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IN 3 MONTHS

DILG-7 EOC serves 20T clients



In a span of three months, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 assisted over 20,000 clients who aired their concerns and queries regarding the implementation of the directives and measures against COVID-19 in local government units.

As of June 24, DILG-7 Emergency Operations Center received 20,087 messages from different platforms.

Of the total number, 14,347 messages were received thru the office's hotline number, 5,043 messages from its Facebook page, 172 messages from the Intranet, 343 calls, and 182 walk-in clients.

It was on March 23 when DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela ordered the reactivation of the Emergency Operations Center to better serve the public in time of crisis.

DILG-7 partnered with E-Sat Pilipinas Teknik and launched its Emergency Hotline Number, 09127208913, wherein the public can raise their issues and complaints against local officials.

Among the concerns and issues raised by clients include peace and

order matters; non-observance of social distancing; protocols for the Locally Stranded Individuals; interzonal and intrazonal movement of people; and the distribution of Social Amelioration Program financial assistance, relief assistance, and quarantine passes.

The regional office also received numerous appreciation messages from its satisfied clients.

After a month of test period, the office also launched the hotline numbers of the sub-regional offices in the region to directly assist the public within their jurisdiction.

Clients are asked to text their names, exact address, and detailed concerns to DILG-7's text-only hotline numbers: 09615234239 for Cebu Province; 09462517436 for Bohol Province; 09380698252 for Negros Oriental Province; 09489776193 for Siquijor Province; 09489811246 for Cebu City; 09489817400 for Lapu-Lapu City; and 09489817331 for Mandaue City.

DILG-7 also catered to the concerns related to COVID-19 raised by the netizens through the

official Facebook page of DILG VII.

These efforts initiated by the regional office are intended to provide a platform for the public to air their grievances and link them to the proper authorities for proper action.

Director Trovela said the initiative also aims to monitor the performance of officials in the battle against the global pandemic.

"The hotline would provide the right information about directives of the government to combat COVID-19. While citizens are watchful of the activities of their leaders, this platform will keep the officials on their toes," he said.

The rise in messages received by DILG-7 hotline indicated that the public has become aware of this program that can be used for seeking assistance during this pandemic.

Director Trovela said the volume of messages comes with greater challenge for the office to raise the bar in providing faster and better response to the clients.

ROAD CLEARING

10 LGUs sued for non-compliance



Ten local government units (LGUs) in the country were sued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) allegedly failing to comply with the directive of President Rodrigo Duterte to clear the public roads of obstructions.

DILG Undersecretary Epimaco Densing III, in a Facebook live coverage, announced that they filed the complaints for grave misconduct and gross negligence before the Office of the Ombudsman on December 16, 2019. This is pursuant to the Local Government Code and other existing laws and policies.

Respondents were the 10 local chief executives of Guinsilban, Camiguin; Pili, Camarines; Sur; Ginatilan, Cebu; Sagay, Camiguin; Manticao, Misamis Oriental; Pagsanjan, Samar; Caraga, Davao Oriental; Aurora, Zamboanga Del Sur; Baco, Oriental Mindoro; and Lapuyan, Zamboanga del Sur.

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

Densing said they would 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, Densing said these are from Abra, Davao del Norte, Samar, Benguet, and Cebu.

It was during his 2019 State of the Nation Address on July 22 when President 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 last year. Validation teams were created and composed 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

Densing said further that the road clearing initiative will not end with the filing of cases but is something the LGUs will be continuously doing.

Año earlier said that no LGU garnered a 100 percent compliance score. 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 Duterte administration envisions to sustain the road clearing effort by holding quarterly evaluation at the barangay level.

In Central Visayas, the compliance rate of all LGUs reached 91%.

All the highly urbanized cities of Cebu, Lapu-Lapu and Mandaue are compliant to the road clearing order. However, 12 out of the 113 cities and municipalities in Central Visayas unfortunately fell short of the compliance rate based on the final review on the results of the validation efforts.



DILG-7 creates legal team for SAP complaints

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 created a legal team tasked to handle and verify alleged irregularities in the distribution of the financial assistance under the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) in Central Visayas.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela formed the Emergency Operation Center Legal Team to focus primarily on SAP complaints received by the regional office through the EOC hotline system, its official Facebook page, electronic mail, and from walk-in clients.

The team is composed of DILG-7 Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief and concurrent DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero as the team leader; Atty. Gerlyn Mae Sayson, Atty. Christian Fernandez, and Atty. Louthera Christie Rizon

as members; and LGOO II Hana Rea Tamse and ADAC RTA Leslie Mae Cabrido as Secretariat.

“We will evaluate if it needs further investigation and verification. Our role is to act on complaints and verify them. There is no filing of charges in the regional level,” Lucero said.

As of press time, the DILG-7 EOC Legal Team received a total of 78 complaints, of which 30 are from Cebu Province, 30 from Cebu City, seven from Bohol, five from Negros Oriental, four from Mandaue City, and two from Siquijor.

Of the total number of complaints, 57 were referred to DILG field offices for verification.

Out of the 21 complaints referred to the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, 10 were filed

before the Prosecutor’s Office while nine were considered closed due to the refusal of complainant to pursue charges or no basis of the allegation, among other reasons.

Meanwhile, 15 complaints were forwarded to the Office of DILG Secretary Eduardo Año, through the Legal and Legislative Liaison Service, for further review before administrative charges will be filed.

Thirty-two complaints on mere inclusion or exclusion of SAP beneficiaries without the involvement of local government officials were referred to Department of Social Welfare and Development-7 for validation.

Trovela assured the public that the government will not tolerate the corrupt activities of local officials especially in this time of pandemic.

DILG-7 reshuffles city, provincial directors

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has implemented a revamp of its provincial and city directors in five local government units in Central Visayas effective January 2.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela issued Regional Order No. 2019-691, which states that the reassignment was “in the interest of the service and in order to enforce DILG Circular No. 2019-13 dated August 23, 2019 re Deployment and Tour of Duty of Officials and Personnel in the Central,

Regional and field operation.” The move was also intended to further improve field operations.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año also issued Department Order No. 2019-1356 to confirm the reassignment order.

DILG Bohol’s Officer-in-Charge Johnjoan Mende now sits as acting provincial director of Negros Oriental Province, replacing PD Dennis Quiñones.

Quiñones was reassigned to Siquijor Province replacing acting director Kenneth Kilat, who was reassigned to sit as officer-in-charge of DILG Mandaue City.

Bohol will be headed by PD Jerome Gonzales of DILG Cebu Province, which will now be under the supervision of former DILG Mandaue City director Jhoaden Lucero.



IATF execs visit Cebu to discuss COVID-19 measures

Officials of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) arrived in Cebu on June 23 to discuss with local leaders the status and efforts on implementation of measures against COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretaries Eduardo Año (DILG), Francisco Duque III (DOH), Delfin Lorenzana (DND), Roy Cimatu (DENR) and COVID-19 Policy Chief Implementer Carlito Galvez, Jr. were welcomed by DILG-7 Dir. Leocadio Trovela, RIATF chairperson, and other members of the inter-agency task force in the region.

Secretary Cimatu also met with local chief executives, officials of barangays with high number of COVID-19 cases, regional directors of different government agencies and private hospital representatives for a planning session to formulate Cebu action plan against COVID-19.

