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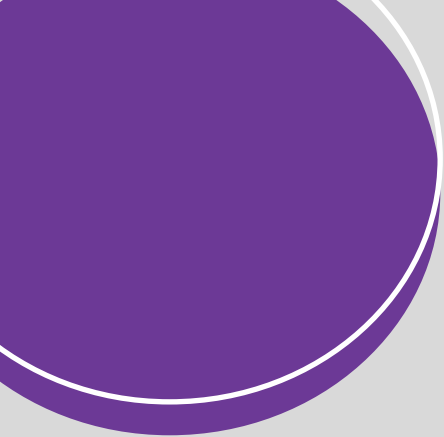

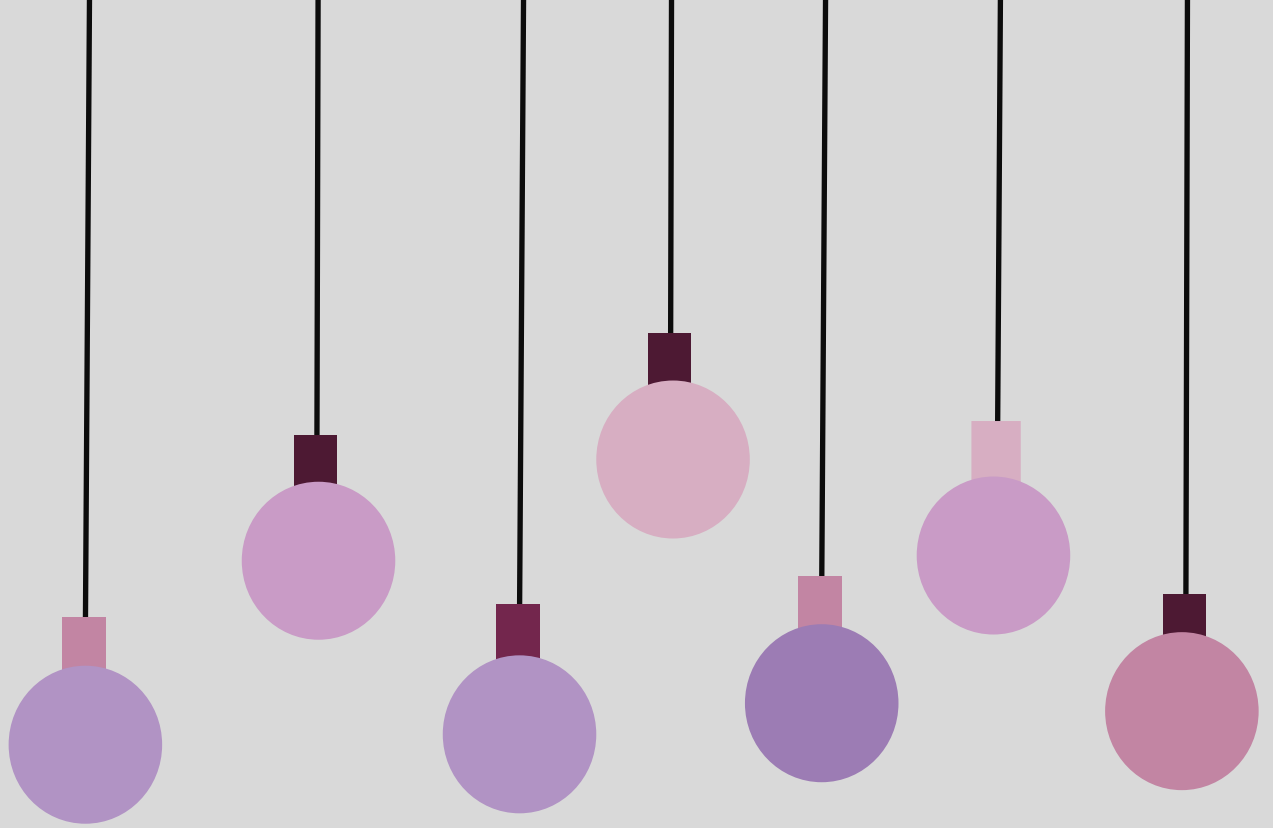
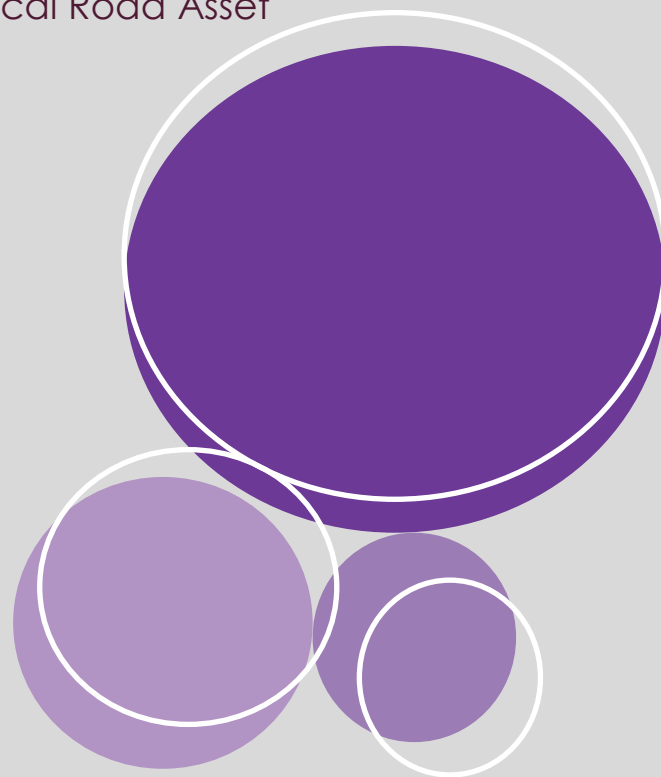


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DILG XII witnesses turnover of Cotabato City to BARMM

Cotabato City is now officially part of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao as it was turned-over last December 15 at the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Center (SKCC).

