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SILG Sarmiento bids farewell to DILG R1 family



"It is hard to leave an organization which you have learned to love".

These were the words of Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG) Mel Senen S. Sarmiento as he bade farewell to his Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) family in an exit call attended by key personnel of the DILG R1, Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) and the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) last June 2, 2016 at the Conference Room of San Fernando City Airport in La Union.



The SILG requested the Exit Call to personally thank his DILG R1 family for the support they have given him. He acknowledged the dedication he (cont. on page 5)

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World Bank assesses BuB implementation of Bagulin, LU

The World Bank, through the Orient Integrated Development Consultants, Inc (OIDCI), conducted a Qualitative Outcome Assessment of the Bottom- Up Budgeting (BuB) Implementation of Bagulin, La Union as one of the target - LGUs nationwide last June 8- 10, 2016.

The team of Engineer Evelyn Sagun, Maria Merla Aquino and Ivan Jim Layugan of OIDCI conducted document review on various issuances by the local government unit (LGU), minutes of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Assembly meetings, Municipal Reduction Action Team (MPRAT) meetings, and Municipal Development Council meetings, among others.

An interview with Hon. Mayor Ferdinand D. Tumbaga was also conducted. The interview covers the different phases of program implementation from the LGU's accreditation / recognition of Civil Society Organizations (CSO), conduct of CSO assembly, MPRAT workshops and meetings, up to actual implementation of BuB projects. Separate Focused Group Discussion (FGDs) were also conducted to groups of LGU-MPRAT members, CSO-MPRAT members, non-CSO / non-MPRAT members and project beneficiaries themselves.

A member of the Project Management Office represented by Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu of Ateneo de Manila University, joined the team on the second day to observe the assessment being conducted.

The team, accompanied by Engr. Louie B. Manzano of the LGU and OIC- MLOO Olivia Mae N. de Guzman of the DILG also visited a completed Local Access Road BuB project located in Sitio Pila, Brgy. Cambaly.

The OIDCI team concluded their visit with an exit conference which was presented to municipal



officials. The team commented that the result of the interview and FGDs were consistent in terms of project identification, implementation and the over-all partnership of LGU and CSOs on BuB.

The Municipality of Bagulin is one of the BuB beneficiaries in Region I since its inception in 2013. The LGU is also a Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan—Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CDSS or KC) National Community—Driven Development Program (NCDDP) or KC-NCDDP area. OIDCI is a Philippine-based consulting firm with a proven track record in integrated area development, environment and natural resource management, governance and institutional development. (OIC-MLGOO Olivia Mae N. De Guzman)

DILG R1 partners with SLC, UNP for citizen satisfaction survey pilot testing



Dir. Daquioag said that aside from having experience in quantitative research projects, partner- LRIs should be well- recognized in the target municipality, able to mobilize research teams whose members possessed the qualifications set by the Department, near the LGU and willing to comply with project deadlines. Preference is also given to LRIs which are members of the Association of Schools of Public Administration of the Philippines (ASPAP) and Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges and included in the Local Government Academy's list of partners.



To maintain the credibility, validity, and reliability of survey results, partner- LRIs should not also be operated by the target- LGU.

"Like previous years, we want to establish the integrity, validity, and reliability of the results of the CSIS since data generated from the survey will serve as a planning reference for local officials of the concerned LGUs. This is in addition to our goal of testing the relevance of the survey questionnaires to the municipalities", Dir. Daquioag added.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) recently forged partnerships with the Saint Louis College (SLC) and the University of the Philippines (UNP) for the pilot testing phase of the Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) for municipalities in the region this 2016.

The DILG R1 previously partnered with the same local resource institutes (LRIs) for the implementation of the same program in the cities of La Union and Ilocos Norte during the past three (3) years.

DILG Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag expressed confidence in the said partnerships.

"SLC and UNP have been our partners in the different programs of the Department. We trust their capabilities particularly in the implementation of a program like the CSIS where experience on research play a crucial role in its success", Dir. Daquioag said.

The DILG is in its fourth year of CSIS implementation. Except for Vigan, Ilocos Sur, the program was earlier implemented in the eight (8) cities and one (1) municipality of the region.

To assure LGUs of the reliability and validity of the data gathering instruments to be used, the program will be piloted in Rosario and Santol, La Union and in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur. The pilot testing is expected to run from July- September this year, after which results will be presented to local officials and functionaries through an Exit / Utilization Conference.

The CSIS is a set of data tools designed to collect and generate relevant citizens' feedback on local governments' service delivery performance and on the citizens' general satisfaction. It assesses the service delivery performance of local governments based on the knowledge, experience, and perception of the people. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)

129 LGUs in R1 undergo SGLG assessment

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) completed the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) data gathering, online data entry in the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMMS) website, and uploading of documents in the Google Drive for the four (4) provinces, nine (9) cities, and 116 municipalities of the Region.



