

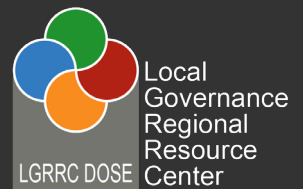


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**LUPAD DOSE!
DOSE THE BEST!**



RD's MESSAGE

Merry christmas and happy new year!

2022 has been a year of healing, moving forward, and triumph to all of us. During the 4th quarter, we have reaped rewards and awards as we come to the 'new normal' and assist our LGUs in transitioning for the full devolution.

We were able to develop a framework to effectively analyze the capacity needs of our LGUs to equip themselves for the demand for public service delivery - recognized as 3rd best capacity development market analysis in the country by the Local Government Academy.

CSO enrollees of our CSO Academy were able to successfully complete Component 1 of their learning as we strive to further equip them to become more effective partners for local governance.

Furthermore, our unceasing will for community development has led to series of project monitoring and lgu project turn-overs, among others.

We continue to commit for peace and order and public safety as we continuously strengthen our drive towards positive peace in the region while developing our communities to become more business-friendly for local and foreign investors.

These are just a few of the many innovations and accomplishments we have achieved during the quarter which we hope to share with everyone. And we have all our partners - NGAs, LGUs, LRIs, CSOs, and other stakeholders- to thank for these accomplishments.

May this quarter issue of the Trumpet and the stories it brings continuously inspire all of us to work together, hand in hand, for a progressive Rehiyon Dose.

Lupad Dose, Dose the Best!

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III

Regional Director, DILG Dose



About the Cover

This quarter's Cover features the capdev ace awards, an awards Program of the Local Government Academy that recognizes outstanding performance of DILG officials, employees, and LGRRCs in delivering capacity development programs, projects, and activities that have created a resounding impact on the lives of fellow employees, the organization, or the community as a whole - a nod to the recent Tatag ng Agila award received by DILG XIII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, Singing ng Tanikala award of MLGOO Marife Tenorio, and Bugkos ng Bayan (Finalist) of LGRRC Dose.

This cover pays tribute to all partners and stakeholders of DILG XII that has been the Department's support and active partners for change and innovation in Region XII, and whose expertise and remarkable contributions with the Department led to remarkable accomplishments this year.

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13 LGUs from Rehiyon Dose bag



Thirteen Local Government Units of the SOCSKSARGEN Region were awarded the prestigious Seal of Good Local Governance for 2022 at The Manila Hotel in Ermita, City of Manila, during the National Awarding Ceremony held on December 15, 2022.

Among the awardees are the City of Kidapawan of Cotabato Province, and the Municipality of Surallah, South Cotabato, for the fifth time in a row. The award was also given to the Municipalities of Bagumbayan, Columbio, Lutayan and City of Tacurong of Sultan Kudarat Province; Municipality of Tupi, South Cotabato; Municipalities of Maasim, Malungon and Alabel Sarangani Province; General Santos City; and the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat.



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Because of the SGLG, we have successfully supported our LGUs through the Performance Challenge Fund, now the SGLG Incentive Fund, to implement development projects in the LGUs.

Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr.
Secretary, DILG

Present during the awarding ceremony is no less than the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, Atty. Benjamin “Benhur” C. Abalos, Jr. together with the other members of the Council of Good Local Governance. The delegation from SOCSKSARGEN was led by Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, and Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V.

Most Outstanding Lupon in the Country



Poblacion, Tupi, South Cotabato



Upper Katungal, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat

On November 28, 2022, Barangay Poblacion, Tupi, South Cotabato and Barangay Upper Katungal, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat bag the 1st PLACE AWARD Nationwide in the 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities and Component Cities category of the CY 2022 National Lupon Tagapamayapa Incentives Award.

The ceremony was attended by Senator JV Ejercito as the Guest of Honor, DILG top officials led by Usec. Marlo L. Iringan, CESO III, Undersecretary for Local Government, representing SILG Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr. at the Manila Hotel in Manila. Also present is RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, LGOO VI Ian Jon S. Clemente, Asst. Division Chief of LGMED, MLGOO Victoria Dolido and LGOO IV Genevieve Morales, LTIA Regional Focal Person who are part of Region 12's delegation.

Said Lupon were judged on the following: Efficiency in Operations, Effectiveness in Securing the settlement of interpersonal dispute objective of the KP Program and the creativity and resourcefulness of the Lupon, Area or Facility for the KP Activities and Financial and non- financial support of the KP.

DILG REHIYON DOSE LANDS TOP POST for agency - wide Internal Control System assessment

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Among the 16 DILG Regional Offices, DILG RXII

RANKS 1ST

Among the 16 DILG Regional Offices, DILG REGION XII ranked 1st, together with DILG Region I and DILG Mimaropa, garnering 85% in the ICS effectiveness in the agency-wide BAICS, Regional Office Level. The BAICS assessment started last December 2019 and was completed in June 2022. The Certificate of Recognition which was signed by DILG Secretary Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr. was awarded during the Monday Convocation on November, 14, 2022 held at the DILG Central office, with the whole activity being streamed via Zoom platform and witnessed by the whole DILG Rehiyon Dose officials and staff.



DILG's BIDA GRAND LAUNCH GATHERS THOUSANDS, ABALOS CALLS FOR NATIONWIDE SUPPORT VS ILLEGAL DRUGS

Thousands of people pledged to give their all-out support to the government's new anti-illegal drugs campaign dubbed as Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan (BIDA) during its nationwide simultaneous grand launching today at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City; Cebu Plaza Independencia, Cebu City; Xavier Ateneo Sports Centre, Cagayan de Oro City; and People's Park in Davao City.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benjamin "Benhur" C. Abalos, Jr. said the BIDA Program is a nationwide anti-illegal drugs advocacy program involving local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), and other key sectors of the society that will focus more on drug demand reduction and rehabilitation in the communities coupled with arrests.

Said event was attended by around

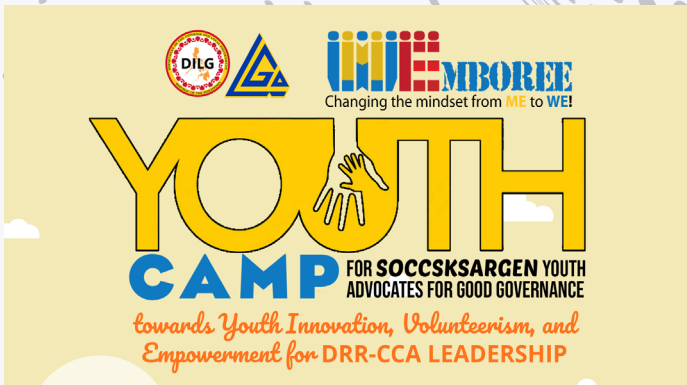
25,000 PEOPLE

including VIPs and contingents from the DILG, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, National Police Commission, National Commission of Muslim Filipinos National Youth Commission, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Iglesia ni Cristo, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Metro Manila Development Authority, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, National Capital Region Local Government Units, and Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils.



