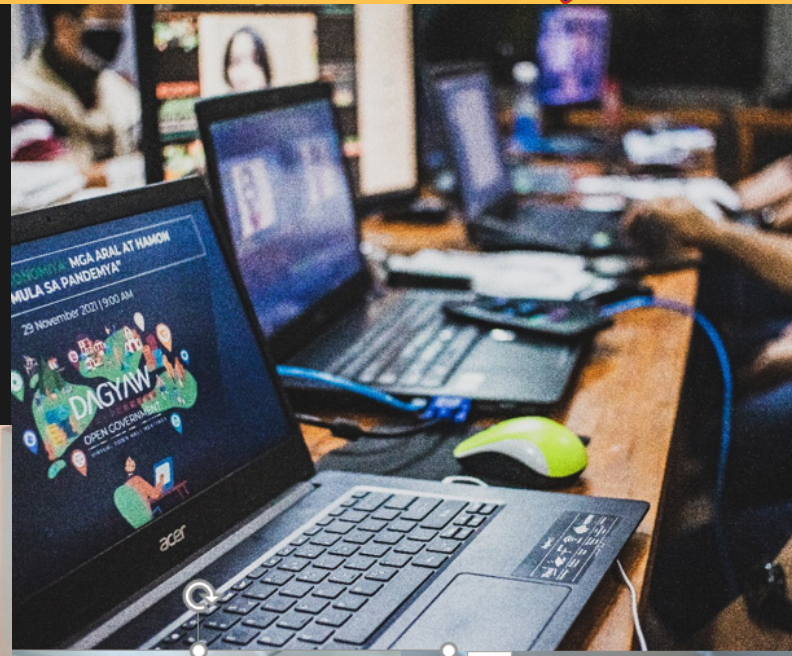


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Economic Pains and Gains discussed in Dagyaw 2021 R1 Episode



Via Zoom Video Teleconferencing, Dagyaw 2021: Open Government Virtual Townhall Meeting was held last November 29, 2021 that gathered over 500 participants coming from Civil Society Organization representatives, Private Sector Representatives, Business Sector, Media, and LGU functionaries.

The annual activity is led by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in close coordination with partner private organizations.

For 2021, the regional event was dubbed "Usapang Ekonomiya: Mga Aral at Hamon Mula sa Pandemya."

"Para sa kaalaman ng lahat, Dagyaw is now in its third year conducting a series of episodes nationwide, co-created and agreed upon by government and non-government partners. Napakaimportante ng regional episode natin ngayon na tumutugon sat ema nga isang mahalagang sektor, ang ejonimiya. Kahit may pandemya, hindi pwedeng tumigil ang ating kabuhayan at hanapbuhay. Nagpapasalamat tayo dahil tulong tulong tayo sa pamahalaan, kasama ang mga kapatid natin na non-government organizations, civil society groups, at iba pang sektor. Sama-sama nating pag-usapan ang dapat nating gawin, kailangan nating magbayanihan upang mas mapalakas ang sektor ng ekonomiya," said Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III.

The main goal of the DAGYAW 2021 is to build mutual trust between the government and the Filipino people by providing an open, neutral, and protected space for dialogue. It shall co-create and launch the Town Hall Meetings with members of Civil Society Organizations. Specifically, it shall aim to (1) increase awareness among CSOs on the national and local governments (**cont. on page 10**)

Region 1 Bags the Most Number of ADAC Awardees Yet Again!

Region 1 is still leading in the frontline for having the most number of Anti-Drug Abuse Council Awardees on the recently conducted 2021 Anti - Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Audit Virtual Awarding Ceremony on December 10, 2021.

The awarding ceremony is in accordance with the recently concluded 2019 and 2020 ADAC Performance Audit conducted by the Department, in coordination with the members of the National Audit Team, composed of national representatives from the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Caritas Manila as CSO representative).

In recognition of their exemplary efforts in the performance of their duties, responsibilities, supervision, and control in implementing the national government's anti-illegal drug campaign, Highly Functional

ADACs who have garnered 75 - 100 points in the assessment process following the awarding criteria which consist of 1). BADAC Functionality (percentage of total barangays with Highly Functional barangays); 2) Drug Clearing (percentage of barangays cleared of drugs); and 3) Reduction of Drug Affectation (reduction of drug affectation status as of CY ____) were awarded.

For Audit Year 2019, 62 LGUs or 15.69% out of 395 ADAC Awardees and 64 LGUs or 15.88% out of 403 ADAC Awardees for Audit Year 2020 are from Region 1.

Sec Eduardo M. Año on his closing remarks lauds the recipients of 2019 and 2020 Anti-Drug Abuse Council Awards, particularly to the 395 LGUs (in 2019) and 403 LGUs (in 2020) who emerges as the cream of the crop among the highly functional 816 LGUs (in 2019) and 876 LGUs (in 2020). He also thanked the LGUs for keeping a close eye on the drug situation on the ground and for actively involving their component barangays in clearing communities. Furthermore, he also added "kaliwa't kanan man ang pamumuna, pambabatikos at krisismo ng iba ngunit hindi kayo nagpadala sa kanila, bagkus ay pilit nyo pa ring ipatupad ang mga programang nagpapakita ng tapang at malasakit sa kampanyang ito." **(Stat I Lara Mae P. Casuga)**




CONGRATULATIONS!

