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DILG Joins the Duterte Legacy Caravan Project

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 1 (DILG R1) joins the “Duterte Legacy Caravan Project thru Convergence of all Government Agencies” on April 19, 2022 at Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) Auditorium, Camp BGen Oscar M Florendo, Parian, City of San Fernando, La Union. The activity was spearheaded by the PRO 1 headed by PBGen Westrimundo D. Obinque.

DILG R1 Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III in her message, emphasized the Legacy of the Duterte Administration, the initiatives and services provided to the people. “President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s (PRRD) great accomplishments will be in our hearts and in our minds. And most of all, our people are the witnesses of those services, programs, projects and activities that improved their quality of life,” said RD Daquioag.

“DILG will always be a partner in nation-building. With strong political will, we can do it, survive against all obstacles and challenges especially the pandemic,” RD Daquioag added.

RD Daquioag reaffirmed DILG’s continuous support to local governments in providing effective technical and administrative services to promote excellence in local governance and enhance the delivery of services in the Regional and Field Offices for the LGUs to become transparent, resilient, socially-protective, and competitive where people and the (cont. on page 7)
Regional Orientation on MC 2022-005 Accreditation of CSOs to Co-Implement DILG PPAs

A Regional Orientation on DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-005 entitled Guidelines on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Co-Implement DILG PPAs was conducted on April 22, 2022 at the DILG RO1 Training Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union and via Zoom.

The activity aims to build and strengthen the Department's partnership with CSOs in the implementation of DILG PPAs to ensure the attainment of desired development results.

The Department has recently issued MC No. 2022-005 to prescribe, update, and harmonize the general guidelines, conditions, and mechanisms for all Department engagements with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). It covers all CSOs that intend to co-implement DILG programs, projects, and activities with or without the use of government funds. Further, the MC involves the accreditation and certification of CSOs by the DILG and the mechanisms by which the DILG will engage CSOs.

Participants include the Regional and Provincial Assessment Committees (RAC/PAC) with their designated Secretariat, DILG R1 partner-CSOs (Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) – North Luzon, Sangbay DS Concepts & IPCLP, Philippine Mental Health Association (Dagupan, Pangasinan), Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives (Caoayan, Ilocos Sur), National Chaplain of the Philippines - La Union Chapter, and Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers - La Union Chapter), and key personnel from the Central, Regional and Provincial Offices. (LGOO V Rhealiza delos Santos)

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The Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) just concluded its series of trainings on Local Economic Development for LGUs (LED4LGUs) on 29 April 2022.

The Training on LED4LGUs has 3 Modules designed to help out the nine (9) target LGUs in their economic recovery, namely: Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur and its three municipalities – Narvacan, Sta. Cruz, and Tagudin, and the Provincial Government of Pangasinan and its four (4) municipalities – Asingan, Bani, Bugallon, and Sual. Participants in the said activity were the Local Chief Executives, Planning and Development Officers, Local Treasurers, LEIPOs, SB Members, Local Budget Officers, and representatives from the business sector.

Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III, in her message, is optimistic that the LGUs can do more in terms of economic recovery, and this training will help them expand their strategies.

Rebuilding the pandemic-battered economy has placed LGUs in a position to make the best use of resources readily available for them to bankroll their recovery programs and help revive enterprises in their localities hardest hit by the global crisis. It will also help LGUs attract potential sustainable investments by creating a competitive local environment. For (cont. on page 10)
The Local Governance Regional Resource Center 1 (LGRRC) thru the Multimedia and Knowledge Facility in partnership with the St. Louis College (SLC), City of San Fernando, La Union conducted the Orientation on Library Management for DILG RO1 Personnel on April 21, 2022.

Resource Speakers were Ms. Ligaya N. Caranay, Mr. Michael John C. Batuang, and Mr. Kenneth Mare C. Gangey, Registered Librarians from the SLC. The topics discussed include the Library Objectives, Vision and Mission, Administration and Human Resources; Collection, Management and Organization, and Services; Information Technology-Based Services and Collaboration.

Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, in her message, extended her gratitude to the SLC management for such another meaningful engagement that will surely support the LGRRC’s knowledge management and sharing strategies. RD Daquioag added that there is a need to update the LGRRC 1 Library as well as skills of the members in order to catch-up with the current advancements. This will also enable the DILG R1 to efficiently and effectively deliver its services to its clients.

The orientation was attended by the LGRRC1 Team Members from the Regional and Provincial Offices.

Participants of the said activity are now equipped with the basic concepts in Library and Information Science and on how to manage information resources in print, non-print, electronic, and digital formats. Part of the discussions also enabled the participants to be aware on how to properly organize, conserve, and preserve information objects, documents, and other intellectual properties. (LGOO IV Liza May O. Colisao)

The activity was in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and aimed to provide updates on the new policies and strategies of the government against COVID-19 to the Contact Tracers.

According to Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D, CESO III the activity is very important and crucial because we need to be always prepared due to the new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 and Contact Tracing is one of the effective strategies to stop the transmission.

The said activity was attended by the CMLGOOs, DILG-DOLE-LGU-hired Contact Tracers, PNP and BFP Officers acting as Contact Tracers, Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (LESUs), Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERTS), and LGU volunteers of the Province of Ilocos Sur. (LGOO IV Liza May A. Colisao)

from page 3 DILG Joins.. community live happily. The Department commits to consistently demonstrate a Matino, Mahusay, at Maaasahang Kagawaran para sa Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal.