The historic turnover was witnessed by DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, PNP Chief P/BGen Debold Sinas, USec. Marjorie N. Jalosjos, DILG undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns, Usec. David Diciano, who represented Sec. Carlito Galvez and Finance Sec. Carlos Dominguez III was represented via Zoom app by Usec. Bayani Agabin.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III led the team from the regional office, with Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, CAO Dennis T. Sucol, SAO Mary Anne R. Traspe, Cotabato Province PD Ali Abdullah, City Director Sarah L. Alamada, Legal Officer/ Chief of Staff Michelle Anne P. Viejo, and Planning Officer Muhammad Farzieh Abutazil, among others. The necessary documents to be turned-over to the BARMM were earlier readied.

Around 2:00 PM, the program started when all the visitors and other dignitaries were seated inside the Shariff Kabunsuan Cultural Center. As part of their compliance to existing Covid-19 protocols, the auditorium which could seat 429, was filled in half capacity, with guests seated one seat apart and attendees all wearing face masks and face shields.

The security around the city was tight and policemen were posted along the main thoroughfare, leading to the venue. The vehicle traffic was well-managed and controlled by law enforcers, despite the momentary delay in the normal transportation flow. The entrances and exits to the city had been beefed up, with the presence of navy vessels along the coastlines of the city.

"Today, we are formally saying goodbye to Cotabato City, with its 37 barangays and the 63 barangays of Cotabato Province, as they move in to join their new home, the BARMM. For 61 years, Cotabato City has been an independent chartered city, and the 63 barangays have been a part of Region XII. We have the bond as a

community, much like in a typical Filipino family, and that will remain," Director Leysa said.

In a statement released to the media, Mayor Sayadi said: "Much as we have opposed the inclusion and the turn over, we took the democratic process and that is to bring the case to the Supreme Court and until now, we are still waiting for a resolution. So now, we leave the fate of our city to the hands of the Supreme Court. Whatever the result may be, rest assured, the Cotabato City LGU will continue to be a government by the people and for the people."

The 2019 Plebiscite

The results of the plebiscite in Cotabato City held on January 2019 for the ratification of Republic Act 11054 or the Organic Law for the BARMM showed that 36,682 voted in favor of the city's inclusion against the 24,994 "no" votes, or a difference of 11,688 votes.

The Bangsamoro Organic Law, which was ratified in 2019, has abolished the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and replaced it with the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). This new autonomous political entity has its own authority and power, including its own parliament. A key component of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro which was signed in 2014 was the establishment of the BARMM. In effect, it has become the peak achievement of the final peace deal between the government and the MILF after 17 years of peace negotiations, marked with skirmishes and violence in between.

Due to the perceived complexity of issues which needed more time to resolve, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) has recently adopted a resolution which urges the House and Senate for a much longer transition period, from 2022 to 2025, to allow ample time for the normalization and peace-keeping process.



(L-R) DILG-Cotabato Provincial Director Ali Abdullah, DILG-Cotabato City Director Sarah Alamada, Secretary for Interior and Local Government Eduardo M. Año, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns Marjorie N. Jaloslos, and DILG XII Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V.

SILG's challenge:

Secretary Eduardo M. Año highlighted that human lives are the 'greatest resource our country must protect in order to step forward.' The secretary acknowledged that the turn-over ceremony is 'writing a new chapter of peace and unity'. He called on the **uniformed forces** "to unite on common ground and guard the rights and welfare of every person involved in this transition."

He also appealed to the armed rebel groups to cease from disturbing the peace in Cotabato City, including the rest of the BARMM and the whole of Mindanao. He explained that most of the residents have lived with violence all their lives and they deserve peace as well. **"We are all tired of violence so now is the time for us to win together.** So I call on our **local chief executives** involved in the transition to lead your LGUs through the rough journey of this transition. Educate your constituents and make sure that they understand and support the move to empower the Bangsamoro. You are hands and feet of national government and are key to the success of the programs, projects, and advocacies implemented in BARMM," the Secretary explained further.

Chief Minister's Response

Meanwhile, in his message, Chief Minister Ahud B Ebrahim, (popularly known as Al-haj Murad) emphasized to the new member communities composed of the 63 barangays from Cotabato Province and the whole 37 barangays of Cotabato City that under his leadership, he will make sure " that no constituency is left behind, regardless of creed, ethnicity or affiliation and urged every one to "come together as one community.."

He also asked his constituency to "find

commonalities" and "choose hope over fear, unity over division and to work together in co-creating the Bangsamoro reflective of their shared histories, as Moros, Christian settlers and Indigenous Peoples."

BARMM is made up of 5 provinces of the now-defunct ARMM, namely; Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Basilan (but not Isabela City), Sulu and Tawi-tawi. Cotabato City is the seat of government of the BARMM.

“Bida ang may Disiplina” campaign formally kicks off in Region XII

DILG XII has formally launched its “Bida ang may Disiplina: Solusyon sa Covid-19” through a virtually packed audience composed of prominent figures to include TESDA Sec. General Isidro Lapena and the appointed Cabinet Official for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for Region XII, members of the Regional Peace and Order Council XII, RTF-ELCAC XII, RIATF EID XII, RTF XII on Covid 19, Balik-Probinsya, Balik Pag-asa (BP2) Special Committee XII, Local Chief Executives, DILG Executives, City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOS), Barangay Officials, Civil Society Partners and a lot more.

