



# The TRUMPET



Incoming Regional Director receives the DILG Banner during the ceremonial turnover officiated by USEC Sacendoncillo and Asec Aldana

## DILG XII Welcomes New Regional Director

DILG XII recently held a warm welcome ceremony for its new regional director Josephine C. Leysa, CESO V, at the The Farm, Carpenter Hill in Koronadal City.

The said event was witnessed by representatives from the DILG Central Office led by Undersecretary for Local Government Marivel C. Sacendoncillo, CESO III, who officiated the installation ceremony together with Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance Ester A. Aldana, CESO II.

Also in attendance were Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS) Director Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba, CESO V, National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO) Bureau Director Karl Caesar R. Rimando, CESO V and Public Affairs and Communication Service (PACS) Director Marlo S. Guanzon.

As she accepted the new responsibility, Director Leysa shared a vivid recollection of her journey at the Department, highlighting the training and exposure that eventually helped shape and prepare her for bigger responsibilities as the head executive assistant to the secretary of the Department, starting with the then Secretary Ismael D. Sueno, OIC- Secretary

Catalino S. Cuy and the current Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

She also expressed gratitude to those whom she considered to have had major influence in her life at DILG which included former DILG Regional Directors Quirino Libunao, CESO III, Buagas B. Sulaik, CESO III and Reynaldo M. Bungubung, CESO IV.

In her speech, Director Leysa challenged the regional office staff who were present at the installation rites along with her family, that 'ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things through teamwork'. The message also laid down the priorities for the regional office which is towards setting appropriate career paths for all personnel, among many other equally important policy directions.

In her perspective, performance means people and the way to excellence means looking out for the welfare and career of each DILG XII personnel. All DILG XII key officials headed by Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESE who were also present, threw their support to the new Regional Director.

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## Year-end Program Implementation Review 2018 CMGP



The DILG XII recently conducted the CY 2018 Year-end Program Implementation Review for Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) in General Santos City. The activity was participated in by the provincial engineers, provincial accountants and provincial planning officers.

Engr Ananias “Bong” Fernandez, CMGP-PMO Assistant Program Manager of DILG Central Office presented the budget allotted for CY 2019. He emphasized that the allocation of the budget depends on the performance of the provinces in terms of project implementation. He also presented the FY 2018

CMGP Fund Utilization and Project Implementation Status. He then reminded the provinces of the status of their respective Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR).

On the first day of the activity, the provinces were given the opportunity to share their best practices in terms of implementing the 2018 CMGP Program. On the last day, a workshop which focused on identifying the gaps, gains, incidences and the facilitating factors that will address the gaps encountered by the LGUs in project implementation was conducted.

## 2019 Strategic Plan crafted during the First MANCOM Meeting

“There is much to be done in DILG XII.”

This was the challenge posed by the new DILG 12 Director Josephine C. Leysa as she led the 1st Management Committee (MANCOM) meeting for CY 2019 which was held recently. The message was well received by the MANCOM members who were present during the two-day activity, which was highlighted by the strategic planning workshop.

Director Leysa, who had just finished serving



*Members of the MANCOM during the presentation of updates from the field offices*

two DILG Secretaries and an officer-in-charge as head executive assistant (HEA), emphasized her role which is “to guide, motivate and inspire” the rest of the committee members that she is working with. The value of teamwork, she believes, is vital since it is ‘the fuel for ordinary people to produce extraordinary results.’

One of the thrusts of the Office is to bring its services and people to the communities through the media networks, including the social media, in the region.



*RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa in her privilege speech during the MANCOM Meeting*

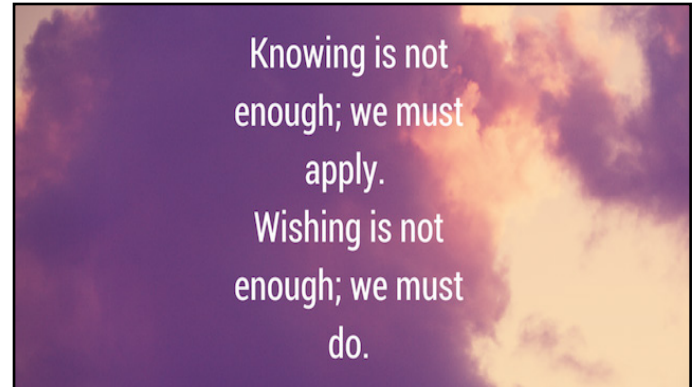
## CDP CONTENT: Assessment for Cities of Cotabato and General Santos

In line with the CDP Assessment for HUCs and ICCs held last December 18-19, 2018 at DILG XII Conference Room, the DILG XII conducted another round of assessment on January 30, 2019 at Paraiso Verde Resort, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

The activity aimed at conducting a thorough evaluation on the very content of the CDP. It particularly focused on the quality of the substance, consistency to the prescribed CDP guidelines and alignment to regional strategic priorities.

