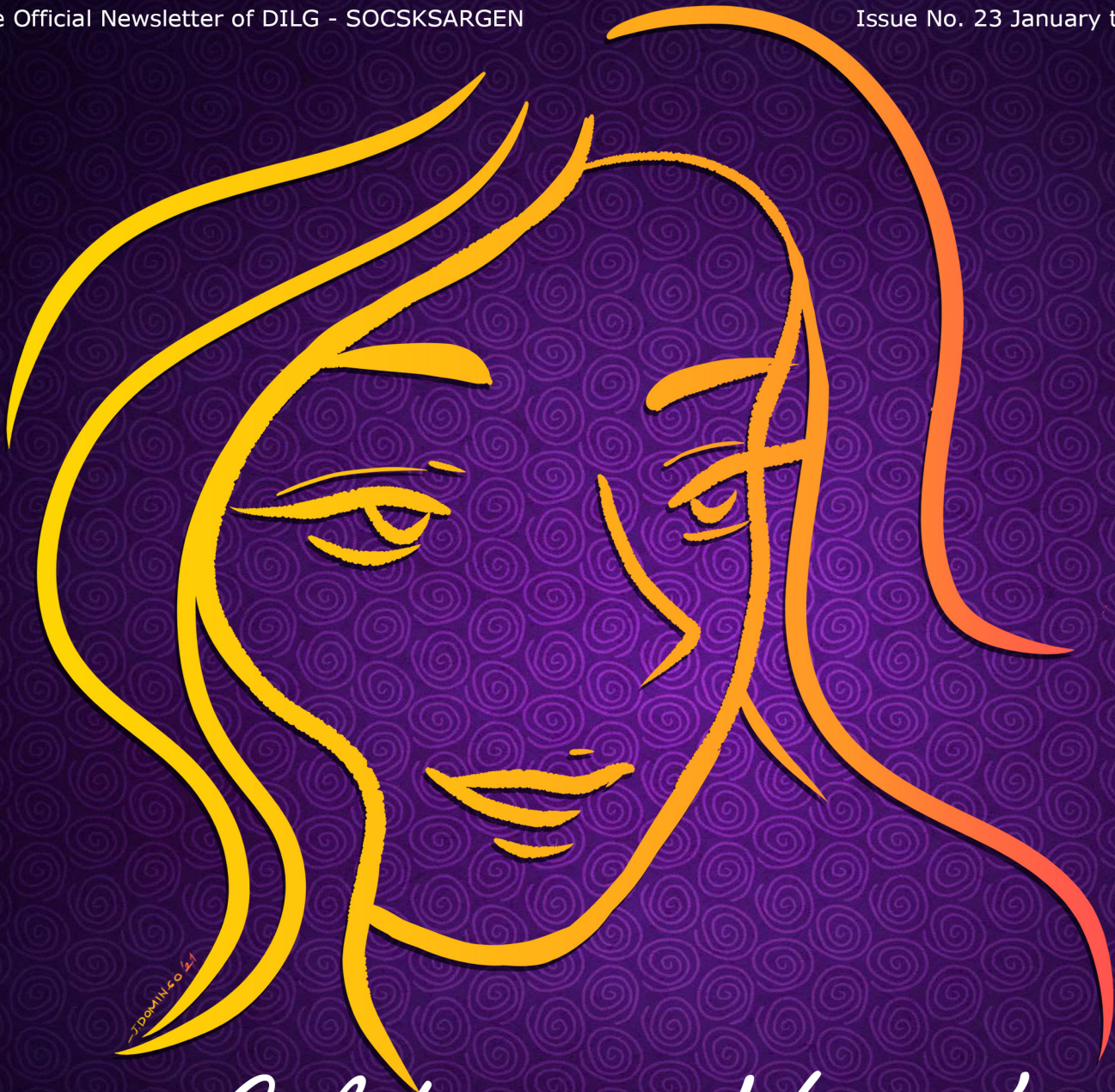




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*Celebrating Women's  
Strength and Resiliency*

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# RD's Message

I am proud to share with you the accomplishments of DILG XII which we would like to highlight for the first quarter issue of Trumpet for 2021. Indeed, it was a challenging first quarter but somehow, a fulfilling one for the Department.

First, we continued the battle against COVID-19. Since the start of the year, we have been doing our part to support the government's efforts, with the support of the local government units, and other partner stakeholders to prevent the spread of the virus through existing policy guidance and oversight function.

Second, the Department had the daunting task of making sure that all the other programs, projects, and activities continue, despite the threat of the pandemic.

Third, the Department also celebrated humble achievements and significant milestones in its quest for human resource and service quality excellence, which will come alive as you go through the pages of this newsletter.

And lastly, as we joined the celebration of the National Women's Month, we recognize all empowered women and their resiliency, especially during this time of pandemic. We affirm what we believe in: behind every great man is a woman, and behind every great woman is herself.

As we move forward towards the middle of the year, the Department will likewise continue to do its best to keep up its fight against the pandemic while putting its best foot forward in public service during these trying times.

Together, we will all heal and recover as one.

#Lupad Dose

**JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III**  
Regional Director



## ABOUT THE COVER

This quarter's cover gives recognition to women's strength and resiliency, and pays tribute to all empowered women around the world who continue to make meaningful changes in the society.

Babae, Pambihira Ka! #Pag-on

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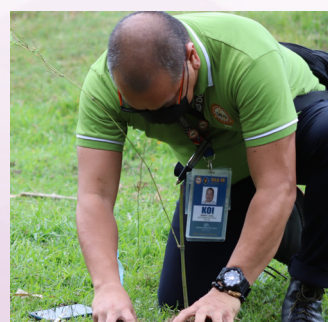
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# RIATF-RTF Resolutions for the 1st Quarter

Since the start of the year, the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) XII, headed by DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido Leysa, CESO III, and Region XII Task Force (RTF) on COVID-19, led by the Office of the Civil Defense XII Regional Director Minda O. Morante, conducts virtual meetings twice a month to discuss the COVID-19 status and determine measures or policies to prevent the spread of the virus.

During the first quarter of 2021, the RIATF-RTF was able to pass the following resolutions, to wit:

**Resolution No. 2021-07 (OMNIBUS RESOLUTION)**  
POLICY GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) SITUATION IN REGION XII

**Resolution No. 2021-07A**  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING IATF-EID TO APPROVE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS' REQUEST TO IMPOSE SEVEN DAY MANDATORY QUARANTINE FOR ALL RETURNING RESIDENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR POINT OF ORIGINS

**Resolution No. 2021-07B**  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING IATF-EID TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE INBOUND COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS OF GENSAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHILE NCR AND ITS NEIGHBORING LGUS ARE ON ECQ UNTIL TWO WEEKS AFTER THE LIFTING THEREOF

**Resolution No. 2021-06**  
RESOLUTION INDORSING TO IATF-EID THE REQUEST OF SOUTH COTABATO, SARANGANI, AND TACURONG CITY, SULTAN KUDARAT TO CONSIDER THEIR APPEAL FOR THE IMPOSITION OF 7-DAY MANDATORY QUARANTINE AND ANTIGEN TESTING ON THE 3RD TO 5TH DAY OF ARRIVAL OF TRAVELERS COMING FROM GCQ AREAS

**Resolution No. 2021-05**  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING DTI 12, DOLE 12 AND PNP 12 TO ISSUE A JOINT ADVISORY TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN REGION 12 TO SUSTAIN THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS

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**Resolution No. 2021-01 (OMNIBUS RESOLUTION)**  
POLICY GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) SITUATION IN REGION 12





## A LOOK BACK

On March 18, 2020, the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII and the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (RDRRMC) XII convened and approved the organization of the Regional Task Force on Covid-19 (RTF XII) through a joint RPOC XII-RDRRMC XII Resolution 2020-05. The RTF XII was chaired by Sultan Kudarat Governor Suharto T. Mangudadatu and co-chaired by the Department of Health XII.

It was the Region's collective response to Presidential Proclamation 922, series of 2020 which declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and Presidential Proclamation 929, series of 2020, which declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

On April 1, 2020, a conference was held at the Police Regional Office 12, Tumbler, General Santos City, attended by RTF on Covid-19 members from different regional line agencies. The RI-ATG-EID XII was organized in accordance with EO 168 s. of 2014, a policy-making body to work hand-in-hand with the RTF on COVID-19 and will serve as its operations arms, then later reconstructed as RIATF XII on May 13, 2020.

From then on, the RTF on COVID-19, jointly met with the RIATF XII to address the challenges that the Region faced during the pandemic. Among the first few humble accomplishments include the following:

1. Disseminate the guidelines on the Community Quarantine to the members of the RIATG and RTF CoVID-19 in Region XII

2. Authority given to DSWD XII to undertake the pay-out to the beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program in Pres. Quirino, Sultan Kudarat, which was completed on May 11, 2020.

3. Resolution which mandated all the LGUs to align their respective executive orders and included provision for the regional complementation of food and essential products. Another resolution enjoined all LGUs to issue their policy statement to prevent discrimination and violence against positive CoVID 19 patients, persons-under-investigation (PUIs), Persons-under-monitoring (PUMs) and Health workers.

As early as April 24, the Three-Phase Economic Restart Plan has already been presented by the Provincial Government of South Cotabato during the RIATG XII and RTF XII joint meeting. The TF, through a resolution, enjoined LGUs to formulate their own economy restart plans using it as reference. The Task Force then quickly localized the Covid National Action Plan, highlighting the foresight and anticipation of the overall situation of the Prime Movers (RIATF XII and RTF on COVID-19) in the Region.

A regular meeting for the RIATF-EID had been unanimously set every Wednesday to ensure that issuance and guidelines are acted upon right away. As a result, a number of major concerns needing speedy resolution and response were addressed.

