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## ABOUT THE COVER

In 2019, DILG-7 intensified its activities, campaigns and programs aimed at achieving sustainable peace in the region especially in priority areas. As an emblem of this unified effort, two doves representing the government (blue) and the people (yellow) appear on this year's cover for the 2019 DILG-7 Annual Report, flying together towards a shared goal with the blue dove bearing set of images which trumpet the activities, campaigns and programs of the Department.

The blue and yellow combination signifies the color brand of DILG while the green leaves on the beak of the doves symbolize hope to achieve the Department's pursuit towards sustainable peace and good governance through honest, efficient and reliable public service.

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# Executive Summary

The year 2019 has become another opportunity for the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 7 to improve and carry out the programs, projects and activities geared towards improving and assisting the performance of local governments and other stakeholders in governance, social and economic development and environmental management, and bring such PPAs closer to the people at the grassroots level.

We have intensified our collaboration with the local government units (LGUs) and partner institutions to maintain transparency and accountability and push for a participative and effective local governance through the promotion of the Federalism advocacy campaign, implementation of Full Disclosure Reports and capacity building programs like the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) program.

Various programs were boosted under the Transparent, Accountable, Participative and Effective Governance such as the Comprehensive Development Plan, replication of LGUs best practices, localization of PDP and SDG, Sangguniang Kabataan mandatory trainings, Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards program, and the Seal of Good Local Governance.

For the locally funded projects, technical personnel continued to conduct site inspection and validation on the status of the projects administered by the LGUs.

Under the area on Peaceful, Orderly and Safe LGUs, we stood to our commitment in bringing a series of solution-seeking discussions and basic public services closer to the people at

the grassroots level. Dagyawan sa Barangay holds government dialogue and “Serbisyo Caravan” with the stakeholders and barangays which are identified as target areas in the Retooled Community Support Program.

The launching of the pilot program was graced by none other than DILG Secretary Eduardo Año, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon, Jr. and Regional Director Leocadio T. Trovela.

The new program aimed to prioritize delivery of basic services to the most distant barangays identified to have CPP-NPA-NDF influence as part of the Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) program of the national government.

In the same year, we also intensified our efforts on road clearing program and strictly mandated the LGUs to comply with the road clearing order. DILG, in fact, sued officials of some LGUs for misconduct and gross neglect of duty in relation to the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to clear the public roads of obstructions.

To further enhance the project identifying capacities, we continued to conduct training on Public-Private-Partnership, streamlining building permit, Electronic Business Permit and Licensing System, and Certificate of Occupancy to the LGUs under the area of Business-Friendly and Competition LGUs.

With the goal to strengthen the capacity development platform, the Regional Office has opened the new Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) facility. We undertook crucial steps to build LGRRC as

a harmonizing mechanism for effective local governance under the area of Strengthened Internal Organizational Capacity.

In the Environmentally Protective, Disaster Resilient and Climate Change Adaptive LGUs, the newest edition of the Operation LISTO: Disaster Preparedness Manual Version 3 was rolled out by the Local Government Academy to the highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and provinces in Central Visayas to prepare them when/before a disaster strikes.

A regional inspection team was formed in 2019 to commence with the planning, assessment and implementation of the Department’s rehabilitation program on resorts and beaches following the successful rehabilitation in Boracay Island.

As proof of the agency’s adherence to global standard, the Regional Office beamed the conferment of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 certification in the year 2019.

Certification to ISO 9001:2015 means that an organization or office has been audited by a third-party certification body and has been found compliant with the internationally accepted standards for quality management and processes.

# Message of the Regional Director

Improving the transparency and expanding the information accessibility are among the thrusts of the government in order to provide the public more opportunities to participate in all its affairs and transactions.

DILG-7, for its part, aims to build a stronger communication and provide convenient feedback mechanism between the agency and the public. We need to connect with the people to apprise them of what the agency is doing for them and give them a platform where they can contribute to the improvement of our services.

With this, I am proud to present to you our 2019 Annual Report, which features and highlights our major programs, projects and activities in the region and field offices. This publication also serves as a testament to our commitment and efforts exuded by the people working for the Department and public.

Let us relive the achievements and precious moments we shared in the year 2019 and look back the challenges with optimism, keeping our hopes up that the next year will allow us to sustain our gains.

We will strive for more in ensuring that our programs and projects will give significant impact to the lives of our people.

*Mabuhí ang DILG-7 family!*



*Dir.*

**DIR. LEOCADIO T. TROVELA, CESO IV**  
Regional Director



# Message of the Assistant Regional Director

The year 2019 has been eventful. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 continues to implement the Department's programs, projects and activities that help attain its mission in promoting peace and order, ensuring public safety, and strengthening capability of local government units.

One of the major programs that the region takes pride is what it was able to achieve in the aspect of peace and order. We were the first region to hold the first-ever "Dagyan sa Barangay," a localized version of "Dagyan 2019: Open Government and Participatory Governance Regional Townhall Meeting." It involves a series of government dialogues with the stakeholders at the grassroots level. We engaged the conflict-affected local government units in our initiatives and efforts especially in ending local communist armed conflict (ELCAC).

Another accomplishment that the region asserts is the successful conferment of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 certification which is a proof of our adherence to the internationally accepted standards for quality management and processes. It helped us improve our delivery of services and enhance our customer satisfaction, among others.

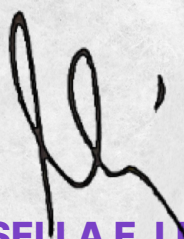
These are just among our biggest triumphs in 2019. It was not a walk in the park for the region as several challenges tested our commitment in reaching our goals. However, our team of devoted employees was a living proof that like a gem, anyone can be perfected with trials.

I witnessed the hard work and staunchness of our DILG-7 employees. With this, I would like to extend my profound gratitude to the top management and employees of the regional office down to the sub-regional and field offices that were crucial in pursuing development initiatives and projects that improved the services in the local government sector, thereby sustaining progressive and resilient communities.

It is our pleasure to briefly walk you through the major milestones in 2019. This 2019 Annual report will give you a taste of the astounding achievements of the office for the whole year.


We will stand with pride in what we were able to achieve in the year 2019. These milestones will continue to inspire and motivate us to do more in the next years to come.

*Cheers, DILG-7 Family!*



**MARIA LOISELLA E. LUCINO, CESO V**  
Assistant Regional Director





**Transparent, Accountable,  
Participative and Effective  
Local Governance**



Jose Meneleo Aquino as resource speakers for the KP seminar attended by 122 participants.

For the Municipality of Oslob, at least 237 participants attended KP Seminar on July 9 to 10 with LGOO VI Lope Lim and LGOO VI Jeffrey Lopez as the speakers of the activity.

On August 24-25, the Municipality of San Fernando conducted KP Seminar with LGOO VII Lelanie Lopez, LGOOs VI Lope Lim, Abraham Rey Donald, and Jeffrey Lopez as key speakers for the 210 participants.

With 63 participants, the Municipality of Moalboal conducted KP Seminar on September 4 to 6, 2019 with Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, LGOOs VI Dr. Neila Aquino, Glenda Gabuya, Jeffrey Lopez, and Jose Meneleo Aquino as resource persons.

The City of Toledo, with 360 participants, conducted KP Training on September 19-21, 2019 and September 26-28, 2019 with LGOO VII Lelanie Lopez and LGOO VI Abraham Rey Donald as resource speakers.

On September 17 to 18, the Municipality of San Remigio, with 160 participants, conducted its KP Seminar/Workshop with LGOOs VI Dr. Neila Aquino and Jeffrey Lopez as the resource speakers of the activity.

## → 10 LGUs in Cebu hold KP training

At least 10 local government units in Cebu Province conducted Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Law seminars from January to September in 2019.

These are Toledo City and the municipalities of Madridejos, Borbon, Liloan, Aloguinsan, Badian, Oslob, San Fernando, Moalboal, and San Remigio.

In order to achieve its government's goal to promote peace and order in the country, the KP program was implemented wherein the barangays are allowed to settle disputes within their level. The KP or Barangay Justice System, as mandated in the Local Government Code of 1999, is a community-based dispute settlement mechanism that is administered by the barangay.

It is composed of Punong Barangay as chairman, Barangay Secretary as Lupon secretary and 10 to 20 members.

Lupon members, who must be a resident or a worker in the barangay, should be conversant in settling disputes.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government helps promote the implementation of the program and to provide technical assistance to the barangays.

LGOO VI Jeffrey Lopez and LGOO VI Jose Rey Pacres were invited as the resource speakers during the KP Training on February 11 to 12, 2019 at Kota Park, Madridejos, Cebu wherein.

With 120 participants, the Municipality of Borbon conducted KP seminar on February 19 to 20, 2019 at the municipal gym of Borbon.

On the first day, LGOO VII Lelanie Lopez, the resource speaker, discussed on KP Law.

The second day was the benchmarking in Barangay Nasipit, Barili, Cebu.

On February 22, at least 20 participants of Barangay Lataban, Liloan town attended the KP orientation with LGOO VI Michael Eltanal as the resource speaker.

The KP seminar in the Municipality of Aloguinsan was attended by 180 people last March 29 to 30 wherein LGOO VII Lelanie Lopez and LGOOs VI Abraham Rey Donald and Jeffrey Lopez were invited to be the resource speakers.

On June 26 to June 28, the Municipality of Badian invited LGOOs VI Dr. Neila Aquino, Glenda Gabuya, Jeffrey A. Lopez and



## → DILG-7 monitors KP Law implementation

PROVINCE / HUC	NATURE OF DISPUTE (2)				SETTLED CASES (3)				UNSETTLED CASES (4)							ESTIMATED GOV'T SAVINGS (5)
	CRIMINAL (2a)	CIVIL (2b)	OTHERS (2c)	TOTAL (2d)	MEDIATION (3a)	CONCILIATION (3b)	ARBITRATION (3c)	TOTAL (3d)	REPU-DIATED (4a)	WITH-DRAWN (4b)	PEN-DING (4c)	DIS-MISSED (4d)	CER-TIFIED (4e)	RE-FERRED TO CON-CERNED AGEN-CIES (4f)	TOTAL (4g)	
CEBU	1,560	2,010	838	4,408	3,049	294	24	3,367	3	99	517	289	130	39	8,852	₱31,986,500
BOHOL	380	758	218	1,339	1,066	107	-	1,154	-	13	89	14	33	16	182	₱8,548,100
NEGROS ORIENTAL	575	1,018	431	2,024	38	87	2	1,662	4	12	208	72	49	17	362	₱15,789,000
SIQUIJOR	41	28	43	112	83	16	-	99	-	-	11	3	2	-	16	₱598,500
CEBU CITY	575	602	98	1,275	805	372	1	1,178	6	5	-	45	47	1	104	₱11,191,000
MANDAUE CITY	293	213	47	553	332	18	-	350	1	-	114	62	26	-	203	N/A
LAPU-LAPU CITY	46	114	11	171	75	54	20	149	-	-	10	4	8	-	171	₱16,254.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>5,448</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>₱61,208,500</b>

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Visayas underscored the importance of Katarungang Pambarangays (KPs) in helping delog cases in regular courts.

The implementation of KP Law helps the justice system generate savings

from the resources as some cases are already settled thru the Barangay Justice System. The budget should have been expanded if these cases were brought to regular courts.

In 2019, the government has recorded an estimated total savings of P61,208,500 from Cebu Province,

Bohol, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Cebu City, Mandaue City and Lapu-Lapu City.

Cebu Province generated the highest estimated savings at P31,986,500 followed by Negros Oriental (P15,789,000) and Cebu City (P11,191,000).

## → DILG honors outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has ordered the implementation of the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) by way of the Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) program.

The most outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa who have shown exemplary performance in settling the dispute at the grassroots level were conferred with the LTIA honor as a recognition and tribute to his/her service.

All qualified entries were assessed and evaluated thru the Provincial Awards Committee and Cebu Provincial LTIA Field Assessment Team (PAT) led by co-chairperson Dr. Neila Aquino, vice-chairperson Atty. Mary Anne Demano and

members Josefina Mayol, Ritchie Capahi and Catherine Melody Ruiz.

The official entries were from Brgy. Basak, Badian, Brgy Nasipit, Barili, Brgy Poblacion, Liloan, Brgy. Buanoy, Balamban, Brgy. Lamac, Pinamungajan for the 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities; Brgy. Cansojong, Talisay and Brgy. Uling, Naga for the component cities; and Brgy. Poblacion, Sta. Fe, Brgy. Poblacion, Madrideojos, Brgy. Maravilla, Tabuelan, Brgy. Cabangahan, Sogod and Brgy.

Sta. Cruz, Ronda for the 4th to 6th Class municipalities.

The final deliberation was conducted on February 20, 2019. The winners were determined and were submitted to the regional level.





## → Federalism campaign goes to the grassroots level: “Barangay Summit” held



Aiming to educate the people about Federalism, the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 conducted series of Barangay Summit in four provinces in the region in 2019.

The national government's consultative committee came up with Federalism advocacy campaign: “Bayanihan Federalism: A Primer” which is an encapsulation of the fundamental concepts and principles on Federalism.

For Central Visayas, the proponents of the Barangay Summit were: Municipality of Enrique Villanueva, Province of Siquijor; Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol; the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Naga and Municipality of Barili in the Province of Cebu; and Municipality of Dawin and Dumaguete City in Negros Oriental Province.

DILG-7 regional focal person Leo Pasilang, regional project officer Reclynes Dela Cerna, and

provincial project coordinator Sherwin Philip Jugao led the conduct of series activities for the campaign and information drive for Federalism.

The national and local advocates of the campaign believed that campaign and information drive at the barangay level is one of the most effective and efficient ways to make a bigger and widespread range of impact to the communities.

During the Barangay Summit, Reclynes Dela Cerna together with her focal person and provincial project officer presented and discussed two topics such as; Understanding Federalism of Module 1 and Bayanihan Federalism Constitution Draft of Module 2.

An open forum was held following each presentation to allow the audience to raise some queries.

## → First Federalism summit in Bohol conducted

BOHOL—Forty-eight local government units (LGUs) in the Province of Bohol joined the seminar conducted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bohol on March 21, 2019 in Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The one-day seminar dubbed as “Barangay Summit on the Promotion of Federalism” was in line with the agency's task to bring its advocacy down to the grassroots level.

Reclynes dela Cerna of DILG-7 was the resource person of the event. The invited participants included

city/municipal information officers and the presidents of the Association of Barangay Secretaries from all 48 LGUs in the Province of Bohol.

