R12 BEST PRACTICES IN DEALING WITH COVID-19 CRISIS (BATCH 8)

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The COVID-19 global health emergency, and its economic and social impacts, have disrupted all sectors of society. People of different ages are experiencing its effects in different ways.

President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, which declared the country under the State of Public Health Emergency. Several Executive Orders were also issued by the City Mayor of General Santos City to prevent the transmission of the disease, and provide clear policy guidelines in the provision of social services to affected families.

As one of the biggest barangays in General Santos City, youth leaders of Calumpang implemented various services against COVID-19. The SK leaders rose above the challenge despite this concern, with the support from the Barangay Local Government Unit. Hence, the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Calumpang was able to implement the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

ROVER SKawts
March 14, 2020 – April 30, 2020

For the previous months, the City has been declared under the Enhanced Community Quarantine, strict implementation of national and local preventive guidelines were observed by the people. The Sangguniang Barangay also implemented the said guidelines. Curfew from 8pm to 4am was strictly implemented to limit people’s movement. The role is to secure every Purok in the Barangay and violators were advised to stay at home.

DIY FACE SHIELDS
March 25, 2020 – May 6, 2020

According to studies, the virus infects the body by entering its healthy cells. To protect their constituents, the youth leaders distributed free face masks and produced low-cost do-it-your-own (DIY) Face Shields intended for their Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team or BCCF Barangay Covid Control Force. At least 200 pieces of DIY Face Shields were produced and distributed last April 1, 2020. Last May 06, 2020, with the help of Miss Calumpang 2020 candidates, they were also able to produce at least 1,500 DIY face shields, which were distributed to their frontliners.
LOCALIZED INFORMATION MATERIALS FOR COVID-19
March 18-20, 2020

Barangay Calumpang is the most populated barangay in General Santos City, and this makes the implementation of Tanum Kaalam challenging. But this circumstance did not hinder the youth leaders to find other ways to inform and educate the public. As a response, the Sangguniang Kabataan used social media to disseminate e-posters. They also posted the same posters at conspicuous places in the barangay, which will serve as safety reminders to the public.

KAPE AT BISKWIT PARA SA BPAT
April 7, 2020

Securing the community borders from 24/7 can be very tiresome. Because of this, the Sangguniang Kabataan provided their frontline workers a one-month supply of biscuits and coffee as a show of gratitude to the latter’s sacrifices. On April 27, 2020, the youth leaders once again gave another batch of coffee and biscuits to their frontline workers.

TANUM KAALAM: COVID-19
INFORMATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Tanum Kaalam Program is a monthly information Education Campaign of SK Calumpang established prior the start of the pandemic. This program tackles different issues and concerns of the youth. Acknowledging the need to keep their constituents informed this time of pandemic, the youth leaders continued to conduct the said program to inform how the disease affects the community, the city, and the country, and to keep the constituents, especially the youth, well-aware of the safety protocols, rules, strategies and policies of the government against the disease.

VITAMIN C AND ANTI-BACTERIAL SOAP DISTRIBUTION
March 18, 2020 – April 1, 2020

SK Calumpang distributed Vitamins to their barangay frontliners to boost their immune system as they safeguard the community 24/7. Anti-bacterial soaps were also provided to the BPAT/BCCF’s families.
HUGAS KAMAY: PORTABLE HANDWASHING STATION
April 13-30, 2020

As per the 6th Special Session of the Sangguniang Kabataan, the council unanimously decided to install Portable Hand washing Stations in all 43 Purok entrances of the barangay.

In preparation for the implementation of the said project, the youth leaders partnered with MSU-Gensan’s College of Natural Science and Mathematics to learn how to formulate safe footbath and handwash solutions for their planned handwashing stations.

An orientation with the purok leaders was facilitated by the SK Officials prior the project implementation. These portable handwashing stations, now located at the entrances of every purok, aim to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

SAC FORM ENCODING AND SAP CASH DISTRIBUTION ASSISTANCE

The Sangguniang Kabataan helped in encoding the SAC FORM to the DSWD’s online system in response to the DILG XII’s call for assistance of the SK officials in encoding of the said forms. They also assisted the barangay officials during the SAP cash distribution.