One of the concerns of the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA) representatives during the assessment was whether their respective mandated

plans were integrated in the CDPs. On the other hand, DBM Regional Director Akmad Usman appreciated the undertaking as it became a means in the achievement of efficient Public Financial Management (PFM) of our LGUs.



## Bloodletting, Healthy Lifestyle Championed in DILG XII Women's Month Celebration



*RD Jo Leysa during the blood-letting activity administered by Red Cross South Cotabato Chapter*

As a way of showing support to the observance of the National Women's Month, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office XII under the leadership of Director Josephine Cabrido - Leysa, spearheaded various activities as part of the opening salvo of the celebration.

A lecture on healthy lifestyle was given by Nutrition Officer Leah Fe Utlang from the Provincial Nutrition Council XII to encourage all the DILG XII employees to opt for a healthier, productive and happier life. Utlang said that 'everyone can make a choice between being healthy and otherwise' and that they can start with 'mind-setting' for better health.

After the lecture, a bloodletting and blood-typing

activity was facilitated by the Philippine Red Cross-South Cotabato Chapter wherein 14 units of 450-cc bags were filled by the eager blood donors led by the Regional Director herself.

"This is our way of doing something for others- this bloodletting activity. This is a good start for us to show we care", Leysa was quoted as saying.

The National Women's Month celebration is being held every March of each year and is a part of the worldwide observance of the International Women's Day (IWD). This year's theme 'We make change work for women' has been used since 2017 until 2022, highlights the empowerment of women who are active contributors to and claimholders of development.



RD Jo Leysa and ARD Lailyn Ortiz with South Cotabato Gov. Daisy Avance Fuentes together with the DILG XII Team after the SOPA

## Director Leysa lauds South Cotabato Gov's SOPA, CMGP implementations

Newly installed DILG XII Regional Director Josephine C. Leysa commended Governor Daisy Avance-Fuentes' efforts of reaching out to the far-flung communities in South Cotabato through its various programs.

Director Leysa described the provincial government's campaign as 'commendable' as 'it allows people to have access to various government programs and services'. Leysa's reaction came as a response to Governor Fuentes' third State of the Province Address (SOPA) on Monday, February 18, 2019. Through the SOPA, the governor was able to outline her major accomplishments for 2018 before the jam-packed crowd at the South Cotabato Gym and Cultural Center.

Leysa was speaking mainly on Governor Fuentes' Development Priority no. 3 which focused on 'Accelerating Infrastructure Development, Fuentes stated that her administration 'had made major investments in material infrastructures amounting to more than P960 million' in 2018 alone.

Included in the said funds were the P300.9 million worth of road projects under the Conditional Matching Grant Program (CMGP) of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. The funds were spent mainly for the rehabilitation and construction of roads and bridges. CMGP is a partnership program between the DILG and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for provincial governments.

CMGP is an enhanced version of the 'KALSADA' Program (Kongkreto at Ayos na LanSangan ang DAan Tungo sa Pagkalahatang Kaunlaran) which was initiated in 2016. The program was an offshoot of the successful completion of the Australian Aid's Provincial Road Management Facility which was piloted in 10 selected provinces in the Visayas and Mindanao. From an initial budget of P6.5 Billion in 2016 for KALSADA, covering 207 road projects, the DBM increased the CMGP allocation to P18.03 Billion in 2017 to fund 330 road projects under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) component in the 2017 General Appropriations Act.

The CMGP is meant to 'partly address the seemingly poor state of provincial roads across the country and to improve the capacity of provinces in local road management (LRM), incorporating reforms in public financial management (PFM).

"With #RoadsPaMore", we see that the lives of our people in the hinterlands will become much easier, much better" Director Leysa added as she describes the convenience, change and progress that the new roads bring to the residents of a community. Testimonials from beneficiary communities were played out in between the speech of the Governor and they all highlighted the 'joy and gratefulness of the people' who were in tears upon seeing a four-wheel vehicle for the first time.

"I see genuine appreciation in the eyes of the people, especially the residents of Sito Blit, Barangay Ned in Lake Sebu, for something that they thought they wouldn't see in their lifetime: a decent road that reached and went through their village," Director Leysa clarified.