Meanwhile, DILG Dose Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III and members of the Regional ManCom also joined DILG Region XI for the regional BIDA launching held on November 26, 2022.





Youth Leaders Gather for the DILG DOSE's 3-Day Regional Youth Camp



In her welcome remarks, RD Leysa emphasized the need to hammer down the message to the young to instill love for the nation and the communities where they are from. Participants include SK members and officers, including youth volunteers and movers, even Girl Scouts, IPs, Muslim Youth leaders and Local Youth Development Officers.

More than a hundred youth leaders were assembled together in one place on Dec.20, 2022 for a " unique leadership experience" during the activity entitled "Youth Camp for SOCCSKSARGEN Youth Advocates for Good Governance-cum-Wemboree: Changing Mindset from Me to We towards Youth Innovation, Volunteerism, and Empowerment for DRR-CCA Leadership."

RD Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III capped the event with the topic on how to deal with stress.



Volunteers to the BIDA sang Kabatan-unan sa Dose was also formalized by signing their names on the Wall of Commitment.

The leadership training is facilitated by DILG Dose's pool of resource persons which include MLGOOs and other experts, including RD Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III and ARD Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V. The program ran until the 22nd of the month.



TRAINING OF TRAINORS FOR THE CAPACITY Development Roll-Out on the Quasi-Judicial Functions of the Local Sanggunian

With the thrust of the department in promoting accountable, participative, and effective local governance, the Bantay Korapsyon Program (BKP) initiated capacity development interventions anchored in its education strategy. One of which is the Strengthening the Knowledge and Capacity of the Local Sanggunian's Quasi-Judicial (QJ) Functions through the conduct of training among Sanggunian Members of target LGUs. To further enhance the initiative, a training module was developed.

To further develop the training module, the BK Central Office and Regional Operations Unit (BKP-ROUs), along with the Bureau of Local Government Supervision—Local Government Relations Division (BLGS—LGRD) conducted the Training of Trainors (TOT) on 24-28 October 2022 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City which was attended by ninety-two (92) participants comprising of personnel from BK—PMO, BLGS—LGRD, and BKP—ROUs from the sixteen participating regions nationwide.



The said training commenced with the overview discussion of the objectives and topics to be discussed in the three-day lecture delivered by Atty. Michelle Anne Viejo, DILG XII Legal Officer. She highlighted the mandates of the Bantay-Korapsyon Program for the Sustainable Development Goal of reducing corruption in all forms, and ensuring clean and efficient governance. One of the initiatives of the BKP is strengthening the knowledge of the Local Sanggunians on the scope of their quasi-judicial powers in order to encourage LGUs to bring to citizens' attention that filing of complaints against erring elective officials can already be processed and managed at the local levels.

It was followed by the discussions on revisiting the Local Sanggunian's Structure and Composition by Atty. Junine Wednesday Java of DILG Region VI. She presented the powers and functions of the Local Sanggunian and distinguished its legislative and quasi-judicial functions in consonance with the provisions of the Local Government Code (LGC). She then enumerated the composition of the different levels of the Sanggunians (Panlalawigan, Panlungsod, and Bayan).



Afterward, Atty Michelle Anne Viejo gave an in depth discussion of the differing aspects of the jurisdiction of the quasi-judicial functions of the local sanggunian. In line with this, she explained the requirements and procedural processes in administrative proceedings in handling of complaints by the sanggunians.





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Today’s event is a breather for all of us and it is one way of giving what is due to those who have been active and courageous enough through all the challenges which come in a day-to-day basis. It is worth noting that you have remained steadfast and determined to play your role to help achieve a peaceful, orderly, and stable society.

Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III
Regional Director, DILG Dose

DILG XII holds Pasidungog sa Dose Season 2 – A Regional Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding LGUs in PPAs Implementation



The DILG Rehiyon Dose through its Local Government Management and Evaluation Division (LGMED) recognized and awarded the outstanding Local Government Units in the region last October 25, 2022 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato Province on LCAT-VAWC Program, Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards Program, Anti-Drug Abuse Council Program and Peace and Order Council program.

The ceremony was attended by the different Local Chief Executives, DILG and LGU Focal Persons and other Functionaries of the different programs.

“Today’s event is a breather for all of us and it is one way of giving what is due to those who have been active and courageous enough through all the challenges which come in a day-to-day basis. It is worth noting that you have remained steadfast and determined to play your role to help achieve a peaceful, orderly, and stable society” Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said in her message to the honorees and awardees.



DILG XII hails 10 LGUs as SubayBayani 2022 implementers

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Local Government Units in the Region were recognized as best implementers of the Department's Subaybayan ang Proyektong Bayan (SubayBayan) system during the SubayBAYANI Awarding Ceremony held at Viajera Dine and Café, City of Koronadal last December 5, 2022.



The Top 10 LGU Awardees of SubayBAYANI 2022 were:



4th Place - Surallah, South Cotabato, 5th Place - Tampakan, South Cotabato, 6th Place - Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat, 7th Place - Makilala, Cotabato Province, 8th Place - Alabel, Sarangani Province, 9th Place - Norala, South Cotabato, and 10th Place by Carmen, Cotabato Province.

DILG-OPDS Director, Rolyn Q. Zambales, CESO III, served as the resource person during the event. Program Manager of the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector, Fe Crisilla M. Banluta, also graced the said event.

The following special awards were also given during the activity: Best Provincial Office (DILG Cotabato Provincial Office), Best in Financial Management (Malungon, Sarangani Province), and Best in Physical Management (Makilala, Cotabato Province).

SubayBayan is an online platform of DILG to monitor the status of locally-funded projects across the country and promote transparency in government projects and accountability in LGUs.



DILG Rehiyon Dose's Legal Unit holds Training on RPA for LGUs and CSOs



The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII through the Office of the Regional Director- Legal Unit led by Atty. Michelle Anne P. Viejo, has conducted the training on "Reinforcing Public Accountability of Local Government Units and Civil Society Organizations through Citizen Participation" on November 15, 2022 at Paraiso Verde, Koronadal City South Cotabato.

41 Online
attendees

60 Physical
attendees

16 of those were coming from various LGUs while 21 were CSO/ CSDO members.



Present-day challenges of promoting and ensuring human rights in relation to Civil Society Organization initiatives were also accentuated such as the lack of collective means to fully internalize and implement RBA themselves and disconnectedness from the grassroots level.

Meanwhile, in the afternoon session, Atty. Michelle Viejo heated the discussion on RA 3019 or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act where she emphasized certain acts that are identified to be corrupt practices under Section 3 and are, therefore, punishable by law.