As early as April 24, 2020 through RIATG-EID XII-RTF on COVID-19-MDM Cluster Joint Resolution No. 2020-012, the unauthorized movement of persons from one region to another was promptly dealt with. When the border lockdown was imposed, there had been considerable improvements: for instance, the whole Region recorded no cases of CoVID 19 infections for a few weeks, from April 27 to May 14.

Then came the days when the quarantine measures were eased up in the month of May. The Joint Council introduced the sharing of the best practices featuring stories that helped the residents and communities to cope with the difficulties and inconveniences during the 'dark quarantine days'. The routine would soon become part of the next meetings of the Task Force to allow the propagation, replication and adaption of whatever best practices there are.

On June 10, 2020, during one of its joint meetings, DILG XII also shared some of its own best practices: the creation a Facebook group called "E-Tiangge Club 12", originally meant to become a meeting point of all employees who were in a carpool scheme during the quarantine days. Eventually, the E-Tiangge became the "go-to place" for DILG personnel who are wary about their exposure to buy necessities.

Meanwhile, the DILG XII, through its Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III has been one of those government agencies which managed to take a stand during those 'lockdown' days. The crippling fear against Covid-19 has almost immobilized everyone, but not RD Leysa. She rallied other key players in the LGUs, national line agencies and other actors to keep 'infections away while making sure law and order remains in place, and people are being cared for'.

Looking back, RD Leysa says 'she never gave in to fear and pressure but there had been times that she was about to give way.' She added that she "gains inspiration from minor victories in the battle but claims that the final victory will come when the cure becomes available."

"We wanted to have a central messaging system that will eliminate chaos and misunderstanding. People have suffered enough so both Task Forces agreed that we will not aggravate their pitiful situation,' Director Leysa added.

When the influx of stranded individuals and returning overseas workers started, the Joint task forces urged LGUs to fast track the construction of the isolation units and accommodation establishments to be used as temporary isolation facilities. Dir. Leysa created task teams within the Regional Office to be able to handle the volume of work that equally needs her attention, along with the training of 34 trainers for contact tracing. To back her up, she has Region's Core Team and some other task groups which provided her the needed support and the necessary legwork.

Long before the use of the ID system and the implementation of the clustering of population centers were handed down by the NTF, the joint Task Forces in Region XII and the LGUs have already established and utilized the said schemes in order to limit the number of people who go out in public. The foresight resulted to the alignment of local ordinances with national issuance and policies and all recently-issued COVID-19-orders and guidelines are downloaded immediately to guarantee LGU compliance.

And until the end of the year, where the community quarantine policies are slowly laxing, the RIATF XII and RTF on COVID-19 are still convening regularly to addressed the issues arising in the region that needs immediate actions.



## **SOCCSKSARGEN to receive P1.24 Billion Barangay Development Fund**

*SOCCSKSARGEN Region is set to receive Php 1.24 billion from the Php 16.4 billion barangay development fund allotted by the national government for the implementation of the Executive Order No. 70 (EO 70) this year.*



Meanwhile, 36 barangays will receive the barangay development support fund located in the towns of Antipas (1), Arakan (5), Kidapawan City (7), Magpet (10), Makilala (5), President Roxas (5), and Tulunan (3) of Cotabato Province.

The Php 20 million LGSF subsidy will fund the implementation of barangay development projects contained in their approved Barangay Development Plan (BDP), which include farm-to-market roads, school buildings, water and sanitation systems, health stations, rural electrification; reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair or other similar projects; agricultural, livelihood, and technical vocational trainings and projects, and Assistance to Indigenous individuals or families, as proposed and endorsed by the community through the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) process, Department of the Interior and Local Government XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said.

More than 200 of the said projects were proposed and submitted by the barangays to DILG XII during the third quarter of last year and were validated by the Department's engineers through its Project Development Management Unit (PDMU). The Unit conducted series of orientations with local officials of recipient barangays since February 18 until the first week of March, 2021.

Also dubbed as the Whole of Nation Approach program, EO 70 is the national government's strategy that aims to end communist-armed conflict in the country.

A total of 62 barangays in the Region that were identified by the National Task Force – End Local Communist-Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) for CY 2020 will receive Php 20 million each as Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF).

Of the 62 barangays, one is from Lake Sebu, South Cotabato Province and 12 from the Municipality of Columbio, Sultan Kudarat Province. Other recipient barangays are from the towns of Alabel (4), Kiamba (2), Maasim (4), and Malapatan (3) in Sarangani Province.

To support the timely project implementation, the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII also passed a resolution enjoining recipient LGUs to fast track the submission of their technical requirements for the prompt release of their SBDP funds during the Council's first quarter virtual meeting last February 19.

As of March 31, 2021, a total of 206 proposed barangay projects – 167 infrastructure projects and 30 non-infrastructure projects – from the recipient barangays in the Region were submitted by ELCAC-Regional Task Force (ELCAC-RTF) to DILG Central Office, and were formally endorsed to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for funding.

To recall, in the early weeks of February, the DILG XII has also convened the local government units concerned and other partner government agencies to finalize the plans and strategies in localizing EO 70 under various clusters, including the Local Government Empowerment, Basic Services, and Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building, Empowerment, and Mobilization where the Department serves as Cluster Head; and E-CLIP and Amnesty, and Localized Peace Engagement Clusters where it serves as Co-Lead together with the Department of National Defense (DND) and Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), respectively.



*Region XII was able to implement a total of nine Lokal Serbisyo Caravans in the provinces of Cotabato and Sarangani within the first quarter of 2021.*

*The Lokal Serbisyo Caravan is one of the initiatives under the national government's Whole of Nation Approach to address the root causes of insurgency in the country.*

*Through the Caravan, various government agencies were able to cater the basic needs of the villagers.*



# DILG DOSE AWARDED FOR HR EXCELLENCE

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII formally received its bronze award for exemplary performance in Human Resource Management from the Civil Service Commission XII last March 30, 2021.

“After the thorough and tedious coaching sessions and relentless support from the Civil Service Commission and DILG Central Office, DILG XII received the Bronze Award for PRIME-HRM. This is a sweet victory not just for Region XII, but for the entire DILG family in the country.

“To recognize the efforts of the Office, especially the Human Resource Team and committee members who contributed to this success, we are pleased to have a regional awarding ceremony this March 2021,” CSC XII Regional Director Resurreccion P. Pueyo stated through a letter to DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III early this year as the Commission Director confirms to confer the PRIME-HRM Bronze Award to the Department.

PRIME-HRM, or Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management, is a program of the CSC that aims to enhance the skills, systems, and competencies of government agencies and their personnel for HR excellence.

The award is given after passing the four core HRM systems – recruitment, selection and placement; performance management; learning and development; and rewards and recognition, which also served as PRIME-HRM’s maturity indicators as stated in the CSC Resolution No. 200938 promulgated last October 21, 2020.

“The results of the assessment and assistance by the CSC RO XII to the Department of the Interior and Local Government – Regional Office No. XII on October 15-16, 2019, show that the agency has met the PRIME-HRM Level 2 – Maturity Indicators in the Systems, Practices and Competencies in the four core HRM systems. It was also found to be continuously compliant with the Civil Service Law and rules in terms of the implementation of the other HR programs and the maintenance of HR records,” the CSC Resolution stated.





"During the early days of my stint as the Regional Director back in 2019, I have openly expressed my belief that human resources must be given attention so that an organization like ours can achieve its full potential. In a way, I have been telling all of us the things that we need to learn, including those that we need to unlearn or re-learn and I have always believed that human resource is the lifeblood of an organization; an asset, that if adequately nurtured, propels an organization's operations in achieving its mission and goals," Director Leysa said as she accepted the plaque from CSC XII.

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As benefit for the award, DILG XII is granted with privileges, including the authority to approve appointments, subject to post audit; exemption

from Section 96 of the 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions (ORAOHRA), as amended; review of the 50 percent of Department-issued appointments by CSC Field Offices; and announcements of the Department's programs or projects through the CSC website.

Further, the Department will receive discounts in CSC-facilitated trainings and conferences, and will get exclusive membership to community learners and access digital learning resources.

"As we move forward, we will also continue to vie for human resource excellence with the Silver Award for PRIME-HRM as our target. They say, that if you want to achieve something, you have to loudly manifest it to the world, claim it as if it's already a decided deal. So we say this loud and clear, **DILG XII will be a PRIME-HRM Silver Awardee.**" **Director Leysa said.**



# DILG DOSE maintains its ISO 9001:2015 Certification



This year, DILG XII successfully maintained its ISO 9001:2015 Certification with zero non-conformity (NC) results during its latest audit last February 1 to 2, 2021.

Certification International Philippines Inc. President and Managing Director Joselito C. Soler reconfirmed the validity of the Department's ISO 9001:2015 Certificate through a letter addressed to DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III – a letter validating the Department's efforts for years. It was a sweet victory born out of hardwork and commitment for excellence.

ISO is an international, independent organization that develops standards to ensure quality, safety, and efficiency of products, services and systems.

DILG XII started its journey in 2017. After completing all the needed requirements, it was granted an ISO 9001:2015 Certification valid from April 3, 2019 until April 2, 2022. The certification was for the following operations processes: Local Governance through the provision of capacity development interventions, technical assistance and administrative services, oversight function, and rewards and incentives to local government units.

"As part of the Department's initiative to strengthen its internal organization capacity and adherence to other policies and regulations on government quality management, DILG XII established its Quality Management System aligned to ISO 9001:2015," Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said.

Primarily, the quality management system aims to serve as an effective tool to com-

municate relevant information to stakeholders, enhance the Department's effectiveness and efficiency to increase customers' satisfaction, and provide a systematic process in carrying-out the organization's operations, aligning it with the requirements of the ISO 9001:2015, along with the guidelines of the DILG in quality management, and ensures that the organization's operations is of quality standards.

