



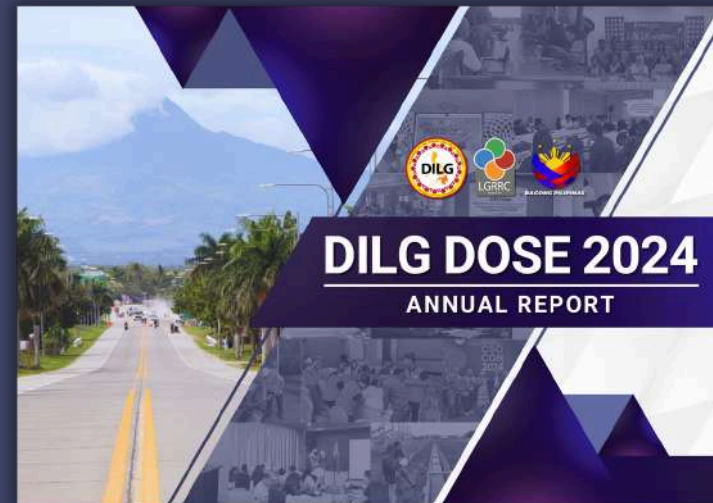
DILG DOSE 2024

ANNUAL REPORT



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ALL ABOUT THE COVER

In everything we do, the way we present ourselves matters. A cover—whether of a book, an album, or even our personal presence — sets the stage for what’s inside. It’s the first impression, the invitation to discover more. For DILG Region 12, our “cover” is best represented by the towering Mt. Matutum, a symbol of strength, vision, and unwavering dedication to public service. Like its solid foundation, our organization stands firm on core values — integrity, commitment, teamwork, and responsiveness—that guide decision-making and ensure stability. The peak of Mt. Matutum reflects our aspirations for excellence in governance and public service, constantly striving to improve and innovate. Our journey mirrors the climb to the summit—demanding resilience, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to growth. Just as Mt. Matutum is a landmark for its surrounding communities, DILG 12 fosters collaboration and unity, working hand in hand with local government units to drive regional development. The mountain’s diverse ecosystem represents our adaptability — embracing change and diversity to meet the evolving needs of our stakeholders. In the end, Mt. Matutum is more than a mountain—it is a beacon of our mission, reminding us to stand tall in service, steadfast in commitment, and always ready to build a stronger, more sustainable Region 12.

Our Mission

The Department shall ensure peace and order, public safety and security, uphold excellence in local governance and enable resilient and inclusive communities.

Our Vision

A highly trusted Department and Partner in nurturing local governments and sustaining peaceful, safe, progressive, resilient, and inclusive communities towards a comfortable and secure life for Filipinos by 2040.

Our Shared Values

Ang DILG ay Matino,
Mahusay at Maaasahan.

DILG Quality Policy

We, the DILG, imbued with the core values of **Integrity, Commitment, Teamwork and Responsiveness**, commit to **formulate sound policies** on strengthening local government capacities, performing oversight function over LGUs, and providing rewards and incentives.

We pledge to **provide effective technical and administrative services** to uphold excellence in local governance and enhance the service delivery of our Regional and Field Offices to **become trusted partners in nurturing local governments and sustaining peaceful, safe, progressive, resilient, and inclusive communities.**

We commit to continually improve the effectiveness of our Quality Management System, compliant with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and international standards gearing towards organizational efficiency in pursuing our mandate and achieving our client's satisfaction.

We commit to consistently demonstrate a **"Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang Kagawaran para sa Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal"**.



Message from the Regional Director

I am pleased to share with you the highlights of our DILG 12 Annual Accomplishment Report, reflecting our resolute commitment to improving public service. This year has been a time of transformation, marked by significant management changes aimed at enhancing our efficiency and strengthening our dedication to our mandates.

Under new leadership, we have restructured our teams to ensure that every member is positioned for maximum impact. This strategic shift allows us to streamline operations, reduce unnecessary complexities, and focus on governance that is clear, effective, and results-driven.

By refining our processes and staying true to our core responsibilities, we have promoted a more transparent and responsive government structure—one that swiftly and effectively addresses client needs.

Your trust and support continue to inspire us as we work towards a stronger, more efficient DILG 12. Together, we move forward in building a governance system that truly serves the people.

Sincerely,

ATTY. ROCHELLE D. MAHINAY-SERO, CESE
Regional Director

Message from the Assistant Regional Director

In 2024, we embraced a new way of thinking – one that pushes us to do our best to keep finding better ways to serve. This mindset has encouraged us to innovate, adapt, and go beyond our usual practices to improve governance and uplift communities.

Throughout the year, we carried out programs that strengthened local governance, improved disaster preparedness, and promoted transparency. By conducting capacity-building activities, implementing policy reforms, and engaging directly with communities, we helped local government units address challenges and respond to the changing needs of the people.

Our accomplishments this year are not just numbers; they are a reflection of our dedication to making a real difference. As we move forward, we will keep expanding our efforts, making a deeper impact, and creating meaningful, lasting change.

Together, let's continue growing, learning, and striving to be better – because "better" is more than a goal; it is our commitment to public service.



SAMUEL A. CAMAGANACAN, CE
OIC Assistant Regional Director



CHAPTER 1

EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD



AT A GLANCE

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SGLG PASSERS

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SGLGB PASSERS

Php42.3M

SGLG-IF PROVIDED

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LGSF-FALGU ALLOCATED

100%

FDP COMPLIANCE

4

LGUS RECOGNIZED
IN PLANADOSE

1,096

BARANGAYS TRAINED
ON BNEO

61

CSO SCHOLARS
CAPACITATED

49

BPLS - COMPLIANT
LGUS

100%

LTIA ACTIVITIES
IMPLEMENTED

Php200K

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION
FUND PROVIDED

97

PPA-IMPLEMENTATION
PARTNERS RECOGNIZED

3,962

BARANGAY ROADS
CLEARED

2024 IN NUMBERS

ANNEXES

EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD

CY 2024 SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), a flagship initiative of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, is a highly regarded recognition program that promotes excellence and accountability in local governance. It evaluates the performance of local government units (LGUs) across ten key governance areas.

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Total of Local Government Units (LGUs) have been awarded the Seal in Region 12. The recipients of the seal are as follows:

- ▶ Cotabato Province
- ▶ Aleosan
- ▶ Kabacan
- ▶ City of Kidapawan
- ▶ M'lang
- ▶ Magpet
- ▶ Midsayap
- ▶ Pigcawayan
- ▶ Sarangani Province
- ▶ Alabel
- ▶ Maasim
- ▶ Malapatan
- ▶ Malungon
- ▶ General Santos City
- ▶ South Cotabato
- ▶ City of Koronadal
- ▶ Polomolok
- ▶ Tantaran
- ▶ Tupi
- ▶ Sultan Kudarat Province
- ▶ Bagumbayan
- ▶ City of Tacurong
- ▶ Columbio
- ▶ Kalamansig
- ▶ Lambayong
- ▶ Lutayan
- ▶ Palimbang
- ▶ President Quirino



Meanwhile, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Dose was recognized as the Pinakamahasay na Tanggapan Panrehiyon (Best Regional Office) Ikalawang Gantimpala for its outstanding performance in the implementation of the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).



2024 SGLG Regional Assessment in Region 12

P/HUC	2024	2023	2022	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Cotabato	8	2	2	2	4	5	4	3
Sarangani	5	5	3	0	0	2	2	1
South Cotabato	5	4	2	1	2	4	4	2
Sultan Kudarat	9	8	5	2	3	3	3	2
General Santos	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SGLG Awardees	28	19	13	5	9	14	13	8
Awardee Ratio	53%	36%	25%	9%	17%	26%	25%	15%

Adding to this milestone, Local Government Operations Officer II Jade E. Jandoc was awarded the Pinakamahasay na Tagapag-ugnay Panrehiyon (Best Regional Focal Person) Ikalawang Gantimpala.



CY 2024 SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR BARANGAYS

The Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB) is a program under the National Barangay Operations Office designed to acknowledge exemplary performance through performance assessment and recognition system, and promote continuous improvement in barangay governance.

Starting in 2023, the SGLGB has implemented the Online Expansive and Unified Audit (ONE Audit) system, integrating various Barangay-Based Institutions (BBIs) Functionality Audits. This unified approach aims to streamline and enhance the assessment process for barangays across the country.



In a remarkable display of excellence in public service, a total of

152



Barangays in Region 12 were recognized with the prestigious Seal of Good Local Governance for Barangay (SGLGB).

Recipients were evaluated based on Core Governance Areas, including:



Financial Administration and Sustainability



Disaster Preparedness



Safety Peace and Order

Essential Governance Areas including:



Social Protection and Sensitivity



Business Friendliness and Competitiveness



Environmental Management

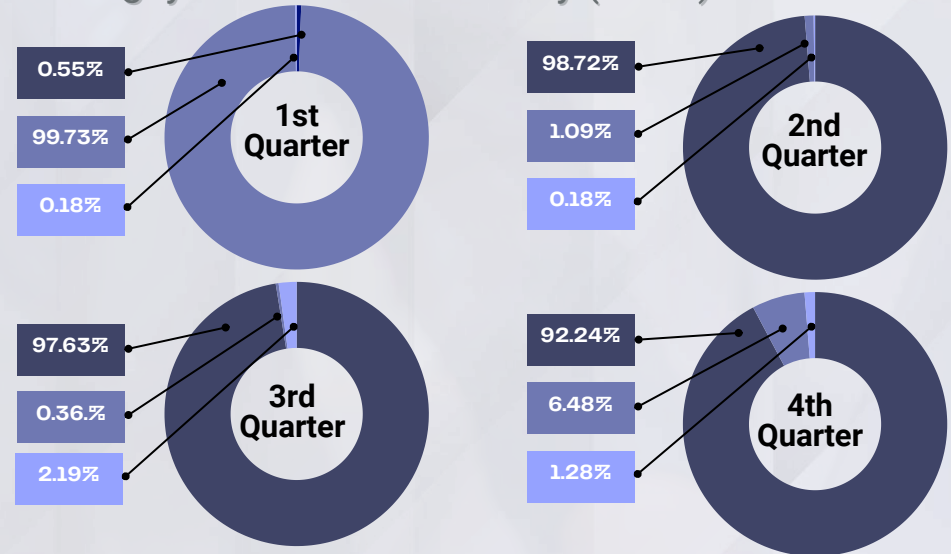
FULL DISCLOSURE POLICY (FDP) CY 2024

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has mandated local government units (LGUs) to comply with the Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) as outlined in Memorandum Circular No. 2010-083. The policy mandates that local government units make key financial documents available, such as budget details and expenditure reports, to promote transparency and prevent corruption and the misuse of public funds.

