2. This Department has been consistent in its opinion that it is not the mode to which one acquired office that determines the nature and character of such office. It is the function or role of said office that is controlling.

Our classic example is in the case of the two (2) incumbent regular sanggunian members who were appointed therein to fill the vacancies in the aforesaid August Body. While it may be true that they acquired their position thru appointment, they should not be considered as appointive members of the sanggunian. The nature and character of the office of the regular member of the sanggunian is elective, the assumption to which, while generally determined by an election, is not precluded by appointment to fill the permanent vacancies that may arise therein.

xxx In fact, in DILG Opinion No. 20, S. of 2011, the ICC/IP representative was referred as "ex-officio member of the local sanggunian", the same term that we use to refer to the president of the liga ng mga barangay and sanggunian kabataan from municipal to provincial level. xxx

3. Lastly, Section 5, Rule IV of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 8371 as reiterated under Section 13, of NCIP AO No. 001, series of 2009, categorically states that the ICC/IP representative shall have the same compensation, benefit and other emoluments as the regular members of the legislative bodies and/or policy making bodies. xxx

Thus, based on the aforementioned discussion, this office states that the IPMRs are not ipso-facto resigned from office upon filing of their COCs as they are not covered by the prohibition of Section 13 of RA 9369.

We hope that this will serve as an enlightenment on the issue at hand. Our opinion is, however, without prejudice to any ruling or opinion rendered by a higher authority or competent tribunal.

(Atty. Joseph O. Apolonio, Attorney IV)

La Union LGUs' evacuation centers ready for the rainy season



The newly constructed evacuation center of Sto. Tomas, La Union

The Municipalities of Bauang, Sto. Tomas and Pugo ensure that their evacuation centers are ready for the rainy season that will start in June as declared by PAGASA.

These evacuation facilities are funded under the Local Government Support Fund – Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (LGSF-ADM) 2017 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

These evacuation facilities cost PhP 18,996,376.53 and is expected to serve more than 400 families. These are equipped with gender-sensitive toilet facilities, kitchen, breastfeeding area, couple's room as well as the office for the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management of the local government unit. Moreover, they are ensured to comply with "Batas Pambansa (BP) 344" that caters to persons with disabilities.

"We really need to hasten the construction of our Evacuation Center for our constituents especially now that the rainy season is approaching," said Mayor Marietta C. Carbonell of the Municipality of Sto. Tomas.

In addition to these facilities that are ready to receive evacuees should there be a need, the next phase for Sto. Tomas and Bauang is the purchasing of rescue vehicles that were proposed for funding under the LGSF – Assistance to Municipalities Program (LGSF-AMP) of CY 2018 of the DILG.

"Bauang is currently processing the request to purchase of its rescue vehicle to augment their capacities in times of disaster. It is funded by DILG's Performance Challenge Fund as an incentive

for the Seal of Good Local Governance in CY 2017. The said vehicle will be stationed in the new evacuation center," said Yolanda Vergara, MLGOO of Bauang, La Union.

Through the DILG, the municipalities are able to fund their disaster preparedness projects and be able to mitigate the adverse effects of calamity.

(CDO III Hedrich V. Calderon)

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Burgos, IS declared drug-free



In a simple yet momentous event, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Region 1 (PDEA R1), together with the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1), the PNP Police Regional Office 1 (PNP-PRO 1) and the Department of Health Region 1 (DOH R1), declared the Municipality of Burgos, Ilocos Sur as drug-free on June 20, 2018.

The drug-clearing process in Burgos was attained through the concerted efforts of DILG, PNP, DOH and the Local Government Unit of Burgos.

The declaration came six months after the enrollees to the Community-Based Rehabilitation Program (CBRP) graduated on December 14, 2017.

The 158 persons who used drugs (PWUD) and graduates of the CBRP of Burgos were reflective and happy at the same time as they listened to the inspiring and challenging messages of the guest speakers.