Other guests who conveyed their messages during the program were PLtGen Rhodel O Sermonia, Deputy Chief of PNP for Administration; Dir. Mildred C. Abordo, NICA Regional Director; Atty. Cherry Ann Dela Cruz, Spokesperson National Coalition of Lingkod Bayan and Advocacy Support Group and Force Multiplier; Mr. Wilbert L. Palar, KKDAT Regional President; Mr. Nwosu Blessing Ngozi, FNKN Regional President; and a Former Kadre of Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People’s Coalition (CPP-NPA).

The Duterte Legacy Caravan aimed at informing the public on the government’s landmark programs geared towards real change and delivery of basic services. Participating regional line agencies provided their basic services to the advocacy support groups and force multipliers. (Stat I. Lara Mae P. Casuga, IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese, ADAC RTA Meryl M. Ubaru)
As COVID-19 cases rise during the first quarter of 2022, DILG La Union personnel were highly encouraged to be inoculated with booster shot to support their primary shots and increase their immunity against the virus.

In compliance to the DILG Memorandum Circular 2022-034 (Conduct of CY 2021 Anti-drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Audit) DILG Region 1 kicked off the CY 2021 ADAC Regional Performance Audit on May 31, 2022 at the DILG RO1 Training, Hall, Aguila Road, Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The activity was a collaborative effort of the Department of the Interior Local Government Regional Office I, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Region 1, Philippine National Police PRO1, National Chaplain of the Philippines La Union Chapter (Civil Society Organization), and Pastor Fellowship Inc., City of San Fernando, La Union (Civil Society Organization).

The CY 2021 ADAC Performance Audit aims to assess the functionality and effectiveness of local ADACs based on existing issuances and policies, determine ADAC-initiated and/or endorsed innovations and best practices at all levels, create a platform for evaluation and assessment, and recognize the best, effective, and performing ADACs.

The four (4) Provinces of Region I and one (1) Independent Component City (Dagupan) was evaluated by the ART Team according to six indicators, to wit:
1. Creation or reorganization of ADAC;
2. Allocation of a Substantial amount as indicated in the ADAC Plan;
3. Formulation and Implementation of Plans and Programs;
4. Supervision and Support to component ADACs;

The calibrated and finalized Audit Results will be submitted at the ADAC the National Audit Team (ANT) before June 10, 2022. An award will be given to the best effective performing/outstanding ADACs, pursuant to Section VII of DILG-DDB JMC No. 2018-01. (ADAC RTA Meryl Ubarre)
Orientation Workshop for CSO Desk Officers

Intensifying CSO participation thru the Establishment of CSO Desk Officers at the LGUs for a Healthy Participatory Governance

On May 25, 2022, DILG Region, led by the Support for the Local Governance Program (SLGP), in collaboration with the Local Governance Regional Resource Center – 1, held a hybrid training program at Puerto de San Juan Hotel and Resort, San Juan, La Union with a program title “Orientation Workshop for Civil Society Organization (CSO) Desk Officers”. The said venue was attended by the participants coming from the LGUs of La Union while participants from the other 3 provinces were convened at a hotel venue and joined the sessions via Zoom application.

The Capacity Building program aims to acquaint and educate the 129 CSO Desk Officers on the principles of Participatory Governance as well as on the various platforms for CSOs to engage in local governance. Likewise, the activity aims to orient the participants with DILG policies governing CSOs (i.e. DILG Memorandum Circulars Nos. 2019-72 and 2021-054) and level off with their roles in (1) CSO Accreditation and their Selection of Representatives in Local Special Bodies and (2) the Institutionalization of People’s Council at the LGU.

Part of the activity flow was the conduct of workshop exercises for them to provide insights and recommendations on how they can perform better their duties and responsibilities and how the CSO Desk will mobilize in handling CSO-related concerns.

Also present at the venues were the DILG Provincial Directors and staff and some field officers. Trained CSO Desk Officers are expected to facilitate the conduct of CSO conferences come reconstitution of local special bodies by 3rd quarter of 2022. They will be again invited for another training activity to become trainers on the National Implementation of CSO CapDev Program that shall take place by 4th quarter of the same year. (DMO III Aldrin D. Nolasco)
Where the Road to Progress Starts...

At the break of dawn, farmers prepare their equipment to start their usual day in the fields. Their work in the fields is no easy task but for their case, even going to the fields poses a challenge to the farmers as they have to transit through the unpaved and potholed road of barangay San Pablo of Santa Maria, Pangasinan. This road is a primary pathway not only to the fields but it also connects to different barangays thus making it an important access point in the community.

Recognizing roads play a great indicator to measure a country’s development, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), continues to capacitate Local Government Units (LGUs) in the delivery of basic services through the Assistance to Municipalities (AM). A program that provides financial subsidy to municipalities in the implementation of their projects, which includes the reconstruction and development of Local Access Road (LAR).

Through this program, the local government was able to rehabilitate the 820-meter segment of San Pablo’s barangay road with a cost of Php 11,623,000. The project started by year-end of 2020 and was completed by April 14, 2021.

“Sa DILG, maraming maraming salamat at madami ang natulungan ng proyekto nyo sa barangay namin”— Allan D. Valdez, a resident and barangay kagawad of San Pablo. Residents saw significant improvements in their travel along the road and also provided benefits for the farmers in transporting their products, making their trips to/from the market easier and faster.

With the development starting from the barangay levels, the DILG’s initiatives through its programs empower LGUs in contributing to the country’s continuous pursuit of growth. (IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese)

from page 5, DILG R1... such potentials to be realized, LGUs must act deliberately, consistently and strategically and figure out how to compete with available meager resources.

Also attended the activity were the participants from the four (4) DILG Provincial Offices along with the Field Officers of the target LGUs and the Local Resource Institute (LRI) partners.
Every Drop Counts as AM 2020’s Impact Empowers Communities

In the first flush of the morning, Tatay Jimmy rises as he prepares the things needed to start the day. He then reminisces the struggle brought by the scarcity of water in their community. The residents in their area are often denied access to water which poses a serious threat.