From 2016 to 2018, the CMGP has granted a total of P686.75 million for the construction of more than 58 kilometers of provincial roads all over South Cotabato. For 2019, the Department is set to download P134 million for the construction of six road projects in Tampakan, Koronadal City, Surallah, Polomolok, Tboli, Tantangan and Norala. That would bring the total CMGP funds to P814 million.



RD Leysa with Gov. Fuentes and other RDs of Region XII

## DILG XII Leads Disaster Resilience Dialogue



*The stakeholders pledge to support Operation Listo led by RD Leysa*

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido - Leysa led the conduct of the Operation L!STO: Regional Orientation and Disaster Resilience Dialogue on March 6, 2019 at the Narra Hall, Paraiso Verde Resort, Koronadal City with the presence of various DRRMCs and other stakeholders.

Director Leysa recognized the continued support of the RDRRMC members and other stakeholders such as the CSOs, media personalities and LRIs in the various initiatives of the DILG for Disaster Preparedness. She further emphasized the role of LCEs before, during and after disasters. According to her, the LCEs, as frontliners during disasters and as chairs of their respective LDRRMC, are required to lead the progressive preparedness actions enumerated in the Operation LISTO Manual. With reference to what happened to some of the LCEs from other regions, she pointed out that local officials should be physically present in their AOR during disasters or otherwise they will be issued with show cause orders, or worse face administrative charges if found negligent to their duties.

LGOO VI/OIC-Chief of the Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCCD) and DRRM-CCA Focal Person Maria Theresa De Justo-Bautista gave the Rationale and Objectives of the Activity, the Overview of the Operation L!STO Manual Development, and the Presentation of the Operation L!STO Journey. She enumerated the various initiatives of the DILG which manifest its undying commitment

to perform its mandates on DRRM-CCA.

Mr. Arnulfo C. Villaruz, Chief of Operations and Warning, PDRRMO-Cotabato shared the Good Practices of the Cotabato Province in the overall DRR Management. He imparted to the group the experiences, challenges, and motivations to not just do “good”, but to deliver their “best”. He also shared valuable insights which undoubtedly proves that their Province deserves its winning streak on SGLG which Disaster Preparedness has been one of the Core Areas.

New tools were launched under the Operation L!STO which aims to provide assistance to component LGUs in using Quality Assurance System to ensure that all barangays have quality BDRRM Plans.

This new milestone in the DRRM-CCA program was followed by a symbolic turn-over ceremony. RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V administered the giving of LGU Disaster Preparedness Manual to the participants.

The participants also willingly pledged to support the activities of the Operation L!STO and advocate its use in the overall DRR Management. They also committed to strive to become disaster-ready citizens at all times and be more than willing to extend help in times of disasters, embodying the true spirit of Bayanihang Filipino. Before the end of the program, Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESE gave the synthesis of the activity and bade farewell to all of the attendees.

## Roses for all Female Employees on International Women’s Day



*PDMU ladies with all smiles after receiving roses during the women’s day celebration*

A tribute activity was conducted on last March 8, 2019 by the Regional Office XII in celebration of the International Women’s Day and Women’s Month with the theme “Make Change Work For Women” and ad campaign #BalanceForBetter.

Said activity was hosted by the LGCDD and graced by the Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V, who encouraged all the women employees to be great in their own way and enjoy the very special day dedicated to all the women in the world.

The activity involved all personnel of DILG XII with fun and games like Women Genius Quiz Bee, Superwoman Challenge, Girl Power Zumba and Make-up Transformation Challenge which aim to raise awareness on women empowerment.

Roses were given to all the lady employees while being serenaded by Sir Dennis Sucol, Chief Administrative Officer and Engr. Melphil Bordios of PDMU.

ARD Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESE thanked everyone for the love and for making all the female employees important on this very special day.



*LGCCD Chief Tere Bautista Serenaded by Engr. Melphil of PDMU as part of the tribute activity during women’s day celebration*

## SGLG RAT and SUB-RAT gather for a Coordination Meeting



*Members of RAT and SUB RAT together with ARD Lailyn Ortiz, PDs Atty. Sero, Atty. Viejo and LGMED Chief Lah Alim*

Members of the Regional Assessment Team (RAT) and the Sub-RAT from the four (4) Provinces of the Region gathered for a coordination meeting on March 4, 2019 at Paraiso Verde, Koronadal City.

The activity is in line with the Region’s preparations for the 2019 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) program implementation and aims to discuss and gain meaningful insights from last year’s implementation to further strengthen program strategies, maintain common

appreciation and understanding of the SGLG criteria, and the delivery of technical assistance to local government units.

Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESE, spearheaded the workshop activities and emphasized on the importance of openness, teamwork and common understanding among the members of the RAT and Sub-RAT.

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## RD Leysa Spearheads the Turn-Over of 5 Salintubig Projects in Magpet, Cotabato



Mayor Gonzaga of Magpet, Cotabato assisted Regional Director Jo Leysa during the cutting of ribbons for the turn-over ceremony

The Municipality of Magpet, Cotabato Province recently conducted a turn-over ceremony last March 12, 2019 of the five (5) SALINTUBIG projects to the barangays of Don Panaca, Bongolanon, Kisandal, Owas and Kamada with a total fund allocation of PHP 14,000,000.00 at Brgy. Kamada Covered Court.

## NDMU, SKSU, STI, SEAIT OJTs Complete 400-Hour Training under DILG XII



Some of the on-the-job trainees with RD Jo Leysa, ARD Lailyn Ortiz, together with the Division Chiefs during the informal recognition ceremony

Koronadal City - Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V and Assistant Regional Director, Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESE, together with the Division Chiefs of the DILG Region XII, awarded on March 8, 2019 the Certificate of Completion to the sixteen (16) On-the-Job Trainees (OJTs) who had worked at the Regional Office. The said OJTs came from the South East Asian Institute of Technology (SEAIT), Sultan Kudarat State University (SKSU) - Tacurong Campus, Notre Dame of Marbel University (NDMU) and STI College. This batch of students have already completed their mandatory 400-hour training which is a pre-requisite for graduation.

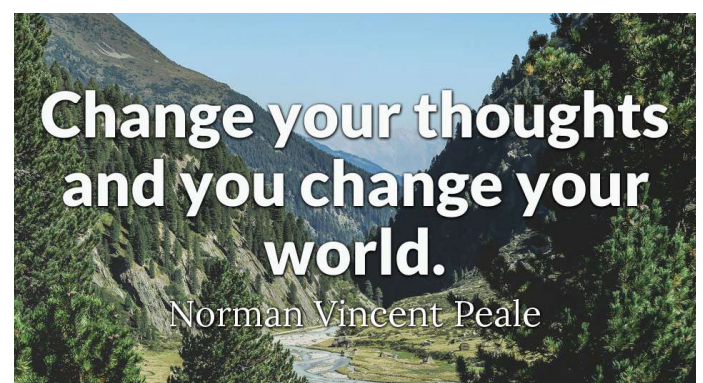
RD Leysa conveyed her sincere gratitude to the

The activity was led by DILG 12 Regional Director Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO V together with Municipal Mayor, Hon. Florenito T. Gonzaga and other Local Officials, MLGOO Inecita C. Kioniosala and PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy.

The signing of the certificate of turn-over was witnessed by the respective Punong Barangays and their residents. Director Leysa recognized the LGU's continual support and successful implementation of the subprojects under the Department.

Her message to the beneficiaries focused on good stewardship wherein they were admonished to take good care of the projects that was entrusted to them. She also emphasized that without the commitment and care for the projects, it will not be sustained at all.

students while acknowledging their immense help to the Divisions where they had been assigned. Dir. Leysa gave them the encouragement to become not only good children to their parents but also to become part of well-capacitated citizens of the society.



## World Water Day 2019 Celebration spearheaded by PDMU 12



*The winning piece of Jovy Lloyd Gaspar of Koronadal City for the poster making contest during the World Water Day 2019 Celebration held at KCC Mall Convention Center Koronadal City*

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office XII joined this year's celebration of the World Water Day at the KCC Mall Convention Center in Koronadal City. This year's activity which was held on March 18, adopted the theme, "HAWAK KAMAY TUBIG KAAGAPAY". It was participated in by the nine (9) Divisions of the Department of Education Region XII.

Engr. Elmer T. Supremo, Development Management Officer IV of the Department of Health (DOH-XII) shared his scholarly opinion and views on the importance of potable water and his expertise in sanitation.

The celebration was also graced by the presence of Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) Chief Maria Theresa D. Bautista, DILG-XII.

In her message, Division Chief Bautista said that water is "the blood life of the environment" and thus, everyone "has the responsibility to take care of this gift; knowing how essential it is for all living things." She pointed out what seems to be the missing element among those who take water for granted: care and

concern for this all-important and vital resource. She ended her speech with the words from a quote saying, "The only thing we need to do is care." This is the missing element that she wanted to highlight.