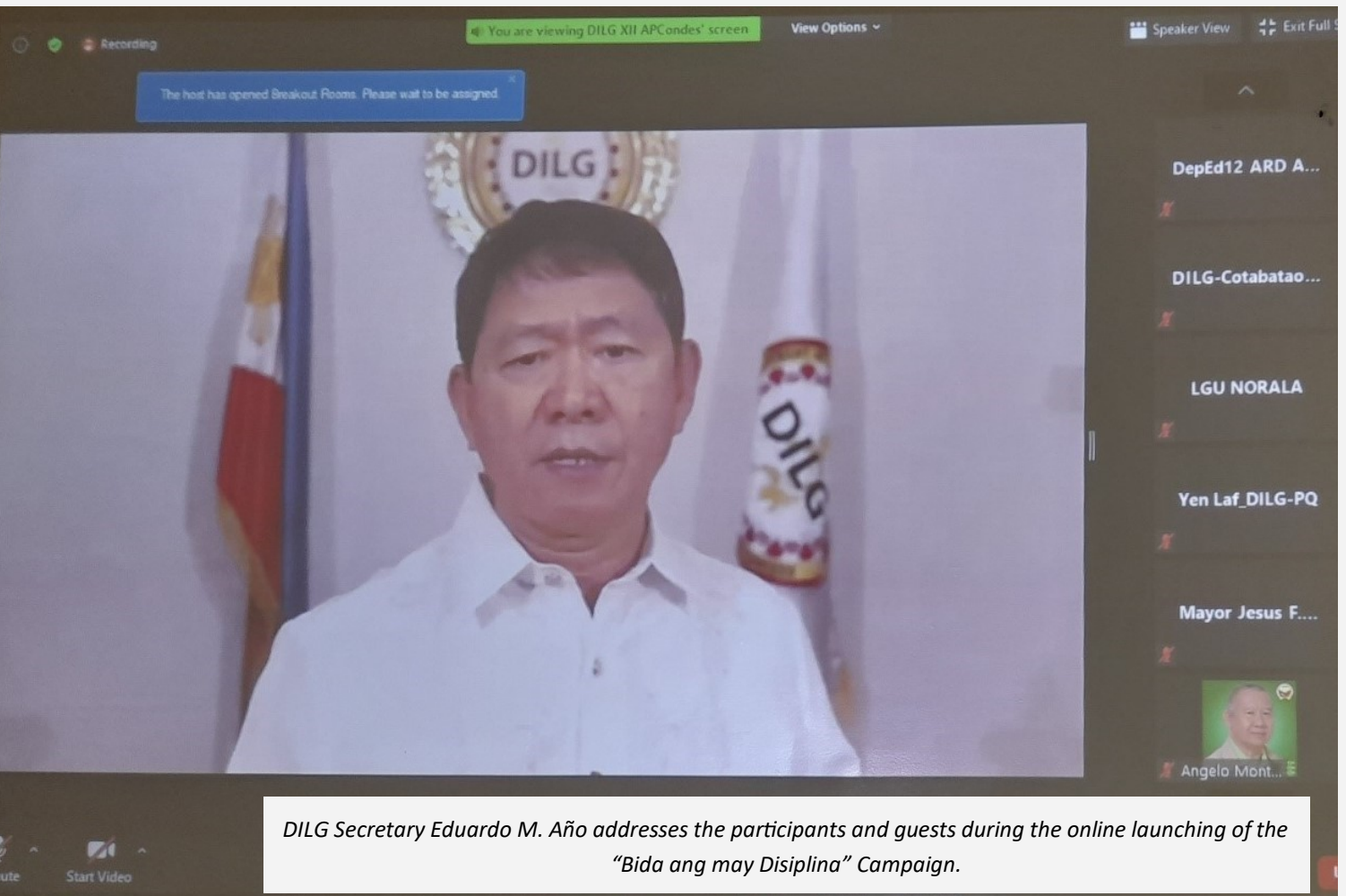
DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III outlined how the Disiplina Muna Campaign, which was originally focused on road clearing, listo sa sakuna (disaster preparedness), Anti-Smoking, Ease-Of-Doing Business, liquor ban, tourist spots clean-up and the Barangay Anti-drug Abuse Council, had become the platform in the battle against Covid-19.

DILG launched its “Disiplina Muna” National Advocacy Campaign through Memorandum Circular No. 2019-18 on October 24, 2019, to promote lasting peace and order, and sustainable and inclusive development in the country through the “Whole-of-Nation” approach.

On November 6, 2019, the campaign was launched in the City of Manila. This was an initiative of the Department as the Chair of the Cabinet’s Participatory Governance Cluster (PGC) which seeks to rebuild the culture of discipline among Filipinos as a means of fostering people’s participation, which is one of the tenets of good governance.

As the Covid 19 cases were on the downtrend towards the month of August, the DILG and the Department of Health (DOH) conducted the national launch of the joint campaign called “BIDA ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19” in Marikina City.

The joint campaign merged the DILG-led “Disiplina Muna national advocacy campaign” and the DOH-led “BIDA Solusyon sa COVID-19”. A month after that launch in Marikina City, the Department issued the DILG Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2020-116 enjoining all local government units (LGUs) and all the DILG attached agencies to refocus the Disiplina Muna national advocacy campaign to address the COVID-19 pandemic through the “BIDA ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19” campaign.



Subsequently, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular 2020-170 to inform all local government units, DILG Regional and Field Offices, and the BARMM Ministry of Local Government on the designation of select LCEs as Ambassadors of the “Bida ang may Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID-19” campaign. These ambassadors will then become the advocates of the campaign among their fellow LCEs in the regions and their constituents.

