

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
REGIONAL OFFICE 02



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## INTRODUCTION

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The regional strategy dubbed as **#R2GETHER: Region 2 Guarantees Every Task is Harmoniously done with Excellent Result** was conceptualized on March 2016. This strategy served as the blueprint of the region to ensure smooth, systematic and successful implementation of various Programs, Projects and Activities.

This year, to beef up our regional strategy, a working principle was formulated to serve as guidepost in getting things done for 2017. We call it ONE BEAT, a decision, an action and a passion. With ONE BEAT, we have reinforced and concretized our actions for the smooth implementation of our programs, projects and activities.

**ONE BEAT** working principles stands for:

- O** - Operate using the Connect, converge, convene paradigm. It is a strategic approach to effectively implement PPAs.
- N** - Nurture organizational mandates and core values. Public office is a public trust.
- E** - Ensure excellent delivery of PPAs through efficient and judicious utilization of resources. Accountability and responsiveness is everybody's concern.
- B** - Build capacities of LGUs for them to become Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal. Their success is our success.
- E** - Empower personnel to become Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahan. We are the best assets of the organization.
- A** - Acknowledge and engage with internal and external environments. Total system approach is a must.
- T** - Track performance vis-à-vis targets. Time is of the essence.

Guided by our working principles, hereunder were the notable accomplishments of the region for the CY 2017.

## PEACEFUL, ORDERLY AND SAFE LGUs

- ❖ **MAMAMAYANG AYAW SA ANOMALYA, MAMAMAYANG AYAW SA ILLIGAL NA DROGA (MASA MASID)**

### **ORGANIZATION OF MASA MASID RTWG; COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

In order to fully implement the activities of the MASA MASID Program, the DILG spearheaded the organization of a TWG composed of partners from the different regional government agencies in its Organizational Meeting. Thru the TWG, a Joint Memorandum Circular (DILG-DOH-DSWD) was crafted which provided for guidelines in program implementation in terms of duties and responsibilities of stakeholders. The TWG also provided critical inputs in the development and implementation of the Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBRP), one of the major deliverables under the MASA MASID Program.

As part of the over-all implementation effort of the Program, the office partnered with the DOJ-Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) for the conduct of Training of Trainors (ToT) for the Community Rehabilitation Networks under the Community as One in the Rehabilitation of Drug Surrenderers (CORD) Project. The ToT was conducted in the following schedules:

School	Province/s	Date	Participants	Venue
1 <sup>st</sup>	Quirino	May 2-5, 2017	54	Romel Suites, Baguio City
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cagayan	May 16-19, 2017	58	Villa Blanca Hotel, Tuguegarao City
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya	May 30-June 2, 2017	48	Villa Blanca Hotel, Tuguegarao City
Total			160	

The province of Batanes is not targeted for this activity. Participating municipalities and cities in the different provinces were the following:

School	Provinces	City/Municipality
1 <sup>st</sup>	Quirino	Aglipay Cabarroguis Diffun Maddela

		Nagtipunan Saguday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cagayan	Abulug Allacapan Aparri Baggao Ballesteros Gattaran Gonzaga Solana Tuao Tuguegarao City
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isabela	City of Ilagan Cauayan City Santiago City Echague Jones
	Nueva Vizcaya	Bambang Bayombong

The activity was facilitated by the Parole and Probation Administration headed by Regional Director Benita L. Maramag, DPA. Audiovisual presentations, workshops and structured learning exercises such as dyad, triad and static group discussions were employed by the facilitators in the activity. Aside from the objective of educating stakeholders and partners of the necessary knowledge and skills in dealing with drug surrenderers at the community level, the facilitators aimed to allow the participants to fully understand the situation of drug Surrenderers by placing themselves on the surrenderer's shoes.

Per latest guideline, DOH is now the lead agency in Community Rehabilitation. The MASA MASID RTWG Convened last August 15, 2017 for the turn-over of CBRP Module to DOH R2.

**REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS (ICAD)**  
**ORGANIZATION, MEETINGS, STRENGTHENING OF C/M/BADACS, AND OTHER**  
**ACTIVITIES**

Executive Order No. 15 dated March 7, 2017 provided for the creation of ICAD. Under EO 15, the following agencies are tasked to lead their respective cluster: Enforcement - PDEA; Justice – DOJ; Advocacy – DILG and Rehabilitation – DOH.

The Organizational Meeting of the Regional ICAD was held on October 9, 2017 at DILG Conference Hall, attended by 32 participants from PDEA, MIG-2 ISAFP, PAO, DSWD, BJMP, DepEd, AFP, DTI, PNP, TESDA, DOJ-PPA, DOJ-NPS, NBI, DOH, DOH-DATRC, DOLE.

With EO 15, the main focus of DILG on MASA MASID is re-directed to Advocacy and Information Gathering and Reporting. One of the major thrust in the advocacy campaigns against illegal drugs is the strengthening of M/C/BADACs.

Two (2) barangays in Burgos, Isabela namely Cullalabo del Sur and Dalig have been identified as pilot areas for BADAC strengthening. With the assistance of PDEA and PNP, an orientation was conducted in said barangays last July 22-23, 2017.

Strengthening of M/C/BADAC was also the highlight of the MASA MASID Planning Conference held on September 19-20 at Crown Pavillion. The activity was attended by PDs, Focal Persons, Cluster Officers, Regional and Community Facilitators. Among the outputs during the activity included the formulation of Provincial Action Plans on the major deliverables of the Program.

A Regional Roll-Out for Strengthening of BADACs was conducted on November 27-28, 2017 at Villablanca Hotel, Tuguegarao City. The activity was attended by Cluster Officers, Focal Persons, selected Field Officers, Regional and Community Facilitators. Partners from PDEA and PNP were tapped to discuss salient provisions of laws and issuances on illegal drugs, citizens' arrest, among others. Topics on BADAC Training Roll-Out were also finalized. Part of the agreements also is that provinces will spearhead the implementation of the training in target barangays.