On top of that, she elaborated the concept of unexplained wealth and encouraged the participants, especially those in the government office to tend their duties rightfully and responsibly file their respective SALNs.

Moreover, Atty. Prima Jesusa Quinsayas-Mangelen, the Deputy Regional Prosecutor of the Department of Justice-Regional Prosecution Office XII delivered the third and final session on "The Crimes and Felonies Committed by Public Officers under the Revised Penal Code".

Finally, Atty. Viejo concluded the training by highlighting the event's main objective which is to produce CSOs and LGUs who are equally knowledgeable, effective, and capable of policing and combatting graft and corruption in public service.



DILG Rehiyon Dose Conducts the Capacity Development for DILG Field Personnel and Local Sanggunians re: Quasi-Judicial Powers of Local Government Councils

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII through the Bantay Korapsyon Regional Operations Unit conducted the Roll-out training on Quasi-Judicial Powers of Local Government Councils at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City South Cotabato.

Attended by

40 Participants



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A complaint against any municipal elective official cannot be made arbitrarily unless it is substantiated by legal documentation and facts. It is crucial that we become familiar with the grounds for disciplinary procedures as stipulated in the Local Government Code.

Atty. Michelle Anne P. Viejo
Legal Officer/Chief of Staff, DILG Dose

The two-day event held on December 6-7, 2022 aims to heighten the understanding of the Local Sanggunians with regard to their power and functions as quasi-judicial bodies and to capacitate them to effectively perform within the prescribed period of existing laws in the process of receipt, handling, commencement of an administrative investigation, and resolution of complaints filed before their respective Sanggunians.

The training consists of six (6) learning sessions starting with the Getting to Know You Session facilitated by Mr. Relmie Tamson, MLGOO of DILG President Quirino where participants were tasked to convey their expectations for the trainer, the training, and their peers, by writing it on each meta card provided by the secretariat.

Launching of CSO Academy and People's Council



THE CSO ACADEMY OF SOCCSKSARGEN: THE REALIZATION OF A DREAM..

That is how DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III described the formal launching and signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the institutionalization of the CSO Academy of Socccksargen at Greenleaf Hotel, Gen. Santos City on April 11.

Considered to be the first learning institution in the country created purposely to “capacitate civil society organization (CSO) leaders”, the MOA signing and launching ceremony was held with the presence of all the partners involved in the collaborative efforts, namely; DILG XII, DBM XII, Mahintana Foundation, Inc. (MFI) and the Association of Foundations (AF).

The then Undersecretary for Operations Usec. Epimaco V. Densing, III was the event's guest of honor and speaker and he declared that “this is part of the change that we want to happen. By building up the CSO partners, we will no longer see CSO representatives doing the minor or routine roles during meetings for special bodies.”

DILG XII RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III and DBM XII RD Akmad Usman, Ms. Liza D. Hora, Executive Director of Mahintana Foundation, Inc. (MFI) and the whole management team of DBM XII and DILG XII Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC XII) came in full force for the said event. Atty. Renette B. Bergado, provincial administrator of South Cotabato PLGU (representing Gov. Reynaldo S. Tamayo, Jr.). Mr. Martiniano Magdolot, MFI President and AF Executive Director Norman Joseph Jiao were also present to make the event more meaningful. Other participants witnessed the ceremonies through the virtual facility, including partner institutions and other regional directors of national government agencies comprising the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council (MSAC) XII.



“ We (DILG XII) have been partners with Mahintana for more than a decade now and with the signing of the MOA, we see the realization of a common phrase: “To make a dream work, add Teamwork.”



Regional Director Josephine Leysa hailed as DILG's best Regional Director, Tenorio as Outstanding MLGOO in 2022



'Lumapag na ang Agila sa Rehiyon Dose' could well sum up the most recent victory of DILG Rehiyon Dose as RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III who finally received one of the Department's most-coveted award, the Tatag ng Agila.

RD Leysa was hailed as the 2022 Awardee as she stood out from among the other Regional Directors in the country. She has always prioritized the interest of the public and observes the harmonization of various ingenuities in elevating local governance within DILG XII's operation and beyond.

The Tatag ng Agila (Capacity Development Leadership Award) under the Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence (CapDev ACE) of the Local Government Academy is 'conferred to the Regional Director whose exceptional leadership led to the delivery of quality, strategic, and responsive capacity development interventions to LGUs' divided into four criteria for judging which include: leadership, innovativeness and creativity, achievement, and inclusiveness.

Back in 2021, RD Leysa had been included in the list of topnotchers as she championed Collaborative Governance, ensuring excellent results and professionalism in leading the performance of DILG XII's nexus.

Meanwhile, MLGOO Marife C. Tenorio was named as 2022 Singsing ng Tanikala (Outstanding MLGOO) in the country under the same program. This award is given to a city or municipal LGOO "who has assisted and influenced LGUs in achieving progress and good local governance" and who has "helped introduce reforms, and continuously influences localities' perspective and practice of good local governance," the Local Government Academy said.

The following are its criteria for judging: high work standards, initiative and innovativeness, and consistency of performance.

This year, DILG XII's Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) was also picked as one of the Top 5 finalists under the Ugnay ng Mamamayan (Most Outstanding LGRRC) category of the Program, which gives recognition to the LGRRC team who "has introduced or sustained practical, cost effective initiatives to create a positive and substantial impact on capacity development."



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DILG Rehiyon Dose recognizes 2022 GEMS for SK Winners



The Department of the Interior and Local Government Rehiyon Dose recognized the CY 2022 Most Outstanding Sangguniang Kabataan in SOCCSKSARGEN last October 24, 2024, during the Second Regional Awarding Ceremony of the Governance Exemplars for Meaningful Service for SK (GEMS for SK).

The ceremony was conducted at Paraiso Verde Hotel & Resort, Koronadal City, South Cotabato which was spearheaded by the Members of the Regional Management Committee headed by DILG Dose Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III.

**Barangay Calumpang
City of General Santos**



1ST PLACE

113.22 Performance rating

**Barangay Kalawag II, Isulan
Province of Sultan Kudarat**



2ND PLACE

112.40 Performance rating

**Barangay Katipunan, Arakan
Province of Cotabato**



3RD PLACE

109.47 Performance rating

Special citations were also presented to SK Calumpang for their outstanding performance in Leadership and Innovativeness, as well as being named Best in Innovative Practice for their Calumpang Youth Development Council and Best in Video Documentation. SK San Jose was recognized for their outstanding performance in Financial Administration and for having the best paper documentation. Meanwhile, SK Kalawag II was also recognized for being the champion in Organizational Effectiveness, and SK Katipunan was cited for their remarkable performance in Development Planning.



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Itong GEMS for SK ang isa sa pinakamahalagang ambag natin upang mapagtibay ang Sangguniang Kabataan bilang institusyon na nagsusulong sa mga kabataan bilang aktibong kabahagi sa pagbuo ng isang MATINO, MAHUSAY at MAAASAHANG PAMAHALAANG LOKAL.