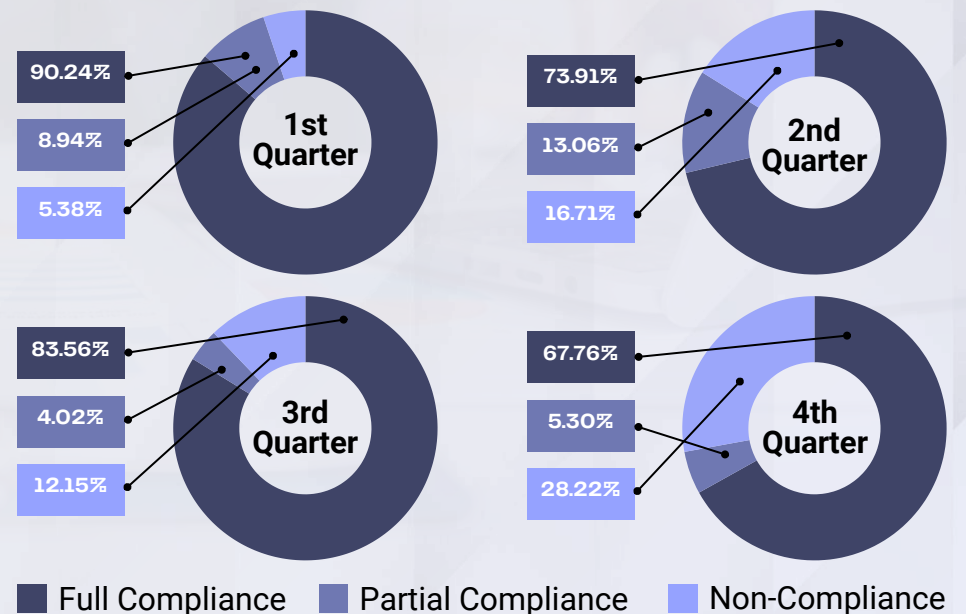
The department also continues to champion transparency and accountability in governance through the implementation of the Barangay Full Disclosure Policy (BFDP) and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Public Disclosure Policy (SKFDP).

Monitoring of LGU Full Compliance to FDP	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Percentage of Compliance for Provinces	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of compliance for Cities	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percentage of compliance for Municipalities	100%	100%	100%	100%

Barangay Full Disclosure Policy (BFDP) CY 2024



SK Public Disclosure Policy (SKPDP) CY 2024



Barangay Full Disclosure Policy (BFDP) CY 2024

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	1st Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	5	478	2
Sarangani	142	1	141	0
South Cotabato	199	0	199	0
Sultan Kudarat	249	0	249	0
General Santos City	26	0	26	0
TOTAL	1,096	6	1093	2
PERCENTAGE		0.55%	99.73%	0.18%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	3rd Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	480	0	0
Sarangani	142	119	0	23
South Cotabato	199	199	1	1
Sultan Kudarat	249	246	3	0
General Santos City	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	1,096	1070	4	24
PERCENTAGE		97.63%	0.36%	2.19%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	2nd Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	473	7	0
Sarangani	142	138	4	0
South Cotabato	199	199	0	0
Sultan Kudarat	249	246	1	2
General Santos City	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	1,096	1082	12	2
PERCENTAGE		98.72%	1.09%	0.18%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	4th Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	419	49	12
Sarangani	142	123	19	0
South Cotabato	199	199	0	0
Sultan Kudarat	249	26	0	0
General Santos City	26	244	3	2
TOTAL	1,096	1011	71	14
PERCENTAGE		92.24%	6.48%	1.28%

The BFDP mandates barangays to disclose key financial documents and governance reports, including their budgets, expenditures, and projects. This initiative aims to ensure that barangay officials remain accountable to their constituents by providing easy access to crucial information.

SK Public Disclosure Policy (SKPDP) CY 2024

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	1st Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	453	24	3
Sarangani	142	141	0	0
South Cotabato	199	155	39	56
Sultan Kudarat	249	220	29	0
General Santos City	26	20	6	0
TOTAL	1,096	989	98	59
PERCENTAGE		90.24%	8.94%	5.38%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	2nd Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	365	24	89
Sarangani	142	142	0	0
South Cotabato	199	147	0	94
Sultan Kudarat	249	130	119	0
General Santos City	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	1,096	810	143	183
PERCENTAGE		73.91%	13.06%	16.71%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	3rd Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	448	0	26
Sarangani	142	142	0	0
South Cotabato	199	156	1	44
Sultan Kudarat	249	143	43	63
General Santos City	26	26	0	0
TOTAL	1,096	915	44	133
PERCENTAGE		83.56%	4.02%	12.15%

Province/HUC	Total Number of Barangay	4th Quarter		
		Full Compliance	Partial Compliance	Non-Compliance
North Cotabato	480	362	26	93
Sarangani	142	109	0	33
South Cotabato	199	141	22	41
Sultan Kudarat	249	130	10	116
General Santos City	26	0	0	26
TOTAL	1,096	742	58	309
PERCENTAGE		67.76%	5.30%	28.22%

The SK Public Disclosure Policy mandates that youth councils disclose their financial transactions and achievements in programs. This initiative aims to encourage accountable and clear governance within the youth community, enhancing their involvement in the development of the nation.

SGLG-INCENTIVE FUND

As of November 27, 2024, 19 Local Government Units have benefited from the Seal of Good Local Governance Incentive Fund for FY 2023 with a total budget allocation of:

Php42.3M

Province	Allocation	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION					
		No. of LGUs	No. of Projects	Notice to Implement	Ongoing	Sustainability Completed	Completed
North Cotabato	4.1M	2	2	-	-	-	2
Sarangani	17.1M	5	5	1	2	1	4
South Cotabato	9.9M	4	4	-	1	-	3
Sultan Kudarat	11.2M	8	8	-	1	2	2
TOTAL	42.3M	19	19	1	4	3	11

In Cotabato Province, two projects have been successfully completed. In Sultan Kudarat, eight projects were initiated: one is yet to be implemented (NTI), two are ongoing, one is substantially completed, and four are completed. In South Cotabato, four projects were launched, with one ongoing and three completed. In Sarangani, five projects are underway: one is ongoing, two are substantially completed, and two are completed. Overall, the SGLG IF 2023 supports 19 projects, with one yet to be implemented, four ongoing, three substantially completed, and 11 completed.

The SGLG IF serves as a reward mechanism recognizing LGUs that demonstrate exceptional governance practices. By adhering to the core principles of financial accountability, disaster preparedness, social protection, and peace and order, qualifying LGUs gain access to funding for priority development projects. This program highlights the government’s commitment to empowering LGUs as drivers of sustainable progress.



In Cotabato Province, the SGLG IF funded key infrastructure and service improvements, including streetlights in Kidapawan City and gabion wire mesh installation in Pigcawayan.

In Sultan Kudarat, the fund supported various projects enhancing public facilities and inclusive growth. Completed projects include streetlights in Bagumbayan, a health station in Columbio, a sewerage system in Lambayong, streetlights for the PLGU Sultan Kudarat, a local access road in President Quirino, and streetlights in Tacurong City. Meanwhile, the kiddie pool in Esperanza and the acquisition of a backhoe remains ongoing.

South Cotabato utilized the SGLG IF to enhance infrastructure and resilience. Completed projects include streetlights in Koronadal City and Tupi, as well as IT equipment and a server for the PLGU South Cotabato. The multi-purpose building in Polomolok is still ongoing.



In Sarangani, the fund improved public services and governance. Completed projects include streetlights in Alabel and Malapatan, road concreting in Maasim, and a patrol car for Malungon. The Provincial Tourism Center of PLGU Sarangani remains under construction.



With these achievements, the Seal of Good Local Governance Incentive Fund continues to drive progress, reinforcing the importance of effective governance in building resilient and prosperous communities.

SUPPORT TO BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SBDP) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Region 12 is progressing with various infrastructure projects across Cotabato Province, Sarangani Province, South Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat.

Province/HUC	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	PROCUREMENT PROCESS	ONGOING
North Cotabato	57	38	19
Sarangani	5	2	3
South Cotabato	8	8	0
Sultan Kudarat	23	8	13
TOTAL	93	56	35

These developments highlight steady progress in enhancing regional infrastructure and services.



During the first quarter, the LGSF-SBDP focal persons in Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and Sarangani conducted pre-final and final inspections of various FMRs and water systems. Site validations for both ongoing and newly initiated projects were carried out, particularly in Tulunan, Matalam, and M'lang. Infrastructure projects underwent thorough documentation and evaluation to ensure compliance with project specifications. The completion of SBDP FY 2022 projects was marked by turnover ceremonies.





In the second quarter, the focus was on the implementation of Rapid Subproject Sustainability Assessments (RSSA) for FY 2021 SBDP projects in Sultan Kudarat and Columbio. Turnover ceremonies were conducted for FY 2022 SBDP projects in Palimbang and Arakan. Upgrades to FMRs were validated, and school buildings and water systems in Sarangani were inspected.



The third quarter focused on preparing pre-implementation documentation for new FY 2024 SBDP projects in Antipas and other areas. Innovative projects, including renewable energy electrification in Barangay Lun Padidu, Malapatan, were monitored and evaluated. Fifty-six barangays under FY 2024 LGSF-SBDP were validated and inspected, ensuring transparency and accountability.



The fourth quarter emphasized turnover ceremonies for completed sub-projects in Lake Sebu and other municipalities. The focus was on sustainability by conducting groundbreaking ceremonies for new FMR projects in Datal Dlanag and Tudok. Over 50 projects, including health stations and renewable energy initiatives, were monitored and inspected. Continued efforts ensured transparency, emphasizing the immediate and sustainable utilization of completed projects.



EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD

LGSF-FALGU PROGRAM

Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units Program

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has made significant strides in implementing the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FALGU) program in 2024. With a strong focus on infrastructure development, disaster resilience, and social services, the program has accelerated the completion of essential projects that directly benefit communities.

For CY 2024, SOCCSKSARGEN LGUs received

Php14.13 BILLION

allocation to support projects in agriculture, ICT modernization, cultural heritage preservation, and infrastructure improvement.



By year-end,

22

SUB-PROJECTS WERE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION

3

COMPLETED

4

ONGOING

2

UNDER PROCUREMENT

13

UNDER PREPARATION

Notable accomplishments included the construction and rehabilitation of multi-purpose buildings, improvements to public spaces, and the provision of modernized rescue vehicles to enhance disaster preparedness.

With DILG Dose’s commitment to transparency and efficiency in project execution, the program achieved a

73.90% LIQUIDATION RATE

for FY 2023 funds December 31, 2024. 13 out of 19 subprojects were completed, while five remain in progress and one was canceled.



