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ASEC. Aldana, Director Bonagua, Director Guanzon, the LCEs of Region XII and the Regional Management of DILG XII headed by RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V take a pause during the closing part of the summit.

2019 Regional Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) Summit

To recognize the performing LGUs in the Region, the DILG Regional Office XII conducted the PCF Regional Summit with the theme: "Sharing Innovations and Best Practices Towards Good Local Governance" on April 12, 2019 at the EMR Convention Center in City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.

Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, Regional Director of DILG-XII, offered her warmest welcome to all the guests, participating LGUs, Provincial and City Directors, PCF program management and DILG-XII personnel. She also congratulated the LGU awardees who were present during the event. The Director said that "the Region has received a total allocation of P294,500,000.00 from PCF and this has undeniably made significant impact to the lives of everyone in the community".

The Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) program is an incentive fund to LGUs which comes in the form of financial subsidy for Local Development Projects which are in the Annual Investment Program (AIP) or Local

Development Investment Program (LDIP) of LGUs and consistent with national goals and priorities. The PCF aims to incentivize and recognize good governance performance, particularly in the areas of transparency, accountability, participation and service delivery. The Program is intended to sustain governance reforms for the delivery of basic services.

The DILG Regional Office XII has been implementing the PCF since 2011 up to the present. A total of 148 projects amounting to P34,500,000.00 were awarded to the (9) LGUs, which include the provinces and cities that have been conferred with the 2018 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), under the Department's Local Governance Performance Management Program.

"Our theme: Sharing Innovations and Best Practices towards Good Local Governance is about the need to spread out the good news and the best practices for the benefit of our communities, marginalized sector, and practically everyone," Dir. Leysa added.

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RD Leysa delivering her message during the PCF Summit

The PCF Regional Summit 2019 was attended by the following guests from the DILG-Central Office: ASEC Esther A. Aldana, CESO II, Dir. Anna Liza F. Bonagua, CESO III, Dir. Marlo S. Guanzon, Ms. Melanie P. Angulo, LGOO IV and Mr. Zaldy I. Masangkay, Chief, LADD.

Dir. Anna Liza F. Bonagua, CESO III, BLGD, presented the Overview and the PCF progress of implementation. She stated that from CY 2010 to 2018, there have been 3,241 LGU awardees nationwide with a total fund allocation of P6.862 Billion. As posted on the PCF website on March 31, 2019, 3,171 projects (88.70%) out of 3,575 projects have been completed, 191 projects (5.34%) are ongoing and 213 (5.96%) have not been started yet. She also emphasized that (9) nine LGUs in Region 12, received a total PCF subsidy of P980,300,000.00. Out of 148 PCF projects, 139 projects have been completed, (6) six is ongoing, and (3) three is yet to be started.

ASEC Aldana, challenged the DILG Regional Office XII under the leadership of Dir. Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, to double the number of LGU SGLG qualifiers by CY 2019. She congratulated the DILG

XII for being the first Region to conduct the 2019 PCF Summit among the (4) four other regions which had been given assistance by the DILG-Central Office. She also congratulated the SGLG passers who bested all the criteria of the SGLG for their efforts will not be wasted as they ultimately benefit the people.

The PCF Regional Summit 2019 in Region XII was attended by the 41 LGUs with eight (8) Local Chief Executives, MLGOOs, CLGOOs, Provincial and City Directors, DILG RO XII personnel and with the special participation of the BFP-XII Band and Dancers and the South Cotabato Chorale.

The top five LGUs in the Region which received the award as the Best PCF Project Implementers are the LGUs of Surallah in South Cotabato, Kiamba in Sarangani Province, Columbio in Sultan Kudarat, the City of Kidapawan and the Province of Cotabato. These top five LGUs were selected based on their performance in the PCF project implementation while consistently passing the SGLG.



RD Leysa, ARD Ortiz with the event's host Mr. Abutazil and Ms. Taperla



Central office guest Asec. Aldana, Dir. Bonagua, Dir. Guanson, Ms. Angulo and Mr. Masangkay is joined by RD Leysa and ARD Ortiz



ASEC. Aldana, Dir. Bonagua, RD Leysa, ARD Ortiz, LGMED Chief Lah Alim and LGCDD Chief Maria Theresa Bautista together with the PDMU Family headed by Engr. Herminia Ontoy

RD Leysa Awards Medal of Merit to Police Troops



RD Leysa giving the medal to one of the deserving Police Officers

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa shared words of wisdom on patriotism to the awardees of the PNP Medal of Merit during one of the regular Monday convocation at the Philippine National Police Regional Office XII recently.

Director Leysa acknowledged the ‘young, brave and bold members of the Mobile Force Battalion who are tasked to combat those who are considered to be the enemies of peace, order and security’ but pointed out that both the law enforcement and government sector ‘can do a lot together if we know patriotism and nationalism, and we know the difference between the two’.