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
Regional Director, DILG Dose

DILG REHIYON DOSE FETES

REGIONAL PARTNERS THRU A YEAR-END GATHERING

As a gesture of gratitude and appreciation, DILG Rehiyon Dose hosted the Regional Partnership Forum on December 22, 2022, at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City with the attendance of various heads and representatives of National Line Agencies, Local Research Institutions (LRIs), and Civil Society Organizations (CSO).

In her statement, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said that the “Forum was conducted to extend our appreciation for all of our partners as they have shown untiring support in the implementation of DILG PPAs throughout the year 2022.”



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We owe our successes and victories to all our partners and this Partnership Forum is the best venue to say ‘thank you’ to all of them.

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
Regional Director, DILG Dose

Attendees received various tokens and certificates from the LGRRC Dose, headed by RD Leysa and she also shared various awards that DILG XII received, like the CapDev Ace Tatag ng Agila, Singing ng Tanikala and Ugnay ng Mamamayan Awards.

The Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence, also known as CapDev ACE, is an Awards Program that recognizes outstanding performance of DILG officials, employees, and LGRRC units in delivering capacity development programs, projects, and activities that have created a resounding impact on the lives of fellow employees, the organization, or the community as a whole.

LGRRC Dose, which ranked far below the list of achievers, managed to make it as a Finalist in the Ugnay ng Mamamayan, while the MLGOO of Malungon, Ms. Marife C. Tenorio earned the spot as the Best MLGOO (in the Singing ng Tanikala Award). Copping the coveted Tatag ng Agila is no less than RD Leysa herself, besting other regional directors across the country.





E-AKADEMYA SA DOSE: A WEBINAR SERIES BY THE DILG DOSE

On October 20-21, 2022, as part of the celebration of Local Government Month, the DILG Rehiyon Dose conducted the E-Akademya sa Dose as one of the commemorative activities of the celebration. It is yet another one of the numerous DILG Rehiyon Dose program initiatives in order to develop and broaden the understanding of Barangay Officials and Functionaries in terms of Public Service. It is primarily a capability development intervention which aims to further nurture the culture of excellence in Region XII.

The E-Akademya is believed to be the first of its sorts in the whole Department of the Interior and Local Government, aiming to 'address the disparities in public service knowledge' among barangay officials and functionaries.

The 2-day activity was conducted via Zoom Platform wherein the "E-Akademya" has sought the expertise of resource persons in their respective fields. The participants were provided lectures on Katarungang Pambarangay/Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Award (LTIA) by LGOO VI Juanito B. Agullana of DILG South Cotabato. Included in his presentation are the Types of Barangay Proceedings, Supreme Court Administrative Circular No. 14-93, and Katarungang Pambarangay Flow Chart.

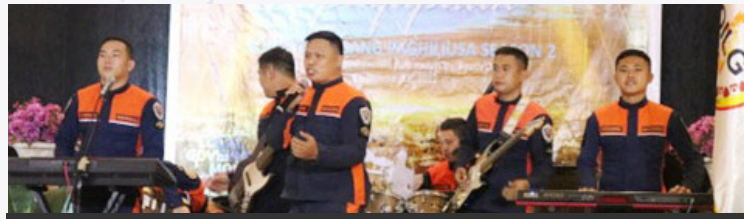
DILG DOSE'S HIMIG AT KAPAYAPAN: KONSYERTO SANG PAGHILIUSA HOLDS ITS SECOND SEASON



During the culmination activity of the 31st Anniversary Celebration of the Local Government Month, the DILG Dose conducted the Himig at Kapayapaan: Konsiyerto Sang Paghiliusa Season 2 on October 28, 2022 at the Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal.



Six (6) member agencies from the RPOC XII and MSAC XII namely BFP 12, PNP-PRO 12, DOLE 12, 10TH ID, PA, PLGU Sultan Kudarat, & LGU Kalamansig participated in the said event. MSAC and RPOC member agencies, LGU participants and DILG field officers were also in attendance during the said activity.



Hon. Datu Pax Ali S. Mangudadatu, Governor of Sultan Kudarat Province, sponsored the prizes in the Band Competition and graced the event and expressed his support to the activity. He also pledged to be the major sponsor on the 3rd Season of the Himig at Kapayapaan.

The BFP Soul Fire Band was declared as the Champion and received a cash award amounting to Php 20,000.

MSAC XII & RPOC XII LAUNCH DILG DOSE'S KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE SEAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR NGAs and LGUs & GAD SEAL FOR LGUS

In celebration of the

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MONTH CELEBRATION



the DILG Rehiyon Dose, in partnership with the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII and Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Council (MSAC) XII launched the DILG Dose KM System, Drug Free Workplace Seal Certification Program and GAD Seal for LGUs last October 10, 2022 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.

In her message, Regional Director Josphine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, emphasized that the DILG Rehiyon Dose recognizes the value of Knowledge Management (KM) to the business of governance by bringing the most recent and up-to-date information about Knowledge Products in collaboration with MSAC XII and other National Government Agencies, Local Government Units, Civil Society Organizations, Local Resource Institutions, and other Stakeholders.

As member and Head Secretariat of RPOC XII, Director Leysa shares that it is the commitment of RPOC XII to promote, improve or enhance peace and order and public safety measures supporting the implementation of drug-free policies and programs in the local government units and national government agencies in the region.



The launching activity was then followed by a Kapehan: Fellowship with the Media—a press conference wherein some members of the DILG XII ManCom were interviewed by the Philippine Information Agency 12 and Media partners with regard to the launched innovative programs.



Regional Director Josphine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, also expressed her gratitude to the partner officials and members in helping and campaigning the DILG Rehiyon Dose activities and programs. She further emphasized the importance of the Media Partners on the government's link to the people in advocating its programs and services.



The members of the MSAC XII and RPOC XII also expressed their message of support to the programs being launched and they commit to implement in their respective agencies and LGUs as well.

Executive Director Liza Hora of Mahintana Foundation Inc. also expressed her congratulations on the launched programs and voiced her continuous support to the DILG Region XII future endeavors.

TALAKAYAN SA DOSE WITH DILG TOP OFFICIALS

In its continuing quest for an effective and efficient implementation of DILG XII Programs, Projects, and Activities, the DILG Top Management conducted a 2-day "Talakayan sa Dose" on October 27-28, 2022 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato with Usec. Marlo L. Iringan, CESO III as the Guest of Honor.

In her Welcome Message, Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, emphasized that the collaborative activity's main purpose is to provide an opportunity for the Field Officers to revisit the implementation of the DILG flagship programs, especially EO 70. Participants were able to provide comments, issues, concerns and recommendations on PPA implementation.