Governor Steve Chiongbian Solon of Sarangani, the designated Disiplina Muna Regional Ambassador, emphasized in his message the importance of discipline in the community and how it made an impact in their campaign against Covid-19. He cited that Region XII has “relatively been doing its best to beat Covid-19”.

“We have been keeping things relatively strict (in the Region) and the quarantine protocols helped in driving the numbers back to zero,” the Governor explained. However, he expressed dismay over the relaxed attitude of many people who go out in public places. “I call on all the residents of the region to take heed of the minimum health standards though a vaccine is coming”, Gov. Solon stated. He further explained that this development should not cause each one to “let our guard down.”

The launching has, in effect, given the green light for all the media partners in the Region to air various radio plugs of the Bida ang may Disiplina celebrity ambassadors by 2021. These ambassadors include Diether Ocampo, Alden Richards, James Deakin, Mayor Isko Moreno, Matteo Gudicelli, Regine Tolentino and Paolo Bediones.

The Local Government Unit of Carmen in Cotabato Province recently turned-over five of its completed priority projects to recipient barangays in a ceremonial turn-over held at the Municipal Hall last December 2021.

Carmen town Mayor Moises Arendain and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III led the ceremonial turn-over of the said projects, which were funded by the DILG in 2018 and 2019 through its Assistance to Municipalities (AM) and Sagana at Ligtas na tubig para sa lahat (SALINTUBIG) programs.

DILG XII's Project Development Management Unit (PDMU) said, four of the turned-over projects were potable water supply systems each located in Barangays Kimadzil, Tupig, General Luna, and Ranzo; and one local access road located in Barangay Tacupan.

An estimate of 1,782 residents benefited from the said projects worth Php 14,328,612, PDMU said. From 2012 to 2020, Carmen received Php 70,366,612 financial assistance under various Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) programs including Bottom-up Budgeting, Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA), Salintubig, and ADM/AM.

Director Leysa lauded the town for its successful implementation of the projects and encouraged barangay officials to take care of the projects to ensure its sustainability.

Furthermore, she also recognized the LGU's "excellent performance" in implementing SALINTUBIG projects and complying with the SubayBayan portal, the Department's online monitoring platform.

The town was one of the first LGUs in the Region to successfully complete its 2019 SALINTUBIG projects and achieved a 100% compliance rate in the online monitoring platform, based on the PDMU's database as of December 1, 2020.



Carmen town Mayor Moises C. Arendain (C-dark blue) project in Sitio Balas, Barangay Tacupan. Vice Mayor DILG XII PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy (F-R) with



) and DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III (C-pink) cuts the ribbon during the turn-over of the local access road Roger Ryan J. Taliño (R), Punong Barangay Pepito A. Calicaran (Center), DILG-Cotabato Province Provincial Director Ali B. Abdullah, and nessed the said ceremony together with other municipal staff and guests (behind).

Carmen town turns-over 5 DILG-funded projects to barangays

59.5-M DILG-funded projects in Region XII turned-over to barangays



(L-R) DILG XII PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy, DILG-Sarangani Provincial Director Samuel Camagananacan, Maitum town Mayor Alexander Bryan Reganit, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, and Vice Mayor Tito Balazon during the ceremonial turn-over of DILG-funded projects to the town's recipient barangays represented by its Punong Barangays (behind).

Two towns in Region XII turned-over a total of 15 completed priority projects to recipient barangays early December 2020 as response to their communities' concerns of insufficient water, unsafe homes, and poor road conditions.

President Roxas in Cotabato Province and Maitum in Sarangani Province held their respective ceremonial activities to formally turn-over their implemented projects to recipient barangays, funded through various financial assistance programs of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) from 2016 to 2019 with a total amount of Php 59,546,136.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III takes a sip of water from the water's Air Release Valve (ARV) of the newly turned-over water system project in Barangay Trael, Municipality of President Roxas, Cotabato Province.



According to DILG XII's Project Development Management Unit (PDMU), President Roxas turned-over a total of five Level II potable water system projects located in the Barangays of Bato-Bato, Kimahuring, Datu Inda, Kisupaan, and Poblacion funded through the 2019 Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig para sa lahat (SALINTUBIG) program. It also turned-over one local access road project traversing the town's Barangay Del Carmen and Barangay Lomonay funded through 2019 Assistance to Municipalities (AM) Program. President Roxas is one of the local government units in Region XII to complete its 2019 SALINTUBIG projects before the end of the second quarter this year, PDMU added.

Meanwhile, Maitum also turned-over five water system projects - two of which are located in Barangay Sison and one in each barangays of Zion, Kalaong, and Ticulab; two local access roads in Barangay Malalag, and another road concreting project along the town's Santiago – Ablog Road. These projects were funded through DILG's Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM), Bottom-Up Budgeting (BUB), SALINTUBIG, and AM programs from 2016 to 2019.

Its resettlement housing project, funded through the Department's 2016

Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), was also turned-over to barangay officials of Mabay where the project was constructed. The project, which features 7 housing units and 17 comfort rooms, now serves as home to seven relocated families from the town's "hazardous places", PDMU said.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III attended the ceremonial turn-over of these projects last December 3 and December 7 led by President Roxas town Mayor Jonathan Mahimpit and Maitum Mayor Alexander Bryan Reganit, respectively.

She lauded the LGUs' successful implementation of the projects and urged barangay officials and beneficiaries to maintain and sustain the turned-over projects of the government.

"Now you have these projects, please take care of it. We know for a fact that it is not easy to source out funds for these projects. Thus, I challenge all of you to take care of these projects," she said.

Last November 2020, a total of seven DILG-funded projects in the Municipality of Magpet, Cotabato Province were also turned-over by the LGU to six of its barangays.

