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## 2022 Jewels of the North Awarding Ceremony







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## 2022 Jewels of the North Awarding Ceremony

DILG Region 1 under the leadership of Regional Director Julie J. Daquiaoag, held its 4th JEWELS OF THE NORTH Awarding Ceremony today at the DILG Regional Office Training Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union on March 14, 2022.

Designed to give recognition to the men and women in the regional, provincial and field offices for their outstanding performances for CY 2021, the event was participated face-to-face by the provincial directors, cluster leaders, program managers, awardees and members of the DILG R1 PRAISE Committee and via zoom and facebook live by all employees.

RD Daquiaoag, wowed the guests and awardees as she spiced up the true meaning of Jewels that wowed the guests and participants —“JEWELS: Joining Empowered Workers for Excellent Lifetime Service”.

SILG Eduardo Año inspired everyone with his video message, as well as Undersecretary Marlo Iringan, Assistant Secretary Ester Aldana and Assistant Secretary Florida Dijan.

The following are the Jewels for CY 2022: **cont. on page 13**



## DILG R1 Bags the Top Awards for Most Number of Safety Seal Certification



**G**et it first, get it fast, get it right!!!

DILG Region 1 bagged the top awards for the Most Number of Safety Seal Certificate Awarded by DILG Team during the awarding ceremony held on March 22, 2022 at SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City, Philippines.

### Independent Component Cities and Component Cities Category:

1st Place – San Carlos City, Pangasinan  
(**CL MELINDA M. BUADA**)

2nd Place – Candon City, Ilocos Sur  
(**CLGOO GERALD D. GALLARDO**)

### Municipalities Category

1st Place – Santiago, Ilocos Sur  
(**MLGOO MANUEL DUMAGPI**)

2nd Place – Narvacan Ilocos Sur  
(**MLGOO ELMER A. ADVINCULA**)

3rd Place – Magsingal, Ilocos Sur

Also, Province of Ilocos Norte and Province of Ilocos Sur were also recognized 1st Place and 2nd Place respectively among the Top Performing LGUs in A2 Doses Accomplished during the National Vaccination Day. (**LGGOO IV Liza May Colisao**)

**SAFETY SEAL**



**We follow safety & health protocols against Covid-19**





## DILG INPO Receives Its Safety Seal Certificate



The DILG Laoag City Inspection and Certification Committee, headed by CLGOO Janette P. Duarte conducted the Safety Seal Certification Program (SSCP) assessment of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Ilocos Norte Provincial Office (DILG INPO) on February 23, 2022.

To ensure compliance, an inspection was conducted prior to the issuance of the seal. On the same day, the Safety Seal Certification was issued to the DILG INPO which was received by DILG Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison, CESO V. The Seal shall be displayed at all entry points, shall have a validity of six (6) months upon issuance and shall be renewed not earlier than one (1) month prior to its expiration.

Also, present during the inspection and awarding are SINSIP Ronaldo N. Castillio of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Laoag City Fire Station, PEMS Aniceto Marius I. Dalimot representing PLTCOL Joemar Q. Labiano of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Laoag City Police Station, the SSCP Provincial Focal Person and other DILG INPO employees.

The SSCP is a certification scheme that affirms that DILG INPO adhered to all the requirements in compliance with the minimum health standards set by the government under the Implementing Guidelines of SSCP indicated in the DILG Memorandum Circular 2021-053 and DOLE-DOH-DILG-DTI JMC 2021-01. **(LGOO II Princess Joy B. Duldulao)**



## 22 Public Schools in Magsingal Now Safety Seal Certified!

Nineteen (19) elementary schools and three (3) national high schools in the Municipality of Magsingal, Ilocos Sur pride themselves in receiving the Safety Seal certification issued by the DILG Safety Seal Assessment Team headed by MLGOO Giezl Ramos-Polca with representatives from the Philippine National Police headed by OIC-COP PLT Marcos R. Rafanan, Jr. and from the Bureau of Fire Protection headed by OIC-Municipal Fire Marshal SFO3 Richard D. Garcia. The following public schools were issued with the Safety Seal:

### Elementary School:

1. Alangan Elementary School
2. Arinaya Elementary School
3. Barbarit Elementary School
4. Caraisan Elementary School
5. Dacutan Elementary School
6. Maas-asin Elementary School
7. Macatcatud Elementary School
8. Magsingal North Central School
9. Magsingal South Central School
10. Manzante Elementary School
11. Maratudo Elementary School
12. Miramar Elementary School
13. Namalpalan Elementary School
14. Napo Elementary School
15. Pagsanaan Elementary School
16. Panay Elementary School
17. Patong Elementary School
18. Puro Elementary School
19. Sarsaracat Elementary School

### Secondary School:

1. Magsingal National High School
2. Manzante National High School
3. Puro National High School



The issuance of the Seal is one of the requirements set forth by the Department of Education needed in the upcoming limited face-to-face classes. The team inspected all classrooms and offices in every school to ensure that the facilities are safe and ready to accommodate its students. The different schools made their own safety innovations in order to meet the standards set forth by the Safety Seal Certification Program. Aside from the installation of barriers and signages, some schools went even as far as constructing handwashing stations inside their classrooms to promote regular washing of hands and proper hygiene, putting of names on individual chairs and installation of hand sanitizers in every chair, among others. Job well done to the teachers, parents and community leaders for ensuring that our schools are now a safe and healthy haven for learning amidst the pandemic. **(MLGOO Giezl R. Polca)**



## Safety Seal Certification Program

In preparation for the limited face-to-face classes and with the to the full on-site capacity in establishments and offices, the DILG and LGU Inspection and Certification Team continue with its onsite inspection and validation in compliance to the Minimum Public Health Standards.

March 09, 2022, the DILG Ilocos Sur Provincial Office renewed its Safety Seal Certification. The Provincial Office is found compliant to the minimum public health standards for government establishments during the reinspection conducted by the Safety Seal Inspection and Certification Team of the Municipality of Bantay.

The Province of Ilocos Sur awarded 1,782 safety seals during the 1st Quarter of CY 2022. The following are the breakdown of the seals issued by the DILG Inspection and Certification Team and the LGU Inspection and Certification Team:

**DILG Team:** Public Schools - **1,495**  
Establishments - **193**

**LGU Team:** Private Schools - **14**  
Establishments - **80**





## DILG La Union Personnel Receive Booster Jab



As COVID-19 cases rise during the first quarter of 2022, DILG La Union personnel were highly encouraged to be inoculated with booster shot to support their primary shots and increase their immunity against the virus.

In coordination with La Union Provincial Health Office (PHO), 21 personnel had received Pfizer BioNTech booster vaccines while 19 field officers availed available vaccines at their LGU assignments.

To ensure high turnout of vaccinated in the Department, DILG La Union hosted an on-site vaccination drive catering to personnel from the Regional and Provincial offices on February 3, 2022.

"As frontliners, it is crucial to be vaccinated as we directly provide service to clients and the community. It decreases the risk of having severe complications from COVID-19," said PD Reggie R. Colisao, CESO V.

She further emphasized that the vaccination among its personnel reaffirms the Department's commitment to the country's goal of achieving herd immunity. **(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**

## Getting Ready for the 2021 ADAC Performance Audit

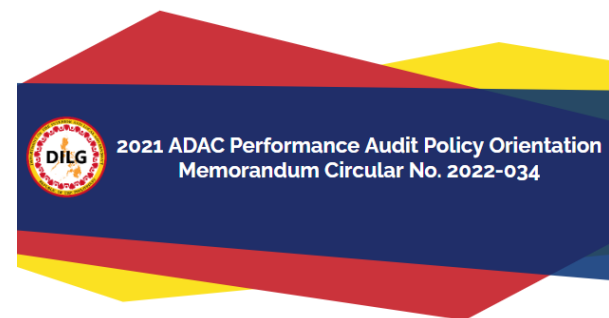
To kick off the 2021 ADAC Performance Audit, the Department held a virtual Policy Orientation on Memorandum Circular No. 2022-034 through Zoom Teleconference on March 23, 2022. The activity was participated by ADAC Regional Focal Persons, Alternate Focal Persons, Provincial Focal Persons, C/MLGOOs, and LGU Focal Persons/Encoders.

The ADAC Performance Audit aims to assess functionality and effectiveness of local ADACs; determine ADAC-initiated and/or endorsed innovations and best practices; create an evaluation and assessment platform; and recognize the best, effective and performing ADACs.

Through this activity, LGUs would be more guided in performing and documenting their roles and responsibilities, consistent with the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy, as provided for by the policies set by the national government.

The ADAC Policy Guidelines, Performance Audit Indicators, and an overview of the ADAC-Functionality Monitoring System were presented and discussed.

The audit will take place this year from April to June. **(Stat. I Lara Mae P. Casuga)**





# DILG R1 conducts First Regional Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (RICAD) Advocacy Cluster

The Regional Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs (RICAD) Advocacy Cluster held its first quarter meeting for CY 2022 on March 29, 2022, at the EM Royale Hotel and Beach Resort in San Juan, La Union.

PDEA Regional Director and Chairperson of the Regional Inter-Agency on Anti-Illegal Drugs Coordinating Group (RICG), Director Ronald Allan DG Ricardo, presided over the meeting, which was attended by Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon of DILG Region 1 as head of the ICAD Advocacy Cluster and other ICAD Advocacy Cluster Members.