The highlight of the event is the Quiz Bowl that was participated in by 36 students. Those who stood out among them were Miles Timoty Queman of Cotabato City who bagged the 1st place, Reid Chrysler Manares of Sarangani getting the 2nd place and Kent Impok of Kidapawan City landing in the 3rd place.

To culminate the event, winners in the various contests categories were announced and they received corresponding prizes and rewards. The following are the winners per category for the Poster-Making Contest Jovy Lloyd Gaspar of Koronadal City bagged the 1st place, Kent Manginsawan of Kidapawan City got the 2nd place and John Christian Harold Casero of Sultan Kudarat Province placed 3rd. For the Essay-Writing Contest, Hannah Charisse Barluado of South Cotabato showed her writing prowess and wowed the judges, placing 1st. Darylie Faye Gayatin of Sultan Kudarat trailed in the 2nd place and Alexa Astidillo of Kidapawan settled for the 3rd place.



# DILG's Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) is a game-changer

## –Undersecretary Sacendoncillo



*The SGLG Team of Region XII during the SGLG National Orientation spearheaded by BLGS-DILG Central Office*

“The SGLG is a game-changer for local government units...”

This was how Undersecretary for Local Government Marivel C. Sacendoncillo, CESO III, described the relevance of the SGLA in her inspirational message during the opening day of the 2019 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) National Orientation recently.

To us in the DILG, “the SGLG has ‘scaled up the actions’ of the LGUs and that it is the system that the DILG can be proud of; this is the system that allows us to exactly perform our mandate.”

Usec. Sacendoncillo posed the challenge ahead to all those who were present in the event on “how to make the system more effective for local government units, not just from a mere ‘compliance monitoring’ but it has to evolve into a ‘results-based assessment system.’

“Beyond the assessment, the use of the information is critical,” Usec. Sacendoncillo emphasized. She further added that “more than just giving out the Seal, what is more significant is how it can move LGUs from a certain level of performance to the next higher level.”

On the other hand, Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba, CESO III, Director of the BLGS expressed appreciation for all LGUs which “are indispensable partners, allies”. The activity, held on March 18-19, 2019 at BSA Twin Towers in Mandaluyong City, gathered the first batch of Regional Assessment Teams (RATs) from Regions I, III, IV-A, V, IX, X, XII and CARAGA to discuss the Technical Notes, Assessment Instruments, Implementation Process, Key Responsibilities and Timelines.

The Regional Orientation is slated on the second week of April in Koronadal City to roll out the finalized policies and guidelines, set of indicators, and assessment instruments. There shall be clustering of provinces and cities in order to facilitate a more conducive environment for meaningful discussions. Subsequently, the regional assessment is set to commence mid-April and shall be completed by the second week of May.

Considering the trend in the performance of LGUs since the inception of SGLG in 2015, and in anticipation of the legitimization of the program, the National Steering Committee has resolved to carry on the existing indicators of the seven (7) assessment areas namely, Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection, Peace and Order, Business-Friendliness and Competitiveness, Environment Protection, and Tourism, Culture and the Arts. Upgrades on benchmarks for some indicators were introduced as they are deemed necessary in upholding the essence of the Seal.

The ‘2019 SGLG: As Is’ hopes to have more LGUs meeting the minimum standards set for local governance, innovations, and public service delivery and eventually pass the series of assessments and validations leading to the Awarding Ceremony which is tentatively set to happen in October.

The program shall be steered by the Council of Good Local Governance composed of the DILG, DBM, DOF, DOH, DSWD, DepEd, DOT, DENR, NEDA, OCD and a basic sector representative identified by the NAPC. Once it becomes a law, the DILG shall remain as the implementing agency

## 2019 SGLG Regional Implementation Strategies Laid-Out



*SGLG Regional Focal Ryan Alair presented the strategies and implementation plan to the Regional RAT and sub RAT*

To enhance the strategies for the 2019 Seal of Good Local Governance program implementation. The members of the Regional Assessment Team (RAT) and Sub-Regional Assessment Teams (Sub-RATs) of Region XII convened for a Pre-Implementation Meeting on March 26, 2019 at the Conference Room of DILG Regional Office XII, Prime Regional Government Center in Barangay Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, and laid down major strategies for this year's implementation.

Discussed during the workshop was the conduct of the Clustered Regional Orientations with their corresponding schedules and venues. The Province of Cotabato cluster has been set for April 8 in Kidapawan City, South Cotabato-Sarangani-General Santos City cluster on April 10 in Koronadal City, and Sultan Kudarat-Cotabato City Cluster on April 12 in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.