Also present were DILG-Bohol Province Director Johnjoan A. Mende, Local Government operations officer (LGOO) V Dyan A. Lopez, LGOO V Eunice Anne B. Caballo, LGOO II Lindsey Marie Vismanos, and LGOO II Diolito Iyog.

The aim of the seminar was to brief the LGUs on federalism since this comes foreign and strange to



many Filipinos who are used to the unitary state presidential form of government.

## → 6 LGUs in CV bag SGLG award

Six Local Government Units (LGUs) in Central Visayas bagged the most coveted Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) in 2019.

These LGUs were Lapu-Lapu City; Samboan, Cebu; San Remigio, Cebu; Sogod, Cebu; Talibon, Bohol; and Tubigon, Bohol.

Proud local chief executives of the LGU passers assisted by the DILG city director and municipal local government officers received the awards on November 2019 at the Manila Hotel.

Each LGU received an SGLG marker and Performance Challenge Fund for their remarkable performance across all areas of the "All-in" assessment system.

SGLG was institutionalized to assess the performance of the LGUs, particularly on the areas of financial administration, disaster preparedness, social protection, peace and order, business and economic development, environmental management, and tourism, culture and the arts. To get the seal, an LGU has to pass all these seven governance areas.

LGUs underwent a rigorous process such as submission of documents as proofs of compliance, validation of regional assessment teams to verify the veracity of the documents, and the last step which was the review and validation of the identified shortlisted passers.

The LGUs in Region 7 were cross validated by the assessment teams from Region 8, while Region 7 assessment teams validated shortlisted passers in Region 3.



## → 5 LGUs in Cebu shortlisted for SGLG award

Five local government units in Cebu Province were shortlisted for validation after passing the minimum criteria for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) award.

The National Calibration conducted by the Bureau of Local Government Supervision included the LGUs of Bantayan, Samboan, San Remigio, Sogod, and Tudela.

These towns were subjected in this phase after they were found to have initially passed the minimum criteria as drawn from the results

of the national calibration, thereby, needing further verification from the ground.

The validator team will decide if an LGU is qualified to be endorsed to the National Quality Committee (NQC) based on the submitted documents, given answered in the onsite interview, and other modes of verification presented by the respective towns.

The national validation is the last phase of quality check and document review with regard to the processed data prior to the

endorsement to the NQC.

This is not the first time that the five shortlisted LGUs have undergone the audit and validation as they have bagged the most coveted award in the previous years.

Last year, the municipalities of Sogod and San Remigio bagged the SGLG award. In 2017, the municipalities of Samboan and Tudela got the Seal in 2017 when the SGLG was still implementing the "4+1" scheme while Bantayan also got its award in 2015.

# → DILG-7 pushes for Constitutional Reform

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Visayas organized for and launched advocacy campaigns in the provinces of Region 7 to educate people on the benefits of the proposed Constitutional Amendments.

The Department is proposing for the amendment of the 1987 Constitution to further strengthen the local government units (LGUs). This is also a support to President Rodrigo Duterte's campaign pledge during the 2016 Presidential Elections, when he promised to give more opportunities to the poor regions and help them catch up with the wealthy and growing

regions in the country.

In line with the administration's call to address the ill-like corruption, unemployment, and regional income equality, DILG-7 spearheaded a national advocacy campaign for "surgical amendments" to the 1987 Constitution under the banner of "Balangayan" of the Constitutional Reform (CoRe).

The Department also conducted advocacy campaign to all presidents of the Sangguniang Kabataan and LnB, Youth Congress and CSO Coalition Building.

The series of activities informed the attendees of the four

major pillars being advocated in the constitutional reform and federalism, which are the decongestion of Metro Manila and enriching the provinces; a government for the people, not for the traditional politicians; an open economy that will bring hope to the people; and a new constitution for the new generation.

One of the amendments proposed is to institutionalize the Mandanas decision of the Supreme Court where the high court ruled that the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of LGUs should include tax collections of other agencies, not only those collected by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

# → SK mandatory trainings kick off

Republic Act No. 10742, otherwise known as the Sangguniang Reform Act of 2015, mandated elected Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Officials and appointed SK Treasurers and Secretaries to undergo a Mandatory Training Program before their assumption into office. The wisdom of this provision is to ensure that they are well-versed with their roles and responsibilities as government officials.

The training covered the following modules: (1) Decentralization, Local Governance, SK History and

its Salient Features; (2) Meetings and Resolutions, Planning and Budgeting; and (3) Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Official and Employees.

To effectively roll out the training module, The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 7 tapped the expertise of Local Resource Institutes (LRIs) such as the University of San Jose-Recoletos (USJ-R), Silliman University, and Local Youth Development Officers (LYDO) in the implementation of the SK Mandatory Training Module

to SK officials, SK treasurers, and SK secretaries who were not able to undergo the mandatory training last May 2018. Trainings were held at various venues within the region starting July 28, 2019.

Below is the breakdown of participants per Province and HUC. Only the Province of Siquijor was not able to conduct their SK Mandatory Training due to problems with the disbursement of funds and lack of appointed SK secretaries and SK treasurers in most of the barangays.

PROVINCE / HUC	NO. OF BARANGAYS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS			TOTAL
		SK COUNCILORS	SK SECRETARIES	SK TREASURERS	
Bohol	1,109	729	393	420	1,542
Cebu	1,066	83	746	794	1,623
Cebu City	80	6	73	7	151
Lapu-Lapu City	30	8	25	28	61
Mandaue City	27	1	27	25	53
Negros Oriental	557	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Siquijor	134	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3003</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>1339</b>	<b>3430</b>



## → SK Cebu secretaries, treasurers undergo mandatory training

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City in coordination with the Panlungsod Pederasyon ng mga Sanggunian Kabataan-Cebu City and University of San Jose-Recoletos as Local Resource Institute facilitated the one-day Mandatory training of SK officials on July 28 at the Department of Education Eco-tech Center at Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City.

Cebu City is the first in Central Visayas to conduct the mandatory training for SK secretaries and treasurers.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela administered the oath of the SK officials after their training and after which he delivered his inspirational message.

DILG Cebu City officer-in-charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, who also sits as chief of the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division of DILG-7, said SK officials who fail to undergo the SK mandatory training cannot assume office.



### FOR REGIONAL SHOWCASE BARANGAY ASSEMBLY:

## → DILG-7 chooses barangay San Pedro, Santa Catalina

To hear the sentiments of the citizens, the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 along with other government agencies attended the barangay assembly in Barangay San Pedro, Santa Catalina, Negros Oriental, which was considered as one of the conflict-affected areas, on October 25, 2019.

Located over 64 kilometers away from Dumaguete City, hundreds of residents in the area were elated upon seeing the officials and representatives from various government agencies that visited their place not only to hear their grievances but also to avail of the available basic services.

In his speech, DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said the government wants to foster community participation in addressing all the concerns of the residents which include the problem on insurgency.

“Ang aming pong pagbisita sa inyong lugar ay isang demonstra-



agencies ay tutugonan namin lahat 'yon at kung hindi namin kakayanin ay sasabihin namin ng maayos din para magkalinawagan tayong lahat," he said.

Trovela also delivered the message of Secretary of Interior and Local Government Eduardo Año to the residents and officials of the barangay.

The Secretary said the residents play a vital role in addressing armed conflict in the area, stressing that joining the forces of the terrorists will not address any kinds of problem.

"Hinihiling ko rin ang tulong at pakikiisa ng mga barangay sa ating adhikain na puksain ang mapanlinlang na teroristang

kumunistang grupo. Dapat malaman ng mamamayan na wala sa kumunismo at pakikisali sa grupong ito ang progreso ng ating mga buhay at bayan," Año said in his statement.

Aside from the concerns on infrastructure projects, the residents asked for the installation of a cell site to improve connectivity in the barangay which was explained by Macias who said the barangay officials are doing their best in seeking for the approval of the request.

Available services during the barangay assembly included free vaccination of anti-pneumonia, medical checkups, distribution of high quality corn seeds, free haircut, among others.

tion ng aming taos pusong pakikiisa sa inyong pakikibaka sa buhay. Gusto lang naming iparating na ang inyong aspirations at pangangailangan, kung kayang tugunan ng national government



## → DILG-7 participates in the NEO program managers' orientation for VisMin cluster

Officials of the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 participated the 2nd Local Governance Resource Center Conference: Newly Elected Officials Program Manager's Orientation for Visayas-Mindanao cluster on April 29 to May 1, 2019 at Mezzo Hotel, Mabolo, Cebu City.

The region was represented by DILG-7 Assistant Regional

Director Loisella Lucino, CESO V together with LRI representative Atty. Jonathan Capanas of USJR, LGCDD Chief Maria Thelya Oporto, Provincial Directors Jerome Gonzales, Kenneth Kilat and City Directors Jhoaden Lucero, CESO V of DILG Mandaue and OIC City Director Jonah Pino of DILG Lapu-Lapu City.

LG00 V Jerson O. Obo, Josifina Remoreras from LGCDD, and

LG00 VI Mona Lissa Hinog from DILG Bohol were also present during the event.

Among the topics discussed were the NEO Framework and Program Components, DILG's role in the program for NEO, program's monitoring and evaluation framework, and crafting of the regional action plans.

The event is in line with the

May 2019 Midterm elections and assumption of the newly elected officials.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through the Local Government Academy, implemented various capacity development programs for local government officials.

One of the programs that the Department implemented is the NEO Program which is a comprehensive, term-based capacity development program that focuses on orienting newly elected officials of LGU Provinces, Cities, and Municipalities of their wide range of responsibilities as members of the government.

The NEO Program aims to capacitate the elected officials, both newly minted and veterans

of their positions, to translate their own vision and agenda for their LGUs into a feasible plan that they can implement over the course of their term.

These plans must be carried out not only in direct response to the needs of their particular constituency but also in the light of the achievement of the overall national development goals.

To recall, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año issued Memorandum Circular No 2019-97 requiring the participation of the newly elected officials including governors, city and municipal mayors and the sanggunians in all levels in the program for NEO Orientation Course: Priming Leaders for Effective Local Governance dated June 28, 2019.

Secretary Año directed all elected local officials to participate in the various capacity development initiatives under the program for NEOs.

The Governors' NEO Orientation was set last July 8-10 at Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Ortigas Center, Quezon City.

The city mayors' NEO Orientation was conducted on July 10-12, 2019 at Century Park Hotel, Malate Manila.

The newly-minted municipal mayors NEO Orientation Cebu Cluster was set on July 29 to 31, 2019 at Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.

## → Regional rollout on NEO program managers' orientation held



The Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 through the Local Government Capacity Development Division (LGCDD) conducted the regional rollout on Newly Elected Officials program managers' orientation for provincial teams on June 17-18, 2019 at the Cebu Northwinds Hotel, Cebu City.

This two-day activity, as

preparation for the assumption of office of newly elected officials, was spearheaded by LGOO V Jerson O. Obo who is the NEO regional focal person.

Among the topics discussed during the activity were NEO framework and the five program components, role of DILG in the program for NEO, monitoring and evaluation framework, and regional action

planning on the implementation of the program for NEO.

This activity was attended and participated by the provincial and city directors, cluster leaders, and NEO focal persons from DILG Cebu Province, DILG Bohol Province, DILG Siquijor Province, Negros Oriental, DILG Cebu City, DILG Lapu-Lapu City and DILG Mandaue City.

## → CBMS: Central Visayas achieves 100 percent project completion

All the cities and municipalities enrolled in the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Program in Central Visayas have completed all their subprojects in 2019.

Ninety-nine percent of those projects have been liquidated, based on the reports received by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 in December 2019. These were from two cities and 11 municipalities in Region 7.

The total budget for the projects amounted to P25,791,224.00 and 99 percent has been liquidated.

DILG-7 used CBMS as a tool for evidence-based planning and budgeting, and has included the CBMS Accelerated Poverty Profiling – (APP) in the DILG Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) Menu of Projects/Programs for FY 2016.

The regional office has also provided technical assistance to LGUs on demand-driven basis to

towns in Siquijor, Negros Oriental, Bohol and Cebu Province.

The importance of CBMS as a source is acknowledged in Republic Act No. 11315, referred to as the CBMS Act, signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on April 17, 2019. It is seen as a means to provide a tool for the formulation and implementation of poverty alleviation program that is specific, targeted, and responsive to the needs of each sector of the community.

## → DILG-7 personnel trained on risk-informed CDP



Personnel of Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 and focal persons of local government units in Central Visayas attended and participated the five-day Coaches' Training on Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP+) Risk-Informed CDP on June 24-28, 2019 at Cebu Parklane International Hotel, Cebu City.

The Local Government Capacity Development Division (LGCDD) thru LGOO V Jerson Obo, CDP regional focal person and LGOO V James Andrew Andaya, DRR-CCA regional focal person, together with provincial and highly urbanized cities' CDP and DRR-CCA focal persons, selected cluster heads and Municipal Local Government Operations

Officers joined the Visayas and Mindanao Cluster spearheaded by the Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD).

The activity aimed to train new CDP and DRR-CCA technical focal persons thereby increasing the capacities of DILG officers in providing technical assistance on CDP formulation and climate change adaptation and mitigation related tools and instruments to LGUs on their CDPs and sectoral-DRR-CCA plans.

As a result, the DILG-7 created CDP pool of trainers to cater the requests of LGUs in the region.

The conduct of Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment and Greenhouse Gas Inventory is

essential to ensure that climate risk and disaster information are included in the preparation/ updating of risk-informed CDP. Basic information and data of the locality needed for CDRA and GHG inventory must be subsumed in the Ecological Profile (EP) of LGUs' CDPs.

However, the low capacity of LGUs in preparing the EP makes the conduct of CDRA, GHG inventory and preparation of a risk-informed CDP more difficult.

With this, the Department saw the need to augment the capacity of the DILG field offices on EP, CDRA, GHG inventory, and CDP in order for them to assist LGUs in the preparation/ updating of said documents and plans.

## → DILG-7 field officers oriented on CSO guidelines

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 organized an orientation to its field officers to enhance awareness on civil society participation.

The activity was done to enhance the uniformed interpretation of the provisions and deliverable of the Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2019-79, which states the roles and responsibility of the local government units and the DILG in the participation of the Civil Society Organization (CSOs) in the local development planning of the local government units (LGUs).

Field officers were oriented on the uniformity in the implementation of CSO capacity building program and the presentations prepared by the Project Management Office.

They were also reminded on the process of the selection of the LSB representative.