Water was truly a struggle for the people of Barangay Payac, Bangui, Ilocos Norte. Their only source was a water pump which nearly a kilometer away from their household. They are not being supplied by the water district and were also denied for service by water utility companies because of the remote location of their area. Tatay Jimmy said that all his life water has always been a problem.

One of the mandates of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is to assist the Local Government Units (LGUs) to effectively and efficiently deliver services to their constituents. In this regard, programs and projects are created to ensure that the citizens will be provided with the basic needs and access to social amenities.

Among the initiatives the department wants to address, the sustainability of water supply system is of great priority. We want our communities to be able to use water which is well grounded, adequate and affordable. To this end, the improvement of Level 3 Potable water system at Barangay Payac was funded and constructed through the Assistance to Municipalities (AM) 2020 Program of DILG with an allocation of Php 1,800,000.00. (cont. on page 15)
Progress Through Resiliency and Preparedness

Our country is very vulnerable to natural disasters, due to its location, we often experience calamities that would cause a great deal of damage to our properties and livelihood. Situated in the coastal part of barangay Dacap Sur, in the municipality of Bani, Pangasinan lies Sitio Olanen. A community nestled between the sea and steep ranges and terrains.

Due to its location, the people here are heavily dependent to fishing as their primary livelihood. However, because of rising sea levels, roads and several houses in Sitio Olanen are prone to being submerged especially during typhoons and heavy rains. The residents of Sitio Olanen have endured this scenario for the longest time. Most of the residents have to evacuate their homes to ensure safety every time the need arises. Resident and barangay kagawad Pedrito R. Fabricante Jr recounts, “Kapag habagat na po, simula na po yan ng kalbaryo po namin ditong mga taga tabing dagat. Napakalaking problema tuwing dumarating yung malalakas na bagyo kasi andyan yung malalakas na alon. Yung mga bato galing dagat ay sumasampa sa kalsada naming. Ang ginagawa naming dito, yung iba umaalis sila at pumupunta sa mas mataas na lugar.”

Because of this, the municipality of Bani proposed a long-term solution to ensure the safety of the residents and the continuity of livelihood in Sitio Olanen. Hence, with the assistance of the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) lodged through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the municipality was able to build a soil erosion control infrastructure under the Disaster Recovery and Rehabilitation Assistance Program (DRRAP) in Sitio Olanen funded on 2021 and completed on the same year. This program gears towards enhancing the capacity of Local Government Units (LGUs) in line with the government’s initiative to adapt, mitigate and prepare for climate changes and disasters. The Php 100,000 barrier served as sea-wall that provides protection against strong waves and also keeps the ground from eroding. Since the completion of this project, there is a big improvement in lessening flood and erosion prone areas which resulted in the expansion of houses and local stores in Sitio Olanen.

The residents of Sitio Olanen stood their ground by being resilient to challenges. With the addition of the infrastructure in their community, residents are more prepared in facing challenges and gearing towards progress.” Napakalaking tulong po ito sa amin. Noon, ayaw nilang magpatayo ng bahay dito dahil baka matabunan ng mga bato o masira ng mga alon. Nagpasalamat po kami sa pamunuan ng DILG at nabigyan po kami ng ganitong project”. Fabricante, Jr. added. (IO II Dann Ariel S. Genese)
Local Road Management Performance Assessment Tool (LRMPAT) is utilized to gauge Local Government Unit’s (LGU) performance in local road management. Since its development in 2011, it undergoes a lot of study, pilot testing’s and developments for two years before it was rolled out in 2013 wherein the rating process was done via trained assessors from DILG. To cater the changes in terms of policies, programs, and activities in the local road management programs, it was again revised in 2014 and in 2015 the LRMPAT version 4 was released and implemented. As of this year, the process is self-assessed, where all LGUs are the ones assessing their own performance based on the agreed criteria while DILG appointed validators check on the accuracy of their results.

Affirming its mandate in line with LRMPAT utilization, designated representatives from Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) of DILG RO1 headed by Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel navigated the Provincial Government as well as 17 municipalities in the Province of Ilocos Nort convened last May 16-20, 2022 to validate the submitted ratings and to provide the final copy to the respective concerned offices.

In coordination with the respective MLGOOs, as per schedule, the team managed to meet the LGU functionaries of PGIN, Marcos, Banna, Badoc, Pagudpud, San Nicolas, Bacarra, Carasi, Vintar, Solsona, Currimao, Nueva Era, Pasuquin, Bangui, Burgos, Sarrat, Paoay and Laoag City involved in (cont. on page 15)
DILG R1 attends Inauguration of SBDP 2021 Infra Projects of Brgy. Nagbettedan, Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur

"Iti Region 1 iti immuna a rehiyon iti entero Pilipinas nga nakalpas iti proyekto iti SBDP”, Dir. Rene V. Valera, Assistant Director-OPDS and Concurrent PMO Head of EO70, shared during his speech in the recently concluded Inauguration of SBDP 2021 Infra Projects and Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) Awarding held at Brgy. Nagbettedan, Sto. Domingo, Ilocos Sur.

The program was preceded by the inauguration ceremony in the newly constructed farm-to-market road and school building wherein Usec. Vicente A. Agdamag, Deputy Director General for Operations of the National Security Council, Dir. Jennilyn C. Role of PIA-RO1, Col. Angel Madarang, PA Deputy Brigade Commander of 702nd Infantry (Defender) Brigade, Sir Randy S. Dela Rosa, Provincial Director of Ilocos Sur, Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, PDMU Chief of DILG Regional Office 1, together with Dir. Valera spearheaded the ribbon cutting.

