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RD's Message

It is with great pleasure and a sense of pride that I extend my warmest greetings through this Bantala sang Dose 4th Quarter issue. I am honored to share a few words on the remarkable journey that DILG Dose have embarked upon this year hoping for the promising path that lies ahead.

In the last quarter of 2023, DILG Dose dedicated full efforts to not only executing remaining programs but also introducing innovations that complemented existing initiatives. We experienced numerous “firsts” in the remaining months of the year with the collective efforts and aspirations of DILG Dose personnel. We organized the first ever Rehiyon Dose GAD Summit in partnership with the Province of Cotabato, bringing together GAD advocates from across the region. Additionally, we hosted the first Rehiyon Dose CSO Summit, coinciding with the graduation of the initial batch of scholars from the CSO Academy.

As we navigate the challenges and celebrate the triumphs, it is essential to recognize the strength that lies in our unity. Together, we have forged bonds that go beyond mere administrative boundaries as we learn and open new space to interact with each other in our “Sharpening the Saw”, creating a community that is resilient, diverse, and full of potential.

Looking ahead, the horizon is filled with exciting opportunities and possibilities. It is my fervent belief that by fostering a spirit of collaboration, and commitment to continuous improvement, we can achieve even greater heights. Let us seize the moment, build on our accomplishments, and chart a course for a future that is sustainable and impactful. I believe DILG Dose is now ready to take to the next level as we enter the next year.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to every individual who contributes to the success and vibrancy of the Department. May your dedication continue to the driving force behind our achievements. I believe DILG Dose is now ready to take to the next level as we enter the next year. Let us continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
Regional Director



About the Cover

CSO Summit DILG Dose recognizes that the importance of capacitating CSOs is a necessity for the holistic and inclusive progress of a region and the entire nation. Empowering the CSOs is empowering the very essence of democracy and ensuring that every voice is heard, and every community is represented. This quarter's cover features the innovative capacity building program of DILG Dose for the CSOs in the region through the CSO Summit. The region takes pride in the first ever culmination ceremony of CSO Academy where 20 scholars received their certificate of completion after finishing 2 components and completing all requirements set by the Academy. DILG Rehiyon dose aims to further enhance the operationalization of the CSO Academy and expand its reach in the entire Region to cater and enroll more CSOs, and ultimately, develop more CSO leaders in Rehiyon Dose.



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DFW-SCP PHASE 5: AWARDING

Pasidungog sa Dose Awarding Ceremony



Celebrating Commitment to Drug-Free Workplaces: Highlights from 'Pasidungog sa Dose' Ceremony
Koronadal City, South Cotabato — In an inspiring display of dedication to fostering drug-free environments, various Local Government Units (LGUs) and National Government Agencies (NGAs) were honored at the 'Pasidungog sa Dose' awarding ceremony on October 31, 2023. The ceremony, held at EMR Entertainment, Music, and Recreation Center in Koronadal City, marked a significant milestone in the Drug-Free Workplace Seal Program, recognizing the outstanding implementers of the DILG PPAS for the calendar year 2023. The event celebrated the culmination of rigorous assessments conducted throughout October.

Key awardees included: LGU Malungon, Sarangani Provincial Police Office, LGU Columbio, LGU Bagumbayan, LGU Maasim, and LGU Cotabato Province. Each awardee demonstrated exemplary adherence to drug-free workplace policies, setting a benchmark for others to emulate. Prior to receiving the award, these entities underwent comprehensive assessments to validate their compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Seal Program.



The assessments, covering various criteria, ensured that each awardee had effectively implemented strategies to maintain a drug-free environment within their organizations. The success of the Drug-Free Workplace Seal Program and the recognition of these awardees highlight the ongoing efforts across various sectors to combat workplace drug abuse. This event not only acknowledges achievements but also inspires other organizations to strive for excellence in this critical area.



The 4TH Quarter BANTALA SANG DOSE 2023

Rehiyon Dose Dagyaw 2023: A Glimpse into Region 12's Second Episode



In a virtual convergence that transcended digital boundaries, Rehiyon Dose unfolded its second episode, DAGYAW 2023, on the dynamic platform of Zoom. Regional Director Josephine Cabrido Leysa set the tone, welcoming a diverse assembly including health committee chairpersons, dedicated health workers, private hospital representatives, and active members of the Civil Society Organizations.

The spotlight turned to Ms. Cynthia Barrientos, Provincial Accountant of South Cotabato, and John Salcedo of IPHO, as they navigated the intricate landscape of "Establishing an Integrated, Innovative, and Quality Health Care Delivery System." In an era where healthcare intertwines with societal progress. Barrientos' discourse on merging innovation with quality proved both timely and essential.

Shifting gears, the session addressed a critical concern for today's youth. Joanna Marie Condat, Program Coordinator of ENGAGE SAVE THE CHILDREN, seized attention with her insights on "Perspective and Combating Strategies for Addressing the Surge in Teenage Pregnancy." Her comprehensive analysis illuminated the challenges and proposed potential solutions to tackle this looming issue.

The final chapter of the Open Government Virtual Town Hall meeting unfolded with the closing remarks by ARD Atty. Libertine Cagang Guanzon. Her visionary outlook underscored the overarching theme of progression and development in the region.