The interfacing activity was participated by the DILG DOSE Synergy Team composed of the Regional Management, Provincial/City Directors, Program and Outcome Managers, C/MLGOOs, along with the EO 70 LGU Focal Persons.



"I am glad to see you all in Rehiyon Dose. I am always happy to be with people who make things happen. I saw your innovations here in Region XII and they clearly show that you truly make things happen in your region," Usec Iringan quoted.



KNOWLEDGE FAIR “BUGAL SA DOSE” SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS ITS SECOND SEASON

The DILG Rehiyon Dose, once again, had its Knowledge Fair: Best Practices in Local Governance also known as Bugal sa Dose in its 2nd year. As part of the Local Government Month Celebration, on October 25, 2022, the Region XII's Aces in Local Governance take the stage to address different themes relevant to their fields of competence in Public Service.



The Knowledge Fair's rationale, currently in its second year, was provided by RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III. She emphasized that "It is not inappropriate to build on what others have created or accomplished. It is frowned upon in academic field, but not in government or public service. We learn to personalize based on what is relevant to our needs."

Comprehensive talks on a ranges of governance topics were thoroughly discussed and in-depth conversations on a wide variety of issues pertaining to governance were fully examined during the activity. The experts in local governance from Region XII shared variety of topics that are pertinent to their respective areas of expertise in the public service sector.

The Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Award with Punong Barangay Vergel B. Javier of Poblacion, Tupi, South Cotabato; Disaster Risk Reduction and Management with Atty. Jose Paolo Evangelista, the City Mayor of Kidapawan City.



The other resource persons include Sarangani Vice Governor Elmer T. de Peralta, MD, who presented the details about the Barangay Legislative Information System (LITS), Sultan Kudarat Governor Datu Pax Ali S. Mangudadatu, outlined their effective implementation strategies on Anti-Drug and Abuse and Atty. Antonio O. Bendita, Surallah Vice Mayor, who tackled about their Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) journey.

In Rehiyon Dose, the Bugal sa Dose has accepted the duty of sharing and taking ownership of the best practices that have been effectively adopted by local officials. These practices stood on their own, were one of a kind, and were customized to meet the requirements and expectations of their constituents.

The Knowledge Fair, now in its second year, has developed into a place for the dissemination of best practices that are repeatable, adaptable, and successful. RD Leysa hoped that the event may stimulate interest in future collaboration and innovations of programs in different local government units.



Half-Way House, Project Turn-over and Monitoring Activities

As part of the commitment to the officials of the three coastal towns of Region XII, Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III joined Mayor Joaquin T. Concha and Vice Mayor Rolando P. Garcia, along with the other officials of Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat during the Turn-over Ceremony of a two-storey Evacuation Center and Two (2) Units Rescue Vehicles under FY 2020 Assistance to Municipalities Program in Kalamansig, Province of Sultan Kudarat on October 6, 2022.



**TWO (2) STOREY
VACUATION
CENTER**

Php8,555,000.00



**TWO (2) UNITS OF
4X4 PICKUP
RESCUE VEHICLES**

Php3,000,000.00

Subsequently, on 19th of December 2022, PDMU team headed by PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia Ontoy along with Assistant PDMU Chief Engr. Mila Inodio and PEO II Doanna Carmelie Dedal, attended the turnover ceremony of the Reconstruction of Malungon, Public Cemetery. Malungon Mayor Hon. Maria Theresa D. Constantino, Vice Mayor Maraino S. Escalada Jr., DPWH Sarangani District Engineer, Engr. Juliet Lasquite, the Chief of Police of Malungon and representatives from Municipality of Malungon, Sarangani Province were also present during the ceremony.

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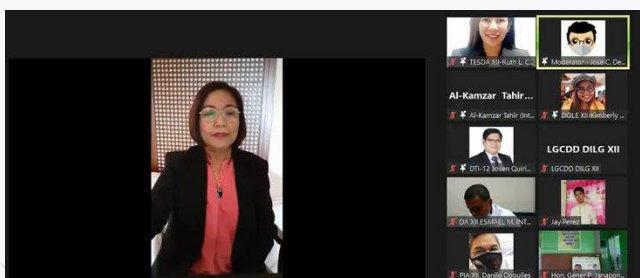
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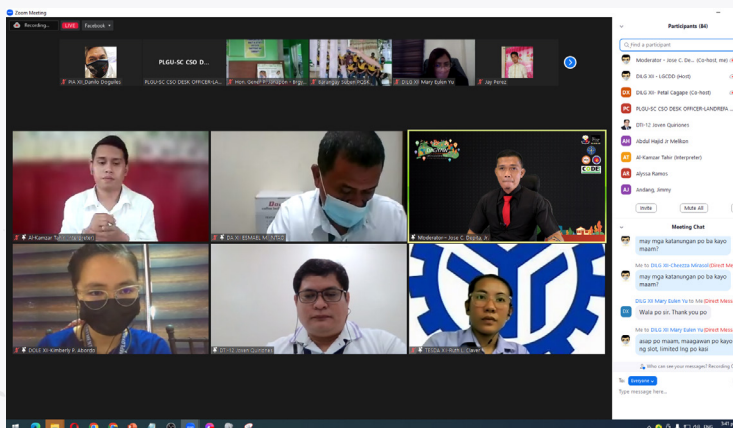


The DILG XII held the 4th DAGYAW Open Government Virtual Town Hall Meeting on November 28, 2022 via Zoom and FB Live, covering various programs for the communities in Region XII. Resource Persons from National Government Agencies presented various programs and services which are readily accessible to the general public.

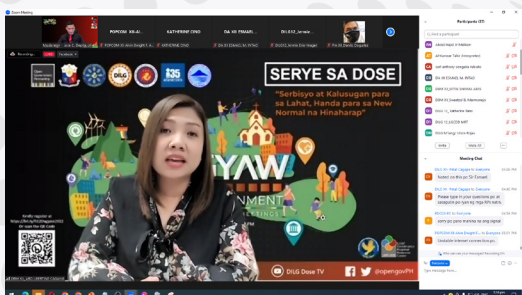


RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, Regional Director of DILG XII, welcomed the participants who joined via the Zoom platform and Facebook Live and she emphasized Dagyaw's main objective which is "to strengthen the mutual trust between the government and its people". She encouraged everyone to use the activity as an opportunity to raise questions about the topics presented.

The Universal Health Care Act or RA 11223 was also thoroughly discussed. The resource person emphasized that the general objective of the law is to ensure equitable access to quality and affordable health care and protection against financial risk and to progressively realize universal health care through systemic approach and clear role delineation. The speaker also highlighted that "basic health services will be free", but for fees beyond the basics, every Filipino family's health spending will be predictable.



The discussion on RA 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law focuses on the roles of LGUs and different agencies in the provision of care. The resource person for this topic clarified that, for one, "the LGUs, with assistance from the DOH, shall ensure the provision, at the appropriate level of care, of the full range of responsible parenthood and reproductive health care services and that such services will also be readily accessible for PWDs.