Employees and personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII joined various local government units across the country in celebrating the annual Local Government Month this October.

The DILG Regional Office XII officially kick-started its month-long celebration on October 12 with the unveiling of its Local Government Code booth located at the DILG Regional Office lobby, Prime Regional Government Center, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III spearheaded the activity launching, which was aired through Facebook Live and Zoom virtual conference.

This year's fete celebrates the 29th year

since the Code was enacted in 1991 with the theme, "Strengthening Good Local Governance towards Sustainable and Resilient Filipino Communities," which acknowledges the importance of local government units in developing progressive communities through devolved government functions and local atonomy granted by the Local Government Code.

"Fast forward to 2020, after 29 years of its enactment, we look at how LGUs play an unprecedented role in the way it deal with various crisis situations. After all, 2020 will go down in history as one of the most difficult



DILG XII celebrates annual Local Government Month

days for all of us,” Regional Director Leysa said in a statement during the activity’s Opening Program.

The country has been continuously battling with the coronavirus disease since March this year, pushing local leaders to be more innovative and resilient as the pandemic puts a strain on the government’s limited resources.

“Our local government units, manned by our executives, have their stories, too, as they managed to ‘weather the storms’ literally. As difficulties, challenges, and unusual situations came, they were prompted to act in a way that showcased their resilience and their determination to sustain their right actions,” the Regional Director said.

“We hope you will continue, fellow workers in the government, to be stalwarts of resilience, adaptability, and preparedness. In our shoulders lie the burden that is heavy to bear, but once distributed to [all] others who share the load, we could carry things through, despite the COVID-19 scenario,” she further added.

The Local Government Code, or Republic Act No. 7160, was enacted on October 10, 1991, which transferred the responsibility of delivering basic services to local government units, and to enhance the provision of basic services to the grassroots level, improve the efficiency in resource allocation, and encourage stakeholders’ participation in the local level.

A year later, then President Fidel V. Ramos signed Presidential Proclamation No. 63, series of 1992 declaring the month of October as the Local Government Month, its second week as the Local Government week, and its 10th day as the Local Government Day.





DILG XII supports updating of local road network plans in LGUs

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII expressed its strong support as the Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) bid to update and enhance their respective Local Road Network Plans (LRNDP).

Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said, the step “will be strategic and effective in prioritizing core roads” to help LGUs gear towards economic progress.

The LRNDP, once updated, will serve as the provincial governments’ guide in building road networks until 2025.

“The enhanced LRNDP will lay-out the strategies for convergence with concerned agencies to maximize efforts in economic and social development, as well as road construction,” Director Leysa said.

DILG XII has prepared two sets of follow-through activities for its four provincial

governments to enhance their respective LRNDPs.

The first set was conducted last week with participants from the Province of South Cotabato, one of DILG’s pilot provinces for LRNDP enhancement. The Department is set to conduct its final follow-through activity on November 16 to 20 with Cotabato, Sarangani, and Sultan Kudarat.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) assists provincial governments in constructing provincial road projects across the country by providing financial subsidy and technical assistance through its Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) Program.

Based on the CMGP guidelines, only road networks that are included in the LRNDP are qualified to be funded by the program.



8 LGUs capacitated on CDRA

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII capacitated the eight (8) pilot LGUs namely; Pigcawayan, Makilala, Kidapawan City, Koronadal City, Tampakan, Lambayong, Senator Ninoy Aquino, and Bagumbayan in doing the Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) on December 8-11, 2020 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal.

The participants were composed of the LPDCs, LHOs, Local Agriculturists, LSWDOs, LDRMOs, Local Engineers, and Mappers. They were trained on the six steps of CDRA and in mainstreaming the CDRA outputs to the local plans by the Regional Composite Team composed of DILG, PAGASA, MGB and DHSUD. Binrio Biñan, Chief Meteorological Officer, PAGASA-GenSan presented the Climate Projections which served as prime reference of the

participants in identifying the impacts of various climate change stimuli. The inputs were used in the succeeding steps of CDRA delivered by Jovita Solarte, OIC Regional Director of DHSUD XII. On the other hand, Ariel Austin Acosta, Supervising Geologist of DENR-MGB XII shared his expertise in generating maps and hazards exposures of the LGUs. LGOO IV Relmie Tamson discussed the enhanced CDP process which provides the outline in mainstreaming the DRRM-CCA concerns in the said plan.

The participants, composed of the planning team core members are expected to be the DRRM-CCA champions of their respective LGUs and consequently assist in updating the enhanced CDPs on or before May, 2021 as required by DILG Memorandum dated July 14, 2020.

RD Leysa lauds Cotabato's management of Serbisyo Caravans in target barangays



DILG XIII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III joins Cotabato Governor Nancy A. Catamco and Kidapawan City Mayor Joseph A. Evangelista, in the distribution of the Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to resident-beneficiaries of Barangay Linangcob, Kidapawan City.

Department of the Interior and Local Government XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III hailed the “effective management of the series of Serbisyo Caravans” being conducted by the Provincial Government of Cotabato during its fourth Local Serbisyo Caravan in Barangay Linangcob, Kidapawan City last November 24.

“We would like to congratulate the provincial government. It seems that the province has perfected the conduct of the (Local Serbisyo) Caravan,” said Director Leysa.



Residents of the said barangay were able to attend the one-day activity and availed of the services of various national government agencies that joined the said event while following the health protocols against COVID-19 being implemented by the government.

The Director's remarks were in line with the most recent development within the Regional Inter Agency Task Force (RIATF) against COVID-19 where it has recently passed a Resolution allowing the conduct of the Serbisyo Caravan in the Region "provided that LGUs strictly follow the government's health protocols against the disease." Director Leysa sits as Chairperson of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force against COVID-19.