DAGYAW, an initiative spearheaded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), stood as a collaborative endeavor. The seamless organization and execution of the event reflected the harmonious partnership with the Department of Budget and Management, the Philippine Information Agency, and Mahintana Foundation Inc., echoing the commitment to fostering positive change in Region 12.



Empowering Change: Rehiyon Dose Takes Strides with the First Regional GAD Summit 2023

In a landmark gathering, 190 Gender and Development (GAD) advocates converged at the Elai Resort Hotel and Recreational Center in Kidapawan City, Cotabato Province, marking the inauguration of the first-ever Regional Gender and Development Summit on October 18, 2023.

The summit, a collaborative effort led by RD Josephine Cabrido Leysa, Regional Director of DILG Region XII, and RGADC XII Chairperson, with unwavering support from Governor Lala Taliño Mendoza, Governor of Cotabato Province and RDC XII Chairperson, aimed at championing gender equality, inclusivity, and enhancing women's participation in regional development.

Kicking off with a symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Governor Lala Talino Mendoza and RD Josephine Cabrido Leysa, the event set a powerful tone for the transformative discussions to come. Leysa's impassioned advocacy, echoed by Governor Mendoza, framed the summit's purpose - to inform, engage, and reinvigorate commitment to gender equality and inclusivity.



The summit featured an impressive lineup of speakers. Melissa Gabriel Vargas of NEDA XII highlighted global to local legal mandates, Atty. Keysie M. Gomez charted progress in gender and development across Region XII, and Atty. Hanna D. Examen shed light on the critical intersection of gender equality, disability, and social inclusion.

A dynamic forum for knowledge sharing and best practices, the summit showcased exemplary GAD implementation practices from key stakeholders.

Mayor Joseph George L. Lechonsito of Tacurong, and Professor Suzie Daza representing Sultan Kudarat State University shared insights, fostering a robust exchange during the "Kapehan Session."

As the keynote speaker, Director Teresita Socorro C. Ramos of NEDA XII challenged all attendees to continue collaboration across sectors, ensuring effective mainstreaming of gender and development into regional strategies.

The summit culminated in a powerful "Commitment Signing" ceremony, signifying Rehiyon Dose's leaders, experts, and stakeholders' unwavering commitment to advancing gender equality and development. With its lasting impact, the event propels the region towards institutionalizing GAD, promising a more inclusive and equitable future.

CSO ACADEMY PAVES THE WAY FOR CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT IN SOCCSKSARGEN



November 29, 2023 - Today marks a historic moment for the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Province of South Cotabato as SOCCSKSARGEN's CSO Academy proudly celebrates its first-ever graduation ceremony. Twenty scholars, representing various CSOs, are set to receive their diplomas at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by DILG Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo L. Iringan, CESO III, SLGP Program Manager Richard L. Villacorte and South Cotabato Governor Hon. Reynaldo S. Tamayo Jr., inaugurates not only the graduation ceremony but also the SOCCSKSARGEN's 1st Regional CSO Summit. This dual event underscores the commitment to fostering meaningful citizen participation in local governance.

The distinguished guests, lead the distribution of diplomas and special awards to the Batch 1 Graduates. The ceremony, graced by prominent figures such as RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III of DILG Rehiyon Dose, RD Akmad J. Usman of DBM XII, Ms. Liza D. Hora of the Mahintana Foundation, and Ms. Cecile Dominguez-Yujuico of Association of Foundations, Inc., signifies a major leap forward in nurturing local CSO leaders.



The CSO Academy's inception aims to mold leaders who will champion citizen engagement in governance. The Regional CSO Summit, convened by DILG Dose, gathers around 300 CSO participants on the same venue. The agenda covers crucial topics, including the accreditation of CSOs, selection of representatives to Local Special Bodies, and the establishment of Civil Society Organization Desks.

Presenters from DILG Dose, such as Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, EnP, Provincial Director of DILG South Cotabato, and Jermie A. Erie-Yeager, Chief of Local Government Capability Development Division, deliver insightful discourses. These discussions focus on best practices, including the Institutionalization of Local Peoples Council, with a spotlight on PLGU South Cotabato while Ms. Liza D. Hora, Executive Director of Mahintana Foundation, Inc., provides a comprehensive introduction to the CSO Academy, fostering understanding and support among the participants.



This groundbreaking day signifies a pivotal moment for citizen empowerment and local governance in Rehiyon Dose, setting the stage for a new era of informed and empowered community leaders.

SHARPENING THE SAW (SDS) FOR KAAGAPAYS: CULTIVATING A WINNING ATTITUDE FOR THE DILG SUPPORT STAFF

In the quest to enhance the competencies of the support staff of DILG Field Officers, the DILG Dose conducted a 2-day capability development activity on October 19-20, 2023 at Kidapawan City, Cotabato Province. Dubbed as “Sharpening the Saw (SDS)”, this is a Competency and Skill Enhancement Program of the



DILG Dose for DILG Personnel to include the Kaagapays or the DILG support staff. In order to effectively carry out their responsibilities, they must be well-informed about the latest issuances and policies of the agency, as well as those from other relevant agencies.