Dir. Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III, Director of DILG R1 expressed her best wishes to the 13 ECLIP awardees and praises the SBDP implementers for the smooth and timely accomplishment of works despite the challenges of pandemic and natural calamities, delivered through Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, who attended on her behalf.

Usec. Vicente A. Agdamag also graced the occasion with an inspirational message. He congratulated the awardees and commended everyone who in one way or another contributed to the success of the project. He also kept the crowd abreast of what to expect in the next years to come with regards to NTF-ELCAC and NSC plans.
Every Drop...

With the implementation of the project, 245 beneficiaries now enjoy the tap stands that bring safe and clean potable water. Indeed, the project not only addressed the health concerns of the residents but also improved their economic conditions. While they already have access to potable water, it also means that they can stay physically healthy and prevent diseases caused by a lack of adequate water, sanitation and hygiene.

The completion of the potable water system truly touched the hearts of the locals. Michael Sallutal, the Punong Barangay of Barangay Payac, expressed his appreciation to this initiative. He said that this project really is a great help to their community. They have always been unable to convince the water district to extend water lines to their neighborhoods so they are very gratified that this project materialized.

The continuous implementation of this project makes it possible for the residents to improve their health and boost their welfare while performing their activities of daily living. Access to clean water reduces the amount of time needed to fetch and gather water. This time could be better used up in growing food and cultivating land, it can also be used in studying or finding jobs all of which could help them be productive and for their community to develop economic growth. (IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)

from page 11, Every Drop...

from page 13, DILG RO1 conducts...the assessment to witness the face-to-face discussion per indicator and final presentation of ratings. Also present are LGOO II Dino Ramos, Engr. Lawrence Keir Mariano, Engr. Jan Patriz Mariano and Engr. Dimejoe Ninon of the DILG Ilocos Norte Provincial Office.

With the LRMPAT Framework of capacity, performance and impact in mind, Engr. Sheen Mark C. Pagaduan, Engr. Marc H. Gabuat and Engr. James Tadifa exhibited their expertise in conducting the attestation of results, in explaining the data reflected and in answering inquiries regarding the said tool.

As the activity concluded, the validators congratulated the LGUs for complying and encouraged them to embrace the tool’s importance and its value. They reminded the functionaries to enhance their inventory of needed documents, to step up in the areas where they are lacking and develop further in the indicators where they excelled for better ratings in the next assessments to come.

The success of the province and the municipalities in the validation also signifies success of their constituents, for everything is done for the love and service to their community. (IO II Joyce M. Delos Santos)
Road to Accessibility and Convenience

When rain falls heavily, the people in Población B struggles a lot as the asphalt road continues to deteriorate and water begins to emerge. This is the reality for the town of Tayug, bad road condition affects the people in countless ways and it makes people suffer. Having this kind of road makes it more difficult for children to go to school and more expensive for farmers to bring their produce to the market. The people are also having a hard time on burial, it delays them to go to the cemetery because of the bad road condition.

Dati po, mahirap po talagang dumaan dito dahil bako-bako po. Lagi pong nalulubak yung daan, nasisira po yung gulong ng mga sasakyan, mahirap din po mag-angkat ng mga produkto. Kawawa po yung naglilibing ng mga patay, umuuga-uga po kasi. Lalo na kung may pilay ka, mahirap lumakad, lubak lubak”, emphasized Arly Pantaleon, a Sari-Sari Store owner who suffers from arthritis and grew up with the ordeal.

To this end, Local Government Units (LGUs) continue to propose the improvement of local access roads. This is because hope and opportunity flourish where roads begin for it enables connectivity and safe mobility, it also affects access to health, education and economic opportunities.

In the small agricultural communities of Barangays Población A - D, in the municipality of Tayug, Pangasinan, the rehabilitation and improvement of local access road was funded and constructed under the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) – Assistance to Municipalities Program (AM 2019) with an allocation amounting to Php 11,350,000.00 and has a total length of 2.12 kilometers.

Municipal Engineer Edson Tandoc said in an interview that the purpose of their AM 2019 Project is to improve the road especially in Poblacion B. This is because when there is a heavy rainfall, the water flows through the road resulting for a flood to rise. Asphalt was the previous road pavement and we all know that it doesn’t last quite as long as concrete, thus the said road continues to deteriorate.

This project provides people and vehicles to commute a wide range of locations and help them to reach their destination without any disturbances. It also improves the transportation of locals’ farm produce to the market and town center, thus improving socio-economic activities in the area.

The residents were very happy with the completed project. They appreciate the drive of the government to help them out and have a comfortable life. With this, they are conducting monthly clearing operations to preserve the road and enhance its benefits. “Naglilinis po kami ng kalsada, importante po talaga yun”, Pantaleon says.


Now, the road provides a faster and less costly means of transporting goods. It also brings social, cultural and economic changes in the lives of the residents in terms of providing connectivity between people and places. Through this successful initiative, travel time is reduced and access to social institutions is now within reach. (IO I Angelica Ann G. Estipona)
Sanitation as defined in the lexicon, is the promotion of hygiene and prevention of diseases by maintenance of sanitary conditions (as by removal of sewage and trash)-often used attributively. It also refers to the safe collection, transportation and proper disposal of wastes. With this, the befitting sanitation management promotes health, improves the quality of environment and enhances quality of life in the community.