"The LGU is given the responsibility to conduct these caravans while managing the (spread) of Covid-19 virus," she added. The resolution was passed after members of the Task Force raised their concerns over possible challenges in implementing these caravans while managing Covid-19 transmissions.

"We should allow the conduct of the caravan

as it is an integral part of the national government's commitment to bring public service closer to the people," the Director said.

Serbisyo Caravans are one of the activities of the government's Ending Local Communist-Armed Conflict (ELCAC) Program under President Rodrigo Duterte's Executive Order No. 70, or the Whole-of-Nation Approach, to fight communist terrorist groups and end communist influence in the country.

Director Leysa said, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) have identified 62 barangays in the Region that will serve as target beneficiaries of the said program this year. Of the total barangays, 36 of which are located in Cotabato Province, including Barangay Linangcob.

The Provincial Government of Cotabato confirmed it has allotted Php 22 million to ELCAC-related activities this year and plans to allot Php 34 million pesos for the program in 2021.

***“Republic Act 9710 or known as
“Magna Carta of Women (MCW)
mandates that the State, including
all agencies, departments, offices,
and instrumentalities at all levels, as
the primary duty- bearer shall
uphold human rights.”***

This was strongly emphasized by Regional Development Council- Regional GAD Committee (RDC- RGADC) Chair, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, during the “1st Regional GAD Forum for RGADC XII Members“ held via Zoom teleconference on the 23rd of September 2020, which was primarily aimed to further strengthen the regional efforts on mainstreaming gender perspectives into the processes, policies, and programs and projects of all government agencies, including local government units, in the region.

Amid the COVID pandemic, RD Leysa applauded the untiring commitment to public service of two hundred fourteen (214) GAD advocates, composed of thirty one (31) men and one hundred eighty-three (183) women-coming from Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Higher Educational Institutions, Civil Society Organizations and other government instrumentalities in Region XII,

including 62 participants from other Regions.

In partnership with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Assistant City Prosecutor of Tandag City Atty. Allen Montenegro-Gasulas, emphasized the imperatives on GAD. PCW- Supervising GAD Specialist Ma. Rebecca Rafada M. Baylosis and COA XII State Auditor Romeo C. Nunez, Jr. both elucidated on the “Guidelines on the Submission, Review and Endorsement of GPB and GAR” and “Revised Guidelines in the Audit of GAD Fund and Activities in Government Agencies”, respectively.

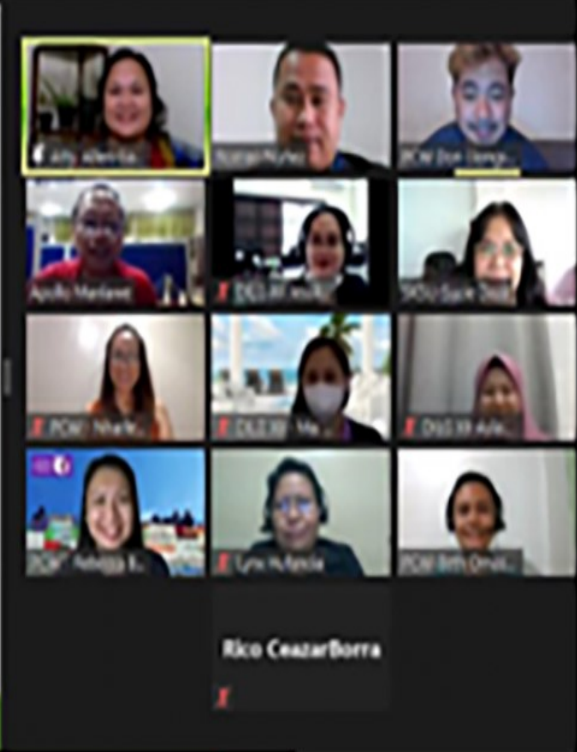
The judicious utilization of five percent (5%) mandatory GAD budget, formulation of gender responsive PPAs, and submission of annual GPB and GAR in compliance to GAD planning and budgeting calendar set forth in the PCW Memorandum Circular No. 2020-05 were among of the inputs well-appreciated by all the participants.

At the end of the activity, participants committed to conduct similar GAD-capability development activities for their respective agencies, and for local government units to complementarily ensure the achievement of gender-responsive and resilient Rehiyon Dose.



Regional GAD Budget Forum for Regional Line Agencies, State Universities and Colleges and Other Government Instrumentalities in Region XII

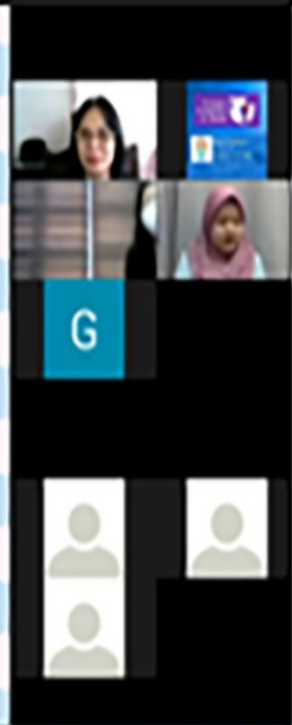
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Opening Remarks

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA

Chairperson, RGADC XII and
Regional Director, DILG XII



RGADC XII conducts 1st REGIONAL GAD FORUM for CY 2020



The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII headed by Governor Suharto T. Mangudadatu, PhD of Sultan Kudarat Province with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, during the RPOC 4th Quarter Face-to-Face Meeting-cum-Year-End Activity on November 13, 2020 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.

RPOC XII Conducts 4TH Quarter Meeting and Year-End Activity



The chairperson Hon. Mangudadatu, has called for the 4th quarter meeting for 2020 to end the year by assessing the current peace and order and public safety situation of region 12.

