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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings of Peace to all empowered women!

We are highlighting the Amazing Juanas for this special edition of the Trumpet as we focus on this year's National Women's Month Celebration. We have been witnesses to the many gains of women empowerment.

One of such major gains of DILG Rehiyon Dose involves the realization of having the Prime Regional Government Center XII declared as a **GAD Zone**, an innovation of the Regional Gender and Development Council XII (RGADC XII) in 2021.

We have come a long way, after a series of meetings, thorough workshops and lengthy consultations with partners, RGADC XII has finally launched the GAD Seal Certification Checklist, **the first ever in the Philippines**, during the Kick-off Ceremony for the 2022 National Women's Month celebration.

To achieve a GAD zone for Rehiyon Dose, the GAD Seal Certification shall cover National Government Agencies and will be eventually cascaded down to the Local Government Units.

For this issue, you will see through the pages of Trumpet other collaborations and partnerships with various agencies like the Philippine Red Cross- South Cotabato for our bloodletting activity. Our online Serye sa Dose: NWMC 2022 edition featured Amazing Juanas from different walks of life, sharing the keys for Women Empowerment and Gender Inequality.

During one of those learning sessions, we have been sufficiently informed by Atty. Keysie M. Gomez of CHR XII, shedding light for us about RA No. 11313, the Safe Spaces Act (or 'Bawal Bastos Law').

We all want to effect and make changes, wherever we may be planted. The call is for all of us, both men and women, to be more determined, stronger and driven to achieve something, by empowering ourselves and improving our individual skills. Let us make a difference, and become a part of the nation we dream of.

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
Regional Director

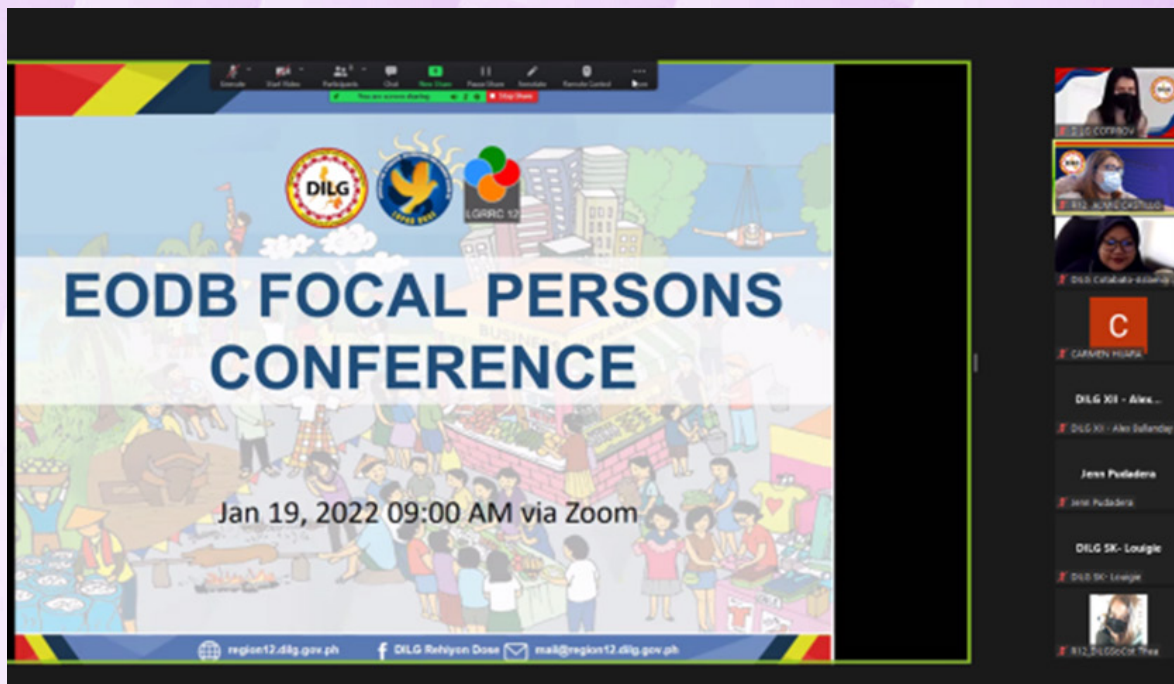


ABOUT THE COVER

Empowered Women in DILG Rehiyon Dose are being spotlighted for this special issue. DILG XII, not surprisingly, is led by two capable and persevering women leaders: RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III and ARD Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, along with the equally empowered Provincial Director of DILG-South Cotabato Atty. Rochelle Mahinay-Sero, LGMED Chief Musarapha A. Alim, Provincial Director of DILG-Sultan Kudarat Margarita H. Baynosa, CD Rilimin H. Sandoval, and LGCDD Chief Jermie Erie-Yeager. Joining them in the cover photo are the awardees for the PRAISE Awards Night, namely Ms. Catherine Macion, Best Technical Personnel, Best MLGOO Marife Tenorio and Ms. Girly C. Antonio, as Best Admin Personnel.

Again, the Trumpet gives honor and recognition to all women of strength and resiliency, and pays homage to those who continue to make meaningful changes in the community they live in.

EODB Focal Persons Hold 1st Conference for FY 2022



Pursuant to the Department’s role and responsibilities in the implementation of programs and activities as provided in RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, DILG 12 through the Local Government Capacity and Development Division conducted its 1st Focal Persons Conference on January 19, 2022 through a virtual platform, which were attended by the Provincial Program Managers, focal, and alternate focal persons for EODB.

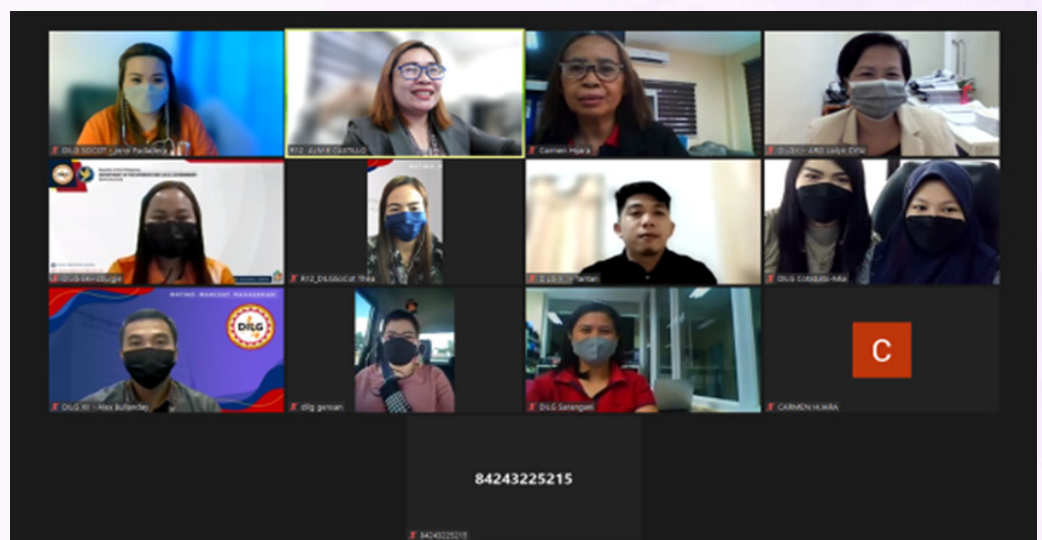
The activity was conducted to harmonize the Provincial and Regional level monitoring report tools and platform to accurately provide the data required by the Central Office and other concerned agencies cum EODB. Also discussed in the conference is the Status of Reporting on e/iBPLS, BPCO, Telco, CiCha (per province?), latest EODB issuances, and technical assistance provided by the DILG Field Offices to their respective LGUs.

ADC Almie G. Castillo presented the updated status on the EODB compliance reports, and reminded the Focal Persons about the lacking documents that must be submitted by concerned LGUs right away.

Meanwhile, in her message, DILG 12 Regional Director Josephine Cabrido – Leysa, CESO III conveyed that she is looking forward for a smooth-sailing implementation of all EODB – related activities in the Region, with an assurance of the Regional Management’s support to avoid any sanction from ARTA Commission due to non – compliance.

“Rest assured that the Regional Management will always support all our endeavors towards achieving a 100% EODB complaint Region XII LGUs.”

- JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III
DILG RO-XII REGIONAL DIRECTOR



THE JOINT RIATF-EID XII – RTF XII on COVID-19 PASSES 4 NEW RESOLUTIONS ON ITS BI-MONTHLY REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY 2022

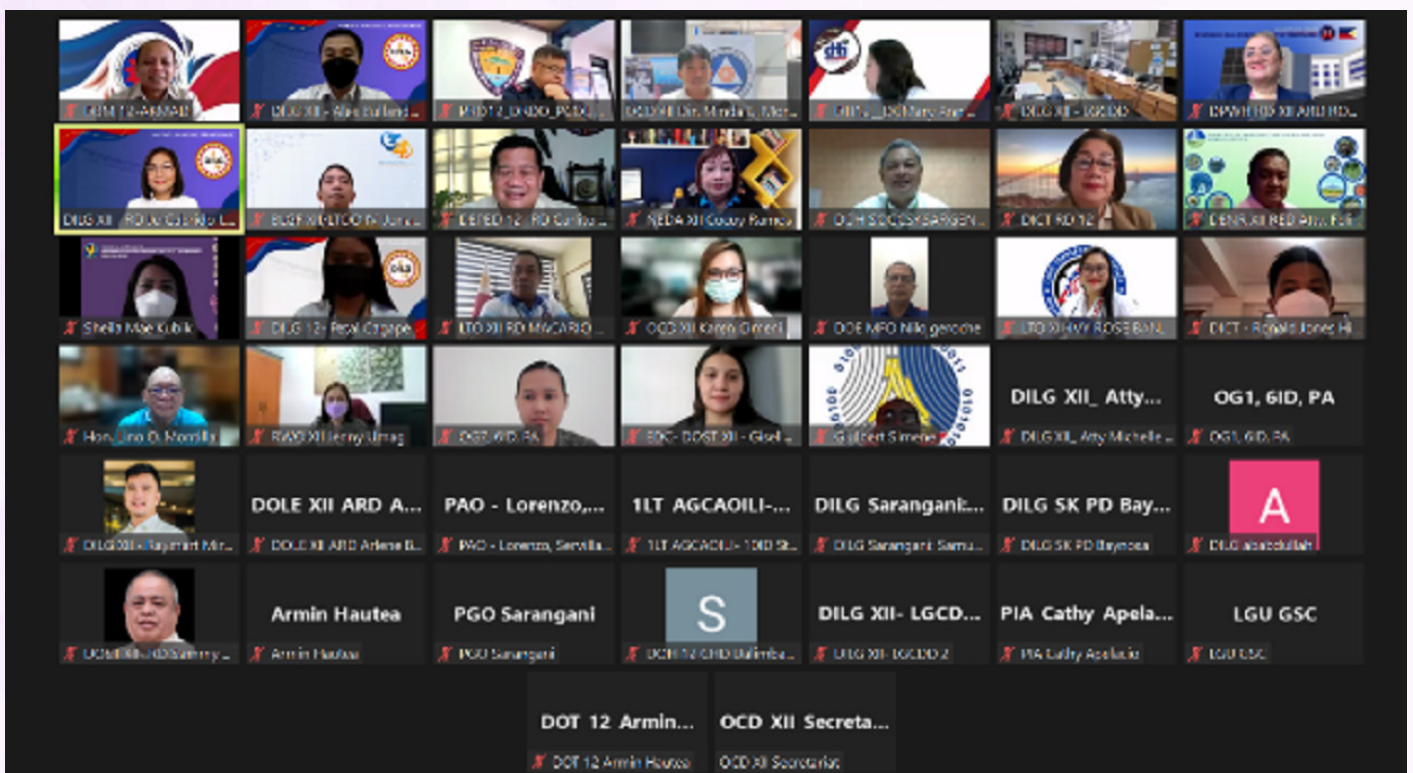
The Joint Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease XII and Regional Task Force XII on COVID-19 conducted its second virtual meeting for 2022 on January 31, 2022. It was presided over by the DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, The RIATF XII Chairperson.

The Joint Task Forces discussed the ramping-up of vaccination roll-out in Region XII as well as the status of VAS Line List and VaxCertPH. In the discussion of policy concerns, The Joint RIATF-EID XII – RTF XII on COVID-19 approved 4 resolutions, to wit:

1. Resolution Encouraging the LGUs of Region XII to Allow the Use of Regional Evacuation Centers as Vaccination Sites;
2. Resolution Enjoining the LGUs to Designate Data Managers to Address the Requests of Individuals on the Rectification of their Records in the VaxCertPH and Hire Additional Manpower for the Updating of VAS Line List;
3. Resolution Enjoining the LGUs to Hire Additional Vaccinators to Assist in the Vaccination Program; and
4. Resolution Enjoining the LGUs to Support the National Vaccination Days on February 1-12, 2022 and the National Vaccination Rollout on February 7, 2022 for the 5-11 Eligible Population.



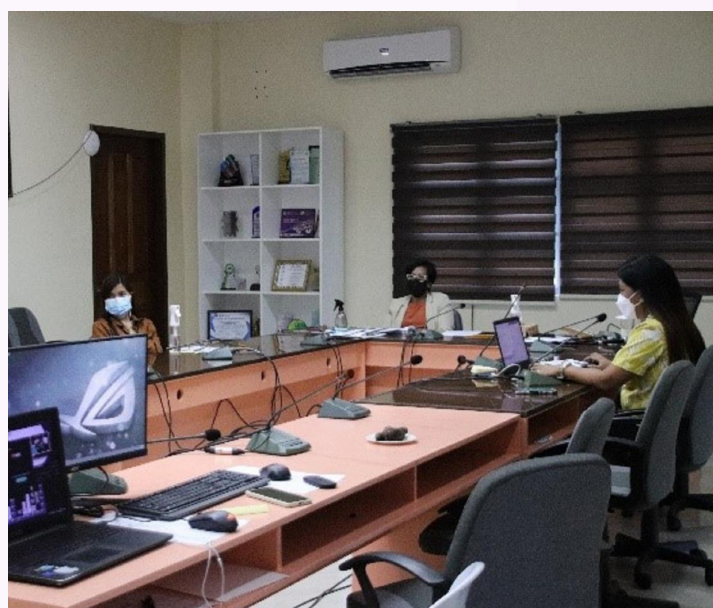
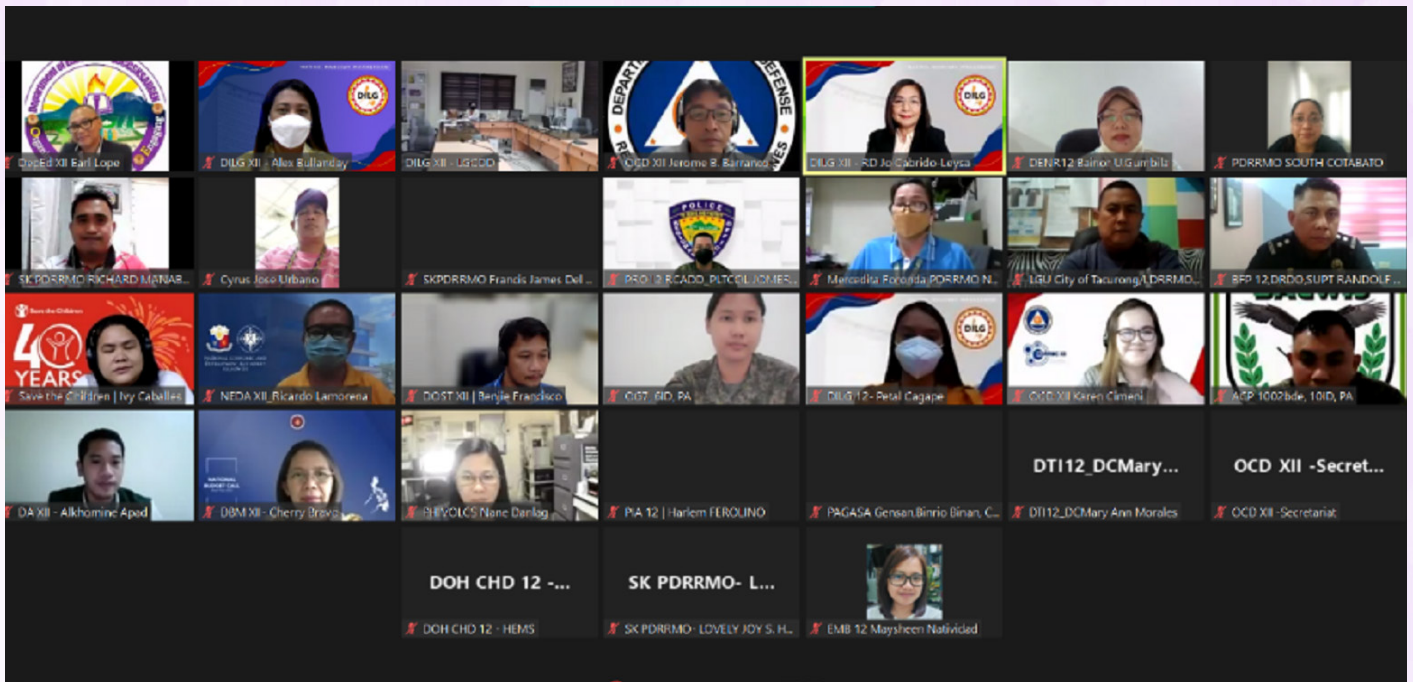
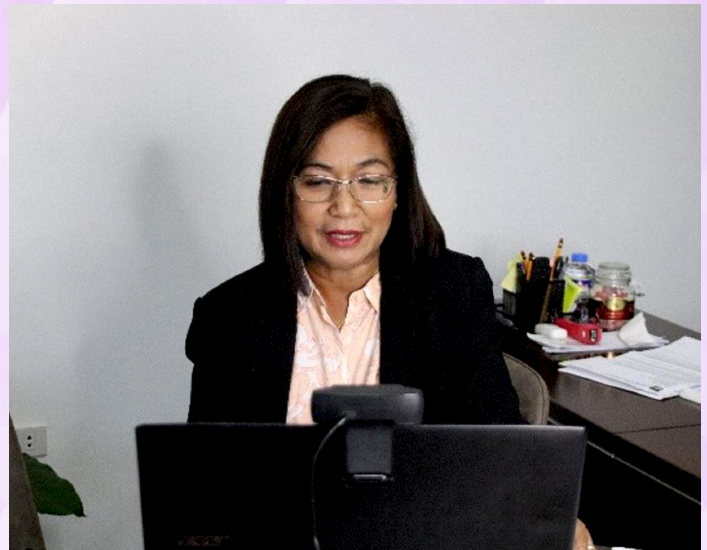
It was also resolved to reiterate to LGUs the re-hiring of contact tracers, strengthening of BHERTS, designation of additional data managers and provision of auxiliary support for vaccination program shall be undertaken through the issuance of a DILG-Dose Regional Memorandum.