The activity started with an opening statement from Dir. Ronald Allan DG Ricardo, PDEA Regional Director followed by welcome remarks by Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon of DILG. Before the proper agenda presiding officer Dir. Ronald Allan DG Ricardo Regional Director of PDEA discussed and presented the Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (December 17, 2021).

The meeting focused on the presentation of the ICAD Member Agencies/ Cluster's Accomplishment of CY 2021 and Ways Forward for CY 2022 and discussion on the updates of the anti-illegal drugs campaign in Region 1. An Open forum was also conducted during the

activity to clarify issues and concerns on ICAD related matters.

The Regional ICAD Cluster Members Meeting is conducted quarterly to discuss different anti-illegal drug programs and projects of each agency and to identify possible convergence of activities at the regional level. This collaborative meeting is also a venue for exchange of data among agencies to ensure harmonized information at the regional level before any data is submitted to concerned national agency. **(ADAC RTA Meryl M. Ubarre)**





## DILG Ilocos Sur Conducts Provincial LTIA Assessment

On March 09, 2022, the DILG Ilocos Sur Provincial Office, with the participation of the Provincial Assessment Committee, conducted the provincial assessment for the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award (LTIA) at the La Jenns Resto Grill, National Highway, Bantay, Ilocos Sur. The committee is composed of the PD Randy S. Dela Rosa, CESE, as chairman, the Department of Justice, as vice chairman, represented by Mr. Ernanie Estepa, Regional Trial Court represented by Atty. Mayvelyn P. Tajon-Feliciano, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member Hon. Constanse Benson, PNP-ISPPO represented by PLt. Medel Perinion, and Civil Society Organization representative Mr. Rex Quilala, as members.



LTIA | The Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Provincial Awards Committee (PAC) convened and assessed the submitted Lupon Entries of 33 LGUs in Ilocos Sur.

As a result of the assessment, three (3) entries of different categories from the Province of Ilocos Sur were endorsed to the Regional Level for further consideration, namely, Barangay II, Vigan City, Barangay Dili, Santa Cruz, and Barangay Paduros, Burgos, Ilocos Sur.

The activity was attended also by the provincial office staff who provided technical assistance. The Lupong Tagapamaya was institutionalized by virtue of EO 394, s. 1997 granting economic benefits and incentives that demonstrate exemplary performance, in settling disputes to the grassroots level. **(LGOO II John Carlo Sacubo)**

## DILG La Union Participates in the Search for Cleanest, Safest and Greenest LGU in La Union

The Search for the Cleanest, Safest, and Greenest Local Government Unit in the Province of La Union aims to provide a recognition system to LGUs' environmental governance. The Search was institutionalized through La Union Provincial Ordinance No. 267-2020.

Cleanest, Safest, and Greenest LGUs, Barangay implementers of "Magsidalus Iti Arubayan na," and cleanest municipal bodies of water were validated.

DILG La Union, as a member of the Provincial Search Committee, guided the Committee in reviewing documents and LGU practices related to the Search. **cont. on page 14**



# Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Regional Assessment CY 2022



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 conducts the Regional Assessment for the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) for calendar year 2022 on March 20-22, 2022 at the DILG Region 1 LGRRC Conference Hall to assess/evaluate all the nominees from the four (4) provinces of Region 1 and identify the Regional Winners in the three (3) categories, namely: 1) Component Cities Category, 2) 1st – 3rd Class Municipalities Category, and 3) 4th – 6th Class Municipalities Category.

*LTIA 2022 Regional Assessment. The Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) conducted a two-day Regional Assessment for the LTIA 2022 on March 22-23, 2022 at the DILG R1's LGRRC1 Conference Hall. (Present from right (top photo): LGOO IV Michael Casignia, Atty. Raquel Andres (RTC), LGOO V Narvita Flores, Ms. Marian Cariño (LnB), LGCDD ADC Lily-Ann Z. Victorio, LGCDD Chief Pedro D. Gonzales, Atty. Cris Alvin Tadeo (DOJ), Ms. Fraulein Salazar (PCCI), and DMO IV Gabrielle Jaramillo.*

The Department launched the LTIA in 1998 through DILG Memorandum Circular No. 98-56. It aims to strengthen the Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) as an indigenous conflict resolution structure at the grassroots level and to institutionalize a system of granting economic benefits and other incentives to Lupons which have demonstrated exemplary performance. Every year, all barangay lupons will be assessed and evaluated by the City/Municipal/Provincial/Regional Awards Committees based on the following five (5) criteria:

1) Efficiency in Operations, 2) Effectiveness in Securing the Settlement of Interpersonal Dispute Objective of the KP, 3) Creativity and Resourcefulness of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, 4) Area or Facility for KP Activities, and 5) Financial and Non-financial Support. The barangay lupons will be first assessed by the City or Municipal Awards Committee (C/MAC). The lupon with the highest rating will become the City/Municipal Nominee and will be submitted to the Provincial Awards Committee (PAC) for assessment. The barangay lupon with the highest rating after the assessment of the PAC will become the Provincial Nominee and will be submitted to the Regional Awards Committee (RAC) for assessment.

The twelve (12) Provincial Nominees are:

1. Component Cities Category

- **Barangay 1 San Lorenzo, Ilocos Norte**
- **Barangay II, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur**
- **Barangay Cadaclan, San Fernando City, La Union**
- **Barangay Pantal, Dagupan City, Pangasinan**

2. 1st – 3rd Class Municipalities Category

- **Barangay Badio, Pinili, Ilocos Norte** cont. on next page





- **Barangay Dili, Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur**
- **Barangay Payocpoc Sur, Bauang, La Union**
- **Barangay Bantayan, Mangaldan, Pangasinan**

### 3. 4th – 6th Class Municipalities Category

- **Barangay Caparispisan, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte**
- **Barangay Paduros, Burgos, Ilocos Sur**
- **Barangay Gana, Caba, La Union**
- **Barangay Batchelor West, Natividad, Pangasinan**

## The Regional Winners and National Nominees of Region 1 are:

1. Component Cities Category
  - **Barangay 1 San Lorenzo, Ilocos Norte – 95.70 (Outstanding)**
2. 1st – 3rd Class Municipalities Category
  - **Barangay Bantayan, Mangaldan, Pangasinan – 100.00 (Outstanding)**
3. 4th – 6th Class Municipalities Category
  - **Barangay Batchelor West, Natividad, Pangasinan – 97.50 (Outstanding)**

The two-day activity was participated by the representatives of the members of the Regional Assessment Committee (RAC) from this Department, the Regional Peace and Order Committee (RPOC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Regional Trial Court (RTC), Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB), and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI). **(LGOO IV Michael David Casignia)**



## Hope and Recovery Through Service

Located at the northernmost tip of Ilocos Norte is a coastal town known as the “Boracay of the North”, Pagudpud. The town is blessed with marine life so it is evident that fishing has been an important source of livelihood for the townsfolk.



It was on November 2020, during the onslaught of Tropical Depression Ulysses, when several sections of roads were declared impassable because of landslides, mudflow and fallen trees. There were 1,411 affected families and the majority of them were fishermen. **cont. on page 15**

### 2022 Jewels of the North.. (from page 3)

#### Special Awards:

- Diamond Award Provincial Category-DILG La Union
- Diamond Award City/Municipality and Brgy. Category - **MLGOO Vanessa V. Llego of Basista, Pangasinan**
- Safety Seal Alpha Award - **CLGOO Gerald D. Gallardo of Candon City, Ilocos Sur**
- Safety Seal Opal Award - **CLGOO Victoria Jean P. Dawis of Alaminos City, Pangasinan**
- ADAC Special Award - **DILG La Union and DILG Pangasinan**

#### Individual Awards

- Best Performing Provincial Office Administrative Staff - **Ely O. Difuntorum**
- Best Performing Regional Office Administrative Staff - **Manuel O. Mejia**
- Best Performing Provincial Office Junior Technical Staff - **Joralyn F. Villasana**
- Best Performing Provincial Office Senior Technical Staff - **Andrew M. Umalos**
- Best Performing Regional Office Technical Staff - **Karen C. Castillo**
- Best Performing MLGOO - **Kay Legrand R. Digay**
- Best Performing CLGOO - **Lily Ann O. Colisao**
- Best Performing Program Manager - **Calvin Nollie Julius B. Lubrin**
- Best Performing Cluster Leader - **Mila P. Madriaga**
- Best Performing Provincial Office
  - 3rd Runner-up: **DILG Ilocos Norte**
  - 2nd Runner-up: **DILG Pangasinan**
  - 1st Runner-up: **DILG Ilocos Sur**
  - CY 2021 Best Performing Provincial Office: **DILG La Union (RPO/RIO Alethea Cedo, IO I Joyce Delos Santos )**





**DILG La Union Participates... (from page 10)** "Our participation with the Search reinforces our commitment to the La Union's goal to uplift the quality of lives of the people. This is possible through effective, efficient and sustainable environmental governance," said Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao, CESO V.

LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon, LGOO II Jacquilyn O. Ducusin, Engr. III Joey Andrew L. Lubrica and Engr. II Arianne Joyce S. Orpilla represented the Department during the validation activities.

Winners in each category will be able to implement environment-related projects subsidized by the provincial government.