Activities Conducted by PDMU XII under LGSF-FALGU Program



Final Project Inspections by PDMU XII under LGSF-FALGU Program

Despite challenges such as contractor delays, compliance issues, and capacity gaps, The DILG strengthened monitoring and evaluation, conducted regular site inspections and validation visits, and provided technical assistance to LGUs. These efforts reflect the agency's commitment to empowering LGUs, improving public services, and driving sustainable progress in communities across the country.

RURAL AGRO-ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT (RAPID) GROWTH PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

The RAPID Growth Project in 2024 prioritized key infrastructure initiatives, particularly the construction and improvement of Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs) in Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and Cotabato provinces. These efforts aimed to enhance rural connectivity, boost economic opportunities, and improve access to essential services for local communities.

The year began with the groundbreaking of the Bacalto-Mission FMR in Sultan Kudarat in January, marking a significant step in the expansion of agricultural road networks. Regular monitoring and evaluation sessions were conducted throughout the year to track progress on ongoing projects in Senator Ninoy Aquino, Bagumbayan, and Malapatan, ensuring adherence to timelines and quality standards. Constructor's performance evaluations were also carried out to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of project implementation.



PDMU Conducts Simultaneous Final Project Inspection of FMR Project at Brgy. Salabaca, Esperanza, Sultan Kudarat on December 4, 2024



RAPID Growth Project in Bagumbayan and Senator Ninoy Aquino



Monitoring the DTI-RAPID Project: Bagumbayan's FMR on November 4, 2024



As projects neared completion, pre-final and final inspections were conducted to verify compliance with specifications and construction standards. The successful turnover of the Población-Datu Agod FMR in Antipas was a key highlight, signifying the tangible benefits brought to local farmers and residents.



Turnover of the Población-Datu Agod FMR in Antipas

To maintain momentum and ensure alignment with development goals, quarterly coordination meetings were held, providing a platform for stakeholders to review progress, address challenges, and strategize for upcoming phases.



4th Quarter INFRACOM XII Meeting at Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat on November 20, 2024



2nd Coordination and Performance Assessment of the RAPID Growth Projects in Region 12 at DILG Regional Office 12 on July 15, 2024



3rd Coordination and Performance Assessment of the RAPID Growth Projects in Region 12 at DILG Regional Office 12 on December 9, 2024

Through a steadfast commitment to infrastructure development, efficient project execution, and stakeholder collaboration, the RAPID Growth Project in 2024 delivered critical improvements in rural accessibility, ultimately fostering economic growth and community resilience in the region.



REGIONAL COORDINATION FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE RCGG

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Dose envision a Region 12 where progress is driven by development policies that are seamlessly integrated within Local Government Units (LGUs) and aligned with regional and national goals. Essential plans like Comprehensive Land Use Plans (CLUPs), Local Shelter Plans (LSPs), and Comprehensive Development Plans (CDPs) play a crucial role in achieving this vision. However, the Regional Development Plan 2023-2028 highlights a persistent challenge—many LGUs struggle to finalize and secure approval for these plans, despite ongoing capacity-building efforts. This gap hinders the region's ability to fully implement housing and community development initiatives.

Compounding this issue is the low compliance of LGUs with DILG Memorandum Circular 2019-172, which mandated the formulation or updating of CLUPs and CDPs by June 2020. Non-compliance, which carries the risk of administrative sanctions, reflects governance gaps that require stronger accountability. These plans, mandated under the Local Government Code of 1991 and the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992, are critical to addressing evolving community needs. Recognizing this, DILG Dose and its partner agencies emphasize the need for collective action to help LGUs meet the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) indicators and enhance their overall performance.

In August 2024, the program officially rolled out, followed by the assessment phase, where LGU CLUPs, CDPs, Local Development Investment Programs (LDIPs), and Annual Investment Programs (AIPs) were evaluated for quality, alignment, and compliance.

To address these challenges, DILG Dose launched "Buylog Dose for Good Governance," a key initiative funded under the Regional Institutional Development and Support (RIDS) component of the Support to Local Governance Program (SLGP). This program strengthens inter-agency collaboration, streamlines technical support for LGUs, and ensures that local development planning is aligned, responsive, and effective. By fostering a unified approach, Buylog Dose minimizes redundancies, enhances coordination, and promotes evidence-based decision-making in local governance.



RIDS-BUYLOG-PLANODOSE-RCGG

One of its key components, Planadose, focuses on assessing and improving LGU compliance with planning mandates. Its implementation began in June 2024, with a series of consultations and strategy sessions under Buylog Dose. By July 2024, an orientation for Planadose Assessors was conducted, bringing together Local Planning and Development Coordinators from component LGUs. This activity introduced the Planadose Assessment Framework, detailing parameters, indicators, assessment tools, and the roles of key actors.





To sustain these efforts, another round of targeted interventions is set for 2025, reinforcing DILG XII’s commitment to strengthening local governance, improving LGU compliance, and ensuring alignment with national development priorities. Through Buylog Dose for Good Governance, LGUs are equipped with the necessary support and guidance to adopt a more structured, collaborative, and accountable approach to governance—paving the way for a more resilient and progressive Region 12 contributing to the nation’s commitment to achieving its long term development vision and ensuring that every Filipino can enjoy a Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay (Ambisyon 2040).

As a result of their outstanding performance in the assessment, the following LGUs were recognized:



**Municipality of Aleosan,
Province of Cotabato**



**City of Tacurong,
Sultan Kudarat Province**



**City of Kidapawan,
Cotabato Province**



**Municipality of Antipas,
Province of Cotabato**

Still a component of the RIDS-funded initiative under Buylog Dose for Good Governance, the SGLG assessment results for CY 2024 were thoroughly analyzed to identify governance gaps and design targeted interventions for LGUs. In November 2024, SGLG regional and provincial focal persons developed an action plan based on these findings, leading to focused interventions such as focus group discussions, coaching sessions, orientations, and action planning workshops in collaboration with relevant regional line agencies.

STRENGTHENING CSO DESK OFFICER REGIONAL ROLLOUT

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII, in partnership with the Support for Local Governance Program-Project Management Office (SLGP-PMO) has conducted the regional rollout of the Strengthening Civil Society Organization Desk Officer (CSO-DO) program, held on May 30-31, 2024, at Greenstate Suites in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.



Regional Rollout of the Strengthening Civil Society Organization Desk Officer Program, held on May 30-31, 2024, at Greenstate Suites in Koronadal City, South Cotabato

This activity aimed to enhance the competencies of CSO Desk Officers across municipalities in the region, ensuring they effectively fulfill their roles as mandated by Section 6.15 of DILG Memorandum Circular 2021-054. Funded under the Support to Local Governance Program (SLGP), the event brought together CSO Desk Officers, local government officials, and civil society leaders to strengthen collaborative mechanisms.

The event featured key speakers, including Mr. Carlito Y. Uy, Independent Trustee of the Coalition of Society Development Office; Engr. Mary Ann Traspe, Assistant Division Chief of LGCDD; Atty. Ryan J. Alair, Tacurong City CLGOO; LGOO III Kimberly Tuanzon; ADAS VI Jade Jandoc; and DMO III Ana Louwel V. Cabrido. Through expert presentations, capacity-building workshops, and interactive networking sessions, participants from the different LGUs of the four provinces of Rehiyon Dose deepened their understanding of participatory governance and the crucial role of CSO Desk Officers in bridging the gap between LGUs and civil society. Discussions focused on best practices for effective CSO engagement, innovative approaches to strengthening local governance, and strategies to improve public service delivery.



This initiative reaffirmed the commitment of DILG and its partners to sustaining a culture of participatory governance, where civil society plays an active role in shaping policies and programs. Moving forward, the DILG aims to provide continuous training, mentorship, and engagement opportunities to ensure that CSOs remain empowered in their role as catalysts for change.

REHIYON DOSE DAGYAW OPEN TOWN HALL MEETING 2024

DILG Region XII, in partnership with PIA XII and DBM, organized the Dagyaw Open Government Town Hall Meeting as a key initiative to promote transparency, citizen engagement, and collaborative governance on July 30, 2024 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

Held alongside the 10th episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, the event brought together over

400 PARTICIPANTS

including local officials, national agency representatives, CSO Desk Officers, media, and citizens from Region XII.



Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, DILG XII Regional Director, underscored the importance of Dagyaw in establishing trust between the government and the public, thereby guaranteeing that policies are in accordance with the requirements of the populace.

DBM Undersecretary Wilford L. Wong underscored the significance of citizen participation in the budgeting process to guarantee the efficient allocation of resources. The event included an open forum, which enabled attendees to express their concerns and participate in discussions regarding local issues.





The term DAGYAW, which translates to "COMMUNAL WORK or GATHERING" in Hiligaynon, encapsulates the event's objective of promoting open dialogue and citizen engagement. Dagyaw facilitates the enhancement of democracy and the development of an inclusive, empowered society in Region XII.

EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD



OPEN GOVERNANCE PARTNERSHIP (OGP)

Local Experience of South Cotabato

EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD



A knowledge-sharing session for newly inducted local government units (LGUs) under the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local Program was held from November 11 to 13, 2024, at Venue 88 Hotel, General Santos City.

This initiative aimed to enhance transparency, accountability, and citizen participation in governance, equipping LGUs with the tools and strategies needed to effectively implement OGP commitments.

The session highlighted best practices from the Provincial Government of South Cotabato and the Mahintana Foundation, offering participants concrete models for successful OGP implementation. Through peer learning and collaboration, LGU participants and DILG field officers were engaged in a discussion to address challenges and develop strategies to improve local OGP initiatives.

Another key point for the session was to ensure that support mechanisms are tailored to the specific needs of new OGP members. Participants were provided with practical tools and frameworks to develop and implement their own commitments.



CSO ACADEMY SOCCSKSARGEN

Empowering People for Local Development

The CSO Academy SOCCSKSARGEN continues to strengthen civil society engagement through its structured learning programs. The 2nd Batch of Scholars in South Cotabato commenced their journey on June 4, 2024, with 21 CSOs undergoing Component I: Internal Governance.

Further expanding its impact, General Santos City successfully launched its CSO Academy on June 20, 2024, in partnership with USAID, welcoming 40 scholars into the program.

A major milestone was also achieved when the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL) granted the Certificate of Registration to the CSO Academy SOCCSKSARGEN on June 22, 2024, securing its legal recognition for 10 years. Another recognition was received during the 2024 CSO National Conference in Pampanga from September 17-19, 2024, where DILG Dose Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, and MFI Program Manager Roel Ian Blanker received the award recognizing Region XII's efforts in capacitating CSOs towards an effective participatory governance.