But this milestone is not a walk in the park at all. There had been a series of rigorous orientation sessions, capacity development activities, loaded workshops, and thorough discussions which paved way for this accomplishment.

"The first steps were always the hardest – the transition phase, the 'getting-used-to' phase. Now that we are accustomed with the process, it has become a part of our way of life in the office. The ISO compliance became easy for us. I hope that we, as a Department, will continue this best practice in quality management," Director Leysa said.



# DILG XII launches Serye sa DOSE

## All Videos



**Culmination Activity-Serye sa Dose**  
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**World Water Day Symposium and Bamboo Planting Activity**  
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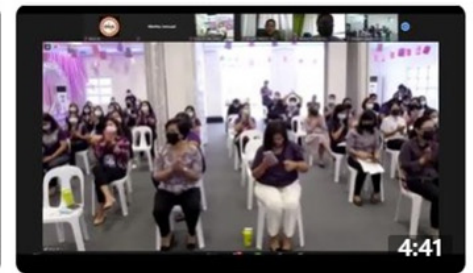
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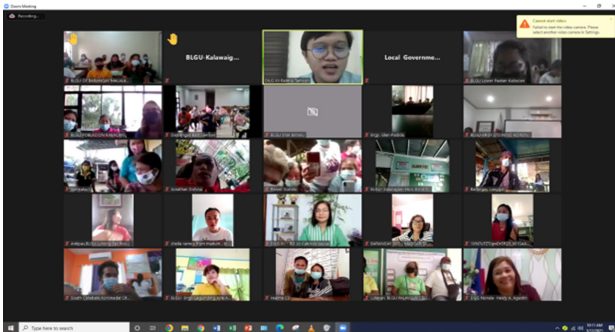
Starting this year, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII will provide up-to-date discussions on its latest programs and activities through its recently launched virtual series.

Dubbed as Serye sa DOSE, this virtual series aims to address the communication gap brought about by the pandemic, and strengthen its information campaign on the different programs and activities of the Department.

"Serye sa DOSE was formulated to ensure that our local government units, partner agencies, other stakeholders, and the general public are provided with relevant information with regards to various policies, programs, and activities of the Department," DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

Further, the series aims to combat false information and clarify misinformation by providing relevant and factual discussions, the Director added. Apart from this, the series also provide inspirational talks and features of other sectoral programs from partner agencies.

During the first quarter of this year, DILG XII has conducted a total of seven seryes, which were conducted through Zoom application and Facebook Live.



# DILG XII support BARMM MILG's Coaches' Training for Risk-Informed Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP+)



On March 1-4, 2021, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III and Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, led the Region's CDP team during the "Coaches' Training for the Enhancement of the Risk-Informed Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP+)" of the Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG) of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - a sequel of the CDP virtual training hosted by DILG-BLGD - at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City.

With the transition from the ARMM to BARMM, Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) Director General Engr. Muhajarin Ali elucidated the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) for 2020-2022 as important document wherein LGUs' CDP must vertically align with. More so, Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) Chief, LGOO VII Taharta Balading, addressed questions and clarifications related to prevailing issues on planning like availability of data, institutionalization

of relevant planning mechanisms, among others.

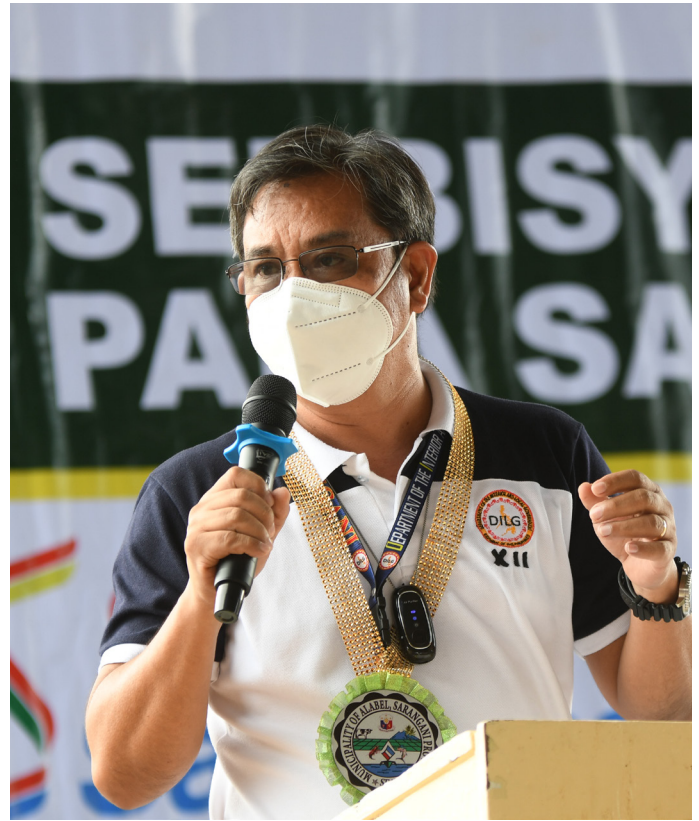
The 50 participants from MILG, Provincial Planning Development Offices of five provinces, and BPDA graduated as CDP+Coaches embracing well-founded competence on the subject-matter and, thereby, made them prepared for the subsequent provincial roll-out with high confidence to meet the forthcoming May 2021 CDP+ Assessment.

As a finale, BARMM Minister, Atty. Naguib G. Sinarimbo, and Director Leysa were both delighted on the excellent impression heard from the selected participants during the closing program. It fruitfully ended with an exchange of warm appreciations between them for the partnership efforts made to ensure fullest compliance of LGUs on the new risk-informed CDP.

## SPOTLIGHT: PD Sam on Accomplishing a Purpose

Engr. Sam Camaganacan was born and raised in Cotabato City. His parents were Magno J. Camaganacan and the former Luisa Apellido. He had been a brilliant child and he shone in class even at a young age. In 1978, he graduated as a salutatorian in Vilo Elementary School and he was 6th honorable mention at Cotabato City National High School in 1982. He pursued his Civil Engineering degree at the Notre Dame University and graduated in 1987. He took the board exam on the same year and passed.

In 1991, he took up 15 units for his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the same university but he got to graduate from the same course much later at St. Benedict College in 2003. PD Sam, as he is called by his peers and subordinates at DILG Sarangani Province, considers the passage from Proverbs 3:5-6 as his guiding principle in life. It says "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." PD Sam added: "The verses speak to me during those times when I needed to make decisions, not just about my work or my family, but in all aspect of my life. Personally, I have the tendency to do things according to my limited perception of things around me, like most of us, I guess. It has always worked for my favor when I try not to lean on my own finite understanding."



He started his career in government service at an early age, way back in 1985, when he was still a student. He got employed at the then Ministry of Local Government, Region XII as Statistical Aide I, a position he would hold on to until August 1988.

During that year, PD Sam became a Barangay Government Operations Officer (BGOO). A year later, he became a LGOO II for two years until July 1994. He served an LGOO III from July 1994 to June 1995. He then took a few more steps through the career ladder, moving up as an LGOO V from June 16, 1995 to Aug 26, 2010. In the next five years, he served as LGOO VI, from August 27, 2010 to January 15, 2015.

His guiding principle as a government worker centers on "in all your ways, acknowledge Him". This mindset, he said, made him realize why he had been placed in this position during this time in history - to accomplish a purpose.

"If you look at how arbitrary things are, and all you have, even the position that you hold on to now, are all but passing thing, you will value them so much and you will always be thankful for being there. Your part is to acknowledge Who put you there in the first place," he further expounded.

As LGOO VII, he now serves as the OIC-Provincial Director of DILG-Sarangani Province.



PD Sam is married to the former Grace Caballo, who works for a government-owned and controlled corporation based in Davao City, where they have taken up residence. They have been blessed with three children, now young adults; namely Lois Saye, 24, Jael Faye, 22 and James Raye, 20.

He said he raised his children with a certain "degree of strictness but I have always been sweet and nice to them. I assure you that the wisdom and the words of God planted in their hearts made them firmly rooted and God-fearing."

# GEMS OF DILG DOSE

DILG XII recognizes its best performing field office employees who have been exemplary in carrying out the mandates of the office, and have shown great dedication in public service. May this serve as an inspiration to all other employees of DILG XII to provide genuine public service.

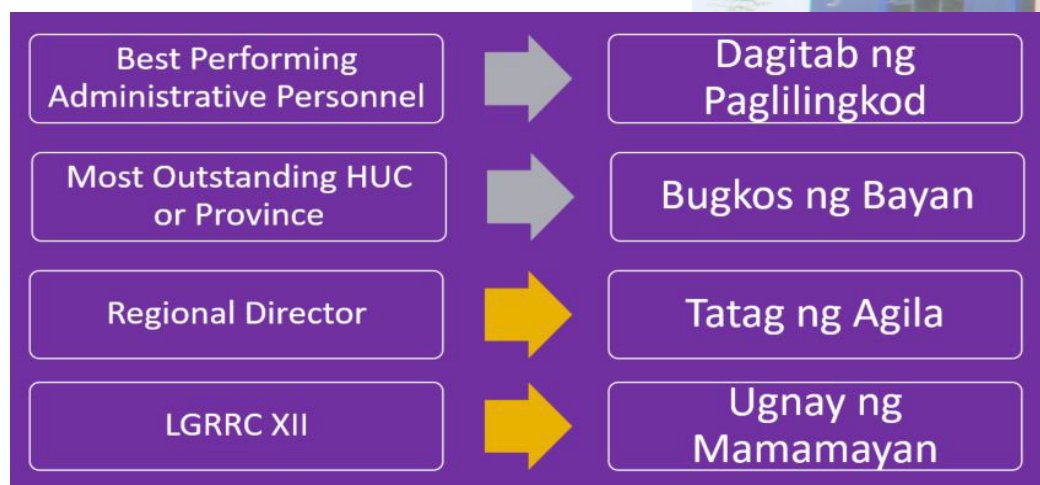
GEMS, or Governance exemplars for Meaningful Service, is an awards initiative of DILG XII under its Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE), which aims to recognize and provide incentives and rewards to its high performing employees from the Regional and Field Offices.