The Regional Director was the guest speaker to the awarding ceremony to give due recognition to the

fourteen (14) police officers who displayed meritorious act ‘during the conduct of a major Internal Security Operation in Kiamba, Sarangani Province’.

Police records show that on March 13-17, 2019, 13 members of the PNPRO XII Regional Mobile Force Battalion under the PLT Nixon Budikey, platoon leader, 1204th Maneuver Company, encountered an undetermined number of CPP-NPA Terrorists (CNT) in Sitio Tabutong, Nalus, Kiamba. The said group was commanded by a certain Kumander Gorio or Toto who was apparently in-charge of a camp which was later captured by the government troops. Recovered from the encampment was an NPA flag, firearms and assorted live ammunitions.

Among those who were given the PNP Medal of Merit was Pat. Joeffrey M dela Pena, Pat. Raffy G Frugalidad, Pat. Aldwin T Reyes, Pat. Michael L Santillana, Pat. Elvin P Unggay, Pat. Ekinne T Semilla, Pat. Joffrey F Apalla, Pat. Erin G Monarca, Pat. John Rey A Galochino, Pat. Jessie I Wison, Pat. Roly H Caburnay, Pat. Gilbert D Mariano and Pat Prujie Y Rafanan.

The awarding ceremony was witnessed by the members of the Office of the Regional Director PNPRO XII, namely PCol. Rex M de la Rosa, Deputy Regional Director for Administration, PCol. Ritchie Medardo A Posadas, Acting Regional Chief Directorial Staff, PCol. Oliver A Enmodias, Deputy Regional Director for Operations, PCol Rolly S Octavio, acting chief, Regional Logistics Research and Development Division, PLTC. Jemuel F Siason, acting chief, Regional Operations Management Division, PLTC. Barney P Condes, Commander, Regional Mobile Force Battalion and the officers and staff.

DILG XII Drivers Undergo Refresher Course



The DILG XII drivers doing one of their activities

As part of the DILG XII’s commitment to foster personnel development and growth by strengthening professionalism and continual learning, a Refresher course for drivers on various topics like Traffic Rules and Regulations, Handling of VIPs, Ethical Standards, Social Graces and ISO Reporting was conducted last April 16-17, 2019 at the Punta Isla Lake Resort in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato.

The two-day event was conducted in order to update

and refresh the knowledge of the DILG XII drivers on road safety and courtesy, defensive driving and riding tips. They were also treated to the timely and relevant topics on values, proper qualities and responsibilities in driving, etiquette and other transportation - related ordinances.

The resource persons for the said course included Mansor A. Mangontra and Norhanna D. Rangaig of Land Transportation Office (LTO) XII, P/CMSG Randolph V. Lagman and P/EMSG Alfred Y. Patron of Police Security and Protection Group (PSPG) – PRO XII, and Jim C. Raborar of Department of Agriculture (DA) – Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) XII.

For her part, Regional Director Josephine Cabrido - Leysa emphasized the need for the learnings to sink in to become better or best performing drivers of the Department. She encouraged the participants to never stop learning and to take every training as an opportunity to gain more knowledge which can be very helpful in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as public servants.

RD Leysa lauds huge turnout for Orientation on BADAC functionality for Punong Barangays



RD Leysa and ADAC Regional Focal Person Muhammad G. Nanding, Jr, together with the punong barangays during the BADAC Functionality Orientation

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, expressed her appreciation for the attendees who showed up in large number to join the two-day 'Training-cum-Orientation on the Barangay Drug-Clearing Program and BADAC Functionality Indicators' held on April 29- 30 in the City of Koronadal.

Participants were composed of Punong Barangays and kagawads from more than 92 barangays in Region XII, particularly those which garnered low rating in their BADAC functionality indicators during the CY 2017 ADAC/ BADAC assessment. Among them were barangay officials from the cities of General Santos and Cotabato, and the provinces of Sultan Kudarat, Cotabato and Sarangani, with actual attendees reaching up to 126 individuals.

In her message to the attendees, Rd Leysa clearly articulated the final outcome of the event which is to promote more functional and effective BADACS.

She also emphasized the big role of the barangay officials and the youth in the Government's campaign against illegal drugs and other harmful substances. She added that DILG XII is dedicated to 'achieving peace and order, particularly in the elimination of illegal drugs'. Those who are directly and adversely affected are the youth and families at the grassroots level, highlighting the critical role that the barangay officials play being the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community. RD Leysa then rallied the support of the barangay officials who attended the

Orientation to be consistent in their campaign and that the anti-illegal drug advocacy has to be more intensive, massive and participatory.

The reorientation program emphasizes the principal responsibility of the barangays, which include, among others, being equipped with skills on how to address issues concerning illegal drugs, implementation and evaluation of programs on drug abuse prevention in their barangays and the continuous gathering and updating of data on all drug-related incidents, including the listing of suspected drug users and pushers.

