



DILG 13 (Caraga) Tops Implementation of Locally-Funded Projects

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

As per Memorandum dated October 2, 2015 Re: Weekly Status of the Office on Project Development Services (OPDS) on Locally-Funded Projects signed by Director IV Rolyn Q. Zambales, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 Caraga tops the implementation of DILG Projects.

All locally-funded projects of DILG 13 from C.Y. 2012 - 2015, which pertains to the Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB), Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) and Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) have the following status as of September 30, 2015 per Memo from OPDS and per weekly report of the DILG Regional Office Delivery Unit:

Per Memorandum issued by OPDS

% Physical Accomplishment	66.09%
Completion Rate	42.52% (Next to DILG CAR)
Obligation / Utilization Rate	96.50 %
Disbursement Rate	83.54%

Breakdown of Rating per Project (DILG 13 Level)

	PAMANA	BuB	SALINTUBIG
% Physical Accomplishment	69.62%	65.72%	89.06%
Completion Rate	69.47%	40.09%	65%
Obligation / Utilization Rate	100%	100%	100%
Disbursement Rate	87.62%	87.95%	90.94%

RD Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III is in full force with the Delivery Unit composed of the Regional Project Development Unit (RPDMU), Project Anchors, Division Chiefs, Budget Officer and the Accountant in implementing measures relative to the fast tracking of locally-funded projects of the Department.

One of the strategy of the Office is creation of the Delivery Unit through Regional Order No. 2015-35 to facilitate measures in the implementation of projects. Through this, an appropriate reporting system and database of projects has been established to monitor the status of projects. In addition, constant coaching activities are done for LGU counterparts to aid them in the project implementation.✿

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Raising the Bar of Excellence

Our call for public service has a much greater calling nowadays. It creates a demand that we need to address immediately. So many pressing issues have emerged which needs attention and solution. A lot of times, we are bombarded with work that there are already so much things needed to be done in just a matter of time. Taking a quick glance of where we are right now and asking ourselves what have we done so far in our years of service would lead us to know if we have done our best in our line of work.

The Department has been implementing good governance projects to improve the lives of the community as well as alleviate their existing conditions. The government is moving millions of pesos as worth of projects for the provision of basic services and other developmental needs. People participation is now highly encouraged so as to empower and mobilize them. It has created a demand for proposing projects which they identify to address their sectoral concerns. This has been answered by the Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB).

Local Government Units have been subjected to certain policies and rules in the implementation of government programs. A measure of its performance can be gauged through the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). The conferment of the Seal will only be given to LGUs that adheres to the following performance criteria: good financial housekeeping, disaster preparedness, social protection for the basic sector, business-friendliness and competitiveness, environmental management, and law and order and public safety.

Conflict-affected areas are also provided with government interventions such as the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) and rebel or armed groups are encouraged to go back to their communities through the Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP).

Waterless communities are provided with potable water systems through the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) and remote areas are provided with local access roads.

Those are just few of the programs our Department has been implementing. The road to progress is never easy. If we are to ask the community if they are satisfied on what we have done so far and their answer is "yes", then we can say that we have done enough. But if their answer is "no", then maybe what we think is enough is not yet enough. We still have to do more than what we have already given and more than what we have already achieved. This means we need to **raise the bar of excellence**.

In the eyes of the people, we need to see that they are satisfied. In their existing conditions, we need to feel that they are well-served.

For a fact, there were many challenges and bumpy roads along the way but we somehow managed to push through. Together with the DILG 13 personnel, we highly encourage local government units to work with us in improving lives and uplifting the conditions of the community. We strongly push for good governance. We continue to raise the bar of excellence.



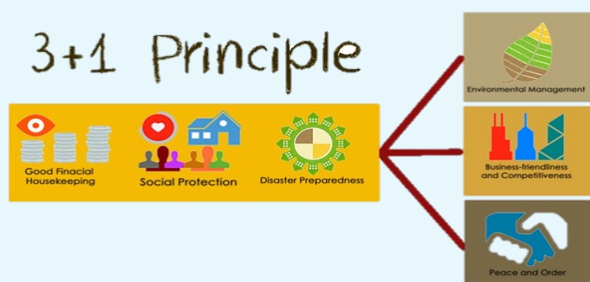
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Assessment Report

For a Local Government to be conferred the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), it needs to pass the three (3) core assessment areas and at least one (1) essential area, dubbed as “3 plus 1” principle.

The three (3) core areas are Good Financial Housekeeping, Disaster Preparedness and Social Protection, while the three (3) essential areas are Peace and Order, Environmental Management and Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness.

3+1 Principle



The 2014 Seal of Good Local Governance Assessment Result reveals that there is more that need to be done, governance challenges that need to be hurdled and national laws that need to be strictly complied with by our provinces, cities and municipalities.

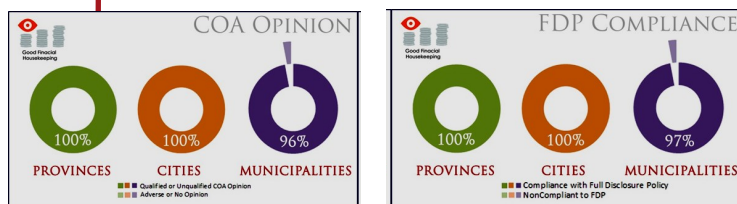
In Caraga Region, on a general trend, among the three core assessment areas – most of the LGUs are doing well in Good Financial Housekeeping while a good number are found to be disaster prepared. Alarming, most LGUs need to improve on Social Protection area.