### **REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITATORS**

Part of the implementation strategy is the hiring/engagement of personnel to oversee and monitor the implementation of the activities and deliverables of the Program. For this purpose, 1 Regional Facilitator and 25 Community Facilitators (Batanes-2; Cagayan-8; Isabela-10; Nueva Vizcaya-4; Quirino-2).

### **REGIONAL TRAINING ROLL-OUT ON FEEDBACK MECHANISM**

The Regional Training Roll-out on MASA MASID Feedback Mechanism was conducted in December 19-20, 2017 at 3k Hotel, Santiago City. The participants were C/MLGOOs as Chairpersons of the MASA MASID Technical Working Group and all Regional and Community Facilitators who are front liners of the project. The main objective of the activity was to equip said Field Officers with the appropriate technical skills to effectively perform their roles especially in data gathering and monitoring aspects of the project.

There were 135 participants among them were the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, Provincial Directors, Cluster Officers, Program Managers, MASA MASID



Focal Persons, MASA MASID Regional and Community Facilitators. Resource Speakers were from the Philippine National Police (PNP) R02.

DILG R02 RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr. ensured the successful conduct of the activity thru the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED).



(Above): PSInsp Nieves Mena discussed the topics on: a. Effective Feedback : Knowing the Right Cases; b. Crime Prevention and Awareness; and c. Drug Prevention and Resistance Strategies

(Right-Below): Participants during the Feedback Mechanism Roll-out.



## ❖ PEOPLE’S LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD (PLEB)

### NATIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS

As part of strengthening the PLEB, a Training of Trainers for Regional and Provincial Focal Persons was held last September 4-8, 2017 at Linden Suites, Pasig City.

One of the outputs during the activity was an Action Plan for the conduct of training for all PLEBs which will commence in November.



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*DILG Regional and Provincial Focal Persons with Atty. Leonora Bartolome, OIC ARD, NAPOLCOM-Region 02, during the training of trainers at Pasig City, September 4-8, 2017.*

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### PROVINCIAL ROLL-OUT

Dubbed as Project POLICE: **PLEBs Orientation-Seminar on Legal Procedures Instilling Community Participation for Empowerment**, DILG RO2 in collaboration with the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Region 2 successfully conducted the Regional Training Roll-Out for the Capacity Enhancement of the People’s Law Enforcement Boards (PLEB). Conducted in 11 schools with a duration of 2 days per school, the activity was spearheaded by the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) under the supervision of its Division Chief Digna R. Herrera.

The training was conducted to orient and capacitate the PLEB members and other stakeholders on basic PLEB concepts such as legal basis, composition, functions and powers, and rules of procedures. It also served as an avenue to raise and clarify issues and concerns



on PLEB. A total of 527 participants composed of City/Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, PLEB Chairmen, members, secretariat and other DILG technical staff actively took part in the series of trainings.

The following PLEB trainings had been conducted in partnership with NAPOLCOM:

School	Provinces	City/Municipality	Total No. of Pax	Date	Venue
1 <sup>st</sup> School	Cagayan	Alcala, Aparri, Baggao, Buguey, Sta. Teresita, Camalaniugan, Gattaran, Gonzaga, Sta. Ana, Lallo	62	November 7-8, 2017	Crown Pavilion, Tuguegarao City
2 <sup>nd</sup> School	Cagayan	Abulug, Allacapan, Ballesteros, Claveria, Sto. Niño, Lasam, Pamplona, Sanchez Mira, Sta. Praxedes	50	November 8-9, 2017	Crown Pavilion, Tuguegarao City
3 <sup>rd</sup> School	Cagayan	Amulung, Calayan, Enrile, Iguig, Piat, Rizal, Solana, Tuao, Tuguegarao City, Peñablanca	56	November 9-10, 2017	Crown Pavilion, Tuguegarao City
4 <sup>th</sup> School	Quirino	Aglipay, Cabarroguis, Diffun, Maddela, Nagtipunan, Saguday	39	November 15-16, 2017	3K Hotel, Santiago City
5 <sup>th</sup> School	Isabela	Benito Soliven, Cabagan, Delfin Albano, Divilacan, Gamu, City of Ilagan, Maconacon, San Mariano, San Pablo, Sta. Maria	65	November 16-17, 2017	3K Hotel, Santiago City
6 <sup>th</sup> School	Isabela	Aurora, Burgos, Cabatuan, Cauayan City, Luna, Mallig, Naguilian, Palanan, Quezon	50	November 21-22, 2017	3K Hotel, Santiago City
7 <sup>th</sup> School	Isabela	Quirino, Reina Mercedes, Roxas, San Manuel, Angadanan, Alicia, Cordon, Dinapigue, Jones	60	November 21-22, 2017	Isabela Zen Hotel, Santiago City
8 <sup>th</sup> School	Isabela	Echague, Ramon, San Agustin, San Guillermo, San Isidro, San Mateo, Santiago City, Tumauni, Sto. Tomas	50	November 21-22, 2017	3K Hotel, Santiago City
9 <sup>th</sup> School	Batanes	Basco, Itbayat, Ivana, Mahatao, Sabtang, Uyugan	35	December 4-5, 2017	Basco, Batanes
10 <sup>th</sup> School	Nueva Vizcaya	Bagabag, Dupax del Norte, Diadi, Solano, Villaverde	30	December 12-13, 2017	Crown Legacy Hotel, Baguio City
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nueva	Alfonso Castañeda,	30	December	Crown Legacy

School	Vizcaya	Ambaguio, Bambang, Bayombong, Kasibu, Kayapa, Sta. Fe		14-15, 2017	Hotel, baguio City
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>527</b>	



Participants during the Capability Enhancement Roll-out for the PLEB Members dubbed as Project POLICE.



## ❖ **BARANGAY ASSEMBLIES**

For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters, DILG R2 registered 100% compliance to the Synchronized Barangay Assembly Day (SBAD).

## ❖ **COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM (CLIP)**

There are 4 beneficiaries of the Program, all from the province of Cagayan.

