Region 1 has recorded the most number of Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awardees as confirmed by Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 Officer-in-Charge Julie J. Daquioag during the recently concluded SGLG Conferment Ceremony last September 16, 2015 at the Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union.

“Greater performance means greater and better rewards”, said Dir. Daquioag, while congratulating the Local Chief Executives and officials of the 40 local government units which received the award.

“As winners, you are the Cream of the Crop in terms of bringing about excellence in local governance... [This] goes to show that our local government units in the whole Region are very compliant in terms of the different documentary requirements, different provisions of RA 7160, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars, and other rules and regulations which were incorporated in the criteria of the SGLG”, she added.

Dir. Daquioag said that the ceremony is a remarkable event with the much coveted SGLG being conferred to the top-performing LGUs in the Region which demonstrated excellence in good financial housekeeping, disaster preparedness, social protection, business-friendliness and competitiveness, peace and order, and environmental management. (continued at page 4)
DILG R1 orients 30 LGU beneficiaries of 2014 PCF

To ensure an efficient and effective implementation of the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office 1 conducted a one-day orientation-briefing on the policies and guidelines of the PCF 2014 last July 30, 2015 at the International Rural Electrification Training Center, Agoo, La Union.

A total of 143 participants composed of functionaries and C/MLGOOs from the 30 LGU-beneficiaries, Cluster Leaders, Provincial Focal Persons, representatives from Regional Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), members of the Regional PCF Management Team, and support staff from the Project Development and Monitoring Unit of DILG R1 attended the orientation-briefing.

The activity was conducted to provide a venue to identify and analyze glitches and causes of delays in program implementation and draw specific recommendations to address the identified issues.

The PCF Operational Guidelines which include provisions on incentive package for Seal of Good Local Governance awardees, prioritization of target beneficiaries, and liquidation procedures and audit requirements were discussed during the activity. The monitoring and evaluation processes of PCF projects, as well as, the documentation of PCF completed projects were presented during the orientation-briefing.

The Performance Challenge Fund is an incentive system which recognizes local government units exhibiting good performance in local government. It was designed to motivate local governments to put premium on performance in order for them to avail of financial subsidy for local economic development as contained in the LGU’s Annual Investment Program (AIP).

The PCF is utilized for the implementation of priority projects of the National Government geared towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), maintenance of core road networks, promotion of transparency and accountability in local government transactions and compliance to the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010.

Resource Speakers were Regional Focal Person LGOO II Veronica B. Nisperos, OIC-PDMU Chief Sharwyn M. Sangel, and Regional Accountant Sety Zorayda S. Perez. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)
SILG Roxas visits Ilocos Sur

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG) Mar Roxas visited Ilocos Sur last July 23, 2015 to grace the Island Conference of the League of the Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) - Luzon Cluster at Vigan City Convention Center, distributed patrol cars for 32 police stations of the province at Camp Elpidio Quirino, Bantay and have a dialogue with barangay officials of Candon City.


He was warmly welcomed by local officials, heads of national government agencies, barangay officials, market vendors, buyers, and tricycle drivers.

The SILG, in his message to the various groups, reiterated the determination of the national government to take its path on the “Daang Matuwid”. He said that the government has already instituted reforms to make local government more accountable, transparent, and participative.

Barangay officials also expressed their gratitude to the SILG for the Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) projects being implemented in their locality.

He enjoined all officials to continuously improve their LGU’s operations to qualify and pass the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) and receive the PCF which will fund priority programs that aim to alleviate poverty, address the impact of climate change, and promote transparency and accountability in local government transactions. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales with reports from LGOO VI Andres A. Vendiola, Jr.)
Akbayan Party List Chair and PhilHealth Board Director Risa Hontiveros, who graced the occasion and delivered the message of former Secretary of the Interior and Local Government Mar Roxas, encouraged LGUs to continue supporting the “Daang Matuwid” program of the present administration.

The 40 awardees are composed of the Provincial Governments of Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan; City Governments of Laoag, Vigan, San Fernando, Alaminos, Dagupan, San Carlos; Municipal Governments of Banna, Carasi, Pasuquin and Pinili of Ilocos Norte; Cabugao, Caoayan, Lididida, Nagbukel and Santa of Ilocos Sur; Agoo, Bangar, Bauang, Rosario, San Gabriel, Santol and Sudipen of La Union; and Alcala, Basista, Bautista, Bayambang, Binalonan, Bugallon, Burgos, Dasol, Laoac, Mabini, Malasiqui, Mangaldan, San Fabian, Sta. Maria, Sto. Tomas and Sual of Pangasinan.