RDRRMC XII – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES DRRM TRAININGS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CY 2022

The Disaster Preparedness Committee of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Committee XII conducted its first virtual meeting on February 2, 2022. It was attended by 14 member-agencies and presided over by the DILG XII Regional Director and Vice Chairperson for Disaster Preparedness Committee, Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

Mr. Binrio A. Biñan of PAGASA Gensan discussed the weather outlook, while Ms. Sheila Mae G. Kubik of DILG XII presented the status of compliance of LGUs on the formulation of Public Service Continuity and Contingency Plan. 43 out of 45 LGUs have already submitted their PSCP to the Office of Civil Defense XII.



Ms. Karen Cimeni of OCD XII presented the DRRM Calendar of Activities. Among others, there will be Introductory Courses on DRRM and PSCP, and Exercise Design Course for the RDRRMC member agencies and LDRRMCs on the first quarter. There will also be CBDRRM and EOC Training for LDRRMOs and Basic ICS Training for volunteers on the second quarter while the third quarter will focus on DRRM Trainings for public sector utilities and CBDRRM Trainings for CSOs. A resolution requesting the LGUs and NGAs to support various activities of DILG XII as scheduled was passed during the said meeting.

Meanwhile, the 3rd Wave for Hatid Tulong ng Dose sa Trese: A Relief Assistance Operation for Typhoon Odette Victims on March 3-4, 2022 was also initially discussed.

DILG XII leads Sultan Kudarat's First SBDP Ground Breaking Ceremony for 2021



On behalf of the DILG Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa CESO III, Assistant Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz CESO V joined the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the 2021 Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat on February 3, 2021.

Out of the 62 Projects in the province, with a total amount of 240 Million Pesos, 11 Million pesos had been earmarked for the four (4) 2021 SBDP Projects in the Barangays of Mayo, Natividad and Maligaya in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat.

In her message, ARD Ortiz, acknowledged the presence of officials, guests and residents of the three barangays who were all looking forward to the completion of the project. She said that *“we cannot emphasize enough kung gaano ka importante ang edukasyon. Lahat tayo, alam ang bagay na ito”* as the projects are school buildings.

She also quoted Albert Einstein's *“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what he learned in school.”* (Ang edukasyon ang natatanging bagay na natitira sa isang tao, sakali mang makalimutan nito ang mga pinag-aralan sa eskuelahan.) ARD Ortiz also challenged the winning contractor to finish the project with better workmanship and high quality output within the target date of completion and she encouraged the residents of the three barangays to take care of the said projects for future generations to enjoy, too!



RD Leysa bids adieu to 1002nd Brigade Commander, B/Gen Camba, Welcomes incoming Commander Col. Musñgi



BGen. Potenciano C. Camba has formally and officially ended his tour of duty as the Brigade Commander of the 1002nd Infantry ('Bagwis') Brigade under the 10th Infantry (Agila) Division on February 3, 2022 during a simple turnover rites held at the Covered Court of the Headquarters 1002nd Bde, Camp Herminigildo A Agaab Jr, in Sitio Pulatana, Brgy. Malandag, Sarangani Province.

The change of command was presided over by BGen Allan D Hambala, PA, the acting commander of the 10th Infantry (Agila) Division, Philippine Army, the event's guest of honor.

DILG XII RD Josephine Cabrido- Leysa, CESO III, along with some other regional officials and local chief executives showed appreciation to Gen. Camba's contributions by joining the solemn rites. "We wish him well on his new assignment at the Eastern Mindanao Command (EastMinCom) as the Deputy Commander and I believe this is going to be his stepping stone to a much higher post in the future. Of course, we look forward to another fruitful collaboration with Col Alexei C. Musngi, the incoming commander," RD Leysa added. The EastMinCom is one of the AFP's Wide Support Commands advocating the Culture of Peace in Mindanao based in Panacan, Davao city.

RD Leysa presented a token and a plaque of appreciation from DILG XII and RPOC XII which also recognized Gen. Camba's peace-building contributions and efforts in the Region.

"Gen. Camba has been an able partner of the DILG XII, especially in the realization of EO 70. We have seen his hard work and dedication for all of our ELCAC activities", Dir. Leysa stated. The general, RD Leysa relates, has always made himself available in various Lokal Serbisyo Caravans as part of his commitment to the objectives of the present administration: to end the communist insurgency before the end of President Duterte's term.

Dir. Leysa also added: "I learned that under the leadership of Gen Camba, he was able to supervise 334 former rebels in 8 different deradicalization programs."

Records show that under his leadership, the 1002nd Bde "has neutralized 157 regular Communist New People's Army Terrorists, worked for the surrender of 446 Milisyang Bayan, 296 Sangay ng Partido sa Lokalidad, and 4,237 members of the Underground Mass Organizations."

Meanwhile, in his message, Gen. Camba thanked supporters and benefactors, including all the local chief executives and governors of Regions XI and XII, along with the other partners who made his stint a success. The soft-spoken general and a well-experienced Army field officer assumed post on May 5, 2020 as the 1002nd IB Commander.

Gen. Camba had been the former Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel (G1). He took over the reins of the 1002nd IB after Brig. Gen. Adonis Bajao

was assigned in Bicol Region. Prior to his assignment as G1, Camba was the Deputy Commander of the Presidential Security Group (PSG).

The General, who now considers himself as a resident of Region XII, also served as commanding officer of the 2nd Special Forces Battalion and 3rd Special Forces Battalion under the Army Special Forces Regiment (Airborne). He is member of the Philippine Military Academy's "Sambisig" Class of 1991, holding a master's degree in Public Management Major in Development Security from the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and he has undergone various special military trainings abroad.

The Army's 1002nd IB has a wide operational jurisdiction which covers parts of South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and the Province of Cotabato in Region XII, and Davao del Sur and Davao Occidental in Region XI. Also under its wings are the cities of General Santos, Koronadal, Kidapawan and Digos.

During his tenure at the 1002nd IB, Gen Camba's "Bagwis Brigade" was able to accomplish the following: recovery of 88 firearms, worked-out the turnover of 119 surrendered firearms and 65 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Its counter-insurgency campaign has also effectively crippled the communist movement in the area with the dismantling of three NPA units, namely: the Pulang Bagani Company (PBC) of SMRC, and the ALIP and TALA Fronts of the Far South Mindanao Region.

On the other hand, incoming Brigade Commander Col Alexei C. Musngi who belonged to Philippine

Military Academy "Maalab" Class of 1993 expressed his delight as he took on the new responsibility. Col Musngi, a decorated officer from Metro Manila, is not new to South Central Mindanao. He had been the Operations Chief of the 6th Infantry Division based in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao.

He is also a former Commanding Officer of 48IB, 7ID in Central Luzon and he is the former Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, G3 at the National Headquarters and holds several special duty positions in the Philippine Army.

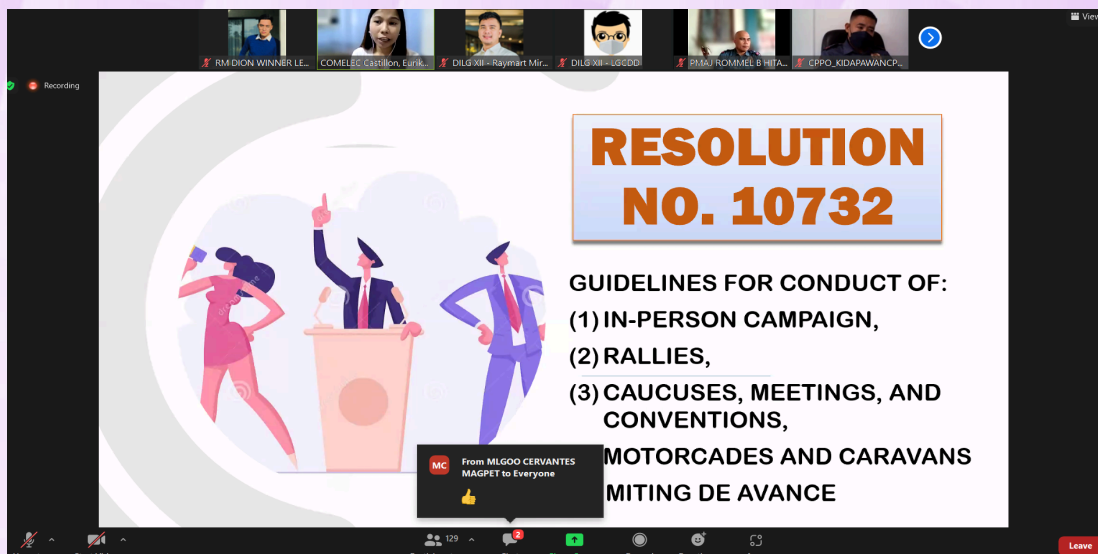
Meanwhile, BGen Allan D Hambala, acting commander of 10th Infantry (Agila) Division and the Guest of Honor, gave charge to BGen Camba as he welcomes Col. Musngi, MNSA, "to continue your efforts for the community. Together, we will work for the fulfillment of our mission".