## **SOCIALLY-PROTECTIVE LGUS**

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### ❖ **CHILD-FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNANCE AUDIT (CFLGA)**

A Briefing Conference and Regional Audit Team Reorganizational Meeting was conducted on June 16, 2017 attended by partners from NEDA, DSWD, DepEd and CFLGA PFPs.

The Regional Assessment Team headed by DILG and composed of representatives from DSWD, DepEd, NEDA, and DOH, conducted its Table Validation last August 15, 2017. As a result, only the municipality of Calayan has been found to be ineligible.

### ❖ **SAGANA AT LIGTAS NA TUBIG SA LAHAT (SALINTUBIG)**

#### **IN-HOUSE TRAINING-WORKSHOP ON THE DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARATION FOR WATER PROJECTS**

The DILG-R02, thru the Regional Project Management Office (RPMO), conducted the *In-house Training-Workshop on the Detailed Engineering Design and Feasibility Study Preparation for Water Projects* for eight (8) municipalities as one of the initiatives and part of the continuous provision of technical assistance of the Region in pursuit of its commitment to provide water to poor and waterless municipalities.

The activity was conducted on November 22-24, 2017 at Villa Saturnina Hotel and Resort, Sta. Ana, Cagayan.

A total of 35 participants composed of Municipal Engineers and staff (Draftsman, Architects), Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators and staff (Planning Officers) and other LGU functionaries (Zoning Officers, computer operators) attended from the Municipalities of Nagtipunan, Maddela and Saguday, Quirino; Quezon and San Mateo, Isabela; Alcala, Allacapan and Rizal, Cagayan attended the activity.



*Participants from the Municipalities of Nagtipunan, Maddela and Saguday, Quirino; Quezon and San Mateo, Isabela; Alcala, Allacapan and Rizal, Cagayan during the Training-Workshop on DED and FS preparation.*

## ❖ **BOTTOM-UP BUDGETING (BUD)**

### **WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATION OF BUB END-OF-PROGRAM REPORT**

The Regional Project Management Office (RPMO)-DILG R02, conducted a *Workshop On The Preparation Of the Bottom-up-Budgeting (BUB) End-Of-Program Report* on November 22-24, 2017 at Country Inn Hotel, Sta. Ana, Cagayan to gather inputs and data from the eighteen (18) BUB implementing and oversight agencies in completing the report. The activity aimed to ensure that the report will provide an accurate reflection of the collective and collaborative efforts of the participating agencies throughout the years of implementing the Program. At the end of the activity, a draft report was prepared and presented for enhancement.

Present during the activity were agency representatives composing the RPRAT-Technical Working Group from DBM, NEDA, DA, DSWD, DENR, DTI, DOH, DOT, NAPC, PPDO-Cagayan and Isabela.





Presentation of the format of the End of Program report, workshop and sharing of agency best practices by the participants.



## ❖ **CONDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM (CMGP)**

### **REGIONAL TRAINING-WORKSHOP FOR THE FORMULATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ROADMAP ON LOCAL ROAD MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

The Conditional Matching Grant is formerly known as Konkreto at Ayoos na Lansangan Tungo sa Pangkalahatang Kaunlaran (KALSADA) is a program between the DILG and DBM for Provincial Governments. The program partly addresses the poor state of provincial roads across the country while improving the capacity of Provinces in Local Road Management (LRM) and incorporating reforms in Public Financial Management (PFM).

The one (1) day orientation was conducted on October 5, 2017 at Crown Pavillion, Tuguegarao City participated by RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr., all Provincial Directors, LFP Focal Persons and Engineers, FAD Chief, Regional Accountant, Budget Officer, Planning Officer, Information Officer, RPMO Head and technical staff achieving a 100% attendance of target participants. Speakers and facilitators from the Office of the Project Development



Services (OPDS)-DILG shared their knowledge and expertise on the CMGP Program and PGRR.



DMO III Achilles F. Babala of OPDS-DILG CO discussing the 2017 CMGP requirements and Local Road Network Development Plan (left picture); Participants during the Orientation on the Conditional Matching Grant Program with Formulation Of Provincial Government Reform Roadmap On Local Road Management And Public Financial Management spearheaded by RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr.(picture below)



#### ❖ PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE FUND (PCF)

##### **ORIENTATION -WORKSHOP ON THE NEW PCF WEBSITE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PCF COMPENDIUM**

The Regional Project Management Office (RPMO) recently conducted the Orientation-Workshop on the new PCF Website and Development of the PCF compendium attended by the Regional and Provincial PCF Focal Persons, ITO and RIO at the Conference Hall, DILG Regional Office 02, Tuguegarao City on October 18, 2017. The activity aimed to orient the participants of the features of the new website and identify issues and concerns during the actual use of the website. The new website seeks to address issues on the difficulty of uploading pictures and data in the old website. Moreover, the activity intended to orient the participants on the activities to be undertaken in the preparation and content details of the compendium.

### **3-DAY IN-HOUSE TRAINING-WORKSHOP ON THE FORMULATION OF DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN (DED) CUM MOA SIGNING**

DILG Region 02 thru the Regional Project Management Office (RPMO) initiated the conduct of a training on the formulation of DED at Zen Hotel, Santiago City on July 25-27, 2017.

The activity was attended by 36 participants composed of LGU recipient's Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators (MPDC), Municipal Engineers and their technical staff, DILG RPMO staff and DILG Provincial Office Engineers.

The highlight of the activity was the MOA Signing between the DILG and LGU-recipient.



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*(Right) Engr. Vincent Cabisares providing technical assistance during the training.*

*(Left): Engr. Ronnie Flores discussing the formulation of detailed engineering design*

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### **SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON ENGINEERING FOR NON-ENGINEERS**

The DILG -RPMO in partnership with the Office of the Office of the Project Development Services (OPDS) conducted a Seminar-Workshop on Engineering For Non-Engineers for Cluster Officers, CLGOOs and MLGOOs (2<sup>nd</sup> Batch) on August 8-11, 2017 at Villa Blanca Hotel, Tuguegarao City.