The said activity tapped resource persons from the Philippine National Philippine (PNP) and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to help enlighten the BADAC Chairpersons in their partnership and their important role during the conduct of drug-clearing operations.

A representative of the Department of Health (DOH) discussed the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP), a venue for care and service provided to Persons Who Use Drugs (PWUDS).

For his part, Regional ADAC Focal Person Muhammad G. Nanding, Jr., highlighted some other means which can be employed to ensure timely submissions, including the designation of a person who will attend to it, constant coordination with the local DILG point persons and the adherence to scheduled activities outlined in the respective calendars of each LGU.

DILG XII Conducts Mid-Year Assessment, Pre-Activity In Support Of Inter-Agency Activities On Anti-Illegal Drugs



LGOO V Muhammad G. Nanding Jr. receiving the certificate of appreciation from RD Leysa and ARD Ortiz for the accomplishments of the Anti-Illegal Drugs Program

Acknowledging that the problem brought about by the proliferation of illegal drugs has adversely affected the Philippine society and is now considered to be one of the major obstacles to the country's economic growth and social progress, the Regional Office XII of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), along with partner national agencies, consolidated their renewed efforts against illegal drugs.

The DILG XII's Action plan on the war against illegal drugs was revisited recently by all rank and file of the said Office. Headed by the Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, together with Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, the DILG XII key personnel, Provincial Directors, Division Chiefs, technical and administrative staff, utility workers and security guards. The Assessment Activity helped identify the performance gaps and set the prioritization of other deliverables for the second semester of 2019.

The resource persons for the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS) and ADAC Assessment Result included PDO IV Arthur P. Condes and LGOO V Muhammad G. Nanding, Jr. who both have attended a Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB)-sponsored high-level meeting on the said concern in Quezon City.

Meanwhile, attendees to the gathering were also treated to an information-packed and interesting session with Mr. Jim C. Raborar of DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) XII who shared pointers and basic knowledge on Social Graces, Etiquette and Customer Service.

The well-travelled DILG XII Regional Director Josephine

Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, also willingly narrated her previous experiences in fine dining and table manners, mixed with true stories on some mishaps, bloopers and fumbles. Based on her previous encounters, RD Leysa emphasized the need for the personnel of DILG XII to become familiar with the basic etiquette in fine dining since they often had to play host and attend to high ranking officials of the Department and other agencies.

One of the main highlights of the said gathering was the giving of tribute to the outgoing LGOO V Pembayong A. Kadatuan, and Kendak A. Umar who were set to retire on April 30, 2019. A fitting recognition through a simple Testimonial Program led by the Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V together with the Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, all of the Provincial Directors and regional employees was set for them.

Ms. Kadatuan, fondly called by co-workers as 'Penny', had given 37 years of her life in government service while Mr. Umar or 'Kaka Kenny' to everyone, devoted 26 years of service to the government in his capacity as a Security Guard. Both were awarded Plaques of Appreciation for giving invaluable dedication, compassion and loyalty to the Department. Friends of the retirees, together with fellow employees from the DILG Regional Office XII also offered their love gifts and delivered fitting and touching parting messages as a sign of their gratitude to the honorees.

The activity was capped with the Regional Director conveying her gratitude to each one for our modest contributions in making the activity a success and for the delivery of our targets/deliverables for the first semester of 2019.

Focal persons coached on Business-Friendly and Competitive LGUs



LGCDD Chief Maria Theresa Bautista responds to issues raised during the activity

The DILG- Regional Office XII, through the Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD), spearheaded the 2-day Focal Person's Meeting-Conference and Coaching on Streamlining Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy for LGUs –Cum- BPLS Automation/Computerization and BPLS User's Training last April 23-24, 2019 @ the 88 Hotel, Koronadal City.

The participants, aside from being trained, also contributed gainful insights on the attainment of the activity's goal: the finalization of the target LGUs for CY 2019 deliverables and identification of different strategies in order to effectively implement the Plans, Programs and Activities under the DILG's outcome area 5 which is "Improving LGU's Competitiveness and the Ease of Doing Business."

LGSF-AM Partners New Mobile App for Feedbacking



Project Management Officer Richard Villacorte introduces the features of the DEVLIVE mobile app.

"Transition - changing the way we do things - is the way we do today in the government."

This is what SLGP Program Manager II Richard L. Villacorte said during the Leveraging Technology for Citizens and Government; Regional Moderators' Training on Development LIVE (DevLIVE) Platform System (Visayas and Mindanao Cluster) on May 7, 2019.

Project monitoring system, such as DevLIVE, acts as an easy access tool for the citizens or beneficiaries to give feedbacks about the ongoing and completed government projects. It is for the organization and project itself to see how it is doing against objective, whether it is having an impact, or if it is working efficiently. DevLIVE is currently accessible to all Filipinos who are using android gadgets even in the far-flung areas.