"We are happy to note that we are able to follow our timetable since we are given until June 15 to complete the data gathering, encoding and uploading phase of the SGLG. As I have always emphasized, we do not operate on the deadline. We operate two days before the deadline", said Regional Director Julie J. Daquiaoag.

To assess the quality of the results gathered, the DILG R1 also conducted a Mid- Calibration last May 13, 2016 at the DILG Regional Office, City of San Fernando, La Union. The activity was participated in by Provincial Directors, Provincial SGLG Focal Persons, members of the Regional Assessment Teams (RATs) and key personnel of the DILG Regional Office.

Provincial Focal Persons (PFPs) presented comparative assessment of validation results across the criteria. The RAT members, on the other hand, commented on the presentation of the PFPs. At the end of the activity, different interpretations of the criteria were calibrated.

The submitted SGLG results will be reviewed, calibrated and processed by the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS) until August 5, 2016. After which, a nation-wide validation by the National Assessment Team (NAT) will run until September 12, 2016. Announcement and Conferment of SGLG awardees is on October 2016.

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SILG Sarmiento...*from page 1*



witnessed from the DILG personnel and said that he is thankful for the opportunity given him to serve as SILG even for such a short time.

"Maswerte ako na DILG ang napuntahan ko kasi dito ko nakita ang mga committed public servants", he said.

The SILG expressed his hopes that the programs and projects being implemented by the Department will be carried out by the administration of President Rodrigo Duterte. He cited, among others, the implementation of the *Konkreto* at Ayos na Lansangan at Daan Tungo sa Pangkalahatang Kaunlaran (KALSADA) and the Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) program.

He also hopes that the incoming administration will continue projects which have been started or proposed for the coming years. These include review and completion of the Roadmaps for the BJMP and BFP, implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the establishment of National Government Operation Centers in the local government units (LGUs) that would house national agencies.

He said that the MOU with CHED has three-fold objectives which are: 1) drafting of new curriculum for Criminology students which contain higher standards of discipline, 2) establishment of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Institutes in State Universities where local officials may enroll, and 3) establishment of institutional arrangements that would allow the Department of Public Works

and Highways (DPWH) to tap all 5th Year Civil Engineering students as partners in the design of projects and supervision of project implementation.

As for the Local Government Sector, the SILG said that the proposed DILG- owned National Government Operation Centers in the LGUs was envisioned to house City / Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs) and other national government agencies with staff support that would warrant the provision of Representation and Transportation Allowance (RATA) and Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE). He said that the concept is to bring the national government closer to the LGUs for convergence.

"Because at the end of the day, the public would not be able to decipher whether a project is from the local government or the national government", the SILG said.

As a private citizen, the SILG intends to continue lobbying for a separate Procurement Law for uniformed personnel.

"We are used to buying the cheapest but the cheapest does not necessarily mean best buy. Just imagine kung bibilhan mo yung pulis ng baril, mura nga pero di naman pumuputok", he said.

He also commended the Philippine National Police for a very peaceful May 9 Elections. *"Sinasabi ko ito kasi I am the one being congratulated. Pero kayo naman talaga ang kumilos together with the AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines)",* he said.

The SILG conducted exit calls in all DILG Regional Offices and attached agencies to personally thank his DILG family.

"Hindi naman pwedeng di ako umikot kasi kumatok na ko sa bahay ninyo. Siguro naman, sa taong pinapasok sa bahay niya ay kailangan ding humingi ng permiso bago umalis at magpasalamat man lang. Kaya ko po ginagawa itong pagpasalamat sa inyo."

The SILG recounted that prior to his being SILG, the DILG is an agency he has closely worked with as an elected official. He ended his exit call by saying, *"I am going to miss my DILG family."* (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)

Completed BuB Projects in Region I



Flood Control Project 2015 Bottom- Up Budgeting

Rosales, Pangasinan

Title of Project: Construction of a Flood Control Project

Location: Brgy. Tomana East, Rosales, Pangasinan

Project Cost: Php 1,500,000.00

Goals and Objectives:

1. To eradicate or possibly minimize erosion on the identified site along the Totonogen River in Brgy. Tomana East;
2. To ensure the safety of those living along the river banks; and
3. To protect properties at stake along the river banks.

Project Description:

The project will ensure the safety of families and properties along disaster risk areas during disasters.

Beneficiaries:

Two hundred twenty- seven (227) households living along the river banks of Totonogen River in Brgy. Tomana East will benefit from the project. Twenty (20) families are considered at the best vantage position to reap the benefits of the project.

Design Considerations:

The design is gabion ladderized type - the most suitable form for the seemingly eroded portion of the river bank. The stones laid inside the gabion wires shall fortify the soil against avulsion.