The DILG continues to support the Local Government Units of La Union as they sustain cleanliness and orderliness in their community. **(LGOO II Hedrich V. Calderon)**



**Hope and Recovery.. from page 13** Meanwhile, the government continues its disaster response operations to aid families hit by the typhoon. The Local Government Unit of Pagudpud distributed food packs and financial assistance. Brighter days are ahead for the victims as the livelihood development assistance programs come into view. These programs aim to address the immediate needs of those affected by the typhoon and offer them a pathway to re-establish livelihoods and regain self-reliance.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) joined hands with the Local Government Unit of Pagudpud in rehabilitating the livelihood of municipal fisherfolk affected by the typhoon. The Livelihood Assistance to Fishermen Affected by Typhoon Ulysses through Provision of Bottom Set Gillnet was funded under the Local Government Support Fund - Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program (LGSF-DRRAP) with an allocation amounting to Php 1,179,481.00.

Municipal MSWD Racquel Isidora Guzman said "Salamat sa DILG, sa binigay nilang nets sa mga fisherfolks natin, isa ito sa mga magagandang project na binaba dito sa Pagudpud, sabi nga natin wag lang natin bigyan ng isda ang mga tao pero bigyan natin sila ng gamit para mangisda, thank you sa DILG dahil ang binigay nila ay pang long term".

"During the typhoon, marami sa mga fishermen natin ang hindi nakapagtrabaho dahil sa sobrang lakas ng alon. Yung nabigay na gill nets ay napakalaking bagay para sa kanila" says Engr. Jin Gasmen, the Municipal Agriculturist.

Jun Napicon, a resident of Barangay Uno shared their situation prior the typhoon, "Bago pa dumating yung bagyo, meron naman kaming konting huli, kaya nagpapasalamat kami sa DILG sa pagbibigay ng sigay. Sana madagdagan pa yung binigay niyo".

The completion of this DRRAP Project not only helped the fisherfolk recover from the typhoon but also enabled them to continue to make a living to provide for their families. The provision of the bottom set gillnets is a smart move to help the fisherfolks. **(IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)**

## **Assisting LGUs in Providing Optimum Services**

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region I (DILG R1), through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) continues to provide technical assistance to LGUs for effective service delivery to their constituents. A team consisted of PDMU Chief Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, DMO IV Engr. Art Anthony B. Umel, and PEO Simonette M. Sangel conducted a project monitoring and evaluation on April 6-7, 2022 in the Local Government Units (LGU) of San Quintin and Santo Tomas,

The following are amongst the programs and projects monitored and conducted technical assistance by the team in the above-mentioned LGUs:

### **1. San Quintin, Pangasinan**

- Construction of Public Market (market stalls) under Financial Assistance to Local Government Units- Other Projects 2021 (FALGU- OT),
- Procurement of hygiene kits under Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program 2021 (DRRAP),
- Performance Challenge Fund 2019 (PCF),
- Results-based Monitoring and Evaluation on Local Road Management Performance Assessment Tool (LRMPAT), and
- QAAR tool assessment. **cont. on next page**



### 2. Santo Tomas, Pangasinan

- Construction of Perimeter Fence/Steel Gate and Concreting of Pathways of Multi-Purpose Building in brgy. San Antonio under Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program 2021 (DRRAP),
- Construction of Local Bridge in brgy. San Marcos under Financial Assistance to Local Government Units- Local Access Road 2021 (FALGU- LAR),
- Construction of Multi-Purpose Pavement (with Riprap, Slope Protection) in brgy. San Marcos under Financial Assistance to Local Government Units- Other Projects 2021 (FALGU- OT), and
- QAAR tool assessment.

Representatives from the mentioned LGUs accompanied the team during the assessment and were also present when the team relayed the findings to the projects. After the findings were discussed, the team advised some recommendations and actions to be undertaken by the LGUs to meet the required specifications and to secure the seamless accomplishment of the projects. **(IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese)**





## Orientation on the LGSF-FALGU and Support for Capital Outlays and Social Programs under FY 2022

Guided by its mandate to strengthening local government capacities, the DILG RO1, through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) captained by PDMU Chief Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, En.P., in partnership with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) RO1 spearheaded a Virtual Orientation on the LGSF-FALGU and Support for Capital Outlays and Social Programs under FY 2022 which was attended by DILG Provincial Directors, LFPs Focal Persons, C/MLGOOs, Local Chief Executives, Provincial Engineers, City/Municipal Engineers, PPDC, C/MPDC, Punong Barangays and officials of Region 1 via Zoom and simultaneous Facebook live stream.

“We just have one objective, to serve and give what is due to our clientele-to the people” said DILG RO1 Dir. Julie J. Daquioag, Ph. D., CESO III as she welcomed the participants in her Opening Remarks during the preliminaries.

DBM RO1 Dir. Ria Bansigan, the guest speaker, headed the discussion that was focused on the Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the LGSF-FA and Support for Capital Outlays and Social Programs under FY 2022 GAA, R.A. No. 11639/Local Budget Circular No. 142 which aim to properly guide the participants in the submission of eligible projects, to lessen backlogs and to avoid cancellation of projects through the elaboration of guidelines, limitations and correct processes for the FALGU FY 2022.

Also, in the said activity, the legal basis and eligible projects were highlighted and it was mentioned that the total appropriated amount for both LGSF-FA and Support for Capital Outlays and Social Programs is approved at 10.5 Billion pesos. The procedural flow from preparation to submission was also reiterated.

There were 300 attendees via Zoom platform and over 500 viewers in the FB Live Stream.

An open forum was held at the end of the presentation to address the inquiries and concerns of the attendees. The orientation ended with the Closing Remarks of PDMU Chief Sangel. **(IO I Joyce M. Delos Santos)**







## DILG R1 Women's Festival (Culminating Activity for Women's Month Celebration)

The Juanas of DILG Regional Office 1 gathered at the DILG R1 Training Hall on March 25, 2022 for a culminating activity of the Women's Month Celebration.

The activity focused on empowerment and recognition of women's role in progress and development.

The women of DILG R1 were joined by Dr. Ivy Ico - Head of the Family Health Center, DOH Center for Health Development Ilocos, who now lectures on the Reproductive Health and Personality Development.

Following the morning activity are the Women's Quiz Bee, Singing Bee, Tiktok Challengea and Zumba. **(RIO/PIO Alethea A. Cedo)**





# Sustainable Water Source in Rural Areas Boosts Local Economic Activities

Everybody needs a safe and clean water to quench thirst and to stay healthy. The government aims to contribute to the accomplished its goal of providing potable water to the whole country especially in the areas that experience scarcity of water in the rural areas. The Sagana at Ligtas ba Tubig para sa Lahat or SALINTUBIG is one of the priority projects of the government.



*Potable Water from the tapstand are used to make ice for halo-halo business*

The residents of Barangay Namruangan, Cabugao Ilocos Sur was a recipient of the Local Government Support Fund- SALINTUBIG Fiscal Year 2020 General Appropriation Act for the project on the Improvement of Level II Potable Water System. Php 11.29 million was allotted for the project. A total of 2,119 residents which include children are the beneficiaries of the project.

A deep well served as water source, beside a pumping station was built. 20 Tapstand were established at the sides of the streets where the residents can fetch water. The construction of the project started on December 28, 2020 and was completed on November 26, 2021.

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Florence Sambrano an entrepreneur and a resident of the said barangay is very thankful for the SALINTUBIG Program. She is able to gain more profit from her halo-halo business, because a clean and safety water is readily available when she needed to make ice to be used for her business.

"I am glad that we have this SALINTUBIG of the DILG, this is where we fetch water, we also drink the water from here (tasptand)," said Sambarano.

Another resident, Thelma Saniatan, is grateful, they save a lot of money, since the water system became operational on November 2021. They drink water coming from the tapstand.

Barangay Namruangan was also a beneficiary of the 2017 Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities, which addressed the water supply insufficiency for the whole barangay. Some sitios were still experiencing scarcity of water during the months of April to May or during the dry season.

"Water was scarce, even if we do have wells and electric water pumps as additional source of water, it was not enough. But when the SALINTUBIG Project was completed, everybody was happy. Water now is overflowing!" added Barangay Chairman Robertson Gorospe. **cont. on next page**



*A farmer tries to connect the hose in the water system for agricultural use*





*Constructed Level II Water System in Brgy. Namruangan, Cabugao, Ilocos Sur*

The local government of Cabugao is helping the Barangay Officials to gain trainings for them to enhance their knowledge on how to facilitate and maintain the water system.

“We are so thankful that all the barangays who received SALINTUBIG projects for they are able to manage it well for the betterment of the community” said Cabugao Mayor Edgardo S. Cobangbang, Jr.

The LGU also gained inspiration from the SALINTUBIG Project to construct water systems in the different barangays that experience water scarcity during summer.

At present, there are already 18 completed projects under LGSF- Salintubig from 2012 to 2020, in the province of Ilocos Sur.

SALINTUBIG is part of the Philippine Development Goals (SDG) for 2017- 2030, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2017-2030 and Philippine Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan (PWSSMP) for 2008-2025. **(IO Ria Lou Taay)**



## Ilocos Norte Receives Two LGSF-DRRAP Assistance

Two Local Government Support Fund - Disaster Recovery and Rehabilitation Assistance Program (LGSF-DRRAP) were awarded to the Province of Ilocos Norte during the first quarter of 2022.



The first LGSF-DRRAP amounting to Php 1,179,481.00 was awarded to selected beneficiaries from Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte on January 19, 2022, while the second which amounts to five (5) million was awarded to Ilocos Norte Agriculture Fisheries Extension Center (INAPEC) February 22, 2022.