The RPOC Chair expressed his elation to the twenty six (26) out of the thirty eight (38) Members of the council present. He also appreciated Governor Steve C Solon of Sarangani Province who was not able to make it physically but attended the meeting via Zoom application.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of Action Plans by the four (4) Special Action Committees under the RPOC namely the SAC on Anti- Insurgency and Preventing Violent Extremism, SAC on Anti- Criminality, SAC on Public Safety and the Crisis Management Committee which were adopted and approved by the council. Region XII Peace and Order Situation and accomplishments of the law enforcement agencies and the friendly forces from AFP were also presented and they were given due recognition by the council thru resolutions entitled “Resolution Commending the Joint Elements of AFP and PNP XII in the Neutralization of a Certain Arafat Bulacon, identified to be member of the Dawlah Islamiya” and “Resolution Commending the 10th ID, Philippine Army for the Exemplary Leadership and Sustained Effort in the fight against Insurgency and lawlessness”. The declaration of Communists Terrorist Groups (CTGs) and Local Terrorist Groups (LTGs) in Region XII as persona Non- grata was also discussed during the meeting.

The RPOC XII was able to pass a total of ten (10) resolutions, among these are resolutions enjoining all LGUs of Region 12 to support the following; Establishment of Provincial Mobile Forces Companies of the PNP XII, the Campaign on Loose Firearms, the Land Conflict in some areas of Cotabato Province, the Establishment of Crisis Management Operations Center and the Support to the Barangay Development Program-RCSP Target Barangays.

The activity concluded with a gift-giving in line with the Christmas spirit of giving and caring. The RPOC Chairperson received memorable gifts from the members of the council. Lucky RPOC members and participants went home with something to remember, having won in a raffle draw. Thanks to the generosity and kindness of the RPOC Chairperson.

Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines for RGADC and LGUs in Region XII



Opening Remarks

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Guillermo R. Manrique, Jr.,
Assistant Regional Director
NEDA Regional XII

Session 3.

HARMONIZED GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES (HGDG) AS A GENDER MAINSTREAMING STRATEGY



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Re: "Amendments to PCW-DILG-DBM-NEDA JMC NO. 2013-01: Guidelines on the Localization of the Magna Carta of Women"



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PCW-NEDA-DBM Joint Circular No. 2012- 01

Re: "Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Gender and Development (GAD) Plans and Budgets and Accomplishment Reports (AR) to Implement the Magna Carta of Women"



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On October 27, 2020, the Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC) XII, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), conducted the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDC) Orientation for RGADC and LGUs in Region XII via Zoom application.

A total of One Hundred Fifty-One (151) participants (39 male and 112 female) joined the said meeting, with 44 coming from Regional Line Agencies, 3 from Academic Institutions, one from Civil Society Organizations and 39 from Local Government Institutions.

Director James Arsenio O. Ponce, CESO III, Director IV, Presidential Agrarian Reform Council Secretariat and PCW GAD Resource Pool Batch 1 acted as the main Resource Person who talked about Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines as a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.

The other Resource Persons were Ms. Elizabeth B. Omas-as, GAD Specialist II, Philippine Commission on Women and Ms. Rommelyn A. Damasco, LGOO V, GAD Provincial Focal, DILG XII Sultan Kudarat who discussed the PCW-NEDA DBM Joint Circular No. 2012-01 re: 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Gender and Development (GAD) Plans and Budgets and Accomplishment Reports (AR) to Implement the Magna Carta of Women and PCW-DILG-NEDA-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular 2016-01 re:

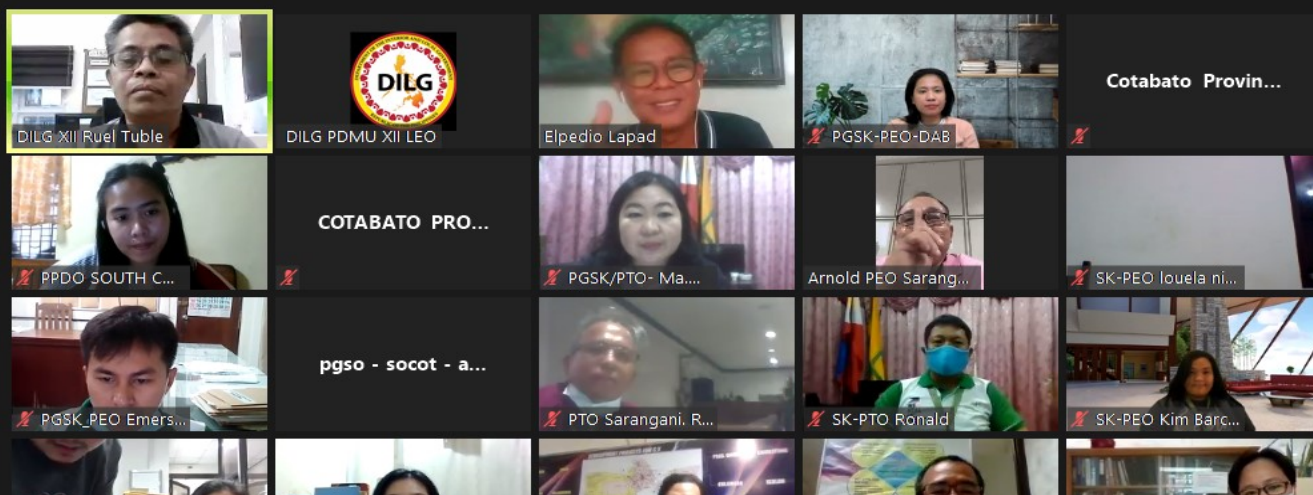
'Amendments to PCW-DILG-DBM-NEDA JMC No. 2013-01: Guidelines on the Localization of the Magna Carta of Women', consecutively.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III then encouraged every participant to take the cue and learnings from the Resource Persons to ensure that *"all government interventions are inclusive and responsive to all concerns of women including the LGBTQIA+ community who are vulnerable to all forms of discriminations and abuses."*

The use of the HGDC tool is to ensure gender responsiveness of the COVID-19 related PPAs in the LGU/ Agency/ Institution as reflected in their respective GPBs.