PPAs of 16 target barangays under RCSP finalized

Department of the Interior and Local Government - 7 Director Leocadio Trovela and DILG Negros Oriental Provincial Director Johnjoan Mende led the Consultation and Planning Workshop on the finalization of the priority programs, projects and activities of the 16 target barangays under the Retooled Community Support Program at Bethel Guest House in Dumaguete City on March 5.

by the solution-seeking table discussions during the series of Dagyawan sa Barangay held from September to November 2019 in the Negros Oriental.

The activity was attended by Guihulngan City Mayor Carlo Jorge Joan Reyes and Siaton Mayor Cezanne Fritz Diaz, Local Government Capability Development Division-7 Chief Marithel Oporto, local planning and development coordinators and city and municipal engineers, other LGU functionaries, and city and municipal local government operations officers of the cities

of Guihulngan and Canlaon and the municipalities of Siaton, Santa Catalina, Valencia, and Zamboanguita.

DILG-7 aims to ensure that the socio-economic issues and concerns being raised by the target barangays are being addressed through the priority programs and projects as committed by the national government agencies and local government units in order to combat insurgency and eventually end the local communist armed conflict in the Province.

ASec Macario deployed to Cebu

To assist Cebu City in its fight against COVID-19, Department of the Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary for Public Safety and Security Alexander Macario was deployed here on June 25.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela and Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, OIC-Cebu City Director and LGMED-7 chief, showed him the office's Emergency Operation Center which monitors the implementation of the directives and measures against COVID-19 in local government units within the region.

Macario was briefed about the health condition of the region

especially in Cebu City, which is the lone LGU that remained under Enhanced Community Quarantine status due to its recorded and confirmed COVID-19 cases in June.

As of June 24, DOH-7 recorded 4,539 total cases in Cebu City with 2,242 recoveries and 100 deaths.

On June 26, Macario joined the press conference held at the Central Command with IATF Deputy Chief Implementer for the Visayas Melquiades Feliciano, PRO-7 BGen. Albert Ignatius Ferro, Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella, and other officials.

Macario, in his opening statement, warned punong barangays that the Department of the Interior and Local Government will not hesitate to issue show cause order against erring local officials.

He underscored the vital role of punong barangays in the implementation of all policies and guidelines within their area.

"Without the cooperation of our barangay captains, we are doomed to fail," he said, stressing that the government also needs the cooperation of the community.





DILG-7 puts up OFW/LSI help desks

To ensure smooth departure and arrival of our Locally Stranded Individuals (LSI) and returning overseas Filipinos, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 puts up OFW/LSI help desks at seaports and airport.

The help desks are located at Terminal 1, Mactan Cebu

International Airport and Pier 1, Cebu City.

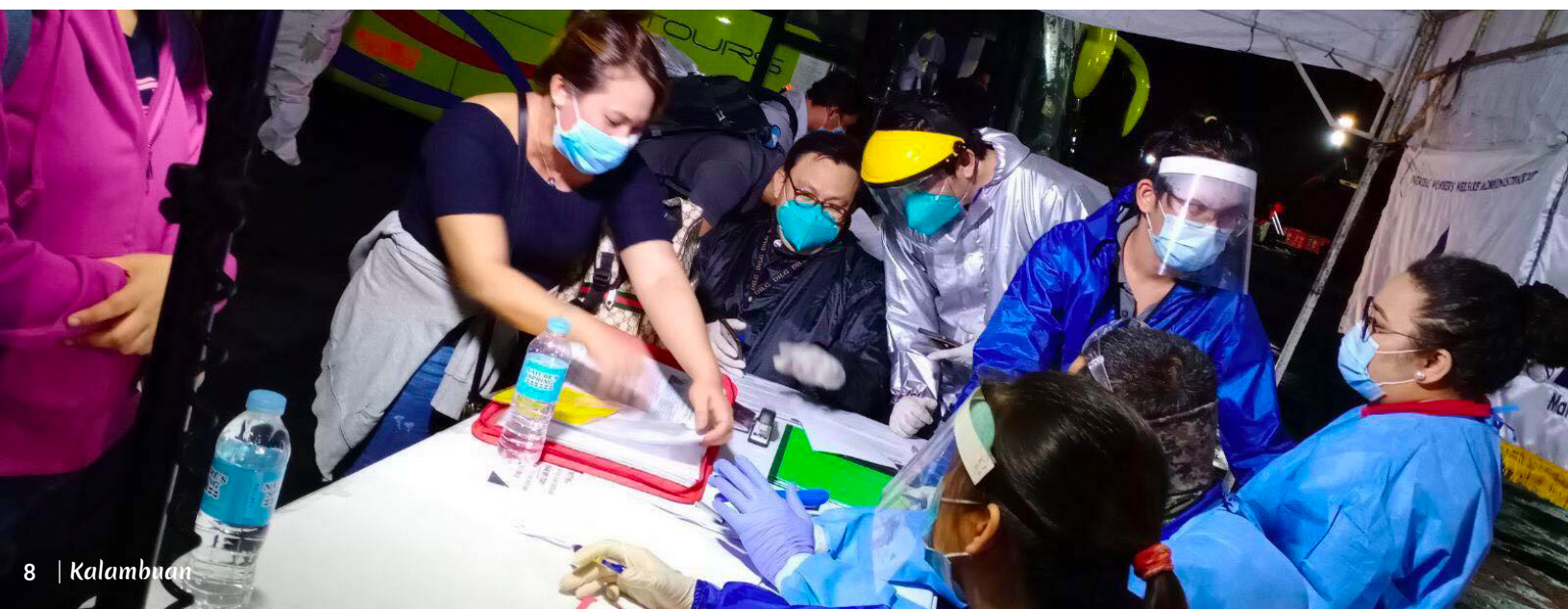
DILG OFW desk officers along with other members of the Regional Task Force extended assistance to the returning OFWs at a seaport in Cebu City.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela said the office is

committed to ensure that LSIs will be able to go home to their provinces safe and sound.

In fact, he created a team of desk officers to focus on and facilitate the concerns of LSIs.

Concerns include coordination with the LGU of destination, lack of travel documents, and cancelled trips, among others.



RMCC-7 supports #DisiplinaMuna campaign



The implementation of the Disiplina Muna national advocacy campaign gained traction after the Regional Management Coordinating Committee (RMCC)-7 urged its members to support the initiative.

As a strategy in bringing back the culture of discipline among Filipinos, RMCC-7 approved during its 1st CY 2020 meeting on January 31 a resolution enjoining its members to support the implementation of the campaign in their respective organizations.

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 Director Leocadio Trolava presided over the meeting attended by officials from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Philippine National Police, National Police Commission, National Youth Commission Visayas Cluster, National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, Regional Training Center, and Armed Forces of the Philippines, among others.

“DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2019-181 enjoins local chief executives and heads of

attached agencies to lead the campaign in their respective local government units/attached agencies by undertaking relevant advocacy activities promoting the culture of discipline among their constituents and stakeholders,” reads a portion of the approved resolution.

Disiplina Muna is DILG’s advocacy campaign that aims to rebuild the culture of discipline in the community as a key for sustainable development and maintenance of peace and order.





DILG holds CSIS national briefing

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 regional and field officers across the country gathered in Cebu for the three-day national briefing on the implementation of the Citizen Satisfaction Index System in CY 2020 on March 3 to 5 at One Central Hotel.