The distribution of the bottomset gillnets was spearheaded by Mayor Rafael Ralph L. Benemerito II and other elected officials in the municipality of Pagudpud.

Said awarding activities were lead by Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew J. Marcos Manotoc, Vice Governor Cecilia Araneta Marcos, Atty. Pancho I. Jose, Department of the Interior and Local Government Ilocos Norte (DILG IN) Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison, and other heads of agencies.

The fishery inputs and paraphernalia were given to different livelihood associations within the province.

Both activities were also attended by Cluster Leader Roger P. Daquioag, LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor, and DILG IN Project Development Monitoring Unit (PDMU) Engineers.

The LGSF-DRRAP aims to give assistance to the recovery and reconstruction of the economy and livelihood of the beneficiaries who were affected by Typhoon Ulysses. **(Engr. II Jan Patriz L. Mariano)**



## Revisiting the DORMS

In preparation for the rainy and typhoon season, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Ilocos Norte (DILG IN) conducted the Reorientation on Disaster Online Reporting and Monitoring System (DORMS) on March 24, 2022. It was held at Barangay 3 San Andres II Multi-Purpose Hall, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. The activity aimed to equip the DILG Personnel in the upcoming possible disasters during the said seasons.

LGOO II Sheryl L. Ulep and LGOO II Dino P. Ramos, resource speakers, discussed the tools that will be used in the reporting during disasters such as Preparedness Monitoring Sheet (PMS), Submission of the Proof of Service, Situational Report and Management of the Dead and Missing (MDM) Report, and Dissemination of the Critical Cyclone Track Chart and Weather Updates.

The DORMS was established to warrant functional and responsive operations. It is a vital component in ensuring disaster-resilient communities.



## 2022 Cities & Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Data Validation and Workshop for Cities and 1st Class Municipalities of Pangasinan



On April 04, 2022, the Department of Trade and Industry Pangasinan, headed by Provincial Director Natalia B. Dalaten, together with Engr. Rowena V. Ignacio of the Provincial Planning and Development Office of Pangasinan conducted the 2022 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Data Validation and Workshop for Cities and 1st Class Municipalities of Pangasinan last April 4, 2022 at the Lenox Hotel, Dagupan City, Pangasinan.



## DILG Ilocos Norte launches Wellness Dance Break



In response to the Provincial Order No. 22-0356 entitled, "Conduct of Wellness Dance Break Every Friday," in which the said activity shall be done regularly to ensure healthy behavior, alleviate depression and improve overall fitness of the DILG Employees and Staff of the Province of Ilocos Norte, the DILG Ilocos Norte Provincial Office launched the Wellness Dance break on February 18, 2022 which was participated by employees.

This dance break will be conducted every Friday at 3:00 in the afternoon. The DILG Ilocos Norte

Provincial Staff were encouraged to take a break from the routinary daily office work and gather to participate in the activity. Each unit will be assigned to lead the group and is encouraged to innovate ways to further improve the activities aside from the usual dance breaks.

This dance break aims to increase the efficiency and productivity at work of the DILG INPO staff that will lead to better quality of outputs, and a more positive outlook in life. **(LGOO II Roma Andrea N. Bringas)**

## DILG La Union Joins 1st Quarter CY 2022 NSED

The DILG La Union Provincial Office participated in the 1st Quarter CY 2022 National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) last March 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

The Duck, Cover and Hold was performed by the personnel upon hearing the loud siren which signaled the start of the drill. A debriefing was also conducted by Safety Officer Hedrich V. Calderon and Program Manager Nicolette May O. Amon to assess the drill that took place.

Moreover, the DILG Field Offices, City/Municipalities along with the various barangays of La Union also joined the 1st Quarter NSED.

The NSED is a major endeavor spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) which aims to improve earthquake preparedness and responsiveness through the conduct of drills or exercises. This is being conducted by various line agencies, LGUs and other government instrumentalities quarterly. It also seeks to educate the public on disaster preparedness against earthquakes and tests the contingency plans of Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs).

The activity was conducted in compliance with NDRRMC Memorandum No. 21, s. 2022. Likewise, the drill was conducted following the minimum public health and safety protocols. **(LGOO II Julie Ann B. Quilates)**



## DILG IS NOW: A Novel Concept for Strengthening LGUs

The DILG Ilocos Sur headed by Provincial Director Randy S. Dela Rosa successfully launched the DILG Ilocos Sur Nurturing Optimal Capacities of Barangays on Wheels (DILG NOW) during the Outreach Program of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur at San Emilio Municipal Hall, San Emilio, Ilocos Sur on March 15, 2022.

The program was conceptualized by Director Dela Rosa as an outreach program to the barangays. This aims to provide technical assistance such as training, orientation-briefing and coaching services to the barangays; produce good barangay governance practices; create a venue for information dissemination of the DILG PPAs; serves as forum for citizen engagement by gathering feedback on issues and concerns in barangay governance; facilitate compliance of the barangays in PPA requirements; enrich and supplement transfer of knowledge to other barangays; and bring a closer relationship of the DILG to the local officials and the community.

During the launching activity PD Dela Rosa together with CL Mila P. Madriaga oriented the eight (8) Punong Barangays of San Emilio, Ilocos Sur on the salient features of the Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) and Barangay-based Institutions (BBIs), wherein interactive discussions are made between and among them.

The DILG NOW is one of the initiatives of the office to strengthen and capacitate local government units. By reaching barangays, effort is made to capacitate them with knowledge, skills, and attitudes to produce greater impact in the community.

DILG Ilocos Sur is now targeting one (1) barangay per LGU for the conduct of the program for this year. **(LGOO II Jaemee Erleen Espejo)**





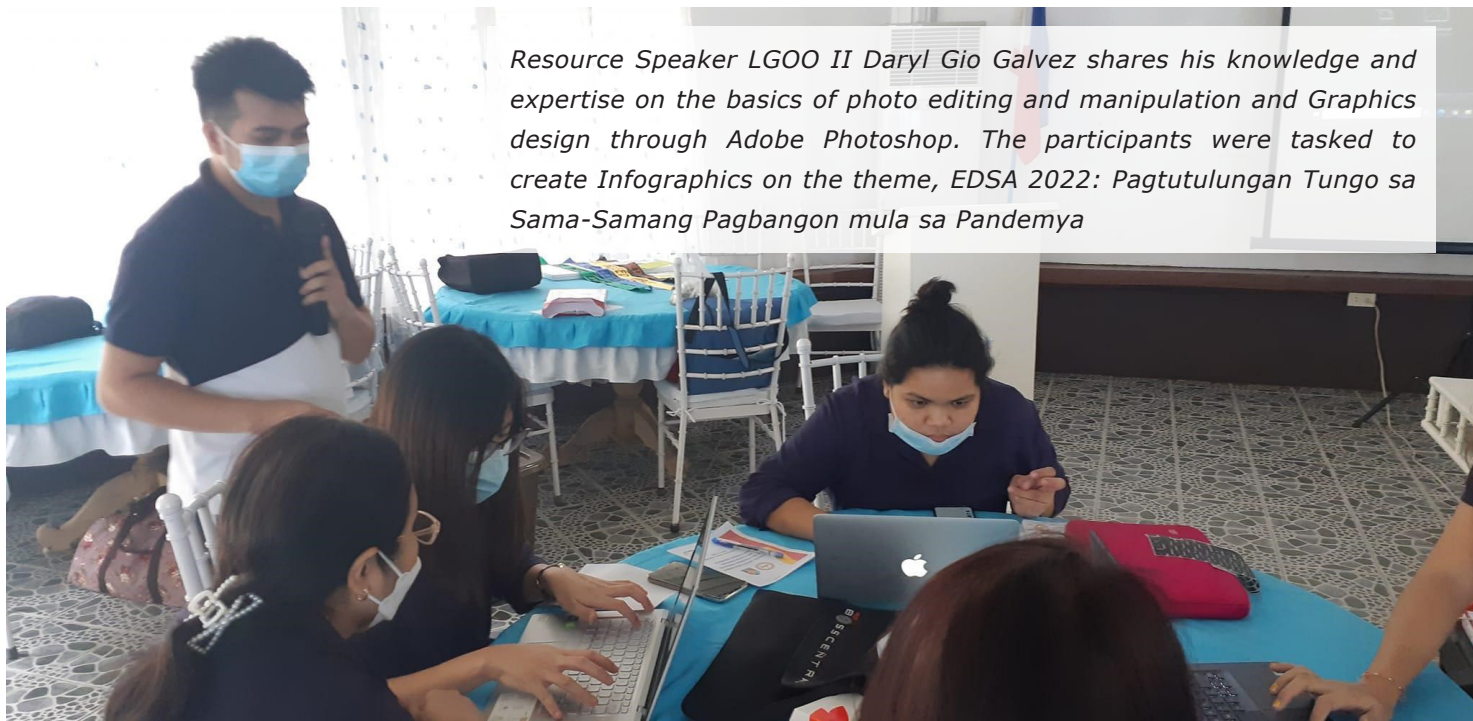
## Towards EMPOWERED DILG PANGASINAN: A Continuing Capacity Development and the quest for innovation

“Empowerment of Individuals is a key part of what makes open source work, since, in the end, innovations tend to come from small groups, not from large structured efforts.”