Meanwhile, Component II: Local Governance kicked off its first session on November 18, 2024, facilitated by DILG Dose covering key topics such as the Philippine Government Structure, the Local Government Code of 1991, and the Local Planning Process, among others.



Looking ahead, the next phase of Component II is set to take place between January and March 2025, promising more in-depth learning for CSOs as they gear up for active participation in local governance.

BNEO TOWARDS GREAT BARANGAYS PROGRAM

Barangay Newly Elected Officials towards Grassroots Renewal and Empowerment for Accountable and Transparent Barangay Program

1,096

barangays in SOCCSKSARGEN have successfully completed their governance training under the Barangay Newly Elected Officials Towards Grassroots Renewal and Empowerment for Accountable and Transparent Barangays (BNEO for GREAT Barangays) program by April 2024

These barangays are composed of the following:

The participants are distributed as follows:

480

barangays in the Province of Cotabato

4,013

Male Participants

142

barangays in the Province of Sarangani

1,924

Female Participants

199

barangays in the Province of South Cotabato

249

barangays in the Province of Sultan Kudarat

26

barangays in the City of General Santos

This covers all component barangays of Region XII.





BNEO for GREAT Barangays is a term-based capacity development initiative for newly elected barangay officials implemented by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) through its training arm, the Local Government Academy (LGA).

Its primary objective is to equip local officials at the grassroots level with the knowledge and skills necessary to fulfill their roles and responsibilities under the Local Government Code of 1991. Key areas covered are planning, budgeting, governance administration, enhancing governance participation, monitoring and evaluating barangay performance, and ensuring a smooth administrative transition.

DILG DOSE HOSTS CSO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) successfully conducted the roundtable discussion on the amendment of DILG Civil Society Organization (CSO) policies at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, from June 19–21, 2024.



Participants included DILG CSO Accreditation Regional Focal Persons, CSO Academy representatives from SOCCSKSARGEN, CSO Desk Officers, and DILG Provincial Focal Persons. They reviewed the proposed amendments to DILG Memorandum Circulars 2022-005 and 2022-083, which outline guidelines for CSO accreditation and their selection for local special bodies. LGOO III Berenice Tarnate provided an in-depth analysis of the policies and amendments.

Meanwhile, Mr. Paul Patrick Manaois and Mr. Lou John C. Angeles presented the CSO Accreditation Application Portal which was developed by the DILG to streamline the accreditation process for CSOs.

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Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Development, Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, also shared insights on the CSO Academy of SOCCSKSARGEN's efforts to build the capacities of CSOs for stronger engagement in governance.



Undersecretary for Local Government Marlo L. Iringan, in a video message, emphasized the importance of revising policies to enhance participatory governance and adapt to evolving needs. Director Debie T. Torres of the Bureau of Local Government Supervision commended Region XII for organizing the event and acknowledged participants' valuable contributions.

IMPROVE LGU COMPETITIVENESS AND EASE OF DOING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 11032, also known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery (EODB-EGSD) Act of 2018, the DILG carries out a number of programs and initiatives on EODB to improve the local business environment for economic recovery, make it easier for more investments to happen, and create more jobs. These programs and initiatives aim to improve regulatory services and public services among LGUs, make it easier for local investments to happen, and get the private sector to invest in public sector infrastructure and services for local economic development.

Through the Local Government Capability Development Division and partner agencies, the department has conducted various initiatives and advocacies, including EODB-related trainings, meetings, assessments, strategic planning, monitoring, and compliance audits. It generally aims to monitor LGUs compliance with RA 11032 and provide necessary technical assistance to improve their performance in complying with the guidelines issued by DILG and government agencies relative to the EODB law.



National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) activity on November 12–15, 2024, at the Farm @Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal.



Various EODB-related trainings and activities on EODB



In CY 2024, DILG Dose has implemented various EODB-related trainings and activities on EODB through the following:

21

cities and municipalities from SOCKSARGEN participated in the e-LGU Launching and Caravan in Davao City on July 11, 2024.

1

LGCDD staff attended the EODB Forum on July 17, 2024, in Iloilo City.

7

cities and municipalities received coaching on the Business - Friendliness and Competitiveness Indicators (BCF Indicators) on June 26-28, 2024, at the Paraiso Verde Hotel and Resort City of Koronadal

6

municipalities were capacitated on the formulation of Local Investment and Incentives Code (LIIC) and Workforce Development Plan (WDP) on May 22-24, 2024, at the Greenstate Suites, City of Koronadal

3

cities participated and were identified as the LED Model LGUs of the region in the Replication of Regional Initiatives on LED (RISE Implementation).

10

1st class municipalities were audited during the audit on EODB Compliance Indicators CY 2024 on November 22, 2024; November 25-29, 2024; and December 2, 2024.

1

LGCDD staff member participated in the National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD) activity on November 12-15, 2024, at the Farm @Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal.

1

Regional Focal Person participated in the EODB Year-end Assessment from December 4-6, 2024, at the Hotel Casiana in Tagaytay City.

49

Cities/Municipalities were compliant in monitoring LGU adherence to BPLS standards, revealing an 80% compliance rate.

49

Cities/Municipalities were assessed during the monitoring of LGU compliance with BPCO standards of which 49% met the standards

49

Cities/Municipalities were monitored for compliance with Telco Standards and EVOSS LGU requirements.

LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA INCENTIVES AWARDS (LTIA)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII, as Chairperson of the Regional Assessment Team (RAT), has successfully concluded the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) assessment from April 17 to 23, 2024. The assessment evaluated seven Provincial and Highly Urbanized City (HUC) winners across Region XII to recognize outstanding implementation of the Katarungang Pambarangay (Barangay Justice System).



Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) Assessments in Region 12



On April 12, 2024, at the DILG XII Conference Room in Brgy. Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, a pre-meeting and reorientation on the updated LTIA guidelines took place ahead of the assessment. The session culminated in the finalization of the new criteria and schedule for onsite evaluations.

The Regional Assessment Committee (RAC) consisted of Ms. Pastora Francis Grace Billones from the Regional Trial Court, Ms. Kimberly Frias-Ambat from the Prosecutor's Office, PMAJ Ma. Odeza Rendaje from the Philippine National Police (PNP) Region XII, and Atty. Veronica Dondiego, representing the Civil Society Organization (CSO).

A post-meeting and finalization of results took place on April 24, 2024, following the week-long onsite evaluations. The RAC identified Barangay Upper Katungal, Tacurong City; Barangay Poblacion, Tupi; and Barangay Dadiangas West, General Santos City, as the 2024 Regional Winners and National Nominees for their exceptional efforts in promoting community harmony and resolving disputes at the grassroots level.



The DILG Region XII and the Regional Assessment Team remain steadfast in their commitment to supporting and recognizing the invaluable contributions of Lupong Tagapamayapa in fostering peace and order in local communities.

DILG DOSE IN BAGONG PILIPINAS SERBISYO FAIR

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Dose actively participated in the Bagong Pilipinas Campaign in Sultan Kudarat on February 25-26, 2024, where 125,000 beneficiaries gathered at the Capitol Grounds, Isulan to access government services. DILG Dose turned over a Php 9.5 million Food Terminal Building in Tacurong City, funded through the 2022 SGLG Incentive Fund, to the provincial government.

Led by Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, DILG Dose was among 55 national agencies delivering frontline services. Also present were DILG Sultan Kudarat Provincial Director Margarita H. Baynosa, MPA, DILG South Cotabato OIC-Provincial Director Hayd-Ali Suwaib, and regional personnel. Atty. Ryan J. Alair and Atty. Jane Torreon provided legal consultations, while LGRRC staff distributed educational materials on DILG programs.



Bagong Pilipinas Campaign in Sultan Kudarat on February 25-26, 2024



Governor Datu Pax Ali S. Mangudadatu, JD emphasized Bagong Pilipinas as a vision for a better Philippines and expressed gratitude for national government support. House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Guest of Honor, commended local leaders and outlined national-aligned development plans. Bagong Pilipinas, a flagship initiative of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., promotes unity, reform, and inclusive progress.



CSIS IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS

To formally wrap up the CY 2023 Citizen Satisfaction Index System (CSIS) implementation in General Santos City, the Department of the Interior and Local Government XII (DILG Dose) hosted a utilization conference at Casa Verde, Greenleaf Hotel, on April 30, 2024. The event brought together key implementation partners, including DILG Central Office representatives Ms. Mae Pagador and Ms. Jouanna Marie Dabu, the DILG General Santos City team led by City Director Rilimin H. Sandoval, DILG Regional Office XII staff, Mindanao State University-General Santos City representatives, and the CSIS Partner Local Resource Institute.



CY 2023 CSIS implementation in General Santos City, the DILG Dose hosted a utilization conference at Casa Verde, Greenleaf Hotel, on April 30, 2024.

A flagship program of the DILG, the CSIS evaluates citizen satisfaction across seven critical service areas: Support to Education, Health Services, Social Welfare, Environmental Management, Public Works and Infrastructure, Governance and Response, and Economic and Investment Promotion. The program provides data-driven insights to local government units (LGUs), enabling them to identify strengths, address areas for improvement, and enhance public service delivery to better respond to citizens' needs.



In response to the CSIS findings, the Mahintana Foundation Inc. proposed an initiative to address the survey's identified gaps.



As a result, the Civil Society Participation Fund (CSPF) amounting to two hundred thousand pesos was granted for MFI's "Boosting Engagement and Civic Awareness Through Open Communication Networks (BEACON)" Project.

The BEACON Project seeks to improve civic involvement and communication between citizens and their government. It was fully implemented by MFI in LGU General Santos City as of December 31, 2024.

DILG XII'S PASIDUNGOG SA DOSE 2024

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) recognized the exemplary contributions of 97 institutions composed of local government units (LGUs) and partner stakeholders during the annual Pasidungog sa Dose on October 31, 2024, at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City.



Pasidungog sa Dose, the premier recognition program of DILG XII, honors the accomplishments of LGUs, partner agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Private Organizations, and Academe for their substantial contributions to the enhancement of the lives of their constituents.

The ceremony recognized the achievements, highlighting efforts in governance, development, and community impact. Awards and recognition included:

- ▶ Successful Implementation of RCSP-ELCAC in the Localization of EO 70
- ▶ CY 2024 Regional ADAC Awardee
- ▶ PLANADOSE
- ▶ Local Economic Development (LED) Model LGUs under the "Replication of Regional Initiatives on LED: Recovery Initiative towards Sustained Local Economy (RISE) Program"
- ▶ Local Council for the Protection of Children Functionality
- ▶ LCAT-VAWC Assessment
- ▶ Drug-Free Workplace Seal Certification Program
- ▶ Gender and Development (GAD) Seal
- ▶ Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards (LTIA) Implementation

The event served as a platform to honor outstanding initiatives that promote inclusive growth, peace and order, gender equality, and the welfare of communities throughout the region.