Gen Hambala also elaborated further: "It's apparent that Gen Camba and his team have contributed vastly to 10ID's accomplishment. With his good leadership, competence, combat decisiveness, and initiative, he fully maximized all available AFP assets in defeating the enemy and made him achieve far beyond targets and timelines." He also stated that Col Musngi's good service reputation gives him "high hopes that under the new leadership of 1002nd Brigade, Agila Division's mission will be effectively and swiftly achieved."

Also present during the ceremony were several local chief executives of Sarangani Province, Davao Occidental, and heads and representatives of national line agencies, together with the members of PMA "Sambisig" Class of 1991 and PMA "Maalab" Class of 1993.



DILG XII'S SERYE SA DOSE ORIENTS STAKEHOLDERS ON COMELEC RESOLUTION



With the upcoming national and local elections set, the DILG XII spearheaded the conduct of an orientation on COMELEC Resolution No. 10732 and other related issuances on February 7, 2022 via Zoom application.

The activity was attended by members of the COMELEC Campaign Committee from the regional, provincial, city and municipal CCCs, to include the PNP, DOH and DILG.

RD Josephine Cabrido-leysa, DILG XII, in her opening message emphasized the need to level-off with partners in the implementation of the COMELEC Resolution and the significance of the 2022 elections.

Thereafter, Atty. Eurika Jessa D. Castellon, Regional Election Attorney of COMELEC XII discussed the roles and responsibilities of the CCC members and the relevant issuances of the Commission relative to the May 9, 2022 elections. Concerns and clarifications were then raised by the participants during the open forum and were accordingly addressed by the resource persons.

COMELEC Resolution No. 10732, promulgated on November 24, 2021 provides for the guidelines institutionalizing the "new normal" in the conduct of in-person campaigns, rallies, caucuses, meetings, and conventions, motorcades, caravans, and miting de avance. This is in support to the main objective of the government to stop the spread of COVID-19 while upholding the right of citizens to suffrage.

COMELEC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL COMELEC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (NCCC), REGIONAL COMELEC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (RCCC), PROVINCIAL COMELEC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (PCCC) AND MUNICIPAL/CITY COMELEC CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (M/CCCC)

SECTION 6. Composition of the NCCC.

a. The Commissioner-in-Charge, as the Chairperson;

b. With members consisting of:

1. The Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH);
2. The Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP);
3. The Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); and
4. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

SECTION 7. Composition of the RCCC.

a. Regional Election Director (RED), as the Chairperson;

b. With members consisting of:

1. The Regional Director of the DOH;
2. The Regional Director of the PNP;
3. Either the Division or Brigade Commander with the highest rank designated by the AFP; and
4. The Regional Director of the DILG.

DILG XII joined Sarangani's SBDP Ground Breaking Ceremony

DILG XII joined Sarangani field personnel in the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Concreting of the Farm-to-Market Road and Construction of Potable Water System Level II in Barangay Lumasal and Bales, Maasim, Sarangani Province last February 16, 2022.

The said projects are part of the 2021 Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP). The DILG Sarangani Team was led by Program Manager Carmen Hijara, with DILG-RO's PDMU engineers, namely: Abdul Hajid Melikon Jr., Engr. Ragde Kei Corpuz, Engr. Ewin John Tabao and Engr. Geoffrey Villaga with PEO I Samantha Cervantes attended the Groundbreaking ceremony in behalf of the DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido -Leysa, CESO III.



In the message of the Regional Director, as conveyed to the beneficiaries by PM Hijara, she echoed the assurance that the “government hears the cry of Barangay Lumasal and Bales. Therefore, through the Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP), the said barangays were given a total of 20 million pesos each for the Concreting of their Farm-to-Market Road and Construction of their Potable Water System Level II”.



PM Hijara also posed the challenge of RD Leysa to winning contractors “to finish the projects within the target calendar days” and she also encouraged the LGU to “help the contractors in ensuring the quality of the projects, built according to the guidelines and plans”. In addition, she also encouraged the residents of Barangay Lumasal and Bales to take care of the said projects.



RGADC XII STARTS OFF BIG WITH CY 2022 NWMC PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF CY 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The 1st quarter RGADC XII committee meeting was attended by thirty-one (31) of Fifty-three (53) committee members last February 10, 2022, via zoom online platform (84% - Women, 16% - Men).

Work for true change through compassionate and harmonized actions and network for Gender Equality was the highlight of RGADC XII Chairperson - DILG Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III's Opening Message as she quoted: *“Our change shall move towards attaining our AmBisyon 2040 of a strongly rooted (matatag), comfortable (maginhawa), and a secure (panatag) life for all Filipinos.”*

After the guidance and message of gratitude to the members by the Chairperson, RSDC Chairperson, Vice/ Co-Chairperson of the RGADC XII PSR Richlie Lyndon Magtulis presided over the meeting; starting with the CY 2022 NWMC Guidelines PCW Information Officer III, Ms. Nevicshky P. Calma. She presented the collaterals for the 2022 celebration with the theme: *“ We Make Change Work for Women: Agenda ng Kababaihan Tungo sa Kaunlaran”*.

Meanwhile, Mr. Don Liongson, Senior GAD Specialist of PCW assisted the committee members with their proposed activities for the celebration. The body also passed a resolution entitled: *“RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL REGIONAL LINE AGENCIES (RLAs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), CIVIL SOCIETY*



ORGANIZATIONS (CSO), STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION OF THE CY 2022 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH”.

The committee members also agreed to submit to the secretariat their NWMC activities not later than February 18, 2021, for the committee's adoption. LGOO II Engr. Jahleel Domingo of the secretariat also presented to the body the reports on Regional GAD Resource Pool, GAD Budget Utilization and 2022 GFPS Profile updating. On the other hand, DTI XII's GAD specialist, Ma. Cristine Vilbar and Dagny Martirizar, OIC Chief of IDD, presented the programs of DTI supporting women, which were administered with HGDG tool to better assess the gender responsiveness of their PAPs.

The meeting ended with a presentation of the accomplishments of the committee for CY 2021, and to start the year right, the first quarter of 2022 will kick off with the NWMC to set a roadmap for a Fully Gender Responsive Region XII.

DILG XII Team Conference 2022: In Photos



DILG REGIONAL OFFICE XII Plays Host for Team Conferences 2022



Breaking from the usual routine of the previous team conferences in DILG XII, Regional Office XII hosted a series of team conferences for Field Offices with 'happy note' as attendees head home, each with an assurance of the top management's unwavering support.

Four DILG provincial teams and the contingent from the highly-urbanized General Santos City all showed up for their respective Team Conference schedules which started on February 21 up to the last schedule on March 8, 2022 at the DILG XII 3rd Floor Conference Hall in Brgy. Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City.

RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, has kept the tradition of conducting the team conferences in the field offices but decided to change the scheme in 2022. "It is high time that we play host to our field officers and personnel", RD Leysa explained.

DILG XII has managed to have the new conference room built before the pandemic struck. "We could well-accommodate our field officers and personnel in the conference room so we thought that we are doing our personnel a breather from the usual routine where they normally host the Regional Execom," RD Leysa went on to explain. She believes that holding of the team conference in the regional office is another way of 'having a closer touch' with all the field personnel of DILG Rehiyon Dose.

Three of the provincial teams were treated to a Paris-inspired backdrop, complete with a mock Eiffel Tower set amidst the starlit French sky. The set-up provided a breather from the usual routine for all the participants of the First Batch, led by Sarangani Provincial Director Engr. Samuel A. Camaganacan. Their Team Conference schedule had been set on February 21.

The next batch came to the Regional Office on the 23rd, with PD Margarita H. Baynosa leading her pack all the way from Sultan Kudarat. The next day, the 24th, Team Agila of DILG Cotabato Province arrived in full force, led by PD Ali B. Abdullah.

A series of activities affected the final team conference schedule on the 28th and it was moved to March 8. On that day, South Cotabato DILG headed by PD Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero and General Santos City Director Rilimin H. Sandoval, together with their respective teams, were welcomed by a purple-colored stage which was set for the National Women's Month Celebration.

RD Leysa, like a really good host, led the Regional Execom in giving all of the field office contingents a hearty breakfast which was followed by the brief preliminaries for the program. Chief Admin Officer Dennis T. Sucol of the Finance and Admin Division (FAD) welcomed the various batches who were gathered at the regional office conference hall for the first time.

CAO Sucol asked the teams to prepare their write ups or stories about ‘any best practices that could be replicated’ or issues that must be dealt with which are relevant to attaining the goals of the team.’ He gave assurance to the teams that the top management will give ‘guidance and try to address concerns and issues from the field’.

Meanwhile, ARD Lailyn Ortiz, CESO V went on to outline the gains of DILG Dose since 2019, highlighting the countless victories against the challenges that were met along the way.