The project length is 24 meters with a height of 8 meters including foundation.



Construction of Flood Control Project 2015 Bottom- Up Budgeting

Binmaley, Pangasinan

Title of Project: Construction of 100m x 2.8m x 1.50m Canal Lining

Location: Barangay Tombor, Binmaley, Pangasinan

Project Cost: Php 3,000,000.00

Goal: To improve the socio-economic condition of Tombor and neighboring barangays.

Objectives:

1. To increase farm productivity in the area; and
2. To alleviate poverty

Project Description:

Barangay Tombor and its environs is a perennial flood-prone area of Binmaley. The barangay usually experiences around 20-24 inches of flood water when weather disturbances occur. The construction of the canal lining is a big sigh of relief for the thousands of residents in the area, not to mention the improved agricultural production it contributes.

Beneficiaries:

The target beneficiaries are the residents of Tombor and neighboring barangays who mostly earn living through farming and fishing.



Provision of Potable Water Supply 2014 Bottom- Up Budgeting

Anda, Pangasinan

Title of Project: Rehabilitation / Upgrading of the Anda Waterworks System

Location: Sitio Sanicolos, Poblacion, Anda, Pangasinan

Project Cost: Php 4,301,000.00

Implementing Unit: Water Sanitation Council and LGU

Goal: To improve access to potable water for the residents of Barangay Poblacion, Anda, Pangasinan.

Objectives:

1. To serve 95% of the residents within the area of Anda Water Works System; and
2. To minimize water borne diseases in the Poblacion area.

Project Description:

As specified in the Executive and Legislative Agenda of the Municipality, one of the Local Government Development Thrust is on Health. A factor of a healthy community is the presence of a continuous potable water supply.

To date there is an existing water system, ran by the Local Government serving only about 15 % of the household, local and national government offices and some private institutions within the Poblacion area.

During the months of March up to May, the water source is also not enough to supply the existing water consumers, so the Local Government prioritized in the Bottom- Up Budgeting the Rehabilitation of the Anda Water Works System to locate a possible source of potable water and supply the unserved by the same.

Beneficiaries:

All Sectors in Poblacion, Anda, Pangasinan left unserved (approximately 488 households) by the existing level 3 water system.



Construction of Public Market 2015 Bottom- Up Budgeting

Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan

Title of Project: Construction of Public Market Phase 1

Location: Barangay San Marcos, Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan

Project Cost: Php 4,460,000.00

National Government: Php 3,000,000.00

LGU Counterpart: Php 1,460,000.00

Goal: To improve the socio-economic condition of Tombor and neighboring barangays.

Objectives:

1. To increase local revenues for economic development; and
2. To provide livelihood and economic opportunities to local residents

Project Description:

The project is located adjacent the national road and the terrain is relatively flat. Utilities such as water and electricity are available in the area. The proposed site is not vulnerable to National Hazard and it is in consonance with the Land Use and Zoning Plan of the municipality.

Beneficiaries:

All residents of Sto. Tomas, Pangasinan

(Source: PDMU)

DILG R1 completes 18 BuB- CSO trainings in 9 LGUs



The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) completed 18 trainings funded by the Bottom- Up Budgeting (BuB) for Civil Society Organizations of nine (9) local government units (LGUs) in the region.

The nine (9) LGUs are Pasuquin and Sarrat of Ilocos Norte; Sta. Cruz of Ilocos Sur; Bauang and Bangar of La Union; and Alaminos, Bolinao, Mangaldan and Urdaneta City of Pangasinan.

The CSO trainings were among the priority projects identified by the Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams (LPRATs) of the nine (9) LGUs through the 2015 BuB process. They were prioritized by the LGUs because of the important roles that CSOs play in the delivery of certain basic services and promotion of transparent, accountable, responsive and

participatory governance. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the LPRAT is composed of CSOs and the remaining 50% are key officials / functionaries of the LGU

Aside from seasoned trainers from the DILG R1 and LGUs, resource speakers from Saint Louis College, University of Northern Philippines, Lyceum Northwestern University of Dagupan City, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Justice, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the Civil Defense, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine National Police and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency were also tapped.

The BuB process aims to make national planning and budgeting more responsive to the local needs. It also

opened greater avenues for people participation at the local level through the involvement of CSOs in the identification of local priority projects to be funded by the national government.