97 AWARDEES

received awards during the event, distributed as follows:

5

Academe

4

Private Organization

9

Civil Society Organizations

28

National Government Agencies

51

Local Government Units



DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM



The Decentralization Program enables local governments by distributing authority, resources, and responsibilities from the central government to subnational levels. The initiative seeks to support local government, improve public service quality, and encourage community involvement in the decision-making process.

This year's highlights include the successful hosting of the Regional Decentralization Conference on November 21, 2024. This significant gathering brought together partners from the academe, civil society organizations, DILG XII officials, and LGU officials to discuss proposed amendments focused on enhancing governance, fiscal autonomy, and service delivery at the local level.



At the Conference, Keynote Speaker Atty. Francis Sarji U. Aldana, head of the DILG Decentralization and Local Governance Reform (DLGR) - Project Management Office (PMO), emphasized the significant role of the Local Government Code in empowering localities. However, he noted that the changing needs of our communities necessitate courageous and adaptive reforms. With the proposed amendments, he emphasized our goal to tackle existing gaps and enhance the capabilities of local Government units (LGUs) to effectively respond to contemporary challenges.



Regional Decentralization Conference on November 21, 2024



The proposed amendments aim to significantly transform the operations of local governments, emphasizing transparency, accountability, and community participation.

CY 2024 BARANGAY ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS, ASSESSMENT AND VALIDATION

In CY 2024, the Barangay Road Clearing Operations boosted its nationwide efforts to enhance the safety, security, orderliness, and cleanliness of barangay roads and pathways. This initiative, part of the KALINISAN sa Bagong Pilipinas program, seeks to address road obstructions and other intrusions that hamper access and compromise road safety. In line with the KALINISAN initiative, barangay officials are actively engaged in monthly clearing operations, followed by quarterly assessments and validations conducted by the assessor teams.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII spearheaded the assessment and validation process to identify and acknowledge the outstanding barangays for their exemplary efforts in road-clearing operations.

In the second quarter, 149 outstanding barangays were acknowledged, with an additional 149 receiving recognition in the third quarter for their remarkable contributions.

This year, Region XII has indicated that an annual average of

84.55%

barangays engaged in road clearing operations, or

3,962

barangay roads being cleared.



Barangay Road Clearing Operations, Assessment and Validation in Region 12



CHAPTER 2

PEACEFUL, ORDERLY, SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED

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CONVERGENCE MEETING
CONDUCTED

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ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG
PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED

49%

HIGH-RATED LGUS
IN ADAC AUDIT

80

YOUTH PEACE ADVOCATES
TRAINED

Php15M

ECLIP ASSISTANCE
PACKAGES ADMINISTERED

24

RPOC RESOLUTIONS
PASSED

242

BARANGAY OFFICIALS
TRAINED ON LOCA PLANNING

300

LOCAL OFFICIALS
CAPACITATED ON NAP-PCVE

2024 IN NUMBERS

ANNEXES

PEACEFUL, ORDERLY, SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED

RETOOLED COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (RCSP)

DILG XII Advances Community Development through Convergence Meeting for RCSP Barangays



The Department of the Interior and Local Government Regional Office XII conducted

4 CONVERGENCE MEETING

to support the Retooled Community Support Program's (RCSP) target barangays in South Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, and Cotabato.

The meeting's objectives are to identify major development issues, refine Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs), and align these initiatives with national and regional priorities. Participants included representatives from National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), and private sectors. Through collaborative discussions, they explored sustainable solutions for infrastructure, access to services, and livelihood opportunities.

Key outputs include prioritized PPAs prepared for endorsement by higher LGUs, NGAs, and funding agencies. These convergence meetings marked a significant step toward addressing the unique needs of RCSP barangays, reinforcing DILG XII's commitment to inclusive governance and sustainable development.



Retooled Community Support Program's (RCSP) conducted on August 27–30, September 11–13, and October 1–2, 2024, at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, gathered key stakeholders to address development gaps and promote peace and progress in conflict-affected communities.

PHILIPPINE ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS STRATEGY (PADS)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) has been at the forefront of anti-illegal drug initiatives in SOCCSKSARGEN in CY 2024. In line with the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), DILG Dose launched several initiatives aimed at addressing illegal drug abuse through preventive education, youth engagement, and rehabilitation.

BIDA ON WHEELS

One of this year's highlights was the Bantala sang Dose: BIDA Program Partnership with Yellow Bus Line (YBL), which was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on May 3, 2024. This innovative approach uses bus televisions in Region XII to broadcast messages advocating against illegal drugs and promoting best practices in local governance. By integrating the Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan (BIDA) campaign into public transportation, DILG Dose effectively reaches thousands of commuters daily with vital information on drug prevention.



REGIONAL PDL COMPETITION

Another milestone was the Regional and National PDL Competitions, held in collaboration with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Region XII and other key agencies such as TESDA, PNP, PDEA, DepEd, and DOH. The competitions, which took place on May 31, 2024, featured Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) showcasing their talents in painting, handicraft making, and songwriting. The initiative highlighted rehabilitation efforts within correctional facilities, culminating in national-level contests during BJMP's 33rd Anniversary on June 27-28, 2024.



IDADAIT YOUTH CAMP

Recognizing the crucial role of youth in drug prevention, DILG XII also hosted the BIDA Kabataang Malaya sa Droga: 2024 IDADAIT Youth Camp in General Santos City on June 27-28, 2024. Sixty youth leaders and advocates participated in training sessions and interactive discussions with representatives from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and other organizations. The camp, themed "The Evidence Is Clear: Invest in Prevention," aimed to empower young individuals as active partners in the fight against illegal drugs.



DAPC WEEK MINDANAO YOUTH FOOTBALL CUP

Further expanding its advocacy through sports, DILG XII co-organized the DAPC Week Mindanao Youth Football Cup: 1st 8-A-Side Open Tournament on November 16, 2024, at the South Cotabato Sports Complex. The tournament, which brought together 17 youth football teams, promoted sports as a means to instill discipline, teamwork, and a drug-free lifestyle. In partnership with the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) of South Cotabato, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), PNP-SCPPD, Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO), and private sponsors, the event underscored the power of community-driven advocacy.



These initiatives reflect DILG XII's unwavering commitment to fostering safer communities by addressing drug-related issues at multiple levels. Through innovative approaches and collaborative efforts, the department continues to make significant strides in promoting a healthier, drug-free society.

2024 ADAC AUDIT

Recognizing Excellence in Anti-Drug Advocacy

The 2024 Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Audit highlighted the unwavering commitment of LGUs in the fight against illegal drugs. In SOCCSKSARGEN Region, 26 local government units achieved a perfect rating, demonstrating exceptional performance in implementing programs aligned with national anti-drug efforts.

Five (5) LGUs stood out and were recognized as ADAC Awardees for their exemplary dedication and impactful initiatives, namely:

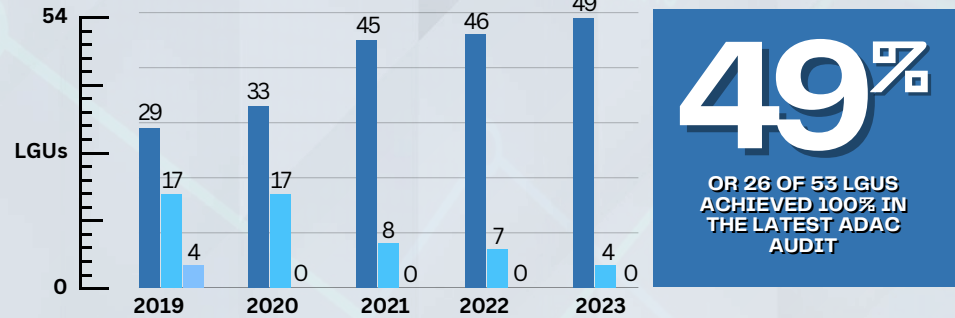
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- MUNICIPALITY OF ANTIPAS**

These LGUs have set a benchmark in sustaining anti-drug efforts through innovative programs, strong community involvement, and steadfast leadership. Their accomplishments reflect the positive momentum in local governance, contributing to the collective goal of a drug-free nation.

The upward trend in LGU performance remains evident, with the number of high-rated LGUs steadily increasing from 32 in 2017 to 49 in 2023. This consistent progress underscores the effectiveness of the ADAC Audit in encouraging LGUs to enhance their anti-drug programs.

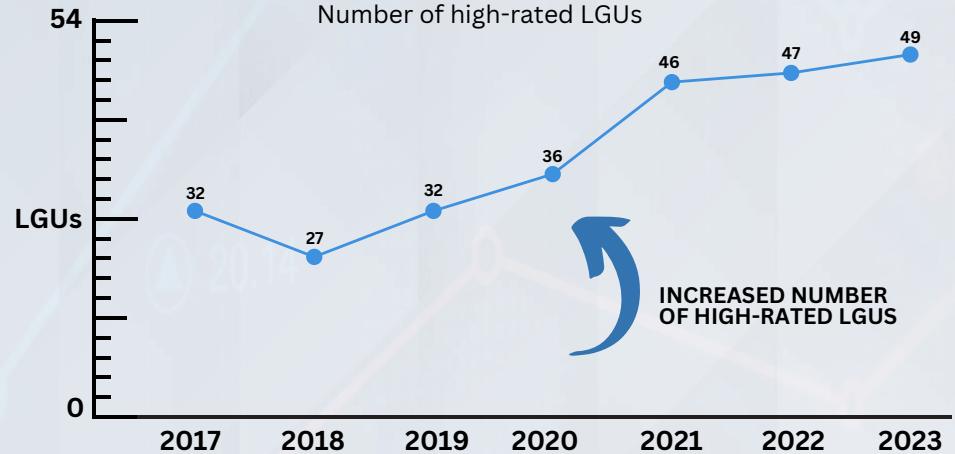
ADAC AUDITS

From the past 5 years (2019 to 2023)



ADAC AUDIT TREND

Number of high-rated LGUs



The DILG applauds the efforts of all LGUs and remains committed to supporting their initiatives through capacity building, funding support, and recognition programs. Together, we continue to pave the way for safer, drug-free communities across the country.

USAPANG BIDA AND REGIONAL BIDA DIYALOGO

Driving a Drug-Free Region XII

In 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII successfully conducted the Usapang BIDA sessions across provinces and highly urbanized cities (HUCs). These grassroots-level dialogues engaged stakeholders from local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and community leaders to identify and address drug-related challenges. The sessions produced actionable recommendations, including strengthening Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (BADACs), enhancing community-based rehabilitation programs, and intensifying public education campaigns.