Meanwhile, in the essential assessment areas, almost all of the LGUs show good performance in Peace and Order, majority of LGUs hurdled the criteria on environmental management and business friendliness. While all provinces and all cities passed business-friendliness and a majority passed environmental management, there were more municipalities that passed environmental management than business friendliness.

The inclusion of these identified assessment areas in SGLG are considered to ensure that the desired governance conditions for the LGUs are attained.✱

CORE AREAS

Good Financial Housekeeping



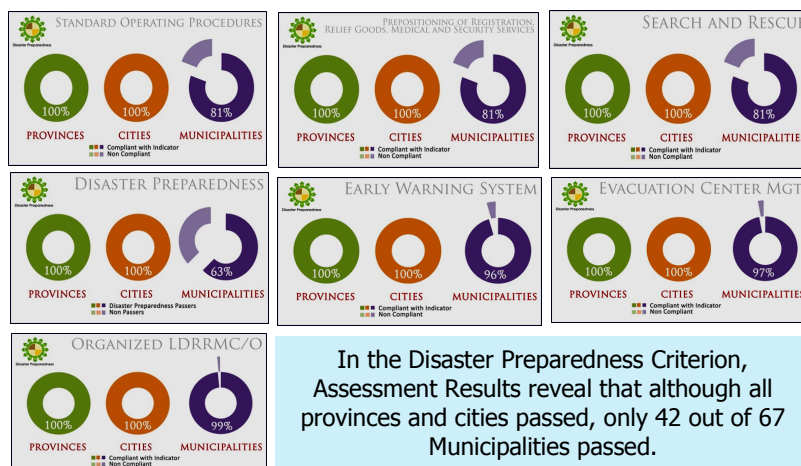
Caraga Region has a total of 75 LGUs with qualified/unqualified COA Opinion while 76 LGUs fully complied the FDP during assessment period.

Social Protection



The indicators wherein LGUs can improve much on are on Maternal Care Packages (45% of Cities and Municipalities); compliance with accessibility law (80% of provinces and only 3% of Cities and Municipalities); and LGU-managed youth homes/bahay pagasa or any similar care facility (4% of Cities and Municipalities).

Disaster Preparedness



In the Disaster Preparedness Criterion, Assessment Results reveal that although all provinces and cities passed, only 42 out of 67 Municipalities passed.

DILG 13 conducts Regional Strat-Plan Workshop on Mainstreaming CCA & DRR in Local Development Planning

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa



Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Resource Institutes (LRIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) involved in CCA and DRR Mainstreaming in Local Development Planning were invited for a Strategic Planning Workshop and came-up with a list of technical assistance and services for the mainstreaming process.

A Regional Strategic Planning Workshop on Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Local Development Planning was conducted by the DILG Regional Office 13 (Caraga) on September 30, 2015 at Pietros Square, Capitol Bonbon Road, Butuan City.

The activity gathered Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Resource Institutes (LRIs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the region that are involved in the mainstreaming process. They were oriented on the policies on mainstreaming as embodied in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-77 and in its implementation strategies.

To ensure that the mainstreaming process be carried out effectively, a call for the creation of a Regional Composite Team (RCT) under the Sectoral Committee on Environment of the Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Council (MSAC) is needed. The participants responded positively to this call and thereby agreed to become members of the RCT. The creation of the RCT will be done through a Resolution of the MSAC, which is now for approval and adoption.

A Planning-Workshop was conducted to identify what technical assistance and services the RLAs, LRIs and CSOs can provide to local government units to mainstream CCA and DRR in their Comprehensive Land Use and Comprehensive Development Plans.

The participants identified areas of convergence and /or collaboration for the mainstreaming process. The activity ended with an action planning, which includes the conduct of Advocacy and Information Campaign on Mainstreaming CCA and DRR in Local Development Planning to LGUs along the Agusan River Basin (ARB) And in the Eastern Seaboard (ES).✱

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ESSENTIAL AREAS

Peace and Order



Among the essential elements, peace and order seems to be the criterion where most LGUs have excelled on. All provinces and cities have complied with all four indicators while all municipalities have passed the indicators on Anti-criminality action plan adoption; and logistical and financial support provision to local police stations; and 94% municipalities passed the indicators on having local peace and order councils convened; and support provided for the organization of the Barangay Peace Action Teams, or its equivalent

Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness

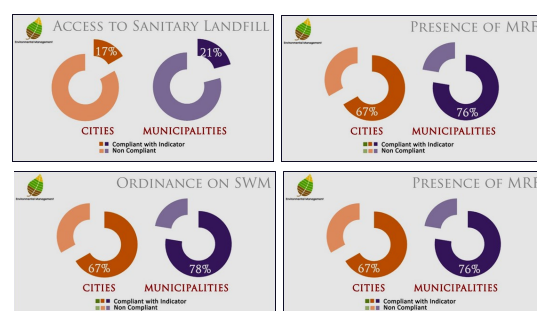


On the matter of business friendliness, all provinces have designated LEIPO Officers. For the case of cities and municipalities, cities seem to have performed better in this aspect with all cities having setup their database or recording system for local business and 83% of cities have designated LEIPO officers; complied with standards of simplified business processing and licensing; and among the top 50 on the competitiveness index of the National Competitiveness Council.

Environmental Management



In Environmental Management, only 3 out of 5 provinces have their 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan. And contrary to the business friendliness criterion, municipalities in this criterion seem to have performed better than cities.





Meet the New Secretary of the Interior and Local Government

SILG Mel Senen S. Sarmiento

Mel Senen Sarmiento is the newly-appointed Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Prior to his appointment, he was on his second term as representative of the 1st District of Samar.