2020 ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL (ADAC) NATIONAL AWARDEES OF REGION I

PROVINCE	PADAC	C/MADAC
ILOCOS NORTE (8)	Ilocos Norte	Adams, Bacarra, Banna, Burgos, Carasi, Currimao, Dumalneg
ILOCOS SUR (16)		Alilem, Banayoyo, Burgos, Cervantes, Galimuyod, Del Pilar, Lididda, San Emilio, San Esteban, San Ildefonso, San Juan, San Vicente, Sto. Domingo, Sigay, Suyo, Tagudin
LA UNION (12)	La Union	Agoo, Bacnotan, Balaaoan, Bangar, Burgos, Caba, Luna, Naguilian, San Juan, Santol, Tubao
PANGASINAN (28)		Aguilar, Alcalá, Anda, Basista, Bayambang, Bugallon, Burgos, Calasiao, Balungao, Labrador, Laoac, Lingayen, Mabini, Malasiqui, Mangaldan, Mangatarem, Mapandan, Natividad, Rosales, San Manuel, Sta. Barbara, Sta Maria, Sto Tomas, Sison, Tayug, Urbiztondo, Villasis, City of Alaminos




CONGRATULATIONS!

2019 ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL (ADAC) NATIONAL AWARDEES OF REGION I

PROVINCE	PADAC	C/MADAC
ILOCOS NORTE (5)		Burgos, Bacarra, Dumalneg, Nueva Era, Vintar
ILOCOS SUR (17)	Ilocos Sur	Santa Lucia, G Del Pilar, City of Candon, San Vicente, Burgos, Lididda, Cervantes, Alilem, San Juan, Suyo, San Esteban, San Emilio, Salcedo, Galimuyod, Tagudin, Sto Domingo
LA UNION (12)	La Union	Luna, Sudipen, Burgos, Rosario, Bacnotan, Santol, Caba, Balaaoan, Bagulin, San Juan, Santo Tomas
PANGASINAN (28)		City of Alaminos, Dasol, Villasis, Burgos, Alcalá, Sison, Rosales, Tayug, Bugallon, Mabini, San Manuel, Mangaldan, Santa Barbara, San Nicolas, Basista, Sta Maria, Anda, Natividad, Urbiztondo, Santo Tomas, Malasiqui, Laoac, Aguilar, Bayambang, Lingayen, Labrador, Calasiao, Mangatarem

DILG R1, Home of SubayBayani (SubayBayan Heroes)

To reward the exemplary efforts of the LGUs, Field Officers and Provincial Engineers who contributed to the overall performance of the region, the DILG Region 1 through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) headed by Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel conducted an awarding ceremony entitled "Awarding of SubayBayan Heroes (SubayBayani) for DILG & LGUs of R1" on December 2, 2021. The blended event was held at the Villas Buenavista Hotel and Restaurant, San Juan, La Union.

Regional Director Julie J. Daquiao commended the ceremony with a warm message of commendation to all LGUs, field officers and provincial staff for their hard work despite the challenges in the field. Office of the Project Development Service (OPDS) Director Rolyn Zambales on the other hand gave her congratulatory remarks and her appreciation for the discipline, determination and diligence of everyone.

The following LGUs received the 2021 SubayBayani Award 2021:

Ilocos Norte - Municipality of Bacarra

Ilocos Sur - Municipality of Santiago (*cont. on page 23*)



Capacitated and Strengthened CSOs in LSBs Envisioned With the new DILG CapDev Program



With a program title: Enhancing Effectiveness of CSOs in Local Development: A Capacity Development Program for CSOs in the LSBs, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Local Special Bodies representing different community sectors participated the pilot run of the 3-part online activities held last November.

"We are grateful that we have LRIs with us to share their expertise pertaining to – on how are we going to capacitate our CSOs so that their participation in the local special bodies will be fruitful, efficient, and effective", RD Julie J. Daquiao Ph.D. said on her welcome message.

The first part of the program focused on the LDC, where 25 CSO participants were able to tackle key dimensions of development, the local development council operations from the planning up to the monitoring and evaluation of LGU programs, projects, and activities, and how the country is faring in fulfilling its commitments in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Margarita G. Hilario of Mariano Marcos State University, Mr. Cid Javier of University of Northern Philippines, and Mr. Larry C. Cabatic of Council for Restoration of Filipino Values actively participated in the discussions.

For the Local Health Board (LHB) session on November 15-16 (Part II), DMO IV John Lee Gacusan of the Department of Health Region 1 talked about the Regional Health Situation status and challenges in the Philippine Health System particularly on Health Services Organization and Governance, Health Human Resources, Health Information System and Access to Essential Medicines. On the 2nd day, Dr. Catalina Platon of Pangasinan State University took over the discussions by emphasizing LHB as a platform in identifying ways to improve health governance and contribute to positive change in health and development. **(cont on page 10)**

First Schools to Receive Safety Seal



San Gabriel Senior High School and St. John Bosco College of Northern Luzon Inc. were the first schools to be awarded with Safety Seal in the Province of La Union.

The Safety Seal program, in accordance with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2021-053 and the DOLE-DOH-DILG-DOT-DTI Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01, ensures the compliance of public and private establishments with minimum public health standards and their usage of contact tracing tools.

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) Maria Gracia D. Dela Cruz led the DILG Inspection and Certification Team of San Gabriel, together with PSSg Lefreda M. Acosta, in determining the compliance of the school in December 2021.

"We decided to have our schools inspected for Safety Seal to know if our facilities and our school buildings are ready if we start face-to-face classes in the future," said Principal Fatima R. Nana. MLGOO Dela Cruz appreciated the initiative of the school to undergo the inspection and showcase their adherence to minimum public health standards. She notes that they have received queries and expects "more schools to apply for the Safety Seal. This affirms the commitment of these learning institutions in ensuring a safe space for learners and their parents."

Meanwhile, Saint John Bosco College of Northern Luzon Inc. is the first private educational institution to receive the Safety Seal in the City of San Fernando and in the Province of La Union after being certified by the Local Government Unit (LGU) Inspection and Certification Team.

The Department continues to encourage business owners and heads of agencies to have their establishments certified as part of the collective effort to mitigate the impact of the pandemic and boost the economy. **(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**

National Vaccination Day

In the pursuit of the Bayanihan, Bakunahan: 3 Day National Vaccination Day, the Pangasinan Provincial Government with its 48 Local Government Units participated in the nationwide activity last November 29 to December 1, 2021.