The year culminated in the Regional BIDA Diyalogo on August 16, 2024, at Paraiso Verde Hotel and Resort, Koronadal City. The event began with a vibrant 3-kilometer BIDA Fun Run, uniting over 700 participants to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Diyalogo featured a panel of representatives from the DILG, PDEA, PNP, BJMP, BFP, DOH, and NAPOLCOM, as well as local chief executives. Key presentations highlighted the regional drug situation, the Revitalized Pulis sa Barangay (R-PSB) initiative, and the BIDA Program Regional Strategy.

The event concluded with a ceremonial signing of commitments by stakeholders, reinforcing their collective resolve to combat illegal drugs. The Usapang BIDA and Regional BIDA Diyalogo showcased the power of collaboration, laying a solid foundation for sustained efforts toward a safer, healthier, and drug-free Region XII.



REGIONAL BIDA DIYALOGO



REGIONAL BIDA DIYALOGO

MEMBERS: PDEA, PNP, AFP, DSWD, etc.

Sponsors: Dole, etc.

August 16, 2024 | Paraiso Verde Hotel and Resort, Koronadal City

Province/HUC	Date	Venue	Participants
Cotabato	July 10, 2024	Provincial Gym, Capitol Compound, Amas, Kidapawan City	200
Sultan Kudarat	July 9, 2024	Hotel Hexandrea, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat	108
Sarangani	July 11, 2024	Tierra Montana Hotel, General Santos City	40
South Cotabato	June 18, 2024	Agua Frío Garden Resort, Koronadal City	70
General Santos City	June 14, 2024	Sun City Suites, General Santos City	150

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SOX PEACE WEMBOREE 2.0

Peaceful Communities are Resilient Communities

80 YOUTH LEADERS AND COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS

were gathered to advance peacebuilding and resilience in the SOCCSKSARGEN region.

Designed to shift perspectives from individual action to collective impact, the WEmboree featured interactive workshops, forums, and team-building activities. Participants explored themes of identity, community resilience, and peacebuilding while tackling key challenges such as inequality, social injustice, and climate change.

LGMED Division Chief Musarapha A. Alim opened the event with a keynote message underscoring the youth’s role in fostering harmony and progress. Sessions on positive peace redefined peace as the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities, highlighting governance, resource equity, and social justice. Leadership and advocacy workshops, led by experts like Atty. Myra Angeli G. Batungbakal and Mr. Marlon Peter F. Dedumo, equipped participants with skills to drive change.

Creative sessions, including “Soulmaking” by Prof. Norman Narciso, encouraged self-reflection and connection-building, while team exercises fostered resilience and collaboration. Youth participants developed advocacy plans for 2025, including community dialogues, environmental campaigns, and social media initiatives to amplify peacebuilding efforts.



SOX Peace Wemboree 2.0: Peaceful Communities are Resilient Communities was organized by the DILG Dose and the Local Government Academy on October 28 to 30, 2024, at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City.



CONDUCT OF BENCHMARKING ACTIVITY WITH ELCAC IMPLEMENTERS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII conducted a benchmarking activity in Davao City to study the acclaimed Peace 911 program, a transformative initiative that has successfully fostered sustainable peace and inclusive governance in conflict-affected areas.

The DILG XII delegation, led by Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, included Provincial Directors, Division Chiefs, members of the Executive Committee (Execom), and EO 70 Support Staff. They were warmly welcomed by LGOO VI Jessica R. Casas, who represented City Director Vicky P. Arcenas.

Mr. Javilion H. Sucuahi, a representative of Peace 911, provided an in-depth overview of the initiative, emphasizing the concept of positive peace as a measure of societal resilience and the 8 Pillars of Peace that serve as the program's foundation. He shared that Peace 911 was initially implemented in Paquibato District and selected barangays in Calinan District—areas formerly recognized as strongholds of the New People's Army (NPA).



In closing, Mr. Sucuahi presented the program's major accomplishments and its lasting impact on conflict-affected communities. He also addressed questions from DILG XII personnel about strategies to win the hearts of the community, especially the involvement of IP leaders. He highlighted that fostering trust through inclusive consultations was key to the initiative's success.



Peace 911 Project Bench Marking Activity held at Investment and Tourism Building, J. Palma Gil Street, Davao City on December 18, 2024

This benchmarking activity reflects Region XII's commitment to replicating best practices and strengthening the localization of EO 70, ensuring sustainable peace and development in the region.

ENHANCED COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM ADVANCING PEACE THROUGH ECLIP

DILG Region XII's 2024 Milestones

In 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) solidified its commitment to fostering peace and reintegration through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP). The year's highlights included the ECLIP Regional Summit and capacity-building initiatives designed to strengthen program implementation and outcomes.

Among the notable activities was the "Capacity Building for ECLIP Implementers on the Process and Procedures of Firearms Remuneration under ECLIP" held on May 7, 2024, at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City. This event brought together stakeholders from four Mindanao regions for in-depth discussions and updates on firearms remuneration and the DILG-DND Joint Memorandum Circular.



Capacity Building for ECLIP Implementers on the Process and Procedures of Firearms Remuneration under ECLIP" held on May 7, 2024, at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City.



Forging Pathways to Lasting Peace: ECLIP Regional Summit 2024 Unites Stakeholders for Inclusive Reintegration Efforts on November 19, 2024 at General Santos City



Empowering Former Rebels: ECLIP Regional Summit 2024 Showcases Demilitarization and Support Program on November 20, 2024 at General Santos City

Fiscal Year: 2024 - Financial Assistance Provided (Fund Downloaded/Released)

Province/HUC	NUMBER OF FRs/FVEs				IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE		LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE		REINTEGRATION		FIREARMS REMUNERATION		TOTAL AMOUNT
	FR-NPA	FR-MB	FVE	TOTAL	#	PHP	#	PHP	#	PHP	#	PHP	
South Cotabato	21	4	0	25	25	375K	20	1M	25	525K	0	0.00	1,900,045.00
Sarangani	11	7	0	18	11	165K	4	200K	2	42K	7	426,866.24	833,879.24
Sultan Kudarat	51	1	10	71	71	1.065M	70	3.5M	71	1.491M	0	0.00	6,056,141.00
Cotabato	48	25	0	73	72	1.080M	47	2.35M	72	1.512M	11	1,352,068.98	6,294,198.98
General Santos Cty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	131	37	19	187	179	2.685M	141	7.050M	170	3.570M	18	1,778,935.22	15,084,264.22

Note: These are financial support extended to the former rebels across our provinces.

Under DILG-administered assistance packages, over **15M** pesos was distributed across Region XII to support

15M

187

Former Rebels (FRs) and Former Violent Extremists (FVEs):



Php2.70M

in Immediate Assistance for 179 beneficiaries.

Php7.05M

in Livelihood Assistance benefiting 141 individuals.

Php3.57M

in Reintegration Assistance for 170 recipients.

Php1.78M

in Firearms Remuneration awarded to 18 individuals.

These efforts showcase the government's tangible actions toward disarmament, reintegration, and sustainable development. The success of ECLIP in Region XII reflects not only the efficiency of DILG's initiatives but also the growing trust between the government and former combatants.

RPOC XII ACCOMPLISHMENT

Under the able leadership of South Cotabato Governor Reynaldo S. Tamayo, Jr, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) successfully convened four quarterly meetings in 2024. These meetings, held on February 22, May 23, August 28, and November 12, served as vital platforms for addressing key peace and order concerns in the region.

Bringing together local government units, law enforcement agencies, and key stakeholders, RPOC XII fostered a collaborative and data-driven approach to regional security. Through in-depth discussions and coordinated actions, the council worked to ensure a unified response to emerging challenges, reinforcing stability and public trust.

A significant achievement of these meetings was the passage of

24 RESOLUTIONS

aimed at enhancing regional security and strengthening local peace and order initiatives.



These resolutions reflect the council’s commitment to fostering stability, promoting collaboration, and implementing responsive policies that directly address the needs of communities. Among the more notable resolutions passed by the RPOC XII are the following:

- ▶ Resolution Requesting Budget Augmentation for Priority PPAs of CY 2024 SBDP Barangays in SOCCSKSARGEN.
- ▶ Resolution Encouraging LGUs to Declare Their Jurisdictions as Insurgency-Free.
- ▶ Resolution Supporting the DILG-BJMP BIDA Arts and Crafts Competition.
- ▶ Resolution Reinforcing the Implementation of Firecracker Ordinances in Region XII.

In 2024, the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) XII launched an innovative evaluation and reward framework to recognize local government units (LGUs) based on their quarterly achievements in peace and order initiatives. This initiative aims to foster stronger collaboration between LGUs and national government agencies, enhancing governance, resource mobilization, and policy implementation for a more secure and stable region.

A key criterion of this competition is “Linkages with National Agencies,” underscoring the importance of multi-sectoral cooperation in achieving sustainable peace and order.

DILG XII PRIORITIZATION CONFERENCE CHARTS PATH FOR ELCAC BARANGAYS' DEVELOPMENT



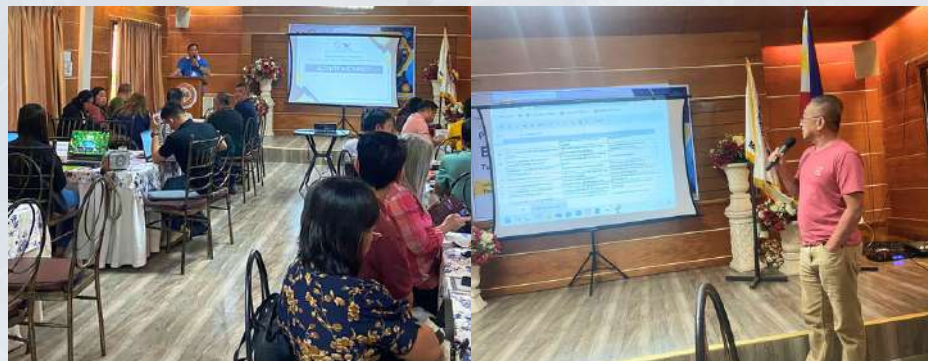
Two-Day Prioritization Conference on July 23–24, 2024, at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koroandal City, South Cotabato

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office XII convened

55 PARTICIPANTS

for the two-day activity. The event aimed to advance the development of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) target barangays under the Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (ELCAC) initiative.

The conference focused on identifying critical Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs) to address community needs and challenges in social, economic, environmental, and infrastructure sectors. These PPAs will be proposed for funding to higher LGUs, national agencies, legislators, and private stakeholders.