CSOs need to undergo an accreditation process. Only the accredited CSOs are allowed to sit as representatives in the Local Special Bodies. The most crucial of which is the Local Development Councils (LDCs), which requires one-fourth of its members to be composed of the representatives from CSOs.

As mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991, Local Special Bodies (LSBs) should be established in the different levels of government, from the provinces, cities, and municipalities. The barangays, on the other hand, have a different set of citizen participation requirement.

## → DILG-7 supports CSIS innovation

Region 7's Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) regional focal person Giovanni Basilgo graced the national briefing for the CSIS CY 2019 Implementation in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur Province.

Basilgo, a Local Government Unit Operations Officer II of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7, joined the regional focal persons from 15 regions.

The CSIS introduced the innovations of the program thru the Citizen Satisfaction Report, which will be turned-over to the local government unit (LGU) beneficiary together with the results of the survey conducted by the partner Local Research Institute (LRI).

For CY 2019, a total of seven LGUs were identified as beneficiaries. These are San Remigio and Balamban of Cebu Province; Loboc and Ubay of Bohol Province; Sibulan and Valencia of Negros Oriental province; and the municipality of Larena, Siquijor.

CSIS is used as a data tool in collecting citizen's feedback of the services of an LGU in seven areas in governance, namely: health programs and services, support to education, social welfare services, governance and response, public works and infrastructure, environmental management, and economic and investment promotions.

## → DILG-7 partners with NEDA-7 for RM, localization of PDP



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has partnered with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-7 to update the Result Matrices (RM) for the local government units (LGUs).

The two agencies formulated the RM, which will serve as a guide on the development plan with the use of the corresponding indicators, baselines and targets, and monitoring of contributions of the provinces, cities and municipalities.

These guidelines are essential in attainment of the priorities and outcome of the Regional Development Plan (RDP), the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and in

the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The data and results will serve as a guide in strengthening provincial oversight, reinforcing provincial and city/municipal interface, and coordination to better facilitate a holistic and geographic approach on development planning and investment programming.

The Department wants to ensure the LGUs' prioritized programs, projects and activities aligned with the provincial plans are contributing to the realization of the PDP and SDGs. To attain this goal, four provinces from Region 7 were asked to present and update their RMs and to report their 2018 accomplishment results in regard to their 2018 targets together with the

2019-2022 newly elected officials and local functionaries.

For the Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), components cities and municipalities, they were provided the venue to review and/or update their respective Local Development Investment Programs (LDIPs) to integrate programs, projects and activities (PPAs) that will address the gaps and/or sustain the efforts of their respective provinces vis-a-vis 2018 Provincial Results Matrices accomplishment results.

The DILG-7 together with NEDA-7 conducted a series of provincial and regional activities in Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental and Siquijor in 2019 for this development.





## → DILG-7 assists DSWD on Makilahok program

Local government operations officer (LGOO) V Jerson O. Obo provided technical assistance to the participants of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) LGU Development's Planning Makilahok Refresher Course and Skills Enhancement Training on June 4 and 14, 2019 at the Golden Peak Hotel in Cebu City.

The activity was in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and DSWD-7 as part of the agencies' vision to strengthen the capacities of local functionaries that will integrate community driven

development (CDD) approach in LGU development planning and budgeting.

Obo, the CDP regional focal person of the Local Government Capacity Development Division (LGCD), discussed the LGU mandates, Local Development Planning Structures, local development council duties and responsibilities, CSO accreditation and participation, and the LGU mandated plans.

Makilahok program is DSWD's capacity-building project under its Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-

Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services-National Community Driven Development Program (KC-NCDPP).

The project introduced a community-driven development approach in local development planning to ensure the efficient use of government resources and promoting effective participatory governance at the barangay and municipal level.

The activity was participated by selected LGUs from Bohol, Cebu and Negros Oriental.

## → DILG-7 helps LGUs in CapDev activities

PROVINCE / HUC	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Cebu	3	1	3	7	14
Bohol	10		11	3	24
Negros Oriental	8	1	19	8	36
Siquijor			1		1
Mandaue					
Lapu-Lapu City	1				1
Cebu City	2		3		5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>81</b>

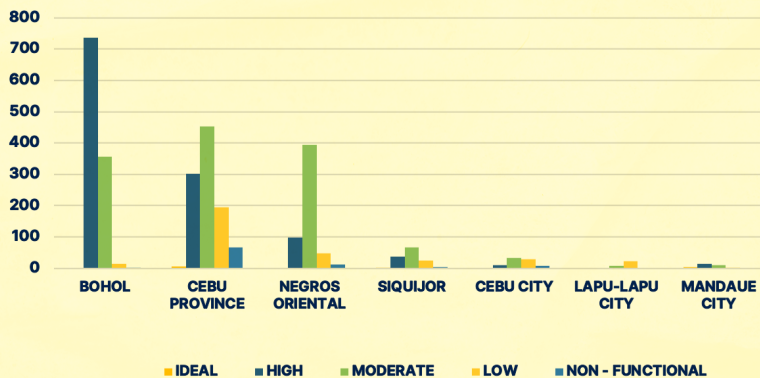
As the agency mandated to capacitate Local Government Units (LGUs), the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 (DILG-7) extended its assistance to LGUs in several occasions.

In 2019, a total of 81 LGUs requested for the conduct of trainings, assemblies, seminars, and workshops (1st quarter – 24, 2nd quarter – 2, 3rd quarter – 37, and 4th quarter – 18) were accommodated by the office.

In the entire region, DILG Negros Oriental has the highest endorsements.

# 9 barangays receive ideal rating on BDC functionality

**BDC 2019 Functionality**



1,198 got a high functionality grade, 1,321 gained a moderate functionality, and 333 acquired a low functionality grade. 51 barangays, however, have yet to organized their BDCs.

The BDC functionality is a mandated barangay institution that shall assist the Sangguniang Barangay in setting the direction of economic and social development. This is in coordination with the development efforts within the barangay.

The BDCs were assessed on their levels of functionality based on the following indicators: structures, people, system, people's participation in local development, and innovations and good practices.

A total of nine barangays received an ideal rating based on the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7's monitoring on the Barangay

Development Council (BDC) 2019 functionality.

Of the 3,003 barangays assessed, nine had an impressive ideal rating,

# BK probes execs in 8 CV LGUs

Mayors and barangay officials from eight local government units in Central Visayas were subjected to fact-finding investigation by the Bantay Korapsyon (BK) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) from June to October 2019.

BK is DILG's flagship program encouraging the involvement and participation of various stakeholders in the fight against corruption down to the grassroots level.

Among the top officials who were investigated was former Cebu City mayor Tomas Osmeña for stripping the mayor's office before turning it over to his successor, Mayor Edgardo Labella, in July 2019.

It was recommended by the BK lawyers that the removal of the fixtures and furniture allegedly initiated by Osmeña was a possible violation of Section 3 (e) of Republic

Act No. 3019, Theft (Article 308), Qualified Theft (Article 310), and Malicious Mischief (Article 327) of the Revised Penal Code.

Separately, the Cebu City government formally filed criminal and administrative charges before the Office of the Ombudsman against Osmeña and 44 others for the "malicious" demolition of the mayor's office.

Meanwhile, the DILG Central Office officially filed a case before the Office of the Ombudsman against Madrideojos, Cebu Mayor Salvador dela Fuente for the construction of illegal structures along the shoreline in said municipality.

Carcar City, Cebu former mayor Nicepuro Apura was also complained over the irregularities in acquiring land for the new city center while Duero, Bohol Mayor Conrada Amparo was complained over illegal quarrying operation and

Borbon, Cebu Mayor Noel Dotillos in relation to the water crisis.

BK also received a complaint against the barangay officials of Barangay Inayagan, City of Naga in Cebu for alleged irregularities in the purchase of street lights and illegal deductions from the officials' honorarium.

Investigation was also conducted to verify complaints against Tanjay City, Negros Oriental Mayor Reynaldo Concepcion and the punong barangay of Poblacion 1 of the same city over alleged corrupt activities, which were later archived by the BK-Project Management Office after due evaluation of the following reports.

All the findings from the fact-finding investigations by the BK lawyers were submitted to the Central Office for appropriate action.

# → DILG-7 joins fight vs vote buying, selling



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 joined the religious sector and other government offices in Central Visayas in the inter-agency caravan for clean and honest midterm elections in Bohol and Cebu City.

This was in response to the call of President Rodrigo Duterte for a “clean” midterm elections on May 13, 2019.

Over 300 people including uniformed service personnel from Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and representatives of various government agencies, Diocese of Tagbilaran, civil society

organizations (CSOs) and Muslim communities went around Bohol province on May 1 to campaign against vote buying and vote selling.

On board their vehicles with streamers bearing the words “No To Vote Buying, No To Vote Selling”, they went to five major stops - Jagna, Guindulman, Ubay, Talibon, and Tubigon towns - where they met with the residents and distributed leaflets and other campaign materials.

It was concluded with a short program at the Plaza Rizal in Tagbilaran City.

Other agencies that supported the

event were National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), Commission on Elections, Bohol Provincial Police Office, and the 47th Infantry “Katapatan” Battalion of the Philippine Army.

In Cebu City, the caravan was launched at the Cebu Provincial Capitol grounds on May 11.

Uniformed service personnel from Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, National Bureau of Investigation, and representatives of the National Youth Commission, National Commission on Muslim Filipino, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, and civil society organizations were present.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela advised the public to never allow themselves to be unduly influenced by politician’s money.

“The right of suffrage is a number one political right. We need an advocacy like this to educate the public and urge them not sell their votes,” he said, asking the public to actively take part in reporting any violations of elections laws, like vote buying and selling.

# → DevLIVE app rolled out in 32 Cebu pilot LGUs

To gather citizen’s satisfaction feedback of local infrastructure projects, the Department of the Interior and Local Government has rolled-out the Development LIVE (DevLIVE) mobile application in 32 pilot places in Cebu from August 9 to September 12.

DILG has partnered with the the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-Philippines to develop DevLIVE application which is designed to gather citizen’s satisfaction feedback



on the ground in terms of quality and implementation of local infrastructure projects under the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) and Assistance to Municipalities (AM) programs.

The LGUs were Cordova, Madridejos, Santa Fe, Bantayan, Barili, Alcantara, Ronda, Moalboal, Asturias, Balamban, Sibonga, Dalaguete, Alcoy, Samboan, Santander, Ginatilan, Alegria, Medellin, San Remigio, Tabuelan, Tuburan, Carmen, Compostela, Pinamungajan, Tabogon, Borbon, Catmon, Sogod, Minglanilla, Consolacion, Poro, and San Francisco.

Each of the LGUs had at least five (5) participants from the following groups; CSO/NGO, residents of the municipality, Direct Beneficiaries of the projects and students.

The conduct of rollout for the DevLIVE app to Cebu Province Pilot LGUs has successfully gathered 553 feedbacks (112% of the target 495 feedbacks) of the ninety-nine (99) target projects through the 164 engaged citizens.

This was possible through the cooperation of the Support to Local Governance Program (SLGP) Coordination Team Members of Region VII which is composed

by the following DILG Personnel; Gregg C. Cubillan, DMO IV, DILG Regional Office VII-LGMED; Anthony A. Nieves, DMO III, DILG Region 7-LGMED; Reymund Cuizon, ISA III, DILG Regional Office VII-RPDMU; Emarie T. Quema, LGOO III, DILG Cebu Province-PDMU; Joie Ann T. Audiencia, CDO II, DILG Cebu Province; and Joma D. Catayas, CDO II, DILG Negros Oriental.

With the use of android smart phones and by registering on the app, DevLIVE mobile app enables the users to locate the nearest projects, complete a feedback (which includes the taking of geotagged photos of projects) and

## → DILG issues APMVs

As part of the present administration's push to be more prudent in the use of public funds, Local Government Units (LGUs) must refrain from using luxury motor vehicles and endeavor to make use of vehicles with common and simple specifications.

The issuance of Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle (APMV) is

covered by policies and issuances by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) that establish the standards and requirements that LGUs must comply before they can purchase motor vehicles.

For Calendar Year 2019, the DILG

Regional Office VII received a total of 50 requests for Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicles from various LGUs in the region. Of the 50 received requests, 48 or 96% were endorsed to the Bureau of Local Government Submission (BLGS) of the DILG Central Office. Moreover, of the 48 requests endorsed to BLGS, 44 or 91.7% were approved.

### AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE MOTOR VEHICLES SUMMARY FOR CY 2019

PROVINCE / HUC	NO. OF REQUESTS	ENDORSED	APPROVED
Cebu	14	13	11
Bohol	14	14	13
Negros Oriental	11	10	10
Siquijor	5	5	4
Mandaue	3	3	3
Lapu-Lapu City	2	2	2
Cebu City	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>



# **Business-Friendly and Competitive LGUs**

## → 7 LGUs trained on P4



At least seven local government units in Central Visayas underwent training on Public Private Partnership for the People (P4) to enhance capacities in identifying projects in 2019.

These LGUs were Calape, Bohol Province; Medellin, Cebu; Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu; Carcar City Cebu; Bayawan City, Negros Oriental; and Larena, Siquijor.

A three-day orientation was conducted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 in coordination with the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) on November 6-8, 2019 at Golden Prince Hotel, Cebu City.

The invited speakers from PPP Center in Manila were Dir. Feroisa Francisca Concordia, Ms. Loida Ramos, and Janella Santiago. Atty. James Earl Saludo from the legal office of DILG Central was also invited.

It was attended and participated by the local chief executives, Sangguniang Bayan members on Social Economic Committee Development, city/municipal planning and development coordinators, LEIPO/PPP Focal

Person, and DILG field officers of the seven LGUs.

The activity aimed to enhance the skills and capacities in identifying PPP able projects.

LGU P4 is a project of the DILG under the Improve LGU Competitiveness and Ease of Doing Business program. It was launched on September 23, 2016, at Koronadal City.

This project responds to the 0-10 Socioeconomic Agenda of the present administration, to promote economic development, and to accelerate annual infrastructure spending to account for 5% of GDP with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) playing a key role.

Further, it recognizes the role of the private sector in bridging the gaps in the economic and social development of the country.

The project aims to develop, create, and strengthen the partnership between the public and private sectors in promoting the general welfare and providing better quality life of the people.

The projects which can be engaged through PPPs are called

“PPPable”. PPP able projects may be soft, hard, or bundled projects.

Examples of soft projects are schools and hospitals, while hard projects are bridges, and roads, among others.

There are various modalities under the PPP Framework and each of these has specific laws to follow. An example of this is a Joint Venture.