Critical to its mandate is the pledge of DILG to provide effective technical and administrative services to promote excellence in local governance and enhance the service delivery of Regional and Field Offices for the LGUs to become transparent, resilient, socially protective, and competitive. Thus, the concept of “Empowerment” became the driving force to improve the DILG Provincial administrative and technical staff's ability to effectively perform their functions in the implementation of the PPAs of the department.

Through the initiative and support of the Provincial Management Team headed by Provincial Director Paulino G. Lalata, Jr., CESO V and LGOO VI/ Program Manager Calvin Julius Nollie B. Lubrin, an activity was conducted on March 1-3, 2022 titled, “Conduct of Continuing Capacity Development for DILG Provincial and Cluster Personnel cum planning,” at SCL Garden Resort, Ilog Malino, Bolinao, Pangasinan.

*Resource Speaker LGOO II Daryl Gio Galvez shares his knowledge and expertise on the basics of photo editing and manipulation and Graphics design through Adobe Photoshop. The participants were tasked to create Infographics on the theme, EDSA 2022: Pagtutulungan Tungo sa Sama-Samang Pagbangon mula sa Pandemya*



The activity aims to capacitate all DILG Provincial Focal Persons in carrying out the mandate and processes of the department through the use of Adobe Photoshop, Cyberlink Power Director, and Website Manipulation thru WordPress website. This is to address the greater demand for technological knowledge and skills due to the advancing technology and the need to upgrade the processes of the department for an enhanced and effective delivery of services and an improved performance of functions. It also aims to equip the participants with the right tools to effectively market the Projects, programs and assignments of the department to its clientele.



Along with the conduct of the training was the celebration of the Women's Empowerment Month. The activity utilized the theme of the celebration, Women Empowerment, to promote the advocacy of gender equality and recognition of women's hard-work and contribution in the development of the nation.



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In line with the launching of the Caboloan, the Official publication of DILG Pangasinan, in December 2021, the need for basic knowledge on web manipulation arises, thus, the training targeted the basic processes of posting articles in the website and exploring its features and possible upgrade. **cont. on next page**



*Resource Speaker LGOO II Alvin Joseph Rosario shares his knowledge and expertise on the basics of web manipulation and discusses the features of Caboloan. The participants were given a walk-through on the website and the utilization of Wordpress.com to create a free website or build a blog with ease.*



Additionally, the LGCDs, LGMES, PDMU, and Administration Division were given the opportunity to discuss among themselves the innovative practices that could be introduced to improve the system processes and ease of doing business within the department. In the end, the LGCDs came up with the best innovative practice of centralizing processes and a system they termed 5S+2, which will soon be presented to the entire DILG-Pangasinan for integration and adoption.

The DILG Pangasinan is committed to strive for best results and the quest for innovation continues.

To further this activity, the Provincial office plans to conduct similar training and related activities to capacitate and empower its personnel as emphasized by PM Lubrin in his closing remarks.

For in DILG Pangasinan, we commit to consistently demonstrate a "Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang Kagawaran Para sa Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal". **(LGOO II Ricky Dulay)**



*LGCDs received the Best Innovative Project Proposal Award for their proposed innovative practice highlighting the Centralization of internal processes and a system of Files organization.*

## First Region-wide Convocation

Over 300 employees of DILG Region 1 joined the very first virtual Region-wide Convocation today, Monday, January 24, 2022 via Zoom Application.

Assistant Regional Director Agnes de Leon warmly welcomed all the heads, field officers and office staff from the different operating units in the regional and provincial offices.

With its goal to provide the workforce the latest information on the implementation of PPAs, provincial directors, division chiefs and unit heads presented the updates, future activities and reminders for the first quarter of the year.

During the RD's hour, Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag expressed her appreciation to all DILG personnel for their remarkable performance in FY 2021, and once again urged everyone to learn together and learn from each other, not forgetting the good values, right attitude and strong commitment to the department.

DILG R1 shall continue with its FFR mantra: "GET IT FIRST, GET IT FAST, GET IT RIGHT." **(RPO/RIO Alethea A. Ceddo)**





## National QMS Stage 1 Audit

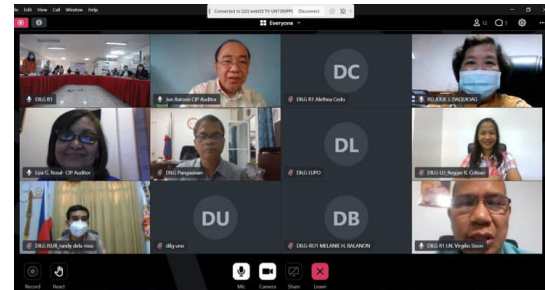
Aiming to determine the extent of compliance of DILG's QMS to ISO 9001:2015 standard and its readiness for Stage 2 Audit, the Certification International Philippines, Inc. (CIPI) conducted the Stage 1 Audit for DILG Region 1 on February 8, 2022 via GoToMeeting virtual

Headed by Audit Team Leader Justo R. Batoon, Jr. and Team Member Liza G. Rosal, the remote audit started with an Opening Meeting with the top management led by the Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph. D., CESO III, Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, CESO V, Provincial Directors, Division Chiefs and all the process owners.

The scope of audit was on the Context of the Organization, Leadership and Commitment, Finance and Administrative Operations, Results of Internal Audit, Provincial Offices Operations and Regional Office Operations. DILG La Union was the selected Provincial Office to be assessed on Provincial Office Operations.

The Stage 1 Audit mainly focused on the availability and utilization of QMS documented information and tools of the procedures being administered within the organization.

Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) were then discussed among the auditees during the Closing Meeting which shall be considered for corrective measures in preparation for the Stage 2 Audit. **(QMS Officer Katrina F. Florentin)**



## DILG RO is Safety Seal Re-certified

On February 15, 2022, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office I (DILG RO I) is again awarded the Safety Seal for its sustained compliance to the requirements of the Safety Seal Certification Program (SSCP).

The assessment was conducted by the City Safety Seal Inspection and Certification Team composed of LGOO II Michael John F. Borja and AdA IV Roger Christian S. Macalino from DILG City Office, SFO2 Mar-Jeffrey J. Pascua from BFP-CSF, and PAT Menchie C. Dela Cruz from PNP-CSF. LGOO VI/HEA Marife M. Doculan assisted the team as they inspected the adherence of the Regional Office to the requirements of the SSCP.

The Safety Seal Certification is a voluntary certification scheme which affirms that an establishment is compliant with the minimum public health standards set by the government and uses or integrates its contact tracing with StaySafe.ph. **(Katrina F. Florentin, QMS Officer)**





## RD Julie Distinguished MMSU Alumni

**R**D Julie, an exemplar and inspiration to MMSU and DILG

Embodying the core values of integrity, commitment, responsiveness, and excellence in public service has made DILG R1 Regional Director Julie J. Daquiaoag, Ph.D., CESO III as one of the 2020 Distinguished Alumni of Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU).

RD Julie received the award during the MMSU's Pammigbig ken Pammadayaw Year III virtual ceremony on February 15, 2022 as part of the MMSU's 44th Foundation Anniversary. She was awarded along with the other eight distinguished alumni who have brought great distinction to the University through their significant contributions to society and whose accomplishments, affiliations, and careers have honored its legacy of excellence.



RD Julie, who finished her doctorate degree in MMSU in 2001 is truly a living exemplar for demonstrating exceptional leadership as she led the dynamic DILG Regional Office 1 and 3 towards promoting excellence in local governance and enhancing service delivery for local government units to become transparent, socially-protective and resilient LGUs.

With her "get it first, get it fast, and get it right" mantra that she incessantly emphasizes to her fellow Matitino, Mahuhusay, and Maaasahang DILG personnel and her strength of spirit, manifested through her focused efforts to implement the programs, projects, and activities of the DILG has led to the attainment of unparalleled success for the organization.

The Alumni Award System is designed to recognize and celebrate the ideals of the University which are continually kept alive by those who have gone through the portals of the University. MMSU commits itself to the active promotion of this award in the hope that these outstanding Stallions may become living exemplars of the objectives of the University which will serve as inspiration to future alumni.

The nine (9) MMSU alumni awardees were subjected to the following general criteria: 50% excellence (demonstrating excellence in the degree pursued/chosen career; presents notable accomplishments and exemplary performance that has substantial impact in the lives of people; exhibits creative and innovative works; presents awards and commendations received); 20% Integrity (epitomizes moral uprightness; upholds dignity and prestige of the Alma Mater; maintains beneficial mutual relationship with Alma Mater; and strengthens the bond of brotherhood and goodwill among Alumni and lastly, 30% Service (contributes to the attainment of the Vision and Mission of the Alma Mater; and works for the welfare of humanity).

Congratulations RD Julie! Truly, a living exemplar and inspiration to MMSU and DILG! **(LGOO II Jeslen B. Tesoro)**

## COA Virtual Exit Conference

The Commission on Audit (COA) conducted a Virtual Exit Audit Conference with DILG Region 1 on March 8, 2022.



The activity aimed to present the audit report for Fiscal Year 2021 which comprises of observations and recommendations on the region's financial operations.

State Auditor Edencio Brabante mentioned some clarifications on the audit observations then later on obtained commitment from the management to resolve the issues. Due to the diligent efforts made by all personnel of DILG R1, the minimal audit observations were outweighed by the operational highlights of the region thus ending FY 2021 triumphantly.