Under normal circumstances, every municipality creates its own Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Team (PMET) as well as the Regional and Project Development Monitoring Unit (PDMU). However, with new technological trends and innovation, the Department has developed a new tool to help the government receive feedbacks from localities especially in the implementation of infrastructure projects. The LGSF-AM/ADM projects can be easily monitored by higher authorities, vis-à-vis with the PDMU/PMT Teams through this mobile application.

Development LIVE (DevLIVE), a mobile application developed by the Support to Local Government Program-Project Management Office (SLGP-PMO) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in partnership with the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), was first launched on 2018 and was enhanced this year 2019. DevLIVE application allows citizens to access AM and ADM projects in their localities. Moreover, citizens are allowed to send feedbacks to the said projects with attached photo, using the said application.

DILG XII Joins the 2nd Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED)



All of the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII personnel went into “full acting mode” in the conduct of the 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on June 20, 2019 at the DILG Regional Office XII grounds.

The siren was sounded out at exactly 2:00 PM to send signal to the participants of the start of the ‘ground shaking event’. All DILG XII personnel promptly did the “duck, cover and hold” maneuvers in a clock-work precision. When the siren stopped, each player assessed the surroundings for a few seconds before vacating the building in a quick but orderly manner and then assembled themselves in a pre-designated evacuation area. When all of the employees, along with some guests who joined the drill, were gathered in the evacuation area, a headcount was performed by the designated Line Leaders who, in turn, reported directly to the Evacuation Head.

When it was later found out that two (2) employees were ‘missing’, the Search and Rescue Team was deployed to locate and save them. The victims later emerged being assisted by the SSR team, with one of the victims being carried out in a long spinal board (LSB). The duo were then brought to a makeshift treatment area where they received first aid treatment for their injuries.

All the proceedings were observed and evaluated by the members of the Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP) Koronadal City, headed by SFO2 Ariel Gerardo P. Carmelo. SFO2 Carmelo commended the efforts and the ‘seriousness’ of the DILG XII employees while performing the drill. There had been aspects in the drill, according to Carmelo, which would need adjustments but overall, the whole drill has greatly improved compared to the previous performance of the DILG XII team. The employees were also commended for their quick action, which, according to the evaluators, matter much in an actual earthquake scenario.

The lack of a centralized alarm system, battery- operated emergency lights in the corridors and stairwells, are among the few things that need immediate action and attention, were acknowledged by the Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, ARD Lailyn A. Ortiz and the Overall Coordinator Ms. Jessilou L. Frugalidad who readily pledged to act on the said concerns.

In her message, RD Cabrido-Leysa assured the evaluators that their recommendations will be taken into consideration, in time for the next drill to be held sometime in August. RD Leysa, who had been to many other countries which advocate emergency preparedness as a way of life, emphasized the importance of drills and the necessity of doing it correctly, with greater degree of participation and more serious ‘role-playing’, like they were in an actual emergency.

The activity is pursuant to NDRRMC Memorandum Circular No. 46, s. 2017 which aims to evaluate the efficiency of response, preparedness, and recovery plans including the systems and policies of government offices.



Three-day Provincial Planning Workshop on Building Sustainable Peace kicks off in Koronadal City



'We have not attained complete victory against insurgency yet.'

This was how DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa summed up the overall status of the government's campaign against the local communist movement in the Region during the opening of the 'Provincial Planning Workshop on Building Sustainable Peace towards a Peaceful, Inclusive, Just and Equitable Development' which was hosted by the DILG- Regional Office XII.

Addressing a crowd of more than 300 participants from various provincial LGUs, AFP, PNP and other government agencies at the Fiesta Filipino Pavilion at the Farm @ Carpenter Hill in Koronadal City, Director Leysa re-echoed the Administration's push for the "adoption of a national peace framework" to address the threat of local communist groups.

The Planning Workshop came as a response to the direction given by DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Ano, in line with the President Rodrigo R. Duterte's campaign of 'ending local communist armed conflict'. The Department has already conducted similar activities in various regions of the country, with Region XII being the fifth one to do so.

Last December 2018, the Office of the President issued Executive Order No. 70 which calls for "Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework".

The said EO, according to RD Leysa, "is the means to put an end to local insurgency through the "National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict" (NTF-ELCAC)", adding that EO 70 is expected to immensely help the government in its ongoing anti-insurgency campaign.

While it is true that there have been significant progress in our campaign to end insurgency, Director Leysa continued, the victory is not complete YET since

there are still communities that have been influenced, infiltrated, if not saturated, by the so-called 'masa'. Such realities, Dir. Leysa believes, require that "communities should be conflict-resilient" and this can only be done with the help of the various local and national agencies.