URBAN GARDENING
June 10, 2020

SK Chairperson and SK Committee Chairman on Environmental Protection, Hon. Michael Jhon Ramos, in partnership with 4H-Club Team Gliders of Barangay Calumpang, initiated an Urban Garden - as source of food for the barangay this time of pandemic. This activity also aims to promote environmental and mental health awareness program among the youth by combating psychosocial anxieties and stresses while promoting sustainable gardening.
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: Barangay Katangawan, General Santos City

OPLAN RECORIDA

Considering that not all residents of Barangay Katangawan have access to the internet and social media for news and information, the youth leaders initiated an information education campaign through recorida or public address.

Through the public address, the barangay constituents were informed about COVID-19, health protocols, and policies set by the government to fight COVID-19.

They also produced IEC materials, which they posted in various public places.

RELIEF GOODS AND HOME QUARANTINE PASS DISTRIBUTION

To help support the needs of the constituents, the SK and barangay officials purchased relief goods funded from the SK and barangay budgets. At least 5,000 households were provided with the relief goods from the first until the fourth wave of relief distribution.

Home quarantine passes were also distributed to every household to limit people’s movement and help prevent the spread of the disease.

The Oplan Sundo sa Kabarangay was initiated by the Sangguniang Kabataan of Katangawan, which aims to assist stranded Katangawans’ in Davao Del Sur and Polomolok, South Cotabato.

In coordination with the Barangay’s Committee on Health, the SK was able to assist 25 residents of Katangawan. These residents were also referred to the RHU and BHERTs for monitoring.

Due to the limited facilities for the barangay’s LSIs and ROFs, the SK officials decided to temporarily convert the Adolescent Friendly Healthy Facility into an isolation facility so that residents who will have to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantine will have a safe, decent, and convenient place for isolation.
Since high school students are not allowed to go out of their homes for enrollment due to COVID-19, the SK officials assisted them in the enrollment process. In partnership with the teachers from Johnny Ang National High School, the SK and barangay officials distributed the enrollment forms to every purok. Enrollment boxes were also provided should enrollees be ready to submit their enrollment forms.

PROJECT PANIMA is an activity in partnership with the City Agriculture’s Office to relieve the residents’ stress due to the pandemic, and divert their interest into backyard gardening. Varieties of vegetable seeds were provided to a hundred of residents of the barangay.

Social Media and Facebook Accounts

The SK officials decided to create their Facebook account to inform and stay connected with their constituents. Through the platform, it is easier to promote, disseminate information, and give reminders to the people.

The SK Officials also launched the Tanong Mo: Itawag o Itext Mo campaign to help residents clarify their concerns about COVID-19.

Rice for Marcelline. The SK officials donated 10 sacks of rice to Marcelline Foundation who helps male children go to school. The foundation also supports the needs of the children this time of pandemic. A total of 42 children benefited from the donation. Barangay Katangawan’s Chairperson was once supported by the foundation.
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:
Barangay Fatima, General Santos City

One of the problems encountered during the first few weeks of COVID-19 pandemic was the misinformation circulating in the community. For this reason, the Sangguniang Kabataan initiated an IEC through online challenge and quiz bowl as ways to inform and encourage residents to follow the government’s guidelines and health protocols.

The youth leaders also assisted the Local Government Unit in strategizing, profiling, encoding SAP forms, and distributing the financial subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program. They helped in repacking and distributing relief goods, assisted in roving and implementing curfew hour to ensure the safety of the residents. It also assisted in producing and distributing Home Quarantine Passes.

March 31, 2020 | The Sangguniang Kabataan Council of Barangay Fatima volunteered to help in the strict implementation of curfew hours

Relief good and health kits distribution
MAY 18, 2020 | The Sanggriang Kabataan officials, together with barangay volunteers, helped in producing and distribution of the new Home Quarantine Pass.

The youth leaders, together with the volunteers, conducted Information, Education and Communication about COVID-19.

JUNE 12-21, 2020 | The SK Officials together with the volunteers encoded the SAC Forms in the DSWD Online System to cope with the deadline set by the DSWD Office.

Youth leaders and members of the Katipunan ng Kabataan helped in repacking the barangay relief goods.
COVID-19 Pandemic affected millions of lives around the world. Frontliners, considered today’s modern heroes, took the responsibility to help fellow Filipinos despite the hazard they face.