He is the principal author of the Strengthened Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act. He also authored Republic Act No. 10630 which strengthened the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. In this Congress, he headed the House Delegation to the Commission on Appointments. He was also the Chairman of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Automated Elections System.

As Western Samar representative, he filed a total of 48 house bills, co-authored 157 bills, and delivered 12 privilege speeches. Before becoming a member of the House of Representatives, he was Vice Mayor of Calbayog City from 1992 to 1995. It was during his term that Calbayog City became the Cleanest and 2nd Most Peaceful City in the Philippines.

He was then elected as City Mayor of Calbayog in 2001 until he termed out in 2010. During his term as mayor, he also served as the Secretary General of the League of Cities for two consecutive terms and was also the Chairperson of the Regional Development Council – Region 8.

Calbayog City, during his term received numerous awards for effective and participatory governance, some of which are the following:

- ⇒ 2003 Gawad Kagalingan Award;
- ⇒ 2003 Best Practices Award;
- ⇒ 2004 2nd Placer, National Search for Model Barangay Eco-Waste Management System;
- ⇒ 2004 Galing Pook Award;
- ⇒ Presidential Medall of Merit;
- ⇒ 2006 Gawad Saka Award for Outstanding City Agriculture & Fishery Council;
- ⇒ 2007 Konrad Adenauer Medall of Excellence; and
- ⇒ 2008 Competitive City Award.

It was also during his term as local chief executive when Calbayog City was identified as the city with the highest reduction in poverty incidence according to the National Statistical Coordination Board.✿

PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS

Promotion

DATE	NAME	FROM	TO
7/30/2015	Charissa T. Guerta	LG00 VII	LG00 VIII



LG00 VIII Charissa T. Guerta, CESE

“Cha” is currently the Division Chief of the Local Government Capability and Development Division (LG00 VIII) of DILG XIII where she has been in service since 2012.

This is her 18th year working for the Department.

Congratulations, Maam Cha!

Reassignments

DATE	NAME	FROM	TO
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7/16/2015	LG00 II John Chris C. Malupa	DILG RO	DILG SDN
7/16/2015	LG00 IV Redgy V. Panilan	DILG ADS	DILG SDS
7/16/2015	LG00 II Jorem J. Luzon	DILG RO	DILG ADS
7/16/2015	LG00 II Vincent Angelo M. Balansag	LGRC	LG00 VIII
7/16/2015	LG00 II Lady Ella C. Chu	DILG RO	DILG SDS
7/16/2015	LG00 II Leslie Ann M. Bantasan	DILG RO	DILG PDI

New Hires (Contractual)

DATE	NAME	POSITION / OS
9/1/2015	Emmanuel A. Miraballes	BUB-CM, DILG ADS

2014 PCF Orientation convenes DILG, LGU Officers

By: Naomi C. Orog, LG00 II

The Department recognizes local government units' internal housekeeping by establishing the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) as an incentive for excelling good local governance performance. Since 2010, about 99% of Caraga LGUs accessed the fund.

To address the performance gap in the implementation of PCF-supported projects especially in terms of complying to required documentary reports subject to Audit by COA, the regional office convened the DILG and LGU Officers for said purpose.

The activity addressed several issues and concerns in physical and financial reportage on the completed and on-going PCF-supported projects in the region, as well as establishing uniform understanding among core players on the Operational Guidelines and mechanics of project management of the PCF.✿

DILG 13 confers Seal of Good Local Governance to LGU Passers



PAGKILALA SA KATAPATAN AT KAHUSAYAN NG PAMAHALAANG LOKAL

By: Don Manuelo O. Patrimonio, LG00 II

The Regional Conferment Ceremony for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) 2015 dubbed as “*Pagkilala sa Katapatan at Kahusayan ng Pamahalaang Lokal*” was participated by 252 persons composed of two Governors, 30 Mayors, 35 Local Officials, 20 Local Functionaries, 92 DILG Officers & Employees, 8 Regional Directors/Representatives of SGLG Regional Partner Agencies and 65 LGU personnel. It was held at Almont Inland Resort and Convention Center, Butuan City last August 25, 2015.

The line-up of SGLG awardees, left-to-right: Surigao del Norte Governor Sol Matugas, DILG13 RD Lilibeth Famacion; Agusan del Norte Governor Ma. Angelica Amante-Matba, Dinagat Islands Vice Gov. Benglen Ecleo, Agusan del Sur Vice Gov. Santiago Cane, Socorro Mayor Denia Florano and DILG13 ARD Donald Seronay in their triumphant pose.

The venue all filled-up with participants as the program commenced with LGU Officials in the region.



Conferred with the SGLG 2015 Awards were the Municipality of Socorro, Surigao del Norte received by Mayor Denia Florano; Province of Agusan del Sur received by Vice Governor Santiago Cane; Province of Dinagat Islands received by Vice Gov. Benglen Ecleo; Province of Agusan del Norte received by Gov. Ma. Angelica Rosedell Amante-Matba; and the Province of Surigao del Norte received by Gov. Sol Matugas.

Also conferred were the 73 other municipalities, cities and province that were given their Certificates of Recognition with their Governance Assessment Reports. The regional offices of the SGLG partner agencies were also given Certificates of Recognition, to wit: Office of Civil Defense (OCD) received by RD Manuel Luis M. Ochotorena; Commission on Audit (COA) received by the Regional Supervising Auditor - Ms. Nila S. Flores; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) received by OIC-ARD Marites M. Ocampo; Department of Health (DOH) received by Dr. Ernesto E. Pareja; National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) received by Mr. Rodolfo A. Salomon; and Philippine National Police (PNP) received by the Deputy Regional Director for Admin - PSSupt. Pedro U. Obaldo, Jr.