The guidelines for the said award was aligned to the DILG’s national standards on employee’s rewards and incentives system and Capacity Development Awards for Catalyst of Excellence (CapDev ACE), the excellence awards of the Local Government Academy (LGA).

The GEMS awardees on various categories are:

1. *Best Performing Administrative Personnel;*
2. *Most Outstanding Section/Unit;*
3. *Most Outstanding Highly Urbanized City/Province;*
4. *Most Outstanding Division; and*
5. *Hall of Fame Award (conferred to a provincial/city office, division, section/unit, and personnel of DILG XII for receiving the same award for three consecutive years)*

Further, winners of the DILG XII GEMS will automatically represent the Region in the CapDev ACE categories, to wit:



# PRAISE AWARDEES

## BEST PERFORMING FIRST LEVEL EMPLOYEES



**LOUIGIE B. LOPEZ**  
Admin Aide IV  
DILG Sultan Kudarat

## BEST PERFORMING TECHNICAL STAFF



**VITA V. GUMAHAD**  
LGOO V  
DILG Cotabato Province

## BEST PERFORMING MLGOO



**MARIFE C. TENORIO**  
MLGOO Malungon

## BEST PERFORMING PROVINCE AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR



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Provincial Director  
DILG Sultan Kudarat Province

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2. Girly C. Antonio
3. Kimberly Tuanzon
4. April Greenne Graza

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2. Victoria S. Dolido
3. Clarife P. Lagazo

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4. Rilimin H. Sandoval, DILG General Santos City

# DILG DOSE RETIREES



**MENGGONG M. ALANG**

"Ate Kong" to almost all of her co-employees started out as a Clerical Aide back in 1981 at the Department of Local Government and Community Development (DLGCD), DILG's predecessor.

Ate Kong became a permanent employee in July 1989 as a Senior Stenographer. She retired on January 31, 2021 after 32 years of government service. She left DILG XII as an Admin Aide IV, a permanent position she has held since August 2010.

She is married to Alphata Butuan, a sangguniang member in one of the barangays in Oikit, Cotabato Province. They have a 26-year old daughter named Narisha.

Though Ate Kong had been described as a 'serious-looking' person, she has remained cheerful and she always had time to chat with the younger personnel at the Regional Office. Almost all of her co-workers appreciated her efficiency and thoroughness when she does her work responsibilities.

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Ms. Andong started with government work on May 1975 at the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) XII as a clerical aide. After two years as a casual worker, she joined DLGCD on April 1977 and went on to serve in that capacity until September 30, 1978. On October 1, 1978 she entered government service as a Clerical Aide (a permanent position).

Ate Chit to her co-workers at the Finance and Admin Division and in all of the Regional Office, she moved up her career path until she retired as Admin Asst. II. She officially retired from service on February 16, 2021 to spend more time with her family.

She is married to Jerry K. Andong and they have been blessed with four children namely Faharadibha, Pearlsia, Abdul Raop and Razul JP who now have families of their own.

Ate Chit has always been accommodating and friendly to everyone, even to those who come to the office for complaints. She has always been the mainstay figure at the Public Assistance and Complaints Desk (PACD) at the lobby of DILG XII.



**PACITA M. ANDONG**



# DILG DOSE RETIREES

Ate Edna to one and all, is a resident of Cotabato City who had no choice but to move to Koronadal City when the Regional seat was transferred here. She is married to Enrico Espinola, retired AFP personnel who was assigned in Fort Bonifacio in Metro Manila. They have four grown-up children namely; Dennis, 39, Donneyric, 37, Dexter, 36 and Erika Loisa, 34 years old.

She started her government service at the DILG right from the start. She worked as a temporary employee, doing odd jobs as a utility worker for more than 15 years. However, in 1985, she was able to finally get a permanent position.

She eventually rose from the ranks to become an Admin Aide I in 2006, a position she held until she retired in January 31, 2021.

Ate Edna managed to handle the work well, with not much of a complaint, despite the load of paperwork that "never seems to run out". In her quiet corner at the accounting office, piles of paper come and go. And for her, 'it's all in a day's work.'



**EDNA E. ESPINOLA**



**ISMAEL L. PATADON**

Born in Kidapawan, Cotabato Province, Kuya Mike, as he is fondly called by all, has an address in Isulan but he has also taken up residence in South Cotabato.

Kuya Mike, as the GSS Chief at DILG Regional Office XII prior to his retirement, deploys vehicles to various requesting units and assigns drivers to each of them, making him one of the most sought-after people at the office.

He started in government service as an appointed Kabataang Barangay Chairman in a village which bears his family name, Brgy. Patadon, Kidapawan City. He joined the then Ministry of Local Government and Community Development (MLGCD) as a mechanical aide in 1979.

On March 2008, he started his work as Admin Aide IV (detailed – OIC Chief, GSS and Motorpool Unit) at the DILG Regional Office XII. He continued serving in that capacity until his retirement in 2020.

Aside from being a mechanic, he also prides himself in being a farmer. He has repeatedly expressed prior to his retirement that he will devote his time to his farm.

# RGADC XII leads Women's Month Celebration with virtual serye



The month-long activity started with a ceremonial cutting of ribbon and showcasing of Café Juana during its kick-off activity last March 8.

Led by the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII Regional Director and RGADC XII Chairperson Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, DILG XII featured empowered women and men through the virtual serye conducted during the four Mondays of March, where they shared their stories of strength and resilience in work and in their personal lives.

These empowered women and men leaders include DILG Assistant Secretary for Administration, Finance and Comptrollership Asec. Ester A. Aldana, CESO II, DILG Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Development ASEC. Florida Maranan Dijan, DILG Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns, Usec. Marjorie N. Jalosjos, NEDA XII Regional Director Teresita Socorro C. Ramos, OCD XII Regional Director Minda C. Morante, Municipality of Malungon, Sarangani Province Mayor Maria Teresa D. Constantino, Regional Trial Court Batch 55 Presiding Judge Dinah Jean S. Cornejo, Former DepEd XII Regional Director Francis Cesar B. Bringas, Municipality of Polomok, South Cotabato Province Mayor Honey Lumayag-Matti, DBM XII Regional Director Akmad Usman, Sultan Kudarat State University President Rolando F. Hechanova, RPAE, PhD.

A bloodletting activity, in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross-South Cotabato Chapter, was also conducted during the kick-off ceremony with a total of 16 personnel from DILG XII donating blood during the said activity.

The month-long celebration culminated on March 29 with service providers from TESDA providing various services to Juan and Juanas, which include massage, manicure and pedicure, and haircut services for a minimal fee. A total of 41 DILG personnel availed the services.

Moreover, the Committee also distributed hand trowels and pinakbet seed packs to RGADC XII member agencies and DILG XII personnel from the Department of Agriculture (DA) XII, 600 mL 70% Isopropyl Alcohol, Face Mask, and multivitamins from the Department of Health (DOH) XII as part of the advocacy in promoting health and wellness.

Assistant Regional Director, Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, in her closing message shared that for over 44 years in the history of DILG in the Region, Director Josephine Cabrido - Leysa, CESO III is the first lady director to be appointed in the position. 138 of 227, or around 60.80% DILG XII personnel are women, highlighting their significant contributions to the workforce and the performance of the office as a whole. A sincere gratitude and appreciation was conveyed to all, who in one way or the other, made this year's Women's Month Celebration a success.



# DILG XII turns over P90M worth of projects to SOCSKSARGEN barangays

Two Region XII provinces received DILG-funded projects amounting to P90M in the first quarter of 2021.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, personally attended the turn-over ceremonies of each project in the region. Municipalities of Cotabato province conducted their respective ceremonies to formally turn-over various projects funded under the programs of DILG, which include Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB), Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig Para sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG), Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM), Assistance to Municipalities (AM) and 2019 Public Market/Farmers' Market (Bagsakan Center) and Public Cemetery, amounting to P66,357,786.00 to the recipient barangays.

LGU-Kabacan turned-over eight potable water system projects to eight barangays on February 17. These projects are implemented to provide assistance to waterless communities in Upper Paatan, Malanduague, Bangilan, Pisan, Bannawag, Simbuhay, Dagupan and Saggadong.

One evacuation center, evacuation facilities and four local access roads were turned-over by Banisilan, as well, to four of its barangays on March 19. Banisilan Mayor Jesus F. Alisasis boasted about the 'quality workmanship of their projects, notwithstanding the distance.' The mayor continued, "politicos will not usually give attention to a far-flung place like ours, with a low number of voters. DILG, as an agency, had been really fair in implementing projects even to an isolated community like ours."

Vice Mayor Julier Caranay, on the other hand, expressed his gratitude to the efforts of the DILG executive and her staff for personally visiting the locality. He recalls how difficult it was for residents to travel to the neighboring towns back when the highways were nothing but graveled or dirt roads. Banisilan, being the farthest municipality of Cotabato Province, has

become more accessible and less isolated, thanks to the paved road networks which linked them to the neighboring Cagayan de Oro City and Kidapawan City, boosting its trade and business opportunities.

President Roxas turned-over one local access road and one public market to its recipient barangays on March 25. Mayor Jonathan Mahimpit of President Roxas highlighted the importance of the rehabilitation of the public market to the small businesses based in the municipality. "The newly rehabilitated public market is expected to boost the local economy of the municipality and encourage consumers to buy goods and local products without having to travel to the neighboring towns", he added. The mayor recounts how their economy struggled during the peak of the pandemic due to the limited access of businessmen to the nearby major cities or trading posts. The public market, as the main economic hub, will definitely help the LGU to sustain itself despite the limitations brought about by the quarantine measures.