In compliance with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's mandate under Proclamation No. 1253 declaring November 29 to December 1, 2021 as Bayanihan, Bakunahan National COVID-19 Vaccination Day that aims to achieve herd immunity and to increase vaccine coverage and mobilize stakeholders from every sector to support the national government's goal of giving Filipinos a safe and healthy living, the provincial government and its local government units have mobilized all Contact Tracers, SK officials and members of the barangay council to volunteer and participate in expediting vaccination activities for individuals with zero-dose by devoting 3 days solely for vaccination activities.

Beforehand, 48 LGUs made sure of the readiness of our vaccination sites from the facilities to the personnel in charged for the smooth flow of the activity.

Some of the sites are Narciso Ramos Sports and Civic Center in Lingayen, Barangay Tawin Tawin, Barangay Lucap and Barangay Poblacion in Alaminos City, Barangay Gueteb and Sawat in Urbiztondo, Robinsons Place in Calasiao, Barangay Cato in Infanta, Barangay Poblacion in Bugallon, Barangay Camaley in Binmaley and Urdaneta City, Barangay Población in Agno, Barangay Olo and Bunlalacao in Mangatarem and Sta. Barbara.

As a summary of the 3 Day National Vaccination, a total of 11, 253 administered Jobs in Dagupan City and 240, 999 Jobs in Pangasinan.



Vigan City's Road To Herd Immunity



The City of Vigan has surpassed its vaccination target before the onset of the National Vaccination Days on November 2021. This was a lot to celebrate given the very difficult time the city has experienced on September 2021 when COVID-19 was at its peak.

The city's game plan was to purchase its own vaccines by undertaking a Memorandum of Agreement with Zuellig Pharmaceutical for Astrazeneca Vaccines. As early as January 2021, the city was preparing for the coming of the vaccines. The city organized the City Vaccination Roll-Out Team composed of different offices and organizations to oversee the implementation of the program. The team identified the different vaccination sites to be utilized, crowd control, emergency response and inventory of vaccinators. The city also invested heavily on vaccine promotion through tri-media, to encourage residents to get vaccinated. The vaccination team conducted a simulation exercise while waiting for the vaccines, this was to give the team an idea of the vaccine response time.

The vaccination program of the City of Vigan was conducted in partnership with different stakeholders, the Ilocos Sur Medical Society, University of Northern Philippines, Barangay Officials, DILG, PNP, BFP, Department of Education. Inoculating the population with its purchased vaccines and allocations from the national government.

To further beef up its vaccination, all vaccinees were given treats and privileges. Every vaccinee is provided with snacks during their vaccination. The City of Vigan also launched the "Best Vax Pose" contest wherein vaccinees submit their best vaccination photo to the city. Winners were given gift items like t-shirts and mugs. The LGU also gave 25 kilos of rice for every fully vaccinated individual in the city. This was done during the barangay reach out program dubbed as "Tignay a Panangtarabay". One household even got 24 bags of 25 (**cont. on page 14**)

Economic Pains and Gains from page 3... Lastly, during the third instalment of the training program which focused on Local School Board (LScB) on November 24-25, 15 CSO participants learnt about the current performance of the country in education system and discussed about how the local school board can be reinvented to expand its membership and functions so that they can be participatory, inclusive, demand-driven, outcomes-based, and effective.

All throughout the sessions, through buzz sessions and SLEs, participants went over on sharing their experiences, opinions, and insights on how their organizations can help increase the voice and participation of the community and how they can establish more collaborative arrangements towards addressing societal problems and gaps.

"Our roles and functions are more clarified because of this training program. The exercises and workshops provided us the comfort and confidence of our capabilities as CSOs in the LDC. We found the avenues for engagement. We learned our priorities and we are satisfied with the learnings being imparted thru this program. This brought awareness of our responsibilities in local governance". That was how Ralph Frias of the PROVECOM Worldwide Inc. of Bayambang, Pangasinan described his experience in the online series of capacity development program.

(DMO III Aldrin D. Nolasco)

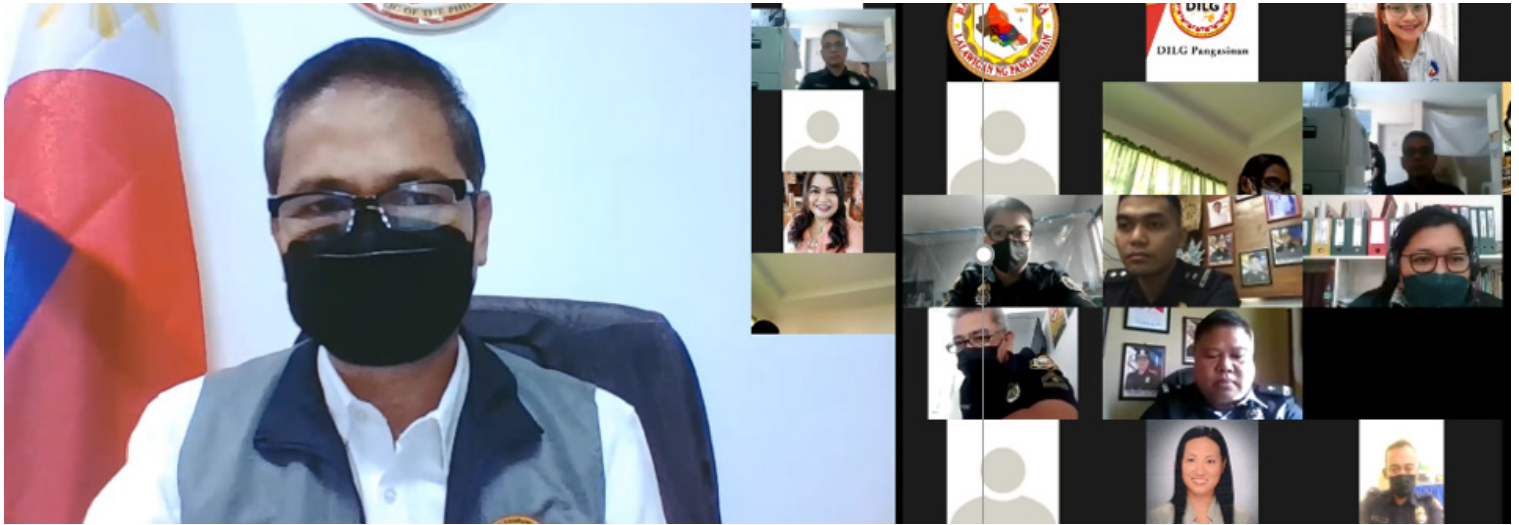
Capacitated and Strengthened from page 6... efforts to implement the provisions of EO 138 s. 2021 or the Full Devolution of Certain Functions of the Executive Branch to Local Governments, including the salient features of the Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs); and (2) provide a platform for citizens and government to hold discussions on local service delivery in the context of the COVID-19 Recovery Efforts of the country.