Thereafter, LGUs will be allotted time to assemble the required documents and prepare the identified facilities to be presented during the On-Site

Assessment. Provinces and cities will be evaluated by members of the RAT and the municipalities by members of the Sub-RAT.

The On-Site Assessments will be conducted on April 23 and May 21 but the Regional Management hopes that majority of the Region's 54 LGUs have initially been assessed prior to the May 13 elections by their respective Provincial/City Director and CMLGOOs. The first short-listing of potential LGU passers will be done during the Regional Calibration which is tentatively scheduled on May 23-24, 2019.

Towards the end of the activity, LGOO VII Musarapha A. Alim, MPA, Chief of the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED), acknowledged the presence of Civil Society Organization (CSO) representatives and recognized their unwavering support to this flagship program of the Department. Chief Alim also expressed high hopes, along with the Regional Management, that the number of LGU passers for this year's round of assessment will significantly increase.



*The members of RAT and Sub RAT during the pre implementation meeting*

*cont. SGLG RAT and SUB-RAT gather for a Coordination Meeting. . .*

According to ARD Ortiz, the said values serve as the 'bedrock of the integrity of the program implementation in the region'.

The CSO partners who attended the activity are Architect Carlito Y. Uy of the South Cotabato Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Engr. Arturo Zambrano of the Sultan Kudarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Ms. Editha Bernad of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM) - Cotabato Chapter.

In her closing remarks, LGOO VII Musarapha A. Alim, MPA, Chief of the Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED) thanked the participants for actively engaging in the discussions and appreciated the viable roles of the CSO-members of the RAT and Sub-RAT in the conduct of the yearly assessment and hopes that the number of the LGU passers for Region XII will increase in 2019.

**Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.**

Charles R. Swindoll

## RDC-RPOC XII Successfully Conduct Its 1st Joint Meeting for CY 2019



*The RDC Chair Hon. Ronnel C. Rivera of Gen. Santos, PNPROXII- PB/GEN. Eliseo T. Rasco, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa of DILG XII, RD Teresita Socorro C. Ramos of NEDA XII and the rest of the RPOC-RDC XII Officials.*

The Office of the President issued Executive Order No. 09 reinstating the Cabinet Assistance System (CAS) which shall be responsible for handling priority areas or subjects that require special and immediate attention as identified and recommended by the Department Secretaries.

During the 35th CAS meeting, it was recommended and proposed that the Cabinet Meetings will be held outside Metro Manila. To facilitate the regional discussions, the NEDA and DILG were tasked to identify strategic and priority local issues for discussions of the CAS and for eventual elevations to the Cabinet.

On March 21, 2019, the Regional Development Council (RDC) XII and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII conducted its 1st Joint Meeting at Paraiso Verde Hotel, City of Koronadal.

The meeting was presided by Hon. Ronnel C. Rivera, City Mayor of General Santos City and Chairperson of the RDC XII. The meeting was attended by the RPOC XII Vice Chairperson, P/BGen. Eliseo Tam Rasco of PNP XII, RPOC Head Secretariat, RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V of DILG XII, RDC XII Vice Chairperson, RD Teresita Socorro C. Ramos of NEDA XII, 3 Provincial Governors, Hon. Daisy Avance-Fuentes of South Cotabato, Hon. Steve C. Solon of Sarangani and Hon. Emmylou Taliño-Mendoza of Cotabato Province with the majority of the regular members of the Councils.

During the said meeting, Mr. Tanghal of NEDA XII presented the Region XII CY 2018 Socio-Economic Report while the Peace and Order updates were

presented by PLTC Jemuel F. Siason of PNP-PRO XII, Maj. Rico Lapura, Jr of 6th ID and Capt. McGary T. Dida of 10th ID.

The Strategic and Priority local issues submitted by the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) and Local Government Units (LGUs) were also presented by RD Ramos of NEDA and RD Cabrido-Leysa of DILG XII, respectively.