Meanwhile, the municipalities Sto. Niño and Tantung in South Cotabato both obtained public market with funds coming from the 2019 Public Market/Farmers' Market (Bagsakan Center) and Public Cemetery projects of the Office of the DILG Secretary amounting to more than P26.5M.

Mayor Benjamin Figueroa thanked DILG Regional Director Leysa for the efforts of the Department to secure the funds for the project. The mayor aim to strengthen its income-generating projects that will provide employment to the locals. Just like the passionate Regional Director, Mayor Figueroa believes that each project is considered as one's legacy for the community.

Consistent with her advocacy to build quality projects in their LGUs, Director Leysa posed the challenge to the attendees during the turn-over ceremony "to take care of the projects funded by the national government, with the proper management and active participation of the community, for they become our legacy."

From 2015 to 2020, the DILG-funded projects turned-over to the six municipalities totaled to Php 92,924,720.10, and are expected to cater to at least 94, 792 residents of the Region.



One of the turned-over water system projects funded by DILG under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) located in Barangay Dagupan, Municipality of Kabacan, Cotabato Province.

## PROVINCIAL UPDATE: DILG-COTABATO PROVINCE

# DILG-COTABATO HITS MORE ELCAC COMMUNITIES AMID PANDEMIC

LOMONAY, PRES. ROXAS, COTABATO- 20M worth of barangay projects and programs will be implemented in Brgy. Lomonay, Pres. Roxas, Cotabato, identified as Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) community.

This is according to the DILG-XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, with PD Ali B. Abdullah who presented the benefits of the funds to be given by the national government to the community of Nanay Silveria Bermudez, a senior citizen representative of Brgy. Lomonay, Pres. Roxas, Cotabato. Said Barangay is one of the 62 identified ELCAC barangays in the Province of Cotabato to receive same amount of funding for its development projects.

It was among the cries of the barangay of Nanay Silveria to have their road concreted for faster mobility of persons, including their goods, among others. Today, she finally receives a guarantee for getting the desired services and projects through the conduct of Local Serbisyo Caravan in their barangay.

RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa lauded Province of Cotabato, with DILG-Cotabato as its partner for the exceptional implementation of Local Serbisyo Caravans in its locality. The Provincial Government of Cotabato is the first province to endorse project documents of the identified ELCAC barangays, despite having the biggest number among other provinces in Region XII, hence, the immediate processing of funds, RD Leysa stated.

The Provincial Task Force- ELCAC is now on its 26th Barangay conducting similar activity. The PTF- ELCAC aims to deliver basic services and en-



Ms. Silveria Bermudez serenades (center) the throng of people during the ELCAC- Local Serbisyo Caravan in Lomonay, President Roxas with Mayor Jonathan Mahimpit (left) and Gov.Nancy Catamco (right).

courages the community to join the advocacy in ending insurgency and potential armed conflicts in their community.

Present also during the caravan are Board Members Dr. Krista Piñol-Solis, Dr. Philbert Malaluan, Mayor Jonathan Mahimpit, and other heads and representatives of various line agencies.

Despite the challenges brought by the pandemic, both the national-line government agencies and local government units continue to provide quality government services tailored-fit to the needs of the communities, especially of the 62-ELCAC target barangays, and help improve community engagements.



## COTABATO LCPC 2019 ASSESSMENT TO START ANEW

DILG-Cotabato Provincial Office conducts PCPC-PIMTF table assessment on the functionality of Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) for CY 2019.

The LCPC provincial focal person, Wyndle Joy Padojinog, LGOO II facilitated today, March 24, 2021 the conduct of the table assessment including the discussion on the use of the assessment tool. Joining the conduct of assessment at DILG-Cotabato Provincial Office are representatives from DILG, PPDO, PSWDO, IPHO, DepEd, PNAO, Ha Uman, USM (LRI), and from Interfaith Organization. LGOO VI Lucia A. Aliponga, Pro-

# PROVINCIAL UPDATE: DILG-COTABATO PROVINCE



*"Accepting responsibility should be your default response to everything."*

This is what she just posted after being hailed again as DILG-XII Best technical personnel (Field Office Category).

## DAKILANG SPOILER SWAYS AGAIN. KNOW HER!

She is LGOO V, Vita V. Gumahad of DILG Cotabato Province— a woman of humility, competence, and dedication. Yet, she branded herself as the "dakilang spoiler."

To her being dakila, let us not spoil her waiting...

She is the youngest among the two siblings of the late Admin. Aide VI Victor B. Gumahad, a radio operator-mechanic of DILG XII. Same as her father, she entered the department with an administrative position. She was first hired as Administrative Assistant II in year 2005. Later, after more than ten years in the administrative position, she finally entered the technical pool of officers of the department as LGOO II. She belongs to the 50th batch of trainees under the Local Government Academy or LGA.

Truly, she had faced many blunders before. Yes, blatant absurdities: Work, family, lovelife, and finances among others. However, she treats every single detail of these into her own equipoise of manuscript— unfriendly circumstances transform into a feasible foredeal— like a real highly-proficient individual who learns to cope with all. She means truly ALL! Thus, she gets LGOO V position a year after.

gram Manager emphasized the significant tasks of the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children – Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force on the conduct of the said activity. It was highlighted that the PIMTF must focus on the organization, meetings, policies/plans and budget, and accomplishments of all LGUs in the province which eventually amplify the best protection efforts for children.

The Task Force already started the table assessment for the following LGUs in the Province of Cotabato: (1st set) Alamada, Aleosan, Banisilan, and Carmen; (2nd set) Kabacan, Kidapawan City,

Today, she handles various programs of the department which require a highly technical and adept skill which she all carries throughout her government service, i.e. ELCAC, POPS, PPOC, Contact Tracing, etc.

Conversely, the 39-year old technical officer admits the imperfections of her dreams since she hasn't been to the holy altar yet, nor processed any CENOMAR for a contract signing with her OFW, chef boyfriend. No one knows when, but only she herself could elaborate further.

"Dakilang Spoiler" is actually her pseudonym in the group chat of all field officers of DILG Cotabato. This is where she actually gets it— every time she breaks the line of messages on the chat box requesting for an urgent report, dues, and one shot data. Then that makes her a spoiler but with a noble purpose (dakila).

By the way, one thing that we may not know about her is her fear on winged animals. She does not like birds, chicken, nor butterflies. Even her diet, less chicken wings and she eats very slow. 'Coz when she eats, she'll probably take more than an hour to finish only one meal.

Kidding aside, truly, many admire her luscious looks and appeal. And when she started to work, the more you'll get into her— learn her principles, and then you're definitely on the right track above things.

Ms. Gumahad, DILG XII two-time best technical personnel once said, "always educate yourself to learn more; be flexible at all situations. Team player ka dapat and may time management, good health, and always be kind to others."

As the Dakilang Spoiler of DILG-Cotabato sways again, the 2nd time, only the true dakila will sense the deepest connotation of what she says, *"I am always motivating myself by having meaningful and engaging work ethics; recognition is not only for me but for the team I am indebted to—to team Agila (DILG-Cotabato family)."*

Magpet, Makilala, and Pikit; (3rd set) Midsayap, Tulunan, Antipas, and Arakan; (4th set) M'lang, Libungan, Matalam, Pigcawayan, and Pres. Roxas. The 2-day activity will cover the 2019 functionalities of the foregoing LCPC.

To recall, the LGUs in the Province of Cotabato bagged 12 "Ideal LCPC" awards during the CY 2018 assessment. However, the 2019 assessment was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, the continuance of this year's assessment.

# PROVINCIAL UPDATE: DILG-SARANGANI PROVINCE

## Women’s Month Celebration

In the observance of the month of March as “Women’s Role in History Month” commemorating the annual National Women’s Month Celebration (NWMC) for CY 2021 with the theme “We Make Change Work for Women: Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!”, the DILG Sarangani Personnel - 2 male and 5 female field officers/MLGOOs and 12 female and 6 male provincial employees including the job orders and contractual participated the various NWMC activities like webinar series on GAD topics, manicure, pedicure, haircut, and zumba for the whole month of March. All these efforts are attuned to empower, recognize, complement the efforts of men and women in the government service and continue advocate the Gender and Development program of the Department .



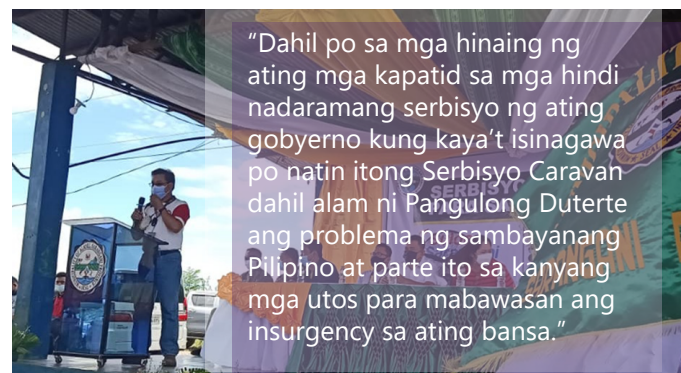
## Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict through RCSP

DILG Sarangani PD Samuel Camaganacan, Engr. Gerald Faciol, Assistant Provincial Administrator, PTF-ELCAC members, and Marine reservists lead the distribution of food packs to some barangay residents of Datal Anggas, Alabel during the “Serbisyo Caravan Para Sa Sarangan” along with the “Serbisyonong SMILE sa Barangay (SSB)” of the Municipality of Alabel on March 17, 2021.

The food pack distribution was the counterpart from the Provincial Government of Sarangani of the services and assistance provided to the people through the convergence of different government agencies.