The topics covered during the activity are the following:

1. **Knowing our Organization: DILG NEXUS and DILG Strategic Direction (highlighting EO 70)** by Atty. Ryan J. Alair
2. **RA 6713 Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees** by LGOO III Mark L. Biescas
3. **DILG QMS: Quality Policy & Processes** by LGOO V Mary Eulen A. Abdillah
4. **Effective Communication: Telephone and Social Media Etiquette** by LGOO V Mary Eulen A. Abdillah
5. **DILG Branding & Simple Business Writing with Workshop** by LGOO V Sheila Mae G. Kubik
6. **Completed Staff Work** by LGOO II Raymart B. Miranda
7. **Personality Development: Good Grooming and Social Graces** by LGOO VI Ivy S. Cervantes, MLGOO of Magpet



This SDS does not only enhance the capabilities of the Kaagapays but to further inspire and motivate them to display that Winning Attitude and to go extra mile and keep the fire burning as they continue and reach their full potential as public servants.



In a nutshell, the DILG Rehiyon Dose will not only enhance their competencies as a Kaagapays, but we enable them to better navigate emerging challenges, implement relevant policies adhere to legal requirements, and contribute to the overall quality management system implementation. This will ultimately lead to improved local governance and better service delivery for the communities they serve.

GOVERNANCE EXEMPLARS FOR MEANINGFUL SERVICE FOR SANGGUNIAN KABATAAN (GEMS FOR SK): NOW ON ITS 3RD YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION



The country's FIRST system for performance evaluation for SKs, called Governance Exemplars for Meaningful Service, assesses the "effectiveness and efficiency of the SKs in performing their duties and functions, as outlined in the SK Reform Act of 2015."

This is a DILG XII endeavor to enhance the operation of Sangguniang Kabataan in each barangay and federations around the region. Currently, this is the third year of successfully implementing this innovation.



FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARDING CEREMONY, THE FOLLOWING HIGH-PERFORMING SK FEDERATIONS AND BARANGAYS WERE CONFERRED WITH THE SEAL:

Province of Cotabato

1. Barangay Katipunán, Arakan, Cotabato

Province of South Cotabato

2. Barangay Caloocan, Koronadal City, South Cotabato
3. Barangay San Isidro, Koronadal City, South Cotabato
4. Barangay San Jose, Koronadal City, South Cotabato
5. Barangay Crossing Palkan, Polomolok, South Cotabato
6. Barangay Maligo, Polomolok, South Cotabato
7. Barangay Poblacion, Polomolok, South Cotabato
8. Barangay Benigno S. Aquino Jr., Norala, South Cotabato
9. Barangay Liberty, Norala, South Cotabato

Province of Sultan Kudarat

10. Barangay Busok, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
11. Barangay Masiag, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
12. Barangay South Sepaka, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
13. Barangay Kanulay, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
14. Barangay Monte Verde, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
15. Barangay Sison, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
16. Barangay Sumillil, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat
17. Barangay Poblacion, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat
18. Barangay Libertad, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat
19. Barangay Kangkong, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat
20. Barangay Paitan, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat
21. Barangay Bambad, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
22. Barangay Dansuli, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
23. Barangay Impao, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
24. Barangay Kalawag 2, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
25. Barangay Kenram, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
26. Barangay Kolambog, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
27. Barangay Kudanding, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
28. Barangay Tual, President Quirino, Sultan Kudarat

Sarangani Province

29. Barangay Poblacion, Alabel, Sarangani Province
30. Barangay Glan Padidu, Glan, Sarangani Province
31. Barangay Lago, Glan, Sarangani Province
32. Barangay Poblacion, Glan, Sarangani Province
33. Barangay Colon, Maasim, Sarangani Province
34. Barangay Kihan, Malapatan, Sarangani Province
35. Barangay Lun Padidu, Malapatan, Sarangani Province
36. Barangay Poblacion, Malapatan, Sarangani Province
37. Barangay Tuyan, Malapatan, Sarangani Province
38. Barangay Datal Batong, Malungon, Sarangani Province

General Santos City

39. Barangay Baluan, General Santos City
40. Barangay Calumpang, General Santos City
41. Barangay Dadiangas North, General Santos City
42. Barangay Fatima, General Santos City
43. Barangay Labangal, General Santos City
44. Barangay Lagao, General Santos City
45. Barangay Ligaya, General Santos City
46. Barangay Mabuhay, General Santos City
47. Barangay Sinawal, General Santos City
48. Barangay Upper Labay, General Santos City

Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

1. General Santos City
2. Province of Sultan Kudarat
3. Isulan, Sultan Kudarat
4. Alabel, Sarangani
5. Malapatan, Sarangani
6. Koronadal City, South Cotabato
7. Tupi, South Cotabato

EODB COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR CY 2023 TO THE FOUR CITIES OF REHIYON DOSE



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII, through the Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCCD), conducted the EODB Compliance Audit for CY 2023 to the City of Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat; City of Koronadal, South Cotabato; City of Kidapawan, Cotabato; and General Santos City on October 25-27, 2023.

