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DILG 13 Tops Implementation of BuB Projects Nationwide



Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team (RPRAT) Orientation for FY 2017 LPRAP Preparation at Dinagat Islands Province on November 23, 2015

Year 2015 - the accomplishments of Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB) in terms of project implementation and activities supporting the BuB process lifted DILG 13 among the top performers out of 18 Regional Offices of the Department nationwide.

Going atop was besieged with various challenges such as spillover projects from 2013 and 2014, plus the late implementation of 2015 projects due to delayed downloading/release of funds, slow compliance of documentary requirements, and a lot others that soon spelled "underspending". Performance-wise, these were rated as inefficiencies, thus, the national government issued a marching order to achieve the 80-50 in order to speed up the completion of BuB projects. This means at least 80% of 2013-2014 BuB projects and at least 50% of 2015 BuB projects should be completed by the end of September 2015. (see BUB full story on P.6)

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Command Conference with USEC Austere A. Panadero at LGRRRC, DILG 13

USEC Panadero confers with DILG 13 Personnel

DILG Undersecretary for Local Government Austere A. Panadero led the Command Conference with DILG 13 Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay and the Provincial Directors last November 29, 2015 at the LGRRRC Caraga discussing among other things the Audio-Video Presentation (AVP) production for DILG locally funded projects in the five (5) provinces of Caraga.

The endeavour intended to capture all the DILG infrastructure projects implemented across the region and package it in AVP form for each province to easily communicate to the people the accomplishments of the Department thus far, and popularize major programs such as the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA), Bottom-Up Budgeting (BUB), Sagana at na Tubig para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG) and the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF).

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The closing months of 2015 solidified the Department's efforts in responding to the greater need for exemplary public service. The aggressive implementation of different DILG plans, programs and activities (PPAs) by the Department in general, and by the region in particular, has made the goal of raising the bar of excellence start to come to fruition.

Good governance is becoming the norm rather than the practice of a select few, especially with the active people participation and heightened transparency in government programs through the Bottom-up Budgeting (BUB) process.

During SILG Mel Senen S. Sarmiento's Facetime with Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and the DILG family as well as USEC Austere A. Panadero's Command Conference emphasized the bigger role of the Department in the improvement of delivery of basic services to the people and the need for intensified efforts of local government operations officers in executing their roles in the accomplishment of the DILG vision.

The last quarter saw the conduct of various activities under the BUB program including Pre-CSO Assembly Consultative Meeting with Community Mobilizers (CM) in partnership with the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Assemblies in the 73 local government units (LGUs) of the region, Capacity Development for CSOs in Butuan City and San Francisco, Agusan del Sur, and Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team (RPRAT) Planning for the 2016 Implementation.

Other locally-funded projects carried out significant activities like PAMANA Pillar 1's completion of workshops for Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for peace process areas, while Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), SALINTUBIG, PAMANA and BUB continued to churn out municipal success stories.

The Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) also ended the year on a high note with the successful conduct of the first Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Council (MSAC) Full Council Meeting.




LILIBETH A. FAMACION, CESO III
Regional Director

This is expected to pave the way for a more active participation of the MSAC and a more dynamic LGRRC in 2016.

The successful implementation of these programs can be credited in part to the hard-working men and women of DILG Caraga who have relentlessly carried on despite some challenges and hurdles. Their efforts were rightfully recognized during the Year-end Assessment and Gabi ng Parangal 2015 as special awards were handed out to deserving teams and individuals. They were also given time to strengthen their camaraderie through the Regional Friendship Games which everyone enjoyed.

The regional management, in its pursuit to continually ensure the smooth flow of daily operations, initiated a workshop on Administrative and Financial Processes Operations Manual Preparation. To enhance the knowledge of its personnel and provide a support mechanism, a symposium on Violence Against Women (VAW) and the election and induction of Men Opposed to Violence Everywhere (MOVE) officers.

The busy months from October to December round up a highly productive and successful year for DILG Caraga. With everyone doing his share, we look forward to another fruitful year come 2016. ✨

YEAR-END ASSESSMENT

Theme: "Stepping Up to Greater Heights: Capturing Field Experiences"

By: LGOO II Archie Rose G. Vasquez

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XIII (Caraga Region) convened all its personnel from the Regional Office down to the Field Operation Units in five (5) provinces and one (1) Highly Urbanized City (Butuan City) in the region for the Annual Year-End Assessment of Locally Funded Projects on December 20, 2015 at Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City.

This year's theme dubbed as ***Stepping up to Greater Heights: Capturing Field Experiences*** exhibits the significant roles and the empirical experiences of the actual officers working on the ground, the Local

Government Operations Officers (LGOOs). RD Beth Famacion, in her opening message, viewed the yearly assessment as "the sunset review of what the region has done in the whole year" and with credence remarked that through sharing one LGOO's experiences in performing their assigned tasks, another LGOO will learn from it. Before RD Beth ended her message, she gladly announced that the DILG Caraga was able to hit its target accomplishments for the year and might be getting a "BEST" performance rating – a leap from "BETTER" rating of the previous year.



RD Beth Famacion during her Opening Message during the Year-End Assessment

The assessment aimed to showcase best practices on different programs and projects' implementation by expert LGOOs who work as front-liners. LGOOs V Shiela D. Jaramillo, Dulce M. Moran, Roel J. Camba and LGOO VI Maria Lourdes Martinez were among the speakers during the assessment who shared their firsthand experiences on the challenges in project implementation, accomplishments in different outcome areas and working with partner stakeholders.

Bottom-up Budgeting Regional Focal Person, LGOO V Malou A. Salado, presented the accomplishments in BuB implementation for the whole year which were highlighted during the "Pagpadayag: Showcasing the Gains of Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB)" held at Robinson's Place, Butuan City. For instance, out of 114 Potable Water Supply subprojects for the year 2015, 19 were already completed, 93 are ongoing and 2 others are still in procurement stage. Other projects funded under BuB also includes local access road, infrastructures, capability development programs and other DRR projects.

Through collective efforts and vigorous implementation of the programs and projects under the department, DILG 13 has once again proved that nothing beats teamwork and hard work as the office commendably hits its target for the year 2015.

Just like what RD Beth stressed during her message, there is nothing extraordinary in DILG 13 that makes it so special among all other regions. Just like other regions, it is always the hard-working, expert and persevering people working behind all the success. Always.✿



LG00 V Dulce M. Moran on her topic "LG00 as Knowledge Managers"



LG00 V Roel J. Camba shared LGU Hinatuan's best practices in Disaster Preparedness

LLA AWARDS RESULT

Caraga's Outstanding Legislatures win the 2015 Local Legislative Award!

By: LGOO V Jason Ryan R. Lam

The 2015 Local Legislative Award (LLA) Regional Awards Committee (RAC) headed by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Region XIII declares its winners after the two-day conduct of the regional assessment on October 7-8, 2015. The award has four categories, for the Outstanding Sanggunian in Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities Category, the winner is the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Butuan; for the Outstanding Sanggunian in Component Cities Category, the winner is the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bislig, Surigao del Sur; for the Outstanding Sanggunian in 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities Category, the winner is the Sangguniang Bayan of Sta. Josefa, Agusan del Sur; and for the Outstanding Sanggunian in 4th to 6th Class Municipalities Category, the winner is the Sangguniang Bayan of Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte.

Among the runners-up for Outstanding Sanggunian in Component Cities Category the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bayugan, Agusan del Sur and Sangguniang Panlungsod of Surigao, Surigao del Norte ended up as 1st Runner-up and 2nd Runner up, respectively. Meanwhile, the runners-up for the Outstanding Sanggunian in 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities Category are Sangguniang Bayan of Nasipit, Agusan del Norte (1st Runner-up) and Sangguniang Bayan of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (2nd Runner-up). For the Outstanding Sanggunian in 4th to 6th Class Municipalities Category the runners-up are Sangguniang Bayan of Mainit, Surigao del Norte, Sangguniang Bayan of Dinagat, Dinagat Islands and Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait, Surigao del Sur that take the first, second and third place of the race, respectively.