LGMED Chief Musarapha A. Alim, MPA, opened the conference by emphasizing the importance of fostering peaceful and thriving communities. Workshops led by LGOO VI Ian Jon S. Clemente enabled participants to pinpoint pressing local issues, rank stakeholders based on their influence and impact and develop strategic plans to secure support.

Key outputs include a prioritized list of PPAs and actionable plans to engage stakeholders effectively. The final workshop results will be presented in a convergence meeting scheduled from late July to early September 2024, where Regional Line Agencies and partners will assess the feasibility of funding these initiatives.



UPDATING AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF CY 2024 RCSP TARGET BARANGAYS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office XII hosted a one-day workshop aimed at equipping barangay officials with guidelines to formulate Enhanced Barangay Development Plans, in alignment with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-087 on June 25, 2024.

The workshop focused on the legal bases, concepts, and structured steps of BDP formulation. Facilitators guided participants through the entire planning process, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of actionable strategies.



Enhanced Barangay Development Plans, in alignment with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2021-087 on June 25, 2024.

The event drew

187 PARTICIPANTS

including local officials and stakeholders from the municipalities of T'boli, Kiamba, Maasim, and Maitum.



ROLL-OUT TRAINING ON LOCALIZED NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM (NAP-PCVE) AND EARLY WARNING, PREVENTION, AND RESPONSE (EWPR)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) conducted a series of workshops under the Early Warning, Prevention, and Response (EWPR) framework, focusing on mitigating the risks posed by violent extremist groups (VEGs).

Held in August and September 2024, these training sessions drew

300 LOCAL LEADERS

from South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and General Santos City.

The training sessions emphasized the localization of the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE), which aims to equip barangay officials with the tools to proactively address threats at the grassroots level. Participants included barangay captains, peace and order council members, and chief tanods, reflecting strong community representation.

Key lectures covered emerging threats like online radicalization, misinformation, and the misuse of technology by extremists. Experts from the Philippine National Police, Army, and National Intelligence Coordinating Agency shared strategies for risk assessment and identifying vulnerable groups. Workshops facilitated by LGOO VI Ian Jon S. Clemente encouraged participants to discuss their community-specific challenges and share successful approaches.

The initiative highlighted the importance of collaboration across government units, security forces, and civil society. By fostering a culture of vigilance and cooperation, DILG Region XII's efforts aim to build resilient communities capable of sustaining peace and security.



Series of Workshops under the Early Warning, Prevention, and Response (EWPR) framework, focusing on mitigating the risks posed by Violent Extremist Groups (VEGs).

CHAPTER 3

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES REINFORCED



AT A GLANCE

8
RDRRMC-DPC
RESOLUTIONS PASSED

4
NSED ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTED

25
BICS - TRAINED
DILG EMPLOYEES

53
MDM - TRAINED
LOCAL OFFICIALS

1,110
TONNES OF GARBAGE
CLEANED-UP

783
COMMUNITY GARDENS
ESTABLISHED

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES REINFORCED

2024 IN NUMBERS

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RDRRMC XII – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII (DILG Dose), as the Vice Chairperson of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) XII- Disaster Preparedness (DP) Committee, successfully convened three (3) meetings in CY 2024—two (2) semestral meetings on April 24, 2024, and September 4, 2024, conducted at the DILG XII Regional Office, and one (1) special meeting on October 4, 2024, conducted via the Zoom platform.



67.80% Attendance rate in 1st semester

60.70% Attendance rate in 2nd semester

64.28% Attendance rate in Special Meeting

During these meetings, the committee members presented their latest initiatives related to disaster preparedness. These efforts were discussed, leading to the passage of eight (8) resolutions, which were forwarded to the RDRRMC XII Full Council for formal adoption. Some notable resolutions are:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 ENTITLED

Resolution Encouraging All Local Government Units of Region XII (P/C/M) to Collaborate with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) XII and DOST-PAGASA in the procurement of weather instruments to ensure Reliability, Accuracy, and Calibration Standards.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 ENTITLED:

Resolution Encouraging All Government Agencies, Local Government Units, and Instrumentalities, including Hospitals, Schools, Business Establishments, and the General Public, to establish and enforce minimum health protocols to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 ENTITLED:

Resolution Promoting the “Meteor Guardians: Generating Alternative and Innovative Practices for Mitigating Meteorological Disasters” Project Initiated by the University of Southern Mindanao-Kabacan to all LGUs and NGAs of Region XII and partner with USM Kabacan with the Preferred Intervention Track of the Concerned LGU or Agency for reliable and Accurate Data Sharing for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The committee remains focused on leveraging disaster preparedness strategies as a crucial approach to mitigating the impacts of disasters and ensuring community resilience.

QUARTERLY NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL

The quarterly NSED serves as a vital tool in raising awareness and improving the collective response to earthquakes, which are among the most frequent and destructive disasters in the country. The exercise, which was held simultaneously on March 14, June 13, September 26, and November 14, 2024, across various government offices and institutions, is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of employees in dealing with emergency situations. For DILG XII, this drill not only reaffirms the importance of preparedness but also emphasizes the agency's role in leading by example when it comes to disaster response.

During the event, DILG XII personnel participated in a series of key activities, starting with the activation of the alarm system. The

drill included the demonstration of critical safety protocols such as the duck, cover, and hold technique; evacuation procedures; assembly at the identified evacuation area; and headcount to ensure all personnel were accounted for. Participants also assessed the structural integrity of the building, a crucial step in identifying potential risks during an actual earthquake scenario.

Following the drill, a comprehensive post-evaluation session was conducted where department, unit, and section heads shared valuable insights and observations. These reflections will be used to improve the execution of future drills and to identify areas that may need further attention in terms of safety procedures and response strategies.



BASIC INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) TRAINING COURSE

As part of the efforts to ensure the continuity of public services during disasters, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Dose is operationalizing its Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP). Incident Command System is a key structure in managing incidents under this plan. To strengthen the capacity of its personnel, the DILG organized a Basic ICS Training Course in partnership with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) XII.

The training enhanced participants' understanding of ICS's core features and functions, preparing them to effectively manage incidents and ensure the continuity of essential public services. Through initiatives like this, the government continues to enhance its disaster management capabilities, improving preparedness and response across the nation.



Held from April 3–5, 2024, at Paraiso Verde Hotel and Resort in Koronadal City, South Cotabato, the course trained 30 DILG XII personnel.



TRAINING ON THE FORMULATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINUITY PLAN (PSCP)

DILG Dose, with the technical assistance of the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) XII and NEDA XII, conducted a four-day training on the Public Service Continuity Plan attended by participants from the Regional, Provincial, and City Public Service Continuity (PSC) Core Teams composed of the provincial and city directors, outcome and program managers, and DRR-CCA focal persons and alternate focal persons.



Training on the Formulation of the Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP) held on September 24–27 at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City, South Cotabato



The training aimed to update the Regional Office's PSCP and capacitate the PSC core teams in crafting their respective continuity plans to ensure they effectively address contemporary challenges and are a reliable resource during disasters moving forward.

TRAINING ON MDM PERSONS

Under the Enhancement of Local Government's Capacity on DRRM-CCAM Program

10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS **WITH** **53** LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

completed the three-day training on the Management of the Dead and Missing Persons (MDM) held from December 4 to 6, 2024. The training, organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose), aimed to enhance the competencies of select participants from 10 local government units (LGUs) in handling MDM cases during emergencies and disasters.

Participants, including Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers (LDRRMOs), Local Social Welfare and Development Officers (LSWDOs), Local Health Officers (LHOs), Chiefs of Police (COPs), Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs), and DILG Provincial Focal Persons, underwent intensive learning sessions on policy frameworks, protocols, standards, reporting templates, and coordination mechanisms to ensure effective and systematic MDM management.

The initiative is part of DILG Dose's continued efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and response among LGUs, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to uphold dignity and efficiency in managing casualties and missing persons during crises.



3-day training on the Management of the Dead and Missing Persons (MDM) held from December 4 to 6, 2024



BARANGAY KALINISAN DAY (BARKADA) SA BAGONG PILIPINAS

The DILG Dose has successfully implemented the

52 WEEKS

implementation of Barangay Kalinisan Day across Region XII. By committing to this weekly practice, communities work towards achieving long-term improvements in waste management, public hygiene, and environmental protection.

Each week, participating barangays conduct clean-up drives, promote proper waste segregation, and educate residents on best practices for environmental sustainability. Additionally, one

barangay is highlighted each week as a 'Showcase Barangay,' recognizing its exemplary performance and innovative approaches to maintaining cleanliness and environmental sustainability.

The year-long program aligns with the national government's goals for environmental stewardship and sustainable development. Through the sustained efforts of Barangay Kalinisan Day's 52-week implementation, Region 12 exemplifies how consistent, small-scale actions can lead to significant, transformative outcomes. The initiative not only enhances the quality of life in communities but also inspires other regions to adopt similar practices for a cleaner and greener Philippines.



Status of 52 Weeks Barangay Kalinisan Day Implementation

PROVINCE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONDUCTED WEEKLY CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLEAN-UP SITES	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF LGU OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED	TOTAL VOLUME (WEIGHT IN KG.)
Week 1-52 Report (January-December 2024)					
Cotabato (North Cotabato)	7,925	17,015	222,298	20,479	340,879.64
Sarangani	2,192	15,761	88,485	89,130	388,523.00
South Cotabato	1,617	3,496	54,784	23,030	121,912.10
Sultan Kudarat	5,513	8,494	157,499	50,498	237,092.82
General Santos City	170	429	6,783	1,265	22,481.50
TOTAL	17,417	45,195	529,849	184,402	1,110,889.06

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES REINFORCED



HALINA MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT

The DILG Dose continues to enhance food security and community resilience through its “Halina Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG)” project. This initiative empowers barangays across the Philippines to engage in urban gardening, providing access to nutritious food, promoting sustainable farming, and bolstering self-sufficiency during emergencies or natural disasters.

783

TOTAL NUMBER OF BARANGAY WITH COMMUNITY GARDEN

329,936

TOTAL NUMBER OF GARDEN AREA

146

BARANGAYS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE HAPAG PROJECT

2

LAUNCHING OF HAPAG KATUTUBO ATTENDED

Expanding on this success, the DILG, in partnership with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), launched the “HAPAG KATUTUBO” initiative in 2024. This milestone project aligns with the government’s sustainable development goals and enhances coordination among agencies to support President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. 's food security agenda.



The Provincial Launch of “HAPAG KATUTUBO” was held on August 31, 2024, in Sitio V, Mahungkog, Magpet, followed by the Regional Launch on September 1, 2024, in Barangay Assumption, Koronadal City.