Among the issues identified and presented to the body were:

1. Land Conflicts from awarding of CADT or Issuance of Certificate of no-overlap and selling of CADT;
2. Political Intervention on IP Political Systems;
3. Non-compliance to FPIC (Free prior and informed consent) - national government agencies oftentimes failed to secure FPIC from IP groups;
4. Absence of Social Reintegration Program for BIFF surrenderers;
5. Regulation of Masjids and Madrasas as a way of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE);
6. Sustainability of assistance (Financial/ Livelihood/ Skills Training) to PWUD
7. Suspension of issuance of survey authority, acceptance and processing of all public land applications and issuance of patents over lands

located in the Provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani;

8. Illegal entry of aliens, Deceptive assumption of Filipino Identity; and
9. NPA harassment and destruction of government projects/contractors' equipment



After thorough discussions on the issues presented, the following are the actions requested from CAS through the following NGAs:

#### **NCIP/DENR/OP**

- Expedite the issuance of CADT to IP communities particularly the Certificate of Non-Overlap from DENR;
- Replication of the concept on the (Limulan-Hinalaan) CADT council at the higher level to sustain the initiative at the municipal level

#### **OP/NCIP/LEAGUES(LGUs)/ DENR/ DAR**

- Promote autonomy of IP Political System by strengthening the mandate of the NCIP
- Require all government agency to follow/comply FPIC (Free prior and informed Consent)

#### **NCIP/DepED/AFP**

- To support the following RPOC Resolution:
  1. RPOC Res. No. 2018-30 re “ A resolution strongly urging the DepED to deny the granting of the License to Operate or approval of Permit to Operate (PTO) to MISFI/CLANS Schools which do not comply with the prescribed curriculum or instead teaching communist or other ideologies” and;
  2. RPOC Res. No. 2018-31 re “ A Resolution strongly urging the order of closure of the MISFI/CLANS Schools currently operating particularly those with disposed/denied application of DepEd”.)

#### **DILG/OMA/DND**

- Legislation of an E-CLIP/ Social Reintegration

and Deradicalization Programs for Southern Philippines Secessionist Group (SPSG) surrenderers

#### **CHED/DEPED/OMA**

- Legislation on the Regulation of Masjids and Madrasas as a way of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE)
- Creation of similar Institution/ Universities to replicate the Malaysian and Singaporean model

#### **TESDA, DOLE, DTI, LGU (P/C/M/B), DILG**

- Issue specific guidelines for integrated program implementation approach for Financial/ Livelihood/ Skills Training assistance to Persons Who Used Drugs (PWUD)
- Lifting of suspension on issuance of title for government-claimed properties

#### **CABINET THROUGH THE SECRETARIES OF DND, DPWH, DILG**

- Institutionalize the Security Partnership between AFP and the National-Level Private Contractors / Contractors' Association on Levelling-Up or Conduct of Advance Training for the SCAA under the Supervision of the AFP in the entire country; and;
- Issuance of DND-DPWH-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC): to guide local level security partnership and provide for corresponding fund support between AFP/PA Divisions/Brigades/ Batallions, DPWH Regional/ District Offices, Provincial/ City/Municipal LGUs - Regional/Local Contractors' Association

In conclusion, the body unanimously approved the passage of a Joint RDC-RPOC XII Resolution endorsing the abovementioned local priority issues to the Office of the Cabinet through the CAS.



## 24 LGU's bared their APCPI Result

With the thrust of assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the LGUs in terms of the procurement process, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office XII, through the Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU), conducted a Follow Through Workshop on Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicators (APCPI) for Batches 1 & 2 last March 19-22, 2019 at Villa Amor Hotel Koronadal City.

The said activity aims to capacitate Local Government Units in generating APCPI result using the latest version and update the participants' knowledge in conducting APCPI assessment in accordance with the APCPI User's guide.

The 1st Batch of participants are the representatives of LGUs from the Provinces of Sultan Kudarat and South Cotabato and the 2nd Batch are from the LGUs of Sarangani and Cotabato Provinces.

In one of the highlights of the activity, participants were asked to fill in the Consolidated Procurement Monitoring Report and present their APCPI result and Action Plan at the end of the session. The results



were then submitted to GPBB-TSO.

Ms. Aida N. Carpentero, a Procurement Specialist (private practitioner) served as the Resource Person for both (2) batches of the said activity. There had been 24 LGUs out of the 54 who were present for the three-day workshop.



## Community-Based Monitoring System-Accelerated Poverty Profiling (CBMS-APP) Newsbriefs

The Local Government Unit of Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat conducted their Community-Based Monitoring System-Accelerated Poverty Profiling (CBMS-APP) Module 2: Data Processing and Poverty Mapping last February 11-15, 2019 at the BuB Hall, Municipal Compound of Lutayan after completing the data gathering for their eleven (11) Barangays. The activity was spearheaded by the Municipal Planning Office and was participated in by eighth (8) personnel from the LGU who will be responsible for



*The participants during the presentation of results generated from the CBMS Statsim*

their CBMS-APP Database. Collected household data were processed during this phase and Poverty Maps were generated out of it.