Per DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-68 dated June 26, 2015 the award was established in 2006 by the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). This year, it is to be conferred to a Sangguniang Panlungsod or Sangguniang Bayan which demonstrated exemplary performance for the period, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. It accords official recognition to a sanggunian that excels in the enactment of ordinances or resolutions that ultimately contribute to the attainment of desirable socio-economic and environment outcomes.



2015 LLA Evaluators of Caraga Region

During the opening program, DILG-Region XIII (Caraga Region) OIC-Assistant Regional Director Donald A. Seronay said that "the award is not just merely acknowledging the accomplishments of the local sanggunians all over the country but it is more on giving them encouragement and inspiration to perform their mandated functions and to deliver better services to the public".

The regional entries were gauged and assessed in accordance to the six major criteria set forth in the award guidelines, namely, 1) Effectiveness of the Legislative Agenda, 2) Availability of Legislative Documents, 3) Efficiency of Performance of the Sanggunian, 4) Quality of Office Set-up and Staff Complement, 5) Legislative Citation and Awards, and 6) Capacity Development for Legislators and staff. The LLA Regional Awards Committee composed of the DILG Regional Director as the Chairperson, PCL Regional Council Chairman as the Vice-Chairperson, and the Regional Directors of DA, DSWD, DBM, DENR and the representative of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated (PCCI) served as members take the responsibility in region wide assessment.

By and large, the regional assessment activity ended up successfully. Through her memorandum, DILG -XIII Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III congratulates all the winners and encourages them to be prepared in the national level of assessment.✿



2015 LLA On-site Assessment in Butuan City

BUB CORNER



BUB from page 1

By: LGOO V Marilou A. Salado

The aforementioned directives compelled the key stakeholders to carry out Catch-up Plans to accomplish the 80-50 target, although modesty aside, the region was fortunate to have the achiever's passion and leadership of RD Lilibeth Famacion, as Chairperson of the Regional Poverty Reduction Action Team (RPRAT). Even before the marching order was issued, Director Famacion has persistently encouraged all concerned to carry out initiatives and strategies, which resulted to the achievement of the following:

IMPLEMENTATION YEAR	2015 OPB TARGET	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2013	Potable Water Supply	
	Remaining 4 projects were targeted for completion out of 65 subprojects,	1 project is completed (Kitcharao) while the 3 projects are still ongoing: Buenavista (95%); Sitio San Isidro (83.44%) and Vinapor (78.86) both of Carmen, ADN. Overall completion rate of 95.38%
2014	Potable Water Supply	
	106 subprojects	58 - projects completed as of June 2015; 26 - add'l. projects completed as of Nov. 2015; 22 - projects remain ongoing *Total project allocation amounting P 94,418,596.15 was already obligated and disbursed to all recipient LGUs. This resulted to a 79.25% completion rate for the region. This translates to 100% delivery rate for all PWS projects in 2014.

IMPLEMENTATION YEAR	2015 OPB TARGET	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2014	Local Access Road	
	15 subprojects out of 18 total subprojects	9 projects were completed; 6 are ongoing (1Bacuag; 4 Cantilan, 1 Lanuza). This showed a 100% delivery rate of the targeted Local Access Road Projects in 2014, while completion rate is at 60% .
	CapDEV and other Infra	
	11 subprojects	10 projects were completed; and, only 1 various project remain ongoing. * 100% or the total project allocation amounting to P189,751,086.62 was already obligated while a total of P158,289,410.40 or 83.42% was disbursed to the recipient LGUs.
2015	Potable Water Supply	
	114 subprojects	19 Projects in LGUs of Santiago (1), Esperanza (1) and Surigao City (2) were completed; 93 subprojects were ongoing; 2 subprojects in 3 LGUs were on procurement. *** Total project allocation of P167,121,000.00 (100%) was already obligated with a total P150,607,542.27 (86.96%) already disbursed to the recipient LGUs
	DRR and other infra	
	110 subprojects	22 projects were completed; 72 projects are ongoing; and, 15 are on procurement. approved proj (Carrascal) has no documents yet, still awaiting completion of 2014 project.



LIST OF BUB RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- 7 RPRAT Meetings were conducted from the required Quarterly Meetings. One of the meetings was even hosted by DA 13.
- Press Conference for the Launching of BuB Quarterly
- Enhancing Capacities of Community Mobilizers and the Regional Coordinator in Implementing the Bottom-up Budgeting Program Provincial
- Validation for LPRAP 2016, which resulted to early submission of all LPRAPs for FY 2016 to NAPC, DBM, and PMO
- Provincial Dialogues cum Townhall Meetings between RPRAT and LPRAT
- Pagpadayag: Showcasing the Gains of Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB)
- Oriented Pilot LGUs/Field Officers of BuB Local Monitoring Team (UBAS)
- Participation to the BuB SUMMIT cum NPRAT-RPRAT DIALOGUE in Davao City
- Pre-CSO Assembly Consultative Meeting conducted
- CSO Assembly to all 73 C/M (conduct/reports monitored)
- Facilitated/Coordinated/Monitored the 100% BuB Tarpaulin Billboard Posting/Installation
- Facilitated/coordinated BuB ACCOMPLISHMENTS thru M & E: An Orientation on RPRAT catch up plan of Region 13
- LPRAT Orientation for FY 2017 LPRAPs Preparation
- Conducted review and validation of LPRAP 2017 within prescribed timeframe (Dec 15-16)
- Conducted Program Evaluation cum RPRAT Planning for FY 2016 (Dec 17-18)

Along with project accomplishments, DILG 13 fulfilled BuB activities by leaps and bounds. These activities, which support the BuB process and implementation of projects, were not merely done in compliance to directives but also through well thought of and agreed regional initiatives that was highlighted by the "Pagpadayag: Showcasing the Gains of Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB)" held at the main atrium of Robinson's Place, Butuan City. The Assistant Secretary for Plans and Program, Hon. Josefina Castilla-Go graced the said event and described it as the "first of its kind all throughout the nation".

In a nutshell, teamwork through cooperation, collaboration and consistent communication with the LGUs, CSOs, RPRAT members, Regional Delivery Unit and others concerned was the main ingredient that held a delightful flavor for the Bottom-up Budgeting in the region. 🌟

Pre-CSO Assembly Consultative Meeting

By: RPMT Staff April Fritz P. Viscaya



The BuB cycle for the formulation of FY 2017 LPRAPs will start with the conduct of the CSO assembly. Pre CSO Assembly consultative Meeting allowed the stakeholders to level-off on the guidelines for smooth and effective conduct of CSO Assembly particularly the participation of the CSOs and in the selection of the representatives to the LPRAT and in identifying of projects that will help resolve the problems in the community.

The meeting, spearheaded by the DILG Regl.Dir. Lilibeth A. Famacion, discussed the guidelines for the conduct of CSO Assembly and at that time, the draft JMC 7. The activity was held at DILG LGRRRC, Butuan City on Oct. 8, 2015 attended by the CMs, DILG BuB Provl.Focal Person, Outcome Managers, and DILG Regional Focal Person and the DILG BuB Team. 🌟

MLGOO Convention

By MLGOO Michelle V. Calo

L I N K Local Government Experts Innovators Network Builders Knowledge Managers



Selfie with SILG Sarmiento with MLGOOs Maria Rosario Ambray and Gretchen Dumanjog

The Local Government Academy last December 7-8, 2015 hosted LINKS for Good Governance, conceptually aspired to **"Tugon sa Hamon ng Pagbabago: Paglilinang sa Pakikipag-ugnayan ng MLGOO"** at Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City.

An MLGOO Convention by which to set all MLGOO conventions from hereon, every MLGOO from all around Mindanao –Local Government Experts, Innovators, Network Builders and Knowledge Managers; hence LINKS – were called to assemble to re-inculcate agency best practices and procedure, evaluate programs and functions, as well as to assess and pay recognition to exemplary MLGOOs after a year's job well done. Noteworthy parts of the 2-day program were the sharing of field experiences by selected MLGOOs and one of them, I'm proud to say, who shared about Knowledge Management, was our very own LGOO V Shiela B. Jaramillo.