The activity was held as the culminating activity for the SGLG assessments conducted in 2014 and to confer the SGLG awardees their SGLG markers, Governance Assessment Reports and the Performance Challenge Fund ceremonial checks amounting to P7 Million for the Provinces, P5 Million for the Cities and P3 Million for the Municipality.

It also aimed to encourage other local government units to emulate the recipient LGUs, and strive harder for the next round of SGLG assessment. ✽

DILG trains LGUs on Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan Formulation

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

To capacitate LGUs in the crafting of their Local Climate Change Action Plans that is customized according to its exposure and vulnerability, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (Caraga) conducted a Training on Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment for the Formulation of Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan (LCCAP) on September 1-3, 2015 (Batch 1) and September 8-10, 2015 (Batch 2).

The Plan will serve as the blueprint for future land use and will guide the LGU on tasks to perform in reducing vulnerability and improving resiliency. It will spell out programs, policies and activities in mitigating and adapting to climate change which will be integrated in their local development plans.

The participants for the training were the Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and



Participants were having a workshop on the Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment tool.

Management Officers (MDRRMOs), Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs), Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officers (MENROs), Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSWDOs), and LGU Documenters/Writers. They were grouped into cohorts per LGU in order to generate responses on the impact of

climate change in their respective areas and to determine what possible and strategic actions are to be taken in order to decrease vulnerability and increase resiliency.

For Batch 1, the LGUs invited were the Municipalities of Pilar, San Benito, San Isidro, Socorro, Sta. Monica, Dapa, Del Carmen and General

Luna of the Province of Surigao del Norte. It also included participants from the City of Butuan. For Batch 2, the Municipalities of Carmen, Jabonga, Kitcharao, Magallanes and Santiago of the Province of Agusan del Norte were invited. It was also participated by the Municipalities of Cagdianao and San Jose of the Province of Dinagat Islands, and Cortes of the Province of Surigao del Sur.



DILG 13 conducts Regional Consultative Conference & Orientation on Revised SLRF Guidelines

By LG00 II Don Manuelo O. Patrimonio

The Regional Consultative Conference and Orientation on the Road Board's newly revised Guidelines on the Implementation of Projects under the Special Local Road Fund (SLRF) was conducted last August 14, 2015 at Pietros Square, Capitol Bonbon Road, Butuan City.

A total of 50 were in attendance, comprising of 14 Engineers and 9 Accountants and 5 others (e.g. LTTMO, CPDO, etc.) from the 11 LGUs, i.e. 5 provinces and 6 cities; 2 DPWH XIII personnel (Engineer and Accountant); 3 COA Auditors assigned to DILG and DPWH; 5 DILG Provincial Focal Persons; 9 DILG Regional Office personnel; and the 3 OPDS-SLRF facilitators/resource speakers.

The participants appreciated the presence of DPWH and COA representatives with whom they were able to air concerns or clarify procedures especially in terms of reportage/liquidation. The DPWH engineer was also thankful that they were given an avenue to remind LGUs on reports/accomplishments that need fast tracking, and that this is very timely especially since the SLRF 2015 funds are about to be released as well.

The resource speakers divulged the updates and what's in store in the coming months in the local road sector, particularly on the Local Road Management (LRM) Manual, DILG Roads and Bridges Inventory System (RBIS), and the National Program for LRM. ❀

DILG provides training on Geographic Information System

By LG00 II Naomi C. Orog

A Training on Geographic Information System (GIS) for Climate and Disaster Risk and Vulnerability Reduction was conducted by the Department on the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (Caraga) for 18 local government units in the region.

The activity was held in two batches, the first was held on August 12-14, 2015 while the second was on August 17-19, 2015 at Almont Inland Hotel, Butuan City.

The participants were coming from municipalities of Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur and Dinagat Islands which are located along the eastern seaboard and others



that are highly vulnerable to disasters.

The main objective of the training was to train remaining highly vulnerable coastal LGUs to develop a local geographic information system which they can use to enhance their disaster preparedness and response capacity, specifically, to produce respective geographical hazard maps towards better decision-making on local development planning and disaster mitigation. ❀

DILG 13 assists 7 LGUs on Business Plan Development

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

Seven LGUs were trained on the Development and Formulation of Business Plan held last September 15-17, 2015 at Balanghai Hotel and Convention Center, Brgy. Doongan, Butuan City.

preparation / formulation of their LGU Business Plan. The training sought to help the LGUs draw their investment road map and plan for the development of their economy.

There seven target LGUs were: a) Surigao City, Surigao del Norte; b) Municipality of Socorro, Surigao del Norte; c) Municipality of Sta. Monica, Surigao del Norte; d) Municipality of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur; e) Municipality of Trento, Agusan del Sur ; f) Municipality of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur; and g) Municipality of Veruela, Agusan del Sur.

The target LGUs were also assisted in the identification of critical investments and business opportunities in their locality in order to attract more investments, create more employment, build more partnerships with the private business sector and create more economic opportunities .

The activity is under the Building Business-Friendly and Competitive LGUs (BBFCL) Program of the Department, which is aimed to capacitate local governments on the

The participants of the training were the DILG Provincial Focal Persons on Accelerating Investments for More Businesses in LGUs (AIM-BIZ), Municipal Local Government Operations



Board of Investments (BOI) OIC Director Lourdes Ellen N. Kionisala examined and evaluated the workshop outputs of the participants.