Mayor Riolita Balbalan expressed her jubilation to what she considers as one of the greatest achievements of her administration. She advised the PWUDs to give importance to their families by never getting involved in illegal drugs again.

Governor Ryan Luis Singson, in his speech, said that drug-clearing is a priority program of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur (PGIS).

"I dream for the whole province to be drug-free in the soonest possible time," he said.

He further showed his support to the PWUDs of Burgos, by pledging to give funds for their livelihood program after they have organized an association. He ended by appealing to the Barangay

Officials to be more vigilant and watchful so that the whole town of Burgos will remain drug-free.

Virgilio P. Sison, Provincial Director of DILG Ilocos Sur, urged the PWUDs to turn away from temptation and to seek God in times of weakness.

"The challenge to our PWUDs now is maintaining their drug-free lifestyle. Be active and participative in the community because this will enrich you. Never go back to your old ways and stay away from temptation, but when it comes back knocking at your doors, ask for God's help," he said.

"Illegal drugs is a problem which concerns the whole community. Therefore, I encourage everyone to help each other – LGU, PNP and the whole community. I vow that the DILG will do its best to help in order for us to attain a peaceful, progressive and drug-free Philippines," he added.

The ceremony was also attended by: Assistant Regional Director Atty. Marvin Tavares of PDEA; Provincial Director PSSUPT Clint Bayacsan of PNP Ilocos Sur; Chief-of-Police PSI Leonilo Ancheta of PNP Burgos; Development Management Officer IV Laura Rea of DOH; District Supervisor Avelina Gatdula of the Department of Education (DepEd); Vice Mayor Nathaniel Escobar; municipal and barangay officials, faith-based organizations among others. **(LG00 II Gladys Gracee S. Gumnad)**

‘DILG Pangasinan...from page 1’

Pangasinan, received the Best C/MLGOO Award for 2017.

MLGOO Bergonia started her career in the Department as an Information Officer II. After four years she became a Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) IV. After her stint as LGOO IV she was promoted as the MLGOO of Laoac.

"It requires a lot of strength and patience to do all the tasks at hand, that is why it is important to always do your best," she said

For the past 23 years, MLGOO Bergonia has introduced various innovations and has contributed to the attainment of the Department's mandate.

All the six (6) nominees for the Best C/MLGOO were assessed by the PRAISE Committee according to PPA implementation, innovations introduced to the Department and to their LGUs, valuable contributions in making their LGU assignments recipient of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) and Lupon Tagapamayapa Incentive Award (LTIA), and additional workloads they are entrusted with.

Special Awards

Other Special Awards were also given to the Provinces in recognition to their invaluable support and exemplary performance in the implementation of the various PPAs, as follows:

DILG Ilocos Sur:
Most Compliant Province on Performance Challenge Fund (PCF); Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP).

DILG Ilocos Norte:
Most Improved Completion Rates for BuB Projects 2012-2016; Barangay-Based Symposium on Anti-Illegal Drugs and Orientation on MASA-MASID Volunteers.

DILG La Union:
Most Improved Disbursements for LFPs 2012-2016; Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP); Barangay-Based Symposium on Anti-Illegal Drugs and Orientation on MASA-MASID Volunteers.

DILG Pangasinan:
Most Outstanding Province on Locally Funded Project (LFP) Implementation; Barangay-Based Symposium on Anti-Illegal Drugs and Orientation on MASA-MASID Volunteers.

The PRAISE was established to encourage creativity, innovativeness, efficiency, integrity and productivity in the public service by recognizing and rewarding employees and other operating units for their accomplishments and other personal efforts contributory to an efficient and economic improvement in government operations.

(LGOO II Julie Ann B. Quilates)

‘AMP coordination...from page 9’

the Assistance to Municipalities Program for DMOs" held at Puerto de San Juan Resort Hotel, San Juan, La Union.