One of the subsets of environmental sanitation, categorized under solid waste management is the onset of sanitary landfills. Sanitary landfill is a modern engineering landfill where waste is allowed to decompose into biologically and chemically inert materials in a setting isolated from the environment (Chen et al., 2003; Pruss et al., 1999). The main purpose of sanitary landfills is to ensure waste is safe by reducing the harm from accumulated waste and allowing safe decomposition. The alternative layering of garbage and soil aids in hastening decomposition.

Acknowledging its purpose and importance, anchored in the Republic Act 9003- An Act providing for an Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, the Municipality of Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte prioritizes construction of such. The project entitled “Construction of Sanitary Landfill with MRF in #22 Brgy. Dilanis (Phase 1)” was located in Brgy. Dilanis, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte. It was funded by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the Local Government Support Fund Assistance to Municipalities-Disaster Risk Reduction (LGSF AM-DRR) Program. It has a partial area equal to 10,000 sq. meters with a total project cost of Php12,078,959.88. The phase 1 was completed last April 2021.

As part of DILG’s oversight function over LGUs, Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, DILG R1’s PDMU Chief and Information Officer I Joyce M. Delos Santos visited the project site (cont. on page 23)
“All the efforts and all the capacity development activities intended for you, we will do it, because we believe that a well-trained, well capacitated human resource will bring out the best output” said Dir. Julie J. Daquioag, Ph.D., CESO III of DILG Regional Office I during her Opening Remarks at the preliminaries of the Refresher on the Preparation of the Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan (MWSSMP) and Orientation of RBME for Newly Hired Staff cum Midyear Evaluation of the Implementation of LGSF Projects held at Paoay Lake JLP Resort and Hotel, Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

The activity was spearheaded by the DILG R1 Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) captained by Engr. Sharwyn M. Sangel, PDMU Chief and is being attended by PDMU Engineers, Project Evaluation Officers, Engineering Aide, Financial Analysts, Information System Analysts, Information Officers and Administrative Officer from the Regional and Provincial Offices.

PD Virgilio P. Sison, CESE V, Provincial Director of DILG Ilocos Norte also graced the occasion with a Welcome Remarks. Program Manager of DILG La Union LGOO VI Nicolette A. Amon and Focal Persons LGOO V Cynthia P. Pe Benito of DILG Ilocos Sur and LGOO II Dino A. Ramos of DILG Ilocos Norte were also present to show their support and cooperation.

Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Government Units Infrastructure Projects (RLIP) was the highlight of the topics in the first day wherein, Engr. Art Anthony B. Umel led the discussion. Salient features of MC 2022-050: Guidelines for RLIP and the Status (cont. on page 27)
“Narigat iti sitwasyon mi ditoy idi, malaylayos kami. Narigat pay iti agbiyahe mapan idiyay ili”, recalled Mr. Gil Butuyan, a resident of Brgy. Caramutan, Villasis, Pangasinan for 39 years when asked about their situation before the upgrading of road was made.

The project entitled “Upgrading of Caramutan Dike Road in Brgy. Caramutan, Villasis, Pangasinan” was funded by the DILG under the LGSF Assistance to Municipalities-Local Access Road (AM-LAR). With a total length of 434 meters and width of 5 meters, it has a total contract amount of Php2,992,513.10. The project started last November 24, 2020 and was duly accomplished last February 1, 2021 and is now servicing a total number of 500 beneficiaries.

As per Municipal Engr. Vladimir P. Torres, the project was identified from the long list of priority projects proposed by Punong Barangays during the meetings called through the Office of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator or by the Office of the Municipal Mayor. “After the identification of confirmed projects, all road concreting projects in the municipality are implemented by administration para mas malaki ang product/output na magagawa ng pondong nakalana, ibig sabihin pinapabidding lang po namin iyong materials at mismong Engineering Office na ang nagimplement kaya ang ginawa ni Mayor, pinaganda niya ang Engineering Office, bumili kami ng mga dump trucks, grater, pison at lahat na yata ng klase na pwedeng gamitin sa construction for road concreting ay kumpleto na po kami”, he added.

“Road projects are very important because sa far flung areas kailangan natin ng barangay road so that would mean easier for them to transport their products and all, mas mabilis ang access nila sa bayan”, answered Hon. Nonato S. Abrenica, Municipal Mayor of Villasis when asked of its importance to the LGU.


In an interview, some of the beneficiaries uttered “Napabuti ang kalagayan namin noong nagawa na itong kalsada specially lahat ng nakatira dito ay nagocommute lang gamit ang tricycle, mas maaga na silang nakakarating sa trabaho.” “Napintasen iti dalan, haan a abot-abuten ken lutak, dagidiyay apit nga gulay napartaken iti transakyon da mga mapan idiyay ili, dagidiyay agtrabtrabaho mayaten ta haan da mapitakanen”, Ms. Gloria P. Dela Torre and Mr. Danilo Pas Sr. respectively.
The twenty-three (23) local government units (LGUs) of Ilocos Norte were simultaneously assessed for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) 2022 from April 5-April 25, 2022 by the Regional Assessment Team.

District I LGUs were assessed by Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Ilocos Sur Cluster Leader Mila P. Madriaga, LGOO II Paul Bryan Cabalbag and CSO Representative Ptrl Gerald Conde. For district II LGUs DILG Ilocos Sur Program Manager Ceasarieta Pestano, LGOO III Mayvely Supnet, and CSO Representative Samantha Keith Castro conducted the assessment.

Meanwhile, the assessment of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) was conducted on April 27, 2022. DILG Region 1 Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon served as the Rat Team Leader while DILG R1 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) Asst. Division Chief Leslie Carol Isip, and CSO Representative Ms. Samantha Keith Castro served as members.

In his message, PD Sison said that the SGLG is not merely a tool to assess but also a tool to recognize outstanding performance in local governance.