In her speech, Director Leysa said that the "consolidated data from ground units of the AFP indicate a total of 12,017 Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army (CPP-NPA) members and supporters have been neutralized." However, the group remains a formidable threat to isolated or far-flung communities, for example, which have never received any basic service from the government.

Under EO 70, the National Task Force shall organize an Ad Hoc Inter-Agency or multi-sectoral clusters at the national, regional and local levels, enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government including LGUs, in accordance with their respective mandates, in the implementation of the Framework and develop strategic communication, advocacy and peace constituency plans in case of ceasefire, as well as, capacity-building measures.

EO 70 will also enable local chief executives and local special bodies to engage and facilitate local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions, Director Leysa added.

Dir. Leysa also thanked the resource persons who came all the way from the Central Office and other regions whom she believes will help "pave the way to map out the necessary course of actions in achieving" sustainable peace in the Region.

Resource persons for the Workshop include the following: Usec. Bernardo C. Florece, DILG- Undersecretary for Peace and Order, Director Dennis Villasenor, MNSA, Assistant Director, National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO), NEDA XII Regional Director Ms. Teresita Socorro- Ramos, NICA XII Director Eduardo Marquez, Ms. Maricar Cervantes, Executive Assistant to Undersecretary Allen Capuyan, Executive Director of National Task Force, Ending Local Communist Armed conflict (ELCAC) , Major Mark Anthony U. Ruby, Executive Assistant to the SILG on Security and Operations. Facilitators and moderators from the DILG - Central Office and other regional offices were also around to help in consolidating and synthesizing the inputs from the various participating groups, formed according to their places of origin or assignment in the region.

Director Leysa challenged each participant to display "love for the nation" as they become a part of the undertaking", adding that "the Workshop will be all the more meaningful" if patriotism is emphasized."

Peace Building workshop participants take inputs to counter communist expansion schemes



PD Sarangani Atty. Rochelle Mahinay-Sero summarizing the issues with her groupmates during the workshop

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa expressed appreciation for the first-hand information shared by a former rebel who outlined the CTGs tactics and modes of infiltration and expansion, targeting various targets, among others, like government institutions, schools or labor groups.

This session was one of the major highlights for the second day of the Provincial Planning Workshop on Building Sustainable Peace towards a Peaceful, Inclusive, Just and Equitable Development held at a resort hotel in Koronadal City. The Workshop is in line with EO 70 which institutionalizes the “Whole-of-Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework” which is part of the government’s effort to eradicate local communist insurgency which has persisted for 50 years.

Director Leysa believes that the resource person’s testimony has once again highlighted the severity of the insurgency problem, requiring concerted efforts from all the sectors of the community. An open forum ensued after the talk, the resource speaker, a former rebel who used to be a ranking official of the insurgent movement, was able to clarify concerns regarding the various approaches employed by the Communist Terror Group (CTG) which has effectively been used to gain foothold in various sectors.

The Director believes that time is of the essence for EO 70, especially in the downloading of the mechanisms to the “frontliners”, the local government operations officers. These municipal local government operations officers (MLGOOs) will take the task to the barangay level, together with the other partner agencies.

The Workshop, which was sponsored by the DILG Regional Office XII, was attended by more than 300 participants from both the private and government sectors, with representatives coming from all the provinces in the Region.

The session entitled “Sensing the Peace Challenges and Learning the Context of Local –Driven Insurgency”, which featured the former rebel as the resource person, became the jumping board for some serious discussions in the Workshop which would later be utilized to the formulation of countermeasures against the insurgent’s plans of actions.

In the said session, Maj. Mark Anthony U. Ruby, Executive Assistant to the SILG on Security and Operations, served as the moderator. He also provided additional details and insights on the CTGs approaches in winning remote villages and communities to their side. Maj. Ruby served with the then General Ano while on a tour of duty in Region XII.

DILG XII joins National Flag Days Celebration 2019



DILG XII personnel pays tribute to the Philippine Flag during the National Flag Day

The DILG Regional Office XII displayed more than 30 brand new flags along its perimeter fence, making true to its commitment of honoring the Philippine Flag during the celebration of the National Flag Days which started on May 28 and will last until the celebration of Philippine Independence on June 12.

In the morning of May 28, employees of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - Regional Office XII joined the whole nation in the commemoration of the 2019 National Flag Day at exactly 8:00 AM in compliance to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2019-76.

After the singing of the National Anthem, the employees recited the “Pagpupugay”.

Early on, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) have issued a call to all government offices, business establishments, schools and other institutions, including private homes, to proudly display the flag during the 15-day celebration period.

The declaration is based on Republic Act 8491 or the “Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines” and House Bill 5224 which were approved by Congress.

Former President Fidel V. Ramos, during his term, has also declared the observance of 15-day Flag Day period through Executive Order 179. The said EO set

the celebration starting May 28 all the way till Freedom Day (June 12).