A Joint Venture is an arrangement whereby a private sector entity and a government entity, contribute money, capital, services, assets (including equipment, land intellectual property or anything of value).

The PPP Center, in partnership with Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), recently crafted JV guidelines for LGUs which will be put into policies as DILG-PPP Center JMC Guidelines on JV.

## → 8 LGUs in CV join EBPLS training

Eight local government units in Cebu and Bohol Provinces participated the five-day electronic Business Permit and Licensing System (eBPLS) Users Training and Data Build-up at Harolds Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City.

These LGUs — Alcoy, Alegria, Compostela, Dumanjug, Minglanilla, Moalboal, Tabogon, and Buenavista were capacitated in the adoption and implementation of the eBPLS software.

It was conducted by Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 together with the Department of Information and Communication Technology-7 on September 9-1, 2019.

On the first day of training, the legal bases of the reforms were discussed by the DILG eBPLS focal person, Jerry Bib Pitogo.

DICT team headed by eBPLS Focal, Engr. Ramil Jeff Taboso discussed

the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 series of 2016 entitled, "Revised Standards in Processing Business Permits and Licenses in Cities and Municipalities", requirements for automation, system flow, and setup of accounts.

The next 2 days of the training were headed by Veverly Yumul, assisted by Charlene Faye Soriano. They discussed the build-up of data references, followed by the setups of Permit Template and Tax order of payment, and Setup of Schedule of Fees.

They also held a simulation of eBPLS cloud full cycle.

On the last day of training, the participants started data build-up and applied their PSIC computation into the system.

The activity was graced by DICT VC2 Director III, Engr. Leo Cipriano Urbizonto, Jr.

To recall, DILG, DICT, and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) issued JMC 01, series of 2016, was signed and issued on 30 August 2016.

The JMC aims to ensure that the LGUs will adopt and enforce service standards in processing local permits and licenses.

One of the complementary reforms introduced in the JMC is the Computerization/Automation of Business Permitting Process.

The JMC was strengthened with the enactment of Republic Act 11032 otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery (EODB/EGSD) Act that mandates all cities and municipalities to automate their business permit within 3 years upon effectivity of the law.

## → DILG-7 holds Ease of Doing Business Forum 2019 on December 19, 2019 at Hotel Elizabeth, Cebu City



## → Training on streamlining building permit, certification of occupancy organized

To capacitate local government units in Central Visayas, the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 conducted training-workshop and coaching on Streamlining Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy.

These LGUs - Alcoy, For Bohol Province, the training, which was participated by five LGUs, was conducted on September 19-20, 2019 at Kew Hotel, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

Separate trainings were conducted in September and October for 26 LGUs (Component Cities and

1st Class Municipalities) from the Provinces of Cebu, Bohol, and Negros Oriental.

Part of the training-workshop was the adoption and implementation of Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-01 entitled "Streamlining the Processes in the Issuance of Building Permits and Certificate of Occupancy" and its standard reforms.

The said JMC was issued by DILG, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), and the Department of Trade and Industry

(DTI) on January 4, 2018 to improve the country's ranking in global competitiveness surveys.

In the JMC, a team is created to conduct training, coaching and mentoring for LGUs within their region to increase awareness and jumpstart the adoption and enforcement of the circular.

The workshop also addressed the specific needs of LGUs in operationalizing the said JMC, ensuring that the LGUs will effectively implement the standard reforms.

## → DILG-7 holds Post-Evaluation on Streamlining Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy and 2019 AOPB Consultation on February 6, 2019 at the DILG-7 Office, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City







**Environmentally Protective,  
Disaster Resilient and Climate  
Change Adaptive LGUs**

## → DILG trains on managing the dead, missing

It is a basic human right that every individual deserves proper and dignified management of his/her remains regardless of creed, ethnicity, race, and religious beliefs.

As part of the mandate of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM), the Department takes the lead to protect said right and to manage the dead and the missing.

The management of the dead is not an easy task but one of the most difficult in terms of disaster management.

This long-standing challenge poses a need to develop a systematic and universal approach in handling the dead bodies from their recovery, identification, and transfer until their final disposal in consideration of the legal requisites, cultural and religious beliefs, and norms which will guarantee the respect for the dignity of the deceased and the rights of their respective families.

With this, the Local Government Academy trained the DILG DRRM focal persons on the Management of the Dead and the Missing (MDM) on June 3-7, 2019 at the Linden Suites, Pasig City.

The DILG-7 was represented by DRRM regional focal person LGOO V James Andaya and DRRM CFP Focal Person LGOO V Kim Galacio.

The participants learned the dynamics and processes involved in the MDM, including search and retrieval, disaster victim identification, disposition of the dead, management of the missing persons, and management of the bereaved families.

They also underwent a simulation exercise of a catastrophic incident that required an application of the protocols they learned during the training.

## SA GABAY AT MAPA PARA MAGING LISTONG PAMILYANG PILIPINO!

## → DILG-7 ensures families are disaster-ready

*Are families in Central Visayas ready when a catastrophe strikes?*

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has identified interventions to create an enabling environment, not only for local government units but also for the Filipino families, to develop their capacities towards adapting, mitigating risks, preparing, and recovering from disasters.

It created the “Sa Gabay at Mapa para maging Listong Pamayanan at Pamilyang Pilipino”, a regional program that focuses on the disaster preparedness in the household level.

It is initially targeted to the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

The program is one of the Operation LISTO components of the DILG that aims to provide capacity development interventions to the communities through drills and other preparedness actions.

In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development-7, the DILG-7 expanded the program through the conduct of Provincial Preparedness and Partnership Dialogue, with the Expanded Listo Teams as a mechanism and the inclusion of the city/municipal links in the 4Ps, the PDRRMOs, and C/M/BDRRMOs in year 2017.

More activities are set for 2020 to further strengthen the implementation strategies of the

program.

These include several provincial-based train-ings and workshops such as Program Review on the Implementation of Listong Pamayanan cum Strategic Planning on Pamilyang Pilipino Gabay at Mapa FY 2020-2021 in Cebu, Bohol, and Siquijor and Program Orientation of Listong Pamayanan cum Strategic Planning cum Strategic Planning Workshop FY 2020-2021 to the Selected Cities and Municipalities within the Major River Basin in Negros Oriental.

## → Operation Listo v3 rolled out in CV

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has rolled out the newest edition of the Operation LISTO: Disaster Preparedness Manual version 3 to the highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and provinces in Central Visayas to prepare when/before a disaster strikes.

Given the unpredictable climate and hazards the country is exposed to, the Local Government Academy has produced the latest version of the Operation LISTO.

This after a series of consultation was conducted by the LGA with the National Government agencies, local government units (LGUs), private sector, civil society organizations, non-government organizations, and academic and scientific institutions to update and enhance the LGU protocols on disaster preparedness.

In line with the Department's vision to help build safe and resilient communities, the Operation LISTO version 3 aims to equip the households and enhance the internal capacities of the DILG and LGU in terms of disaster preparedness.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Regional Focal Person LGOO V James Andaya explained the overview and intervention framework of Operation LISTO version 3.

He emphasized on how the guidelines stated in the manual can help assess the preparedness of an LGU for disasters.

Also discussed were the changes and enhancement made to the Operation LISTO version 3 and its three parts, namely Checklist of Early Preparedness Actions for May, Checklist of Minimum Critical Preparedness Actions, and Checklist for City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, C/MLGOOs, COPs, and FMs.

## → Group formed to inspect beaches in Panglao, Bohol

Following the successful rehabilitation of Boracay last year, a regional team has been created to inspect the island resorts and beach destinations in the Municipality of Panglao, Bohol.

This is in response to the memorandum issued by Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Eduardo M. Año to rehabilitate priority beach tourism destinations.

Año, in an earlier report, said that with Boracay as the national standard, the DILG and other national government agencies will also conduct inspections in all other resorts across the country to ensure that these tourist destinations are compliant to existing environmental laws. The regional inspection team was directed to commence with the planning, assessment, and implementation of the DILG's rehabilitation program.

After the orientation of its members, the team inspected the tourism establishments in Panglao for 22 days.



# **Socially Protective and Safe LGUs**

## → Island residents get new water supply



Camotes Island, Cebu—Due to scarcity of water supply in their area, 8-year old Rio Mañosa together with his younger brother Jan, both are residents of Barangay Puertobello, Tudela town in Camotes Island, had to risk life and limb to walk for minutes to fill some empty soft drinks bottles and gallons of water from a nearby spring and bring them home for drinking, bathing and washing purposes.

The spring is located near a cave, a secluded area in Barangay Puertobello where one has to pass through tall grasses.

“Wa man mi tubig mao adto lang mi magkabo. Mas duol ra man didtos langob (We do not have water

connection so we were forced to get our supply from the nearby cave),” Rio said.

Their mother Ivy Ann, 32, could not help but worry about the safety of her children, so she would accompany them every time they headed for the spring to fetch water, putting off some of her household chores.

Ivy shared that if she had a choice, they would not risk themselves going to that area.

But Ivy and her neighbors can now heave a sigh of relief following the completion of the first level waterworks system project in their area.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) set aside a total of P543, 086 under its Local Government Support Fund program to fund the construction of the Level 2 waterworks system at Sitio Kanipit in Barangay Puertobello, with the Cebu Provincial Government as the implementing government unit. The project is now fully operational. With this, Ivy thanked DILG and the Cebu Provincial Government for addressing the water problem in their area.

She said they already stopped getting supply from the cave although it is nearer than the site where the new waterworks system was constructed.

“Di na mi tigkabo kay daghan na kaayong sagbot, hadlok na kay daghang bitin (We stopped fetching water from the area because of tall grasses. There are also snakes), she shared while washing dishes and clothes using the overflowing water from the spring box, where the water supply was sourced.

LGSF is a financial assistance granted to local government units for the implementation of their priority programs and projects.

## → Brgy in Tuburan gets new covered court

Sports enthusiasts and residents of Barangay Lusong in Tuburan, Cebu will no longer have to worry when bad weather looms and threatens to disrupt major activities of the barangay.

This after the construction of the new covered court has been completed.

The project was funded under the

Recovery Assistance on Yolanda program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Barangay captain Arnold Talaugon, 43, thanked the local government and the DILG for implementing the project in their barangay.

Asked about the importance of the project in his barangay, he said the covered court serves as their

main evacuation center aside from being a venue for major activities. “Importante kaayo ni labi na og naay katalagman, ari gyod mamakwit ang mga tawo,” he said.

For his part, Jear Doning, 20, Sangguniang Kabataan chairperson, recounted the times when they had to postpone several sports activities owing to bad weather conditions.

He added that their activities before only drew few participants due to the unfavorable and discouraging venue.

**Gamay ra gyod ang manabong kun naa mi sports activities diri kay tungod sa kabati sa among basketball court sa una. Karon, daghan na kaayo mangapil.**

- Jear Doning, Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson

"Kung mag-uwan, sige ra mi og reschedule. Bati pa gyod kay way cover unya init kaayo," he said.

With the construction of the new covered court, Doning said the number of visitors and participants from other barangays has more than doubled in the past activities.

He also thanked DILG for the project which he said is really useful to his young constituents.



## → Yolanda-stricken LGU pilots solar-powered town hall

The municipality of San Remigio in northern Cebu has shifted to cheaper and environment-friendly energy, reducing the municipal government's overall total cost on power.

This after the municipality installed P3 million worth of solar panels on the roof of the municipal hall to provide an alternative power source to the different offices housed in the building.

Once it fully operates, the solar power project is seen to prevent the transactions, especially those that need online services, from being hampered during power interruptions.

San Remigio Mayor Mariano Martinez said the alternative power source will also significantly reduce the electricity expenses of the municipal government and generate income at the same time.

He explained that during weekends when the offices do not use electricity, excess solar power are generated which will then be bought by their power supplier, Cebu Electric Cooperative (Cebeco).

The LGU is now finalizing with Cebeco on such scheme and other



requirements for the operation of the solar panels.

Martinez thanked the Department for granting them assistance to realize the said project.

San Remigio is the first LGU in Central Visayas to use solar power as alternative energy for its facility.

In 2016, San Remigio was among the severely affected LGUs in Cebu when Super typhoon Yolanda barreled through the Visayas and caused massive power outage for weeks.

The municipality received P3 million from DILG under the latter's Performance Challenge Fund, a financial subsidy to eligible LGUs in the form of counterpart funding for local development projects in the Annual Investment Program (AIP) and funded out of the 20% Local Development Fund (LDF).

It is granted as recognition to LGUs exhibiting good performance in internal housekeeping particularly on the areas of transparency and accountability, planning, fiscal management, and valuing performance monitoring.

## → CFLGA activities for 2019 held

Activities related to Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) for Calendar Year 2019 were conducted in line with its objective to assess the performance of local government units (LGUs) in delivering child-friendly policies, programs, and services for child and youth welfare.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) CFLGA regional and provincial focal persons attended the regional orientation on the Revised CFLGA-Visayas Cluster on July 15 to 17 at the Hotel Elizabeth, Cebu City.

DILG field officers and municipal social welfare and development officers in Cebu Province also participated in the provincial orientation on the revised CFLGA.

Further, the Regional Inter-



Monitoring Task Force Regional Council/Secretariat of the Council for the Welfare of Children has reviewed, validated and endorsed the submitted data capture form to Council for the Welfare of Children Secretariat and DILG – National Barangay Operations Office.

The audit-generated data and results gathered will serve as basis for LGUs and non-government agencies to identify the strengths and opportunities worth emulating and strengthen child rights governance in Region 7.

## → DILG-7, NGAs team up for localized HIV/AIDS response

The Philippine government agencies are in full force in the localization of the HIV & AIDS responses and mitigation program aligned to the Responsible Parent and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law.

In 2019, Region 7's Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have forged a partnership for the localization of HIV & AIDS responses.

This program by the regional offices is anchored on the Responsible Parent and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law, which is a major push on the government's position on reproductive health.

The partnership visualizes a continuous capacity building among the stakeholders by institutionalizing the creation and functionality of Local Aids Council in the local

government units (LGUs).

The full and immediate implementation of the RPRH Law is critically important for the government to deliver its reproductive health program, which has been identified by President Rodrigo Duterte as one of his priorities when he assumed office.

RPRH Law will serve as a vehicle to fulfilling the 2030 sustainable development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), whose aim is ultimately to leave no one behind, especially the most vulnerable.

President Duterte clearly defined the role of various government units in enforcing the law and provided clear instructions on the funding and accountability aspects of implementation.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is also in one with the government agencies on their

commitment to reproductive health.