"Firstly, SGLG is a tool in order to assess and determine an LGUs strength and identify existing gaps in order for them to improve their performance towards good local governance. Secondly, it is also a tool to incentivize excellent performance of LGUs," he said.

On the other hand, ARD De Leon said that through the SGLG, LGUs will be able to evaluate their performance for the past and current years to ensure effective provision and implementation of programs, projects, and activities.
With the theme, “Be Basic. Have Balance. Get Motivated”, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Ilocos Norte (DILG IN) through the leadership of Provincial Director Virgilio P. Sison conducted the Mid-Year Performance Evaluation cum Recognition of Best Performing Personnel for the 1st Semester CY 2022 on June 27, 2022 at the JLP Resort Paoay Lake, Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

The activity aimed to recognize the efforts and contributions of every personnel of DILG IN and to give due recognition to the best performing personnel for the first semester of the year. In his message PD Sison gave emphasis on working together and the culture of being a matino, mahusay at maasahang linkgod bayan. He also said that one of the best ways to improve our performance is by being positive and by starting the day right.

“A beautiful day starts with a beautiful mindset. At kapag inumpisahan natin ang ating araw ng positibo the rest of the day will be good and productive,” he said.

Also, to encourage the personnel of DILG IN PD Sison emphasized the significance of doing one’s best.

“Being the best is rarely within our reach. Doing our best is always within our reach,” he added.

On the other hand, DILG Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag shared her experiences when she was starting her journey in the Department. She also said that one of the major changes that she has seen was how technology has affected the operation of the Department that resulted to a faster implementation of the Department’s programs, projects, and activities.

She ended her message with a congratulation to DILG IN.

“I congratulate all of you for a job well done! There are more challenges and bigger responsibilities that we will be facing but with teamwork anything can be achieved,” she said.

Pastor Gerard Paul Conde also attended the activity and served as the resource person during the spiritual upliftment. Said activity is part of the DILG Ilocos Norte Enhanced Wellness (DILG Ilocos NEW) strategy aimed in improving work relations, spiritual, and mental health of DILG IN Personnel.

Finally, the following are the recipient of the awards for the first semester of CY 2022:

Best Performing Personnel for the 1st Semester:

- CLGOO Janette P. Duarte
- CLGOO Rodel D. Hilario
- MLGOO Flora May F. Agbayani
- MLGOO Laurice M. Aguinaldo
- MLGOO Mildred Lea D. Estavillo
- MLGOO Wilma G. Rico

Special Award for Innovation

- LGOO II Michelle Anne R. Ratuita

Special Award for Health and Wellness

- ADAS II Ma. Ariane Patrice C. Tuliao

Compliance Award for Administrative Requirements

- LGOO II May Rose A. Antonio (Provincial Office Category)
- MLGOO Antonette Dina J. Arucan (File Office Category)

(LGOO II Bernard Victor S. Ringor)
DILG R1 Team Evaluates PGIS’s SGLG Performance

The DILG Region 1 Regional Assessment Team (RAT) headed by Team Leader ARD Agnes A. De Leon together with Assistant LGMED Chief Leslie Carol Isip and CSO Representative Larry Julio led the Document Review and Onsite Validation of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur for the 2022 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) on 26 April 2022 at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Hall, Provincial Farmers Livelihood Development Center, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

The team was accompanied by DILG Ilocos Sur Provincial Director Randy S. Dela Rosa, Program Manager Cesarieta R. Pestaño, and LGOO II Jaemee Erleen T. Espejo.

SPM Janina Joyce Tabios, together with the department heads, focal persons, and other functionaries of the Provincial Government, and representatives from the Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office and DepEd Ilocos Sur were present during the assessment.

Provincial Administrator Cara Michelle P. Tabios welcomed the RAT and other participants through a short message on behalf of Honorable Governor Ryan Luis V. Singson.

The PGIS aims to pass the regional assessment to qualify for the national validation. It needs to pass the 2022 SGLG Awards "all-in" assessment criteria which include financial administration and sustainability; disaster preparedness; social protection and sensitivity; health compliance and responsiveness; sustainable education; business-friendliness and competitiveness; safety, and peace and order; tourism, heritage development, culture and arts; and youth development.

(LGOO II Jaemee Erleen Espejo)
Significant to the Department's commitment in promoting organizational efficiency and excellent service delivery to its clients, Region 1 has conducted Regional Management Committee Meeting cum Mid-Year Evaluation for the 2nd Quarter of 2022.

Held on June 20-21, 2022 at Ynad's Place Hotel and Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union, the 2-day activity, under the leadership of Regional Director Julie J. Daquioag, Ph. D., CESO III, was graced with the presence of Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, CESO V, together with the Provincial Directors, Division Chiefs and Assistant Division Chiefs, Cluster Leaders, Program Managers, Section and Unit Heads, Information Officers and RMC Secretariat who also participated in the activity.

Accomplishments, catch up plans and activities to address issues and to achieve the remaining long term and short term targets for the 1st semester of 2022 were discussed during the meeting. Also, the region's compliance to ISO 9001:2015 standards was reviewed in preparation for the Certification Audit. The RMC also tackled the ways forward in preparation for the transition of new administration. (RQMSO Kattrina Florentin)


Mr. Nelson Udando, a resident of #22 Brgy. Dilanis, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte where the landfill was built and one of the security guards assigned in maintaining safety and order in the project narrated, “Idi awan pay datoy, makita idiyay igid kalsada nga isu iti pagbasbasuraan da ket nakaal alas a kitkitaen ken nakabangbangsit nu malabasan mi nga ingkami apan appaili isu agyaman kami datoy a proyekto.” Ms. Violeta Seguvia, 56, also a resident of the said barangay added that she’s grateful for the jobs generated for her fellow residents. Since all the workers in charge of segregation and security are from Brgy. Dilanis, the unemployment rate was lessened.