DILG-7 Director Leocadio

Trovela welcomed the participants while Jose Denver Calo, assistant division chief of Bureau of Local Government Relation Division of DILG Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS), presented the CSIS overview.

The CSIS is a set of data tools and mechanisms designed to generate relevant

citizens' feedback on the local governments' service delivery performance.

BLGS staff member Iñaqui Mangahas also briefed the participants on the conduct of assessment and validation of the Road Clearing 2.0 implementation under the DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-027.



SCOs issued to 2 Cebu City barangays

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 ordered two punong barangay in Cebu City to explain why they should not be charged for failure to perform the mandated duties and functions of a local chief executive during a state of national health emergency.

A show cause order (SCO) was first issued to Basak-San Nicolas Punong Barangay Norman Navarro following the conduct of a religious procession on June 27.

It was followed with another SCO issued to Calamba Punong Barangay Victor Quijano Jr. after a fiesta celebration and a mini disco party took place in the barangay on June 28.

The first two SCOs were served by DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge and Local Government Evaluation and Monitoring Division-7 Chief, Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero on June 29 and June 30, respectively.

Atty. Lucero was accompanied by DILG Assistant Secretary for Public Security and Safety BGen Alexander Macario and DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela, who issued the show cause orders.



Earlier, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said that any violation of the quarantine protocols will not be tolerated and those responsible will be made to account.

LGMED-7 helps in COVID-19 response

The Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED)-7, headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, took active participation in the COVID-19 response of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in Central Visayas.

LGMED personnel rendered assistance in the DILG-7 Emergency Operations Center and help desk for Locally Stranded

Individuals and Returning Overseas Filipinos at Mactan Cebu International Airport and Cebu City seaports.

The EOC Legal Team of DILG-7 is likewise manned by LGMED personnel who handle and verify alleged irregularities in the distribution of Social Amelioration Program financial aid.

Atty. Lucero and LGMED lawyers are also responsible for serving the show cause

orders issued against officials for alleged failure the mandated duties and functions during a state of national health emergency.

LGMED is also tasked to provide Secretariat services to the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force-7 for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF7-MEID) chaired by DILG-7. Atty. Lucero is the Head Secretariat.

DILG CARES:

Homeless families receive aid



The Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division of Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and DILG Cebu City, both headed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, distributed relief goods to at least 100 homeless families who were temporarily housed in the covered courts of barangays San Roque and San Nicolas Proper in Cebu City on April 21.

LGMED-7 and DILG Cebu City personnel were able to raise funds from their colleagues in a bid to help LGUs in giving aid to communities severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The distribution was facilitated by Atty. Gerlyn Sayson of LGMED and LGOO III Shara Dalogdog of DILG Cebu City.



Cebu Province creates COVID-19 task force

As early as February, Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia signed Executive Order No. 5 adopting the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (nCoV-ARD) Provincial Preparedness and Contingency Plan, which established and laid down the protocols of quarantine and the guidelines necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The said Executive Order also created the COVID-19 Provincial Task Force chaired by the Governor herself, and composed of board members, mayors and Capitol department heads, representatives from the Department of Health, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippine National Police and other

national government agencies, hotel representatives, airline operators and public and private hospital representatives.

It was a multi-sectoral task force aimed to come up with stronger and stricter measures in the fight against COVID-19.

Garcia envisioned such move in which coordination meetings were frequently conducted and called for to discuss further updates and come up with ideas and solutions.

Subsequent executive orders, upon concurrence of the local chief executives, were issued to emphasize the province's response to COVID-19 such as those protocols to be adopted in all local seaports and airports,

guidelines on 14-day home and facility quarantine for the returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), and the call for a united Sugbo in which all local chief executives of the Province of Cebu were directed to follow the protocols and guidelines being adopted.

Executive orders were passed into ordinances by the Cebu Provincial Board to give more teeth to the guidelines and protocols being set, such as strict social distancing, restriction on mass gatherings, wearing of face mask, and promotion of environmental and personal hygiene, and even include some penal provisions for those who will not abide by.

LTIA activities conducted

The following regional activities were conducted under the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) program this year:

ACTIVITY	DATE	REMARKS
Submission of SRO Reorganization Activity document to RO	January 31, 2020	Complete submission
Submission of Certified True Copies of LTIA Form 03 (P) for the Provincial level, and LTIA Form 03 (C/M) for the City/Municipal level: Comparative Performance Evaluation Forms duly accomplished and signed by the Provincial/City/Municipal Awards Committee	February 26, 2020	Complete submission
Conduct of Regional Awards Committee (RAC) Meeting	March 6, 2020	Conducted

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Regional Awards Committee members suggested to request for consideration from the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS) in Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Central Office to reschedule the conduct of the onsite Regional Validation.

Consequently, the deadline of the submission of the regional entries would have to be adjusted.

Later on, an advisory dated June 11 from BLGS Director Atty. Odilon Pasaraba was issued suspending the conduct of LTIA CY 2020 Implementation.

BARANGAY	CATEGORY
Brgy. Sandugan, Larena, Siquijor	4th-6th Class
Brgy. Motong, Dumaguete City, Neg. Or.	Component City
Brgy. Poblacion, Sta. Catalina, Neg. Or.	1st-3rd Class
Brgy. Cambalocot, San Jose, Neg. Or.	4th-6th Class
Brgy. Uling, City of Naga, Cebu	Component City
Brgy. Nasipit, Barili, Cebu	1st-3rd Class
Brgy. Villahermosa, Tudela, Cebu	4th-6th Class
Brgy. Taloto, Tagbilaran City, Bohol	Component City
Brgy. Pinayagan Sur, Tubigon, Bohol	1st-3rd Class
Brgy. Nahawan, Clarin, Bohol	4th-6th Class
Brgy. Gun-ob, Lapu-Lapu City	HUC
Brgy. Budlaan, Cebu City	HUC
Brgy. Tabok, Mandaue City	HUC

LGUs share best practices against COVID-19

A number of local government units (LGUs) introduced innovative strategies and solutions to efficiently deliver public service to their constituent amid the global health crisis.

Serving as the desirable model is the Municipality of Consolacion, which elevated its best practices by enhancing the means of communication using the COVIDai Automated Chat Assistant.

COVIDai answers queries pertaining to COVID-19 concerns, and can log the destination of the residents in the municipality, making it easier to trace the contacts of an individual and the place it visited. This serves as a virtual contact and location tracer.

The majority of LGUs also practiced Mobile Kitchen to provide nutritious food to families affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

To acknowledge the relevance of sharing the best practices in managing the COVID-19 situation exemplified by the LGUs in their respective localities, the DILG field offices were required to conduct monitoring and submit weekly reports to the Central Office.



DILG Cebu Province sets up EOC

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu Provincial Office has organized its Provincial Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) to address various concerns and issues related to COVID-19.

Since the start of the quarantine period on March 30, a skeletal force was assigned everyday to physically report to the office and gather necessary issuances and updates on COVID-19.

Through Provincial Order No. 2020-75, Cebu Provincial Director Jhoaden Lucero served as the chairperson of the PEOC, with local government

operations officer (LG00) V Buddy Alain Ybañez, then an employee of the Department, as the vice-chairperson. Members include the cluster heads, program manager, and selected program coordinators and administrative staff.

The PEOC caters to those queries and issues being raised through various platforms, such as the Emergency Hotline System (ESAT). The queries were forwarded to the concerned officials of the local government units through the DILG field officers assigned in those areas.