On behalf of DILG R1, RD Julie Daquiaoag, conveyed the heartfelt gratitude to COA for always providing guidance in keeping the organization's commitment to transparency and accountability. **(RPO/RIO Alethea A. Cedo)**

## DILG R1 Conducts Training on PSCP

With the aim to update and enhance the approved Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) of DILG Region I, a training course on PSCP was facilitated by the Office of Civil Defense R1 at the DILG R1 Training Hall on March 28-31, 2022 and joined by over 50 participants from the regional and provincial offices via face-to-face and zoom.

Enrolled in the OCD Training Portal, the four-day activity March 31, 2022 is being handled by the following Resource Speakers/Facilitators from OCD R1: Joneil Flores, Ma. Criselda Abrajano-Gonzales, Bernadette Abubo, Empress Nacor and Elvis Quitilig. **(RPO/RIO Alethea A. Cedo)**



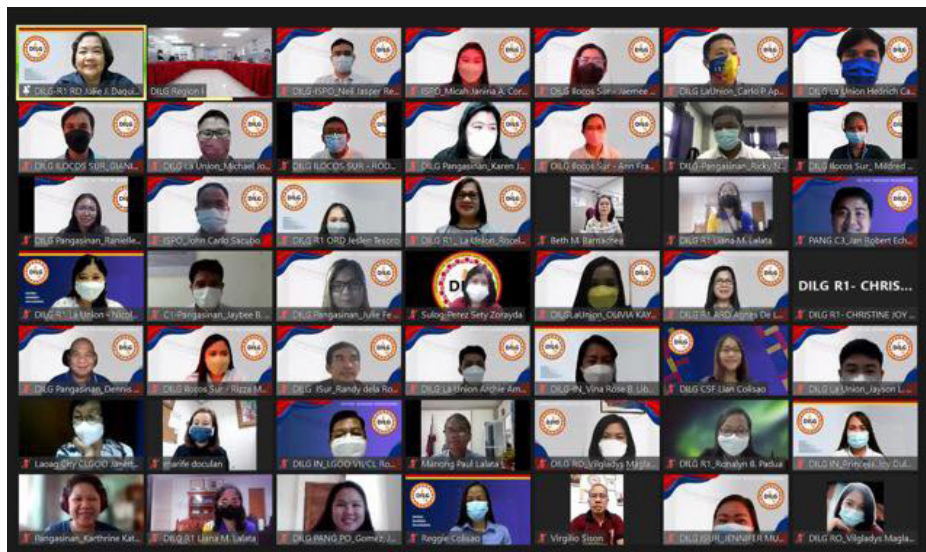


## General Orientation of the Apprenticeship Program for LGOO IIs and IIIs-54th Batch

Thirty (30) Local Government Operations Officers II coming from the four provinces and from the regional office of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) is currently participating in the General Orientation of the Apprenticeship Program for LGOO IIs and IIIs-54th Batch. Said activity is the Component I of the apprenticeship program. It started on March 16 and will continue until March 23, 2022 through the Zoom platform.



In her message DILG Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag shared to the group the importance of the program not only to the apprentices' career advancement but most importantly to the Department and to its clients. She also emphasized



that the path that they will be taking will be difficult and that they must do their best to overcome it.

In addition, DILG Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon gave her insights and shared some of her experience during the training. She said that aside from their knowledge and skills, another important aspect that every apprentice must possess is good attitude. ARD De Leon also discussed the framework of the program and its various components.

The following topics to be discussed include the DILG Brand Identity, Philippine Local Government System, DILG Organizational Structure, Strategic Doctrine and Program Outcome, Salient Features of the Local Government Code, Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees (RA 6713), CSC Personnel Policies and Standards, and Supply and Property Management, among others.

The Apprenticeship Training for Local Government Operations Officers is a Competency Based Training (CBT) designed to equip the LGOOs II and III personnel of the Department the necessary competencies to become effective catalysts for excellence in local governance. **(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)**

## DILG R1 Joins the S.A.F.E. NLE 2022 Launching

February 17, 2022- The Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office I (DILG RO I) represented by Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. de Leon, CESO V and LGMED Chief Rhodora G. Soriano joined the Philippine National Police Regional Office I (PNP PRO1), Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Regional Office I, religious leaders, and other concerned stakeholders in the Launching of Safe, Accurate, Free/Fair National and Local Elections (SAFE NLE) 2022 with the theme "Ako ang Simula ng Pagbabago" at the PRO1 Grandstand, Camp BGen Oscar M Florendo, Parian, City of San Fernando, La Union.

"Let us continue our collaborative efforts by doing our parts as government agencies, non-government organizations, and community leaders to ensure a violent-free, secure, and peaceful May 2022 elections" said ARD de Leon in her message. She added that "It is not in numbers but in unity that our great strength lies." ARD de Leon emphasized the important role of each and everyone to have a SAFE NLE.

The activity aimed to promote and enjoin concerned agencies and stakeholders for a safe, accurate, free and fair elections this coming May 9, 2022. PMGen Rodolfo S. Azurin, Jr., the Director for Comptrollership of the PNP and at the same time the guest of honor and speaker, stressed that the PNP supports the call of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for a clean election this year.

Making the event more meaningful and symbolic, aside from the Interfaith Prayer for NLE 2022, there were lighting of the SAFE candles and pinning of SAFE 2022 pin, manifesto signing, benediction of religious leaders, and the releasing of white doves.

The launching was participated by officials and personnel from the PNP, COMELEC, PCG, DILG, 702nd IB of PA, PPCRV, NAMFREL, and different religious organizations headed by Most Reverend Daniel Oca Presto, D.D., Bishop, Diocese of City of San Fernando, La Union; IMAM Zainal Macapundag, President Muslim Center, City of San Fernando, La Union; and Pastor Romeo B. Garcia, La Union Provincial President, Faith-based Advocacy Support Group. **(LGOO VII Rhodora G. Soriano)**





## RPOC Region 1 Holds 1st Quarter Meeting

The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Region 1 held its 1st Quarter Meeting for CY 2022 on March 17, 2022, via Zoom Teleconference Meeting, to discuss the accomplishment of the Council and of its member agencies for the 1st Quarter of CY 2022, among others.



Newly assigned Regional Director of PNP PRO1 and Vice-Chairperson of RPOC 1, PBGEN Westrimundo D. Obinque presided the meeting which was attended by a total of 30 regular members/representatives.

Among the highlights of the meeting are the following:

- Anti-Criminality Campaign Updates presented by PNP PRO1;
- Anti-Illegal Drugs Campaign Updates presented by PDEA RO1;
- Anti-Insurgency Campaign Updates presented by 702nd BDE;
- POC Performance Audit (2019 and 2021);
- Representation of the RPOC 1 to the PNP's Recruitment Program Screening Committee; and
- Schedule of Quarterly RPOC Meetings for CY 2022.

A resolution was approved by the body on the creation and organization of the POC Regional Audit Team (RAT) for a fair and just POC Performance Audit and the designation of Philippine Information Agency Regional Director Jennilynne C. Role to remain as the representative of RPOC 1 to the PNP's Recruitment Program Screening Committee. **(Stat. I Lara Mae P. Casuga)**



# 2021 ADAC Performance Audit Virtual Training of Trainers



Participated by ADAC Regional Focal Person, Alternate Focal Persons, Provincial Focal Persons, C/MLGOOs, and LGU Focal Persons/Encoders, the DILG R1 through the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) conducted a three (3) day activity on 2021 ADAC Performance Audit Virtual Training of Trainers on March 23-25, 2022 via Zoom Platform. **(Stat I Lara Mae Casuga)**

## Validation of 111 Barangays with Drug Cleared Status

DILG R1 conducted validation of one hundred eleven (111) barangays with drug cleared status last March 24, 2022 at Hunters Den, PDEA Compound, Camp Diego Silang, Carlatan, City of San Fernando, La Union. The Regional Oversight Committee Barangay Drug Clearing (ROCBDC) is chaired by PDEA with DILG, PNP, DOH and LGU representatives as members. **(Stat I Lara Mae S. Casuga)**





## SGLG is Back!

After the two-year suspension of its implementation due to the risk of the Covid-19 pandemic, the most coveted seal, the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), is back.