On behalf of the residents of the said barangay, Hon. Fernand Dalere, Barangay Captain of Dilanis, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte thanked the DILG for funding the said project and expressed his appeal to the LGU of Pasuquin to continue the development of the landfill to reach its full potential and to maximize its benefit to the barangay. (IO II Joyce M. Delos Santos)
The DILG Region, in collaboration with the Philippine National Police PRO1, Philippine Navy (Naval Forces Northern Luzon), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and Kiwanis Club of Laoag City (Civil Society Organization) conducted the CY 2019 and 2021 Performance Audit of the 4 Provincial Peace and Order Councils (PPOCs) and 1 City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) – Independent Component City in the region on May 26, 2022.

Regional Audit Team (RAT) formed includes the above-said agencies and Non-government Organization and assessed the performance of PPOCs and CPOC on their functionality guided by the following Audit Pillars: (1) Organization (2) Policies, Plan, and Budget (3) Meetings (4) Reports and (5) Innovations. Furthermore, the audit also aims to determine possible interventions and improvement strategies for POCs and their POC secretariats and identify their innovations as well as their best practices.

The RAT, thru face-to-face table assessment, audited and validated the documents submitted by the 4 Provincial POCs and CPOC of Dagupan City using the indicators, parameters, MOVs, and remarks that measures the performance of their POCs provided in the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-013 guidelines.

Results of the performance audit are yet to be finalized and to be submitted at the National Audit Team (NAT) by the end of the month. On the other hand, PAT performance audit for Cities and Municipalities already took place last May 1 – 20, 2022.

Meanwhile, release of POC Performance Audit Results and Recognition of Top Performing POCs and POC Secretariats shall take place by the end of June.

POC Performance Audit for CY 2020 was not pursued due to the suspension and cancellation of Program, Projects and Activities of POCs and reallocation of their funds for COVID-19 response. (DMO III Aldrin D. Nolasco)
Barangay Poblacion, Burgos, Ilocos Norte Bags Top 5 Grand Winner for Bayanivation 2.0

Barangay Poblacion, Burgos, Ilocos Norte was awarded as TOP 5 Grand Winner during the recently concluded Bayanivation 2.0: Barangay Innovation Challenge Competition 2022 awarding ceremony on April 26, 2022 via online platform.

Punong Barangay Jeogie B. Jimenez spearheaded the barangay team in designing an incentivized system where residents can exchange their plastic waste for grocery items, necessities and school supplies. The said project was selected to address the problem category they were given under the Environment and Sustainability Area.

Barangay Poblacion is grateful for the support they have received from the Local Government Unit and their partner agencies. (cont. on page 31)

from page 19, Dalan iti Salun-at The residents pledged to help in maintaining the project by helping in the cleaning of the road, sowing plants in the road sides and avoid burning of materials/wastes in the pavement. They also expressed their gratitude to DILG Regional Office I for making the project possible through the initiative of the LGU. (IO II Joyce M. Delos Santos)

from page 20, SGLG 2022 Governor Matthew J Marcos Manotoc attended the activity together with the various department heads and functionaries of PGIN, DILG IN Program Manager Princess Eliza Caranay, other DILG staff, representatives from Department of Education and Philippine National Police.

Onsite visit and inspection, documents review, interview and exit conference were conducted as part of the activity. (LGOO VI/PM Princess Eliza C. Caranay)
Responsible Voting of the Youth

In partnership with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Legal Network for Truthful Elections (LENTE Philippines) and National Youth Commission (NYC) conducted a virtual Information Drive on Responsible Voting of the Youth and the 2022 Elections for the members of the Sangguniang Kabataan and other youth organization in the region on April 18, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference.

The voter’s education drive aims to help voters, particularly the youth, in deciphering which information to consider when selecting the candidates to be elected into public office. This will empower them with knowledge regarding significant factors that affect their decision, ensure them on their participation in deciding for the future of the country on the national and local elections for the year 2022. The Information Drive was also streamed via facebook live. (STAT I Lara Mae P. Casuga)

RTF-ELCAC 1 2nd Phase Summing Up Activity

April 8, 2022, the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC 1) convened for the 2nd Phase Summing-up Activity at Ynad’s Hotel Place and Resort in San Fernando City, La Union, to discuss the implementation of ways forward and institutionalizing the culture of collaboration, coordination, and synchronization among task force members and stakeholders in the region, as well as to formulate catch-up plans to address the identified gaps and/or challenges.

The blended activity was presided over by USec. Vicente Agdamag of the National Security Council, which was attended by DILG R1 ARD Agnes A. De Leon, as well as the heads and members of the Joint Regional Task Force (JRTFs). (RPO/RIO Alethea A. Cedo)
from page 18, PDMU conducts... Selection of Projects were also covered. Later that day, the Refresher on Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan (MSWWMP) Phase 1: Sector Assessment was presented.

The following day focused on the MWSSMP Phase II: Sector Planning in which Tools 1-6 were accentuated. In the afternoon, a workshop commenced as participants were divided into four groups representing each province to experience first-hand learning. Updates on submission of MWSSMP deliverables were also discussed.

The final day concentrated on the presentation of accomplishments through AVPs and assessment of outputs. The essence of teamwork was also reiterated and thinking hats were put on as the action plans were carefully planned.