The activity aims to determine the performance of LGUs' compliance with RA 11032 and other related issuances by the DILG and other national government agencies. It was conducted on-site and actual simulation of frontline services, interview of Committee on Anti-Red Tape (CART) members and concerned key LGU Personnel from the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), City Treasurer, Office of the Building Official (OBO), City Economic Development Officer (CEDO), as well as the Local Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) were meticulously undertaken by the audit team.



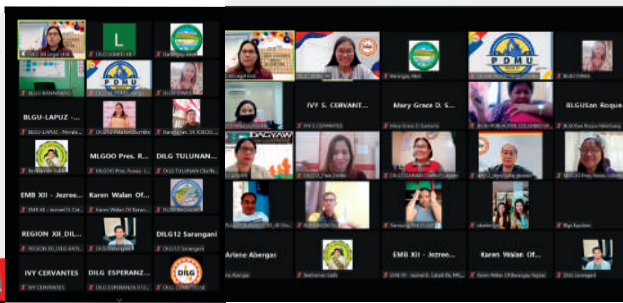
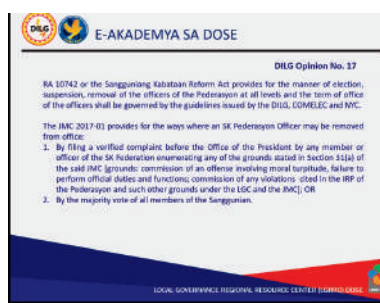
The said audit was participated by the Department's partner agencies from Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Eastern Mindanao Regional Office, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) XII and Mainland BARMM, and Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) XII as part of the DILG EODB Audit Team.

The result that will be generated from this assessment will be used by the four cities or as benchmarking in identifying Capdev along with the identified Capacity Development Trainings on Regulatory Impact Assessment, Reengineering Plan, and Energy Virtual One-Stop-Shop to help them comply with the EODB law.

32ND MONTH-LONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT CELEBRATION OF DILG REHIYON DOSE

2ND E-AKADEMYA SA DOSE: A WEBINAR SERIES BY THE DILG REHIYON DOSE

On October 10-12, 2023, as part of the celebration of Local Government Month, the DILG Rehiyon Dose conducted the 2023 E-Akademya sa Dose as one of the commemorative activities of the celebration. It is yet another one of the numerous DILG Rehiyon Dose program initiatives in order to develop and broaden the understanding of Barangay Officials and Functionaries and the General Public in Region XII. It is primarily a capability development which also aims to nurture more the culture of excellence in the region.



The E-Akademya aims to "address the disparities in public service knowledge" and is thought to be the first of its kind in the entire Department of the Interior and Local Government. The 3-day activity was conducted via Zoom Platform where "E-Akademya" sought the expertise of resource persons in their respective fields. The participants were provided lectures on Voters' Education Campaign by Atty. Jeljan H. Panal of COMELEC XII.

Atty. Ryan J. Alair of DILG XII, on the other hand, focused on the "Roles and Functions of Barangay Officials." On the last day of the webinar, Atty. Jane S. Torreon, Legal Officer of DILG Dose, shared her expertise on the DILG Latest Legal Opinions. In light of the activity's success, the E-Akademya sa Dose will have to be implemented in 2024 and beyond.

PASIDUNGOG SA DOSE SEASON 3 – REGIONAL AWARDING CEREMONY FOR OUTSTANDING LGU IMPLEMENTERS ON DILG PPAS

The DILG Rehiyon Dose through its Local Government Management and Evaluation Division (LGMED) recognized and awarded the outstanding Local Government Units in the region last October 31, 2023 at EMR Entertainment, Music and Recreation Center, City of Koronadal South Cotabato. The ceremony was attended by the different Local Chief Executives, DILG and LGU Focal Persons and other Functionaries of the different programs.

Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III lauded all awardees for their dedication and hard work as well as setting an exemplary standard for others to follow, encouraging healthy competition among LGUs to elevate the quality of governance across the region.



The following are the awardee LGUs:

Ideal Level of Functionality for Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC) Program Implementation

Cotabato Province South Cotabato Province
Sarangani Province Sultan Kudarat Province

Ideal Level of Functionality for Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) Program Implementation

Sultan Kudarat Province Cotabato Province

Regional Winner and National Nominee for the Most Outstanding Sanggunian in the Highly Urbanized Cities Category

General Santos City

Provincial Winner for the Most Outstanding Sanggunian in the Component Cities Category

Kidapawan City Tacurong City

Regional Winner and National Nominee for the Most Outstanding Sanggunian in the Component Cities Category

Koronadal City

Regional Winner and National Nominee for the Most Outstanding Sanggunian in the 1st-3rd Class Municipality Category

Midsayap

Provincial Winner for the Most Outstanding Sanggunian in the 1st-3rd Class Municipality Category

Isulan Tantangan
Malungon Tupi

Most Outstanding Anti-Drug Abuse Council of Region 12 with 100% (HIGH) Rating for Audit Year 2022

Alabel	Banisan	Esperanza	Pigkawayan
Malungon	Kalamansig	Tantangan	Alamada
Sen. Ninoy Aquino	Palimbang	Lutayan	Aleosan
Kidapawan	Maasim	President Roxas	President Quirino
Arakan	Columbio	Bagumbayan	Carmen