The activity aimed to orient and familiarize the participants of engineering concepts and processes to better perform their function of monitoring and validating infrastructure projects.



*RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr. delivering his message to the participants on their role in ensuring the immediate and proper implementation of locally funded projects.*

*Engr. Virgilio Columna and Engr. Willie Lopez discussing engineering concepts, RA 9184 and contract management.*



### **PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM (CBMS)**

Continuous technical assistance was also provided by the Regional Focal Person particular on CBMS Modules in response to the request of LGUs, to wit:

Topic	LGU	Date
<b>CBMS – Non-BUB</b>		
<i>Module I</i>	<b>Alicia, Isabela</b>	October 3-6, 2017
	<b>Maddela, Quirino</b>	October 9-12, 2017

### **ADM-FUNDED ACCESS ROADS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY IN LUNA, ISABELA**

Better road accessibility is seen to flourish in Luna, Isabela these coming days.

This is made possible through the inauguration of three (3) Local Access Roads funded under the 2017 Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) program of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on December 04, 2017.

Luna, Isabela is one of the municipalities granted with the first batch of ADM recipients in the Region.

The grant was utilized by the municipal government in paving roads that connect the 3 barangays to the main thoroughfares in the municipality.



DILG-Isabela Provincial Director Elpidio A. Durwin (c) and Hon. Mayor Jaime N. Atayde (c) lead the ribbon cutting of the three (3) local access roads in Luna, Isabela.

A total of Php14,900,000.00 comprises the total cost of the concreting of the local access roads in 3 barangays of Luna, Isabela.

The concreting of road in Barangay Centro 1 covering the seven (7) streets entails a total of 729 linear meters with a total cost of Php7,290,000.00.

A total of Php3,610,000.00 covered the concreting of 361 linear meter-road in Purok 7, Barangay Lalog 1.

Meanwhile, a total of Php4,000,000.00 entailed the concreting of 400 linear meter-road in Purok 5, Barangay Mambabanga connecting the National Highway to the Luna General Comprehensive High School (LGCHS).

Municipal Mayor Hon. Jaime N. Atayde said that the project will ease transportation among the barangay residents as well as the residents of neighboring barangays.

He also added that the project will enable better economic activities in the municipality.

Meanwhile, DILG-Isabela Provincial Director Elpidio A. Durwin, Mayor Atayde, Municipal Vice-Mayor Hon. Andy R. Domingo, Sangguniang Bayan Members and other local government functionaries graced the inauguration of the projects.



## **ACCOUNTABLE, TRANSPARENT, PARTICIPATIVE AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE**

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### **❖ SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SGLG)**

The Regional Office has lined up activities to map out this year's implementation of the Seal.

#### **REGIONAL ORIENTATION**

Conducted in three (3) clusters: May 10, 2017 at 3K Hotel, Santiago City, Isabela (combined: Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya), May 12, 2017 at Crown Pavilion, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (combined: Cagayan and Quirino) and simultaneously on the same date (May 12, 2017) in Basco, Batanes for the island province of Batanes. Discussions during the Orientation were the following: SGLG context; Overview of the 2017 SGLG; SGLG requirements across the seven (7) focus areas; implementation strategies, responsibilities, and deployment plan.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

All 5 provinces, 4 cities, and 89 municipalities were assessed by the Assessment Teams organized for the purpose. The Regional Office, thru the Assistant Regional Director as RAT Leader assessed the provinces and cities. Municipalities were assessed by the respective Teams in the provincial level thru cross-posting scheme. On the one hand, a special team from the Regional Office took charge in the assessment of the 6 municipalities of Batanes. The assessment ran from May 14-June 16, 2017.

#### **PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CALIBRATION AND VALIDATION**

The activity was conducted on July 10-14, 2017 at 3K Hotel, Santiago City. A total of 58 LGUs were recommended for national validation and calibration as follows: Batanes – 2; Cagayan – 12; Isabela – 27; Nueva Vizcaya – 12; and Quirino – 5.

As a result of the National Calibration and Validation held on August 1-4, 2017 at Sulo Hotel, 37 LGUs in Region 02 were recommended for national validation and assessment.

#### **CROSS-POSTING**

The National Validation and Assessment, as in the previous years, was done thru cross-posting by DILG Regional Offices. For LGUs in Region 02, assessment was done by DILG



Region 1. On the one hand, DILG Region 02 assessed LGUs in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

37 LGUs (Batanes – 2; Cagayan – 7; Isabela – 17; Nueva Vizcaya – 8; Quirino – 3) were assessed by DILG Region 1 headed by RD James Fadrilan along with Provincial Directors, CLGOOs, Regional Focal Person, and other technical staff. The assessment was made from August 22 – September 1, 2017.

#### **NATIONAL VALIDATION AND INDORSEMENT BY THE NATIONAL QUALITY COMMITTEE**

The last stage for the SGLG is the final review and confirmation by the NQC of the LGUs submitted by cross-posting Region. As a result of its meeting last September 27-30, 2017, 29 LGUs from Region 02 have been recommended as 2017 SGLG passers: Batanes – 1; Cagayan – 6; Isabela – 16; Nueva Vizcaya – 3; and Quirino - 3.