Each of the awardees received an SGLG marker, SGLG lei and the corresponding Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) incentive for each LGU-awardee in the following categories: Province - PhP 7 Million, City - PhP 5 Million, Municipality - PhP 3 Million. The release of the PCF incentive to the LGU awardees is subject to the submission of the documentary requirements as prescribed by DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2015-111, “Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of 2015 PCF”.

The SGLG is a recognition of good performance of provincial, city, and municipal government, not only on financial housekeeping, but also on other areas that directly benefit the people. It is a continuing challenge for local governments to perform better, and ultimately, achieve a desirable condition where local governments: a) Sustain the practice of transparency and accountability in the use of public funds; b) Prepare for challenges posed by disasters; c) Demonstrate sensitivity to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized sectors of society; d) Encourage investment and employment; e) Protect constituents from threats to life and security; and f) Safeguard the integrity of the environment. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)
City of San Fernando, La Union – To ensure transparency and set out accountability in the use of public funds, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 1 intensifies its efforts to monitor the 2013-2015 Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) projects.

The DILG R1 taps citizens and civil society groups to take part in the monitoring and evaluation of BuB projects to ensure improved and faster project implementation. The monitoring efforts come in two (2) modalities: posting of BuB tarpaulins and conduct of citizen-led monitoring and evaluation scheme where members of civil society organizations (CSOs) were equipped how to monitor and report the status of BuB projects.

“We want every resident to know the BuB projects being implemented by different agencies in their locality and how much is being spent for each of them. All the relevant information about these projects are contained in tarpaulins posted conspicuously in every local government unit in the Region”, said DILG Officer-In-Charge Julie J. Daquioag.

The DILG funded the posting of BuB tarpaulins as a means of informing the public of the program and the description, location, amount, implementing agency, and status of the BuB projects in a locality.

Aside from the posting of BuB tarpaulins, DILG R1 also oriented 10 CSO representatives from each of the nine (9) cities and 116 municipalities in the region on the monitoring and reporting of the BuB projects.

“Based on experience, the involvement of the civil society groups never fails to challenge and expedite the completion and proper administration of programs and projects at the local level. We need our CSOs to ensure that funds are spent where they are supposed to be spent and projects are implemented as planned”, stressed by OIC Daquioag.

The 10 trained CSOs comprised the Local Monitoring Team which gathered the relevant data using the monitoring tools through interviews and focus group discussions with the beneficiaries of BuB projects. The Team prepared the assessment or monitoring report which shall be presented to the Local Poverty Reduction Action Team chaired by the Local Chief Executive and Co-Chaired by a CSO representative. (continued at page 7)
Locally Funded Projects of Region 1

Completed
SALINTUBIG 2013
Dingras, Ilocos Norte

Completed
BuB - Potable Water System 2014
Haguilian, La Union

Completed
BuB - Local Access Road 2014
Tagudin, Ilocos Sur

Completed
BuB - Potable Water System 2014
San Fabian, Pangasinan

Completed
BuB - Local Access Road 2014
Pozorrubio, Pangasinan

Completed
BuB - Potable Water System 2014
Bayambang, Pangasinan
The Local Poverty Reduction Action Team - the group which led the formulation of the Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan containing the different projects under the BuB-has to know the assessment of beneficiaries of the program. We want to provide a link-a feedback mechanism - where the LPRATs are informed of the impact of these projects, how to further improve the implementation of similar projects, and future projects responsive to the community”, OIC Daquioag added.

The DILG is just one of the 17 implementing agencies of the BuB. Funding for BuB projects are comprehensively released to these agencies as part of the General Appropriations Act, except for projects under the Department of Energy, National Electrification Administration and National Irrigation Authority which will be released through a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO). Funds are released to LGUs after completion and submission of documentary requirements”, emphasized by OIC Daquioag.

She added that fund releases from implementing agencies to LGUs will only be allowed if the beneficiary LGU has complied with good governance conditions such as compliance with the Good Financial Housekeeping component of the Seal of Good Local Governance Assessment of the DILG and submission of the Public Financial Management Improvement Plan or initiation of its implementation, as determined by the Department of Budget and Management.

“We want to be sure that public funds are in good hands”, she added.