Most Outstanding Peace and Order Council of Region 12 with 100% Rating for CY 2022 Performance Functionality Audit

Sultan Kudarat Province	Kabacan	Tupi
Bagumbayan	Maggpet	Tampakan
Esperanza	Matalam	Sto Nino
Kalamansig	Pigcawayan	Tantangan
Lambayong	Libungan	Tacurong
Sen. Ninoy Aquino	Aleosan	President Quirino
SARANGANI	Maasim	Columbio
SOUTH COTABATO	Malapatan	Lebak
Kidapawan City	Malungon	Isulan
Alamada	Koronadal	Lutayan
Arakan	Banga	Palimbang
Carmen		

SUBAYBAYANI Awardees

- Maggpet – 1st Place
- Makilala – 2nd Place
- Libungan – 3rd Place
- Alabel – 4th Place
- Pres. Roxas – 5th Place
- Lebak – 6th Place
- Bagumbayan – 7th Place
- Malungon – 8th Place
- Maasim – 9th Place
- Malapatan – 10th Place

Gender and Development (GAD) Seal Awardees

- M'lang
- Antipas
- Midsayap
- Matalam
- Province of Cotabato
- BFP XII
- EMB XII
- CHR XII

Drug-Free Workplace Seal Awardees

- Maasim
- Malungon
- PNP Sarangani
- Bagumbayan
- Columbio
- Province of Cotabato

19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) OF REGION XII CONFERRED WITH THE MOST COVETED 2023 SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The 19 Local Government Units (LGUs) of Region XII proudly received the distinguished Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), a laudable demonstration of their commitment to good governance. The SGLG, which is given out by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), is evidence of the outstanding work and commitment of local government units (LGUs) in providing effective and transparent public services.

The SGLG awardees for this year, after series of assessments, calibrations, and validations, have proven to have excellent governance practices in ten (10) governance areas, such as financial administration and sustainability, disaster preparedness, social protection and sensitivity, health compliance and responsiveness, sustainable education, business friendliness and competitiveness, safety, peace and order, environmental management, tourism development and youth development.

The seal, which honors LGUs that have gone above and beyond in sustaining the values of accountability, transparency, and exceptional service, has come to represent excellence.

2023 Seal of Good Local Governance Awardees:

SARANGANI PROVINCE

Sarangani Province
Municipality of Alabel
Municipality of Malapatan
Municipality of Malungon
Municipality of Maasim



PROVINCE OF COTABATO

City of Kidapawan
Municipality of Kidapawan



SULTAN KUDARAT PROVINCE

Province of Sultan Kudarat
Municipality of Bgaumbayan
Municipality of Columbio
Municipality of Esperanza
Municipality of Kalamansig
Municipality of Lambayong
Municipality of President Quirino



PROVINCE OF COTABATO

Province of South Cotabato
City of Koronadal
Municipality of Polomolok
Municipality of Tupi



EQUIPPING FRONTLINERS FOR EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN REGION 12 THROUGH TRAINING ON MANAGEMENT OF THE DEAD AND MISSING (MDM)



To bolster the nation's disaster response capabilities, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII recently spearheaded a vital training program on the Management of the Dead and Missing Persons (MDM). Held in collaboration with the Local Government Academy from November 27 to 30, 2023, at the Greenleaf Hotel in General Santos City, the initiative aimed to equip select local government units and stakeholders in Region 12 with essential skills and knowledge crucial for effectively handling the aftermath of emergencies and disasters.

The MDM Cluster is vital in the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System (PDRRMS). As a critical component of the National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) clusters, it operates within the Incident Management System (ICS). Recognizing its significance, the DILG, the cluster's lead convenor, orchestrated this training program to provide comprehensive insights into MDM's policies, guidelines, systems, and mechanisms, emphasizing their practical application.

Over four intensive days, 54 participants from various local government units composed of LDRRMOs, MLGOOs, Chiefs of Police, LSWDOs, Fire Marshalls, and the Philippine Coast Guard came together at the Greenleaf Hotel. The training fostered a collaborative environment for shared learning and skill development, guided by a carefully curated module presented by national MDM instructors from DILG CODIX, the Philippine Coast Guard, DILG XII, DSWD XII, and the Office of Civil Defense. The participants delved into the intricacies of MDM, gaining hands-on experience in policies, guidelines, mechanisms, systems, and structures.



1. Rules and Regulations Governing the Management of the Dead and Missing Persons: Participants understood the overarching policies and guidelines governing MDM, ensuring a thorough grasp of the legal framework in guiding their actions during emergencies.
2. Operationalization on the Ground: The training program elucidated how MDM is operationalized in real-world scenarios, providing practical insights into on-the-ground implementation. Broken down into 9 Modules, 7 Activities - which consist of MDM structure and facilities, handling and disposition of dead bodies, reporting missing persons, and management of the bereaved families - and an intensive simultaneous Simulation Exercise to facilitate the practical application of the learned principles in training.
3. Incident Management System (ICS): Emphasis was placed on integrating MDM into the broader Incident Management System, highlighting the interconnectedness of various disaster response components.
4. Collaborative Learning: Through interactive workshops, demonstrations, and simulations, participants engaged in cooperative learning exercises, enhancing their ability to work seamlessly as a team during high-stress situations.