In this orientation, Mr. Norman Aparente, PDO IV and Ms. Salome Quijano, Head for Finance and Admin concerns of the SLGP-OPMO, clarified the roles and responsibilities of the teams which complement the functions of other units of the regional and provincial offices.

Moreover, to familiarize them with the key concepts of LDIP, a follow-up on the Harmonization and Strengthening Linkage of National and Local Plans for Development Management Officers (DMOs) and Community Development Officers (CDOs) will be conducted in August 2018.

The Local Development Investment Program (LDIP) is the principal instrument for implementing the Comprehensive Development Plan (CPD). The document presents all of the prioritized programs, projects and activities (PPAs) for funding and implementation at the local level.

(DMO IV Aldrin D. Nolasco)

‘The Coconet...from page 10’

assessment output yields flooding and soil erosion on riverbanks.

This strategy has brought new livelihood opportunities, reduced risk of water hazards and soil erosion, led to the protection of culture and heritage assets, and introduced a new waste recycling measure.

Aside from the Coconet Project, Vigan also introduced other materials in promoting awareness on DRR-CCA like the Vigan Disaster Preparedness Activity Book for Primary Grade Schoolers, The Vigan Saluad (Protect) Awards, DRRM IEC Through the TVigan Channel, Oplan Saluad (Protect): Handbook for Vigan Disaster Incident Responders, Localized Guidelines for the Management of Evacuation Centers, and the Pagsapulan, Raniag ti Masakbayan (Livelihood, a Beacon for the Future) Program. *(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)*

Reflections

by: *Olivia Mae N. de Guzman*

When personal and professional advocacies meet

The Department is tasked to monitor the compliance of local government units to National Laws. One such law that the DILG monitors is the implementation of the Law on Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children (Republic Act 9262).

I was an active advocate of this law when I was still the OIC-MLGOO of Bagulin, La Union. This law is particularly close to my heart not only because I am a woman, and a mother-at-heart, but also I know someone who is a victim of child molestation. The thought normally makes me cry but I try to brush it aside because there is much to do, anyway. One thing to do is disseminate information on the importance of protecting the women, children and the vulnerable members of our society.

As the assigned DILG officer in Bagulin, I initiated a training for Barangay Anti-Violence Against Women (BVAW) Desk Persons to ten barangays of the town. They were oriented about the Salient Features of RA 9262 and the process in handling VAW cases.

When I was recalled at the DILG La Union Provincial Office in October 2017, I was tasked on the Peace and Order program and my involvement with the VAWC program became very minimal.

But January this year, I transferred to the Regional Office due to promotion. Promotion means bigger task at hand but I got excited when I was designated as the Regional Focal Person for VAWC. Amazing!

In April, I attended a training on "Strengthening the Capacities of Punong Barangays in Handling Violence Against Women Desk Persons". There I learned that only 6% of Filipino women got to report the crime committed against them.

It was a staggering 94% of women, including children victims, who do not know what to do, where to go and whom to trust. There is always stigma in our society that when one gets raped, sexually abused or molested, it is the woman's fault. Feminist group call it "victim-blaming". Instead of blaming the woman, why not inculcate in men to respect all women, since we all came from our mothers? Just a thought.

In the end, I am thankful to the Department that I can perform both my job and my advocacy for women's rights altogether. My greatest wish is to finally see a community where women are respected and, that victims of abuse be liberated from their inferiorities and be healed from their inner wounds.

'Pangasinan hosts RPOC... from page 8'

Every provincial, city and municipal Peace and Order Council (POC) and Barangay Peace and Order Committee (BPOC) is mandated to formulate a 3-year Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan (POPSP) based on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-128.

She reported that all the 129 LGUs, excluding barangays, have approved POPSPs with corresponding financial appropriation. The local government units have identified specific projects, activities and strategies to address various peace and order and public safety issues in their plans.