#### **CONFERMENT AND AWARDING**

The Awarding Ceremony was held on November 27, 2017 at the Manila Hotel. 28 LGUs from Region 02 were conferred with the Seal as follows:

1. Provincial Government of Isabela
2. Provincial Government of Quirino
3. Cauayan City
4. City of Ilagan
5. Santiago City
6. Ivana, Batanes
7. Baggao, Cagayan
8. Buguey, Cagayan
9. Camalaniugan, Cagayan
10. Claveria, Cagayan
11. Gonzaga, Cagayan
12. Sanchez Mira, Cagayan
13. Alicia, Isabela
14. Aurora, Isabela
15. Delfin Albano, Isabela
16. Divilacan, Isabela
17. Echague, Isabela
18. Gamu, Isabela
19. Luna, Isabela

20. Maconacon, Isabela
21. San Guillermo, Isabela
22. San Mariano, Isabela
23. San Mateo, Isabela
24. Tumauni, Isabela
25. Solano, Nueva Vizcaya
26. Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya
27. Nagtipunan, Quirino
28. Saguday, Quirino

#### ❖ **CITIZENS SATISFACTION INDEX SYSTEM (CSIS)**

In preparation for the 2017 CSIS Implementation, a training for Local Resource Institutes was held last June 27-29, 2017. This was attended by Cagayan State University (CSU) and Isabela State University (ISU), together with DILG technical staff. For 2017, two (2) municipalities in Region 02 namely, Echague, Isabela and Lallo, Cagayan have been included in the target LGUs.

Orientation for Lallo and Echague was held on July 19 and 20, 2017, respectively. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed among DILG, the target municipalities, and the partner-LRIs.

To date, reports of partner LRIs are with DILG-BLGS for review/comments. Exit Conference is tentatively scheduled on December 15 for both LGUs.

#### ❖ **LGU INCENTIVES AND AWARDS (LGUIA)**

For this year, the following were assessed:

City	:	Osmena, City of Ilagan Tagga, Tuguegarao City
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Municipality	:	Labben, Allacapan, Cagayan Arcon, Tumauni, Isabela Andres Bonifacion, Diffun, Quirino Barat, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Class Municipality	:	Catotoran Norte, Camalaniugan, Cagayan; Bintawan Norte, Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya; La Paz, Saguday, Quirino

Barangay La Paz of Saguday, Quirino has been shortlisted as National Finalist and was evaluated on October 23-24, 2017.

#### ❖ **FULL DISCLOSURE POLICY (FDP)**

Continuous monitoring of FDP compliance both in conspicuous places and portal is conducted thru the Provincial Offices. For 4<sup>th</sup> quarter level of compliance, only the municipality of Sto. Tomas is not fully compliant.

#### ❖ **TRANSITION TO FEDERALISM PROGRAM**

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region (DILG) has initiated the One Nation, One Government: Transition to Federalism Project which aims to increase public awareness on Federalism.

As the lead agency of the public awareness initiative, DILG Region 02 through the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) 02 conducted Planning Conference on October 26, 2017 at DILG Regional Office 02 Conference Hall. Present during the conference were Cluster Officers and Provincial Focal Persons of the four (4) mainland provinces.

As an offshoot during the planning conference, provinces started the information and awareness training to barangays dubbed as ***STIR Federalism (Support Towards Informed and Responsive Federalism)***. The total target barangays of the region for this year was 1,003 barangays or 50%.

The table below shows the accomplishment of the region:

<b>Provinces</b>	<b>Total No. of barangays</b>	<b>No. of barangays that conducted IEC</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
<b>Batanes</b>	29	0	0%
<b>Cagayan</b>	820	808	98.54%
<b>Isabela</b>	1055	600	56.87%
<b>Nueva Vizcaya</b>	275	108	39.27%
<b>Quirino</b>	132	132	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>59%</b>

The barangays in the province of Batanes and remaining barangays in the province of Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya will be targeted next year.

## BUSINESS-FRIENDLY AND COMPETITIVE LGUs

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### ❖ REGIONAL BRIEFING ON ENHANCING RO2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS' CAPACITY ON PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

This program supports the series of workshops conducted to strengthen the Local Development Councils of the LGUs. It supports the 10-point Socio Economic Agenda of the current Administration through capacitating the LGUs in accelerating their annual infrastructure spending and promotion of rural and value chain developments towards increasing agricultural and rural enterprise, productivity and tourism.

With this, a regional briefing on the program was conducted and participated by the Regional Director, Provincial Directors, LGRC Focal Persons, Regional Information Officer and concern DILG technical staff from the Regional Office on October 27, 2017 at the DILG Regional Office No. 02, Carig, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan. The activity was primarily conducted to market the program to the provincial directors and to inform them on their respective responsibilities relative to the implementation of the program.



RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr., CESO IV spearheading the Regional Briefing on Enhancing LGUs' Capacity on Planning and Implementation of Local Development Projects

### ❖ CONDUCT OF ROLL-OUT TRAINING ON ASSESSING THE GENDER RESPONSIVENESS OF BUB/ADM FUNDED PROJECTS

The Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD) and Assistance to Disadvantage Municipality (ADM) Program Management Office conducted a Coaches' Training on assessing the gender responsiveness of BuB/ADM funded projects last August 22-25, 2017. This training will be cascaded to all MLGOOs and LGU Planning Officers through-out the

region. Hence, DILG R02 in collaboration with the DILG Provincial Offices will be conducting the said training.

The Province of Batanes was the first to conduct the said training last November 28-29, 2017 at BFAR Conference Hall, Basco, Batanes. It was participated by the Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators and GAD Focal Persons of all the municipalities of the province.



*Ms. Lorelie S. Astrera, certified GAD Resource Person, discussing Basic GAD Concepts*

#### ❖ **CONDUCT OF TRAINING ON DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) STRATEGIES**

Developing Sustainable Local Economic Development (LED) Strategies was created to ensure understanding of the local economic structure, the investment needs and the attributes that may influence investments and economic growth in the local level.

To ensure attainment of its objectives, DILG-Region 02 conducted a series of meetings and orientation with representatives of State Universities and Colleges, Provincial Governments Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino and concerned national government agencies within the month of July 2017. An interfacing cum orientation on LED with concerned LGU functionaries of the Province of Batanes and representatives from Batanes State University was conducted on September 14, 2017.

Moving forward in its implementation, the Training/Roll-out on Developing Sustainable LED Strategies was conducted at Crown Hotel and Restaurant, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan on November 15-17, 2017. The training was participated by representatives and functionaries of the five provinces of the region.



The activity aimed to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills necessary in crafting strategies for local economic development.