The activity was closed by Atty. Libertine Cagang-Guanzon of the DBM XII and she highlighted the importance of social accountability in achieving good governance.



Newly Elected Officials of Region XII Undergo Capacity Development and Awareness Building on NTF-DPAGS



The DILG Rehiyon Dose and the DILG's Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE)-Project Management Office (PMO) conducted Capacity Development and Awareness Building on NTF-DPAGS for Newly Elected Local Chief Executives in Region XII on Dec. 21-23, 2022 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.



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The activity is designed to strengthen the LGU and Security sector collaboration and participation in the implementation of the NTF-DPAGs program. Alam naman natin na ang programa sa DPAGs ay isa sa mga deliverables natin, batay sa Annex on Normalization of the Comprehensive Agreement in the Bangsamoro with the creation of NTF-DPAGs.

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
Regional Director, DILG Dose

The ongoing campaign to deconstruct private armed groups in Mindanao stems from President Duterte's Executive Order 79 and the normalization process under the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), which was signed in 2014 by the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The PCVE- PMO Team was led by Ms. Joan Hope Tolibas, the Program Manager, and she was joined by PDO II -PCVE Freddie Rick O. Calos, Supervising Project Officer Katherine R. Derit, Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) PDO Vincent B. Parreñas and PCol. Richard B. Verceles from the PNP National Headquarters.

The DILG-led NTF DPAGS have set a meeting on January 2023 to finalize the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) about the program, after taking into consideration all of the consolidated recommendations during the regional roll-outs and DPAG Capdevs for NEOs which were conducted in 17 regions of the country.

Capacity Development Agenda Review

The DILG XII, through the Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCCDD) in partnership with the Local Government Academy (LGA) conducted the two-day Capacity Development Agenda Review for the Local Government Units of Tupi, Tboli, Columbio, Lambayong, Bagumbayan, Matalam, Makilala, President Roxas, Kiamba and Glan on December 13-14, 2022 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.



The activity was participated by select LGU officials and functionaries with their C/MLGOOs, DILG Outcome and Program Managers, Provincial Focal Persons, and LRIs.

The CapDev Agenda Review aims to revisit the existing CDA of the ten (10) identified LGUs and evaluate the quality of their CDA in accordance to the CDA formulation process and to gather data as to the status of the CDA of the target LGUs to identify necessary CapDev interventions by the CDA regional and provincial coaches to the LGU stakeholders and monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of their CDA.



DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa CESO III, represented by Atty. Michelle Anne P. Viejo, Chief of Staff, DILG Regional Office said "Your Capacity Development Agenda which addresses the needs of the six capacity pillars namely Competency, Structure, Knowledge and Learning, Management System, Enabling Policies, and Leadership, is an important component of your Comprehensive Development Plan that would help you to strategically plan for the development of your capacity to effectively deliver your mandated functions and responsive services."



LG00 V, Mary Eulen Y. Abdilah, Regional CapDev Focal Person discussed the Rationale and Objectives of the Activity. The Overview of the LGU CapDev Framework and Agenda and CapDev Agenda Formulation Step 1: Context Analysis was also presented by Ms. Abdilah wherein the importance of Causal Loop Diagram (CLD) in identifying the factors that contribute to the LGU's performance was given emphasis.

DILG REHIYON DOSE JOINS 4TH QUARTER Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)

DILG XII personnel performed the Duck, Cover, and Hold during the ceremonial pressing of the buzzer during and after an earthquake during the 4th Quarter NSED in the morning of November 10, 2022 in General Santos City. The drill was led by Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III and Asst. Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V assisted by DRR-CCA focal persons.



It was different from the first three NSED participated by the office because it was simultaneously conducted with the region-wide retooling of technical and admin personnel coming from DILG Regional and Provincial offices in SOCCSKARGEN. Usually, a building inspection comes after the evacuation of personnel from the office building to check for possible damages but this time, identifying the nearest exit and evacuation area nearest from the training venue to secure the participants was the main priority. The said drill emphasized the importance of preparedness of the personnel not only in a normal day at the office but also during the conduct of trainings outside the office.



The Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council spearheaded the conduct of the activity to promote preparedness and resilience in times of disasters.

DILG XII Brings Relief Assistance to Cotabato Typhoon Paeng Victims



DILG Rehiyon Dose has dispatched a set of relief items for immediate distribution to the victims of TS Paeng which brought heavy rains on wide areas of Mindanao on Friday night. DILG Dose's Quick Response/ Delivery Team with the volume of relief goods left the Regional Office in Koronadal City on October 30, 2022.

The Quick Response Team was headed by OIC SAO Katherine M. Llano, and she was joined by ADAS III Alexis G. Bullanday, ADAS II Marielle Joyce S. Tuble and DMO II Jdhyl S. Tianchon. They later teamed up with the Cotabato Team led PD Ali B. Abdullah, Outcome Manager Inecita Kionisala, and Ms. Marydith Madot. Relief was received by PDRRMO Cotabato representative Hadil Gaudalibo.

TS Paeng wreaked havoc in many mountainside communities in BARMM with rockfalls and landslides, with reports of high casualty and a list of missing persons. Recovery efforts are being undertaken as of this writing. DILG Rehiyon Dose, under the leadership of RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, has quickly organized the relief effort upon receiving reports from its field personnel.

Among the items brought in by the QRT include 150 malong and 50 towels, along with some other health kits.

LEARNING DOESN'T STOP: DILG Rehiyon Dose conducts “Sharpening the Saw” Sessions for admin and tech personnel

DILG Dose workforce received big doses of valuable lessons, guidelines and inspiration through the Learning Session for Effective and Efficient Service Delivery of LGUs in SOCCSKSARGEN dubbed as 'Sharpening the Saw' held on November 9-11, 2022 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City.



In her message, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III explained the choice for the title of the learning sessions. “It came from the book by Stephen Richards Covey, an American educator, businessman and speaker, author of ‘The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, RD Leysa explains.’ “If you have skimmed over the book, you will see that Habit 7 teaches us to take the time to stop and “sharpen our saw, she added, “and it is synonymous with “self-care” or “self-renewal. So, SDS, as we call it, means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have— you yourself. It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual aspect of your life.”

Resource Speakers for the activity were Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo L. Iringan, former USLG Marivel Sacendoncillo, and Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs Francisco R. Cruz.



Meanwhile, Usec Iringan, in his pep talk, stressed that in order to be an effective public servant, one must “have a persistent sense of duty that compels them to go the extra mile and to perform their duties and responsibilities with integrity.”



Usec Sacendoncillo gave a presentation on Strategic Leadership in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) World. She talked about strategies on how to overcome organizational challenges faced both internally and externally, and on how to become comfortable with changes that might come.