The successful completion of the Management of the Dead and Missing Persons training program underscores the Department of the Interior and Local Government's commitment to fortifying the nation's disaster response capabilities. By equipping local government units in Region 12 with the necessary skills and knowledge, the initiative lays the foundation for a more robust and effective response to emergencies and disasters, ultimately safeguarding the well-being of communities in the face of adversity.

The MDM Training was made possible through the benevolent support of the Local Government Academy under its "Enhancement of Local Governments' Capacity on DRRM-CCAM Program: Operation L!sto."

LTIA-AWARDING-2023



OBLACION, TUPI AND UPPER KATUNGAL, TACURONG CITY HAILED MOST OUTSTANDING LUPONS IN THE COUNTRY

On December 11, 2023, for the second time around, Barangay Poblacion, Tupi, South Cotabato and Barangay Upper Katungal, Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat were proclaimed as the Most Outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa for the 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities and Component City Category, respectively during the CY 2023 National Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award (LTIA) Awarding Ceremony held at Manila Hotel, Manila.



The ceremony was attended by Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr., Secretary of the Interior and Local Government and Chairperson of the Selection Committee and other top officials of the department. DILG Dose's Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III and Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, Hon. Mayor Joseph George Lenchonsito of Tacurong City, LGOO VI Juanito Agullana, MLGOO-Tupi, LGOO VI Victoria Dolido, CLGOO-Tacurong, along with other officials were also present to show their support to the national finalists of SOCCSKSARGEN who eventually emerged as national winners.

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

The LTIA is an annual search which bestows honor and prestige to the chosen Lupong Tagapamayapa who displays excellence in settling cases under Katarungang Pambarangay. It is a DILG initiative that recognizes lupons with financial and other incentives for their outstanding contributions in achieving the Katarungang Pambarangay objectives.

This achievement reflects their dedication and outstanding performance in promoting peace and resolving grassroots disputes through the Katarungang Pambarangay system.

OPERATION LISTO ROLLOUT: DILG XII EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES WITH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MANUALS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII, in partnership with the Local Government Academy (LGA), is making significant strides in the "Enhancement of Local Government's Capacity on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) & Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (CCAM) Program: Operation LISTO." This initiative focuses on crafting disaster preparedness manuals to assist local government units (LGUs) in minimizing the impact of disasters and bolstering community-level readiness for events like typhoons, localized weather disturbances, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

Central to this program is developing disaster preparedness manuals to guide LGUs in planning and implementing actions to mitigate disaster impacts. This effort contributes to fortifying the institutional capacity of Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) and Offices (LDRRMOs) at the provincial, city, and municipal levels, aligning with broader national programs such as the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) 2020-2030 and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028.



On December 12-14, 2023, a Rollout on OPERATION LISTO: Disaster Preparedness Manuals unfolded at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, drawing approximately 118 participants, including Local Administrators, Chiefs of Police, Fire Marshals, MLGOOs, and LDRRMOs from twenty-one (21) select LGUs of Region 12.



The training aims to empower LGUs to fully utilize the disaster preparedness manuals and strengthen their respective LGU "LISTO Team," to enhance disaster preparedness within their areas of jurisdiction. The training sessions were structured to include hands-on workshops, providing practical insights into disaster preparedness. The workshops' key components involved reviewing checklists for early actions and minimum critical preparedness actions related to earthquakes, localized weather disturbances, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions. The workshops allowed participants to actively engage with the materials and better understand the nuances of disaster response.

In essence, the collaborative efforts of DILG XII, LGA, and various regional stakeholders seek to empower LGUs through the "Enhancement of Local Government's Capacity on DRRM & CCAM Program: Operation LISTO," promoting community resilience and preparedness for diverse disaster scenarios. The training team is composed of a Regional Pool of Trainers and experts from DILG XII, Office of Civil Defense XII, DOST-PHIVOLCS, and DOST-PAGASA Gensan Weather Station.

The training program concluded on December 14 with an interactive session where LGU participants drafted their respective action plans. These plans aim to address the identified gaps and needs within their respective LGUs.



The "LISTO Team" training program is a commendable initiative by the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII to strengthen disaster preparedness across Region XII. By creating a pool of skilled trainers within the LGUs, the program empowers local authorities and builds a more resilient and disaster-ready community.

DILG Rehiyon Dose's Sharpening the Saw (SDS)



Sharpening the Saw DILG Dose remains committed to enhancing the skills of its personnel and implementing activities aimed at sustaining their enthusiasm for their work. The top management holds the belief that with the appropriate interventions addressing capacities and mental health, the performance of the personnel tends to naturally improves.



Sharpening the Saw is a series of lectures designed by DILG Rehiyon Dose's top management to “sharpen” employees' and personnel's for job effectiveness and efficiency. It started in year 2022 as a result of various consultations and in making a profound, encompassing, and strategic responsive activity along with the DILG Dose personnel's Individual Development Plan (IDP) tracking. This activity is aimed at helping technical and administrative personnel sharpen their individual knowledge, skills and capacity to be able to cut through challenges and hurdles in performing their tasks. With that, a series of workshops and sharing of best practices activities transpired to enable hundreds of participants grasp the learning from both technical and administrative knowledge exchange.