Mr. John F. Gacucas, OIC-Chief Economic and Development Specialist of NEDA discussed and reported key data information: Philippines and Region 1 Economic Growth from 2015 to 2020, Gross Regional Domestic Product Rate by Industry by 2015 to 2020, Regional Inflation Rate, Regional Community-based Inflation Rate, Regional Food Inflation Rates, Agricultural Production, Tourist Arrival in the Region, and Employment Situation of the region.

At the Open Forum, all NGAs representative and two non-government organizations namely Abasto Multipurpose Cooperative and Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperative enlightened the attendees on the government's plan and its progress to achieve sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

The activity was virtually graced by esteemed guests and representatives of various government agencies: RD Jennilyne C. Role of PIA as the moderator, Ms. Racquel T. Atawe, Chief Economic Dev't Specialist - Policy Formulation and Planning Division of NEDA R1, PD Rosario Q. Quodala, Provincial Director of DTI Ilocos Norte, Atty. Evelyn R. Ramos DOLE Regional Director, and lastly Dagyaw co-convenors - RD Ria V. Bansigan, DBM Regional Director, Ms. Divina Quemi of Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives, and Mr. Vincent Adorna of Abasto Multipurpose Cooperative. **(SLGP DMO III Aldrin D. Nolasco)**

Online Rollout on the Promotion of e-BPLS



Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 series of 2016 was issued by the DILG-DTI and DICT on August 30, 2016 which supports the call of the present administration on streamlining the process and requirements in the issuance of Business Permits. The said JMC is also in support to the RA 11032 titled: Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act which aims to make the process of putting up and running a business easier and more efficient.

One of the reforms posited in the JMC is the automation and computerization of the business permitting and licensing process. In light of the said automation and computerization, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) has developed a system which would improve the business permits and licensing process and is now offering such to LGUs. Said system is the Electronic Business Permit and Licensing System or eBPLS.

The eBPLS is "a cloud-based software that enables local government units to process applications for new business permits and applications for renewal of business permits electronically. End users registering through the system need only to fill out the application form and upload documentary requirements" as defined by the DICT.

On December 15, 2021, the DILG Pangasinan Provincial Office in coordination with the DICT Luzon Cluster 1 and DICT Pangasinan Provincial Office conducted an Online Rollout on the Promotion of the eBPLS for twenty-one (21) Local Government Units of Pangasinan. The activity was conducted via Zoom Platform and was attended by the Business Permits and Licensing Officer, City/Municipal Treasurer, IT Officer/MIS Officer, Building Official, Fire Marshal, and Sanitary/Health Inspector of the twenty-one (21) LGUs. The activity was opened by our DILG Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr. with a welcoming speech thanking our participants for attending and participating. After the speech, Ms. Ma Kyrnye Ara H. Garvida and Mr. Zandro C. Tocalo was our resource speakers for the presentation of the eBPLS to our LGU participants. They presented the system and the associated activities included like trainings and data build up in order to fully operate the system in the LGU.

The presentation of the system was followed by the sharing of experience with the system by BPLO Sonia A. Ong and Kevin John S. Iglesias of LGU Bautista. The presentation included an AVP of the interface of the system and the procedures. They also presented their testimony on the implementation of the system in the Municipality of Bautista.

The activity ended with an open forum joined in by our LGU participants which clarified their concerns with regards to the integrity of the system and its storage builds. The certificates of appreciation were then awarded to our resource speakers from DICT Luzon Cluster 1 and LGU Bautista for their invaluable service during the activity. **(LGOO II Victor Julius P. Dawis)**

DILG La Union Strengthens Katarungang Pambarangay



Local Government Units (LGUs) in La Union conducted series of activities on Katarungang Pambarangay in December 2021 to enhance the capacities of their Lupong Tagapamayapa in delivering effective and efficient community-based conflict resolution. Seeking to preserve the time-honored tradition of amicably settling interpersonal disputes in communities, LGUs organized enhancement trainings among their component barangays with the aid of the Municipal Local Government Operation Officers.

Katarungang Pambarangay or the Barangay Justice System seeks to deliver speedy administration of justice contributing to preservation of peace and order in the locality. This system, institutionalized by RA 7160 or the Local Government Code, exists to help decongest the regular courts and serves as an alternative mechanism for dispute resolution.

Orientation on Katarungang Pambarangay

The Municipality of Sudipen conducted an orientation on December 3, 2021 attended by 51 participants from 17 barangays composed of Punong Barangays as the Lupon Chairperson, Barangay Secretaries as the Lupon Secretary, and Lupong Tagapamayapa Members. The session was held at the Sudipen Municipal Gymnasium where MLGOO Moises E. Sibayan Jr. and Atty. Louela C. Ariola from Public Attorney's Office served as Resource Speakers during the orientation.