UNFPA has been working with LGUs in ensuring that access to quality reproductive health services, including the prevention and mitigation measure on the spread of HIV and AIDS, STI diseases will be available especially for the poorest and disadvantaged communities.

UNFPA also hopes that the RPRH Law will be a major push for a comprehensive and holistic effort by the government and people towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development based on the protection and fulfillment of human rights.

## → Training on Institutionalization of Gender Responsive Local Governance held

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Visayas conducted training on the Institutionalization of Gender Responsive Local Governance in the Local Planning Process from October 21 to 24, 2019.

The training covered discussions on the duties and functions of DILG as the lead agency in the review, endorsement, and monitoring of submission of GAD Plans and Budget (GPBs) and GAD Accomplishment

Report (GAD ARs) of the local government units (LGUs).

The GAD focal persons from the city and provincial DILG offices were also reoriented on the process of costing, allocation, and attribution of the GAD budget.

To fast-track the review and endorsement process of the GAD Plan and Budget and the GAD accomplishment report of the LGUs, DILG GAD focal person was

introduced and oriented on the use of the GAD Plan and Budget Monitoring System (GAD-PBMS).

As an oversight agency, DILG is mandated to review the annual Gender and Development (GAD) plans, programs, and budgets of LGUs, and endorse said plans for integration in the LGUs' Annual Budget and Annual Investment Program (AIP).

## → LCPC functionality monitored

PROVINCE / HUC	TOTAL	PROVINCE / HUC				TOTAL	CITIES/MUNICIPALITIES				TOTAL	BARANGAYS			
		I	M	P	B		I	M	P	B		I	M	P	B
Bohol	1	1				48	23	22	3		1,109	108	805	196	
Cebu	1	1				50	13	27	6	4	1,066	55	340	554	117
Negros Oriental	1		1			25	8	17			557	58	448	40	11
Siquijor	1					6		5	1		134	1	70	63	
Cebu City	1	1									80	55	21	4	
Mandaue City	1	1									30	4	11	9	3
Lapu-Lapu City	1		1								27	10	14	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>129</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>133</b>

The Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) conducted activities for the calendar year.

The table above shows the data on the functionality of the LCPCs in all levels, from the provinces down to the barangays.

With the findings reflected especially on cities/municipalities and barangays that still has basic and progressive functionalities, DILG field officers were tasked to extend technical assistance to capacitate the council in the discharge of their mandated roles and responsibilities.

The Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) is the body mandated to implement and monitor activities related to the welfare and development of the children in the locality.

## → DILG-7 supports nutrition programs

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 required all the LGUs to formulate their nutrition action plans that focus on nutritionally vulnerable individuals or families, including communities or barangays with high levels of undernutrition and overnutrition pursuant to Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2018-42.

The battle against malnutrition is in line with Duterte administration's 10-point Economic Agenda, the "Health for All" agenda of the Department of Health (DOH), the development pillars of Malasakit (protective concern), Pagbabago (change or transformation), and Kaunlaran (development), and the vision of Ambisyon 2040.

DILG-7 also has nutrition-sensitive programs, such as Assistance to Municipalities (AM) and SALINTUBIG, that are intended to improve physical and economic access to food, access to sanitary toilets and safe drinking water, and responsible parenthood.



## → MOU for Amuma sa Barangay-CoMSCA inked

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and World Vision Development Foundation (WVDF) to assist in the implementation of Amuma sa Barangay-Community Managed Savings and Credit Association (CoMSCA) and economic livelihood interventions.

It was signed by DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and WVDF Associate Director for Visayas Ernesto Macabenta on November 21, 2019 in Poblacion North, Valencia, Negros Oriental.

The ceremony was witnessed by Negros Oriental Governor Roel

Degamo and WVDF Program Manager-Operations Bonifacio Calapan.

The MOU signing manifested the strengthened partnership between the DILG-7 and WVDF in improving the quality of life and building resilience in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities.

Amuma sa Barangay-CoMSCA builds the economic resilience and financial literacy of households through the mobilization of self-help mechanisms on savings services.

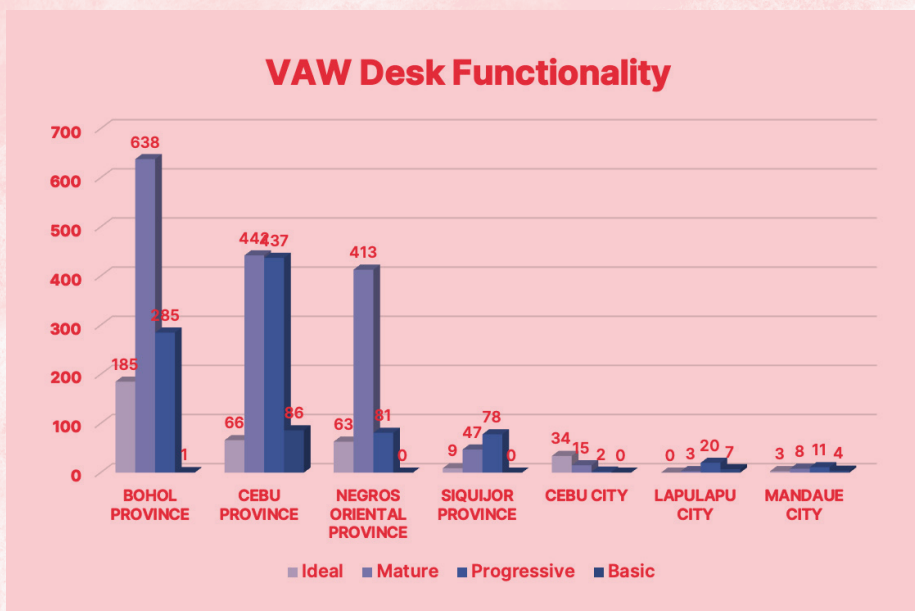
The parties to the MOU agreed to coordinate in the planning, development, and implementation of the Amuma sa Barangay-CoMSCA

and other economic livelihood initiatives by local government units of the End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) target barangays.

They also committed to support the implementation of these initiatives through joint community savings information coordination and knowledge management and promote joint review and monitoring of progress in implementing the coordinated local action plans, among others.

The MOU will be in force for three years from the date of signing and may be renewed for another three years by mutual consent of the parties.

## → 185 barangays in Bohol get ideal rating



functionality of VAW desk in every barangay in pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2017-114.

The desks were assessed by the inter-agency monitoring team of DILG officers, Department of Social Welfare and Development officers, Philippine National Police, LGU health officers, LGU social welfare and development officers, and a representative from an LGU accredited/recognized women civil society organization.

The assessment was based on establishment, resources, policies, plans and budgets and accomplishments.

Bohol Province seized the most number of barangays with an ideal rating on Violence Against Women (VAW) functionality among the local government units (LGUs) in Region 7.

The province of Bohol listed 185 barangays with ideal functionality

followed by Cebu Province (66), Negros Oriental (63), Cebu City (34), Siquijor (9), Mandaue City (3), and lastly Lapu-Lapu City (0).

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) developed a guide and monitoring tool intended to assess the

The figure above shows the date on the functionality of VAW desks per province and highly urbanized cities.



**Peaceful, Orderly  
and Safe LGUs**



## DAGYAWAN SA BARANGAY

# → A story of convergence and commitment

Braving bumpy roads and long trips was no big deal for various government officials and volunteers as they reached out and brought their services closer to the people living in conflict-affected areas in Negros Oriental.

In an effort to end the decades-old insurgency in the region, the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Central Visayas, in partnership with various national government agencies, pioneered the country's first-ever Dagyawan sa Barangay, which successfully covered all 16 priority barangays in six cities and municipalities in the province in less than three months.

The multi-agency effort was also spearheaded by the Negros Oriental Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NOTF-ELCAC), local task forces ELCAC of the target cities and municipalities, and Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas, which sits as the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security.

### TAKING OFF OF DAGYAWAN SA BARANGAY

True to its promise to bring town hall meetings to the local level, the DILG-7 replicated the "Dagyaw

2019: Open Government and Participatory Governance Regional Townhall Meeting" but is more focused on conducting a series of solution-seeking dialogues with the stakeholders and delivering the services to the grassroots level.

Dagyaw is a Hiligaynon term to mean "bayanihan" or "togetherness."

The Dagyawan sa Barangay has two components: Talakayan ng Mamamayan at Serbisyo Caravan.

The Talakayan ng Mamamayan provided a venue for residents and members of the expanded Barangay Development Councils to thoroughly lay down their concerns and formulate possible solutions thereto.

The dialogue was assisted by other participating government agencies such as Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, Philhealth, Landbank of the Philippines, Social Security System, Department of Science and Technology and Philippine Coconut Authority.

Meanwhile, the Serbisyo Caravan, a one-stop shop for frontline services spearheaded by OPAV, drew huge crowds.

It extended basic services to the residents such as medical and dental mission, distribution of food packs, medicine, slippers, seedlings, and farm materials, facilitation of live birth registration, issuance of SSS number and postal IDs, and licensing services.

Many have also availed of the free haircut, massage, ear piercing, circumcision, vaccination and deworming for pets.

Other participating agencies were those in the uniform service such as the Philippine Coast Guard, Police Regional Officer-7, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Bureau of Fire Protection.

### COVERAGE OF THE DAGYAWAN

The Dagyawan officially took off in the City of Guihulngan City on September 10 to 11, 2019. The insurgency-affected barangays were Hinakpan, Planas, Trinidad, Binobohan, Tacpao, Imelda, Humay-Humay, and Sandayao.

It was then staged in Canlaon City on October 9 with residents from two target barangays, namely Lumapao and Bayog, and 10 uninfluenced barangays taking part in the activity.

The third Dagyawan took place in Siaton on November 4 wherein residents from priority barangay Tayak and nine other barangays were in attendance.

A day after, the Dagyawan was brought to Santa Catalina. Two focus barangays, San Pedro and Talalak, and eight uninfluenced barangays were present.

The next Dagyawan was held in Zamboanguita on November 14 with Mayabon and Calango as the target barangays.

It was then concluded on November 21 to 22 in Valencia with Dobdob as priority barangay.

Among the issues raised during the Dagyawan activities were lack of local road access, electrification, water supply, health services, and employment.

After the consultations, officials of the 16 insurgency-affected barangays formally turned over in a ceremony the lists of proposed programs and projects to the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict represented by DILG Undersecretary Epimaco Densing III on November 29 in Dumaguete City.

The officials hoped that the proposed programs and projects triggered by the Dagyawan sa Barangay will be funded by the national government.

## CALL FOR SUPPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela expressed gratitude to all participating agencies for heeding the call of President Rodrigo Duterte in addressing the problem on insurgency through the whole-of-nation approach.

Trovela admitted that solving insurgency problem is a challenge for the officials who are in the grassroots level.

“It’s not a one-time event. It’s a series of activity. Dito naipapakita namin ang malawakang pagkakaisa. It’s our commitment na tulungan ang city na maisakatuparan ang adhikain para sa maunlad at mapayapang kumunidad,” he told the media during an interview.

Trovela called on the government agencies and the local governments to commit in order to sustain this initiative.

## POSITIVE RESPONSE

Densing, during the handover ceremony, said that DILG-7, Negros Oriental government, and all

stakeholders involved should take pride that they are the first to conduct and complete the solution-seeking workshop with “serbisyo caravans” which form part of the implementation of the Retooled Community Service Program.

He said that this initiative is one of the ways to achieve an inclusive and sustainable peace as the government recognizes that local armed conflicts are not only a military concern but also indicative of a broader challenges on social, economic, and governance.

“Papatunayan namin sa inyo na ang gobyerno ay nakikinig sa taong bayan. I will encourage using Negros Oriental as our model. I am now encouraging other provinces in this country to use the Dagyawan sa Barangay to be able to listen to the people, know their aspirations, know their programs and eventually, the government will deliver these aspirations and programs to the people,” Densing said.

Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo, who heads the task force, signified commitment to intensify the efforts against insurgency with the help of the community.

“We cannot win peace by killing each other. Instead, we will win the hearts and minds of people by giving the basic services to them,” he said.

Degamo also asked the people to cooperate in resolving the insurgency problem.





## IT DOES NOT END THERE

Trovela assured that the Dagyawan sa Barangay will not end with only 16 priority barangays being covered.

“This is just the beginning of the long engagement of the national government agencies and the local government agencies with the cooperation of the barangay to finally resolve the issue on insurgency,” he said.

He said the DILG will continue to capacitate the RCSP teams and core teams to ensure sustainability of the program.

In the following years, the Dagyawan sa Barangay and Serbisyo Caravan will be spearheaded by the affected LGUs, Trovela added.

He said that the Dagyawan sa Barangay will continue to serve as a tool for convergence for national and local government agencies to demonstrate their commitment to the President’s call to end insurgency by the year 2022.

Department of Budget and Management-7 Director Imelda Laceras expressed her support to the Dagyawan sa Barangay, stressing the need for DBM, DILG and all other government agencies to work together especially in proposing budget for the projects and programs of the insurgency-affected communities.

Laceras vowed that the government agencies will ensure that the programs and projects asked by the insurgency-affected barangays in the province will be funded in the coming years.





DAGYAWAN SA BARANGAY

→ Serbisyo Caravan touches lives in remote areas

It was supposed to be an ordinary day for 80-year-old Presentacion, who was fetching clothes in her house when she heard that free basic services will be available at the school in the conflict-affected Barangay Calango, Zamboanguita, Negros Oriental on November 14, 2019.

Without hesitation, she asked her neighbor to walk with her going to the school where the event took place.

As she has been living alone for several years, Presentacion, a widow, said she could not afford medical checkups and medicines.

The last time she saw her children, who are all married, was over three years ago.

With her torn slippers, she managed to walk through the jagged road for more than half an hour to get to the venue.

Upon seeing hundreds of people in the area, she immediately looked for the station where she could ask for medical assistance.

“Ni ari ko kay nagpa checkup ko kay... gikan ko matulog unya mobangon ko, matumba man ko,” she said.

She was told by the doctor that she has high blood pressure. She was given medication.

Presentacion expressed her gratitude to the people behind the activity for making them feel the presence of government services.

“Nalipay kay nakatabang man sila namo. Nagpasalamat ko kay nakaabot sila diri,” she said.

Various officials and volunteers from regional agencies in Central Visayas went out of their offices and met the residents from Barangay Calango where the Serbisyo Caravan took place.

Serbisyo Caravan is a component of Dagyawan sa Barangay which is a convergence of all government agencies, both national and local, to bring themselves and their services closer to the hearts of the people at the grassroots level.