Officers (MLGOOs), Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officers (LEIPOs); Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs); Sanggunian Bayan Members on Economic Affairs or Trade, Commerce and Industry; Tourism Officers or Agricultural Officers; and Budget Officers or Treasurers of the target LGUs.

The LGU Business Plan is a tool to assist LGUs on how to develop, maximize, and utilize their resources for the promotion, attraction and retention of new and old investments in pushing forward for more economic growth, development and competitiveness of their LGUs economic condition. ✽

DILG, DOH validate LGPMS Health Scorecards

By LG00 II Don Manuelo O. Patrimonio



LG00 VI Ellen Vee P. Chua (in white polo shirt), LGPMS Provincial Focal Person of DILG-Agusan del Norte with the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and staff during the data aggregation workshop.

Relative to the Joint Advisory issued by this Department and the Department of Health dated July 9, 2015 pertaining to the 2015 Implementation of the LGU Health Scorecard, A sub-System of the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS), this level, in coordination with the DOH Center for Health Development – Caraga, conducted the LGU Health Scorecard Validation Conference on September 8-9, 2015 at Hotel Luciana, Butuan City.

The activity is in line with Steps 5 and 6 as per implementation process from the same Joint

Advisory, on the Data Review, Reconciliation and Certification Stage and Data Aggregation at the Provincial Level. The expected/ projected timeline of which is on Aug. 13-Sept. 4 and Sept. 7-11, respectively.

The target participants were the Provincial/City Health Officers (P/ CHOs), DMO IV of DOH Provincial Offices, LGPMS Focal Persons of the DILG Provincial Offices, PHTL/DMO V of the DOH Regional Office, and technical personnel of the DILG Regional Offices. A total of 37 participants and conference staff were in attendance.

After the discussions on DILG-DOH Joint Advisory and the DOH Department Memorandum No. 2014-0147 on the LGU Scorecard Guidelines and the Data Capture Form , the participants broke into groups according to province to do the data review and reconciliation which went on until the end of day 1 and on day 2 continued with the workshop on the provincial data aggregation. Finally, action plans were asked from each province to lay down the next steps and timelines they need to follow to be in sync or catch-up with the national timeframe.

"We are now ready to conduct coaching session with our LGUs so that they will know how to derive the accurate data and not just give figures for the sake of compliance," said Engr. Henrito Simplicio, Sanitary Engineer of PHO of Surigao del Sur.

Whereas DMO Erwin Pingal, PDO Surigao del Norte,

expressed his appreciation of the activity because he realized the significance and weight of his role in certifying the forms. He can now say with confidence that their report is accurate.

From the DILG side, LG00 V Shiela Gesta, LGPMS Focal Person of DILG Surigao del Norte was thankful that the activity was conducted so that they can level-off understanding in terms of the DCF indicators and hopes that next time around, other LGUs and functionaries, e.g. budget officers, are included in the orientation.

Both DILG and DOH expressed appreciation of the convergence effort and hope that it can be repeated in succeeding years.

The activity was co-facilitated by Mr. Jimmy L. Egay, Planning Head of DOH Caraga, and LG00 VI Lolita H. Savaria-Go, LGPMS Regional Focal Person of DILG Caraga. ✽

PAMANA's Battle Against Poverty

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

In 2012, 78.57% of the PAMANA was granted to Siargao Island in the amount of Php 7 million for livelihood projects. The project entitled: "Integrated High Value Crops Production and Mangrove Protection with Livelihood" was intended to provide livelihood for its recipients. It was implemented by the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte under the Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO).

Siargao Island of the Province of Surigao del Norte is not a conflict-affected area nor a CNN influenced area but the place is battling/fighting/struggling/striving/combating a different kind of conflict, which is the "Battle Against Hunger."

Poverty makes the island of Siargao susceptible and vulnerable to insurgent activities, which qualifies it to be a recipient of the PAMANA program.

The livelihood projects under the PAMANA grant included crop production, mariculture development, livestock production, mangrove production with livelihood and trainings for the program beneficiaries.

During implementation, there were challenges hurdled and a few roadblocks encountered, but the eagerness of the community and the persistence of the project implementer (PAO) made a break-through to finally reap the harvest of what they sow.

Since 2012, the recipients were still able to sustain the projects as they are continuing to receive the benefits.

In fact, Mr. Regen Porta of Brgy. San Roque, Pilar, Surigao del Norte, one of the recipient of the vegetable production livelihood testified that out of his income from the squash production, he was able to buy a carabao.

Ms. Siony lara of San Isidro and Ms. Angelina Pejir of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte expressed their gratitude to the PAMANA project because out of the earnings from the vegetable production, they were able to address the educational needs of their children and at the same time, meet the demands of their family expenses.

The gains and benefits that the recipients received from the livelihood project were indeed life-changing. It has not only provided additional source of income for the recipients but at the same time taught them agricultural technologies to improve farm produce.

Forty (40%) percent of the livelihood project was devoted to crop production. The farm production includes vegetables, corn, watermelon, papaya, pineapple, calamansi, legumes and banana.

The vegetable production was planted in 23 sites in the island, the banana in ten (10) sites.



Mariculture development included seaweed production and nerserying, abalone production, crab pot and fattening and fish pot. Seaweed production received the biggest budget amounting to Php 750,000.00 followed by abalone and crab fattening.

Goat raising is the main livestock project in the island. For the mangrove protection with ecotourism activity project in the Municipality of Socorro, pump boats with fishing nets were provided to the recipients.

Trainings to support the different livelihood undertakings in Siargao were conducted, such as Organic Fertilizer Production and Goat Raising.