"Sudipen is a 4th Income Class Municipality and the annual conduct of KP training refreshes the knowledge of our barangay's Lupong Tagapamayapa as well as help decongest our local courts. Out of 176 disputes in CY 2021, 168 have been settled by Lupon in all 17 barangays of the municipality which affirms that the trainings are effective," said MLGOO Sibayan.

DILG La Union Takes KP up a Notch during Face-to-Face and Over Online Platform

To further enhance their annual conduct of Katarungang Pambarangay trainings, MLGOOs complemented the training with Gender-Sensitive and Child-friendly KP topics in the municipalities of Burgos, Bauang, Tubao, and Balaoan.

DILG Cluster Leader Rocelyn Charina B. Flora and MLGOO Olivia Mae De Guzman provided assistance to Burgos MLGOO Rhodalyn Licudine during the conduct of KP training in Burgos, La Union with 36 participants held at the Burgos Municipal Covered Court on December 3, 2021.

MLGOO Helen Jubilado in partnership with the Liga ng mga Barangay of Bauang also conducted KP training for 115 Lupong Tagapamayapa in Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union. DILG Cluster Leader Rocelyn Charina B. Flora, LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon, LGOO II Olivia Kaye B. Finn and Prosecutor Manuel Dulnuan served as Resource Speakers during the training on December 6-7, 2021.

On December 17, 2021, MLGOO May Rose Ancheta organized the KP training which was attended by 96 Lupong Tagapamayapa from 18 barangays in Tubao, La Union. Cluster Leader Rocelyn Charina B. Flora provided assistance during the face-to-face KP training as a Resource Speaker.

MLGOO Olivia Mae De Guzman led the training team composed of DILG Cluster Leader Rocelyn Charina B. Flora and LGOO II Joralyn F. Villasana in providing enhanced KP training in Balaoan, La Union reaching 360 Lupon. The said activity, conducted in 2 batches on December 20 and 21, 2021, were held at the Balaoan Farmers Civic Center.

"The DILG continues to strive to provide quality capability trainings to barangays to enable them to deliver what are expected from them. Inclusion of Gender-Sensitive and Child-Friendly Katarungang Pambarangay provides holistic approach in the barangay justice system," emphasized Cluster Leader Flora.

An online training on Revised Katarungang Pambarangay was held over Zoom teleconference in Naguilian La Union attended by 431 Lupong Tagapamayapa. MLGOO Flory Ann O. Estioco organized the training held on December 9, 2021 wherein DILG Cebu City Director Atty. Ian Kenneth B. Lucero discussed the procedural aspect of Katarungang Pambarangay.

KP in the DILG Family

Balaoan MLGOO Olivia Mae De Guzman spearheaded the conduct of an orientation on Katarungang Pambarangay among members of the Balaoan Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology on December 14, 2021.

"The KP lecture would benefit the uniformed personnel, both in their professional and personal capacities. They are highly regarded in terms of peace and order; thus, this orientation is valuable. It also allows them determine which disputes may be resolved first by the barangay," said MLGOO De Guzman.

Fire Inspector Amante N. Castillo, one of the participants, commented that he used to be a member of Lupong Tagapamayapa in their barangay. "This activity is timely because there were only a few KP proceedings in the barangays brought about by the pandemic, plus the fact that uniformed personnel are front-liners in borders," said Castillo.

Also present were members of the PNP headed by PMaj. Lawrence L. Ganuelas, and members of the BJMP headed by JInsp David C. Castillo.

Through these interventions, participants were able to raise pertinent issues and acquire practical learnings that are relevant to their functions and responsibilities.

In CY 2021, 5,581 disputes have been brought to the Katarungang Pambarangay in La Union and 85% have been settled either through mediation, conciliation or arbitration. This have helped the government save at least PhP 45,400,000.00 in court fees. DILG La Union has aided LGUs to sustain this performance through regular capacity development at the grassroots level, and it aims to conduct this kind of trainings in all LGUs by 2022. **(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon & LGOO VI Olivia Mae De Guzman)**

Boosting Community Resilience

Flood is a type of natural disaster which is largely unpredictable and take a devastating toll around the world. The society and the economy of any country suffer in many ways after a flood with the loss of lives, vegetation, properties and infrastructure, which means there will be fewer people on the labor force, less agriculture available for locals and less businesses to contribute to the country's economy development. While these hazards cannot be prevented from occurring, mitigation should be done.

To this end, introduction of mitigation measures is a major solution for a strong and resilient communities. As an evident, the Local Government Units (LGUs) continue to propose the construction of river walls and slope protection to counter and prevent floods in their areas.

In the flood-prone community of Suyo, in the municipality of Bagulin, the construction of slope protection was funded and under the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)- Financial Assistance to Local Government Unit (FALGU) with an allocation amounting to Php 5,000,000.00 and has a total length of 200 meters. Ernie (**cont. on page 20**)



Vigan City's Road from page 9... kilos rice each for having 24 vaccinated individuals in their household! Some of the rice distributed were locally produced and is also a sub-project of the City Agriculture Office entitled "Rice from Bigueño Farmer to Bigueño Bakunado" to boost the income of the Bigueño farmers.

Vigan, along with other LGUs, is implementing a wide range of measures to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak and to stimulate the recovery of the all sectors affected. The vaccination program is just one of these measures. The city is continuing with its vaccination program encouraging the rest of the population to get vaccinated and to administer booster shots as well.

To date, the City of Vigan has vaccinated 44,139 individuals (fully vaccinated) out of 56,268 total eligible population or 112.06% of the targeted 39,388 (70%) population. (**CLGOO Aprille Regina P. Guerrero**)

La Union LGUs Prep for the Full Devolution

Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Province of La Union prepared and submitted their Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs) on the set deadline following the Joint Memorandum Circular 2021-1 issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in support of Full Devolution under Executive Order No. 138 s. 2021.