54th Batch Apprentices



DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido - Leysa, CESO III proudly and gladly welcomed the four (4) new full-fledged LGOOs who successfully hurdled the grueling eight (month- long LGOO Apprenticeship Training of the Local Government Academy (LGA).

LGOO II Raymart B. Miranda, LGOO II Frances Kristene Alvero - Laguda, LGOO II Mark L. Biescas and LGOO II Jahleel A. Domingo officially became members of "Sanliyab Class", the 54th Batch of Apprenticeship Program of the LGA as they marched along with other graduates on December 12, 2022 at the Manila Prince Hotel.

A total of
150

apprentices from all the country joined the apprenticeship program which is intended to give LGOOs the leadership, functional, and basic competencies that they need to advance to higher LGOO positions.

The four (4) apprentices spent their Supervised Field Work in the Cities of Tacurong and Kidapawan.

After 8 Months
135

LGOOs managed to march during the graduation rites on December 12.



Regional Director Leysa showed her full support to her proteges and students by attending their graduation ceremonies. "With our full- fledged LGOOs, we have added more to the long line of Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang Kawani ng DILG Rehiyon Dose," RD Leysa beamed proudly.

DILG Cotabato Welcomes 37 New FRs; A New Win for Peace



AMAS, KIDAPAWAN CITY— 37 former rebels (FRs) from various municipalities of the province of Cotabato have been welcomed and assisted by DILG Cotabato last November 18, 2022 at the DILG Cotabato Provincial Office. To complete the deradicalization program of the 72nd Infantry Battalion headed by Lt. Col. Jose C. Regonay, Jr., yielded FRs have been oriented and assisted for the processing of their benefits under various government programs. Thus, their visits to the different government offices.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) have been with the surrenderees especially in surfacing and rendering assistance for the processing of their benefits from the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP). To strengthen their understanding and surfacing interests with the government programs, LGOO V Helen Grace A. de Justo-Sayon presented some technicalities and considerations in availing the benefits of ECLIP. The said program is a flagship program that seeks for the effective social healing for national unity. The DILG assists in restarting the lives of FRs, enabling them to be reintegrated into the mainstream society and in significantly reuniting with their families.

In his message Provincial Director Ali B. Abdullah said that the DILG supports the whole of nation approach with partner NGAs and local officials in the fight to End Local Communist Armed Conflict and Violent Extremism. The Department will continue to support Friends Rescued (FRs), as co-peace advocates, by providing effective technical and administrative services to promote good governance. "Sa ating mga Friends Rescued, salamat sa inyong desisyon na mamuhay ng mapayapa. Sana ay gamitin ninyo ang mga benepisyong matatanggap ninyo para makapagsimula muli ng inyong buhay. Kami sa DILG ay handang tumulong sa inyo. Sana ay hindi ninyo sayangin ang pagkakataong ito."



The FRs were profiled coming from the municipalities of Antipas, Arakan, Magpet, and Pres. Roxas who are currently undergoing the Deradicalization Program of the said brigade.

Since 2019, a total of

160 FRs

have already been recorded in the province of Cotabato to receive such benefits from the program and still increasing in numbers for the coming quarters.

The visitation activity of the 72nd Brigade with the FRs to the identified government offices is part of the 15-day activity of the Deradicalization Program which aims to deconstruct the false indoctrination to former rebels and make them familiar with converging government agencies and institutions who will support them in the reintegration with their respective communities— while celebrating another win in the name of peace.

DILG-General Santos City switches the Green Light on for the Barangay Tanod Skills Enhancement Training

26 BLGUs trained

As the Department recognizes the role of the Barangay Tanods in maintaining peace and order and in ensuring public safety, the DILG-General Santos City holds a Barangay Tanod Skills Enhancement Training slated on December 07, 2022 at the SM Trade Hall, General Santos City.



With the conduct of the enhancement training, the participants were equipped with knowledge and skills on their basic roles and functions, the desirable traits that they must possess, in crime scene preservation and protection, incident report writing, crisis management and emergency response, traffic assistance and basic patrol operations, and arrest, search and seizures and handcuffing techniques.



Gaining a very commendable response and overwhelming attendance of the barangay tanods from the twenty-six barangays, DILG -General Santos City Director Rilimin H. Sandoval gives her commitment to provide more capacity development interventions for a more effective and efficient force multiplier of the barangay.

DILG-General Santos City holds a two-day Roll-Out Training on SICAP-BADAC for the

26 BLGUs

Barely two-days after the Regional Training of Trainers(TOT), the DILG-General Santos City immediately conducted the Strengthening Internal Capacities of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (SICAP-BADAC) for the twenty-six (26) barangays in the area of responsibility. Participated in by the BADAC members, the two-day roll-out training was held on December 19-20, 2022 at the Goldengate Convention, Barangay City Heights, General Santos City.

The Local Training Team comprised of the DILG, PDEA,PNP, CHO, CSWDO, CMO-IBA and SK Federation served as the resource agencies/offices during the event in accordance with their respective mandates in the country's fight against illegal drug abuse. The BIDA Program is spearheaded by the DILG which focuses on drug supply through enforcement action vis-a-vis drug demand reduction by actively pushing rehabilitation and reintegration measures for drug dependents.



In her message, DILG City Director Rilimin H. Sandoval underscored the pivotal role of the BADAC in successfully carrying out the implementation of programs concerning anti-illegal drugs. She also highlighted the Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan or BIDA, a countrywide anti-illegal drug advocacy program that involves the Local Government Units (LGUs) National Government Agencies (NGAs) and other key sectors of the society.



Strengthening of the Civil Society Organization Participation in the Province of South Cotabato

As part of its advocacy in strengthening the participation of the Civil Society Organizations, and the People's Council in the Province pursuant to DILG MC No. 2021-054 "Amendment to the DILG Memorandum Circular 2021-012, On the Establishment of Civil Society Organization Desk and Institutionalization of People's Council in the Local Government Units", the DILG South Cotabato in partnership with the P/CMLGUs, has conducted series of Orientation activities, and Election of the People's Council Officers beginning March 24, 2022 to December 14, 2022.

Specifically, the Orientation on MC 2021-054, and the Election of People's Council were conducted on the following dates:

	LGU	DATE
1	Lake Sebu	March 24, 2022
2	T'boli	May 24, 2022
3	Polomolok	October 12, 2022
4	Sto Niño	October 24, 2022
5	Surallah	November 4, 2022
6	Tampakan	November 15, 2022
7	Tupi	December 2, 2022
8	Banga	December 5, 2022
9	Koronadal City	December 5, 2022
0	Norala	December 9, 2022
11	Tantangan	December 12, 2022
12	South Cotabato	December 14, 2022

During the activities, Program Manager Hayd-Ali S. Suwaib together with the C/MLGOOs discussed the importance of implementing the Memorandum Circular in every City/Municipality of the Province. Also in attendance to assist and facilitate the activities were Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, Outcome Manager Maria Theresa D. Bautista, and Alternate Focal LGOO II Ma. Robee S. Ponce De Leon.