For her part, RD Leysa then began outlining the big things which were planned for 2022, while setting the tone for the ‘Management Direction’ for the whole of DILG Rehiyon Dose. Included in the plans were the following:

- Continuation of Internal CapDev interventions based on the demand-driven competency upgrading
- Work on the updated HRD Plan to cover 2022-2025 and roll out Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) up to the Field Offices
- Ensure that the submission of SPMS will be timely, along with the other admin requirements
- Emphasize the need for ‘judicious allocation of resources’
- Before March, make sure that we are able to hire and promote qualified and deserving personnel.

RD Leysa also gave instructions to all persons in-charge to resume with the preparation and review for CESWE/CD examinations.

She called on every one to have the “WA” or the “waging attitude,” to guarantee more victories and greater gains. She further made a commitment to



‘continue with our award-system to include all deserving employees, in line with launching of the Search for the Best Focal Person.’

All the Field Teams were given ample time to set their Faith Goals for 2022 and they were able to state their Commitment of Support in front of the Regional Execom.

To further reinforce its commitment to extend a helping hand to the field offices and its workforce, various office supplies were turned-over by RD Leysa. Each member of the provincial and city contingent also received health kits with face mask, a bottle of alcohol and some tissue paper.

After the lunch fellowship, the Provincial Teams proceeded to conduct their respective conferences. During the brief recess, personnel and staff took turns in having their pictures taken in the Paris-themed backdrop and the official NWMC photo booths.

Towards the closing part of the activity, they were taken around for a guided tour inside the DILG XII’s Blue Building, visiting the various divisions and units of the Regional Office.

Sarangani Province Field Office February 21, 2022



Sultan Kudarat Field Office February 23, 2022



Cotabato Province Field Office February 24, 2022



South Cotabato Province Field Office March 08, 2022



General Santos City Field Office March 08, 2022



“ We need to hold on to the dream of becoming the Best Region, upholding whatever gains we have with PRIME HRM, looking forward to HRM Silver Award.”

-Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III
Regional Director of DILG REGION XII

Groundbreaking Ceremony held for 3 SBDP projects under SBDP as they get greenlight from DILG XII



DILG XII has once again joined the Groundbreaking Ceremony for three projects under the 2021 Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) located in Barangay Seven Hills and Malbang, Maasim, Sarangani Province last February 24, 2022. Sarangani DILG Provincial Director Engr. Samuel A. Camaganacan, together with PDMU Chief Engr. Herminia S. Ontoy, attended the ceremony in behalf of RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

The first Groundbreaking Ceremony took place in Barangay Seven Hills, with two (2) SBDP projects: the Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road amounting to Php 14,000,000.00 and Rehabilitation/Improvement of Level II Water Supply System worth Php 2,000,000.00.

The second Groundbreaking ceremony took place in Barangay Malbang for the Concreting of a Farm-to-Market Road amounting to P20,000,000.00. PD Camaganacan challenged the winning contractors, namely; Gabriella's Enterprises, GYJ Construction and Eulogia Construction and Development Corporation (ECDC) to finish the projects within the target project completion date and to follow the minimum standards based on the approved Program of Works (POW) and Detailed Engineering Design (DED).

PD Camaganacan also encouraged the residents of Barangay Seven Hills and Barangay Malbang to take

good care of the said projects while at the same time giving timely advice to the Barangay officials and the LGUs to assist and help monitor the ongoing project.

PD Camaganacan extended his congratulations to the barangay officials and residents for the numerous projects that had been poured in and were funded by DILG since 2017. *“Barangay Malbang had been special because it has received a total of Php 188,956,188.00 worth of projects under the Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) and Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP),”* the provincial director stated.

Meanwhile, Seven Hills Punong Barangay Edwin Reducto expressed his appreciation to the national government, PLGU - Sarangani and LGU Maasim for putting their barangay in the top-priority list.

The ceremony was also attended by Municipal Mayor Zyrex Pacquiao, together with Vice Mayor Visitacion Nambatac, Municipal Councilors Aldwin Labongan and Aldrick Ambrad, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) Regional Director Eduardo Marquez, Vice Governor Elmer De Peralta, Board Members Jess Bascuña and Rosemarie Sayo, Maasim PNP Chief PMAJ Benjie Ancheta, 1Lt Ruben Capaducio and 2Lt Alex Gatcho of 38th IB and the members of the Barangay Council of Barangay Seven Hills and Malbang.

DILG leads Groundbreaking in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat



DILG XII has joined the Groundbreaking Ceremony for six (6) projects under the 2021 Support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) located in the Barangays of Telafas, Libertad, Sucob and Poblacion in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat on March 3, 2022.

The first Groundbreaking Ceremony took place in Brgy. Telafas, with two (2) SBDP projects: Concreting of 212 meter-long Farm-to-Market Road amounting to Php 3,000,000.00 for Purok 1 and Php 5,000,000.00 worth 298-meter long road for Purok 5. The said projects will directly benefit a total of 80 households in Barangay Telafas.

The second Groundbreaking ceremony took place in Barangay Libertad for the Concreting of a 1,484 meter-long Farm-to-Market Road amounting to Php 18,000,000.00 and is expected to provide better transport means for 40 farmers in the said barangay. The third Groundbreaking ceremony took place in Barangay Sucob for the Concreting of a Farm-to-Market Road with a length of 869 meters amounting to Php 9,000,000.00 purposely for the 250 farmers of Barangay Sucob.

Aside from the Groundbreaking ceremony, the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat also brought their Medical Mission team with doctors and nurses, along with hair stylists, barbers, and others to provide free services to the residents.

The fourth and last Groundbreaking Ceremony took place in Barangay Poblacion for the two (2) SBDP



Projects, namely; Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road worth Php 3,000,000.00 (298 meters long) located in Purok 3 and Concreting of Farm-to-Market Road worth Php 10,000,000.00 (1.013 kilometers). These projects will cater to more than 400 farmers in Barangay Poblacion and its vicinity.

Meanwhile, the Punong Barangays of Brgy. Telafas, Libertad, Sucob and Poblacion were all in one voice as they expressed their gratitude to the national government, PLGU- Sultan Kudarat and LGU Columbio for the realization of their dreams.

The ceremony was attended by Congresswoman Bai Rihan Mangudadatu-Sakaluran, Acting Municipal Mayor Hon. Amirh M. Musali and Datu Ali Pax Mangudadatu, representing Governor Suharto Mangudadatu and was documented by PDMU Engr. Ben Oscares and PEO I Samantha Cervantes of the DILG Dose.

RGADC XII BLASTS OFF 2022 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION FEATURING TWO "AMAZING JUANAS" IN ITS KICK-OFF CEREMONY



The DILG Dose Regional Director and the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) XII Chairperson Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, led the ribbon cutting ceremony to kick-off the 2022 National Women's Month Celebration on March 7, 2022 at the DILG Regional Office XII. The DILG Dose hosted the said activity while the RGADC XII member-agencies; BFP XII, BJMP XII, TESDA XII, OCD XII, NEDA XII, CSC XII, CHED XII, PSA XII, DOLE XII, DAR XII, BFAR XII, and other LRIs joined and showed their support via Zoom.

With the 6-year theme "We Make CHANGE Work for Women" and sub-theme: Agenda ng Kababaihan, Tungo sa Kaunlaran, this year's celebration aims to highlight the gains achieved for women and girls and assess the results of the action taken towards inclusive and sustainable development for all.



"To achieve the vision of a gender-responsive entity where women and men equally contribute and benefit, we need to be equipped, to mainstream Gender and Development in our LGUs. It is the major strategy for ensuring that the government pursues gender equality in all aspect of the development process, said RD Leysa.



Regional Director Jennifer Carisma-Bretaña, EnP of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) XII and Supervising Administrative Officer Roditt C. Delfino, EnP, PhD of the Provincial Government of South Cotabato were two "Amazing Juanas" featured and served as the highlight of the said activity. They shared their experiences and challenged everyone to be agents of equal opportunities for men and women in all aspects of development especially in the government agenda considering that election is coming.



To cap the program, Atty. Kristine A. Yuzon-Chavez, Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women gave her message of guidance to the RGADC XII by promoting their welfare.



A bloodletting activity was also conducted in the afternoon in collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross-South Cotabato Chapter.

DILG XII launches "Task Force Suyod"



To achieve organizational effectiveness, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Rehiyon Dose has set to work 'Task Force Suyod' purposely to have a team solely focused on monitoring liquidation and speed up the submission of needed documents.