The breakout sessions drew me into the topic of Building Networks and Partnerships since most of our work in the field require linkage-building with different organizations or agencies. **Network-building and partnership-forging** practices after all is a vital aspect, service and duty any people-oriented agency should cultivate and encourage. A little pleasantness goes a long way. And it certainly does with the personalities and the people we interact with, serve or point in the right direction on a daily basis.

Usec Austere Panadero roused the audience when he talked about the direction the MLGOOs are leading to and about how the times have significantly changed. And suddenly, it hit me as to how crucial the role of the MLGOO is in the transformation of the Local Government Units. As I recall my almost a year being an OIC-MLGOO, it struck me looking back at a year's worth of implementing programs, facilitating linkages and operations and servicing an impressive bulk of walk-ins from townsfolk from all walks of life and with a myriad of concerns ranging from the petty to personal, to the complex and the alarming. And to be examining these valuable experiences in the light of my peers' own experiences, successes and failures, as well as checking these - my future references - against department policy, procedure, and the direction of all services and programs both new and existing.

The inspirational talk from Dr. Dixon Yasay about **Leadership and Coaching** emphasized that the MLGOOs are the true link between the national and local governments, and that the challenge was it is up to us to either be a strong or a weak link. It served as a wakeup call for all that being an MLGOO, although at most times challenging, is a calling and a mission which should wake us up in the morning excited to work instead of being indifferent. Dr. Yasay challenged each one that as LGOOs it should not be about the salary, power or position, but should rather be about contributing to something GREATER, BIGGER and LARGER.

Another motivational speaker, Mr. Lloyd Luna, to great success reminded me and those in attendance to 'laugh at problems' while solving it, and that 'there is nothing impossible in this world'. More often than not, an MLGOO is confronted with challenges, especially with the Department's ever-increasing workload as of late, that requires us 'operators' in our capacities



RD Beth A. Famacion with MLGOOs Laarni Beauty C. Sepe, Michelle V. Calo and Mary Christine S. Punzalan



Gorgeous ladies, MLGOOs Sepe, Bajan, Calo and Dumanjog with OIC-RD Nilo Castanares of Region X

in local governance to function sometimes as engineers, other times as lawyers, oftentimes as arbitrators, accountants, still during other instance either as encoders, messengers, or speakers. But hearing these common, usually stressful instances from the quick witted Mr. Luna's point of view, on hindsight these are all opportunities. And knowing that somehow lightens up the load and refreshes our spirits, taking us off the path to burnout and towards the road of reinvigorated purpose.

Then came the highlight of the convention, the encounter with the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Sec. Mel Senen Sarmiento at close range. With his experience as a mayor, Sec. Sarmiento has an understanding of the workings of local governance. He emphasized how important and all-encompassing the role of the MLGOO is, though sadly underappreciated, underpaid, and seen or treated as a lowly job, one that is without prestige. In his speech, he laid out his plans for changes in local governance, and promised better incentives for the MLGOOs.

At the convention's closing, together with LGA Director Marivel Sacendoncillo and Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, the Secretary shook hands with each of us participants after mounting the **Alampay ng Pag-uugnay** on our shoulders, which sets a challenge for all of us to be the strong LINKs as we go back to our respective stations.

Satisfaction at the end of the day comes with the knowing from deep inside that we have dispensed with our capacities 'towards a common good'. As the words "*mga LGUs ay tulungan, palitawin ang kanilang taglay na kakayahan hanggang sa makamit ang adhikaing bayan*" from the LGOO theme **Baya't LGOO** blares from the function hall's speakers, our chins rise not in arrogance but in optimistic and renewed sense of purpose, and our hearts swell with pride in the knowledge that this select group is in the position to shape the direction of our LGUs and ultimately, of this our beloved nation. ❀



USEC Austere Panadero with MLGOOs Sepe, Fuertes and Calo at the reception area of Royal Mandaya



Mr. Lloyd Luna with MLGOOs Fuertes, Guerta and Binondo after his fun talk

Sports Culmination...

Amazing Race

FRIENDSHIP GAMES

(by Lorjezza Quimzon)

The DILG 13 promotes wellness and fitness program among the DILG personnel through sports and other mental activities in order to develop a balanced personality among its staff, to maintain the relationship between and among co-workers from different field operating units and to re-charge the energies drained from office works.

To achieve said objective, a friendship game was held among the Field Operating Units of Caraga Region last December 21, 2015 at Balanghai Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City. The various activities made and its corresponding results were as follows:

Activity	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
QUIZ BOWL	S.D.S.	A.D.N. & B.C.	A.D.S.
HUMAN DOMINOS	S.D.S.	S.D.N.	A.D.S.
AMAZING RACE	S.D.S.	A.D.N. & B.C.	R.O.
SCAVENGER HUNT PUZZLE	A.D.S.	S.D.N.	S.D.S.
WORD GAME	S.D.S.	R.O.	A.D.N. & B.C.
MESSAGE RELAY	S.D.S.	R.O.	S.D.N.
DANCE SPORT	S.D.S.	R.O.	A.D.N. & B.C.
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Through the team effort exerted by DILG Surigao del Sur, they were declared as the overall champion of the Friendship game.✿



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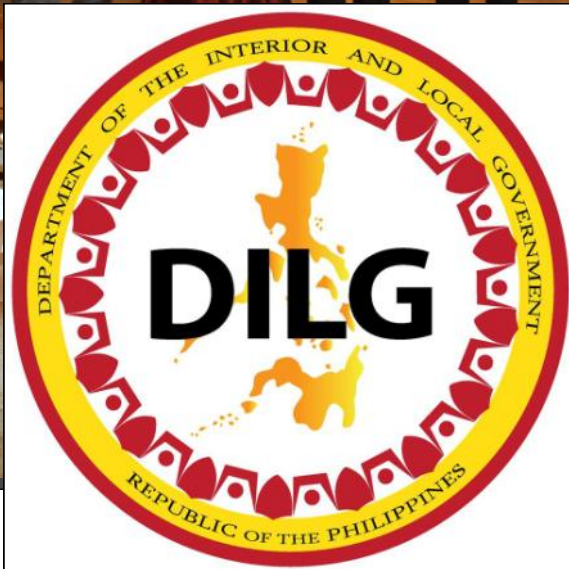
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Work hard..



...Play harder.





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Gabi ng
Parangal



In line with the Revised Policies on Employee Suggestions and Incentive Awards System (ESIAS) provided under CSC Resolution No. 010112 and CSC MC No. 01, s. 2001, the Agency adopts the herein Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) to be referred to as DILG Region XIII PRAISE.

The DILG PRAISE is designed to encourage creativity, innovativeness, efficiency, integrity and productivity in the public service by recognizing and rewarding officials and employees, individually or in groups, for their suggestions, inventions, superior accomplishments and other personal efforts which contribute to the efficiency, economy or other improvements in government operations, or of other extraordinary acts or services in the public interest. It adheres to the principle of providing incentives and awards based on performance, innovative ideas and exemplary behavior that likewise give emphasis on the timeliness of giving award or recognition.

Hence, the Management is acknowledging the contributions and good performance of DILG Region XIII personnel in providing a sincere **"Thank You!"** for a job well done for the accomplishments of Programs, Projects and Activities in 2015.

FACETIME WITH SILG MEL SENEN SARMIENTO

By: LG00 II Naomi C. Orog and LG00 II Archie Rose G. Vaquez



SILG Sarmiento (center) with the DILG Caraga Family headed by RD Famacion (center)

It was past 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon on December 10, 2015 when the new Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG) Mel Senen S. Sarmiento's private plane arrived in Bancasi Domestic Airport, Butuan City. Among the people waiting in the arrival area of the airport who welcomed the new SILG were Governor Angelica Rosedelle M. Amante-Matba of the Province of Agusan del Norte with Mayor Ferdinand M. Amante, City Mayor of Butuan. Regional Directors of different offices of DILG Family and NAPOLCOM were also present to welcome SILG Sarmiento with banners, all were waiting for photo ops as this was his first visit in

Upon arrival of the SILG Sarmiento at Camp Rafael C Rodriguez, PNP Regional Office where fifty (50) patrol jeeps in placed ready for distribution, he convened the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) together with the Regional Directors to a close-door meeting. During which, LCEs individually had their share of small talks with SILG Sarmiento, giving them brief time to personally appeal their

His visit was but a quick yet hooked with series of activities as he spearheaded the ceremonial turn-over and distribution of patrol jeeps to fifty (50) municipalities; 20 for the Municipal Police Stations of Surigao del Norte, 17 for Surigao del Sur and 13 for the Agusan del Sur. This effort is part of the PNP's Capability Enhancement Program which aims towards lowering crime incidents and empowering the police force and the Local Government Units nationwide.