The assigned PEOC

staff then records the messages or issues being raised, as well as the action taken by the field officers and the responses from the concerned local functionaries, which forms part of the EOC report. These daily reports are submitted to the Regional Office.

When reporting to office, PEOC personnel-on-duty observe the minimum health protocols such as the mandatory wearing of face mask, strict social distancing, and frequent hand hygiene.





Cebu Province field officers hurdle challenges

In spite of the new work arrangements brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, a cluster of DILG field officers in Cebu Province managed to hurdle challenges on information sharing, engagement and resource allocation.

Cluster Bugsay, composed of field officers from the third and fourth districts in Cebu Province and led by Lelanie Lopez, maximized the use of technology to efficiently

communicate the issues and concerns surrounding the compliance with the assignments of local government units.

The cluster continued to meet regularly via Zoom to discuss work deliverables and daily struggles as field officers.

DILG-7 Director Loecadio Trovela issued a memorandum implementing various work arrangements for office personnel and

field officers in light of Code Red Sub-Level 2 based on the Civil Service Commission Announcement No. 12 on March 16.

The primary objective was to place the employees' welfare and safety as the top priority without hampering the demands of monitoring deliverables.

Desk officers burn midnight oil for OFWs, LSIs

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 deployed desk officers at the Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA) to facilitate the unhampered transit of returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and the Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) to their respective hometowns last June.

The Department's desk officer—with counterparts from Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Health and Overseas Workers Welfare Adminis-

tration—worked to make sure that all necessary travel documents were accounted for and that receiving local government units were duly notified of their constituents' arrivals, among other responsibilities.

Pictured (left to right) are Local Government Operations Officers Niño Vincent Fiel, Ginable Ejoc and Janieva Dandan of the Cebu Provincial Field Office. This group, in particular, saw their deployment time stretched to a total of 14 hours due to the unpredictability of flight schedules.

Desk officers were stationed at both MCIAA and the Cebu Port Authority-Pier 1, two of the island's major facilities handling itinerants during the COVID-19 pandemic. They normally covered 8-hour shifts and may be ordered to work extended periods as the need arises. This was especially the case during the early months of the pandemic when both local and foreign arrivals spiked, brought about by the closure of establishments and mass layoffs.





ELCAC consultation meeting held in Negros Oriental

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 conducted a consultation and planning workshop last March 5, at the Bethel Guest House in Dumaguete City.

It was intended to finalize the proposed Priority Programs and Projects (PPAs) of Negros Oriental for the End Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAL) target barangays.

Present in the workshop were DILG Negros Oriental, LCEs, planning and development officer, engineers, and local government operation offices from the six target local government units (LGUs).

Anti-insurgency program strengthened

The government's counter-insurgency program in Negros Oriental continues to intensify.

This after the Provincial Peace and order Council, the Provincial Development Council and the Negros Oriental Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NOTF-ELCAC) conducted a joint meeting on February 21

at the Visionaire's Lounge, Ground Floor, Negros Oriental Convention Hotel.

NOTF-ELCAC chaired by Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo discussed the adaptation of the priority Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) of the 16 target barangays in Negros Oriental.

The lists of PPAs are the result of the series of *Dagyawan sa Barangay: Talakayan at Serbisyo Caravan para sa Mamamayan* to the six affected LGUs of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG).

DILG-7, PPDC conduct CDP workshop

The Provincial Planning and Development Coordination (PPDC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 conducted a plenary orientation to the municipal planning team of six local government units (LGUs) in Siquijor Province at the Southview Hotel, Dumaguete City.

The participants from six LGUs were welcomed by DILG Siquijor Provincial Director Dennis Quiñones, and oriented by the members of the DILG-7 training team.

After the orientation, break-away sessions for each LGU were administered for the next four days. The participants went back to the plenary hall for a subtle culmination activity on the fifth and final day.

The activity aimed to expound the knowledge and technical skills of the LGU on the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). As of now, LGUs are in the final stage for approval and adoption of their CDPs by their respective Sanggunians.

CDP is one of the plans that the LGU must formulate as mandated by the Local Government Code. It is the LGUs road map for development and progress. The said document contains the vision and goals of the LGU and their strategic plans for the five development project sectors namely: social, environmental, economic, institutional and infrastructure.





Siquijor ramps up COVID-19 response

Siquijor Governor Zaldy Villa and six municipal mayors created the Siquijor Provincial Task Force (SPTF) COVID-19 pursuant to Executive Order No. 112 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte to mitigate the spread of coronavirus.

The SPTF convenes bi-monthly to oversee operations and responsibilities of local government units (LGUs) and address COVID-19 related issues and concerns such as the entry of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs).

For its part, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor, thru the leadership of Provincial Di-

rector Dennis Quiñones, provided assistance in facilitating the unhampered transport of the returning Siquijodnons.

DILG Siquijor team, led by Cluster head Jill Bao and Engr. Maybelle Ada, coordinated with the concerned agencies and assisted the arrival of OFWs and LSIs to the Province since May, with an average of three to four trips per week.

Meanwhile, some LGUs have undertaken measures to help maintain the province as COVID-free.

The Local Sanggunian of Maria enacted Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-01-A mandating the wearing of face masks and observance of social dis-

tancing, and imposing penalties thereof.

In Lazi, the Philippine National Police and Bureau of Fire Protection implemented a 24-hour checkpoint operation and checked the temperature of all those passing through the checkpoint areas.

Larena town conducted a demonstration to the health workers and frontliners on the proper donning, doffing, and disposal of Personal Protective Equipment.

The Municipality of Siquijor, on the other hand, disinfected the barangay isolation facility in Barangay Caipilan where LSIs were housed.

E-CLIP aid given to former rebels in Bohol

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bohol Province administered the distribution of assistance under the Enhanced-Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) to former rebels and members of Militia ng Bayan (MB) in Bohol.

Former rebels and MB members from the municipalities of Antequera, Carmen, Trinidad, Talibon, Alicia and Mabini received immediate and livelihood assistance from the government.