Participants during the training on LED Strategies.



#### ❖ MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF EXISTING PPP PROJECTS IN THE REGION

The Public-Private Partnership for People Initiative for Local Governments (LGU P4) Program which aims to hasten economic development, improve the quality of public assets and the efficiency of public services, and encourage innovation to make lives of every Filipino better and easier. As part of the Department's commitment to promote local economic development, a monitoring and evaluation of the existing P4 projects in the region particularly in Cauayan City, Isabela and Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya was conducted on October 4-6, 2017. The monitoring and evaluation was primarily conducted to identify the completion rate and evaluate the progress of the projects as well as to gather data on the implementation process of the projects.

❖ **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY/PROJECT PROPOSAL: FS 101**

One of the most important component of implementing a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) engagement is the preparation and formulation of project proposal and feasibility study. Feasibility study is the assessment of the viability of an idea with emphasis on the market, social/economic/environmental, technical, financial, and organizational/administrative aspect. Feasibility study tests the project's sustainability and viability. It serves as a solid foundation in applying business ideas on project conceptualization, development and implementation.

To sustain efforts and interventions to the target LGUs, a Training on the Preparation of Feasibility Study was conducted on November 8-10, 2017 at Hotel Carmelita, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan to enhance the skills and knowledge of LGU planners to include the City/Municipal Engineer, City/Municipal Planning and Local Development Coordinator, Local Economic and Investment Promotions Officer and City/Municipal Accountant in identifying the opportunities and threats of a PPP project from conceptualization to implementation up to monitoring phase.

Resource speakers are composed of researchers and professors from Cagayan State University. The output of the activity are the draft feasibility study of the participating LGUs prepared during the workshop.

Participating LGUs in the said activity were also the participants during the conduct of the Training on the Formulation of Business Plan and the Regional Consultation on LGU P4, to wit:

PROVINCE	LGU/S
Cagayan	Baggao
Isabela	San Mariano, Cauayan City, Santiago City
Nueva Vizcaya	Bayombong
Quirino	Nagtipunan
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 LGUs</b>

❖ **COACHING AND MENTORING OF LGUs ON BPLS AUTOMATION CUM E-BPLS TRAINING**

In support to the government's thrust to harness the competitiveness of the LGUs in the global arena and in preparation to a more intense global competition brought about by the ASEAN Integration, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Information and Communications Technology issues

JMC No. 1 series of 2016 setting more strict performance standards for business processing and regulatory processes.

One of the components and support mechanisms emphasized under the JMC is institutionalizing the automation process in the business permitting system wherein DICT is mandated to provide the system and capability building in partnership with DILG.

As a follow through in the previously conducted orientation and hands-on training of the system, DILG R02 clustered with DILG CAR conducted a coaching and mentoring of LGUs on BPLS Automation cum e-BPLS Training on November 27-30, 2017 at Baguio City. The following LGUs participated in the training:

PROVINCE	LGUs
Cagayan	Solana, Gonzaga, Claveria, Peñablanca and Tuguegarao City
Isabela	City of Ilagan, Cauayan City, Santiago City and Tumauni
Nueva Vizcaya	Bambang and Bagabag
Quirino	Maddela



Participants from DILG R02 and DILG CAR

## ENVIRONMENT-PROTECTIVE, CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTIVE AND DISASTER-RESILIENT LGUs

Republic Act 10121 or the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 mandates the mainstreaming of disaster risk and climate change in the local development plans of the LGUs. True to its mandate of continuously capacitating the LGUs, the DILG is preparing LGUs for long-term planning and preparedness, thus, advocating the mainstreaming of disaster-risk reduction management and climate change adaptation (DRRM-CCA) in the CDP. Moreover, LGUs are encouraged to conduct risk assessment as basis of their planning not

only because it is required by the law but because it is the call of time. With the pressing problems being encountered by LGUs during calamities, it is appropriate that DRR-CCA results should be incorporated during planning process and in the identification of suitable PPAs. With these, the DILG has conducted series of activities on mainstreaming DRRM-CCA via risk assessment.

The following are the DRRM-CCA-related activities:

Activity	Date	Venue	Participating LGUs
Training Workshop for Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Planning-Climate & Disaster Risk Assessment (LCCAP-CDRA)	October 11-13, 2017	Basco, Batanes	All LGUs of Batanes
Mainstreaming CDRA in CDP "CDRA: Finding its way to CDP"	November 6-10, 2017	Supreme Hotel, Baguio City	Ambaguio, Alfonso Castaneda, Bagabag, Bambang, Diadi, Dupax del Norte, Dupax del Sur, Quezon, Villaverde and Kayapa
Training Workshop on the formulation of LCCAP Integrating CDRA	November 13-15, 2017	Supreme Hotel, Baguio City	1 <sup>st</sup> School: 12 LGUs of Isabela (Aurora, Burgos, Cabatuan, Luna, Mallig, Naguilian, Palanan, Quezon, Quirino, Reina Mercedes, Roxas, San Manuel) and All LGUs of Batanes (6)
	November 15-17, 2017	Supreme Hotel, Baguio City	2 <sup>nd</sup> School: 10 LGUs of Cagayan (Amulung, Gattaran, Sanchez Mira, Lallo, Camalaniugan, Sto. Niño, Aparri, Gonzaga, Solana and Allacapan)

Moreover, the Department also conducted a workshop on the localization of the National Disaster Preparedness Plan (NDPP) on November 3, 2017 at Tuguegarao City. The workshop was conducted to build awareness and recognition on the availability of NDPP as roadmap for DRR and strengthen the interoperability among government offices and local government units. It was participated by the representatives from the member agencies of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council. It was also an avenue for the council to make the region's draft Regional Disaster Preparedness Plan as anchored in the NDPP.