"These patrol jeeps will help the LGUs for disaster preparedness and response. It will also help lower criminality rates in the LGUs", remarked by RD Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III of DILG Caraga.

These newly distributed vehicles would definitely boost the mobile capability of police units in their response and internal security operations. Sarmiento said that this is one of the campaigns of the National Government thru the department in alleviating crime rates by seeing to it that police enforcers are well-equipped.✿



The arrival of the Secretary at Bancasi Domestic Airport, Butuan City



Close door meeting with the Local Chief Executives



SILG Sarmiento during the Turn-over Ceremony of 50 patrol jeeps



Secretary Mel handing the keys of the new patrol jeeps to its recipients

DASHBOARD

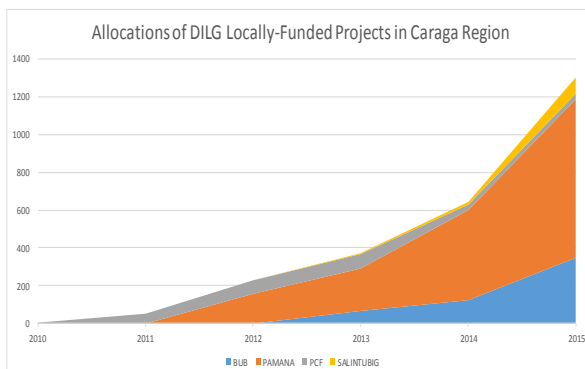


DISTRIBUTION OF DILG LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS IN CARAGA REGION

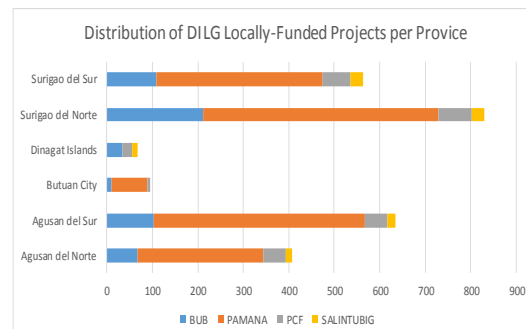
Locally-Funded Project	PER YEAR (in Millions, Php)						PER PROVINCE/HUC (in Millions, Php)					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	ADN	ADS	PDI	SDN	SDS	BXU
BUB				67.24	120.15	346.87	66.67	102.18	33.97	212.38	108.92	10.13
PAMANA			158.00	223.30	480.95	841.85	277.00	464.60	0.00	518.00	366.50	78.00
PCF	4.00	51.00	70.00	78.00	28.00	31.00	50.00	51.00	22.00	72.00	61.00	6.00
SALINTUBIG				2.50	12.73	83.73	14.50	17.00	21.00	28.96	26.50	0.00
TOTALS	4.00	51.00	228.00	371.04	641.83	1,303.45	408.18	634.78	94.13	67.97	831.34	562.92

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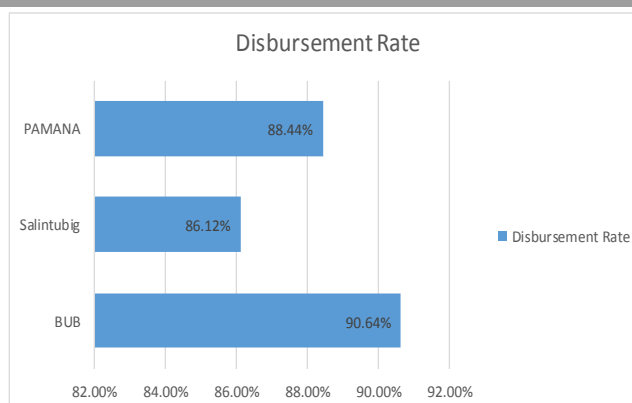
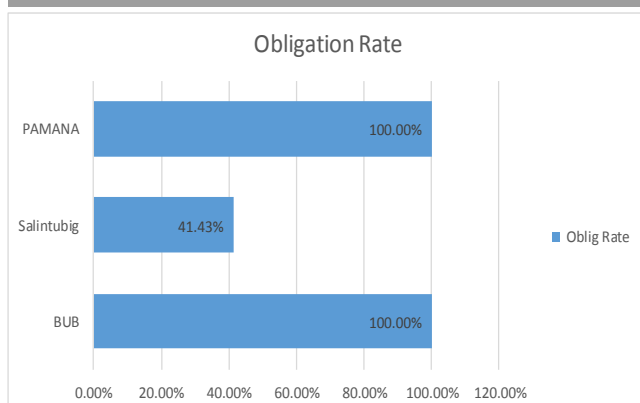


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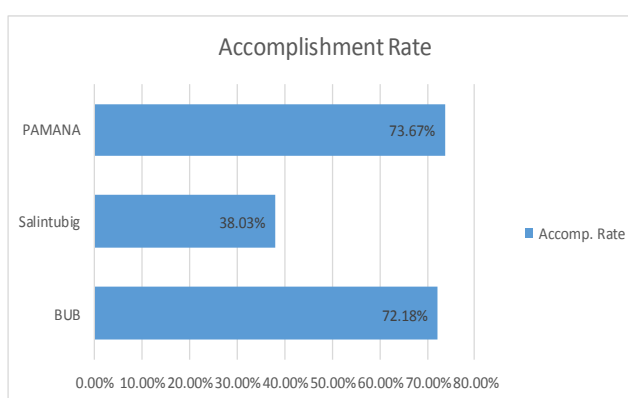
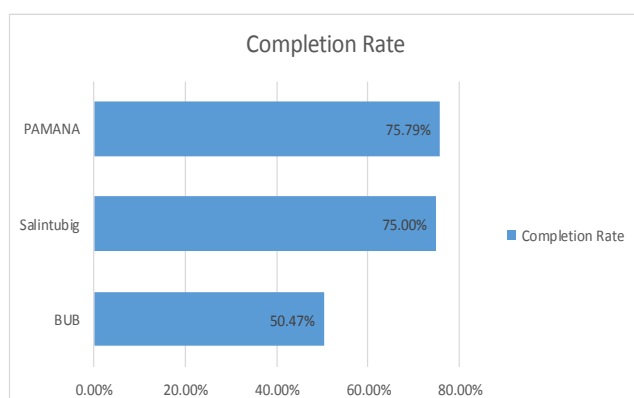


The stacked bar chart compares the different locally-funded programs as part of the total allocation distributed per province, as well as compares the total allocations from province to province.

FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Obligation rate: MOA signed over General Appropriations Act (GAA) allotment
Disbursement rate: check issued over GAA
Completion rate: number of completed projects over total number of projects
Accomplishment rate: 30% document preparation & procurement + 70% actual physical accomplishment

DILG 13 conducted a Seminar workshop

on Contract Management and Engineering for Non Engineers (Water Projects)



By Engr. Jesreel B. Yañez

To ensure smooth and timely completion of Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) and Bottom-up Budgeting (BUB) Water projects. The DILG Regional Office XIII through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) and Office of Project Development Services (OPDS) of Central Office conducted Seminar-Workshop on Contract Management and Engineering for Non-Engineers last November 10-13, 2015 at Pietros Square.

Participants and guest speaker was formally welcomed by the Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III. The seminar-workshop was mostly participated by Municipal Local Government Operation Officer (MLGOOs). Speakers from the special field of structural engineering and affiliates of the Association of Structural Engineers of the Philippines (ASEP) facilitated the workshop.

The four day activity provided overview on program of works/detailed engineering design, project monitoring and construction and rehabilitation of damaged building, highway, bridge and water supply. Part of the workshop was field exposure at Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Materials and Testing Laboratory at Brgy. Doongan.