For her part, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa considers the observance of the national Flag Day as an important event which can help instill the values of love and devotion for the country.

In a local radio interview, Dir. Leysa encouraged everyone to take part in the celebration but she emphasized the need to seek out the deeper meaning of the event which is anchored principally on patriotism.

“Our love for the nation will definitely give us a grip on things that are happening right now. The recently concluded elections have set people apart from each other. The Flag Day, I hope, would help cement the commonality in us all- that of being a Filipino, under one nation, one flag,” she added.

For the next few days leading towards June 12, the Philippine Flags will continue to wave and flutter proudly around the DILG RO XII perimeter, to once again raise the call for our love for the nation.

The flag was used by the First Philippine Republic on June 12, 1898 and it was designed by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. It was sewn in Hong Kong by Marcela Agoncillo, together with her daughter Lorenza, and Delfina Herbosa de Natividad, a niece of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

CMGP Consultative Meeting for LCEs, contractors, focal persons held



Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy addresses the participants during the Consultative Meeting

CMGP is a partnership program between DILG & DBM for Provincial Governments to address the poor state of local roads across the country to improve national-local roads connectivity by enhancing capacities of PLGUs in Local Roads Management (LRM) and Public Financial Management (PFM).

Out of sixty three (63) projects in Region 12, there are twenty eight (28) CMGP projects completed, twenty (20) projects are ongoing, One (1) is under procurement, and fourteen (14) are under review.

During the implementation stage of the project, there are challenges in the field that need to be addressed in the higher level of authority thus, a consultative meeting with the LCEs, CMGP focal persons, Provincial Engineers and Contractors is necessary.

DILG-XII through the PDMU conducted the CMGP Consultative meeting on May 23, 2019. The said activity was attended by Rosalina DS. Ilaya, Project Manager, Engr. Gilbert Mercado, CMGP Engineer, UNDP Technical Engineers, PDMU Engineers, Provincial

Engineers, Project Engineers, CMGP Focal Persons, and the contractors of every CMGP projects in the Region.

The meeting started at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. Atty. Michelle Anne P. Viejo, represented the Director and delivered the Opening Message.

In the meeting proper, Project Manager Rosalina DS. Ilaya, presented the CMGP briefs and the Project status of the Region. Based on the presentation, Cotabato Province is rank 24, Sarangani Province is rank 26, South Cotabato Province is rank 27, and Sultan Kudarat Province is rank 71 on the Absorptive Capacity of Provinces (ACP).

PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy discussed the project status and the challenges of every CMGP Projects in the region.

During the open forum, it was reiterated that the projects should be inspected by the Provincial Project Monitoring Committee (PPMC) prior to the release of final billing of the contractor. It was discussed that the Province should regularly update the status of CMGP project in the Data Capture Form (DCF) for it is the basis for reporting to the DILG Central Office. And it was clarified during the meeting that the completed projects with defects should be reported as 100% physical accomplishment; however, the contractor will not be paid if he/she will not rectify all the defects that were stated in the punch list.

The contractors, together with the Project Engineers and the CMGP focal persons, fill in the data and affixed their signature on the agreements that were made during the discussion.

The meeting ended with a closing remarks delivered by Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy, requesting each member of the CMGP Teams to always keep track of the agreements and the deliverables.



LGU technical engineers during the action planning

Orientation on Localizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in CMGP-ROADS2SDGS Provinces



Arch. Carlito Y. Uy discussing the details of the “Paving the Roads to Sustainable Development Goals through Good Local Governance”.

The DILG-XII through the PDMU initiated the conduct of an orientation of the SDG and its localization process to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the offices and agencies involved, identify the data gaps and to gain support from the LGUs, LRMT and concerned NGAs.

The 2-day orientation was conducted at FB Hotel and Convention Center, City of Koronadal on May 21-22, 2019. The program proper started at 9:30 in the morning and was attended by the LRMT, IPHO, PDRMO and LEIPO/C of every province in the region and the concerned NGA partners in Region-XII specifically the PNP, DOH, PSA, DOLE and TESDA.

Ms. Liza D. Hora, Finance and Administration Officer, together with staff from the CSDO-South Cotabato, SKSU Masteral Students and PDMU personnel facilitated the activity.

The Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) and Paving the Roads to Sustainable Development Goals through Good Local Governance (Roads2SDGs) are partner programs of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The CMGP program provides fund for the implementation of various provincial road projects while Roads2SDGs informs and enhances the prioritization, planning, design, implementation and maintenance of

infrastructure projects to the achievement of the SDGs, incorporating the elements of partnership building, climate change and disaster risk reduction, gender mainstreaming, and citizen participation for transparency and accountability.

The integration of Roads2SDGs to CMGP program also aims to provide support to quality assurance and its governance reform component; to assure efficient, resilient and well-planned local road networks across the country. This is in pursuit of JMC No. 1 series of 2017 issued by DILG and NEDA for our LGUs to contribute in the attainment of the SDGs targets.