The “Serbisyo Caravan Para Sa Sarangan” along with “Serbisyonong SMILE para sa Barangay (SSB)” is a collaborative initiative of the local government units of the Province of Sarangani and Mu-

nicipality of Alabel as a response to the mandate of Executive Order No. 70 - Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and directing the adoption of a National Peace Framework.

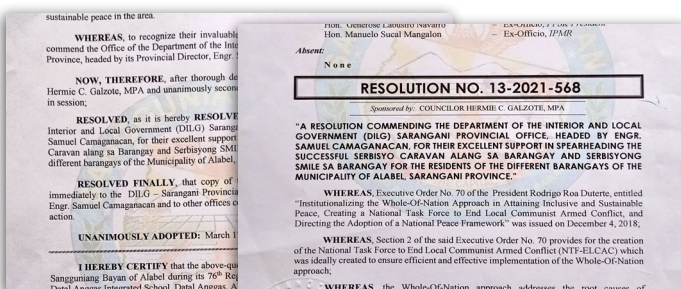


## LGU Alabel lauds DILG Sarangani for “excellent support”

The Sangguniang Bayan of Alabel commends DILG Sarangani Provincial Office in the successful conduct of Local Serbisyo Caravan in 4 target barangays of the municipality during the 76th Regular Session of the legislative council held on March 17, 2021 by adopting Resolution No. 13-2021-568 for excellent support in the successful “Serbisyonong Smile Sa Barangay (SSB)”.

PD Samuel A. Camaganacan, DILG Sarangani Province Provincial Director thanked the local legislative council of LGU Alabel for the commendation. PD Camaganacan also heads the PTF-ELCAC Secretariat, RCSP

Core Team, and is likewise in-charge of the overall management of program flow of the “Serbisyo Caravan Para Sa Sarangan” and SSB.





# PROVINCIAL UPDATE: DILG-SARANGANI PROVINCE

## 1st Quarter Joint PPOC-PADAC Meeting held



DILG Sarangani Provincial Office, led by PD Samuel A. Camaganacan provided Secretariat Services to the 1st Quarter Meeting of the Joint Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) and the Provincial Anti-Illegal Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) on March 26, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Gym.

Sarangani Province Governor Honorable Steve Chiongbian Solon presided over the meeting and reiterated that COVID-19 minimum health protocols shall be observed in the conduct of Local Serbisyo Caravan and the modification of the protocols in the identified barangays that will

host the next Serbisyo Caravans. The meeting was also attended by the Chairpersons of the Special Action Committees for Anti-Insurgency, Anti-Criminality, Public Safety, and Emergency Crisis Management. The committees presented and discussed the quarterly accomplishment reports, and the proposed resolutions of the SAC.

Among the significant resolutions adopted during the meeting were: Resolution requesting the Provincial Government of Sarangani for the additional fund allocation for Serbisyo Caravan Activity in the amount of P4,760,000.00 and Resolution condemning the terrorist acts by the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army (CPP-NPA) and declaring them as Persona Non-Grata in the entire Province of Sarangani.

### Financial and livelihood assistance to Former Rebels released

PD Samuel Camaganacan congratulates a former rebel with an elbow bump upon receiving her cash assistance from the government during the release of financial and livelihood assistance to Former Rebels (FRs) on February 16 at the Sarangani Capitol Gym.

62 former rebels received financial and livelihood assistance from DILG and DSWD. Each former rebel (FR) received P5,000 cash assistance from the DSWD, while some 20 eligible FRs each received P15,000 immediate cash assistance, P50,000 livelihood assistance, and P21,000 firearms remuneration from the DILG and food packs and hygiene kits from the provincial government.

Through E-CLIP, former rebels who were members of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), New People's Army (NPA), and National Democratic Front (NDF), as well as their family members, who have surrendered to the government and go back to the mainstream and become productive members of society will receive a complete package of assistance.

The turnover of assistance was led by Governor Steve Chiongbian Solon, PD Samuel Camaganacan, DILG Sarangani Provincial Director; BGEN Potenciano Camba, Commanding Officer of the 1002nd Brigade; Regional Director Cezario Joel Espejo of DSWD; and Raquel Panal, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer.





# Awarding of Financial, Immediate, Reintegration, Livelihood and Firearm Remuneration Assistance to Former Rebels

The Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) Committee formally turned-over Php 6,371,000.00 worth of assistance to 75 Former Rebels (FRs) during an Awarding Ceremony conducted at the South Cotabato Gymnasium last March 2, 2021.

According to DILG-South Cotabato, the ECLIP assistance includes firearm remuneration, immediate assistance, and livelihood assistance to help the FRs in their quest for “social reintegration and life transformation”.

An additional financial assistance worth Php 20,000.00 was also provided by the Local Government Unit of South Cotabato to augment the provided assistance from the DILG.

ECLIP is a program of the national government that aims to help former members of the Communist Party of the Philippines – National People’s Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) and People’s Militia gain social reform and reunite with their families.

The program covers “the regular members of the CPP-NPA-NDF, their spouses, children and partners or illegitimate, and their parents and siblings, and members of the Militia ng Bayan,” based on Administrative Order No. 10 signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on April 3, 2018.

## PROVINCIAL UPDATE: DILG-SOUTH COTABATO PROVINCE

# BARANGAYS IN SOUTH COTABATO CONDUCT 1ST SEMESTER CY 2021 BARANGAY ASSEMBLY AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC



In compliance with MC 2021-025 dated February 19, 2021, all 199 barangays in South Cotabato conducted Barangay Assembly during the weekends of the month of March to ensure that their constituencies are still informed of the financial status, and other issues affecting their respective barangays.

This Semester's theme is *"BarangayYan: Barangay at Mamamayan, Sama-sam at Mag-kaisa Upang Labanan ang Pandemya Tungo sa Isang Ligtas, Maayos at Maunlad na Pamayanan"*. The topics discussed, among others, were the barangay's financial status, ongoing barangay projects and other accomplishments, COVID-19 initiatives, the importance and contribution of BHERTs during these trying times, the roles and responsibilities of the BDRRMCs, and the COVID-19 National Vaccination Program.

Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) attended the assemblies of their re-

spective barangays to show their utmost support to the local leaders, promote various programs and activities of the Department, and deliver the message of SILG Eduardo M. Año, which underscored the need for the public to follow the set minimum health requirements and travel restrictions of the authorities, and its BIDA campaign (B-awal walang mask, I-sanitize, and mga kamay, D-umistansya ng isang metro, and Alamin ang totoong impormasyon) to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The activity was attended by representatives from the DILG, PNP, C/MHO, and other partner agencies, and was streamed live through Facebook and public address for wider audience reach.



# DILG Sultan Kudarat wins 2020 GEMS Awards

DILG Sultan Kudarat bagged the CY 2020 Best Performing Provincial Office in Region 12 during the annual awarding of Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) of DILG XII dubbed as GEMS (Governance Exemplars for Meaningful Service) Awards for DILG XII held last March 29, 2021 at The Farm at Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City.

The GEMS Awards for DILG XII aims to recognize the DILG field offices and personnel that contributed significantly in improving the DILG services extended to local government units as advocates for transparency and ac-

countability in governance especially during this time of pandemic.

The strong cooperation of Local Government Chief Executives and officials from provincial to barangay levels were instrumental in making DILG-SK as what it is today. Their untiring support elevates DILG-Sultan Kudarat as top performer in SOCSKSARGEN Region in two consecutive years (2019 & 2020).



# BDP Gensan pushed through Amidst Pandemic scenario

In 2019, the Seal of Good Local Governance-Barangay was first introduced and implemented. The scheme was directed towards encouraging and challenging the barangays to scale up its performance in good governance and practices that highlight the principles of accountability, transparency and effectiveness.

The guidelines of the SGLG-Barangay require that a pilot barangay will be chosen for assessment but General Santos City, made sure that all of its 26 barangays were assessed using the SGLG-B criteria. Consequently, the LGU conducted a strategic planning for the Liga ng mga Barangay on January 2020. Among the priorities is the updating of the BDPs of the 26 barangays which must synchronize with the City and comply with rationalized planning and budgeting calendar.

DILG – Gensan led by City Director Rilimin H. Sandoval , started the series of coordinative meetings with the City Planning and Development Office under Engr. Nael Cruspero on July 2020 for the updating of 2022-2024 Development Plans of the barangays.

To ensure effective facilitation and come up with quality output, the BDP Core Team from

CPDO led by Ms. Sylvia Mahusay and the DILG-GSC, through its Focal Person Ma. Bella P. Agullana, was created to facilitate and assist the barangays in crafting their respective plans. Various data gathering strategies were introduced, like the updating of the RBIs and the use of CBMS result. Notwithstanding the risk of exposure in a pandemic setting, there had been occasional face-to-face orientations and workshops which were successfully conducted and managed, in strict compliance with the minimum public health standards set by the Health Department of Health.

After eight long months of preparation and formulation , the barangay secretaries were called to present their respective output on April 27, 2021 at the Barangay East Conference Hall, General Santos City.

As a result, 19 out of 26 barangays were able to land on the final stage, which translates into 75% completion rate. With persistence and productive collaboration, DILG Gensan City hopes to reach the 100 % target wherein all of the barangays will completely finish their respective BDPs in August of this year.