Actual site visit of on-going road project construction at Brgy. Pianing of Butuan City under PAMANA fund was inspected. The seminar-workshop ended with the presentation from participants and critiquing of speakers based on field observations and findings. ✿



Life Story of the Late Honorable Dario Ebasco Otaza, Municipal Mayor of Loreto, Agusan del Sur

By: LGOO III Hazel Anne C. Baluca, and LGOO V Sherwin C. Obien

"Wala nako damha nga ako mahimong pulitiko. Bisan sa pinakagamay nga tipik sa akong pagkatao, wala nako panganduya nga ako mamahimong mayor sa lungsod sa Loreto".

Dario Ebasco Otaza also known as Datu Malampuson was born on August 25, 1962 at Talacogon, Agusan del Sur. He has 9 siblings and he was the 7th in the family being both raised by Manobo parents from Talacogon. Dario did not able to finish his elementary education at Buena Gracia Elementary School and was never given a chance to step aboard the portals of higher education because of poverty.



At age 20, he joined the New People's Army (NPA) founded by Joma Sison and for eight years he earned the respect of high profile leaders of the front committees in Northern Mindanao and eventually became the regional leader of the liquidating squad of the NPA known as the "Sparrow Unit".

In 1986 he returned to the folds of the law and finally lived a normal life molding a family after he had taken refuge from the late former Governor of Agusan del Sur Democrito O. Plaza. He was blessed with four (4) children with his wife Ligaya Lentija who is also a former member of NPA.

He engaged into small logging business to support his family and started to develop tree plantations in Barangay San Vicente, Loreto and in some parts of the Municipalities of La Paz and Talacogon, which is his native town.



Mayor Dario Otaza (2nd from right)
Photo : Rappler

He continued his advocacy on peace alliance and encouraged his former comrades to lay down their arms and go back to the government through linkage with uniformed personnel and/or trusted personalities in the government so that they can focus on their livelihood for the future of their families and live peacefully.

On May 10, 2013 national and local election, he entered politics and was hugely supported by the constituents of Loreto, Agusan del Sur where he took refuge. Dario Otaza overwhelmingly won the election and pushed forward the programs he capped years back as a struggling entrepreneur. The Municipality focuses on three (3) Development Masterplan, namely: (a) peace and order, (b) infrastructure and (c) economic development which are the blue print of his administration.

Mayor Dario E. Otaza, being a champion of peace and progress and a leader of strong political will - development in Loreto come in total package. With the endless support and cooperation of different partners and stakeholders, it is certain that the Municipality of Loreto in the next nine years shall become a haven for investments where people live in harmony and prosperity.

Casually quoted in most of his speeches: *"Dili nato kahadlokang ang mga NPA nga walay lain tiniguhagawas sa pagbungkag sa atong demokrasya ug pagtukmod kanato sa kawad-on. Kay kung kita mahadlok kanila, sama ra nga kita nahadlok sa atong kaugmaon. Lihok Loreto, mulambo ka!"* ❁

Legally Speaking...

Elected official's status upon filing Certificate of Candidacy



by Atty. Allen M. Gasulas

A letter from the Mayor of one Municipality in this region, referred to this office by the Regional Election Director of this region, seeking legal opinion as to whether considered resigned or not (*sic*) a certain person who is presently appointed as Sangguniang Bayan Member who filed her Certificate of Candidacy (COC), seeking [election to] the same position. The same letter presented that the appointment to office of this same person is (*sic*) due to the vacancy cause (*sic*) by the untimely death of her husband, an elected SB Member.

QUERY: Is the appointee-successor considered resigned upon filing her Certificate of Candidacy for the same position?

Title II of the Local Government Code is entitled "Elective Officials" while its Chapter I talks about Qualifications and Election, including Disqualifications, Manner and Date of Election and Term of Office. This same Chapter, among others, mentions the Elective Officials in Local Government Units, specifically:

"Section 41. Manner of Election

*(b) The regular members of the xxx **sangguniang bayan** shall be **elected** by district, as may be provided for by law. xxx"*

Accordingly, the predecessor of the subject appointee-successor Sangguniang Bayan member was a duly elected member of the Sangguniang Bayan of Talacogon, Agusan del Sur. Clearly, as the member of a Sanggunian Bayan is an elective official, the position of Sangguniang Bayan is an elective position.

On the other hand, if and when permanent vacancies in the Sanggunian happen, Chapter II, same Title, of the Code, on Vacancies and Succession provides:

Section 45. Permanent Vacancies in the Sanggunian. -

*(a) Permanent vacancies in the sanggunian where automatic succession provided above do not apply shall be **filled by appointment** in the following manner:*

xxx;

2) The governor, in the case of the sangguniang panlungsod of component cities and the sangguniang bayan;

xxx

*(b) Except for the sangguniang barangay, only the nominee of the political party under which the sanggunian member concerned had been elected and whose elevation to the position next higher in rank created the last vacancy in the sanggunian shall be appointed in the manner hereinabove provided. **The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired term of the vacant office.** xxx*

(c) In case or permanent vacancy is caused by a sanggunian member who does not belong to any political party, the local chief executive shall, upon recommendation of the sanggunian concerned, appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy.

The mention of **appointment** may have caused confusion; thus, the question: Is an appointee-successor an appointed or elective official?

The case of *Quinto vs. Commission on Elections* is instructive:

xxx Substantial distinctions clearly exist between elective officials and appointive officials. The former occupy their office by virtue of the mandate of the electorate. They are elected to an office for a definite term and may be removed therefrom only upon stringent conditions. On the other hand, appointive officials hold their office by virtue of their designation thereto by an appointing authority. Some appointive officials hold their office in a permanent capacity and are entitled to security of tenure while others serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. xxx

With the premise that the member of the Sangguniang Bayan is an elective official, a successor to the same position, steps into the shoes of the predecessor and serves only the unexpired definite term of the same predecessor. On the other hand, to consider the appointee-successor an appointed official, s/he must be appointed in a permanent capacity and are entitled to security of tenure while others serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Such distinction cannot apply to an appointee-successor. His or her term is fixed by law, not permanent or serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Thus, the **appointee-successor is an elective official, holding an elective position.**

ANSWER:

We opine in the **negative**. Rule II of COMELEC Resolution No. 9984, promulgated on 18 August 2015, entitled: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING: 1) POLITICAL CONVENTIONS; 2) SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES OF GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION; 3) FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION OF AND ACCEPTANCE BY OFFICIAL CANDIDATES OF REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES OR COALITIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES; AND 4) FILING OF ACCREDITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE DOMINANT MAJORITY PARTY, DOMINANT MINORITY PARTY, TEN (10) MAJOR NATIONAL PARTIES AND TWO (2) MAJOR LOCAL PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, specifically provides, to wit:

"Section 10. Effects of Filing Certificate of Candidacy. xxx

Any person holding an elective office or position shall not be considered resigned upon the filing of a COC whether for the same or any other elective office or position."

SCHOLARS' ACCOUNTS



Accounts from DILG personnel who availed the PARODF scholarship in Australia for school year 2014-2015



JOCELYN "JOY" C. JAYOMA
LG00 VI

"Obtaining a free post graduate study abroad was a dream I dismissed to be realized. This was because of failed attempts in the past - New Zealand and Netherlands respectively. I never thought that year 2015 would open up a breakthrough in my educational career as I was one of the Australian scholars."

Photo credit: Ms. Joy C. Jayoma

With local economic development as my study field, the appropriate course program to take is Entrepreneurship and Innovation which is only offered at Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Victoria. The course duration for a masteral degree is one and a half year but since we're only allowed a year of study leave, I exited as Graduate Diploma.

The study has widened my academic and personal horizon as the university mantra is concretizing the theories learned. In application, idea generation is encouraged to underpin opportunities for innovation which are critical in driving competitive advantage. In relation to the department's thrusts, the need to pursue corporate entrepreneurship is paramount to effect positive changes in our offerings: process, program & policies especially in the public sector.