To this day, the PAMANA project has undeniably made a positive change in the lives of the recipients.

The PAMANA Program is a manifestation that our government reaches out to its people in need. ☀

Government welcomes 42 Former Rebels through DILG - CLIP

By LG00 VI Ma. Lourdes C. Martinez &
LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

Forty-two (42) Former Rebels (FR) expressed their intention to return to the government through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP) last August 25, 2015 at the Province of Surigao del Sur during the Peace Caravan.

Out of the 42 FRs, thirty-nine (39) were able to receive their livelihood assistance worth Php50,000.00 and Php15,000.00 immediate cash assistance of the DILG-CLIP, while the remaining three (3) FRs are still yet to claim.

The Province of Surigao del Sur through Governor Johnny T. Pimentel also gave Php5,000.00 worth of LGU counterpart cash assistance to the FRs.

Present during the

ceremonial awarding were Secretary Teresita Qunitos-Deles of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), General Oscar Lactao, Major General Aurelio Baladad, DILG NBOO Director Leocadio Trovela, Provincial Governor Johnny T. Pimentel of Surigao del Sur, Provincial Director of Pedrito P. Alacaba of DILG Surigao del Sur, LG00 VI Ma. Lourdes C. Martinez of DILG Surigao del Sur and LG00 VI Annabel Ivy Boquiren of DILG Regional Office.

The CLIP focuses in the integration program for members of the Communist Party of the Philippines, New People's Army and National Democratic Front who have decided to abandon armed struggle and be mainstreamed into society. ✿

DILG releases Php57.8 Million PAMANA checks to SDS, ADS

By LG00 II Archie Rose G. Vasquez

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Caraga awarded Php57.8 Million worth of checks to two recipient provinces in the region, Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur, to implement the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) projects under DILG fund during the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Second Quarterly Meeting last June 30, 2015 at Mazaua Island Resort, this city.

Awarding of checks was headed by DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion joined by RPOC Chair and Butuan City Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante Jr., PSSupt Pedro U Obaldo of Police Regional Office (PRO) XIII, and MGen Oscar T Lactao of 4th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army. The checks released are the first tranches equivalent to 80% of each project's cost.

Provincial Administrator Efren Rivas of Surigao del Sur received Php33.8 Million worth of checks for the province which will fund four (4) different infrastructure projects, namely: Construction of Carromata to Bitaugan Road Opening (30kms) Phase II in San Miguel amounting to Php24 Million; Rehabilitation of Union-Dogak-Rajah Cabungsuan Road Phase IV in Lingig amounting to Php1.8 Million; Road Opening of barangay proper to Camunohan, Bayogo Phase II in Madrid amounting to Php4 Million; and Construction of 15LM Single Lane Flat Slab Bridge II, Bayogo Phase II in Madrid amounting to Php4 Million.

Provincial Governor Adolph Edward G. Plaza also received the check amounting to Php24 Million awarded to the Province of Agusan del Sur for the Construction of Bridge Approaches in Sta. Irene-La Purisima Bridge in Prosperidad. He also received the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) 2014 check of Php7 Million for the improvement of D.O Plaza Memorial Hospital in his province. ✿

Regional Peace & Order Council Formulates Handbook In Handling Internal Displacement



The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Committee on Internally-Displaced Persons (IDPs) with the Provincial and Butuan City POC Representatives headed by RPOC Chair - Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, Jr.

By LG00 VI Annabelle Ivy R. Boquiren

The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) of Caraga exerts efforts in handling internal displacement brought about by legitimate armed conflict as issues of insurgencies and criminality is affecting the region.

In order for RPOC to appropriately address the internal displacement incidents, the Committee on IPD Matters was created 2012 to oversee displacement matters in the LGUs.

The formulation of the handbook in handling internal displacement is defined in the Caraga Roadmap for Peace, which the RPOC intends to establish protocols in handling internal displacement that will aid stakeholders particularly Local Peace and Order Councils (LPOCs). This is to ensure appropriate treatment and action that will outline mechanisms and strategies in dealing with situations of the IDPs.

The first activity was done last August 11-12, 2015 that began the series of activities for the formulation of the POC Handbook. The second Consultative Workshop was done last September 28-29, 2015 attended by composite members of the RPOC Committee on IDP Matters. During the 2nd Consultative Workshop, LG00 VIII Charissa T. Guerta led the workshop. ✿



Appointment of Provincial Administrator



By Atty. Allen M. Gasulas

The Provincial Prosecutor's Office of one Province in the region, asked of the same question wrote a letter-query to this Office relative to the appointment of their Provincial Administrator, Mr. XXX, which was invalidated by the Civil Service Commission, who previously validated the appointment of this same person in the same position during the past administrations.

QUERY:

Is CSC the proper agency to implement the provisions of the Local Government Code, particularly, in this case, Section 480 thereof?

OPINION (Regional Legal Opinion 2015-009):

Yes. Under Executive Order 292, the Civil Service Commission shall have the following functions:

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Declare positions in the Civil Service as may properly be primarily confidential, highly technical or policy determining;

xxx

Take appropriate actions on all appointments and other personnel matters in the Civil Service including extension of service beyond retirement age;

In Civil Service Resolution No. 001156 dated May 12, 2000 entitled Carmencita O. Reyes re Appointment; Provincial Administrator, the Commission, declared:

The "position of Administrator (Provincial, City or Municipal) as primarily confidential in nature, and the term of office of appointees to said positions, consistent with the LGC, to be coterminous with the officials they serve."