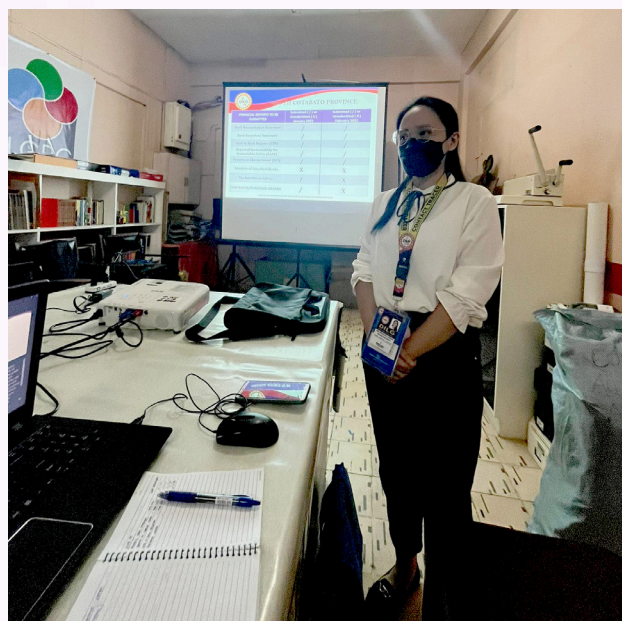
On its first operation, the team visited the Provincial Office of DILG South Cotabato and convened its Accounting Clerks and Disbursing Officer with the Program and Outcome Managers, and the Provincial Director to tackle the challenges, issues, and concerns on financial matters.

The task force was also directed to monitor the liquidation of all cash advances, fast track the submission of financial documents/reports provide

coaching to all Accounting Clerks and Disbursing Officers, and propose policy measures in addressing concerns that may arise during the course of performing their functions.

Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa said that "the creation of Task Force Suyod is very important as it ensures timely and accurate reporting of financial status and the internal auditing in the department."

The Task Force Suyod is headed by Dennis T. Sucol, Chief Administrative Officer, he is assisted by Katherine M. Llano, Admin Officer V/OIC SAO and other Finance and Admin personnel of DILG XII as members.



DILG XII RELAUNCHES CAFÉ JUANA: CUP WAGI IN CELEBRATION OF 2022 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH



On the second week of the celebration of the 2022 National Women's Month, the DILG XII relaunched its Café Juana: Cup Wagi showcasing women empowerment and winning attitude. The activity started with a ceremonial cutting of ribbon and the opening of the café by RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

The makeshift coffee shop was filled with hashtags describing the qualities and abilities that not only women should have but people with "waging attitude". The café offered concoctions with names and catchy lines associated with it; Amerikano - "ang pagmamahal ko sayo ay purong-puro", highlighting the ability to give deep and unconditional love, Macchiato - "*kaya ko 'to' ang motto sa buhay*" *waging attitude to fight even in the hardest of situation, we are able to show up and say "I can do this"*, Juana Tea - "we are like teabags, they can't tell how strong we are until they put us in hot water" and Espresso - "people with waging attitude express not only emotions, but also intelligence and actions in critical situations".

The concept of Cup Wagi was personally recommended by the DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III to encourage winning attitude not only among the personnel of DILG XII but also among RGADC XII member-agencies and other partners. Together with the relaunching of Café Juana is the continuation of Serye sa Dose: Featuring Amazing Juanas including Ms. Latreia E. Estabillo, Asst. Principal for Academics



of the Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS). She shared three words that would remind women to achieve their goals: strength, confidence and choice. She also graced the activity with a song number.

Another empowered woman featured in the activity was Ms. Agnes D. Daguro, EnP, the City Planning and Development Coordinator of the City of Koronadal. She shared all her experiences, being part of the appointment of the City of Koronadal as the Regional Government Center for SOCSKSARGEN.

DILG XII Asst. Regional Director Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V delivered the message of Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III highlighting among others, the invitation to all the RGADC XII member-agencies to be the first to apply for GAD Seal Certification.

After the activity, Asst. Principal Estabillo and ARD Ortiz spent a little time over a Macchiato in the Café Juana. Some of the DILG XII personnel enjoyed the coffee blends at Café Juana too.

3RD Week of National Women's Month features Successful Entrepreneur and Young Lady Lawyer



Evaluation Division (LGMED) Chief Musarapha A. Alim, delivered the message of Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III which calls for women “to appreciate each other’s worth, and to be aligned, inspired by, and collaborate for the good of all.”



Atty. Gomez discussed RA 11313, also known as the Bawal Bastos Law or the Safe Spaces Act of 2019. She first presented a primer on the various laws before the Safe Spaces Act which defended women’s rights. Later in her message, she enjoined the Juans and Juanas in attendance to appreciate the updated safeguards as provided in the Safe Spaces Act.

The Day’s feature story spotlighted on a daring Juana entrepreneur who ventured into cosmetics and fashion despite her age and other odds stacked against her. The inspiring story of Ms. Shammah Jane H. Yabut, the acclaimed young business owner of Coco’s Makeover, became part of the Serye Sa Dose: Featuring Amazing Juana. She spoke of her business journey which started from scratch to where she is now: with more clients, better services and additional branches in the region.

Before the program ended, RD Leysa extended her virtual greetings to the participants. She shared inspiring short stories about resiliency, courage and hope amidst the pandemic.

She encouraged other Juanas to “believe their instinct when faced with difficult decision-making situations and to keep the faith in the Lord above all else.” Ms. Yabut’s colorful journey to fame and success was followed by a short lecture on the Safe Spaces Act of 2019, with no less than the equally young OIC Regional Director Atty. Keysie M. Gomez of CHR XII, and the Chairperson of the Regional GAD Resource Pool of RGADC XII.



Finally, the activity culminated with a dreamy and hopeful tune “Dadalhin”, popularized by Asia’s Songbird Regine Velasquez, as rendered by the Singing Juanas of DILG Dose.

The activity served as the opening number for the NWMC event on March 21 with the introduction of additional, newly discovered singing talents from the regional office. Local Government Monitoring and

DILG Rehiyon Dose joins 1st Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill NSED for 2022



The whole DILG Rehiyon Dose workforce, led by Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III performs the “duck, cover, and hold” as they participate in the First Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) for CY 2022 on March 10, 2022, at the DILG XII Regional Office, Koronadal City.

The NSED is a quarterly exercise that is undertaken on a regular basis to enhance the earthquake preparedness of local government units, line agencies, and other government instrumentalities and educate the general public about earthquake and preparedness measures should an earthquake occur.

DILG XII employees earlier joined the online NSED program spearheaded by the NDRRMC through the Office of Civil Defense in both Zoom and FB live platforms which started at 8 am while they were in

their respective offices. The online program was then followed by the ceremonial pressing of the button at 9 am. As part of the drill, the employees made sure they were wearing face masks and hard hats while observing physical distancing. The drill was also extended to the field office personnel and their families were also encouraged to participate.

With the issuance of NDRRMC Memorandum No. 21s. 2022, this year’s First Quarter NSED focuses on women, children, youth and students, and senior citizens. The online program was attended by the NDRRMC Chairperson and DND Secretary Delfin Lorenzana together with the NDRRMC Vice-Chairpersons, DOST Undersecretary Renato Solidum, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año, DSWD Undersecretary Felicisimo Budiongan and guests from the Philippine Commission on Women and Coalition of Services for the Elderly.





For its part, DILG XII has always been consistent in supporting the advocacy for the NSED by providing an exclusive and official FB Page cover photo featuring the NSED banner. DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, who had a Master's in Crisis and Disaster Risk Management, has always highlighted the need to 'be prepared at all times.'

The NDRRMC has already set its next quarterly CY 2022 National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill scheduled on June 9, 2022 (2nd Quarter), September 8, 2022 (3rd Quarter), and November 10, 2022 (4th Quarter), respectively.



Secretary Año, in his video message stated “all of us should take part in anticipating and preparing for the worst crisis. Nararapat na alam natin sa ating mga sarili and mga aksyong gagawin while we recognize that calamities do not choose nor discriminate because people across ages, gender, and civil status can be victims. He added that “it becomes imperative now to target the more susceptible ones in order to properly identify and establish our new approaches.

These sectors need to be well-versed and well-aware of their own important role to enforce protection and decrease injuries and casualties amidst disasters. Indeed, in a country where earthquakes strike off more frequently, readiness and resiliency should be kept in mind.” In-person or face-to-face earthquake drills are still suspended due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.



2022 PRAISE AWARDS Night Shines Spotlight on DILG XII's best Performers



"Unforgettable" - This one-liner has become the byword among the attendees to the annual awards ceremony for DILG XII's top-performing employees and personnel.

Dubbed as the "GEMS for DILG Dose: Praise Awards," it became one of the anticipated big events for the first quarter of 2022 which highlighted the hardwork, dedication and perseverance of DILG Rehiyon Dose's powerhouse of personnel and top-level managers.

GEMS, which stands for Governance Exemplars for Meaningful Service, is an initiative of the DILG XII under its Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE). It gives due recognition to all the regional and field officers who have shown outstanding performance in carrying out the mandate of the office.

In 2021, a similar awarding ceremony was held in March 30, which also marked the launching of the said program of DILG XII. Nominees and awardees

were given elegant trophies with corresponding incentives. The GEMS awardees automatically represented DILG XII in the CapDev Ace Awards.

The Regional Management, with its Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee, has leveled-up the granting of incentives and rewards to high performing provincial/ city office, division, section/ unit, and personnel in the region through the GEMS of DILG XII Awards.

The DILG Rehiyon Dose Management adopted Circular No. 2017-15 dated 16 May 2017 entitled 'Enhanced DILG Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (DILG PRAISE)' and Memorandum Circular No. 2019-146 dated 30 August 2019 [Revised Guidelines on the Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence (CapDev ACE)] to ensure that the awards scheme is aligned to DILG's national standards on employee's rewards and incentives system.