With these, the three-day activity objectives of: to have an in-depth discussion regarding the RBME of Local Government Infrastructure Projects (RLIP), refresher on the MWSSMP covering the aspects of submission of LGUs and tools, to showcase the accomplishments for the first half of year 2022 and to assess the quality of performance in the 1st semester, to keep the participants abreast of the things to be improved and done in terms of project monitoring and implementation as well as compliance to the MWSSMP standards were achieved by the DILG R1 PDMU Team. (IO II Dann Ariel Genese, IO II Joyce Delos Santos, IO I Angelica Estipona)
The DILG RO1 Regional Focal Person and Alternate Focal Person for Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) participated the 8-day 2nd Level Operational Training for the 2022 National Rollout held at Jorisan Waterfront Resort, Pagdalagan Sur, Bauang, La Union.

June 25, 2022, is the last day of the said training before the conduct of Provincial Operational Trainings to be participated by Head CBMS Area Supervisors (HCAS) and CBMS Area Supervisors (CAS). This will capacitate them on their CBMS field supervision and operations in the upcoming CBMS Nationwide Rollout.

Same training will be participated by DILG and DICT Provincial counterparts who will be then extending technical assistance to the conduct of Municipal Level Operational Trainings of the participating LGUs to be attended by Enumerators and Team Supervisors.

On the enactment of R.A. 11315 of 2019, CBMS refers to an organized technology-based system of collecting, processing, and validating necessary disaggregated data that may be used for planning, program implementation and impact monitoring at the local level while empowering communities to participate in the process. 2022 CBMS Data Collection is expected to start on August 8, 2022. To know more about the CBMS, please visit this link: https://psa.gov.ph/cbms.

(DMO III Aldrin Nolasco)
DILG Region 1 Prepares for the 2022 NEO Program Implementation

The DILG Region 1 gears up for the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Program implementation for 2022 during the Regional Management Meeting at Awesome Hotel, San Juan, La Union in June 24, 2022. The NEO Program is a term-based capacity development (CapDev) program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to assist the newly elected local officials in transitioning to their posts, preparing them to their responsibilities in managing their local government units (LGUs). application. Region 1 was one of the two regions chosen to represent the regional offices in the Department.

The 2022 NEO Orientation for the newly minted Governors, City and Municipal Mayors will be conducted by the Local Government Academy (LGA), while the orientation for the re-elected and come-backing Local Chief Executives (LCEs) will be handled by the DILG Regional Office.

The NEO Program 2022 in Region 1 will kick-off with the Orientation for NEOs: Priming the Newly Elected LCEs, this month of July 2022. The orientation for the newly minted LCEs for the Cluster of Region 1, Region 2, and CAR is scheduled on August 2022.

Present during the Regional Management Meeting are: Assistant Regional Director Agnes A. De Leon, CESO V, LGCDD Chief Pedro D. Gonzales, LGCDD ADC Lily-Ann Z. Victorio, LGMED ADC Leslie Carol L. Isip, HEA Marife M. Doculan, SAO Zety Zorayda S. Perez, LGOO V Rhealiza A. Delos Santos, LGOO IV Michael David S. Casignia, STAT I Lara Mae F. Casuga, and DBA Rodolfo V. Sarranquin, Jr. (LGOO IV Michael David S. Casignia)
DILG R1 receives Madaydayaw Award

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Regional Office I recognized DILG Regional Office I under the leadership of RD Julie J. Daquioag for its active participation in the OWWA's Hatid-Sundo Program by assisting and facilitating the acceptance and transportation of human remains of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) during heightened community quarantine through close coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs).

The award was received by LGOO VI/ HEA Marife M. Doculan and LGOOV/ Focal Person Karen C. Castillo on June 20, 2022 at the J&V Function Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union during the 27th Migrant Workers Day.

The Madaydayaw Award is conferred to provinces and all government agencies in the region that participated as they have greatly exemplified teamwork and camaraderie to make sure that the OFWs reach their doorsteps through unhampered travel across the borders in the region.

Other awards conferred during the ceremony were Sinagtala (Starlight), Maringal (Majestic), Siglat (Agile), Bannuar (Hero), and OWWArrior.
DILG R1 Now an Accredited CPD Provider

The CPD Council of Environmental Planning has approved the accreditation of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office 1 as a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider after completing the requirements in accordance with the PRC Resolution No. 1032, Series of 2017 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10912, otherwise known as the CPD Act of 2016. Republic Act No. 10912 was enacted by the Congress in March 23, 2016 to promote and upgrade the practice of professions in the country.

The DILG Region 1 as an accredited CPD Provider can now provide CPD units with its future training programs related to Environmental Planning starting with the Management Course for Local Officials and Functionaries, a joint project of a consortium of DILG Region 1 through its Local Government Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) and Saint Louis College (SLC). The Management Course for Local Officials and Functionaries is a short online course offering in the preparation or updating of the 6-year Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) of Local Government Units (LGUs). The said course is offered to all local officials and functionaries, especially Local Planning and Development Coordinators (LPDCs) and their technical staff, and all interested employees of the national government in the region.

This accreditation as CPD Provider is another milestone of DILG Region 1 in its commitment to support not only the continuing professional development of all local planners who are licensed Environmental Planners, but also all licensed Environmental Planners from National Government Agencies (NGAs).

(LGOO IV Michael David S. Casignia)

from page 25, Brgy. Poblacion... According to PB Jimenez, this program helped them bring the residents, public servants and youth leaders to co-create solutions to address their community challenges.

Bayanivation is a nationwide program that aims to spark civic innovation and digital transformation in local governance in the Philippines. (LGOO II Roma Andrea Bringas)
Newly Acquired Knowledge Products of LGRRC I

Lived Experiences of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Local Special Bodies of Bauang, La Union

Guidebook for Civil Society Organizations in Local Special Bodies and Local Budget Process