The same Resolution quoted Senator Aquilino Pimentel, Jr., the principal author of Republic Act No. 7160, in a commentary contained in his book "The Local Government Code of 1991: Key to National Development," (p.514) statement, as follows:

"1. Officials Subject to Local Government Appointment and Exceptions. This Title (Title Five) lists some 22 officials for every municipality, city and province whose appointments, with three exceptions, are lodged with municipal mayors, city mayors and the provincial governor respectively: They are all career officials except the Legal Officer, Information Officer and the Administrator whose terms of office are co-terminous with the mayor or the governor who appointed them."

The Supreme Court en banc in G.R. No. 185740 dated July 23, 2013 entitled the Provincial Government of Camarines Norte vs. Beatriz O. Gonzales categorically stated that:

"R.A. No. 7160 made the provincial administrator position coterminous with its appointing authority, reclassifying it as a non-career service position that is primarily confidential."

Finally, for the proper recourse in Non-Disciplinary Cases, such as Invalidation or Disapproval or Appointment, we invite your attention to Rule 16 of the Revised Rules in Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RRACCS). ☼

RD Famacion represents SILG Roxas on Project ICARUS Launching

By LG00 V Dulce Amor M. Moran

Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III represented SILG Mar Roxas during the Project Launching of ICARUS, which stands for Information Center for Assistance, Rescue and Unified Services in Butuan City last July 2, 2015.

As a project, ICARUS is composed of a cross sector group with all potential partners in the city such as health, social services, urban planning and building, fire brigade, police, armed forces, public works, and traffic safety that collaborates and pool in resources and expertise to make sure city is safe and secure.

The ICARUS System offers to the public a communication application that will enable the user to connect using their cellular phones (call or text), landline or radio communication to the command center, and report on-time accident and other life threatening situation.

The system uses the latest mapping technology capable of tracking registered "apps" subscriber provided by Pureforce. The operators at the Command center will activate the partners who will directly respond to specific need as identified and a quick-response team will be mobilized to respond. ☼

DILG holds GAD Orientation on GA Tools, GAD PB Guidelines

By LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

To capacitate DILG Officers in the review of GAD Plan and Budget of local government units; clarify the composition, structure, roles and responsibilities of the DILG 13 GAD Focal Point System (GFPS); and equip them with the application of Gender Analysis (GA) tools, the DILG Regional Office holds the Orientation on the Utilization of Gender Analysis Tools and Guidelines in the Review of GAD Plan and Budget and Accomplishment Report last September 22-23, 2015 at Pietros Square, Capitol-Bonbon Road, Butuan City.

The activity discussed the following topics with corresponding workshops: (1) Gender Mainstreaming and Evaluation Framework (GMEF); (2) Gender Responsive LGU Ka Ba (GeRL Ka BA?); and (3) Harmonized

Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG).

Other inputs include the (1) Structures, Roles and Responsibilities of GFPS; (2) GAD Plan and Budget (PB) & Accomplishment Report (AR) Templates; (3) What Can and Cannot be Charged to GAD PB; and (4) Guidelines in the Review of GAD PN and GAD AR.

The DILG Officers were refreshed on their respective roles on the Localization of the Magna Carta of Women or JMC 2013-01. Through the activity, the roles and deliverable of each were clarified. More so, it enlightened them on the application of GA Tools to the LGUs. ✽



DILG, GIZ Launches, Signs MOUs on KP Project Phase II



The DILG with the technical assistance of GIZ launched the Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Project Phase II with the Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding of Partners on August 25, 2015 at Almont Inland Hotel, Butuan City.

The Project is entitled: Building Capacities for a Gender-Responsive, Child-Friendly, Conflict and Culture Sensitive Katarungang Pambarangay.

Partner agencies are the Department of Justice (DOJ), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU) - Urial Legal Assistance Program (ULAP) and Save the Children.

To date, the draft KP Guide will be under review by experts in order to come-up and develop a localized mechanism / system / procedure gender responsiveness, child-friendliness, conflict- and culture sensitivity in the manner and method of dispute resolution. ✽

Words to live by



by Ms. Lucia B. Garrido, CPA
Supervising Admin. Officer

Everything that we have comes from God and most of all He is the source of our life. This is the reason why God deserves our most heartfelt thanks and praises everyday. Indeed, we rejoiced for all the things he has done to us through our prayers. We should also thank God for the little things and unanswered prayer requests.

This year is about to end and we will be celebrating the Christmas season in the next few months. What reflect us on the coming holidays? Perhaps, most of us are excited to prepare long list of things to do and plan for a get-together event. For the believers, Christmas is all about Jesus Christ – the celebration of His birth. Jesus is the greatest gift to

us. This is our opportunity to deeply express our gratitude to God and meditate on how He love us so much for sending His only Son to save humanity from sin. The Bible says; **“John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** This is the good news to everyone!

What is our response to this? Accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Believe in Him, Follow Him, and Learn about Him and see how His mighty power works. **“Psalm 93:4 – Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea – the Lord on high is mighty”**

PRAISE GOD! ✽

Road to Wadas . . .

By Buenaventura M. Maata, Jr. – CM-PDI

The road to Wadas in the Municipality of Dinagat was rough and rocky with lots of deep holes and patches of large rocks. For a long time, people were complaining because this road is the shorter way to the trading center to San Jose and because of this, they could not easily transport their fish catch and farm products.

In 2013, the Municipality through the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) proposed for the funding of the 1 km. road concreting worth PhP 900,000.00 in their Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan (LPRAP) for funding by the Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB). The project was intended to facilitate the easy access of the farmers and fisher folks in transporting their products to the larger trading centers in the province.