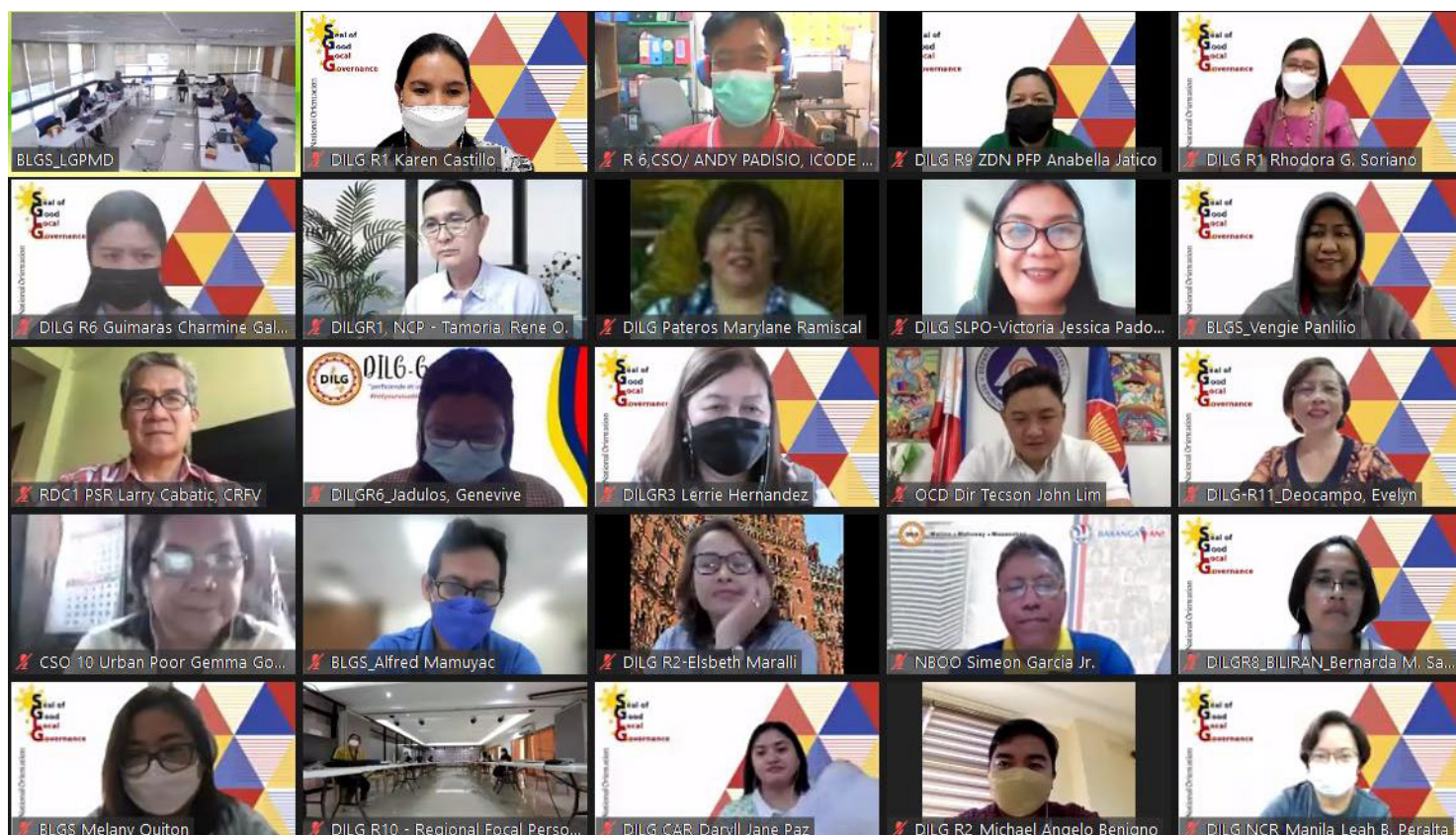
Signaling the start of the CY 2022 SGLG implementation, the Bureau of Local Government Services (BLGS) conducted the CY 2022 SGLG National Virtual Orientation on March 3, 4 and 7, 2022.

RD Julie Daquioag, together with LGMED Chief Rhodora G. Soriano, and the Regional and Provincial SGLG Focal Persons and their alternates attended the said orientation. Representatives from partner CSOs from the National Chaplains of the Philippines (NCP) Inc. and Council for Restoration of Filipino Values (CRFV) also joined the virtual event.

With the implementation of Republic Act No. 11292 or the SGLG Act, the SGLG maintains the "All-In" principle where a local government must pass ALL 10 governance areas: Financial Administration and Sustainability, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection and Sensitivity, Health Compliance and Responsiveness, Sustainable Education, Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness, Safety, Peace and Order, Environmental Management, Tourism, Heritage Development, Culture and Arts, and Youth Development.

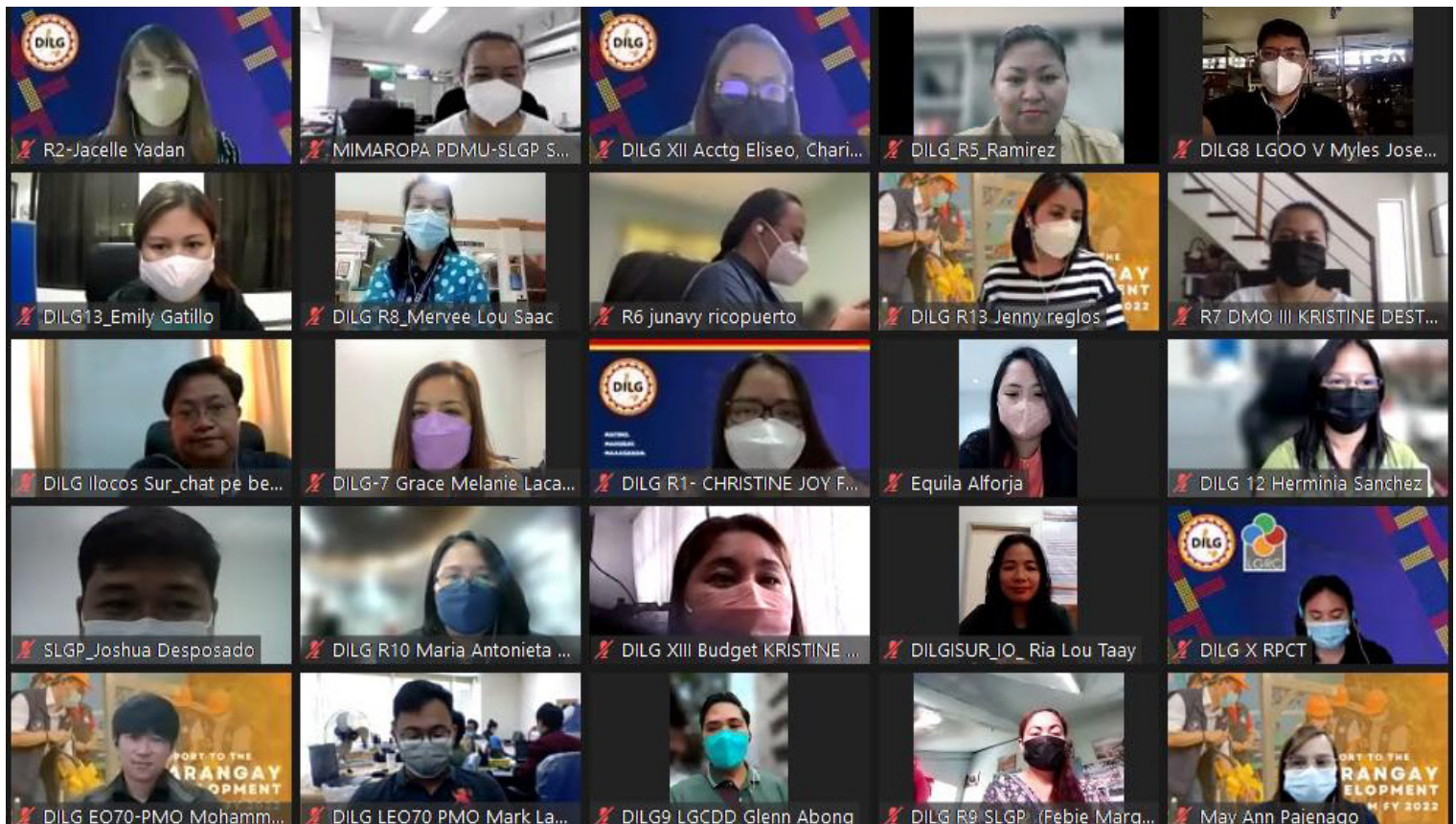
These 10 governance areas and their corresponding indicators as well as the technical notes were thoroughly discussed by the members of the Council of Good Local Governance (CGLG), the policy-making and advisory entity of the SGLG. The various SGLG forms and certifications were also discussed to ensure proper documentation of the assessment.

Moving forward, the DILG Regional Office will conduct its regional orientation for DILG Field Officers and LGU representatives before the end of March, 2022. **(LGOO V Karen C. Castillo)**





# Local Government Support Fund – Support to the Barangay Development Program (LGSF-SBDP)



To ensure a successful conduct of inspection and validation of the 2021 Local Government Support Fund – Support to the Barangay Development Program (LGSF-SBDP) projects and programs, the DILG Program Management Offices (PMOs) of the Localization of Executive Order No. 70 (LEO 70) Program and the Support for the Local Governance Program (SLGP) held a virtual GENERAL ORIENTATION ON THE THIRD-PARTY MONITORING GUIDELINES to all DILG Regional Offices' concerned representatives/focal persons from the PDMU, FAD, LGCDD, and SLGP via Zoom teleconferencing on March 25, 2022.

Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) is sought to conduct to ensure transparent, accountable, and responsive implementation of the SBDP. This will be carried out by an accredited non-government entity and provide independent perspective on project performance and shall augment existing monitoring capacities of the Department.

Deployment of TPM shall take place on July to December of this year covering all infrastructure and non-infrastructure LGSF- Support to the Barangay Development Program projects reported as completed and/or ongoing.

The LGSF-SBDP is the Government's priority program to usher development and deliver basic services to conflict-affected barangays that lagged due to the terror caused by the CPP-NPA Terrorists. For 2021, 822 barangay beneficiaries that were cleared from the communist insurgency are provided with 20 million pesos each for their priority projects. For region 1, Barangay Baluarte, Salcedo and Barangay Nagbittedan of Santo Domingo in the Province of Ilocos Sur are among the identified barangay beneficiaries for FY 2021. **(DMO III Aldrin Nolasco)**



## DILG R1 Conducts Series of Technical Assistance on the Accomplishment of Online Profiling and Performance Benchmarking Forms for LGU Managed Water Utilities

March 21, 2022- To affirm its mandate on strengthening local government capacities in the delivery of water supply and sanitation services, the DILG RO I through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) spearheaded a technical assistance on the accomplishment of Online Profiling and Performance Benchmarking Forms for LGU Managed Water Utilities in the region.