This represents the whole workforce of the DILG Dose pursuing excellence together, establishing strong roots below and reaching new heights above.



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“LET US ALL MOVE AND GROOVE FOR A VAW-FREE DILG DOSE.”



In line with the observance of the 18-Day Campaign to end Violence Against Women (VAW), a zum-VAW activity was conducted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII as part of GAD-ering for National Anti-VAWC Awareness Campaign today, December 12, 2023. All employees of the DILG Dose showed support by wearing shirts in different shades of color orange which represents hope and a future free from violence against women and girls around the world.

The said 18-day campaign is held annually, from November 25 to December 18 by virtue of Proclamation 1172 series of 2006 and Republic Act 10398 or the Act declaring every 25th of November as the “National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Children.”

Aside from the zum-VAW (zumba/wellness activity), the Finance and Administrative Division headed by Chief Admin. Officer Dennis T. Sucol also facilitated the Quiz-VAW, an inter-Division paper-and-pen competition, which was participated by DILG Regional Office XII personnel.

Joining via zoom was DILG Dose Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III who conveyed her inspirational message. “Empathy and respect are the pillars of a violence-free world. Let us embody the sacredness of GAD Seal as we unite it with our VAW-free Rehiyon Dose,” RD Leysa said.



SOCCSKSARGEN LGUs HONORED WITH GAWAD KALASAG SEAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DRRM



The 23rd Gawad Kalasag Seal and Special Awards for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance were successfully held on December 19, 2023, at The Farm in Koronadal City. This annual event honors the crucial contributions of Local Government Units and Stakeholders in fostering a culture of preparedness, showcasing innovations, and presenting exemplary initiatives in DRRM and humanitarian assistance at the community level.

In his welcome message, Director Raylindo S. Aniñon, the OCD XII Regional Director and Chairperson of RDRRMC XII, stressed the significance of the Gawad Kalasag Seal. He appreciated the dedication of stakeholders in executing successful DRRM programs and highlighted the need to celebrate achievements while renewing the commitment to building resilient communities.

Out of 53 Local Government Units, 45 passed the Gawad KALASAG National Selection Committee's evaluation. Twelve were declared Beyond Compliant, showcasing exemplary commitment to disaster resilience. Thirty-three were declared Fully Compliant, and eight received Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.



Special Awards were presented, with Polomolok National High School securing the First Place for Best in Public High School DRRM Category. T'boli National High School as the Second Place, and other individuals and teams received recognition in various categories. These awards play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of readiness and promoting creativity in disaster risk reduction and humanitarian assistance at the local level.



Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, DILG XII Regional Director and Vice-Chairperson on Disaster Preparedness, emphasized the vital role of Local Chief Executives and DRRM Officers in the successful implementation of programs within their communities. She urged the adoption of the "One Regional Strategy" for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, promoting unity in the region. "As "One Region," let us employ the "One Regional Strategy" in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. Sa pag-angat ng bawat LGU, hindi lamang natin pinatutunayan ang ating galing at husay, ngunit ipinapakita din natin ang pagkakaisa sa ating rehiyon and that "no LGU is left behind," Dir. Leysa emphasized.



Director Jose Harry M. Barber, representing the Office of Civil Defense's Policy Development and Planning Service, commended the efficient organization of Gawad Kalasag in Region XII and praised the remarkable contributions of Local Government Units in implementing diverse DRRM programs, as the guest speaker of the said event.

The 23rd Gawad Kalasag became more than an event; it symbolized a united and resilient region. This ceremony resonates not just as an applause but as a call to continue the journey, for the real Gawad Kalasag is the unwavering spirit of communities standing tall in the face of challenges.



“SubayBAYAN ang Proyektong Bayan,” is the official platform of the Department in monitoring and reporting of the progress of implementation of all OPDS Locally Funded Projects (LFPs). It is a Web-based reporting system developed by the DILG Information System and Technology Management Services (ISTMS) in partnership with the Office of Project Development Services (OPDS). It is one of the bases for the Performance of LGU in the implementation of DILG Projects and it caters the transparency initiatives of LFPs to the general public.

SubayBAYANI Award was established to recognize and reward the offices and individuals who have proven to be remarkably efficient in promoting transparency, excellent and consistent performance in the conduct of their duties as monitors, and accountability at all levels of governance under the SubayBAYAN program.

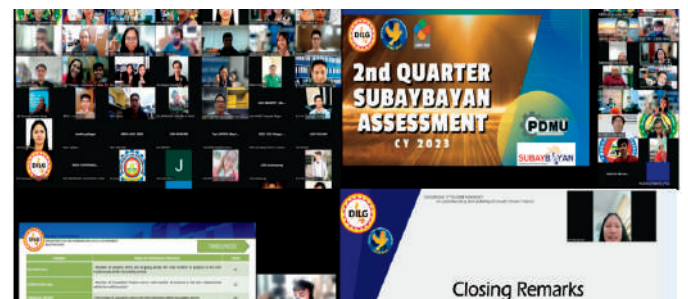
1ST QUARTER ASSESMENT

The DILG Dose, through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) conducted Refresher Orientation and SubayBayan 1st Quarter Assessment on Data Encoding and Updating of Locally Funded Projects via online platform on March 24, 2023.