The other component of this initiative is the “Talakayan” session which provided venue for residents and members of the expanded Barangay Development Councils to thoroughly lay down through a solution-seeking workshop their concerns and recommendations on how to improve the delivery of basic services at the grassroots level.

The Serbisyo Caravan brings a one-stop shop for frontline services to Barangay Calango which is an insurgency-affected barangay.

During that time, the government agencies extended basic services to the residents such as medical and dental services, licensing, distribution of seedlings and farm materials, facilitating live birth registration, issuance of SSS number and postal IDs, among others.

Presentacion was so happy knowing she could go home with a number of medicines and farm inputs from the Serbisyo Caravan.

But her smile continued to glow upon seeing hundreds of pairs of slippers

displayed on the ground when she went out of the room.

She gladly fell in line with the children who were waiting for the distribution of free slippers.

Presentacion went home not only with the medicines but also with a new pair of slippers.

In the venue, she also heard Zamboanguita Mayor Glenson Alanano who delivered a speech thanking the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 and all government agencies for visiting

their municipality and brought several services to their town.

Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo also delivered a short message and said that bringing basic services to the people is the best approach in solving insurgency, stressing that the government cannot win peace by bullets but by winning the hearts of the people.

The initiative is in support to the implementation of Executive Order No. 70 which aims to end insurgency in the country through the whole-of-nation approach. DILG is the chair

of the Basic Services Cluster under the Retrofitted Community Support Program.

Knowing the impact of the activity, DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela urged the local officials especially those leading in insurgency-affected areas to continue bringing the government services closer to the people.

Presentacion shared the same call for all government agencies to continue giving free services especially to the people living alone in the remote areas like her.



## → Hope, harmony in hinterlands

For years, 79-year-old “Nong Edwin” (not his real name) has been used to taking herbal and over-the-counter medicines every time he would feel ill, ruling the same out as normal flu or sickness brought by age.

He admitted to having been experience recurring cough and cold, but he never dared to head for a checkup. For him, going to a medical consultation would just entail additional expenses and effort, considering that he lives in a

mountain area which is kilometers away from the health facility.

“Wa man tay kwarta, sir unya layo sab kayo oy. Tiguwang na ta di na makabyahe og lagyo... Mamatay lang gyod ta ani nga di makabalo unsay sakit,” he said.

(I have no money, sir, and we’re too old to travel... Maybe I would just die without knowing the illness)

Since his age has also impaired his

mobility, Nong Edwin said he rather stay at home and just do his own medical regimen.

He used to drive motorcycle as a sideline but eventually stopped. His family depends only on farming to sustain their daily needs.

He lost his wife years ago with whom he has five children, all are already married. He is now living with his son who earns a living through farming and driving “habal-habal.”

“Di gyod mi makaadto’g ospital, sir. Akong mga kauban diri naglisod gane pod,” he shared.

(We cannot just go to hospital, sir, whenever we get sick. Even my relatives here cannot afford to avail of medical checkups)

When he heard of free medical services slated on November 4, 2019 in their area, Nong Edwin said he would not waste the opportunity to finally have himself checked by doctors.

The free medical consultation and distribution of medicines are among the services offered to the residents of mountain barangay Tayak of Siaton, Negros Oriental during the Serbisyo Caravan.

Serbisyo Caravan, which establishes a one-stop shop for frontline services of the government, is a component of Dagyawan sa Barangay. The other component is Talakayan ng Mamamayan, which provided venue for residents and members of the expanded barangay development councils to sit down together for a solution-seeking dialogue where they discuss local issues and possible issues to address them.

It took almost an hour for the volunteers to reach the Serbisyo Caravan venue. The narrow, rocky and steep road leading to the area increased the traveling time.

As the team approached the venue, women carrying their children, elderly

being assisted, and kids fixing their eyes on the convoy in amazement, were seen along the road heading to the venue, smiling as if it was their first time to see such a number of vehicles visiting their area.

As early as 7 a.m., the crowd started to build as they queued to different tents mounted for basic services, craning their neck to see vehicles arrive, apparently curious of what was in store for them.

Other services offered were distribution of food packs, medicine, slippers, seedlings, and farm materials, facilitation of live birth registration, issuance of SSS number and postal IDs, and licensing.

As the people availed of the services, police officers from the Police Regional Office-7 entertained the crowd by demonstrating their talents in singing and dancing.

With his legs barely able to keep pace with the crowd, Nong Edwin was spotted being assisted by his relatives to a makeshift medical clinic installed during the Serbisyo Caravan in Barangay Tayak.

While sitting and waiting for his turn, Nong Edwin expressed that he was quite nervous but relieved as he could finally have himself checked by physicians and ask for prescriptions to remedy his health conditions, if any.

“Nagpasalamat kaayo ko sa atong gobyerno, sa atong mayor kay diri

gyod sa among lugar gihimo ning mga libre nga serbisyo,” he shared.

(I am grateful to the government, to our mayor for bringing these free services in our area)

Local officials of the Municipality of Siaton vowed to sustain the program following the success of the activity and after gaining support from different government agencies.

The Basic Services Cluster of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) in coordination with their local counterparts organized the activity as part of their continuous effort to end insurgency. The Dagyawan sa Barangay at Serbisyo Caravan has successfully covered 16 target LGUs in Negros Oriental under the Retooled Community Support Program.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, for his part, called on the government agencies and the local governments to work hand in hand in order to sustain this initiative.

“It’s not a one-time event. It’s a series of activity. Dito naipapakita namin ang malawakang pagkakaisa... This is our way of bringing the government closer to the people,” he said.







## → List of PPAs handed to NTF-ELCAC

Following the conduct of a series of consultations and dialogues, officials of the 16 target barangays finally turned over their lists of proposed programs and projects to the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) on November 29 at Lamberto Macias Sports and Cultural Center in Dumaguete City.

The officials hoped that the proposed programs and projects, which are triggered by the *Dagyawan sa Barangay* under the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), will be funded by the National Government.

Department of the Interior and Local Government Undersecretary Epimaco Densing III represented NTF-ELCAC during the hand-over ceremony which was also attended by thousands of militaries, police officers, students, local officials, civil societies, among others.

In his speech, Densing commended DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo, and all stakeholders that helped in piloting the “*Dagyawan sa Barangay*” in the province.

“Papatunayan namin sa inyo na ang gobyerno ay nakikingig sa taong bayan. I will encourage using Negros Oriental as our model. I am now encouraging other provinces in this country to use the *Dagyawan sa Barangay* to be able to listen to the people, know their aspirations,

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He added that this initiative is one of the ways to achieve an inclusive and sustainable peace as the government recognizes that local armed conflicts are not only a military concern but also indicative of a broader challenges on social, economic, and governance.

Densing said DILG-7, Provincial Government of Negros Oriental, and all stakeholders should take pride that it is the first to conduct and complete the solution-seeking workshop with “*serbisyo caravans*” which form part of the implementation of the RCSP.

Trovela, for his part, said the three-month implementation of the “*Dagyawan sa Barangay: Talakayan and Serbisyo Caravan*” was indeed a whole-of-nation approach as various government departments, agencies, bureaus, among others have extended their hands to implement the initiative.

“This is just the beginning of the long engagement of the national government agencies and the local government agencies with the cooperation of the barangay to finally resolve the issue on insurgency,” he said.

The *Dagyawan sa Barangay* is a convergence of all government

agencies, both national and local, to bring themselves and their services closer to the hearts of the people at the grassroots level.

It has two components: *Talakayan ng Mamamayan at Serbisyo Caravan*, which brought a one-stop shop for frontline services to remote villages.

The “*Talakayan*” session provided a venue for residents and members of the expanded Barangay Development Councils to thoroughly lay down through a solution-seeking workshop their concerns and recommendations on how to improve the delivery of basic services at the grassroots level.

The participants interfaced with and were assisted by representatives from various regional government agencies and members of the Basic Services Cluster of the Regional Task Force ELCAC during the formulation of their action plans.

The activity is not a one-time event but part of a series of consultation workshop that is designed as inputs to the crafting of the refocused barangay development plan and list of priority programs and projects.

All the proposed PPAs submitted by the officials of the barangay to the cities and municipalities to the provincial government to the Regional Task Force-ELCAC to NTF-ELCAC will not end in the inclusion to the Barangay Development Plan.

Members of the RCSP Core team are tasked to ensure that these projects must be prioritized based on the level of significance and impact to the community.

Before the handover ceremony, thousands of spectators also joined the interfaith prayer rally and “Walk for Peace: Towards Progress and Prosperity of Negros Oriental” to join the call for preservation of peace and

end of insurgency in the province.

Bringing with them placards and banners, the stakeholders braved the rain and joined the rally initiated by the Negros Oriental Task Force-ELCAC.

After the handover ceremony, Trovela said the DILG would continue apacitating the RCSP teams and core teams to ensure sustainability of the

program.

Further, he said the implementation of the proposed priority programs and projects will be monitored.

The Dagyawan sa Barangay and Serbisyo Caravan will be spearheaded by the affected LGUs in the following years.

## → Leaders of Visayas Island ELCAC converge



In preparation for the upcoming National Summit, the regions in Visayas Island attended and presented updates during the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) Summit on October 16, 2019.

National Task Force-ELCAC Vice Chairman Hermogenes Esperon, Jr. graced the activity together with the officials and representatives of the following groups: RTF-ELCACs of Regions 6, 7, and 8, respective regional Cabinet Officers for Regional Development and Security (CORDs); Heads of the RTF Technical Working Groups; RTF Vice Chairpersons; RTF Secretariats; CORDs Advisers; and Regional Cluster Heads.

“We are here now reviewing what we have done and what we could have done because since the time we planned in June what we have to do, there is no way but for us to continue operating anyway. Hindi

tayo pwedeng tumigil while we are planning and organizing,” Esperon said.

It was on December 4, 2019 when President Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order No. 70 creating the NTF-ELCAC to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the whole-of-nation approach that will end the insurgency in the country.

In the EO, it stated that one of the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 is to attain inclusive and sustainable peace through intensified development and other peace-building initiatives in conflict-affected and –vulnerable communities.

Presidential Assistant for Visayas Michael Lloyd Dino, who also attended the event, said his ultimate goal is to see to it that regions in the Visayas will be united in peace and will thrive in terms of economic development.

“The Visayas Islands have very promising industries such as tourism, manufacturing, real estate, agriculture and services. And in order to harness the full potential of these industries, we must address the problem on insurgency that has been present for decades, sidetracking us from real and sustainable progress,” he said.

Dino, who sits as CORDS-7 chairman, reiterated his call to end insurgency in Central Visayas especially in Negros Oriental.

While the rest of the provinces in Region 7 have been declared insurgency-free, Dino said Negros Oriental remains to be conflict-affected that is why the region is focusing its efforts on these 6 municipalities and 16 barangays.

“When I delivered my speech, I declared that Negros Oriental will be insurgency-free by 2021. I reiterate

that declaration today and I call upon my RTF 7 cluster heads to go the extra mile to make that happen with the promise that I will be behind you every step of the way for as long as you deliver," Dino said.

On July 18, 2019, the first Regional Convergence Workshop on Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict was held at the Oakridge Executive Club where RTF 7 ELCAC cluster heads, secretariats and members convened for the first time to be oriented with EO 70.

During the summit, the officials of

Regions 6, 7, and 8 presented and shared the developments, updates, and improvements since they held its convergence months.

Dino highlighted the efforts of the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 in implementing the "Dagawan sa Barangay: Talakayan and Serbisyo Caravan" in Guihulngan City and Canlaon City in Negros Oriental.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela briefed the attendees about the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) which was

formulated to strengthen the Community Support Program (CSP) initiatives of the military.

CSP is a program of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Development Support and Security Plan dubbed as Kapayapaan which is a multi-stakeholder and community-based peace and development effort aimed to establish and protect a conflict-affected community.

A summit has been conducted in the three groups of islands in the country to prepare for the national summit that will be graced by President Duterte.

## → 6 LGUs in CV ace in anti-drug campaign



Six municipalities in Central Visayas were awarded by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Dangerous Drugs Board for gaining a 'perfect' rating in the 2018 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) performance audit.

The awardees were Balilihan, Candijay, Calape, and Garcia-Hernandez in Bohol, and San Remigio and Poro in Cebu.

They got a 100 percent with an adjectival rating of ideal (high functionality) on all six ADAC indicators namely organization of an ADAC; meetings conducted; allocation of funds; implementation of plans and programs; support

of ADAC in the component barangays; and innovation.

Each awardee, represented by their local chief executives and Liga ng mga Barangay presidents, received a plaque of commendation during the 2nd National ADAC Performance Award at The Manila Hotel, Ermita, Manila on December 16, 2019.

Also present at the awarding ceremony were DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and DILG Cebu City Director Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, and Regional Focal Person LGOO II Hana Rea Tamse.

Meanwhile, 33 LGUs garnered "high functionality" rating and 37 received "moderate high functionality" scores.

Fifty-nine LGUs got "moderate low functionality" marks while one LGU gained "low functionality" rating.

Nine LGUs were disqualified due to the increase or retained drug affection from 2017 to 2018 in reference to ADAC-National Audit Team Resolution No. 2019-01.

Despite their disqualification, these LGUs shall retain their functionality on the basis of the unnumbered memorandum.

## → Organizers prep for Dagyawan sa Barangay

To prepare for the first Dagyawan sa Barangay in Negros Oriental, the organizing team and members of the Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) met in a coordination conference on August 29, 2019.

Regional focal persons Giovanni

Basilgo and Deanna Alila briefed the members on the concept of Dagyawan sa Barangay and facilitated the tasking of the committees involved in the preparation.

Present during the meeting were Guihulngan Vice-Mayor Ernesto

Reyes, DILG-Negros Oriental Provincial Director Dennis Quiñones, DILG-Guihulngan City Local Government Operations Officer Jesus Robel Jr Sastrillo and Angelo Tiongson, representing Governor Roel Degamo.

## TO HOUSE EX-REBELS

## → DILG-7 mulls replication of Mati City's Happy Home



The Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 vowed to replicate the establishment of a “Happy Home” to house former rebels in the region after realizing the successes and gains in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

The “Happy Home”, which has become an integral beehive of rebels wishing to embrace the fold of law, is situated right across a military camp in Davao Oriental.

It produced “graduates” who had once advocated for an armed struggle against the government

but have now returned to the folds of law and become the government’s “strong partners” in its peace and development efforts.