The Circular provides the Guidelines on the Preparation of DTPs which will aid LGUs in the performance of devolved functions and delivery of services.

On August 10, 2021, The DILG Regional Office 1 conducted a Regional Roll-out on the Preparation of LGU DTPs, in which representatives from National Government Agencies (NGAs) presented their respective DTPs what will be the basis of LGUs for crafting their own. The said activity was participated in by provincial, city, municipal and barangay officials and functionaries.

Provincial, City and Municipal workshops were also conducted to familiarize the LGUs in accomplishing the DTP forms which consist of the Inventory of Existing Functions, Services and Facilities, Phasing of Full Assumption of Devolved Functions, Capacity Development Agenda, Proposed Modification to the LGU Organizational Structure, Proposed Additional Positions to the Plantilla of LGU Personnel, Local Revenue Forecast and Resource Mobilization Strategy, and Performance Monitoring Framework.

Representatives from the DILG La Union Provincial Office have been providing on-site and virtual technical assistance to LGUs in the preparation and finalization of their DTPs. LGUs were also reminded to ensure that the contents of the DTP will be integrated in their Annual Investment Program (AIP), Local Development Investment Program (LDIP) and Annual Budget.

With the increase of fiscal resources, LGUs are expected to assume more function and deliver better services while ensuring systematic and coherent actions towards local development.
(LGOO II Jayson L. Ordinario)

Improving water capacity to ensure a healthy community

Barangay Caraitan in Badoc, Ilocos Norte is a prime example of a community that is greatly in need of safe and sustainable water supply. For the longest time, residents of this barangay have endured the challenge of having their daily activities even without water source. The Municipal Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) extended its support to the barangay by providing water supply, but still, this is not enough to sustain their needs for water.

The Local Government of Badoc, Ilocos Norte identified this problem and included barangay Caraitan in their Municipal Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene Master Plan (MWSSMP). In
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DILG LU Recognizes Excellence Thru Banuar Awards



The Department of the Interior and Local Government La Union Provincial Office (DILG LUPO) held the 2021 Banuar Awards Ceremony on December 8-10, 2021 in Aringay, La Union.

The activity was conducted to give recognition and appreciation to personnel with outstanding performance and significant contributions in the implementation of DILG programs, projects and activities (PPAs).

In his message, Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison emphasized how important it is to acknowledge the efforts of DILG LU employees especially with the difficulties brought about by the pandemic.

"COVID-19 has changed the way we coordinate with local government units, and despite the health risks and challenges in communication and coordination, we were still able to accomplish our targets and go beyond what is expected of us," PD Sison said in his message.

He added that he lauds the field officers for their bravery and resilience in fulfilling their commitment to provide technical assistance even when quarantined.

Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. de Leon graced the event and congratulated DILG LU for spearheading initiatives that help make DILG Region 1 a top performer. She encouraged everyone to sustain efforts and aim for the CapDev ACE Award. "It is important to document the many accomplishments of DILG La Union so others may follow suit in further improving service delivery to local governments," she reiterated.

Below are the recipients of the Awards:

- A. **RANIAG TI PERLAS** - this given to personnel who excelled in the implementation of DILG PPAs based on a performance rating system
- C/MLGOO Category – LGOO VI/CLGOO LILY ANN O. COLISAO
LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA
LGOO VI/MLGOO FLORY ANN O. ESTIOCO
LGOO VI/MLGOO HELEN L. JUBILADO
 - Technical Staff Category – LGOO II JORALYN F. VILLASAN
 - Administrative Category – AA II ELY O. DIFUNTORUM
 - Contract of Service Category – ENGR. JOEY ANDREW L. LUBRICA
- B. **IMENG TI KALAPAW** – this is awarded to C/MLGOO for their efforts in assisting the LGU in the liquidation and completion of Locally Funded Projects
- LGOO VI/MLGOO ISZEL O. GURAY
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO MOISES E. SIBAYAN, JR.
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA
- C. **BANGLO TI SAMPAGUITA** – determined through a survey among DILG LU personnel, this is awarded to the most courteous, prompt, efficient and dedicated employee in the performance of duty
- C/MLGOO Category – LGOO VI/MLGOO KRISHAN FAYE G. BIASON
 - Provincial Staff Category – LGOO II JORALYN F. VILLASAN
- D. **KINAPINGET TI NUANG** – this is awarded to personnel who went beyond the accomplishment of targeted PPAs and performed additional tasks
- CapDev Agenda and DTP Coach
 - LGOO VII/CLUSTER LEADER ROCELYN CHARINA B. FLORA
 - LGOO VI/PROGRAM MANAGER NICOLETTE MAY O. AMON
 - LGOO VI/CLGOO LILY ANN O. COLISAO
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO MAY ROSE R. ANCHETA
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO EUFEMIA P. APOSTOL
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO RHODALYN S. LICUDINE
 - Assistance in facilitating Provincial Operations
 - ENGR. III ARIEL C. ZAMORANOS
 - Human Resource Merit Selection and Promotion Board
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO OLIVIA MAE N. DE GUZMAN
 - AA II ELY O. DIFUNTORUM
 - LGOO II JORALYN F. VILLASAN
 - LGOO II MICHAEL JOHN F. BORJA
 - Safety Seal Program
 - LGOO II HEDRICH V. CALDERON
 - Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE)
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO MARIA GRACIA D. DELA CRUZ (member)
- E. **SAM-IT TI MANGGA** – this is awarded to personnel for their timely and complete submission of administrative requirements
- C/MLGOO Category – LGOO VI/MLGOO HELEN L. JUBILADO
 - Provincial Staff Category – LGOO II HEDRICH V. CALDERON
- F. **TIBKER TI NARRA** – this is conferred to personnel for their contributions that resulted to the attainment of award for LGUs in the Province