As part of its advocacy in strengthening the participation of the Civil Society Organizations, and who are expected to participate and help the Local Government Units in the decision-making, and in the implementation of various government Programs, Projects, and Activities.

25 FRs

FROM SULTAN KUDARAT RECEIVED PACKAGE OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH E-CLIP



during the awarding at SP Hall, Provincial Capitol on October 17, 2022.

Each FR received an amount worth Php 15,000.00 and Php 50,000.00 as their livelihood assistance and firearms renumeration, respectively. The custodial units of the FRs also received an amount Php 21,000.00 per FR as administrative support while the Former Rebels are undergoing the routine screening/ validation process. A total amount of P3,323,000.00 were given as package of assistance to all ECLIP beneficiaries.



Present during the ECLIP awarding were Hon. Datu Pax Ali Sangki Mangudadatu, Provincial Governor, DILG-Sultan Kudarat Provincial Director Margarita H. Baynosa, LGOO VI Ian Jon Clemente and Mr. Dennis T. Sucol of DILG XII (representing RD Leysa), PCOL Christopher Bermudez (SKPPO Provincial Director), PSWDO and Head E-CLIP Secretariat. Ms. Elenita L. Saavedra, RSW.



4 COMPONENT LGUS OF SULTAN KUDARAT

BAGS ITS FIRST SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE AWARD

The Province of Sultan Kudarat bagged the first SGLG Award in the recently concluded awarding ceremony at The Manila Hotel last December 15, 2022 together with the LGUs of Bagumbayan, Columbio, Lutayan and Tacurong City. The SGLG is the highest award conferred by the DILG to the LGUs pursuant to Republic Act No. 11292 also known as the SGLG Act of 2019 that institutionalizes the Seal of Good Local Governance award as a tool that promotes transparency, efficiency and good governance among Local Government Units.

The said local government units were assessed based on the 10 governance areas such as financial administration; disaster preparedness; social protection; health compliance and responsiveness; sustainable education; business friendliness and competitiveness; environmental management; safety and peace and order; tourism, heritage development, culture and the arts; and youth and development. The LGUs must pass the 10 governance areas to qualify for SGLG National Awards.

SGLG awardees will receive an Incentive Fund amounting to 5 million for municipalities, 7 million for cities and 9.5 million for provinces under the Performance Challenge Fund which will be a great help to the LGUs in providing timely and responsive projects to its constituents.

INECITA C. KIONISALA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER VII

TWISTS AND TURNS IN LIFE: SOME THINGS ARE JUST MEANT TO BE

That is the long-and-short of Inecita Cartagena-Kionisala's journey to 34 years of public service, an adventure that is really worth it, despite the momentary setbacks and difficult times she encountered along the way. Over all, she says, it has been a fulfilling, satisfying journey.

Inez, or Ma'am Ging, as she is fondly called, was born in Mlang, Cotabato province back in January 6, 1968. She finished her elementary at Lanao Central Elementary School in 1980 and high school education at Notre Dame of Kidapawan for Girls in 1984. She took up BS-Accounting at Ateneo de Davao University and completed her course in 1988. "Right after graduation, I applied as a Disbursing Officer at the DILG Provincial Office in Kidapawan City after hearing the announcement over the radio," Ynez relates.

"Nobody told me or guided me how to apply but I just took a shot," she recalls. In 1989, she officially started her career in the Department as a Disbursing Officer. She stayed in such position for four (4) years and then she got promoted as LGOO II.

HARDSHIPS HELP SHAPE CHARACTER

During her 10th year in service, she received her LGOO V assignment in LGU-Arakan. "That was back in 1999 till 2000 and you know how difficult things were. Imagine the worst scenario for unpaved roads. Basically, these roads which connect to the hinterland communities were a little more than animal trails, with thick vegetation on both sides," Ma'am Ynez adds. Overall, as she describes it, "the package comes with mud holes during the rainy season and endless clouds of dust when summer comes. And that is what I faced every day as I went to work."

Of course, she did not mention about the threats from armed lawless elements which operated in some of the areas she visited. She is thankful, however, that she had always been safe despite her exposure. "Looking back, it has helped me develop the right attitude: being grateful at all times," Ma'am Ging muttered. Travels to the barangays were really difficult but "seeing how the community grew by leaps and bounds make me say 'it was worth being there.'"

After her stint in Arakan, she returned to the Provincial Office as Section Chief, a post she held onto for 12 years. This position has exposed and tempered her in preparation for her Kidapawan City assignment, which she considered to be 'demanding and quite taxing, in terms of time and office management.' In all the three LGUs she has served as field officer, she got the support of the local officials, department heads and personnel. "Overall, life wasn't that difficult for me," she recounts.

However, she would recall her unnerving experience while in Kidapawan City, something which built her up as well: For three days (from March 30, 2016), farmers' groups and their supporters, numbering by the thousands, blockaded the Davao-Cotabato Road in Kidapawan City. A day prior to the blockade, 500 farmers protested in front of the National Food Authority (NFA) Office in Kidapawan to air their grievances. On April 1, 2016, at around 10:30 AM, police operatives led by Sr. Supt. Alexander Tagum, along with personnel from the Department of Social Welfare and Development conducted operations to clear the highway where the protesters were stationed and started dispersing the crowd. The purpose was to do a 'clearing operation' and 'to rescue minors' who participated in the protests against the provincial government under the leadership of Gov. Emmylou Taliño-Mendoza. The minors were reportedly used as human shield by the protesters, alleged to be members of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas. In the ensuing dispersal which turned violent, there were at least three deaths among the protesters and a "total of 116 injured on both sides after the police dispersed" the protesters.

THE GREEN PASTURE COULD BE ARTIFICIAL GRASS

Her accounting degree landed her a good job at the Department, to say the least, but the lure of working abroad once visited Ma'am Ging. She took up a nursing course on weekends and she was able to finish it, eventually passing the Nursing Board Exam in 2009. "It was the proverbial 'greener pasture' that motivated me to take on a second degree. During that time, licensed nurses earned so much and almost every parent sent their children to nursing schools," she fondly reveals. But that opportunity never came for her as she would continue her work with the Department.

As the Outcome Manager for DILG-Cotabato Province, she has to travel a lot as she does supervisory function over field officers. She shares the burden of some of the MLGOOs since they are also facing a lot of challenges in their own turf, like having no LGU-provided staff. Another problem is the fast turn-over of DILG staff who are assigned to the MLGOOs. "If these personnel think they don't have the chance of getting appointed to plantilla positions, they leave quickly, which is understandable," Ma'am Ging stated.

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