To strategically document Mati City’s successes, gains, and peace and development agenda, a benchmarking activity was held on May 29 to 31, 2019.

During the activity, the participants to looked into the actual operations of “Happy Home” and the best practices of Davao Oriental’s E-CLIP Committee especially the facilities within the camp that

are vital in the reformation of the former rebels.

Further, the team was able to talk with some former rebels and learned about their stories before they decided to surrender to the government.

The “Happy House” will be implemented in Central Visayas by DILG-7 with the help of Social Welfare and Development Officers in different local government units and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

## → AFP, PNP killed or wounded in action to get aid

An agreement has been entered into by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of National Defense to provide the necessary assistance to police and soldiers who are killed and wounded in action.

The Comprehensive Social Benefits Program (CSBP) is intended to afford the immediate action to help the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police who died or suffered injuries during their operations.

To support the President's

directive and to ensure the interoperability of the agencies concerned, a Regional Working Group (RWG) was created in each region nationwide as one of the CSBP implementing agencies.

Upon its establishment, the members of the RWG were oriented on the program's objectives, target beneficiaries, components, requirements, and prescribed timelines.

The mechanics of effective regional program implementation and monitoring was also discussed through CSBP RWG cascading sessions.

## → DILG-7 celebrates National Crime Prevention Week

The personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 trooped to Plaza Independencia in Cebu City to celebrate the National Crime Prevention Week.

They were joined by the members of the DILG-7 family from the Philippine National Police, National Police Commission, and other national government agencies.

In his speech, Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella emphasized that crime prevention is everybody's concern.

He also acknowledged the vital role of the community as the primary watchdog of the society.

The awarding of the Outstanding PNP Model Family and the simultaneous unfurling of the streamers, blowing of whistles, and waving of balloons also highlighted the celebration.

## → BPOC functionality monitored

With the present administration's thrust to curb and prevent illegal activities, it is also imperative for the barangays to implement complementary activities promoting peace and order in their areas.

As the primary body tasked to ensure the delivery of public safety services, the Barangay Peace and Order Councils (BPOCs) are subject

to performance assessment based on their organizational structure; meetings conducted; programs, projects, and activities and budget; and accomplishment of their planned activities.

The table below shows the data on the functionality of BPOCs in Central Visayas.

Technical assistance were extended

to the barangays with basic and progressive assessment results to capacitate the respective councils in the discharge of their mandated roles and responsibilities.

PROVINCE / HUC	NUMBER OF BARANGAYS	NUMBER OF BPOC			
		BASIC	PROGRESSIVE	MATURE	IDEAL
Bohol	1,109	7	119	858	125
Cebu	1,066	121	685	245	15
Negros Oriental	557	0	1	544	12
Siquijor	134		40	83	11
Cebu City	80	3	22	41	14
Lapu-Lapu City	30		21	6	3
Mandaue City	27	12	9	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1,781</b>	<b>182</b>

## → Performance of POCs, ADACs in Cebu audited

All Peace and Order Councils (POCs) and Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs) in the Province of Cebu were subject to audit for their performance this year.

Pursuant to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular Nos. 2019-54 and 2019-117, the audit is aimed to ensure the compliance of these councils with their mandate and the implementation of peace and order programs including anti-drug abuse programs in the cities and municipalities in the province.

The audit for POCs was conducted on May 2 to 3, 2019 at the Cebu Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Office, Capitol Compound in Cebu City.

The POC Provincial Audit Team was composed of DILG Cebu Provincial Director Jerome Gonzales as the chair; CPADAO Head Ms. Carmen Remedios Durano, as representative of then Governor now Vice Governor Hilario Davide III; Philippine Drug

Enforcement Agency Cebu Provincial Officer IAll Milva Mojado; Cebu PDEA Cebu Provincial Officer Lt. Col. Melbert Glade Esguerra; and Dr. Danilo Bornaes of the Battle Against Drugs, as representative of the Civil Society Organizations.

The POC performance audit was based on the five pillars namely organization; meetings; policies, plans and budget; report; and innovations.

Meanwhile, the ADAC Provincial Audit Team convened on September 18 to 20, 2019. It was composed of Gonzales, Mojado, Esguerra, and



two representatives of the Civil Society Organizations - Bornaes and Mark Allan Palanca of the Dilaab Foundation Inc.

The ADACs were audited using six indicators such as organization of the ADAC, meetings conducted, allocation of funds, implementation of plans and programs, support of ADAC in the component barangays, and innovation.

## → Indignation rally vs violence, terrorism held in Cebu

Hundreds of police officers, maritime police, and force multipliers across Cebu and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) joined the simultaneous indignation rally a day after Christmas Day to denounce all forms of violence, terrorism and atrocities.

This was in support to the implementation of Executive Order No. 70 s. 2018 institutionalizing a whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creating a National

Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and directing the adoption of a national peace framework.

The rally was in accordance with the memorandum circular issued by Interior Secretary Eduardo Año.

It was held simultaneously on December 26, 2019 across the country, including the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-Lapu, and Talisay in Cebu.

## → PLEB-PMO visits Cebu to assess online database use

The People's Law Enforcement Board Project Management Office (PLEB-PMO) visited Mandaue City and Sogod in Cebu to determine and validate the applicability of the PLEB Online Database System (PODS) as a support mechanism to monitor the compliance with the settlement of cases brought before them.

Bureau of Local Government Supervision-Recognition and Awards Division Chief Maria Emelinda Aguilar led the onsite visit.

The team also raised

suggestions to further improve the system based on their assessment. The PLEB is a check and balance mechanism that involves the active participation of the community and empowers the citizens to instill discipline in the ranks of law enforcers or provide rewards and incentives for exceptional performance.

It was established in every LGU as a quasi-judicial body to hear complaints against erring police officers.



## → RPOC-7 supports NTF-ELCAC, denounces CTGs

The Regional Peace and Order Council-7 approved the resolutions enjoining its member agencies support the National Task Force-End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and denouncing the Communist-Terrorist Groups and declaring them as persona non grata in Central Visayas.

Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 Director and RPOC-7 Head Secretariat Leocadio Trovela and Police Regional Office-7 Acting Deputy Regional Director for Administration Col. Ildebrandi Usana

presented the proposed resolutions during their second quarterly meeting at the Capitol Social Hall on June 18, 2019.

It was in December 2018 when President Duterte signed Executive Order No.70 which institutionalized a whole-of-nation approach in dealing with insurgency through the creation of the NTF-ELCAC.

Other concerns raised during the RPOC-7 meeting were the reports on the peace and order situation in the region as delivered by the Philippine National Police and the

Armed Forces of the Philippines, consolidated drug situation report by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the status of the maritime safety and security as discussed by the Philippine Coast Guard, and the council's financial report.

RPOC-7 Chairman Governor Hilario Davide III also received a plaque of appreciation from the council for his invaluable contribution and service to the region.

He is now replaced by Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella who presided over the subsequent meetings.

## → Labella named new RPOC-7 chair

President Rodrigo Duterte has appointed Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella as chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council in Central Visayas (RPOC-7).

Duterte and Department of the Interior and Local Government

(DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año signed Labella's appointment order dated October 28.

Labella succeeded former governor and now Cebu Vice Governor Hilario Davide III as RPOC-7 chair.

Labella welcomed the challenge and vowed to help the President in the fight against illegal drugs and criminality in the region.



## → DILG-7 awards outstanding BPOC, Barangay Tanod teams

As a gesture of appreciation for their hard work at the community level, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 awarded the Most Outstanding Barangay Peace and Order Committees (BPOCs) and Tanod Teams last June, 19, 2019.

The winners were classified into three divisions—Category C for the 3rd to 6th class municipalities, Category B for the 1st to 2nd class municipalities and Category A for components cities.

Barangay Mabigo of Canlaon City snagged first place in the Category A, while Barangay Sta. Monica of Manjuyod emerged as champion in the Category B, and Barangay Tinaogan, Bindoy won Category C.

The champion BPOCs and Tanod Team pocketed a whopping P50,000 cash prize, P30,000 for second place, P10,000 for third place and P5,000 for the consolation prize.

It was a double victory for barangays Mabigo, Sta. Monica and Tinaogan as they also reigned in their respective divisions for the Most Outstanding Tanod Team.

The awarding was in partnership with the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental, through the Provincial Peace and Order Council.

Here are the complete list of winners:

### SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING BARANGAY PEACE AND ORDER COMMITTEES (BPOCs)

#### CATEGORY A (COMPONENT CITY)

- 1st – Barangay Mabigo, Canlaon City
- 2nd – Barangay Novallas, Tanjay City
- 3rd – Barangay Cadawinonan, Dumaguete City
- Consolation – Barangay Okiot, Bais City
- Consolation – Barangay Tugas, Tanjay City

#### CATEGORY B (1ST – 2ND CLASS MUNICIPALITY)

- 1st – Barangay Sta. Monica, Manjuyod
- 2nd – Barangay Puhagan, Valencia
- 3rd – Barangay Poblacion, Ayungon
- Consolation – Barangay Magatas, Sibulan

#### CATEGORY C (3RD–6TH CLASS MUNICIPALITY)

- 1st – Barangay Tinaogan, Bindoy
- 2nd – Barangay Poblacion, Zamboanguita
- 3rd – Barangay Poblacion, Pamplona

### SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING BARANGAY TANOD TEAMS

#### CATEGORY A (COMPONENT CITY)

- 1st – Barangay Mabigo, Canlaon City
- 2nd – Barangay Bagacay, Dumaguete City
- 3rd – Barangay Tugas, Tanjay City
- Consolation – Barangay Motong, Dumaguete City

#### CATEGORY B (1ST – 2ND CLASS MUNICIPALITY)

- 1st – Barangay Sta. Monica, Manjuyod
- 2nd – Barangay Puhagan, Valencia
- 3rd – Barangay Palinpinon, Valencia
- Consolation – Barangay Poblacion, Sta. Catalina
- Consolation – Barangay Poblacion, Ayungon

#### CATEGORY C (3RD–6TH CLASS MUNICIPALITY)

- 1st – Barangay Tinaogan, Bindoy
- 2nd – Barangay Poblacion, Pamplona
- 3rd – Barangay Poblacion, Zamboanguita



# → DILG sues Ginatilan, Cebu, 9 other LGUs

Ginatilan town in Cebu and nine other local government units (LGUs) in the country were sued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for alleged grave misconduct and gross neglect of duty in relation to the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to clear the public roads of obstructions.

DILG filed the complaints before the Office of the Ombudsman against the local chief executives of Ginatilan, Cebu; Guinsilban, Camiguin; Pili, Camarines; Sur; Sagay, Camiguin; Manticao, Misamis Oriental; Pagsanjan, Samar; Caraga, Davao Oriental; Aurora, Zamboanga Del Sur; Baco, Oriental Mindoro; and Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur on December 16.

Out of the 1, 534 cities and municipalities, 101 failed during the assessment, 15 of which earned the lowest score.

“Zero road clearing talaga nila, failed lahat. Less than 50 percent yung score so kung pasang-awa is 70, eto 50. Responsibilidad po nila mapanatili na malinis ang kalsada, sidewalks para madaanan ng tao at sasakyan. Isa rin ito sa cause ng traffic,” DILG Undersecretary Epimaco Densing III said in a Facebook live coverage.

Densing said they will also file cases against the remaining five LGUs who failed once the documentation will be completed.

Although he did not specify the cities and municipalities, he said these are from Abra, Davao del Norte, Samar, Benguet, and Cebu.

During his 2019 State of the Nation Address on July 22, Duterte gave the mayors 60 days or until September 29 to “reclaim all public roads that are being used for private ends.”

The series of validation was scheduled on September 30 to October 4. Validation teams were created, composing of representatives from DILG,

Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Bureau of Fire Protection, civil society organization, and media.

The DILG used a four-tier rating system in evaluating the compliance of the LGUs based on the percentage of primary and secondary roads that they have cleared.

- High compliance - 91 to 100% of roads cleared
- Medium compliance - 81 to 90% roads cleared
- Low compliance - 70 to 80% roads cleared
- Failed - 70% or lower percentage of roads cleared

Based on the DILG Memorandum Circular-121-2019, to be fully compliant, the LGU should also enact or revisit ordinances related to road clearing and banning of illegal construction, prepare an inventory of roads within their jurisdiction, develop and implement displacement strategies, and cause the rehabilitation of recovered public roads.

In Cebu, only the Bogo City, City of Naga, Barili, Liloan, and Samboan were reported to be “high compliant.”

Those that got “medium compliance” ratings were the cities of Cebu, Mandaue and Talisay, and the municipalities of Alcantara, Alcoy, Argao, Bantayan, Boljoon, Borbon, Catmon, Consolacion, Cordova, Dalaguete, Dumanjug, Madridejos, Malabuyoc, Oslob, Poro, Ronda, Santa Fe, Santander, Tabuelan, Tuburan and Tudela.

Seventeen LGUs were found to be “low compliant” and these include the cities of Lapu-Lapu, Danao, Toledo, and the municipalities of Alegria, Aloguinsan, Asturias, Balamban, Daanbantayan, Medellin, Minglanilla, Pilar, San Fernando, San Francisco, San Remigio, Sibonga, Sogod and Tabogon.

Aside from Ginatilan, Carcar City

and the towns of Badian, Carmen, Compostela, Moalboal, and Pinamungajan earned a failed rating. They were made to explain why they failed to comply.

Año said that no LGU garnered a 100 percent compliance score but he considered the nationwide road clearing efforts to be successful with 75 percent of the roads in the inventory being cleared.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said the present administration envisions to sustain the road clearing effort by holding quarterly evaluation, this time, at the barangay level.

He further urged the public to report to DILG illegal structures that will hit the streets again.



# **Strengthened Internal Organization Capacity**

## → DILG-7 now ISO 9001:2015 certified

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Central Visayas ended the year 2018 on a high note after it successfully hurdled the global standards for its quality management system.

During a conferment ceremony in 2019, officials of the Worldwide Quality Assurance (WQA) Philippines formally handed over the certificate of registration to DILG-7 Regional Director Leocadio Trovela and Assistant Director Maria Loisella Lucino as proof that the agency is already an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 certified.

Trovela in his speech commended the process owners and employees of the regional office for their efforts which made the office earn the sought after ISO certification.

He said the stamp prompts them to maintain their commitment in improving the delivery of quality services that meet regulatory requirements and enhance customer satisfaction.



DILGv7 was evaluated December in 2018. Certification to ISO 9001:2015 means that an organization or office has been audited by a third party certification body and has been found compliant with the internationally accepted standards for quality management and processes.