In April 2015, the project was fully completed. The participation of the people in providing some of the labor and their constant cooperation contributed to its smooth implementation and finally, to its completion.

When asked about the new road constructed, one fisherman claimed “...nalipay ug kontento gyud me diri sa improvement sa karsada nga buhat sa BUB kay sukad pa kaniadto, mao gyud ni problema sa mga bata padulong sa eskwelahan ug sa amo nga magdala sa mga isda padulong sa San Jose.” In fact, the people confirmed satisfaction about the Project.

When the children were asked how they felt about the road improvement, they joyfully showed how they can play, ride and walk to and from school everyday.

One child contended “nalipay mi kay kaniadto, kung dili lapok-batohon nga lisud mi makaagi. Karon, sayon ra kayo maglakaw ug way delikado...”

Indeed, the children were satisfied with the new road improvement. ✿



Children in the neighborhood were very happy playing at the crossroad of the newly constructed road from the housing settlement to the main road to San Jose.



Riding back home was already possible compared to the previously very rough and bumpy road to Wadas.

Site Validation for CSO Accreditation conducted

By LG00 V Milariza L. Beniga



An interview with the CSO beneficiaries of Propegemus Foundation Training Programs last July 21, 2015 for Butuan City Programs.

The Local Government Academy (LGA) in partnership with the LoGOTRI-PhilNET and DILG Regional Office conducted the accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to professionalize and rationalize the training programs offered to the CSO beneficiaries by the various CSO training providers in the region.

The site validation was conducted on July 20-24, 2015 in Butuan City and in the provinces of Agusan del Sur and Dinagat Islands.

A group of assessors composed of the DILG, LoGoTri, and a 3rd member evaluated the capacity building programs offered by these service providers, namely: Foundation for the Development of Agusanons, Sibog Katawhan Alang sa Paglambo, Inc. (SIKAP), Propegemus Foundation, Inc., Philippine Grassroots Engagement in Rural Development Foundation, Inc., and Wilson

Agra-Multi-Purpose Cooperative (WAMPCO).

The accreditation was conducted through site inspection and evaluation of documents. There were also interviews with the target beneficiaries of the training programs which they have already implemented.

The CSO Training Programs were evaluated on the areas of (1) Formal Linkages; (2) Organization and Management Structures, (3) Training Program for CSOs, (4) Training Materials, (5) Assets, Physical Facilities, and Equipment, and (6) Pool of Resource Persons.✿

Status of Locally-Funded Projects

As of September 30, 2015

C.Y.		Completion Rate	Accomplishment Rate	Utilization Rate	Disbursement Rate
2012	PAMANA	100%	100%	100%	100%
	SALINTUBIG	100%	100%	100%	100%
2013	PAMANA	100%	100%	100%	100%
	SALINTUBIG	100%	100%	100%	100%
	BuB	95.38%	99.13%	100%	100%
2014	PAMANA	70%	80.47%	100%	91.16%
	SALINTUBIG	0%	49.09%	100%	57.86%
	BuB	74.81%	86.70%	100%	92.91%
2015	PAMANA	7.14%	49.66%	100%	80%
	BuB	3.13%	52.37%	100%	84.01%

DILG plans for 2015 Locally-Funded Project Implementation

By Ellen S. Mandap

To ascertain that programs and projects are accomplished as planned and to come up with specific courses of actions to fill in the gaps of the implementation, the DILG Caraga conducted the Strategic Planning for FY 2015 Locally-Funded Projects.

The activity which was participated by a total of 59 personnel from the Regional Office and selected staff of DILG field office at Marihatag Tree Park and Resort, Municipality of Marihatag on July 17-19, 2015.

The discussions during the activity zeroed in on the individual report for each of the locally-funded projects being implemented by the DILG.

Topics discussed included among others: (1) Status of program/project implementation, (2) Percentage of accomplishment for both physical & financial aspect as against planned targets, (3) Issues and concerns affecting the efficient and effective implementation of the projects, and (4)

Possible courses of actions that can be undertaken to address identified issues & concerns.

To expose everyone to what the region has been implementing and to gain better understanding on each of the projects at hand, simulation activities were undertaken that served as a venue for each participant to take part in the different cycles of program project implementation.

Participatory games were likewise done to effectively impart to the participants on what should be their role in program/project implementation.

As a means of providing insights to the participants on the needed projects that an LGU may undertake, an exposure to a possible project site was further conducted. Through the activity, the participants were made to understand the necessity of putting up certain project in a particular area and what would be the impact of such to its target beneficiaries. ✽



The DILG personnel simulating a process of BuB - Consultation with the grassroots. They were also discussing status of project implementation.

DILG 13 Project Locator

By IT In-Charge Vincent Troy A. Calo

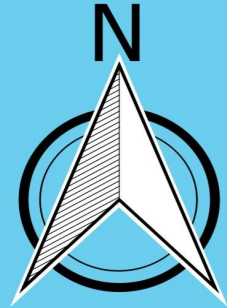
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DILG Locally Funded Projects in Caraga Region

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LEGEND

SALINTUBIG

- 2012
- 2013
- 2014

PCF

- ⬢ 2010
- ⬢ 2011
- ⬢ 2012
- ⬢ 2013
- ⬢ 2014

PAMANA

- ▲ 2012
- ▲ 2013
- ▲ 2014
- ▲ 2015

BUB

- ⬢ 2013
- ⬢ 2014
- ⬢ 2015

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Disclaimer

The map only shows the distribution of DILG Locally Funded Projects in Region XIII (Caraga), location of points are not actual coordinates of projects