As elected officials of Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Lagao, they helped and extended their arms for the welfare of their constituents.

The SK officials pursued Kampanyang PPP: Pulot ug Pahibalo sa Purok program at Purok 8. It aims to clean up the streets, with the help of some youth residing in the said purok. Flyers and leaflets about COVID-19 pandemic were also distributed as part of Pahibalo, an information education campaign. Every evening, they also assist the barangay local government in implementing the City’s curfew hours.

They also assisted in the preparation of the Home Quarantine passes and distribution of relief goods, monitored the implementation of the “No HQP, No Entry” policy in various business establishments, and helped in encoding the SAC forms of the barangay beneficiaries.

To date, the Sangguniang Kabataan and Barangay Councils, together with the Barangay Employees and volunteers, see to it that every Lagaokeño finds comfort and security from the services they offer.
The SK Council of Ligaya and the Katipunan ng Kabataan (KK) volunteers served as additional human resource of the barangay local government in implementing various policies and activities in the barangay, which include relief distribution, implementation of curfew hours and stations roving, data encoding of SAP beneficiaries and remote enrollment of Ligaya Elementary & High school students.

The Covid-19 is one of the biggest challenges in the world that tests the governance and leadership of government leaders. As youth leaders, they showed empathy and helped spread the spirit of unity among their constituents amidst this pandemic.
Kabataan, Maghugpong Kita para sa aton Barangay

The Sangguniang Kabataan and barangay officials are working together to fight this pandemic. To prevent the spread of the disease, the barangay and youth leaders implemented curfew hours. Members of the Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team and youth volunteers guard the barangay’s outposts 24/7. A total of Php 10,000.00 was allotted by the local leaders for the meals and snacks of their frontline workers.

The SK officials, together with the Katipunan ng Kabataan, also helped the barangay in distributing food packs for their residents and assisted in disinfecting public places.

In the midst of pandemic where everyone is in a state of stress, the barangay and SK officials, BPATs, BHWs, and other volunteers took the dance challenge to serve as inspiration for everyone who sees the video while observing social distancing and the minimum health requirements of the government.

The SK officials believe that their little contribution helped their constituents, and they will continue serving them as leaders.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has characterized CoVID-19 as a pandemic due to the exponential increase of the number of cases in more than 100 countries. On March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte placed the country under the State of Calamity amidst the threats posed by CoVID-19. With this, the Sangguniang Kabataan of Dumaguil introduced various measures and practices to lessen the impact of the pandemic.

With the help of the Katipunan ng Kabataan and BLGU, the Officials helped the people by guarding the CoVID-19 outpost, distributing food packs and assisting in the implementation of other relevant government programs.
Participation is one of the important roles in achieving community success. In this pandemic, the government leaders and the people should unite in order to have a successful result. In order to help the constituents this time of crisis, the Barangay Council of Esperanza together with the Sangguniang Kabataan Officials, provided relief goods, conducted information campaign about COVID-19 and how to prevent it, and secured barangay borders to ensure the people's safety.

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:
Barangay Esperanza, Municipality of Norala

Relief Distribution

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:
Barangay Liberty, Municipality of Norala

Babangon Tayo – Barangay Liberty Sangguniang Kabataan Battle for COVID-19

The COVID-19 Pandemic has demonstrated the interconnectedness of our world. Only by acting in solidarity can communities save the lives and overcome the devastating socio-economic impacts of the virus. That is why, the Sangguniang Kabataan of Barangay Liberty initiated, “BABANGON TAYO! – Barangay Liberty Sangguniang Kabataan Battle for COVID-19 Pandemic", that displays the acts of humanity, unity, and hope for a better future. Babangon Tayo aims to deliver quality service to the people by supplying their needs.

The Sangguniang Kabataan Officials together with the Katipunan ng Kabataan members helped the BLGU in Information Dissemination by posting IEC materials in Social Media and Rekorida or public address, assisted in the distribution of the Special Amelioration Program (SAP) to qualified beneficiaries, secured the safety of the Barangay by installing COVID-19 checkpoints, and assisted in food pack Distribution.
Almost 90% of the total population of the Barangay benefited in Babangon Tayo. Quality services are properly delivered and assistance from the government was appropriately distributed.