On February 20, five former rebels classified as

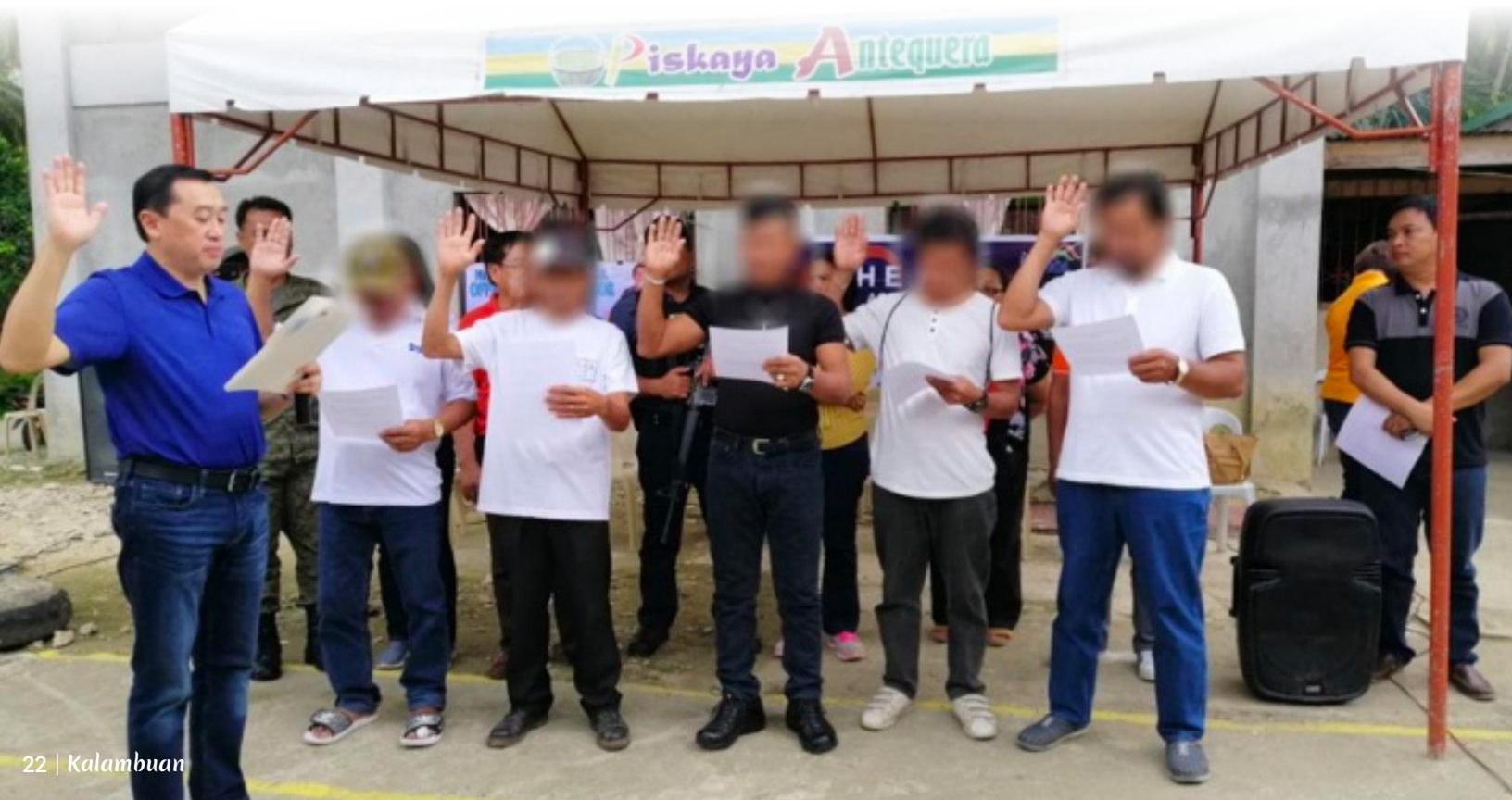
MB members in Antequera, Bohol were granted livelihood assistance in the amount of P50,000 each.

In July, former rebels from the local government units (LGUs) of Carmen, Talibon and Alicia also received P15,000 worth of immediate assistance and P50,000 worth of livelihood assistance.

In Trinidad, a former rebel received P15,000 immediate assistance, P50,000 worth of livelihood assistance and firearms remuneration worth P39,000 on July 14.

A former rebel from Mabini, received immediate assistance worth P15,000, livelihood assistance worth P50,000 and firearms remuneration worth P30,000, while former members of MB received immediate assistance worth P15,000 and firearms remuneration worth P60,000 last July 25.

E-CLIP is a government program that aims to aid former rebels after they ended their arms struggle to restore their allegiance to the Philippine government.



DILG Mandaue City helps fight vs COVID-19

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Mandaue City has assisted the city government and 27 barangays in their implementation of COVID-19 related activities and mobilization of resources in compliance with the latest issuances and policies by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and national government agencies.

The sub-regional office also deployed and trained the contact tracers hired by DILG and monitored their performance.

It likewise assisted in the distribution of financial assistance under the Social Amelioration Program.

Its personnel provided assistance to the returning Overseas Filipino Workers and Locally Stranded Individuals to assure their unhampered entry and transportation.

DILG Mandaue City also monitored the local isolation and general treatment areas for COVID-19 cases, and updated the list of the LGUs' quarantine areas, isolation centers and special care facilities.

It has acted on the provision of temporary accommodation to ensure the safety and protection of healthcare workers especially against discrimination.

The other COVID-19 related activities of DILG Mandaue City were the inventory of cases per barangay, collation of case and summary reports from hospitals, consolidation of LGUs' best practices and issues and concerns, and preparation and submission of compliance monitoring reports.

DILG-7, partners hold Dambana ng Bayan online forum

Aimed to espouse patriotism and faith amid this pandemic, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 and its partners organized two "Heal As One For Pilipinas: Dambana ng Bayan" forum series and launched the Kalayaan Digital Newsletter.

On June 29, DILG regional officials and employees in

Central Visayas joined the first "Heal As One For Pilipinas: Dambana ng Bayan" organized by Rizal-Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy, Disiplina Muna Project Management Office, and DILG-7.

Rizal-Blumentritt Pamathalaan Academy founding member Consolacion Alaras discussed the "DENR and DILG Sacred Prophetic Role in the

Pandemic" and "In the Fullness of God's Time: Sacred Prophetic Politics in the Philippines," while DILG Public Affairs and Communication Service Director Marlo Guanzon spoke on "Disiplina Muna in the New Normal" and DILG-7 Director Leocadio Trovela talked about "DILG-7 in the Prophetic Duterte Presidency".

Cebu City gears up for barangay road clearing



In preparation for the road clearing operation, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City convened the validation team on February 27.

The meeting was attended by DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, Cebu City Police Office OIC PCOL Engelbert Soriano, Prevention Restoration Order Beautification Enhancement (PROBE) Team Head Raquel Arce, Cebu City Transportation Office (CCTO) Head Alma Casimero, and F/

Insps Pono of the Cebu City Fire Station.

“We will only validate the roads indicated in the monthly reports of the barangays,” Lucero informed the validation team members.

To recall, DILG issued DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-027 which directed all local government units, particularly the barangays, to continue and sustain the implementation of road clearing following the order of President Rodrigo Duterte

orders to reclaim public roads being used for private ends.

Barangays were given 75 days from February 16 to April 30 to clear the roads. An on-site validation will be conducted after.

Considering the number of barangays to be validated, Lucero informed the body that a maximum of five validation teams will be created.

DILG, city government interface with barangays on road clearing

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City initiated the interfacing with the city and barangay officials to educate them on the scope and limitations of the road clearing operations on January 24.

Mayor Edgardo Labella, Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero of DILG Cebu City, Ms. Raquel Arce of the Prevention Restoration Order Beautification Enhancement (PROBE) Team, and Atty. John Jigo Dacua of the Department of Public Service met the Punong Barangays to discuss the conduct of barangay road

clearing operations in the City.

The DILG and City Government assured the Punong Barangay that all the support they need for peaceful and successful clearing operations will be readily provided.

“Only the barangay roads and those roads cleared by the City that have been turned over to the barangays will be the subject of your sustained clearing operations,” said Lucero.

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reclaim public roads being used for private ends, DILG issued DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-027 which directs all local government units, particularly the barangays, to continue and sustain the implementation of road clearing.

At the end of the interfacing, the City Government, DILG and Punong Barangay manifested their unequivocal commitment to actively support the implementation of barangay road clearing operations by signing a pledge of commitment.





DILG family shares feats, difficulties

Member agencies of the Cebu City Management Coordinating Committee were given chance to discuss their accomplishments and problems during their first quarterly meeting for CY 2020 on January 29 at the Cebu City Police Office (CCPO).