Ms. Joy (left) receiving the AAS Certificate of Completion with fellow scholar from Region 3 (right) & AAS Student Contact Officer (middle)

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to experience what it's like to dwell in the land down under; to be familiar with their culture, beholding the vastness of the land which is very rich in flora and fauna, feeding kangaroos and koalas and encountered the efficiency of public transport services of Victoria. Further, all these are rich experiences that could propel my pursuit to become a better public servant.

In closing, I'm extending my profound gratitude to the DILG Central and Region 13 Management for the privilege accorded me.✿

I completed my Master of Strategic Communication degree on November 2015 at the University of Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Units covered under the course included Strategic Communication, Risk Communication, Issues Analysis and Management, and Advanced Marketing Communication among others.

During the course of my studies, I was able to visit the cities of Melbourne and Sydney, as well as tourist destinations in Canberra like the Parliament House, War Memorial, National Arboretum, National Museum, National Library, Telstra Tower, and Questacon (National Science and Technology Center). I was able to experience the famed Floriade (Tulip Festival) in Canberra, cherry picking in New South Wales, cable ride in Taronga Zoo, close encounters with kangaroos, rabbits and crows at Uni, the beauty of red, orange and yellow leaves of autumn, the magical pink, white and lavender trees of spring, the sun still shining bright at 8 or 9 in the evening, and -10 degree days during winter. It was truly a great journey of learning and adventure, the memories of which I will always treasure. I thank PAHRODF and the Department for the once in a lifetime opportunity.✿



EMMYLOU "EMMY" P. BURIAS
LG00 V

"My pursuit of higher studies was made possible primarily through the auspices of the Philippine - Australia Human Resource Organizational Development Facility (PAHRODF) and the support of DILG management, particularly the regional management of Region XIII headed by RD Lilibeth A. Famacion."

Photo credit: Ms. Emmy P. Burias

DILG 13 to LGUs: “Mainstream DRR & CCA in Local Plans”

By: LG00 V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa



DILG Regional Director of Region 13 (Caraga) Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III stressed the importance of planning in local development. She also reminded LGUs that the Comprehensive Development Plan is the blueprint of the LGUs accomplishment of their mandates.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (Caraga) strongly push local government units (LGUs) in the region to mainstream Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Disaster Risk-Reduction (DRR) in Local Development Planning during the Advocacy and Information Campaign for LGUs on Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Local Development Planning on November 17 and 18, 2015 at Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City.

During the event, the LGUs were reminded to update their Comprehensive Development Plans (CDPs) as mandated by R.A. No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 with the need to mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation pursuant to R.A. No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act Of 2010 and RA No. 9729 or the Climate

Change Act, as amended by R.A. No. 10174 or the People's Survival Fund.

DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III encouraged the LGUs to give importance to the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and Comprehensive Land-Use Plan (CLUP) because these are the two master plans that serve as the blue print for development in the LGU.

Also, Director Famacion stressed that the LGU will be assisted by DILG City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOO) in their local planning process with the help of other national line agencies (NLAs), local resource institutes (LRIs) / academes and civil society organization (CSOs) that are members of the Regional Composite Team (RCT) under the Sectoral Committee for Environment of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council (MSAC) of the DILG Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) for mainstreaming CCA and DRR in local development planning.

Participants of the event for the first day – November 17 were the LGUs along the Agusan River Basin (ARB) and on the second day – November 18 were the LGUs in the Eastern Seaboard (ES). It was attended by the expected participants: (1) Local Chief Executives (LCEs); (2) Provincial / Municipal / City Planning and Development Coordinators (P/M/CPDCs); (3) Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (LDRMOs); (4) Sanggunian Member / Representatives

ment Team on DRR.

The event was able to raise the awareness of the target LGUs in the mainstreaming process, map their needs for mainstreaming CCA and DRR, provide them with a Menu of Technical Assistance from the RCT and come-up with an inventory of their local plans.

Overall, the event fulfilled the mandate of the Department through the Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD) relative to development planning under our commitment in “Enhancing LGU Capacity on DRR and CCA.”.✿



The participants of the Advocacy and Information Campaign for LGUs on Mainstreaming CCA and DRR in Local Development Planning on Nov. 17 (Batch 1 for LGUs along Agusan River Basin) and Nov. 18 (Batch 2 for LGUs in the Eastern Seaboard) at Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City

Reactivation of the DILG Regional Disaster Monitoring and Reporting System

By: LG00 II Luth Edmund M. Apresto

The DILG, being the Vice Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness in the national and regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Councils is expected to gather accurate and substantive information/reports during disasters, calamities and emergencies. Data from these reports are submitted to the DILG Central Office and other concerned agencies to be used to come-up a sound decision to further enhance and strengthen the country's preparedness towards future similar circumstances.

As such, the DILG Regional Office 13 (Caraga) reactivated its Disaster Monitoring and Reporting System and established its Regional DRRM Operations Center during the celebrations of All Souls day and All Saints Day on November 2015, as well as, on the onset of the Tropical Depression “Onyok” last December 2015. Skeletal forces were also activated in all DILG Provincial Field Offices and all DILG Field Officers stayed on their respective official stations for the whole duration of the event.

The Regional DRRM Operations Center functioned 24 hours a day helping to ensure that all Local DRRM Councils/Committees are actively conducting appropriate actions to prepare the people especially those living in low-lying areas, riverbanks and landslide prone areas. They coordinated with national government agencies and local government units and see to it that reports, situationers and other information related to the event and other concerns are reported to DILG Central Office four times a day.

All events in 2015 were celebrated successfully and all weather disturbances passed by with zero casualty and minimum damage affecting the region.✿

CAGDIANAO TAKES THE LEAD ON TSUNAMI DRILL!

By: LG00 V Jeffrey A. Ramo

Cagdianao, Province of Dinagat Islands. The composite team of trainers from LGA and Philippine Public Safety College spearheaded the conduct of tsunami drill in Barangay San Jose, Cagdianao, Province of Dinagat Islands on December 10-13, 2015. The team of trainers led by Doctor Bacareza of PPSC and the two others with 3 others from LGA led by LG00 IV Carl Joseph Abalos together with LG00 V Jeffrey Ramo of DILG 13, Lolita Vinalay of PAGASA and from the Red Cross conducted the tsunami drill to the community of Barangay San Jose of the Municipality of Cagdianao.

The activity aims to prepare the coastal community in the event of tsunami and storm surge hazards. Most importantly, the activity will lead to the development of module and guideline on tsunami preparedness for the whole country to be adopted later. ✿



OCTOBER 11, 2015 IS BARANGAY ASSEMBLY DAY!

By: LGOO V Jason Ryan R. Lam



DILG-XIII OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay delivers SILG message to the showcase barangay

The Second Semester Barangay Assembly Day for Calendar Year 2015 bears the theme: *"Ipagpatuloy ang Nasimulan, Tungo sa Tuwid na Daan, Makilahok, Makisali sa Barangay Assembly!"* pursuant to DILG Memorandum No. 2015-116 dated October 6, 2015. This semester it is set on October 11, 2015 per Proclamation No. 260 dated September 30, 2011.

One of the highlights of this endeavor is the showcasing of a barangay which upholds meaningful partnership with faith based-based organizations that institutionalize grassroots participation and promote good barangay governance. In Caraga Region, Barangay Antongalon in Butuan City was chosen as its showcase barangay. It was visited by the DILG-XIII Monitoring Team headed by OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay who gave the message of the SILG which was translated into Visayan dialect for better appreciation of the community. A representative of the Ugnayan ng Barangay at Simbahan (UBAS) in the person of Mr. Solito Casimillo and from the PNP in the person of PS1 Rehino Precioso were also present in the barangay assembly.

On the other hand, per DILG Region XIII Memorandum issued by Dir. Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III, all employees and personnel of the said agency are encouraged to attend the barangay assembly in their respective barangays.✿



DILG-XIII Monitoring Team headed by OIC-ARD Donald A. Seronay visits showcase barangay – Barangay Antongalon, Butuan City

MOVE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

By LGOO V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa



MOVE officers taking their oath. Photo taken December 4, 2016.

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The newly-elected officers of the Men Opposed to Violence against Women Everywhere (MOVE) of DILG 13 (Caraga) took their oath of office on December 4, 2016 at the DILG Regional Office.

Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, the inducting officer put forward the involvement of men to end violence against women, focusing on their role making them an essential part of the solution.

MOVE is an organization of men who dedicated themselves to be actively involved in eliminating all forms of violence or discrimination against women especially VAWC and pledged to fight violence against women and children.

The movement involved all male employees of the department with the dedication to enhance their knowledge, attitude and skills on issues of violence against women and the anti-VAWC laws and at the same time elect officers and come up with an action plan.✿

Strong Hands Oppose Violence Against Women

By LGOO V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa



DILG 13 headed by RD Beth Famacion (center) on their "No to VAWC" pose.

To highlight women's various roles and positive contribution to the society, the DILG Regional Office gathered its regional personnel with *strong hands* in putting an end to the cycle of violence for a film showing activity on December 4, 2016 at the Local Governance Regional Resource Center 13, Butuan City.

Strong hands is the banner line of the participating personnel introduced by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) to end violence against women and girls to a full stop. This is to re-ignite our passion by remembering our vision – a Filipino community where women and girls are free from violence and discrimination.

The films served as eye opener to the societal stigma in ill-treating women. One of the focus of the films is the recognition of women's key roles and accomplishment in leadership, power and decision-making. Anchored on the theme, "Juana, Desisyon Mo Ay Mahalaga sa Kinabukasan ng Bawat Isa, IKAW Na!", this year's celebration aims to pay tribute to all women leaders who passionately led and continue to advance women's advocacies. ✿

SGLG PASSERS UNDERGO PCF 2015 ORIENTATION

By: LGOO II Naomi C. Orog

LGOO VI Lolita H. Savaria-PCF Regional Focal Person of DILG XIII Caraga, discussing the Procedures of Implementation of PCF Projects for the Year 2015.



Last August 25 of this year, the DILG Region XIII awarded the Seal of Good Local Governance to four (4) provinces and one (1) municipality in Caraga. Provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Dina-gat Islands and Municipality of Socorro, Surigao del Norte passed the criteria and were entitled financial grant to be used for implementation of projects that would benefit their localities- the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF).

To assist these LGUs prior to implementing their projects, the conduct of the Orientation on Operational Guidelines in Implementing PCF 2015 was made by the DILG Regional Office on October 19-20, 2015. PCF Focal Persons, Accountants and Engineers of the five (5) winning LGUs attended the orientation. The discussion focused on the PCF 2015 Project Implementation Procedures, Menu of Eligible Projects, Project Appraisal, Review and Approval, PCF Web Application, Evaluation and Validation, and the Liquidation Process. Important Technical Tips in the Preparation of POW, Project Proposal, SORD, SWA and PCR, Harmonization of Data vis-à-vis Online to Manual Template and Strategies in Information/Data Gathering using Google Drive were also highlighted. Several issues and concerns were raised on the plenary by the LGUs and were answered by the PCF regional focal person and engineers. The orientation successfully ended gathering a common understanding between the LGUs and the DILG Regional office on the matters being discussed.✿

Engr. Jesreel B. Yanez of PDMU discussing to the participants the processes of Project Appraisal, Review and Approval.



BACUAG WALK IN CLIENTS avail the SIS SOFTWARE for FREE!!!

By: LGOO V Jeffrey A. Ramo

The three employees of the Municipality of Bacuag, Surigao del Norte visited the DILG Regional Office on December 3, 2015 as walk-in client to avail of the coaching session on the installation and use of Sanggunian Information System (SIS).

The SIS software which has been developed by the DILG Central Office about six years ago can be availed by the LGUs for free ever since. The system will replace the bulky metal cabinet in organizing files. It provides easy archiving and retrieval of resolutions, ordinances and minutes and many more. There were 20 pilot LGUs in Caraga who were the beneficiary of the system during the launching.

Since then, there were lots of walk-in clients who come to the office. Lately, the walk-in clients who availed of the coaching session from Bacuag, Surigao del Norte was headed by Ms. Adelfa A. Caberte, the SB Secretary, together with her staff Mr. Galvint G. Virtudazo and Ms. Cheryl R. Navarro.

The software installation and training has become one of the demand driven programs and the DILG regional Office of Caraga is willing to accept walk-in clients with letter of intent.✿

DILG, DTI, CABPLO *strengthen* Business Permits and Licensing in Caraga

By: LGOO V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 13 (Caraga) in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Office Caraga and the Caraga Association of Business Permit and Licensing Officers (CABPLO) conducted the "Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Advocacy on Regulatory Simplification for Local Governments' (RS4LG) Business Permit and Licensing Processes cum 1st Caraga Business Permit and Licensing Officers Convention" on October 27-28, 2015 at Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City.

The event is to strengthen and sustain the streamlining of Business Permits and Licensing System (BPLS) in the region by bringing up-to-date business registration procedures and requirements of select national government agencies (NGAs) and the introduction of the electronic BPLS system. It was also supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as it promotes automation or computerization of the BPLS processes.

DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion emphasized the role of the BPOs in local revenue and how this affects the growth of a local economy as it provides a good business environment for business investors, more so with the small and medium entrepreneurs.

Speakers from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Social Security System (SSS), Home Development Mutual Fund or PAG-IBIG, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) provided their roles in the regulatory processes and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) discussed their function in the promotion of streamlining BPLS of the local government units in the region.

Topics include Business Registration with the BIR; Issuance of Clearance and Clearance Requirements with SSS, PHIC and PAG-IBIG;



"Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Advocacy on Regulatory Simplification for Local Governments' (RS4LG) Business Permit and Licensing Processes cum 1st Caraga Business Permit and Licensing Officers Convention" on October 27-28, 2015 at Balanghais Hotel and Convention Center, Butuan City.



DILG Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion, CESO III stressed the role of Business Permits and Licensing Officers in the LGUs' local revenue and economic development.

Issuance of Fire Safety Inspection Certificate (FSIC); and the Registration of Business Name. The BPOs were also provided with discussions on the ASEAN Economic Community with a review on the BPLS Monitoring and Evaluation.

Results of the 2015 BPLS Customer Experience Survey (CES) and the 2015 Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index (CMCI) were announced by DTI with notable LGUs such as Butuan City ranking 19th and Surigao City ranking 50th from 142 cities in the country. Likewise, the Municipalities of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur ranking 27th; Buenavista, Agusan del Norte ranking 44th; and Claver, Surigao del Norte ranking 49th among 978 municipalities nationwide.

An election and oath-taking of the 2015 CABPLO Officer and Board of Trustees culminated the event with Mr. Clemente M. Penados, the BPO of Bislig City, Surigao del Sur maintaining his post as CABPLO President. ❀

Personnel Matters

Retirement

	Name	Total Years in Government Service	Inclusive Dates
1	Felicidad A. Fuertes	34	Jan. 2, 1981 - Nov. 11, 2015



New Recruits

	Name	Position	Start	Assignment
1	Nilo H. Calomot	Regional Project Mngt. Team (TPMT) Leader	Nov. 16, 2015	Regional Office
2	Jonas L. Bringas	Information Assistant I	Nov. 16, 2015	Regional Office
3	Roy T. Oblimar	Architect	Nov. 9, 2015	RPDMU
4	Zaldy T. Montenegro	Driver	Nov. 13, 2015	DILG-SDS
5	Farjeon L. Serrano	Driver	Nov. 20, 2015	DILG Butuan City

Separation

	Name	Effectivity
1	LGOO II John Cris P. Malupa	December 7, 2015

Model Employees Corner

October:

LGOO II Naomi C. Orog

HRMO II Marecil A. Villasan

November :

LGOO V Florian Faith Jr. P. Bayawa

LGOO V Jason Ryan R. Lam

Admin. Aide VI Amelita P. Platil

LGOO VI Lolita H. Savaria

Reneboy C. Ultiano

Engr. Jesreel B. Yañez

Assessment of the first 6 months implementation of the Department's SPMS

-by HRMO II Marecil A. Villasan



The Administrative Service of the DILG Central Office thru the Human Resource Management Division (HRMD) in coordination with the Planning Service conducts assessment of the first 6 months SPMS implementation in this region on October 13-15, 2015. The undertaking hopes to generate proofs of functionality of the Department's SPMS to gain the final approval from the Civil Service Commission for its implementation. It also aims to determine other areas for further improvement and thresh out issues necessary for the updating and customization of the Department's Guidelines.