ISO 9001 is an internationally recognized provider of a framework for a quality management system.

It delivers a framework for monitoring and measuring performance and operations, ensuring efficiency and customer satisfaction.

## → New DILG-7 LGRC facility opened

In order to further strengthen its capacity development platform, the Department of the Interior and Local Government in Central Visayas has opened its new Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) facility to the public.

The facility, which was first housed on the second floor, has been transferred to the ground floor of DILG-7 building at Sudlon, Barangay Lahug, Cebu City in order to give a better access to the transacting public. It is now called "Masayuron

Resource Center."

Director Thelma T. Vecina, executive director of the Local Government Academy (LGA), and DILG-7 Assistant Director Maria Loisella Lucino led the soft opening of the LGRRC facility last April 29.



LGRRC institutionalizes the commitment of the organization to support and enhance the capability of LGUs in managing their affairs and services through sharing of information, knowledge management, convergence, and innovations.

This paves the way for the establishment of LGRRC as a platform for convergence in delivering capacity development for LGUs.

## → DILG-Bohol moves to new home



“With this new facility, we will do our best to improve our services,” he added.

Meanwhile, Bohol Provincial Governor Edgar Chatto thanked DILG for its projects and programs with “immeasurable impact” to the Boholanos.

He recalled the rehabilitation program extended by DILG after the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that severely affected the province in October 2013.

Officials and personnel of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bohol vowed to improve their services as they moved to the newly built, single-storey provincial office building in Tagbilaran City.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said that the P4-million newly inaugurated DILG Bohol office is now located in a city government-owned lot at Rajah Sikatuna Avenue in Barangay Dampas, Tagbilaran City.

“We recognize your efforts... This is a day of gratitude,” Trovela said during the ribbon cutting ceremony as he congratulated the provincial office on their new home.

The DILG regional director hoped that the new building would create more good memories than the old one while commending the people who made the project possible.

DILG-Bohol Director Johnjoan Mende thanked the people behind the new development including the neighboring government offices for their helping hands.

“I also thank Gov and SP (Sangguniang Panlalawigan) of the Province of Bohol for allowing us to use the old office, to the City of Tagbilaran for the new space, and the DILG regional office for the full support,” Mende said.

“I did not find it difficult to manage the province because of the support of DILG...DILG transformed itself into a different type of agency for helping during the rehabilitation, going beyond its mandate just to help us recover,” Chatto said.

Leading the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new office building were Trovela, Mende, Chatto, and Tagbilaran City Mayor John Geesnell “Baba” Yap.

Also gracing the activity were DILG field officers and officials of the Philippine National Police and the Bureau of Fire Protection in the province.

## → PDMU-7, info officers undergo photography workshop

Technical personnel of the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) and provincial information officers in Central Visayas went through a two-day training on the fundamentals of photography in Cebu City.

Maria Thelya Oporto, chief of PDMU and the Local Government Capacity Development Division, said the activity aimed to equip the engineers and information officers of DILG-7 with basic photography, which is a useful tool in the documentation of projects and activities.

The workshop was facilitated by Aubry Lerio, a former Cebuano photojournalist and freelance cinematographer.

During the first day, the participants were taught on the basic principles of photography, such as

composition, lightings, aperture settings, techniques and handling of a camera.



## → DILG-7 gives aid to home for the aged in Barili



DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said the aid was sourced from the generosity of all the regional and field offices' employees through the "Tree of Hope" project initiated by the 52nd batch of Local Government Operations Officer trainees.

Through this project, all DILG-7 employees contributed funds to light up a tree located at the backyard of the regional office.

The employees then agreed to pour a chunk of the proceeds to charity institutions.

From being a capacity builder to local infrastructure development implementer, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has further transformed itself into another type of agency, this time, as helping hand for the less fortunate and vulnerable.

DILG-7 personnel visited the elderly people of Hospicio de San Jose in barangay Guibuangan, Barili town to hand over aid in the form of gift items and assistive devices like commode chairs, crutches, canes and wheelchairs.

## → DILG-7 joins 2nd LGRC conference

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 joined the 2nd Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC) conference: Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Program Manager's Orientation for VisMin Cluster spearheaded by the Local Government Academy on April 29 to May 1, 2019 at Mezzo Hotel, Mabolo, Cebu City.

Among the key topics that were discussed during the 3-day event are the NEO framework and program components, presentation of the Program's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and crafting of the regional action plans that must be carried out, not only in direct response to the needs of their particular constituency, but in the light of the achievement of the overall national development goals.

The NEO program is a comprehensive, term-based capacity development program that aims to capacitate elected officials, both newly minted and veterans of their positions, to be able to translate their own vision and agenda for their LGU into a feasible

plan that they can implement over the course of their term.

Present during the activity were DILG-7 Assistant Regional Director and LGRRC-7 Chief, Maria Loisella Lucino, along with LRI representative Atty. Jonathan Capanas of USJR, LGCDD Chief Maria Thelya Oporto, Provincial Directors Jerome Gonzales and Kenneth Kilat, DILG Mandaue City Director Jhoaden Lucero, DILG

Lapu-Lapu City Director Jonah Pino, LGOO VI Mona Lissa T. Hinog of DILG Bohol and LGOO Vs Jerson O. Obo and Josifina G. Remoreras of LGCDD.

Meanwhile, the NEO orientation for newly-minted municipal mayors in Cebu was set on July 29 to 31, 2019 at the Mezzo Hotel, Cebu City.



# → 14 DILG-7 personnel passes environmental planning licensure exam

The Department of the Interior and Local Government-7 congratulated 14 employees who passed the June 2019 Environmental Planning Licensure Examination.

These are: DILG Mandaue City Director Jhoaden Lucero, LGOO VI Lady Abad, LGOO VI Maria Luz Aranzado, LGOO VI Fidel Narisma, LGOO VI Rhea Joy Orioque, LGOO VI Niña Christine Ipong, LGOO VI Hyacinth Garrote, LGOO V John Michael Monillas, LGOO V Jerson Obo, Planning Officer III Frislie Gay Virador, LGOO II Lindsey Marie Vismanos, LGOO II Karen Beniga, LGOO II Adelene Ibarra, and Engineer III Cliff Israel Ceriales.

They participated in the Mass Oath taking with the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners (PIEP) Cebu Chapter on August 21, 2019 at the City Cebu Sports Club Cebu.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año sent congratulatory letters each to employees who passed the examination for their perseverance to grow personally and professionally, stressing the prestige they brought to the Department by embodying the brand of a DILG employee that is “Matino, Mahusay, at Maaasahan”.



According to the Republic Act No. 10587 or the “Environmental Planning Act of 2013”, an Environmental Planner is known as urban/regional planner, city planner, and town/country or human settlements planner.

They are generally involved in the art and science of analyzing, specifying, clarifying, harmonizing, managing, and regulating the use and development of land and water resources, in relation to their

environs, for the development of sustainable communities and ecosystems.

Moreover, environmental planners make sure construction projects comply with environmental regulations.

These professionals help reduce the harmful impacts of development, facilitate environmental permitting, and write environmental reports and documents.

## → Inventory of equipment, supplies conducted

A physical Inventory on Equipment, Supplies and other properties was conducted by the Regional Inventory Team composed of personnel from Supply and Accounting Sections of FAD with COA representative on the 1st Semester of 2019 at the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices.

The Report was reconciled with the Book of Accounts maintained by FMS.

Last December 11, 2019, DILG 7 Disposal Committee successfully conducted the disposal of Emergency Network Philippines (ENP) equipment in the DILG, Regional Office 7 through public auction on sealed bids.

## → DILG-7 BAC holds procurement activities

DILG 7 Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) in the Regional Office conducted various procurement activities for FY 2019 through pertinent meetings for the evaluation of bids, and passage of resolutions for the approval of the 2019 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) and for its recommendations to the Regional Director as the Head of the Procuring Entity (HOPE) for the Awards of various contracts to winning bidders.

Regional BAC also recommended approval for the 2020 Indicative Annual

Procurement Plan and had successfully conducted the Early Procurement Activities (EPA) short of award for FY 2020 in the last quarter of 2019 through procurement methods allowed for EPA. These procurement methods were through operationalized public bidding, two-failed biddings and lease of venue.

The total amount of which has to be 50% of the 2020 Indicative Annual Procurement Plan.

## → DILG-7 named Best Brigada Ahensya

The Civil Service Commission-7 recently conferred award to DILG-7 as winner of the Brigada Ahensya-Category B for improving its working environment.

To recall, months after his assumption to head the regional office, Regional Director Leocadio Trovela took the initiative to spruce up the regional office so as to yield a positive impact on the productivity of the workers and improve customers' level of satisfaction.

On behalf of DILG-7, Assistant Director Maria Loisella Lucino received the award during a conferment ceremony in September 2019.



## → DILG-7 awards foreign scholarships to local officers

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 in its effort to improve the capacities of LGUs, has granted foreign scholarships for local officials and functionaries for CY 2019.

A total of six (6) nominees were endorsed to the Central Local Government Scholarship Committee Secretariat (CLGSC), namely:

Mr. Jum Kenneth E. Alcover, Nurse VI of Toledo City, Cebu to the Training on Health Care Management for Pre School Children in Thailand on June 4-29, 2019	Mr. Cielito O. Evangelista, Stat II, MPDO, Talibon, Bohol to the Course on Environmental Conservation and Sustainability on May 6-7, 2019 in Singapore	Ms. Connie Jane V. Cuyos, LDRMO III of Cebu City to the Leadership Programme in Disaster Management on July 29 to August 2, in Singapore
Dr. Jessica O. Maribojoc, Veterinarian IV, Cebu City to the Course on Principle Concept and Practice of One Health for Emerging Disease Management on November 20 to December 20, 2019 in Thailand	Dr. Jennifer A. Laurente, Meat control Officer II, Cebu City to the Course on Principle Concept and Practice of One Health for Emerging Disease Management on November 20 to December 20, 2019 in Thailand	Ms. Queenie Melody Fullante, MDRMO of Dauis, Bohol to the Course on Improvement of Disaster Education System in Japan on January 13 to February 22, 2019

## → DILG-7 strengthens LGRC as mechanism for effective local governance

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 undertook crucial steps in strengthening the Local Governance Resource Center as harmonizing mechanism for effective local governance in 2019.

To realize its vision of a fully operational LGRC, DILG-7 conducted the following activities updating the composition of the RLGRRC team, orientation/training on the roles and responsibilities of the team, transfer of LGRC materials, updating of Multi-

stakeholder Advisory Committee (MSAC) members, and orientation/training on Knowledge Management.

During the orientation/training last year, teams of RLGRRC came up with a strategic plan on LGRC programs

and activities for CY 2019 – CY 2020.

On June 28, DILG held another orientation to discuss the updating of members of MSAC which was participated by several representatives of national government agencies.

DILG-7 ensured that all its efforts to strengthen the LGRC will be geared towards the enrichment of its facilities.

The new LGRRRC Library which is called “Masayuron” is furnished with various references that may be used by the clients.

A TV equipment was also installed to show Audio-Visual Presentations (AVPs) exhibiting the activities and programs of DILG. Aside from that, the venue is also used as a visitors' lounge for those who seek the assistance from any of DILG-7 personnel.

In scaling up the LGRC to become more interactive, fast and upbeat, the Region continuously provided the clients with updated KM materials such as the quarterly Kalambuan, Annual Report, FB social page, and DILG Region7 website.

Focused on achieving its goal to enhance the capacity of LGUs, DILG VII LGRRRC supported the collaboration, convergence, and multi-stakeholder participation in local governance to foster Knowledge Management, Institutional Development, Team Development, Capacity Development Programs and Services.

This is manifested in different activities such as the Dagyawan sa Barangay, NEO Orientation, CBMS APP Modular Trainings, GAD trainings, BPLS and EODB training.

One of the convergence programs of the region is the Dagyawan sa Barangay: Talakayan at Serbisyo Caravan Para sa Mamayan, an open government and participatory governance regional town hall meetings conducted in Negros Oriental province barangays to bring government closer to the citizens.

The Region likewise participated in inter-agency meetings and activities such as the National and Regional Convergence Initiatives in the preparation of comprehensive Development Plans in the provinces of Bohol (CAROOD CADP), in Cebu (BADAM CADP), in Siquijor (SMELLS

CADP) to support the project of the national government in uplifting the life of the citizens particularly in the watershed areas and improving the economic activities of the people by giving them access to potable water (water system) and farm-to-market roads.

The concept of LGRC evolved from a perceived platform for capacity development interventions to a way of life in the DILG.

It has four services that support its founding principles of convergence, knowledge management, and multi-stakeholdership and these services are Capacity Development, Multimedia, Public Education and Citizenship, and Linkage.

For more than 25 years of excellence in delivering capacity building programs to LGUs and other concern stakeholders, DILG remains true to its commitment towards the achievement of inclusive growth of the country. It continues to provide learning opportunities for DILG Regional and Provincial offices and LGUs.

## → Support to senior citizens strengthened

A memorandum circular was issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) encou-raging all Local Government Units to intensify its implementation

of programs and projects for the benefit of Senior Citizens.

The directive is in line with the Department’s vision to improve their

living conditions—facilitating more years of productivity and comfort.

Below is the CY 2018 Senior Accomplishment Report:

PROVINCE / HUC	ORGANIZED OSCA		OSCA OFFICE		SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER	
	WITH	WITHOUT	WITH	WITHOUT	WITH	WITHOUT
Bohol		✓		✓	✓	
Cebu	✓		✓		✓	
Negros Oriental	✓			✓		✓
Siquijor		✓		✓	✓	
Cebu City	✓		✓			✓
Lapu-Lapu City	✓		✓		✓	
Mandaue City	✓		✓			✓





# DILG-7 IN ACTION

## DILG VISION, MISSION & QUALITY POLICY

### VISION

A strongly determined and highly trusted Department committed to capacitate and nurture local government units, public order and safety institutions to sustain peaceful, progressive, and resilient communities where people live happily.

### MISSION

The Department shall promote peace and order, ensure public safety, strengthen capability of local government units through active people participation and a professionalized corps of civil servants.

### QUALITY POLICY

We, DILG-7, strongly pursue the thrust of the Department to foster good governance through the provision of technical assistance, performance

oversight and rewards and incentives to ensure peaceful, progressive and resilient communities.

Guided by our core values of **Dedication, Integrity, Competence and Excellence**—we commit to continually improve our Quality Management System, compliant to legal requirements and global standards in order to uplift the quality of life in Central Visayas Region.

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