Local Government Sector Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, chairperson of the committee, convened the body to provide a venue for the agencies to air their sentiments and present possible programs to address these concerns.

For his part, Lucero informed the body of the Department's directive to continue and sustain the road clearing efforts of the local government units.

He also presented the

request of the barangays for police force during the conduct of their respective road clearing operations.

CCPO Officer-in-Charge PCOL Engelbert Soriano, assured the body that the barangays only have to inform the police stations of the schedule of their clearing operations and support will be eagerly provided.

J/Supt Julius Arro, warden of Cebu City Jail, informed the committee of the status of the city's jail.

"Cebu City Jail is the biggest jail now in the Philippines, in terms of population, nalampasan na natin ang Manila City Jail and Quezon City Jail," he said.

Arro said that the City Government has been informed

of this predicament and the latter already expressed its willingness to build a new jail facility.

He added the office submitted to the Mayor's Office its wish list containing requests for vehicle, generator and water supply.

Meanwhile, the body passed a resolution commending the outstanding performance of Cebu City Jail Female Dormitory after it was declared as Drug-Cleared Jail Facility by the Regional Oversight Committee and awarded as the Best Female Dormitory in Region VII for CY 2019.

Another resolution was passed requesting the Regional Management Coordinating Committee 7 to issue a resolution commending the jail facility.

Cebu City ADACs boost efforts

In furtherance of the government's relentless campaign for the eradication of all forms of illegal drugs, the Anti-Drug Abuse Councils of Cebu City scaled up its anti-illegal drug actions and interventions.

At the city level, the Council met on January 12, February 21 and March 31 to discuss the establishment of Balay Silangan in Barangay Guba.

Balay Silangan is a drug reformation program which offers temporary refuge with

the objective of reforming drug offenders into self-sufficient and law-abiding members of the society.

Among other concerns discussed are the Department of Health's revised flowchart for wellness and recovery and the status of the persons deprived of liberty with drug-related cases who availed plea bargaining.

At the barangay level, the Councils have taken firmer steps towards becoming drug-cleared barangays.

As of this writing, Barangays Sudlon I and Santo Niño are candidates for barangay drug-clearing.

On rehabilitation interventions, at least 27 barangays have community-based rehabilitation programs.

In both levels, DILG Cebu City has been proactively rendering technical assistance to ensure that the Councils demonstrate exemplary performance as will be reflected in the future performance audits.





Cebu City solidifies COVID-19 response plan

As early as March, the City of Cebu was declared under state of preparedness amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City joined and participated the emergency meeting called by Mayor Edgardo Labella to discuss government's response and real situation of the city.

Present during the meeting were the key officials and department heads of the city and representatives from Cebu City Police Office, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Bureau of Fire Protection, Department of Health, Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Education, and

private and public hospitals.

"Solidarity over hysteria, preparedness over panic," Labella said as he encouraged the attendees to remain calm amid the outbreak.

Labella informed the body that according to the City Health Office, Cebu City remains free of COVID-19, yet there is still a need to seriously consider suspending classes.

Dr. Blanco of DOH briefed the body on the current developments of COVID-19 outbreak, highlighting that a total of 105 Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams have been created in the city. Trainings for these teams by DOH are underway.

On testing and treatments,

Cebu City Medical Center representative informed the body that the hospital can accept persons under investigation (PUIs).

If they turn out to be positive for COVID-19, they will be transferred to Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center where treatments will be made.

City Councilor Eduardo Rama said the city government is willing to purchase the needed testing kits and equipment in order to jump start the immediate testing of PUIs.

Community quarantine guidelines finalized

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City elucidated several issuances issued by the Department and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in line with COVID-19 pandemic.

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, officer-in-charge of DILG Cebu City, shared salient points of the guidelines and issuances during the meeting attended by key officials of Cebu City Police Office and representatives from Department of Health (DOH), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), City Legal Office and Sangguniang Panlungsod Member Dave Tumalak.

“General community quarantine is a state wherein movement of people shall be

limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points,” Lucero informed the body.

PCOL Engelbert Soriano, officer-in-charge of Cebu City Police Office, initiated the meeting on March 16 after City Mayor Edgardo Labella issued Executive Order No. 52, s.2020, declaring a State of General Community Quarantine in Cebu City.

Soriano informed the body of the immediate need to iron out the guidelines of the Community Quarantine and ensure that the members of the law enforcement agencies, city government and national government agencies have the same appreciation of what the quarantine entails.

“I am sincerely worried for the police officers in the

frontline,” said Soriano.

Soriano requested the city government to provide personal protective equipment to secure the health and safety of the police officers conducting the health checkpoints.

Tumulak, in response, asked Soriano to furnish him the request of CCPO for the costing of PPEs.

Also, Tumalak said there are several areas that need to be improved as observed during the first day of implementation of health checkpoints in the city.

On the implementation of social distancing in jeepneys and buses, Lucero said that the City Government and CCPO have to coordinate with LTFRB – 7 for the guidelines.





DILG Cebu City discusses road clearing

In preparation for the implementation of barangay road clearing operation, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City discussed the guidelines and timeline of the program.

Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG Cebu City officer-in-charge, took the opportunity to discuss salient features of the initiative during the General Assembly of the Liga ng mga Barangay Cebu City Chapter on March 11 at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City.

“Only the barangay roads and those roads cleared by

the City that have been turned over to the barangays will be the subject of your sustained clearing operations,” Lucero reminded the Punong Barangays.

It was attended by officials from Prevention Restoration Order Beautification Enhancement (PROBE) Team, City Legal Office, Cebu City Transportation Office, and City Planning and Development Office.

Lucero showed the status of the submission of barangay road clearing monitoring reports for the first two months of CY 2020.

For January, 64 of 80 barangays have submitted the monitoring reports while 25 of which conducted road clearing operations and the rest performed preliminary activities, such as road inventory and information and education campaign.

Lucero likewise informed the Punong Barangay of the DILG advisory rescheduling the conduct of Barangay Assembly Day for the 1st Semester of CY 2020 in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.



Webinar on management of LSIs held

To lay down responsibilities of the local government units and concerned agencies, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City and the Liga ng mga Barangay held a webinar on the Management of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) on May 23 via Zoom.

This came after several LSIs have sought assistance from the city government and the barangays to safely return to their respective residence with the implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Highlighting the webinar, which was also streamed via Facebook Live, was the discussion on the National Task Force against COVID-19 No. 2020-02 by PLTCOL Allan Rosario, and the DILG Memorandum Circular No.

2020-087 discussed by Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero, DILG Cebu City officer-in-charge.

The webinar also gave way to the establishment of timeline for the processing of LSI documents and system for the distribution of approved Travel Authority, and clarified the period of validity of the Medical Clearance Certification and Travel Authority.

Present during the webinar were Sangguniang Panlungsod Member Joel Garganera, Atty. Joan Quinañola, head of the administrative Section and representative of the Mayor, PCOL Josefino Ligan, officer-in-charge of Cebu City Police Office, Councilor Franklyn Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay Cebu City Chapter president, and the Punong Barangay.

PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE LSIS

DILG Cebu City acted on several requests for assistance from LSIs and Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) who, due to medical reasons, have to immediately leave or enter the city borders.

The office initiated the necessary coordination activities with the Regional and City Task Forces against COVID-19 to ensure the unhampered and safe transit of these individuals.