## STRENGTHEND INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

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### ❖ 51<sup>ST</sup> BATCH LGOOS II

As part of the Induction Training of the 51<sup>st</sup> Batch LGOOs II and III, the Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) assisted the following LGOO trainees during in the conduct of the Component II: Part II Face to Face Learning:

No.	Name of Trainee	Place of Assignment
1	Camua-Ty, Nesta Gianni. A.	Nueva Vizcaya
2	Maquinad, Rhonalyn P.	Isabela
3	Sucuano, Izza Jane D.	Isabela
4	Taccad, Raphoncel C.	Cagayan
5	Tamayao, Philip A.	Cagayan

## REGIONAL INITIATIVES

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### ❖ DILG RO 02 FIRST TO CONDUCT COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (CAP) IMPLEMENTATION IN THE NATION

Pursuant to the approval of DBM on the Department's effort to reclassify LGOO VI to LGOO VII positions as well as CSC Resolution No. 1700957 dated June 07, 2017 pertaining to the said reclassification, the Department adopted the Assessment Center (AC) approach as part of the evaluation system to be employed relative to the issuance of appointments specifically for the reclassification of LGOO VI positions (Cluster Officer) to LGOO VII.

A Preparatory/Dry-Run Meeting at Hotel Roma, Tuguegarao City was conducted on September 14, 20-17 which was participated in by three (3) assessors - two (2) RPSPB members, 1 Local Resource Institute representative and one (1) administrator per Assessment Center (AC).

On September 15, 2017, the Competency Assessment was participated in by sixteen (16) LGOOs VI. There were three (3) Assessment Centers, two were composed of five (5) assesses while the other was composed of (6) six. The procedure started at 8:00 AM and was conducted simultaneously.

Since DILG RO 02 is the first to conduct the said assessment in the department nationwide, Mr. Joel Lasam, a consultant officer from the DILG - Central Office, joined to observe and assist in the general conduct of the said activity.



Assistant Regional Director Odilon L. Pasaraba, CESO V acted as the Overall Administrator of the assessment.

#### ❖ **LOCAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE FORUM**

The DILG-Region 02, in its effort to build business-friendly and competitive LGUs, conducted the Local Economic Governance (LEG) Forum on December 18, 2017 at Zen Hotel, Santiago City. It was participated by Local Chief Executives (LCEs), Local Economic and Investments Promotion Officers (LEIPOs), Tourism Officers and Municipal/City Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs) of this Region.

The LEG Forum showcased and popularized innovations and good practices of local government units along the area of local economic development. It highlighted the importance of indigenous resources and socio-cultural factors in boosting and strengthening local economic development.

The activity was opened through a message by RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr.. In his message, he underscored that, in building economies, LGUs need to undertake different strategies suited to the existing economic environment to include economic activities already existing and those that are still absent in the locality. He added that doing so this will require profound understanding of the local economic structure, the investment needs and the attributes that may influence investments and economic growth.

Aiming for replication and adoption by other LGUs, innovations and best practices on Public-Private Partnership of Cauayan City, Isabela, Cultural Heritage: Kalanguya Festival of Sta. Fe Nueva Vizcaya and Balatong Industry Development of San Mateo, Isabela were presented. All these, are noted to have contributed in attracting investments, creating jobs and in increasing the local revenue of the abovementioned LGUs.

The keynote speaker, OIC-Director Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba, CESO V of the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Bureau of Local Government Supervision (DILG-BLGS), in his speech, accentuated that good local economy is tantamount to good local governance. He also challenged the local officials to give their best efforts in leading their respective LGUs and to sustain good local governance.

❖ **AWARDING CEREMONY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT INCENTIVES AND AWARDS, SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AND BEST BOTTOM UP BUDGETING IMPLEMENTERS**

The recognition and appreciation of the unceasing efforts and excellent performance of Local Government Units who passed the 2017 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) was conducted on December 14, 2017 at Zen Hotel, Santiago City. The SGLG is given to the LGUs that passed all the core areas namely: financial administration, peace and order, disaster preparedness, and social protection, as well as at least one of essential areas of business friendliness and competitiveness, environmental protection, and tourism, culture and arts.

In Region 02, twenty eight (28) LGUs passed this year's assessment, evaluation, and validation phases. As recognition and appreciation of the efforts and performance of these LGUs, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 02 conducted the 2017 SGLG Awarding to LGUs that have been conferred with the Seal last November 27 at the Manila Hotel. The Awarding Ceremony is another fitting recognition for them as the Department would like to commend those LGUs which excel in local governance.

Thereafter, the LGUIA Awarding transpired with the theme: "*Galing LGU: Paghusayin, Pagyamanin at Paunlarin*". The awardees are as follows:

AWARD	AWARDEE/S
Most Outstanding PROJECT PREPARE-Ready 24/7- MDRRMC (4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> class)	❖ Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya
Most Outstanding PROJECT PREPARE-Ready 24/7- MDRRMC (1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> class)	❖ San Mateo, Isabela
Most Outstanding PROJECT PREPARE-Ready 24/7- CDRRMC	❖ Cauayan City, Isabela
Most Outstanding PROJECT PREPARE-Ready 24/7- PDRRMC	❖ Isabela
Outstanding MPOC	❖ Saguday, Quirino
Outstanding CPOC	❖ Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
Best LGU BUB Implementer	❖ Ballesteros, Cagayan
	❖ Mallig, Isabela
	❖ Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcaya
Finalists	❖ Cauayan City, Isabela
	❖ City of Ilagan, Isabela

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Gattaran, Cagayan</li> <li>❖ Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya</li> <li>❖ Saguday, Quirino</li> </ul>
Nominees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Alfonso Castaneda, Nueva Vizcaya</li> <li>❖ Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya</li> <li>❖ Cabatuan, Isabela</li> <li>❖ San Manuel, Isabela</li> <li>❖ San Guillermo, Isabela</li> <li>❖ Jones, Isabela</li> <li>❖ Cabbaroguis, Quirino</li> <li>❖ Maddela, Quirino</li> <li>❖ Angadanan, Isabela</li> <li>❖ Nagtipunan, Quirino</li> </ul>



Barangay Namuac, Sanchez Mira receives cash, certificate and plaque from RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen Jr, CESO IV, together with the Provincial Directors and Division Chiefs of DILG RO2 as Most Outstanding barangay of Region 02 for CY 2017-Municipality category



Barangay San Gabriel of Tuguegarao City receives cash, certificate and plaque from RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen Jr, CESO IV, together with the Provincial Directors and Division Chiefs of DILG RO2 as Most Outstanding barangay of Region 02 for CY 2017-City category

#### ❖ **DILG SEARCH FOR TOP ACHIEVERS IN REGION 02 (STAR 02)**

DILG RO2 conducted the DILG Search for Top Achievers in Region 02 (STAR 02), the incentives and awards system to recognize individual and team performances, at Zen Hotel, Santiago City last 08 December 2017.