"HGDC is the best strategy we can use to address the long-standing predicament on how to increase GAD budget allocation from 5% mandatory requirement to higher or even more."

Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III



PLGUs in SOCCSKSARGEN to improve Local Road Asset Management

Provincial governments in Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN) have pledged to improve their respective Local Road Asset Management (LRAM) as the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII campaigns for a more efficient local road and public financial management in local governments.

"Not all provincial roads and bridges were booked as assets, and the roads' life cycle management is not generally evident. The implication is that the PLGUs have weak financial management related to roads," DILG XII Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, said in a virtual meeting.

"The importance of LRAM cannot be emphasized enough for all the LGUs. These LGUs should all manage their road assets by recording them properly in their respective book of accounts," Director Leysa said.

Road infrastructure is one of the government's most crucial public assets to help boost communities' economic growth and improve people's lives, she added.

LRAM is a systematic management cycle that can provide LGUs with data-based

decision making, transparency, accountability, and citizen's participation that are crucial in the planning process.

The DILG, through its Project Development Management Unit (PDMU), conducted a four-day virtual seminar-workshop last week to capacitate provincial governments on LRAM.

This virtual seminar-workshop is part of the Department's capacity development training under the Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) Program, a good governance initiative of the government to provide LGUs with mechanisms to manage roads beyond construction and maintenance.

Members of the provinces' Local Road Management Teams (LRMTs) attended the said virtual seminar-workshop, PDMU XII said.

To date, the Department, in partnership with the United Nations Development Program, is rolling-out the final manual of the Local Road Asset Management to guide LGUs in the systematic cycle of managing road assets.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII, through the initiative of Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, conducted the Online Roll-out of Response and Management Protocols for COVID-19 Pandemic on October 15, 2020 via zoom application. The activity was attended by a total of ninety three (93) participants who are all members of Local COVID-19 Task Forces. The participants were composed of some LCEs, LDRRMOs, and LESUs.

In her Opening Message, RD Leysa recognized the role of the LGUs through their Local COVID-19 Task Forces being at the frontline in managing the pandemic. She congratulated and thanked them for their unwavering commitment and proactive efforts to contain the virus for the last eight months. However, she also challenged the participants to continue re-enforcing the minimum health protocols until the vaccine becomes available.

Dr. Queenie Dyan Raagas of DOH and Robin Lim of DILG-CODIX discussed the need to “hammer and dance” as the LGUs start to reopen its local economy despite the surge of cases in few areas. This “hammer and dance” is a theory presented by Tomas Pueyo on how we can fight COVID. The “hammer” refers to

the implementation of lockdown to curb the outbreak while “dance” pertains to the gradual reopening of the economy while health protocols are still observed.

The resource persons underscored that LGUs must localize the implementation of ECQ among Critical Zones, based on the parameters set, to allow unaffected areas to go business as usual.

Meanwhile, Maria Theresa D. Bautista of DILG-South Cotabato oriented the participants on Public Service Continuity Plan. The LGUs, being critical players in Disaster Response, must identify strategies to ensure the immediate restoration and continuity of the delivery of essential services during disasters and other disruptive incidents. During the latter part of the meeting, Ms. Jermie Erie-Yeager, OIC Chief of LGCDD, presented the recent IATF guidelines and Joint RIATF-EID XII and RTF-COVID-19 XII Resolutions which need policy support and enforcement from the LGUs.

The activity was held as part of the mandate of the Regional Office being the Head of Governance and Management of Human Remains Clusters for COVID-19, and the Chairperson of RIATF-EID XII.



Local COVID-19 Task Forces get response, management protocols for the pandemic



Photo courtesy of the Local Government Unit of Koronadal City—City Information Office

Point-To-Point Transport for Region XII

The Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (RIATF-EID XII) and RTF on Covid-19 of Region XII have finally downloaded the guidelines for the region-wide Point-to-Point Transport Scheme after it was unanimously approved by the Joint Body.



DILG XII RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III explained that the scheme simply means travel 'from Terminal of Origin to Terminal of Destination' only, as established by the local government. "The main idea is to purposely prohibit PUV, PUB or PUJs to drop or pick-up passengers along its route. I think that this system can help in providing more convenient and smoother transportation to and from designated travel points despite some Covid-19-related limitations and restrictions," Dir. Leysa said.

She added that based on the guidelines, PUVs, PUBs or PUJs are not allowed to drop-off passengers at border points regardless of the level of Community Quarantine of the LGUs. Any action which is contrary to the said guideline will need the consent of the RIATF-EID XII or RTF against COVID-19 XII either through a Resolution or Referendum.

To deter unauthorized disembarkation, especially in isolated locations, the doors of public transport vehicles which cross the borders will be sealed with the standard logo prior its departure. Upon arrival at the destination, the seal can be removed to allow disembarkation of passengers. If the seals appear to have been tampered upon arrival, an inspection of both vehicle and passengers will be conducted by security borders personnel stationed at the terminal.

"This is one way of facilitating the work of our contact tracers in the region. This October, we have put these tracers at work and we all hope that it will make a difference for us, especially now that we have the P2P scheme to reinforce our tracking mechanism," Director Leysa said.



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