The group lead by OIC, HRMD Hilda F. Gaurino discusses first the issues encountered by the region in the implementation of the SPMS for the 1st quarter of 2015 for them to determine the factors to be considered in their assessment. Sensing the need for a more intensive intervention, the group conducts one-on-one coaching session to five (5) randomly selected regional office personnel instead of simply interviewing them as planned. The

group also visits the provincial office of Agusan del Norte and coaches six (6) personnel & officers including Provincial Director Romeo A. Solis. The team also proceeds to the office of City LGOO Mary Ann S. Tomate in Surigao City and again conducts coaching to three (3) personnel thereat.

On the last day of the undertaking, AO V Jenny Naz-Nuyda conducts a group coaching to regional office personnel and also presents the findings of their assessment to Regional Director Lilibeth A. Famacion and to other officers and personnel of the region during the exit conference. AO V Nuyda promises to include the findings in their report and recommendation to the Central Office management. In response, RD Famacion gratefully appreciates the efforts of the team and assures them that Caraga region will do its best to perfect the implementation of the SPMS in due time. **

Personnel Movements

	Name	From	To	Start	Assignment
1	Engr. Mark Anthony C. Obani	Engineer I	Engineer II	Nov. 16, 2015	Regional Office
2	April Fritz P. Viscaya	Admin. Staff (BuB)	Technical Staff	Nov. 16, 2015	Regional Office
3	LGOO IV Redgy V. Panilan			Oct. 7, 2015	Radiated in the Mun. of San Miguel, SDS as Acting MLGOO
4	LGOO II Neil B. Beluan	DILG-SDN, PO	DILG-LGRRRC, RO	Nov. 16, 2015	General Orientation for untrained LGOO II
5	LGOO II Joselito E. Ramos	DILG-SDS, PO			
6	LGOO II Don Manuelo O. Patrimonio	DILG-LGCDD, RO			
7	LGOO II Luth Edmund M. Apresto	DILG-LGCDD, RO			
8	LGOO II Nathaniel T. Obenza	DILG-ADS, PO			
9	Admin. Aide IV Lorjezza S. Quimzon	DILG-Butuan City	DILG-Accounting Office, RO	Nov. 2, 2015	
10	Admin. Aide IV Margie D. Montero	DILG-ADN, PO	DILG-Butuan City	Nov. 2, 2015	

CHARISSA T. GUERTA named NEW CES Eligible

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After hurdling the four (4) stages of Career Executive Service (CES) eligibility examination process, LGCDD Chief Charissa T. Guerta was finally conferred with CES Eligibility last December 18, 2014.

By virtue of CESB Resolution No. 1193, Chief Guerta is named as one of the eighteen (18) candidates to have been found to possess the required managerial capacities to be included in the roster of Career Executive Service Eligibles.



LGOO VIII Charissa T. Guerta (standing last at the right side) and her fellow CES eligibles during the CES Pinning Ceremony.

On November 27, 2015, the CES pinning ceremony was successfully done during the fellowship night of the 14th Annual CES Conference conducted at Xavier Sports and Country Club, Xavier Estates in Cagayan de Oro City, where Chief Guerta and other new CES eligibles were formally introduced to the members.✱

Words to Live by. .



Everyday, we are facing the battle of the mind. Through the years, our mind is stored with accumulated information and many thoughts either positive or negative. Everything that we do and say start in the mind. Maybe, it is easy to be cheerful when things are going well and good, but when we encounter unexpected problems and setbacks, what kind of attitude we really have? If we are not mindful of God's Word, the enemy (Satan) might easily inject worries, temptations and other depressing things.

How do we face this battle? As an encouragement, Apostle Paul has said the following verses in the Bible.

"Romans 12 : 1-2 , I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

One of the teachings of Paul emphasized that we must be transformed by the "renewing of our minds". We are also reminded with the words taken in book of **Philippians Chapter 4, verses 6-9** *which say:*

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

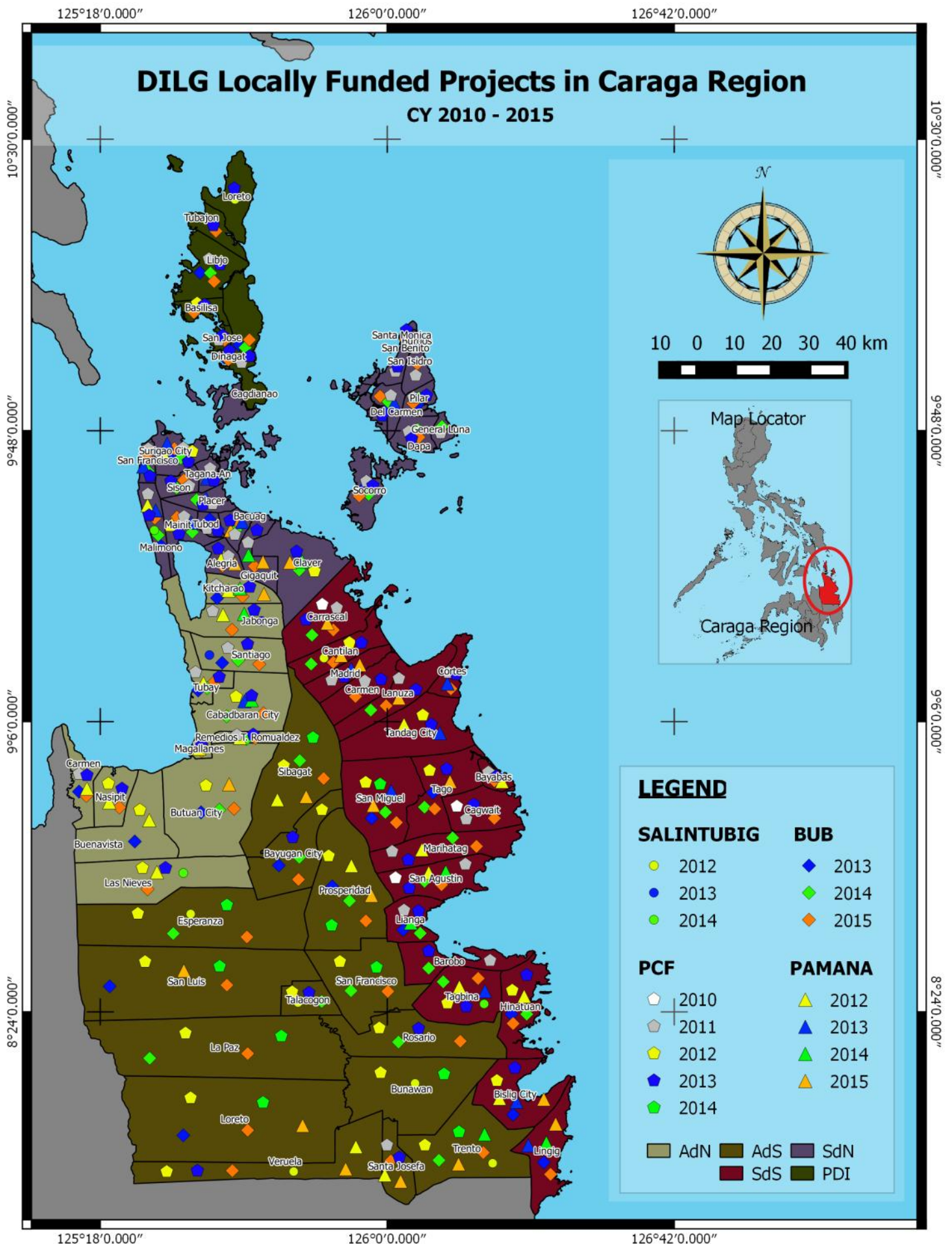
This is a call for us to renew our thinking and embrace the Lord Jesus Christ by faith.

PRAISE GOD!

By **Ms. Lucia B. Garrido, CPA**
Supervising Admin. Officer

DILG 13 Project Locator

By ISA II Vincent Troy A. Calo



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