Highlights of the of the evening include the Presentation of the 2017 Regional Accomplishments, awarding of winners for the Search for Top Achievers of Region 02 (STAR 02), and the *Pasasalamat at Pagpupugay*, the DILG RO2's program in honoring its retirees.

The evening ended with the Employees Union Raffle Bonanza, the different provincial office performances for the K-Pop Competition, and the STARS of the Night.



DILG Province of Isabela headed by PD Elpidio A. Durwin, CESO.



## ❖ **DEVELOPING ICT CAPABILITY FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTIVITY**

The Department of Interior and Local Government Region 02 completed a 7-day workshop on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) from November 21, 2017 to November 29, 2017. The activity dubbed “Developing ICT Capability for Enhanced Productivity”, engaged personnel of DILG Region 2 to share and learn basics and even some techniques on ICT during the activity.

To strengthen the learning experience, Mr. Jestony B. Guillen, a freelance photographer, was invited to give lectures on basic photography and videography. Using the DSLR Camera



Participants during the ICT Capacity for Enhanced Productivity held at DILG Conference Hall last 21-29 November 2017.





recently purchased for Provincial Offices and Regional Operating Units, participants were able to enhance their photography and videography skills through hands-on activity. Topics on Cyber Security, Productivity Tools, Photo Manipulation and Video Editing were taught by the Information Systems and Technology Management Unit (ISTMU) of DILG Region 02. Also, the ISTMU discussed the importance of Social Media in trying to promote the Department to the public. Along the discussion of the importance of Social Media, Department Circular No. 2017-24 re DILG Social Media was also discussed.

The activity was attended by personnel from different Provincial Offices and Operating Units of the Regional Office. Participants are as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Operating Unit</b>
LGOO V	Hilda E. Poncio	Batanes
LGOO II	Jerimie C. Calimag	Batanes
ADAS II	Amafreda F. Zabala	Batanes
LGOO II	Renz Angelo P. Umambong	Cagayan
LGOO II	Arvin V. Esoen	Cagayan
ADA IV	Armand Benjamin A. Cortes	Cagayan
ADA IV	Christi Anna F. Cielo	Isabela
ADA IV	Deejay C. Mata	Isabela
LGOO II	Perry Alvin L. Barongan	Nueva Vizcaya
LGOO II	Jayson R. Fajardo	Nueva Vizcaya
ADAS II	Jhon Patrick B. Cababa	Quirino
J.O.	Judie Q. De Vera	Quirino
LGOO VI	Zenaida Z. Ricardo	LGCDD
LGOO II	Arlene E. Suetos	LGCDD
ADAS III	Samuel E. Omega	LGCDD
ADA VI	Alan C. Pascua	LGMED
LGOO V	Maybelle E. Anog	LGMED
LGOO V	Kelinda A. Vidad	LGMED
J.O.	Divina T. Cesar	FAD
ADAS III	Milcah I. Casibang	FAD
ADAS III	Emalyn A. Sacdalan	ORD
PLO III	Gmelina T. Manaligod	ORD
LGOO V	Arianne B. Batugal	ORD

Likewise, to increase the coverage, ISTMU streamed the lectures thru Facebook live at the official Facebook page of DILG Region 2, DILG Rehiyon Dos. With the expanded coverage,

the lecturers were able to enable the public and even personnel from DILG Region 2 to participate in the discussion.

## PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

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### ❖ DILG-ISABELA LAUDS TOP ADM IMPLEMENTERS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Isabela recognized top performing LGUs in the implementation of the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) program through Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities Incentives and Recognition of Exemplars (ADMIRE).

LGUs awarded include Benito Soliven, Cabatuan, Luna, Mallig, Naguilian, Ramon, Roxas and San Mariano. These LGUs were given plaque of recognition and cash incentives.

DILG-Isabela Provincial Director Elpidio A. Durwin hoped that the recognition given may inspire the awarded LGUs and other LGUs to perform better in the implementation of locally-funded projects.

Also, he encouraged the LGUs to sustain or improve their performance in pursuit of meaningful local governance.

ADMIRE is an incentive and awards program initiated by DILG-Isabela which seeks to give recognition to top performing municipalities in the implementation of 2017 ADM projects.

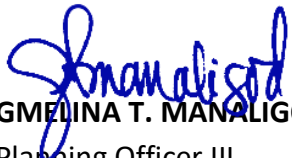
The search covered February to November 2017, commencing from the submission of LGUs of documentary requirements for ADM projects until the conduct of final inspection of projects.

The criteria used in determining the awardees entail physical accomplishment of the project (20%), submission of liquidation report (20%), observance of the process in the implementation of the project (20%), functionality of the Local Development Council (LDC) with Civil Society Organization (CSO) Membership (15%) and quality and functionality of project (25%).

Meanwhile, regional nominees for the 2014-2016 Best Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) Implementers were also awarded with plaque and cash incentives.

These LGUs include Angadanan, Cabatuan, Jones, San Guillermo and San Manuel.

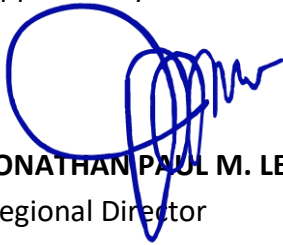
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