Also, DILG Cebu City duly indorsed all approved Travel Authority of the LSIs to the receiving regions, provinces and HUCs to facilitate the smooth passage of LSIs at the quarantine control points.

Cebu City residents receive SAP aid

With the prolonged implementation of enhanced community quarantine in Cebu City and with no definite end in sight yet for the COVID-19 pandemic, many families are counting on the government for financial assistance.

The grant of emergency subsidy through the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD) showed a glimmer of hope for both the city and its residents.

Approximately 128,000 households in the city were able to receive the emergency subsidy through the active coordination of the barangays, Cebu City Department of Social Welfare Services, City Treasurer's Office, DSWD-7, and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City.

Despite the measures established by the City Government to make certain that only qualified beneficiaries are listed in

the payroll, DILG Cebu City still received complaints and requests for assistance from several residents.

Local Government Operations Officers from DILG Cebu City assigned in the barangays also catered to SAP-related concerns received from the DILG Central Office, Emergency Operations Center, and walk-in clients at the DILG-7 Regional EOC.





CDP formulation assistance provided to 6 LGUs

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 conducted a simultaneous Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) workshops among six local government units (LGUs) of Siquijor Province at the South View Hotel in Dumaguete City on January 13 to 17.

It was spearheaded by its 22 selected CDP trainers from the sub-regional offices in Bohol, Negros and Cebu.

The move was initially plotted by seven members of the Association of the Local Planning and Development Coordinators of Siquijor, backed by DILG Siquijor Provincial Director Dennis Quiñones, cluster head, and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers.

The plan was then overwhelmingly supported by Governor Zaldy Villa and the six municipal mayors of Enrique Villanueva, Larena, Lazi, Maria, San Juan, and Siquijor as their response to DILG Memorandum Circular No 2019-172 dated October 17, 2019.

Assistant Regional Director Loisella Lucino congratulated the local chief executives and lauded the municipal planning teams, local Sanggunian, department heads, accredited civil society organizations, non-government organizations, and national government agencies.

The workshop included an orientation on CDP, stakeholders' duties and responsibilities, and expected documentary requirements

as output of the five-day activity.

It ended with the commitment from the participants to produce the approved CDP.

CDP is the plan with which the LGU promotes the general welfare of its inhabitants in its capacity as a corporate body.

It contains the six-year strategic direction and developmental priorities of an LGU and covers five development sectors namely social, economic, infrastructure, environmental, and institutional to be comprehensive.

DILG-7 assists CBMS training by LGUs

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-7 has provided technical assistance to the local government units (LGUs) in the conduct of training on the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS).

The technical workshops done during the first quarter of the year covered Module I: Data Collection and Module II: Data Processing, Poverty Mapping and Buiding of

CBMS Databases.

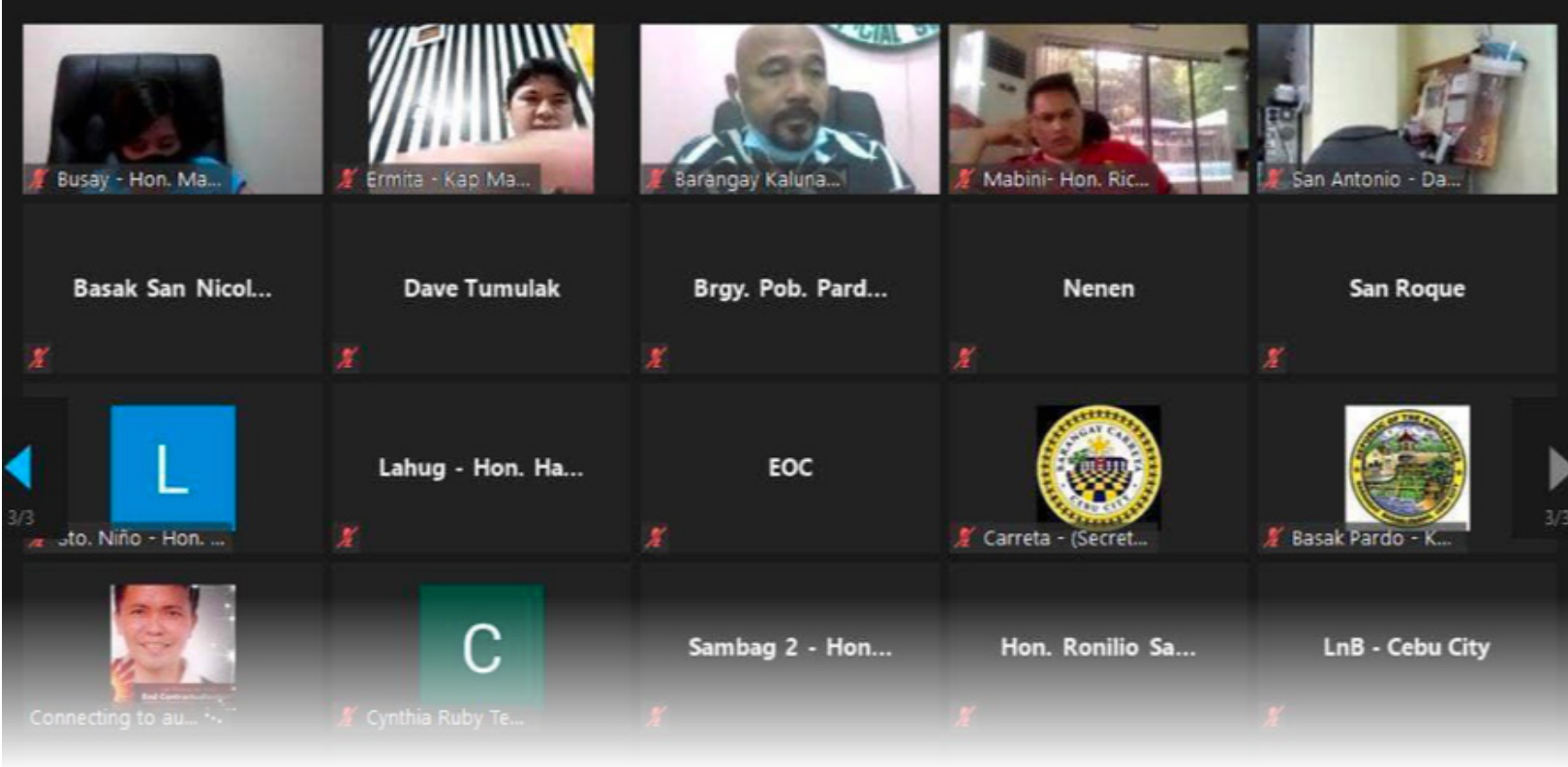
Subsequent activities, including the 16th CBMS Philippines National Conference, were however cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CBMS, one of the Department's flagship programs, is a diagnostic tool used to assess poverty in the barangay, municipal, city, and provincial level that can be used for evidence-based planning

and budgeting at the local level.

It is an organized approach in gathering information using the household profile survey and barangay profile questionnaires to be used by the Local Government Units, National Government Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Civil Society Organizations in planning, program implementation and monitoring.





Webinar on community quarantine guidelines held

The policies involving community quarantine have been quickly shifting to match the national and local conditions at the height of pandemic.

Hence, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City deemed it necessary to comprehensively discuss the guidelines governing community quarantine to ensure that the local officials know their responsibilities and roles.