DILG Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III have been consistent in her drive to build up the human resource of DILG Rehiyon Dose. “Since 2019, I have always been clear about this: ‘the right person doing the job right can get things done right,’ the director emphasized.

RD Leysa expresses hope that through the GEMS awarding ceremony, many of the field and regional office personnel will become more motivated and inspired and end up as nominees themselves.

The Black-tie Affair was well-attended activity, with personnel coming in from the region’s four provinces (Cotabato, Sarangani, South Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat) and one highly-urbanized city (General Santos).

The awards night was made more special with the presence of Usec. Epimaco V. Densing, III, the Undersecretary for Operations of the DILG, who was the guest of honor. In his message, he lauded the efforts of DILG XII under RD Leysa, because of the continuous introduction of innovative ideas and

relevant schemes which put emphasis on the Region’s manpower complement. He later on rallied a call for all the DILG XII workforce to ‘learn to love our country again.’

The Award Categories of the GEMS for DILG Dose: Praise Awards are the following:

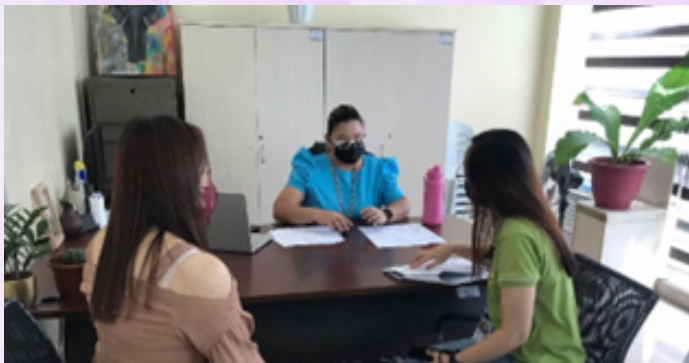
- BEST CITY/MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER
- BEST PERFORMING TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
- BEST PERFORMING ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL
- MOST OUTSTANDING (Highly Urbanized City) HUC/ PROVINCE and BEST PROVINCIAL / CITY DIRECTOR

Winners in the various categories received special plaques and cash awards.

A special award was also given to the evening’s best-dressed darlings of the crowd, the LADY AND GENTLEMAN OF THE NIGHT.



DILG XII'S BKP – ROU INTENSIFIES ANTI – CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE 1ST QUARTER OF CY 2022



DILG XII, through its Bantay Korapsyon Program – Regional Operations Unit (BKP – ROU), has once again served numerous clients for the 1st quarter of 2022 in its effort to be more responsive and proactive to their clients’ concerns.

Records show that BKP-ROU has catered to a total of one hundred seventy – one (171) residents/ clients with various complaints from the whole region.

These complaints involved allegations of graft and corrupt practices, misconduct, and engagement in partisan political activities by local officials and employees, as well as delays in the delivery of government services. These complaints were received by the Regional Office through walk – in clients, calls and messages sent to the 8888 Citizen’s

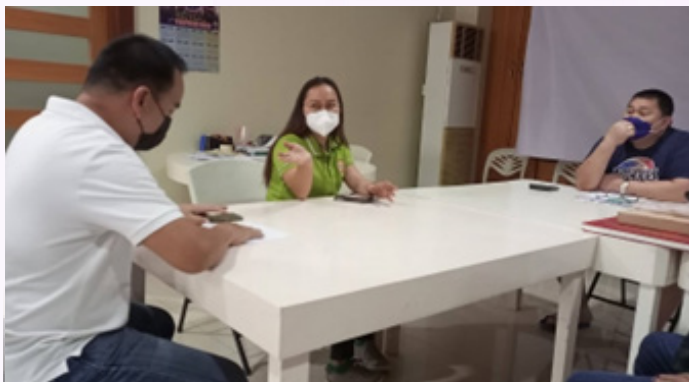
Complaint Center. The BKP-ROU also receives information and complaints channeled through other DILG Bureaus/ services, line agencies, and even from its own Facebook page.

Out of 171 complaints that were processed, twenty-four (24) of these were filed against Barangay Officials, thirteen (13) against government officials, five (5) against City/ Municipal Officials, and one (1) concern against an SK official.

On the other hand, the BKP – ROU has conducted a series of fact – finding inquiries on 18 complaints which has resulted to the issuance of a show-cause order to one unnamed public official.

Below is a summary of the complaints acted upon by the BKP – ROU from January to March 2022 per Province/ HUC:

PLGU/HUC	No. of Complaints
Cotabato Province	46
Sarangani Province	17
South Cotabato	55
Sultan Kudarat	18
General Santos City	35
Total	171



Profile of Complaints Handled by BKP

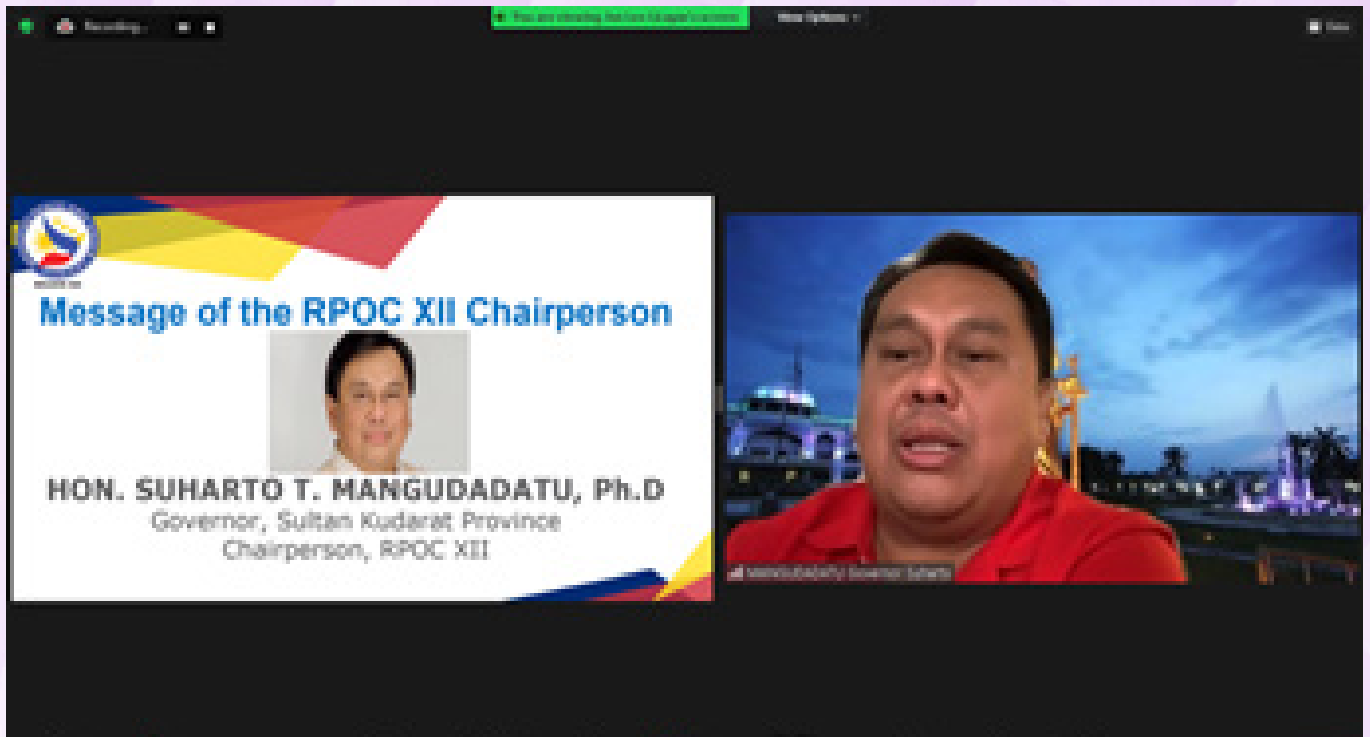
A. SOURCE OF RECEIVED COMPLAINTS	
A. Regional Office (Directly)	11
B. Regional Office (Thru 888)	149
C. OUSec for Local Government	1
D. Legal and Legislative Liaison Service	1
E. Endorsement From Other NGAs	9
SUBTOTAL	171

B. EVALUATED COMPLAINTS	
1. Treated as Corruption Complaints	
A. For Conduct of Fact-Finding	18
B. For Endorsement to other DILG Offices	110
C. For Referral to other NGAs	1
SUBTOTAL	129
2. Treated as Request for Assistance	
A. For Endorsement to other DILG Offices	42
SUBTOTAL	42

C. BREAKDOWN PER OFFICIALS COMPLAINED	
Provincial	
Governor	0
Vice Governor	0
Provincial Sanggunian Members	0
Other Provincial Officials / Employees	0
Subtotal	0
City / Municipal	
Mayor	5
Vice Mayor	0
City / Mun Sanggunian Members	1
Other City/Mun Officials/Employees	0
Subtotal	6
Barangay	
Chairperson / Kapitan	14
Barangay Council Members / Kagawad	7
Other Barangay Officials/Employees	3
Subtotal	24
Sangguniang Kabataan	
Sk Chairperson / Kapitan	1
Youth Council Members / Sk Kagawad	0
Other Youth Officials/Employees	0
Subtotal	1
Non-LGUs	
Other Government Office Official/Employee	13
Subtotal	13