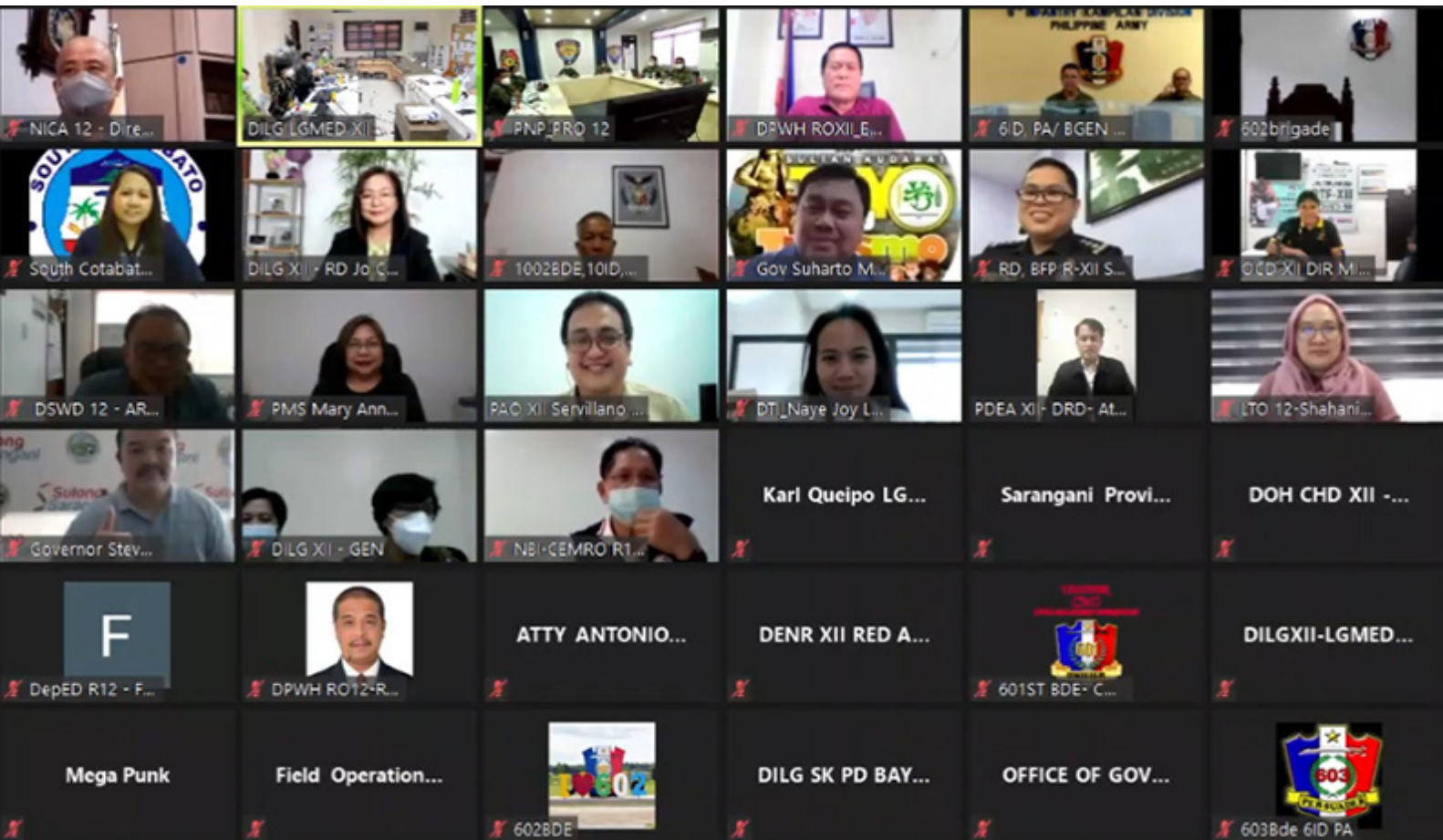
# RPOC XII passes resolutions to strengthen rescue response, improve security

A total of eight resolutions were passed by the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII during its first quarter meeting this year, this according to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII, the Council's Secretariat.

Among the said resolutions were requests for the local government units to support the peace forces' appeal to boost the Region's capacity to ensure peace and order, and safety in the Region.

The quarter meeting also included the status of the peace and order situation in the region.

At least 31 council members who attended the activity, led by RPOC XII Chairperson and Sultan Kudarat Governor Suharto Mangudadatu, unanimously agreed on the passage of the said resolutions.





**A Resolution Encouraging LGUs of Region XII for the Installation of Fire Hydrants per City/ Municipality on Strategic Locations**

*This is to address the inadequate number of fire hydrants in some areas of Region XII.*



**A Resolution enjoining the LGUs to recommend Beach owners/operators in their areas of responsibility to hire lifeguard/s and for them to undergo Water Search and Rescue (WASAR) Training by the Philippine Coast Guard**

*The recommendation was based on the reported data of drowning incidents in the Region*



**A Resolution enjoining the LGUs to submit the copy of ordinances related to Classification of Roads and Setting of Speed Limits to the Land Transportation Office as required in the Joint Memorandum Circular 2018-01 of DILG/DPWH/DOTr**



**A Resolution Seeking Support from the LGU of Region XII in the Provision of Service Rescue Vehicle to Extend Emergency and Rescue Responses to Remote Areas**

*The Bureau of Fire Protection XII underscored the need for Service Rescue Vehicles to quickly respond to emergencies, particularly in far-flung areas with mountainous terrains.*



**A Resolution Urging the LGUs to Support the Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay (RPSB)**

*RPSB will serve as the primary program of PRO 12 to address insurgency problem in Region XII*



**A Resolution Requesting the PNP XII for a Mandatory Chemical/Alcohol Testing for Drivers Involved in Road Crash Accidents**



**Reiteration of RPOC Resolution No. 2018-24 and DILG MC 2014-119, relative to the installation of CCTV, to all LGUs.**

# DILG XII CELEBRATES WORLD WATER DAY 2021

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII actively participated in the celebration of World Water Day on March 24, 2021. The one-day celebration aims to help raise global awareness on the importance of freshwater in support to the achievement of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6: Water and Sanitation by 2030.

The department conducted a symposium at the Regional Office XII with the theme, "World Water Day: Valuing Water" that discussed about the value of water not just for households but also for the national economy, education and health. The DILG field offices personnel also attended the said event via Zoom and Facebook Live.

As the resource speaker, Environmental Management Bureau-Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR) Environment Specialist Engr. Marc Louise M. Failon emphasized the scarcity of fresh water in our planet and how our trees are dubbed as "rarer than diamonds". He also explained the process of testing the safety of liquid in a body of water and the parameters to determine its classification and potability.

DILG XII Regional Director, Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, spearheaded the Bamboo Growing activity following thereafter at the Riverside, Barangay Concepcion, City of Koronadal. Three hundred bamboo seedlings, sponsored by Mahintana Foundation Inc., were planted by the DILG XII alongside with Barangay Concepcion officials led by Punong Barangay Mema L. Joquiño.

The tree growing activity intends to prevent soil erosion in the riverbanks and eventually reduce the chances of overflow to the riversides adjacent to neighboring barangays. As one of the fastest-growing plants, bamboos are known to easily grow in almost any type of fertile soil.









## Mahintana, DILG XII inks MOU for ProPEACE program

The Mahintana Foundation Incorporated (MFI) successfully conducted the Project Launching and MOU Signing of the ProPEACE Programme held on February 18, 2021 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.

The activity was graced by Assistant Secretary Alexander L. Macario of the DILG Central Office, MFI President, Martiniano L. Magdolot, Ms. Liza D. Hora, MFI Executive Director and Mr. Nicholaos Yiannakis, Vice President and Managing Director of DOLE Philippines, Inc.

In attendance during the activity are the Pro PEACE Project partners, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III of the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII and Sultan Kudarat Vice Governor Jose Remus Segura, Representative of the RPOC XII Chairperson, and Representatives from the Department of Education XII, DENR-Maguindanao; DOLE Philippines, Kasilak Development Foundation, Inc. Maguindanaon Development Foundation, Inc. OND Hesed Foundation, Inc. Tribal Leaders Development Foundation, Inc. Representatives of the Provinces of South Cotabato Sarangani, and Municipal Mayors of Banga, Lake Sebu, Polomolok, Tboli, Tupi, Alabel, Kiamba, Malapatan, PNP and AFP and the religious and tribal leaders.

ProPEACE Programme, a consortium project between KDFI, MDFI, OND HFI, TLDFI and DOLEFIL, is being funded by the Global Community Engagement and Resiliency Fund (GCERF) with project amount of Php 30.9M which has commenced last December 1, 2020 and ends on November 30, 2022. Target beneficiary groups are the Ulamas, Ustads, Haggais/IP pastors, Christian leaders/priests/ministries) and youth (in-school and out-of-

school youth) in the areas of South Cotabato: Banga, Lake Sebu, Polomolok, Tboli, Tupi, and Sarangani: Alabel, Kiamba, Malapatan.

Mr. Roel Ian P. Blanker, the Program Manager, said that the ProPEACE Programme seeks to help address the drivers of violent extremism: economic and political exclusion of marginalized groups (e.g. Muslims, IPs) to local governance structures and services, and limited opportunities for participation and access to government services among others.

In his message, DILG Asst. Secretary Alexander L. Macario, highlighted the importance of convergence, discipline among people and the role of the CSOs in the pursuit of peace and development in the Region.

Meanwhile, Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III of DILG fully expressed her support and of the Department in the Project. DILG XII under her leadership, will do its part in the promotion of peace and security, improving tolerance and respect for diversity of the tri-people groups and inclusive growth in the target communities in a myriad of other means like capacity building activities, she added.

Lastly, the Activity was highlighted by the signing of Commitment and Memorandum of Understanding between and among the Project Partners and Stakeholders.

# SOX SKs Oriented on COA Handbook



To strengthen the capability of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Officials in Region XII to be more accountable and transparent in the utilization of their resources out of their 10% share from the general fund of the barangay, a Virtual Regional Briefing on the Handbook on the Financial Transactions of the Sangguniang Kabataan on the Proper Recording and Reporting of SK Funds was conducted on February 9-10, 2021 via Zoom Application.

The briefing was attended by 1,068 SK Chairpersons, Treasurers, Budget Monitoring Officers and Local Youth Development Officers, and spearheaded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII in partnership with Commission on Audit (COA) Regional Office XII through the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) XII.