In coordination with Liga ng mga Barangay, it conducted a webinar on June 4 orienting the barangays and Cebu City Police Office on the latest issuances on community quarantine.

These included the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases to

harmonize and codify existing policies to be applied to regions, provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays placed under community quarantine, and the Cebu City Executive Order No. 79, s. 2020 entitled "An Order Declaring a State of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in Cebu City and Providing Omnibus Guidelines thereto."



DILG-7 joins Project Balik Buhay press briefing

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 Director Leocadio Trovela joined Presidential Assistant for the Visayas Michael Dino and other top officials of various government offices in a press briefing on the “Project Balik Buhay” (PBB), which implements a strategic mass testing in the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu starting on May 4.

The program aims to identify the COVID-19 cases at the community level in the three cities and involves a systematic testing of individuals with the use of FDA-approved rapid test kits as a conduit to PCR testing.

All provinces, 106 other LGUs in CV bag financial housekeeping seal

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 has conferred the 2019 Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping (SGFH), formerly the Seal of Good Housekeeping, to four provinces and 106 cities and municipalities out of 136 local government units (LGUs) assessed in Central Visayas as of January 31.

The seal, which is a component of the Seal of Good Local Governance, is given to LGUs with good performance in financial transparency and accountability in local government operations.

NegOr LGUs told to monitor SAP distribution

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Negros Oriental directed the local government units (LGUs) to closely monitor the distribution of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) in their areas.

Barangay officials were also told to post the list of beneficiaries on conspicuous places in their respective barangays for transparency.

The Province of Negros Oriental sent field officers to collect data on the distribution, collection, and encoding of SAP forms.

The payout of all LGUs in the Province was completed on May 10 and was fully liquidated.



Coordination meetings held for NEO course

A series of coordination meetings were organized in preparation for the successful conduct of Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Orientation Course for Sanggunians of the six municipalities of Siquijor Province.

The orientation course was however postponed due to the pandemic.

DILG disseminates GAR

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) - 7 disseminated the Governance Assessment Report (GAR) during the Field Officers' Conference on February 19 at the regional office.

GAR contained the performance scorecard citing areas of compliance and opportunities for development of Local Government Units (LGUs) that did

not qualify for the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

The results may be integrated in the report of the local chief executives in public assemblies and other local activities as a means to communicate the LGU's condition to constituents along with their plan of action.

Tricycle Task Force convenes

The Tricycle Task Force (TTF) of Cebu City convened for the first time on March 6 to discuss its deliverables.

Created by virtue of Executive Order No. 046, s. 2020, TTF is the city government's response to the persistent occurrences wherein tricycles figure in fatal accidents along national highways and in compliance with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-036.

"It is the duty of the Task Force to create a Tricycle Route Plan which shall serve as basis of a subsequent ordinance," DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero informed the body.

Lucero added that the existing city ordinance passed in 2019 regulating the operations of the subject vehicles will just have to be amended based on the Tricycle Route Plan to be created by the TTF.



Ubay pilots CSIS implementation in Bohol

The Municipality of Ubay was considered as one of the pilot local government units in the Province of Bohol for the implementation of the Citizen's Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) in 2019.

This was done in partnership with the Local Resource Institute, Cebu Institute of Technology-University.

After the successful conduct of CSIS

survey, the CSIS utilization conference was then held on February 20 at the Ubay Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall.

Presentation of the survey results to the local officials and functionaries, workshop on the formulation of the Citizen Priority Action Plan, and focus group discussion with civil society organizations were done during the activity.

DILG Siquijor provides FDP technical assistance

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor Province offered technical support to local government units (LGUs) to improve their Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) posting at the portal.

The February 20 meeting discussed the reason for the low compliance of some LGUs in the posting of FDP documents.

The participants were taught the proper way to upload the documents, and underwent hands-on simulation on using the portal.

After the activity, DILG Siquijor continuously monitored the compliance of the LGUs in FDP posting.

Lupong Tagapagpamayapa members capacitated

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cebu City coordinated with the barangays for the training of Lupong Tagapamayapa to make them as effective partners in delivering speedy and cost-efficient dispute resolution.

Punong Barangay, Barangay Secretaries and the rest of the Lupon members in

Barangays T. Padilla and Parian attended the trainings on Katarungang Pambarangay and Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards on January 30 and February 28, respectively.

DILG Cebu City eyes to partner with local resource institutes in training more Lupong Tagapamayapa this year.



DILG Negros Oriental assists LGUs in CDP formulation

The Local Government Capacity Development Division of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Negros Oriental provided technical assistance to the local government units (LGUs) of Amlan, Sibulan, Jimalalud and Dauin during the formulation of their Comprehensive Development Plans (CDP).

Meanwhile, LGUs of San Jose and Jimalalud were also provided technical assistance in the four-day CDP formulation workshops by a pool of CDP experts spearheaded by Cluster 2 Head, Local Government Operations Officer VII Farah Diba Gentuya.

DILG Cebu City pays New Year's call on Mayor

Welcomed the new year with a meeting with Mayor Edgardo Labella on January 13 to discuss the effective and efficient implementation of the Department's priority policies and programs this year.

Among them are the Barangay Road-Clearing, Seal of Good Local Governance, capacity development of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, Peace and Order Council

Performance Audit, and Anti-Drug Abuse Council Performance Audit.

DILG Cebu City Officer-in-Charge Atty. Ian Kenneth Lucero assured the Mayor that the Department will provide the City all the technical assistance it requires in its pursuit for good and conscientious local governance.

MLGOOs in Siquijor reoriented on GAD

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor reoriented the field officers and cluster heads on Gender and Development (GAD) Planning and Budgeting on February 19.

The activity aimed to refresh the knowledge of the Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) on said matter.



Cebu City reinforces fight vs illegal drugs

With illegal drugs reported to propagate in jails, the Cebu City Peace and Order Council passed during its first quarterly meeting for CY 2020 on February 14 several measures including the purchase of jammers, X-ray equipment and ultrasound equipment that will help jail personnel detect contrabands even those concealed in the private body parts.

The Council also discussed the establish-

ment of another jail facility and of a Balay Silangan facility in Barangay Guba.

According to Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-7, Cebu City has now 100 percent barangay drug affection which means that illegal drug activities are present in all 80 barangays. Barangays Sudlon I and Santo Niño are however candidates for barangay drug-clearing.

Negros Oriental preps for road clearing

The Provincial Government of Negros Oriental conducted an orientation/roll-out of Road Clearing 2.0 and provided technical support to all the local chief executives.

It also coordinated with the concerned agencies for the implementation of the

program.

The provincial government completed the road clearing monitoring in the barangay, city and municipal levels for January and February.

Cebu City officials, NGAs convene to discuss COVID-19

As novel coronavirus continued its onslaught in China, Cebu City Mayor Edgardo Labella called for an emergency meeting as early as January 31 to discuss the course of action to prevent the virus' entry to the city.

Present during the meeting are key officials and department heads of the City Government and representatives from national government agencies

such as Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Immigration, Bureau of Quarantine, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, and hospitals and hotels.

Labella said that the city is already under a state of preparedness.



DILG Siquijor capacitates province on LRAM

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Siquijor has capacitated 15 government employees of the Provincial Government of Siquijor through a training-workshop webinar on Overview of Local Road Asset Management with focus on asset booking.

The activity aims to capacitate all the provinces with their implementation and assessment of their road network noting that the increasing roads and road networks in the country requires efficient management systems.

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