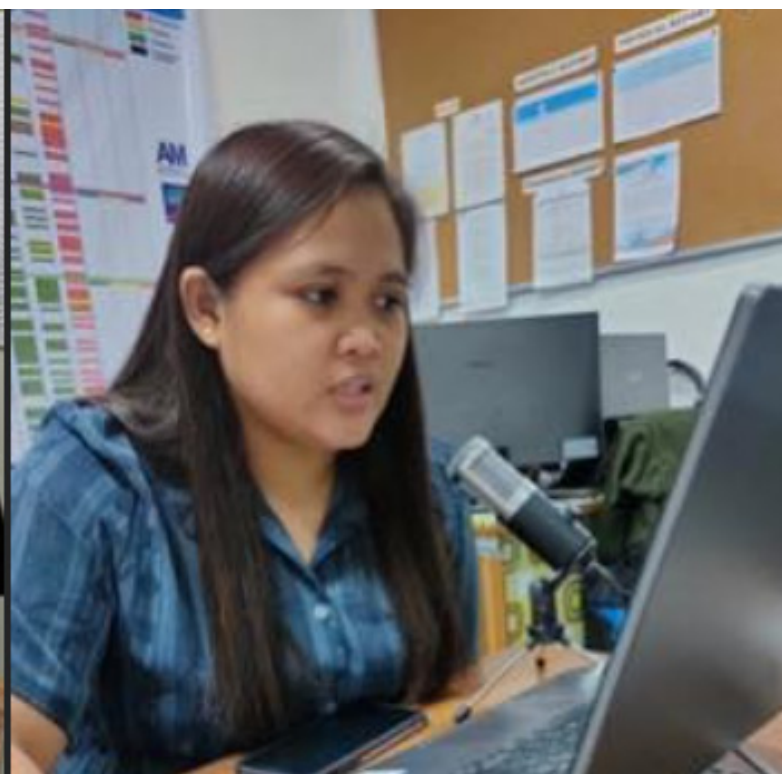
Different Functionaries of the invited LGUs attended the said activity specifically from Tubao (La Union), Aguilar, Labrador, Mangatarem, San Fabian and San Jacinto (Pangasinan).

Engr. III Cherry U. Adriano, with the guidance of PDMU Chief Sharwyn M. Sangel captained the discussions on the procedural flow of the needed preliminaries for data gathering covering Annexes C and D particularly the Online Profiling and Performance Benchmarking Forms.

A hands-on activity took place in the afternoon wherein the LGUs were given some time to accomplish the forms followed by the presentation of outputs. Trained Engineers Andres O. Quiaoit (Engr. IV), Cherry A. Adriano (Engr. III), Jan Patriz L. Mariano (Engr. II) and Jan Omar O. Panelo (PEO I) provided inputs for the finalization of the tool.

Also present are the DILG Provincial Engineers from Pangasinan and La Union who are vital in the success of the said activity as they helped improve service delivery.

Before the activity concluded, participants were given time to express their concerns and inquiries and were addressed accordingly. Finally, both parties agreed on the date of submission of to-follow documents.





March 28 – April 1, 2022 To further strengthen the cause and widen the coverage, Engr. Andres O. Quiaoit, Engr. Cherry U. Adriano and Engr. Jan Omar E. Panelo together with the DILG Ilocos Sur PDMU Staff visited various LGUs of Ilocos Sur namely San Juan, Quirino, San Esteban, Lidlidda and Santa Cruz. In coordination with the respective MLGOOs, the team managed to convene the concern LGU functionaries for the assessment of their present condition regarding water supply, sanitation and hygiene. This time, the evaluation was done via face to face interview, focus group discussion and encoding of actual data.

As part of Annexes C and D, the use of Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) Assessment Tool was also intensified aiming to evolve and strengthen the awareness and understanding of sanitation and hygiene in the community. This tool is also intended to determine the extent to which the WATSAN Council are able to pursue a well-coordinated and synchronized approach to planning, budgeting, resource use, service delivery, and monitoring and evaluation of programs/ activities/ projects related to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (iWaSH). The assessment focused on the following areas of concern: Challenges and Issues related to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene; Organizational Culture & Structure; Policies and Strategies; Planning & Budgeting; Programs and projects; Expertise; Monitoring and Evaluation; Information and Knowledge Management; and Choice of Partners.

The team came up with findings per LGU based on the assessment tool. Some of them do have a BLGU-Managed Water Facilities but the maintenance and operation varies per LGU. The team was also informed of the presence of WATSAN Council, however some LGUs were not yet able to institutionalized through an updated EO. The team also encouraged the visited LGUs with non-existing Barangay Water and Sanitation Association (BWSA) to create their respective body for each barangay for the sustainability of their water and sanitation projects.

Furthermore, the team encouraged the LGUs concerned that they may also request for funding assistance thru the LGSF-FALGU Programs for the construction/rehabilitation/ improvement and expansion of potable water supply projects to include sanitation program.

These activities assessed the condition of water supply, sanitation and hygiene services of LGUs for the Department to determine areas of intervention to ensure that the projects will be more sustainable and quality service are being delivered. **(IO I Joyce M. Delos Santos / IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)**



## CODE Team Visit



March 10, 2022- at Monarch Hotel, Calasiao Pangasinan: The Coordinated Operation to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Team Visit "BIDA TUNGO SA NEW NORMAL" with Secretary Vivencio B. Dizon, Presidential Adviser for COVID-19 Response, leads the CODE Team Visit in Calasiao, Pangasinan on March 10, 2022, in coordination with the DILG, DOH, OCD and PIA.

This activity aimed to bring to life the government-enabled, local government-led, and people-centered response; to provide stronger support to LGUs who need it the most; and to serve as a platform for dialogue among LCEs, stakeholders, and business owners of Pangasinan and La Union.

Present virtually and physically were the key officials of DILG Region 1 headed by Regional Director Julie Daquioag, ARD Agnes De Leon, Provincial Directors Paulino Lalata Jr., Reggie Colisao, and Local Government Capacity Development Division (LGCCD) Chief Pedro Gonzales. Sen. Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go graced the event with his virtual message.

The participants were welcomed by Dagupan City Mayor, Hon. Marc Brian Lim. **(LGOO IV Liza May Colisao)**



## RD Julie inspires every Juana in PNP R1

Regional Director Julie J. Daquiaoag, Ph. D., CESO III served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the Philippine National Police Region 1 Kick-Off Ceremony of the 2022 National Women's Month Celebration with the theme: "We Make Change Work For Women" focused on the sub-theme, "Agenda ng Kababaihan, Tungo sa Kaunlaran". The said activity was held at PRO 1 Granstand, Camp BGen Oscar M. Florendo, Parian, City of San Fernando, La Union on March 8, 2022.



RD Daquiaoag inspired and ignited motivation not just to the women but also to the men of PNP R1.

"Ang babae ay 'ilaw ng tahanan' at siya ang tinatawag na source of inspiration", RD Julie emphasized. She mentioned the different roles of women highlighting the economic and community managing roles that contribute to nation building.

RD Julie also mentioned that there are different Laws, Memorandum Circulars and advisories promoting the rights and roles of women in which we have to ensure that these should be fully implemented.

"We want our women to be engaged, participative and empowered. In that manner, when they are in that pedestal, we can say that the women will be happier, more engaging and contented in their lives. And most of all, women will be more beautiful inside and out." RD Julie added.

The DILG R1 is one with the Philippine Commission on Women and all other agencies in celebrating a woman who exercises her choices, taking chances to make her voice heard and benefitting from and trailblazing change.  
#DILGNatin #WomenMakeChange  
#MenMakeChangeForWomen (LGOO II  
**Liana M. Lalata**)





## 2 LGUs in LU among Top 20 in CMCI Awards, PGLU moves up

The Municipalities of Pugo and Agoo, La Union made it to the Top 20 in the national ranking of the 2021 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) Summit, while the Province of La Union, previously ranked 13th, is now the 8th Most Competitive Province in the Philippines.

The Department of Trade and Industry conducted the 2021 CMCI Awarding Ceremony on February 8, 2022 at the J&V Function Hall, Sevilla Center, City of San Fernando, La Union.

CMCI is an annual ranking of the Philippines cities and municipalities developed by the National Competitiveness Council through the Regional Competitiveness Committees with the assistance of the United States Agency for International Development. Cities and Municipalities were assessed based on the four pillars: Economic Dynamism, Government Efficiency, Infrastructure and Resiliency.

The following LGUs were also recognized in the various pillars:

### Government Efficiency

Category	LGU	Rank
Component Cities	City of San Fernando	14
1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> class Municipalities	<u>Agoo</u>	12
	<u>Bauang</u>	19

### Resiliency

Category	LGU	Rank
Component Cities	City of San Fernando	9
1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> class Municipalities	<u>Agoo</u>	8
	Rosario	11
	<u>Bacnotan</u>	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> class Municipalities	<u>Sto. Tomas</u>	2
5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> class Municipalities	Burgos	9

Overall, La Union is able to innovate and improve the systems and procedures in order to attract more investments, contributing to economic growth and sustainable development.

**(LGOO II Olivia Kaye B. Finn)**



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