- LGOO VII/CLUSTER LEADER OCELYN CHARINA B. FLORA – LTIA
- LGOO VI/CLGOO LILY ANN O. COLISAO – LTIA
- LGOO VI/MLGOO HELEN L. JUBILADO – LTIA
- LGOO VI/MLGOO ALONA LYN V. GARCIA – DGA
- LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA – DGA
- LGOO VI/MLGOO EUFEMIA P. APOSTOL – SUBAYBAYAN
- LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO ALONA LYN V. GARCIA – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO OLIVIA MAE N. DE GUZMAN – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO VERONICA B. NISPEROS – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO RHODALYN S. LICUDINE – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VII/CLUSTER LEADER ROCELYN CHARINA B. FLORA – ADAC 2020
- LGOO V/MLGOO JOHN ROBERT F. DIAZ – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO FLORY ANN O. ESTIOCO – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO YOLANDA P. VERGARA – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO LUZVIMINDA A. LOPEZ – ADAC 2020
- LGOO VI/MLGOO MAY ROSE R. ANCHETA – ADAC 2020

G. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL AWARDS

- Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) Program
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO HELEN L. JUBILADO
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO EUFEMIA P. APOSTOL
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO KRISHAN FAYE G. BIASON
- Safety Seal Certification
 - LGOO VI/CLGOO LILY ANN O. COLISAO
- Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA)
 - LGOO II HEDRICH V. CALDERON
- Devolution Transition Plan (DTP)
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO C. TUAZON III
- Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA)
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO FRANCISCO A. VERGARA
- Support to PO activities
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO HELEN L. JUBILADO
 - LGOO VI/MLGOO YOLANDA P. VERGARA

Recipients were given either Plaques or Certificates of Recognition, and cash incentives.

"We hope that through the Banuar Awards, we can continue to motivate and inspire our personnel in sustaining their excellent performance, and upholding the brand of being Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahan DILG employees," PD Sison said. **(LGOO II Archie F. Amon and LGOO II Carlo P. Apostol)**



DILG Pangasinan Intensifies Internal Governance Programs on CY 2021

Amidst the ongoing Corona Virus Disease 2019 pandemic, DILG Pangasinan continued to strengthen its Internal Governance thru various programs such as conduct of health and wellness activities, and Year-end performance evaluation and awarding, and strengthening of the Local Governance Provincial Resource Center (LGPRC) on CY 2021.

Year-end Performance Evaluation and Awarding

DILG Pangasinan conducted "Continuing Capacity Development cum Year-end Evaluation on ADAC, CMGP, and various PPAs" on December 13-16, 2021 in Pugo Adventure, Pugo, La Union. It aims to conduct assessment on the performance of the province in the implementation of the various department deliverables in CY 2021 particularly on ADAC Audit and CMGP.

The activity also served as a venue to recognize the best-performing DILG Pangasinan Personnel for 2021 through Service Excellence in Knowledge Development, Enrichment and Resilience (SEKDER) Awards.

Cluster 2 was awarded the best performing Cluster Office. MLGOO Royolita P. Rosario of DILG Byambang was recognized as the Best performing Field Officer for Cluster 2 while MLGOO Marilyn C. Dela Cruz and MLGOO Hedelisa Bergonia were recognized as the Best Performing Field Officers for Cluster 1 and Cluster 3, respectively. LGOO II Czarina Gracia S. Carriaga was recognized as the Best Performing Technical Staff and AA II Alegria Benito was recognized as Best Performing Administrative Staff.

Minor awards were also conferred to the Field Officers for their commendable performances in the implementation of various PPAs of the department.

Health and wellness activities

The DILG Pangasinan Provincial Office coordinated with the Provincial Government of Pangasinan for the inoculation of DILG Pangasinan Personnel. This resulted to 100% vaccination rate for DILG Pangasinan Personnel.

Aside from the COVID-19 Vaccination, DILG Pangasinan Personnel also received jabs for influenza (flu) vaccines through the assistance of the Department of Health Provincial Office on November 17, 2021.

The Provincial office also began the regular health check-up of Provincial Office personnel through the assistance of LGOO II and Registered Nurse Jaybee A. Apigo. The check-up includes monitoring of sugar level, blood pressure, and Body Mass Index. The same check-up, along with a Zumba Session, was also conducted for the whole DILG Pangasinan Personnel during the Year-End Evaluation activity in Pugo, La Union

Strengthening of LGPRC

As part of the scheme to strengthen the LGPRC, the LGPRC team headed by LGOO II Ranielle Pauline De Leon held a meeting with the Provincial Library on December 6, 2021 at the DILG Provincial Office to seek their technical assistance on the proper organization of the LGPRC Library. **(cont. on next page)**

DILG Pangasinan Intensifies from page 19... DILG Pangasinan also launched the "Caboloan" on December 13, 2021. This will serve as the official website of the DILG Pangasinan that will promote activities and accomplishments of the province. It can be accessed thru dilgpangasinan.com.

The provincial management, headed by PD Paulino G. Lalata, Jr., ensures that they will continue to strengthen the implementation of various programs that focus on promoting the welfare and technical capacities of the DILG Pangasinan Personnel. PD Lalata believes, consistent with the DILG Outcome Framework, a strengthened Internal Governance is vital in the attainment of the department's goals.

Improving water capacity to ensure a healthy community

from page 15...response to this, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) together with the Department of Health (DOH) and National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) implemented the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG). A program designed to increase the water service for waterless population, reduce incidence of water-borne and sanitation related diseases, and to improve access of the poor to sanitation services.

Several water tap stands were built along the barangay road to provide an easy water access to the residents. The project also consisted of a water tank and pump houses. "Water source is very scarce in our barangay that is why we are very thankful for this SALINTUBIG project because this provides an easy water access to us residents", punong barangay Judy C. Bautista shared in an interview. The completion of the Php 11, 563,551 level II water supply greatly helped to combat their immediate need of sustainable water supply.