The Bottom-Up Budgeting is an strategy to the preparation of agency budget proposals, taking into consideration the development needs of cities / municipalities as identified in their respective Local Poverty Reduction Action Plans that were formulated with the strong participation of basic sector organization and other CSOs. (LGGO V Sheila Marie G. Andales)
Bagulin, La Union trains barangays on BDRRM, Operation Listo

Bagulin, La Union – The Department of the Interior and Local Government, in cooperation with the Liga ng mga Barangay, this municipality, has conducted training on Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management with DRRM Plan Formulation and launching of the Operation Listo, to all its barangays last September 8, 2015 at the Conference Hall of Suyo Central School, Bagulin, La Union.

The activity was participated in by elected officials, including the secretaries and treasurers, of all 10 barangays of the municipality. Topics covered were the Philippine Disaster Situation, Nature of Hazards, Salient Features of RA 10121 or the DRRM Act of 2010, RA 9729 or the Climate Change Act of 2009 and the presentation of the Operation Listo program of the Department. The Training management was composed of the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Ferdinand D. Tumbaga, OIC-MLGOO Olivia Mae N. de Guzman and DRRM Officer-Designate Erlinda J. Ochoco. The output of the training was the formulation of the BDRRM Plan for 2016.

Under the DRRM Act, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government is the Vice Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness. The Department developed manuals as guide for local government units’ action during typhoons. They contain checklist of early preparation for Local Chief Executives (LCEs) to organize their respective responses prior, during and after calamity. The launching and roll-out of these manuals were dubbed as “Operation Listo: Tamang Paghahanda, Tamanag Aksyon”. The Department is tasked to undertake such measures to enable the community to deal with disasters. (LGOO II Olivia Mae N. De Guzman)

SILG Mar leads Post Typhoon “Ineng” Assetment in Santa, Ilocos Sur

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (SILG) Mar Roxas led the Post Typhoon Assessment last August 26, 2015 in Santa, Ilocos Sur after the onslaught of Tropical Storm “Ineng” in the province. He was joined by Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda and other key officials of Ilocos Sur. As Vice Chair for Disaster Preparedness of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the SILG expressed his concern on the early warnings and preparations made by the affected local government units, as well as, the rehabilitation of damages brought about by Tropical Storm “Ineng”.
The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office 1, in coordination with the Vice Mayors’ League of the Philippines (VMLP) Provincial Chapters, trained 1,123 Sanggunian Members and legislative staff during the 5-batch Technical Assistance on Skills Knowledge Enhancement and Development for Better Implementation on Local Legislation (TASKED4BILL 2) last September 16-18, 2015 for the province of Ilocos Norte; August 12-14, 2015 for the province of Ilocos Sur; August 26-28, 2015 for the province of La Union and July 14-16, 2015 and August 4-6, 2015 for the province of Pangasinan.

As a capacity development initiative of DILG R1, TASKED4BILL 2 was a response to the clamor of the local sanggunians and their legislative staff for an immediate follow-up training after TASKED4BILL 1. It is a skills enhancement training on the codification of ordinances, administrative investigation, legislative tracking system and preparation of legislative measures. Oriented were sanggunian members and their staff on the structure, powers, duties and functions of local legislative bodies; local legislative process; parliamentary rules and procedures; local legislative review process; and the executive and legislative agenda.

The Resource Speakers were Dr. Maria Rosalinda Lacsamana of the Philippine Councilors League Academy (PCLA) and Dr. Ferdinand Lamarca of the University of Northern Philippines for the Development Context of Local Legislation and Introduction to Public Policy; Atty. Romeo Benitez of the DILG Central Office for Administrative Investigation; Sangguniang Panlungsod Orange Humilde of Alaminos City and Legislative Tracking and Monitoring Analyst Dan M. Ong of Baguio City for the Codification of Ordinances; and Sanggunian Bayan Secretary Margaret Farolan of the City of San Fernando for Archiving and Documents Preservation. (LGOO V Sheila Marie G. Andales with reports from the Local Government Capability Development Division)
400 students, faculty of Balaoan, LU participates in DRRM activities

Around 400 students and faculty members of four (4) elementary schools in the following barangays of Balaoan, La Union: Guinaburan, Apatut, Ar-arampang and Nagsabarlan Sur. together with the barangay officials, municipal employees, and key personnel from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) participated in the tree planting activities initiated by the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Council (MDRRMC) and the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Office on various dates of August and September 2015. The MDRRMC programs which include tree planting activities, information and education campaigns and conduct of fire and earthquake drills is in line with the municipality’s compliance to DILG MC No. 2015-70 dated July 1, 2015 in observance of the National Disaster Consciousness Month in July and JMC No. 01-2015 dated July 2, 2015 of the DILG and National Youth Commission institutionalizing the participation of the youth sector in Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.