Until now, the program is still giving quality service to the constituents, answering relevant concerns about CoVID-19 thru social media.

**SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:**
Barangay Puti and Barangay San Miguel, Municipality of Norala

Committed to serve their respective barangays this time of pandemic, the SK officials of Barangay Puti and Barangay San Miguel assisted their respective Barangay LGUs in providing relief goods to their constituents, conducting outpost security to monitor those who come in and out of their barangay, and in ensuring that no one violates the set curfew hours.
Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials were scheduled their own tasks every week. Wednesdays are for the SK officials, to monitor those who do not follow the minimum health requirements set by the government. Residents who were caught not wearing face masks were given free washable face masks by the youth leaders.

They also assisted in inspecting residents who enter the market to buy their necessities, and strictly implemented the “No facemasks, No home quarantine pass, no entry” policy.

The SK for Wednesdays was conducted until the Enhanced Community Quarantine was lifted.

The youth leaders hoped that through these activities, they were also able to inspire other youth and awaken in them the value of volunteerism.

The COVID-19 pandemic gravely affected the country and its people: a battle of everyone, young and old. The government, as the frontliner, initiates the actions to protect and help the people.

As the representative of youth in the barangay, the SK officials of Barangay Simsiman deemed the need for them to act together with the barangay officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Since the barangay has sufficient budget to address or ameliorate the situation, the Sangguniang Kabataan did not use the SK Fund. Instead, they served as the much needed manpower resource to implement the activities of the local government.
Both SK Officials and Katipunan ng Kabataan members took charge in the house to house distribution of Quarantine Pass, assisted in identifying Social Amelioration Program (SAP) qualified beneficiaries, and joined the barangay team in the contribution of two rounds of food packs in the community. By the help of the active youth members in the barangay, the provision of people’s basic essentials was fast and easy.

Unity is one of the most important factors in order for the team’s goal to be achieved. Since there are also barangay officials who were restricted to go out from their respective homes because of their age and health condition, the efforts of the young and strong ones were highly encouraged and needed.

SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN:
Barangay Tinago, Municipality of Norala

Sanguniang Kabataan, Kaisa at Kaagapay ng Barangay sa Laban

As the Barangay Local Government Unit responds to the on-going crisis, the SK officials served as their support or “kaagapay”. As part of the battle, the Sangguniang Kabataan extended their help by assisting in the distribution of relief goods/food packs, securing the borders or checkpoints, and realigning the budget to supply the foods and needs of the tanods and other frontliners.

The youth initiated the Sanguniang kabataan, Kaisa at Kaagapay ng Barangay sa Laban to awaken the youth’s sense of volunteerism and contribute to help the barangay prevent COVID-19.
Knowing that Covid-19 can be transmitted by physical contact, securing the borders is a must. Many countries have introduced far-reaching restrictions on daily life to prevent and control the spread of the virus. In many cases, this resulted in complete shutdown of whole cities, regions, and countries.

Because of the community lockdown imposed in the barangay, the Barangay Council and the Sangguniang Kabataan Officials helped their constituents have enough food supply by conducting house-to-house distribution of food packs, and ensured their safety by guarding the barangay borders.

Sangguniang Kabataan Officials helped the BLGU through volunteering and conducting community services to lessen the burden brought by this pandemic.

The practices made by the Sangguniang Kabataan Officials brought so much hope to the people of the Barangay. The distribution of food packs kept families away from hunger. Guarding the CoVID-19 outpost lessened the worries of the constituents that the disease may spread.
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN: Barangay Lapuz, Municipality of Norala

Government employees are considered frontliners in this fight against COVID-19. As youth leaders, they work in unity together with the Barangay officials, BHWs, Purok Presidents and Brgy Tanods.

Through their collective effort, they were able to conduct house to house distribution of quarantine passes, assisted in the distribution of SAP to qualified beneficiaries, and joined the BHWs and barangay officials in the distribution of the 1st to 3rd wave of relief goods. Through these efforts, supplying the needs of the constituents was hastened.

Furthermore, the SK officials also participated in securing our environment through clean-up drive activity in relation to this pandemic and dengue awareness campaign, as requested by the Municipal Health Unit.