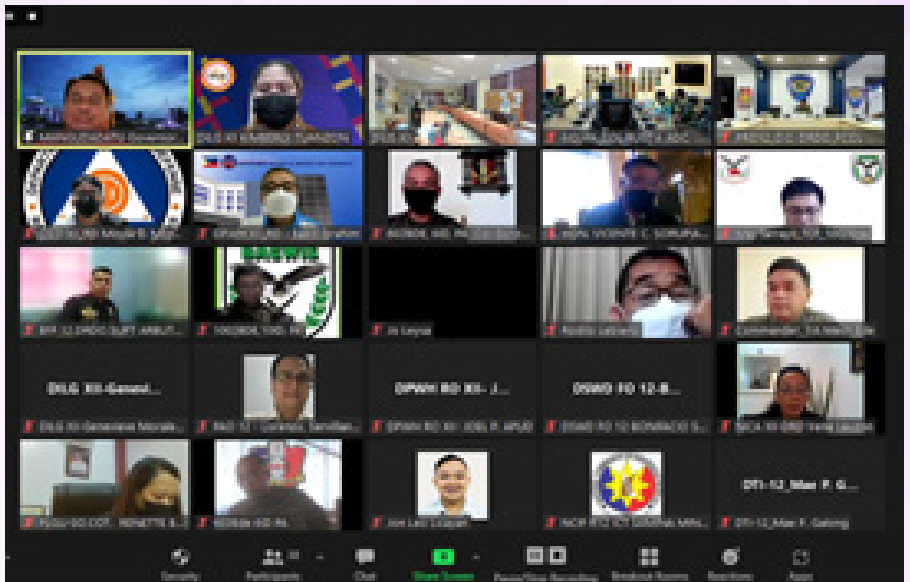


THE REGIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL (RPOC) 12 SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS ITS 1ST QUARTER MEETING FOR CY 2022



The Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) 12 conducts the 1st Quarter Meeting on March 30, 2022 through virtual platform. The meeting was presided by the Chairperson of the Council, Honorable Governor Suharto T. Mangudaddatu of Sultan Kudarat Province and facilitated by the DILG Region XII as the head secretariat.

During the opening message of the Chairperson, he emphasized and recognized the efforts of the AFP and PNP in maintaining the peace and order in Region 12 specially their accomplishments in apprehending the CTGs/LTGs.



Five (5) resolutions were passed by the council. One of which is the request addressed to BFP National Head Quarters for the establishment of Fire Station with fire truck in the Regional Center to defend the people and the infrastructures in the area against possible destructive fire and other emergencies and threats.

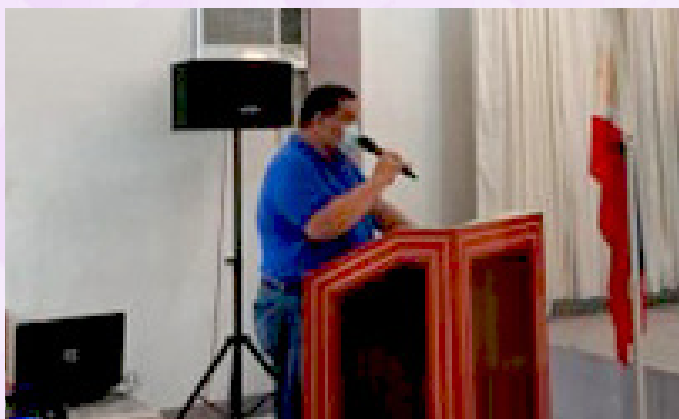
The said meeting was attended by twenty-two (22) members of the council from the PNP, AFP, Provincial Local Government Units, and Regional Line Agencies.



11 LGUs of South Cotabato Province gear up for Peace and Order Council (POC) Performance Audit



POPS-PCMS Focal Persons from 11 LGUs, together with the City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers, gathered for a one day orientation on March 9, 2022 at Villa Amor Hotel, City of Koronadal for the 2019 & 2021 Peace and Order Council Performance Audit and the POC Audit System.



Outcome Manager Hayd-Ali Suwaib gave the welcome message for and in behalf of PD Mahinay-Sero while outlining the rationale for the said activity.



LGOO V Attila H. Baynosa-Lapidez gave the overview and the salient features of the POC Performance Audit, the Audit Process, POC Audit Protocols and Manual, among other things, in preparation for the Audit Proper to commence within the 2nd Quarter of 2022.

The DILG South Cotabato conducts ECQMS Orientation and PPAs Updating

In its bid to strengthen its internal organizational capacity, the DILG South Cotabato conducted ECQMS Orientation and PPAs Updating just recently. PD Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, EnP led the participants during the one-day activity with attendees composed of C/MLGOOs, and their staff.

They were provided with the latest updates on the DILG PPAs, with additional know-how on making and preparing reports, and they were updated on the use of a synchronized calendar which helped remind everyone of the deadlines for the submission of reports.

The DILG Provincial Focal Persons served as the resource speakers and they discussed various topics like ECQMS, Expanded Implementation of Granular Lockdown Monitoring, Barangay Road Clearing

Monitoring and Business Permit and Licensing System. They also elaborated on Gender and Development, BPCO, TELPOMS, Katarungang Pambarangay, First Time Jobseekers, and VAWC Reporting. Also, topics on various Peace and Order matters, 8888, Habitual Absenteeism, Death Benefit Claims, and CSO participation were among the other topics that were thoroughly discussed by the speakers.

Resource persons also highlighted report preparations for the ISO Quality Management System (QMS). In her message, PD Sero expressed gratitude to the C/MLGOOs and their staff for throwing their support to carry out the Department's PPAs. She assured every one of forthcoming Capacity Development (CapDev) activities and initiatives which have been lined up by the Provincial Management.



MY AUSTRALIAN JOURNEY

Ms. ANNALYN S. DOCEO, LGOO VII

Back in 2021, DILG Rehiyon Dose welcomed home its scholar who completed her Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia. This Kidapawan-born lady considered the 'Land-Down-Under' her home for a year while she worked out on her Masters of International Relations at Griffith University.

Ms. Annalyn Salvan Doceo, or Bing to friends, colleagues and officemates, finished her Bachelor of Science in Commerce Major in Accounting (BSC-Accounting) at Notre Dame of Kidapawan College, Cotabato Province from 1987-1991.

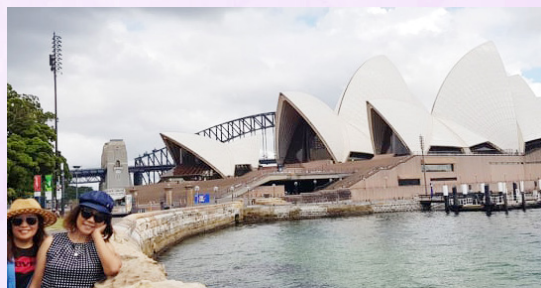
As an LGOO II, she started her life as a DILG personnel in Koronadal, South Cotabato on Jan 2, 1995. For two years and six months, she would devote her time and talent to the said office. She moved up another step in the ladder on June 2, 1997 as LGOO III at DILG General Santos City, a position she held until July 15, 1998.

From Nov. 1998 to June 2013, spanning 14 years and 6 months, Ms. Doceo, by then as a Local Government Operations Officer V (LGOO V) served as an MLGOO. Then, from July 1, 2013 to June 23, 2016, she had been designated as Acting Outcome Manager for DILG Sarangani and was later promoted as full-pledged LGOO VII in 2017.

As LGOO VII, she had a chance to serve as the OIC-PD for DILG Sarangani from Oct. 18, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018.

She was also assigned at the Regional Office from Nov. 08, 2016 to May 31, 2017 as the Assistant Division Chief of LGMED. "I am proud to have been part of Batch 38 of induction training (pre-service) for LGOOs by the Local Government Academy," Ms. Doceo stated during the interview.

Prior to her studies in Australia, she is the Outcome Manager of DILG Sarangani Province. As an LGOO VI, she had a chance to serve as the OIC- PD for DILG Sarangani from Oct. 18, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018.



"A brief pause with a pose at the Sydney Opera House."

"I thank DILG and the whole of DILG Dose for the learning experience I've had in Australia. To say that it has changed my perspective would be an understatement. Not everyone will have that chance to study abroad so I believe that it was worth all the hard work to finally make it through graduation and I am always grateful to DILG Rehiyon Dose, under the leadership of RD Jo Leysa, for the opportunity," Ms. Doceo said with great enthusiasm.

Australia Awards Scholarships (Open Category) is offered to Filipino leaders from both public and private sector who are interested to pursue postgraduate studies in Australia and implement a development project in the Philippines.

Ms. Doceo's scholarship falls into the Targeted Category which is offered to Australia's key partner agencies which delivers priority development initiatives, like the DILG.

The maximum study duration is 1.5 years for master's program and 4 years for PhD programs.



"I made it!"

This thought keeps running in my head as I walk on stage.



"I am a tree-hugger!"

I am trying to hug the trunk of the Baobab tree for comparison. This is also called Bottle tree because of its shape.

"My Australian journey and experience has equipped me for service and DILG Dose stands to benefit from it as I continue my service. As you can see, I have devoted all my life for the Department and I will remain doing so."

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