After the tree planting, a film showing on flood, earthquake, typhoon, tsunami and fire were presented and briefly discussed by Engr. Prudencio O. Octavo, Jr., the MDRRM Officer - Designate of the municipality. Brochures and leaflets on disaster preparedness were also distributed to the participants.

The tree planting is relative to Executive Order No. 06-005 S. 2013 dated June 19, 2013 issued by Atty. Al-Fred O. Concepcion, Municipal Mayor of Balaoan, La Union declaring every 22nd day of September as the Municipal Arbor Day in the municipality.

Fire and earthquake drills were also conducted in July 2015 to various elementary schools and barangays by the PNP and BFP of Balaoan, La Union in partnership with the MDDRM Office.

DILG La Union, PGLU and DBM Conduct CCET Workshop

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) La Union, in partnership with the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM), conducted an Orientation Workshop on Climate Change Expenditure Tagging (CCET) for the City and 19 Municipalities of the Province.

The activity aimed to: (1) increase the awareness of the Local Budget Officers and Local Planning and Development Coordinators on the basic concepts of Climate Change; (2) apply the various tools, and; (3) go through the process of CCET.

Local Government Operations Officer (LGOO) VI Lily Ann O. Colisao, Administrative Aide IV Joralyn F. Villaslan of DILG La Union, and Mr. Julius Camara of DBM served as Resource Speakers and Facilitators during the said activity. On the other hand, the Offices of the La Union Provincial Budget and Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator managed and coordinated the conduct of the Orientation Workshop. It was funded by the Provincial Government of La Union.

Climate Change Expenditure Tagging is mandated through Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013 – 01, which was amended by virtue of JMC No. 2015 – 01 issued by DBM and Climate Change Commission (CCC). It directs agencies and local government units to track their Climate Change expenditures in their respective budget submission, guided by the CCET Guidelines.

Participants were oriented on the basics of the Climate Change, Adaptation and Mitigation and CCET process and codes, the do’s and don’ts of CCET and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The activity is a result of a training conducted by the World Bank participated by the DILG La Union, PGLU – Budget Office and Planning and Development Coordinator’s Office – and DBM Region 1. (LGOO VI Lily Ann O. Colisao)
In order to improve its operations and service delivery, the DILG Ilocos Norte Provincial Operations Office has transferred to a more spacious office building located at Asuncion Compound, D. Samonte Street, Barangay 7-B, Laoag City. This is made possible through the support of the DILG Regional Office 1 headed by OIC Julie J. Daquioag, Ph. D., CESO IV.

On September 04, 2015 at 9:00 AM, the Inauguration and Office Blessing was done together with all the 40 workforce of DILG Ilocos Norte. OIC Julie J. Daquioag graced the occasion, and together with OIC Provincial Director Roger P. Daquioag of DILG Ilocos Norte they led the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to mark the event.

After which, a Thanksgiving Mass officiated by Father Ambrose Emeric Monroy of Saint William’s Cathedral was held. In his sermon, he shared profound lessons on work ethics stressing that “there are two ways to make one’s life miserable: complaining and comparing. Also, he extolled the essence of breaking out of one’s comfort zone in order to discover and develop one’s potential to the fullest.

At the end of the mass, OIC Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag conveyed in her inspirational message her hope that the more conducive and spacious workspace will contribute to a better performance of the DILG Ilocos Norte Team.

OIC Provincial Director Roger P. Daquioag in his closing message expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the provincial team, to the DILG Region 1 for their continuous support in the improvement of the organization’s operations. Lastly, he reaffirmed the team’s commitment in the implementation of the Department’s PPAs.

(LGOO II John Anthony R. Bareng)
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### Summary

The DILG R1 3rd Quarter 2015 Financial Report provides an overview of the financial activities and performance of the Department of the Interior and Local Government in Region 1 during the quarter, highlighting the various projects and expenditures under the jurisdiction of the department. The report includes financial summaries, budget allocations, and other related financial information relevant to the region's operations and initiatives.