Below is the list of trainings conducted per LGU:

LGU	TRAINING PROGRAM	SCHEDULE	REMARKS
MANGALDAN, PANGASINAN	1. Seminar on Local Planning and Budgeting 2. Seminar on Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	January 14-15, 2016 January 21-22, 2016	66 participants 71 participants
PASUQUIN, ILOCOS NORTE	1. Value Re-Oriented and Leadership Development Training 2. Seminar on Participatory Governance & Community Empowerment	February 18-19, 2016 February 23-24, 2016	27 participants 40 participants
SARRAT, ILOCOS NORTE	1. Value Re-Oriented, Leadership Development and Participatory Governance 2. Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	March 10-11, 2016 March 17-18, 2016	40 participants 60 participants
ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN	1. Value Re-Oriented, Leadership Development and Participatory Governance Training 2. Value Re-Oriented, Leadership Development and Participatory Governance Training	April 13-15, 2016 April 19-21, 2016	52 participants 51 participants
BOLINAO, PANGASINAN	Participatory Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training	May 18-20, 2016	66 participants
URDANETA CITY, PANGASINAN	1. Enhancing CSO Participation in Local Governance 2. Seminar on Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (RA 9165) for CSOs 3. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	May 26-27, 2016 June 9-10, 2016 June 16-17, 2016	71 participants 70 participants 82 participants
STA. CRUZ, ILOCOS SUR	1. Financial Management Training 2. Local Economic Development Training	June 6-7, 2016 June 23-24, 2016	35 participants 37 participants
BAUANG, LA UNION	1. Value Re-Oriented, Leadership Development and Participatory Governance Training 2. LPRAP Formulation, Project Identification and Prioritization	May 30-June 1, 2016 June 13-14, 2016	36 participants 34 participants
BANGAR, LA UNION	1. Value Re-Oriented and Leadership Development 2. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	June 20-21, 2016 June 27-28, 2016	49 participants 45 participants

(with reports from LGOO IV Antonia Darisay V. Mendoza)

DILG R1 trains 43 LGUs to fast track BUB project implementation



In keeping with its commitment to ensure compliance and implementation of Bottom- Up Budgeting (BuB) projects in local government units (LGUs), the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) trained 43 LGUs which are to receive their 2nd tranche of funds for BuB 2015 and those which are in the process of preparing documentary requirements for BuB 2016.

The training which was conducted last May 25- 27, 2016 at the Regency Hotel, Calasiao, Pangasinan, aimed to enhance the skills of LGU- participants on the preparation of documentary requirements for the release of BuB funds. It was attended by Municipal Engineers or technical staff in- charge of BuB projects, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDCs), Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, and other key personnel from DILG R1.

DILG Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag said that the Department recognizes the need for continuous capacity development for LGUs particularly in the preparation of project proposals, feasibility studies, detailed engineering designs, work plans, and other reportorial requirements.

"Preparation of documentary requirements is very important for the release of funds so that LGUs can start the construction of their priority anti- poverty projects and for our communities to feel the impact of these projects. We want to address delays in the release of funds due to submission of incomplete documentary requirements. Hence, this training", Dir. Daquioag said.

Dir. Daquioag also added that the training was a venue for the DILG R1, through its Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), to conduct a dialogue with the LGUs and thresh out issues in project implementation.

The Bottom- Up budgeting is a reform program that promotes transparency, participation, accountability and responsiveness. It is a continuing initiative of the national government in making the budgeting process more responsive to local needs. The Provision of Potable Water Supply, Construction of Evacuation Facilities, Flood Control, (i.e. Seawalls, Drainage Canals), Foot Bridges and purchase of disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) equipment are the DILG- BuB infrastructure projects being implemented in the LGUs. *(LGOO V Sheila marie G. Andales)*

Performance Challenge Fund completes Vigan City's Warehouse Building

The Warehouse Building and Site Development of the Vigan Conservation Complex in the City of Vigan, Ilocos Sur was finally completed through the Performance Challenge Fund of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

The City was awarded the Seal of Good Local Governance in 2015 and Php 5,000,000.00 for its exemplary performance and service delivery.

The warehouse building is a component of the Vigan Conservation Complex which serves as a depository of materials for restoration of heritage houses. It is also a venue for various skills trainings and workshops for restorers and a learning center for conservationists and architects.

The Vigan Conservation Complex, a brainchild of Mayor Eva Marie S. Medina and a significant output from the Vigan Cultural Mapping Project by local stakeholders, is a conservation facility composed of 3-section museum, a conservation materials depot, workshops, training facilities, shop, a hostel, park and the President Elpidio Quirino Archives and Research Center. This symbolizes the



Biguenos' steadfast commitment to conserve the city's rich history and heritage for the next generation to appreciate and sustain as a tool for continuing socio-economic advancement. (OIC-CLGOO Randy S. Dela Rosa)

129 LGUs...from page 4

The SGLG is an award and incentive program for performing LGUs. It continues to challenge all provinces, cities, and municipalities to improve their performance through its up-scaled criteria along three (3) core areas and three (3) essential areas of assessment.

The three (3) core areas are Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness and Social Protection while the three (3) essential areas are Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness, Peace and Order and Environment Protection.

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