Governor Imee R. Marcos of Ilocos Norte and the current RPOC Chairperson, commended PRO 1 under the leadership of Regional Director PCSUPT Romulo E. Sapitula for the following major activities:

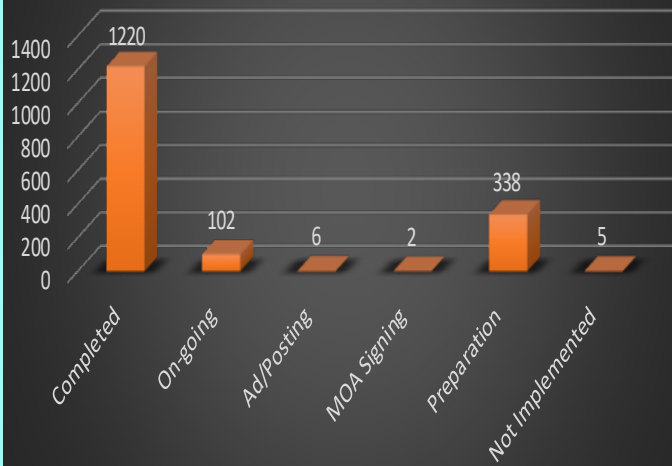
First, the intensified anti-criminality efforts that resulted in the arrest of three members of Parojinog/Kuratong Baleleng Group during the conduct of COMELEC Checkpoint operation in La Union on April 16, 2018; second, the establishment of Highway Public Assistance Desks (HI-PAD) and maximum deployment of PNP personnel along the streets especially during the observance of Holy Week, and lastly; for the interventions by the PNP PRO 1 in the successful hosting of Palarong Pambansa.

The meeting was also attended by heads and representatives of the provincial governments, head of offices of national government agencies, league of municipalities representatives, and private sector representatives.

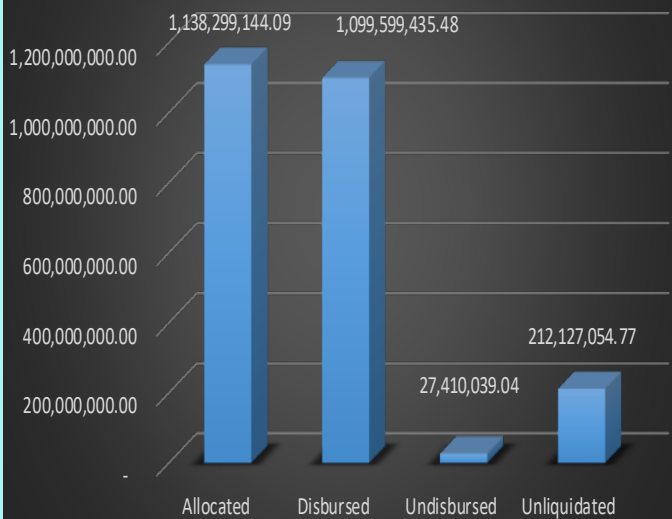
(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)

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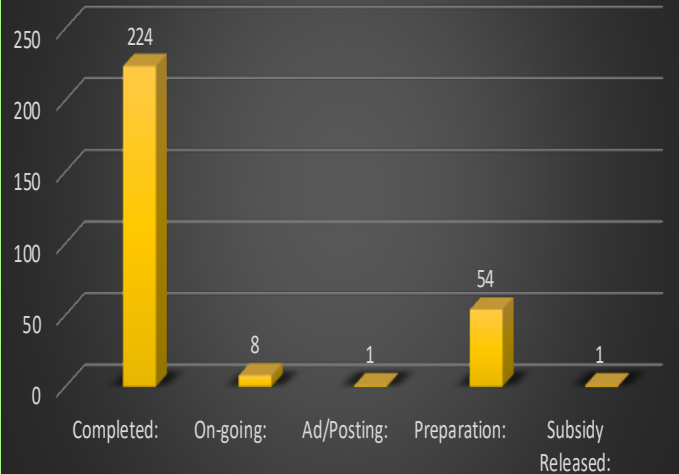


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