The SALINTUBIG program has created a viable solution in helping the waterless communities with the goal of contributing and providing sustainable water to the entire country.

(IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese)



Gearing for the Full Devolution: Moving forward towards genuine local autonomy and empowerment

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office I headed by Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III, and Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, CESO V, in cooperation with the Regional Offices of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF), took the first the step in “steering” the LGUs of Region 1 towards full devolution by conducting a one-day regional orientation on the preparation of LGU Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) via zoom video conference in August 10, 2021.

The regional orientation is the first part of the multi-level activities in the preparation of LGU DTPs. The orientation aims to inform all local government units (LGUs) on the prescribed processes, mechanisms, and components in the preparation of DTP at the provincial, city, municipal, and barangay levels, and to capacitate the DILG City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs) in assisting the Provincial DILG Devolution Core Teams (DCT) composed of the DILG Provincial Directors, Cluster Leaders, and Program Managers.

Under the Executive Order No. 138, all local governments are mandated to prepare their DTP to support the transition to full devolution in response to the Supreme Court Decision on the Mandanas-Garcia Petitions, which clarified the just share of LGUs from all national taxes. With the increased local fiscal resources, LGUs are expected to strengthen their capacity to improve their delivery of basic services to their constituents. The Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) of LGUs will serve as roadmap in their full assumption of their devolved functions under Section 17 of the Local Government Code starting 2022 to 2024.

A total of 1,353 participants from the DILG Provincial Offices, DILG Field Officers, and members of LGU Devolution Transition Committees (DTCs) attended the regional orientation. **(LGCCDD)**



DILG R1 Bags Best Performing Regional Office in the FY 2021 SubayBayani Awards

The DILG R1 bagged the Best Performing DILG Regional Office in the 2021 SubayBAYAN Awards held via facebook live on December 13, 2021.

This is the first DILG SubayBayani Awarding Ceremony conducted by the DILG through the Office of Project Development Service (OPDS) in recognition and appreciation to our DILG Partners and Monitors for their dedication and commitment to the SubayBayan Program.

The event was graced by the presence of the DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Ano and DILG Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan and was joined by the representatives from Local Government Units and DILG officials from Central, Regional, Provincial, City and Municipal Field Offices.

In her award acceptance speech, Regional Director Julie J. Daquiaoag, Ph. D., CESO III proudly shared the best practices done by DILG R1, stating that despite the challenges of the Covid-19, it did not hinder the DILG R1 to implement the task to the SubayBayan Program.

Other awards received by DILG R1 were;

Special Awards;

- Highest Completion Rate (with Regions 2 and 3)
- Efficient Implementation 1 (with Regions 2, 13, and NCR)
- Innovation (with Regions 2, 6 and 4A)

Best Provincial Offices;

- DILG Pangasinan Provincial Office (6th place)
- DILG Ilocos Norte Provincial Office (10th place)



Kwentong Tagumpay- Bauang, La Union (Evacuation Center)
Best Performing LGUs- Calasiao, Pangasinan (18th place)

Kwentong Tagumpay award, awarded to only 3 LGUs, is the result of the LGU's project that significantly impacted the community. The award given to Bauang, La Union is a reflection of DILG's utmost guidance in implementation and policies. A testament that with the SubayBayan program, the progress continues.

"We are very sure that sa ating Matino, Mahusay, at Maasahan na mga empleyado sa kagawaran ay tuloy-tuloy ang ating pagmamatyag at pagoobserba ng iba't ibang guidelines sa ating SubayBayan program"- Regional Director Daquioag. **(IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese and IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)**

DILG R1, Home of SubayBayani...from page 5

La Union - Municipality of Rosario
Pangasinan - Municipality of Pozorrubio

SubayBayani Award 2021 for C/MLGOOs were awarded to:

Ilocos Norte - MLGOO Flora May Agbayani
Ilocos Sur - MLGOO Kay Legrand R. Digay
La Union - MLGOO Eufemia P. Apostol
Pangasinan - MLGOO Jimmy G. Ocumen

SubayBayani Award 2021 for DILG Provincial Offices were awarded to:

1st Place - DILG La Union
2nd Place - DILG Pangasinan
3rd Place - DILG Ilocos Norte
4th Place - DILG Ilocos Sur

PDMU Chief Engr. Sangel presented the award to La Union Provincial director Virgilio P. Sison, CESE alongside with cluster leader Ms. Roselyn Charina Flora and PDMU La Union PO (LUPO) engineers and focal person.

Some Local Chief Executives also joined the event via zoom. **(IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese)**

Boosting Community Resilience from page 14... Sotano, a resident of Barangay Suyo, during an interview, shared the impact of this constructed river wall. "It was really difficult; we always experience floods when heavy rain pours. Now with the constructed river wall, the flood is not that severe anymore" he said. Engr. Louie Manzano, the Municipal Engineer narrated the planning and implementation of the project. "The project was completed before the Typhoon Maring and its resiliency was therefore tested", says Engr. Sotano.

The completion of FALGU project not only helped in countering and preventing flooding but is also boost the confidence of the residents to feel safe and secured. The residents' message to DILG is for the river wall project to be extended in order for them not to experience floods anymore, but still, they are very thankful and glad for the initiative of the said project.

(IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)



DILG QUALITY POLICY

We, the DILG, imbued with the core values of **Integrity, Commitment, Teamwork and Responsiveness**, commit to **formulate sound policies on strengthening local government capacities, performing oversight function over LGUs, and providing rewards and incentives**. We pledge to **provide effective technical and administrative services** to promote **excellence in local governance** and enhance the service delivery of our Regional and Field Offices for the **LGUs to become transparent, resilient, socially-protective and competitive**, where **people in the community live happily**.

We commit to continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System compliant with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and international standards gearing towards organizational efficiency in pursuing our mandate and achieving our client's satisfaction.

We commit to consistently demonstrate a **“Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang Kagawaran Para sa Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal”**.



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