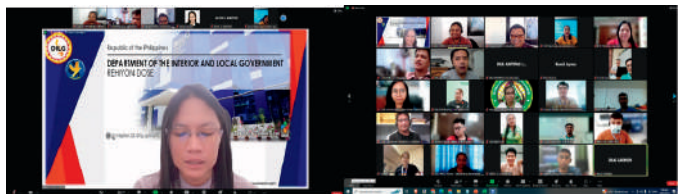
2ND QUARTER ASSESMENT

The updates about the status of the SubayBAYAN and major changes on all the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) and Locally-Funded Projects (LFPs) in the System for this quarter were thoroughly discussed and presented, and the SubayBAYAN 2nd Quarter Assessment was conducted virtually on June 16, 2023.



3rd QUARTER ASSESMENT

The 3rd Quarter SubayBAYAN Assessment and Coordination Meeting on RBME of LGU Infrastructure Projects (RLIP) was conducted via zoom platform on August 30, 2023



4th QUARTER ASSESMENT

THE SUBAYBAYANI TOP PERFORMING LGUs for FY 2023 The LGUs of Magpet, Makilala, Libungan, Alabel, President Roxas, Lebak, Bagumbayan, Malungon, Maasim and Malapatan make up the Top 10 SubayBAYANI Awardees for FY 2023 as pronounced during the Pasidungog sa Dose Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding LGU Implementers in DILG PPAs CY 2023 on October 31, 2023 at EMR Convention Center, Brgy. Morales. Koronadal City.



MANAGEMENT REVIEW FY 2023 BANTALA



DILG Rehiyon Dose conducts Management Review FY 2023 on December 21, 2023 held at The Grand Summit Hotel, General Santos City. The Management Review is a fundamental process within organizations that plays an essential role in evaluating and improving overall performance. The discussions include reports on overall management performance, comprehensive analysis of processes, strategies, and outcomes to ensure alignment with organizational goals and objectives.



Moreover, the meeting was participated by the Management Review Committee headed by the Top Management - Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa CESO III, the Regional Quality Management Representative - Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V who also presided the meeting and presentation of reports together with the Deputy Quality Management Representatives - the City and Provincial Directors and Division Chiefs and with the Outcome and Program Managers of DILG Field offices.



The Management Review Committee also agreed on actions and decisions for the required Management Review outputs and deliverables.



DILG SOUTH COTABATO CONDUCTS JUMPSTARTING BARANGAY GOVERNANCE: AN ORIENTATION FOR THE PUNONG BARANGAYS, AND BARANGAY SECRETARIES OF THE 11 COMPONENT LGUS

In adherence to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2023-166 dated October 31, 2023, the DILG South Cotabato has taken a proactive approach in capacitating the newly elected Barangay officials, and the reappointed and newly appointed Barangay Secretaries.

DILG MC 2023-166 provides the comprehensive guidelines on the assumption of office for Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected in the October 30, 2023 synchronized elections, as well as other pertinent directives.

Aiming to empower these new leaders as primary agents in delivering effective public service, the DILG South Cotabato has initiated this Orientation to enable the officials to effectively perform their mandated roles and responsibilities, particularly the tasks that they should accomplish in their first 100 days from assumption to Office. The training also seeks to lay the groundwork for a continuous capacity development framework, firmly anchored in the principles of good governance.



Held on December 11 and 12, 2023, at Viajera Dine and Cafe in the City of Koronadal, the activity was segmented into three batches, covering all Punong Barangays, and Barangay Secretaries from the 11 component local government units of South Cotabato. The topics discussed are the following:

- 1) Duties and Functions of Punong Barangays;
- 2) Reconstitution of Barangay-Based Institutions;
- 3) Reconstitution of Lupon;
- 4) Accreditation of the Civil Society Organizations
- 5) Code of Conduct for Public Officials, and Employees;
- 6) Barangay Citizens Charter; and
- 7) Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangays.

The sessions were led by a cadre of experienced professionals including DILG South Cotabato Provincial Program Focal Persons, select Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs), Provincial Director Atty Rochelle Sero, Outcome Manager Maria Theresa Bautista, and Program Manager Hayd Ali Suwaib. The resource persons brought a wealth of knowledge and practical insights, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience for the participants. The training management team, comprising additional support members, also played a pivotal role in the smooth facilitation of the event.

As part also of popularizing the South Cotabato sub-LGRRRC, and promoting a culture of knowledge sharing, the sub-LGRRRC led by the Public Citizenship Development Facility established a sub-LGRRRC booth on the venue, displayed various Knowledge Products (KPs) that the Barangays may need as references. These KPs were then distributed to the Barangays.

This Province's initiative marks a significant step in strengthening local governance in South Cotabato, equipping new barangay leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the challenges and opportunities of their roles.

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