On the first day, Raymart B. Miranda, presented the overview of CMGP-Roads2SDG, Archt. Carlito Y. Uy, discussed the Paving the Roads thru SDG for Good Governance, Alicia L. Manondog, Ph.D., G-HUBS XII introduced the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Jessilou L. Frugalidad, LGOO IV, DILG XII discussed the DILG-NEDA JMC No. 01 Series of 2018 dated November 26, 2018, the SDG Localization Tools, and the Local Governance Diagnostics for the SDGs.

On the second day, the participants completed their workshop outputs on Data Mapping, Re-entry for Harmonization and Localization of UNDP DILG Tools Implementation and the presentation of Action Plans.

14 LGUs in Region XII joins Performance Challenge Fund Consultative Conference



Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy, PDMU Chief and DILG-SK Outcome Manager Engr. Samuel A. Camaganacan together with the participants from Sultan Kudarat

To ensure the quality and sustainability of the projects, the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) of DILG-RO XII conducted a Consultative Conference-cum- Coordination Meeting for PCF Projects last June 5, 2019 at FB Hotel in Koronadal City. Among the participants were the fourteen (14) Local Government Units which have been recipients of the PCF from 2016 onwards.

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO V graced the conference with her opening

address. In her speech, she encouraged the LGUs to maintain their commitment to the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) awards and remain as awardees if possible. She remains hopeful that the number of awardees for this year will increase.

RD Leysa highlighted the significance of the said Activity wherein LGUs can formulate strategies that they can utilize whenever problems arise during the project implementation. Similarly, LGUs can replicate various best practices which were innovated or introduced by other LGUs in order to uplift their performance in terms of local governance.

Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy PDMU Chief, led the discussion on the guidelines on the implementation of PCF projects and eventually presented the status of the projects per LGU. She posed a challenge to the participating LGUs to be “responsive to the findings given by the Technical Engineers.” According to her, “taking the recommendations given by the engineers will assure us that the project will last longer, thereby benefitting the next generation”.

At the end of the conference, the participating LGUs completed their action plans required for the completion of their targets.

RBIS-GIS Training Workshop draws PPDO, PEO personnel together

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office XII successfully held a training workshop on Road and Bridge Information System at Viajera Dine and Café, Koronadal City on May 29-31, 2019 which was attended by the Provincial Planning Development Coordinator, PPDO Personnel, Provincial Engineer, PEO Personnel, and Provincial RBIS and GIS Focal Persons. The training aims to address the gaps in the lack of number of technical personnel who are well-versed on the functionalities and use of RBIS-GIS.

Clyde B. Malicay, Information Systems Analyst and CMGP Program Management Officer and Raymond Rodriguez served as the resource speakers of the training. Both of them emphasized the need to have the digitized local road map which is a requirement in the Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR), particularly in the area of local road management.

“This tool is not just a compliance (mechanism) for the LGUs but this is a great help for them to identify road gaps,” Mr. Malicay said. Along with Local Roads

Network Development Plan (LRNDP), it could be a good tool for the PPDO as they can clearly see where the unpaved roads are, in a quick glance. In the course of the training, every LGU were thankful when they were informed about extension for the deadline of submission of the Local Road Inventory and Digitalized Local Road Network Map until June 30, 2019.



Participants during their hands-on session

DILG Central Office Equips VIS-MIN Teams to Mentor on Citizen Feedback Mobile App



CLGP personnel of VIZ-MIN cluster posing with the Resource Persons and LGCDD Chief Maria Theresa Bautista

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Office representatives headed by Mr. Richard L. Villacorte, Program Manager II, SLGP-PMO conducted the Regional Moderators Training on Developmental LIVE or DevLive Platform System with the SLGP and PDMU Representatives of eight (8) Regional Offices in Visayas and Mindanao on May 6-8, 2019, at Sun City Suites, General Santos City. The SLGP-PMO representatives were accompanied by App developers from 98 Labs, Inc., a software developer of DevLIVE Mobile Application. Among those who underwent the training during the workshop were the teams from Regions VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, and CARAGA.

DILG-XII LGCDD Chief, Maria Theresa D. Bautista graced the event representing DILG-XII Regional Director, Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V and delivered heartfelt thanks to all the participants, especially to Mr. Villacorte, for choosing Region XII as the host of the said event. Mr. Villacorte provided the vivid background and purpose of the new citizen feedback mobile app. The team of 98 Lab, Inc, on the other hand,

explained the vital areas of the DevLIVE application usage, i.e. Overview; DevLIVE Version 2.0; Guidelines; Power of Social Media; Roll-out Mechanics; and other important discussions especially on the practicality and actual usage on the field.