LGOO V Mel Roy B. Manait and LGOO IV Almie G. Castillo, members of the CBMS Regional Team provided Technical Assistance for LGU Lutayan while LGOO II Mohammad Jamshid Mosaid joined the team in Kabacan for Module 3.



*LGOO V Mel Roy B. Manait showing the Poverty Map of Lutayan*

LGU Kabacan, Cotabato Province successfully conducted their CBMS-APP Module 3: Barangay Planning and Budgeting (BDP) using the CBMS Data last March 18-22, 2019 @ 88th Avenue Convention Center, Kabacan, Cotabato which was participated in by 72 barangay officials and personnel from the 24 Barangays of the Municipality. The final output of the activity is the draft BDP for each Barangay.



*The LGU Kabacan participants during the workshop of the Module 3 BDP using CBMS Data*

**There is no substitute for  
hard work.**  
Thomas A. Edison

## Featured:

### RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO V

*“Ma’am Jo.”*

The title becomes her and in fact, that is how everyone calls her, including her students at the Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS), her Alma Mater. That is how she started working in the government back in 1989. From that year until 1996, she had been ‘Ma’am Jo’, the Teacher. Seven years prior to her teaching stint, however, she worked for the people of Koronadal and the province of South Cotabato as an elected official.

Back in the ‘80s, she served for fellow Koronadaleños in her capacity as a member of the Sangguniang Bayan of the then Municipality of Koronadal, finishing her four year stint which started from May 1980 to November 1984. She then continued to serve, this time, as a member of the Provincial Board of South Cotabato for the next three years (from 1984 to 1987).

Yes, she had been a licensed teacher before she joined the Department, starting out as a Local Government Operations Officer II in 1996. That was when she found her new passion that fueled her desire to be in government service permanently.

Ma’am Jo finished her elementary at New Pangasinan Elementary School in Koronadal City. She grew up in the said barangay and spent her early childhood there. Her achievements even when she was still a pupil are truly admirable as they mirror her great sense of commitment, hard work and passion that she displays now. She was her class Valedictorian when she finished elementary. She belonged to the Top Ten of her class when she finished high school at the Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS).

She holds a bachelor’s degree in Commerce, major in accounting, at the Notre Dame of Marbel College, now Notre Dame of Marbel University. She also earned her Master in Public Administration degree back in 2003 from the same institution. In January 2019, she added another feather to her cap when she finished her Master in Crisis and Disaster Risk Management (MCDRM) degree from the Philippine Public Safety College. She belongs to Class Matatag (2nd batch) of MCDRM, completing her well-rounded

skills, this time with special training and skills for disaster preparedness and risk management.

Bold-spirited and strong, she hurdled countless challenges in her professional career. She ascended quickly to the ladder of the Department of the Interior and Local Government’s career path. She had been given recognition being the former Coach of the National Winner for Outstanding Lupong Tagapamayapa CY 2002 to 2005 - Hall of Fame (and for the record, she was the sole recipient of such recognition in Region XII to date) and a coach of Chief Girl Scout Medalist.

Her passion and ceaseless commitment in mentoring and empowering the LGUs is unparalleled, making the town of Tampakan, where she served as their LGOO, and the province of South Cotabato, to excel and shine in the field of community service.

In July of 2016, a new twist in her career came in an unexpected manner. She was handpicked to become the Head Executive Assistant to the then Secretary Ismael D. Sueno. When Sec. Sueno’s term was abruptly ended, she continued to serve the other secretaries of the Department: OIC-Secretary Catalino S. Cuy and the current Secretary Eduardo M. Ano.

Before she got the post at the DILG Central Office, she had been the Provincial Director of DILG-South Cotabato. She was also the Assistant Regional Director at the DILG Regional Office XII before working as the Head Executive Assistant.

She is a Career Executive Service Officer and a Licensed Teacher, a certified mom of four and a grandmother to her four grandchildren. She is married to Roberto A. Leysa, a former government official and a member of one of the pioneer families in Tampakan.

On January 15, 2019, she officially started her stint as the Regional director of the DILG Regional Office XII. Her rich experience and vast exposure at the Central Office becomes part of her package as she serves her hometown, Koronadal, and the bigger place she calls home, Region XII.

Her portfolio is fascinating as each of her experience gives life to her being a woman of service and a woman of God. She has spent almost her entire career as a public servant and her passion for change, mentoring people and leading others have always remained consistent. It has never waned a bit through the years.

Please welcome and meet the Regional Director of DILG XII. Ms. Josephine Cabrido-Leysa. Of course, she will remain “Ma’am Jo” to all of us.





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