Throughout the two-day training, the participants were oriented about the SK Planning and Budgeting Procedures, rules for receipts/collections and deposits for SK, rules for disbursements/ payments, government procurement policies applicable to SK, supplies, materials, property and equipment management policy, and the preparation of financial reports required for SKs.

To cap the activity, the participants had the opportunity to be in a dialogue with the DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III, COA XII Regional Director Virginia G. Datukon, and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) XII Regional Director Akmad J. Usman, CESO III to address various concerns and issues of SKs.

In her closing message, RD Leysa urged the participants to never stop learning not only to enhance their ability to perform as an SK Official,

but more importantly to become a better individual. Good governance, which is characterized by accountability, transparency, participation, and effectiveness starts not from the reforms in our system but in every individual that runs it, she emphasized.



# FAD attends orientation on LACE, RACCS

DILG Regional Office XII personnel from the Human Resource Management Office, Legal Office, Division Chiefs, and the Office of the Assistant Regional Director have successfully completed their participation to the Leave Administration Course for Effectiveness (LACE) last March 2-3, 2021 and Orientation on the 2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service (RACCS) last March 22-23, 2021.

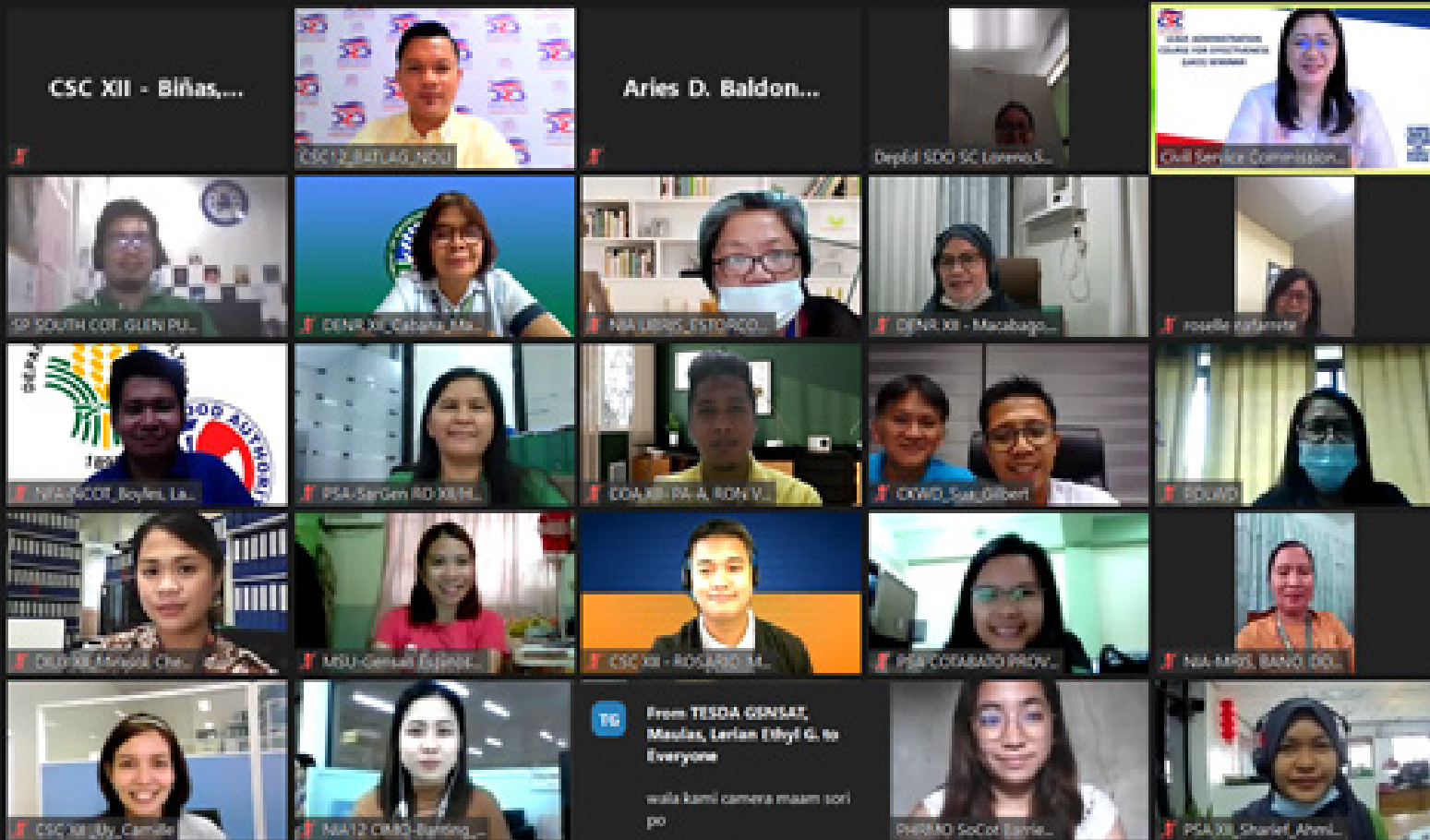
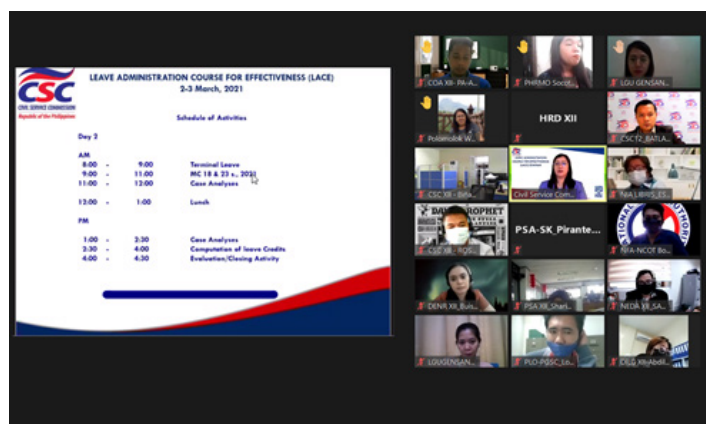
These are two of the several programs calendared in the 2021 First Semester Learning and Development Programs of the Civil Service Commission Region XII particularly for HRM professional development.

These activities were conducted virtually and the participants who attended were target participants coming from different national line agencies and local government units such as the DILG, CSC, COA, PLGU South Cotabato, to name a few.

LACE program was composed of two (2) sessions while the RACCS was divided into three (3) separate sessions. Participants were oriented on the salient features of the subject matter. Activities also include

breakout sessions for small workshops, presentations, and open forum to address the issues and concerns of the participants related to the topics. Among which were, leave administration, computations, and legalities in handling administrative cases.

The CSC will be conducting more learning and development programs to different national agencies and instrumentalities in line with their mission to "Gawing Lingkod Bayani and Bawat Kawani".





## DILG XII designates Tuesdays as “Third Kumainment” Days

Work-related stresses, which indubitably contribute to the deterioration of health, well-being, and productivity level of employees were intensified by the prevailing pandemic.

One way of battling stress is to have a healthy diet. Strings of research studies show that there is a clear linkage between dietary behavior and a range of chronic diseases. Workplaces have been identified as persuasive venues which influence one’s dietary behavior.

As such, the Regional Management of DILG XII issued Regional Memorandum No. 2, s. 2021 “Desig-

nating Tuesday of every week as Third Kumainment Day” wherein all personnel is enjoined to have their lunch within the premises of the Regional Office and to eat viands which ingredients are composed of vegetables and to consume fresh fruits of any kind.

The “Third Kumainment Day” was officially launched on February 15, 2021, at the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of the DILG Regional Office XII, Koronadal City. This initiative supports the adherence to the 10 Kumainments, which is the more popular version of the revised Nutritional Guidelines for Filipinos (NGF) crafted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-FNRI), and the use and sustainability of DILG XII’s Kitchen Garden.

It can be noted that DILG XII was hailed as Champion in the National Nutrition Council (NNC) XII’s Best Vegetable Garden for two consecutive years in 2019-2020.

During the launching program, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III reminded all personnel of the importance of having a healthy diet especially in this time of pandemic and urged everyone to have their kitchen garden at home which shall serve as a sustainable food source for the family.





# MMK to be registered in CDA

*"By registering MMK as a Cooperative mas marami tayong mahikayat na mga kawani ng DILG XII na mag-impok, mag-negosyo at kumita."*

**Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III**  
Regional Director, DILG XII

Three years after Mag-impok, Mag-negosyo at Kumita (MMK) Club was created, the defacto organization that promotes the culture of saving money and financial literacy among employees in the DILG Regional Office XII is on its quest to become a CDA-registered Cooperative.

With the Acting Cooperative Development Specialist Flora T. Castro of CDA XII Extension Office facilitating, the officers and members of the MMK learned about the pertinent provisions of the Cooperative Code, benefits of organizing a cooperative, and the processes and requirements for registration in a 2-hour virtual briefing conducted last April 22, 2021.

"Marahil, marami sa atin dito ay pamilyar na sa mga kooperatiba, but there's only a handful who deeply understand and appreciate the role of cooperatives in economic development," Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III said.

In 2019, MMK was organized as a de facto employees' multipurpose cooperative in the Regional Office with 27 founding members. As of the moment, the club already have 35 members in good standing with paid-up capital of more than Three Hundred Thousand Pesos.

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## Celebrating Women and Culture

Tboli women from South Cotabato weaves the iconic Tnalak fabric whose designs were based on their dreams, earning them the name "Dreamweavers".

It is believed that the spirit of abaca, Fu Dalu, visits Tboli women in their dreams and teaches them the patterns for the Tnalak.

This mysticism, which created the iconic fabric, has greatly helped the Province of South Cotabato in boosting its tourism campaign, and position it as one of the "must-go-to" tourism destinations in the country.