The DevLIVE mobile application is a support program to gather feedback from the community with regards to the implementation of Assistance to Disadvantage Municipalities (ADM) and/or Assistance to Municipalities (AM) infrastructure projects. More so, Mr. Villacorte highlighted that the government, through the DILG, launched this application as the first ever mobile application to be used by the community to provide feedback for the implementation of the infrastructure projects. In his end-statement, Villacorte encouraged all participants (for the community at-large) to “open-up (their) minds (and) use the app... to trail blaze the world of innovation, change, and of technology.” As part of their commitment, the trained pool of regional moderators are now preparing to conduct massive roll-out activities in their respective localities.

PDMU Spearheads Training Workshop on PCF Website Encoding



Engr. Ontoy facilitates a session on PCF website encoding

In order to achieve its aim of fast-tracking the submission of reports and status updates on Performance Challenge Funds (PCF) Projects in region, the DILG-RO XII, through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), conducted a training workshop on PCF Website Encoding at FB Hotel in Koronadal City last June 3 2019.

Engr. Mhelphil Jay T. Bordios, PCF Focal Person, led the participants during the discussion after introducing the PCF Website to the participants, composed of the PCF focal persons from the four (4) provinces in the Region.

In the process, he was able to guide the attendees on how to upload data for the said website after which, he provided the preset schedule for the uploading of status of the project implementation every month, which must not be later than the 5th day of the ensuing month.

The participants were given the chance to get familiar with the nature of the website during the hands-on session of their activity. The PCF Website is designed to hasten the submission of physical and financial reports from every LGU and most of all, to promote transparency and encourage active participation of the CSO and the general public.

Forty- Four (44) CDP Trainers Ready for the LGUs' 2019 CDP Updating



Participants take a break during the brief lull of the training

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII successfully produced additional 44 CDP Trainers, 25 of whom are women and 19 are men, after having completed the three (3)- day “Training of Trainers (TOT) on Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Formulation and Updating” at FB Hotel and Convention Center, Koronadal City, South Cotabato on June 11-13, 2019.

The pool of CDP trainers is composed of thirty- one (31) DILG field officers, eight (8) Provincial Planning Development Office (PPDO) personnel from four (4) provinces, and five (5) representatives from regional offices of Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Population Commission (POPCOM), and Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF).

In her Opening Message, DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO V, assured participants of her fullest support in “investing for the advancement of personnel competencies insofar as the DILG mandate on capacity development is concerned”. She motivated the participants to set their minds on continuous learning and one quick way is by keeping abreast with the latest CDP processes, tools, and policies as these are very essential (elements) in providing technical assistance to LGUs in updating their respective CDPs ‘come July 2019’, right after the assumption to office of the new set of local officials.

Ms. Giselle Grace G. Gerial, EnP, Assistant LGCDD Chief/ Regional CDP and DRR-CCA Focal Person of DILG Region VI was invited as major Resource Speaker/ Facilitator. During her turn to speak before the attendees, she meticulously discussed the “Enhanced CDP Cycle” and administered a series of related simulation workshops. Two (2) other discussants from Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) and Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) XII talked about “Urban Planning and Design” and “Revenue Mobilization Forecast”, respectively.

As a follow- through, the CDP deliverables for the 2nd semester of CY 2019 were presented to ensure the availability of CDP trainers and eventually prepare them for future engagements in providing technical assistance to all LGUs in the region.

The Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS) Point: PADS at A Glance

Vision: By 2022, the Philippines will have achieved 100% drug-free communities sustained through the implementation of laws, regulations and policies and are conducive for peace and order.

PADS is a blueprint describing the strategies and programs to be undertaken by the government in addressing the country’s drug abuse problem. It is aligned with the President’s priority thrusts and is anchored on the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

- Develop a comprehensive and balanced anti-drug strategy based on drug supply and drug demand reduction;
- Ensure alignment to current international and national plans, policies, thrusts and priorities; and
- Incorporate available principles and tools provided by prevention science and latest evidence-based treatment modalities

INVOLVEMENT OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS (ICAD)

Attainment of the government’s antidrug objectives through the effective conduct of:

- anti-illegal drug operations and arrest of drug personalities
- barangay drug-clearing program
- advocacy campaign initiatives

Through EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 66, SERIES OF 2018, which was signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 29 October 2018, it directs all government offices, departments, bureaus, agencies including GOCCs and SUCs to implement the PADS in accordance with the respective agency mandates.

- Section 2 of the Executive Order tasks the Dangerous Drugs Board to act as the lead agency in the implementation of PADS.
- Section 3 mandates government agencies to submit within 60 days upon effectivity of EO 66 the implementing plan and operational plan for the PADS.
- Section 4 emphasizes the implementation of the Drug Free Workplace Program and Authorized Drug Testing
- Section 5 establishes the LGU Support in the Implementation of PADS.
 - Formulation of their own implementation and operational plans
 - Establish and strengthen the ADACs

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