DILG Dose officials, DILG Central Office, and NCIP joined local leaders to mark the milestone.

CHAPTER 4

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ENABLED



AT A GLANCE

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RGADC XII FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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LGUS PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COACHING ON GAD

41

HIGH FUNCTIONAL LCAT-VAWC

18

LGUS ENDORSED AS CFLGA-PASSERS

28

LGUS LCPCS IDEAL LEVEL

17

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES GAD SEAL AWARDEES

20

STATE UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES GAD SEAL AWARDEES

20

LGUS GAD SEAL AWARDEES

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ENABLED

2024

IN NUMBERS

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QUARTERLY RGADC XII FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Advancing Gender Equality and Inclusive Governance

As the Chairperson of the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) XII, DILG Dose continues to lead efforts in fostering gender equality, inclusivity, and empowerment across Region XII. Through strategic policy advocacy, capacity-building initiatives, and collaborative programs, the department strengthens the role of local governments and institutions in advancing Gender and Development (GAD).

STRENGTHENING POLICY AND COORDINATION THROUGH RGADC XII

DILG XII played a key role in conducting four (4) RGADC XII Full Council Meetings throughout 2024. These meetings were conducted on February 20, May 22, September 18-19, and November 29. 20 resolutions passed by the council aimed at strengthening gender-responsive policies and enhancing the implementation of GAD initiatives at the local and regional levels. The committee provided a platform for government agencies, local government units (LGUs), and civil society organizations to collaborate on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.



NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

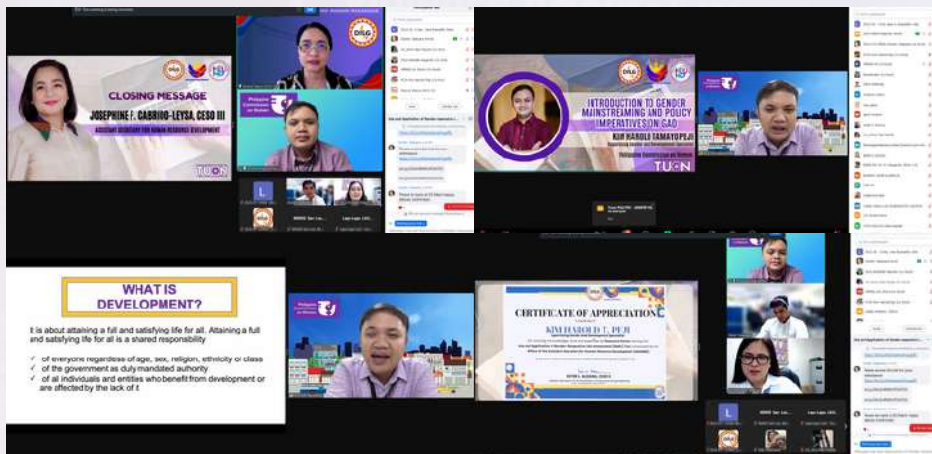
DILG Dose also spearheaded the National Women's Month Celebration, engaging communities in various advocacy and empowerment activities. The month-long event featured film screenings, learning sessions, press conferences, health initiatives, and service-oriented programs that highlighted the importance of gender equality and the role of women in nation-building. Activities such as Cine Filipina Film Viewing, Serye sa Dose Learning Session, Bakuna Para Kay Juana, and Bagong Serbisyo Para Kay Juan at Juana reinforced the government's commitment to gender-responsive public service.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS

Ensuring continuous capacity development, DILG Dose provided technical assistance and coaching to 53 LGUs on GAD-related policies and programs. The department also conducted assessments and reviews, including the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment and the evaluation of the 2025 GAD Plan and Budget (GPB) and the 2023 GAD Accomplishment Report (GAD AR). These efforts aimed to enhance the implementation of gender-sensitive policies at the local level.

DILG Dose further strengthened gender mainstreaming by conducting training on gender-responsive governance tools, such as the LGU Assessment Tool and the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) Tool. Additionally, the department facilitated the Strategic Planning Workshop on GADgenda Formulation in collaboration with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), aligning regional gender priorities with national goals.



GAD SEAL PROGRAM

Recognizing exemplary commitment to gender equality, DILG Dose conferred the GAD Seal Certification to seven government agencies, institutions, and LGUs, namely DENR XII, CHED XII, BIR B18, USM Kabacan, LGU Kalamansig, LGU Libungan, and LGU Tulunan. The department also led the GAD Local Learning Hub Benchmarking Activity in LGU Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat, promoting best practices in gender-responsive governance.

CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW)

In its advocacy against gender-based violence, DILG Dose actively participated in the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women, reinforcing awareness and policy actions to protect women's rights and ensure safer communities.

With these milestones, DILG Dose remains committed to strengthening gender mainstreaming, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring that local governance in Region XII continues to be gender-responsive and equitable.



Seven (7) GAD Seal Certification were Conferred to the Government Agencies, Institutions, and Local Government Units namely:

- ▶ DENR XII
- ▶ CHED XII
- ▶ BIR B18
- ▶ USM KABACAN
- ▶ LGU KALAMANSIG, SULTAN KUDARAT
- ▶ LGU LIBUNGAN, SULTAN KUDARAT
- ▶ LGU TULUNAN, SULTAN KUDARAT



Introduction to Gender Mainstreaming and Policy Imperatives on GAD on September 30, 2024

Use and Application of Gender-Responsive LGU Assessment Tool on October 07, 2024

Use and Application of the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDD) Tool on October 21, 2024

SOME ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER GAD PROGRAM

Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment

April 2024

Conducted Strategic Planning Workshop on GADgenda Formulation with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Specialist

August 12-15, 2024

Conducted the GAD Local Learning Hub Benchmarking Activity in LGU Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat

November 29, 2024

Provided with Year-round technical assistance/ coaching and mentoring on GAD-related policies, plans, and activities for 53 LGUs (P/C/M)

2024

Reviewed the GPB 2025 and GAD Accomplishment Report 2023 of the 4 Provinces and 1 City

April – May 2024

Conducted the Regional Gender and Development Resource Pool Assessment and Shortlisting via zoom

November 08, 2024

Celebrated the 18-day Campaign to End the Violence Against Women

November 12 to December 25, 2024

CELEBRATED THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Kick-off Ceremony

March 08, 2024

Cine Filipina Film Viewing

March 14, 2024

Serye sa Dose: GAD Learning Session on the Enhanced Solo Parent Act

March 15, 2024

Women's Month Press Conference

March 15, 2024

Blood Letting Activity with Philippine Red Cross

March 18, 2024

Bakuna Para Kay Juana

March 22, 2024

Women's Month Culmination Program

March 25 2024

Bagong Serbisyo Para Kay Juan at Juana

March 25 2024

The Gender and Development programs achieved significant milestones this year, laying a strong foundation for sustainable progress. As we close a productive 2024, we look forward to greater achievements in 2025.

Together, let us continue to advocate for inclusivity, equity, and progress for all.

For a GAD Zone Rehiyon Dose, WE UNITE!

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) SEAL

The Department of the Interior and Local Government XII (DILG Dose), as the Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC) XII Chairperson, continues to advance gender inclusivity as seven government entities were awarded the Gender and Development (GAD) Seal on October 31, 2024, at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City. The GAD Seal is conferred upon organizations that successfully integrate gender-responsive principles into their programs, plans, and activities (PPAs), ensuring that every constituent feels safe, heard, and included.

Following a rigorous regional assessment process conducted from July to August 2024, the GAD Seal Regional Assessment Committee (RAC) evaluated eight applicants, leading to the recognition of the following entities: DENR XII, CHED XII, BIR RR 18, USM-Kabacan Campus, and the LGUs of Tulunan, Libungan, and Kalamansig. These organizations demonstrated full compliance with the GAD Seal Guidelines, reflecting their commitment to gender equality and inclusivity.



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**GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
IN THE REGION HAVE
BEEN CONFERRED WITH
THE GAD SEAL.**

17

**NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES**

20

**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
UNITS**

20

**STATE
UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES (SUCS)**

GADC XII envisions the Prime Regional Center as a GAD Zone—a hub where government institutions strictly adhere to the GAD Seal criteria, as mandated by the Magna Carta of Women and other related laws. This initiative reinforces SOCCSKSARGEN's goal of becoming a model region for gender-inclusive governance, fostering a more equitable and empowering environment for all.

FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT FOR THE LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC)

The Philippine government has reaffirmed its commitment to protect human dignity and uphold human rights by strengthening initiatives against trafficking in persons (TIP) and violence against women and children (VAWC). Key legislation, including RA 9208 and RA 9262, underscores the country's resolve to safeguard vulnerable sectors from violence and exploitation.

The Local Committees Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) were set up by the DILG, DSWD, and DOJ through Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-1. Their job is to enforce these laws and keep an eye on them. Memorandum Circular 2023-181 recently released new rules for how these committees should work, with a focus on setting up inter-agency monitoring teams (IMTs) at the regional and provincial levels. These teams are composed of DILG, DSWD, DOJ, DOH, PNP, and CSO representatives. The assessment focuses on the following areas: i. Organization; ii. Meetings; iii. Policies, Plans, and Budget; and iv. Accomplishments.

Recent monitoring activities involved leveling-off sessions with regional and provincial IMTs, onsite functionality assessments, and post-assessment meetings. Results showed notable progress: 41 highly functional, 8 moderately functional, 3 low functional, and 1 nonfunctional.

These achievements demonstrate the government's dedication to eliminating TIP and VAWC while fostering safer and more inclusive communities.



Functionality Assessment for the Local Committees Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) in region 12



EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD

CHILD-FRIENDLY LOCAL GOVERNANCE AUDIT (CFLGA)

As part of its commitment to AmBisyon 2040 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Philippines continues to push for policies that protect children. This is done by local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), and civil society organizations (CSOs) working together. These initiatives are aligned with the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and the Third National Plan of Action for Children, ensuring the rights and welfare of Filipino children remain protected.

The Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) evaluates LGUs in five key areas: Survival, Development, Protection, Participation, and Governance. The audit results in the awarding of the Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance (SCFLG), which serves as a prerequisite for the Seal of Good Local Governance.

Regional and Provincial Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Forces (IMTFs) held leveling-off sessions, training sessions for PIMTFs on how to validate the Means of Verification (MOVs), table validation, and meetings after audits to make the auditing process stronger. These efforts ensure that the evaluation remains consistent and comprehensive.

At the conclusion of the audit, the Regional Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (RIMTF) endorsed 18 LGUs as passers, recognizing their commitment to fostering child-friendly governance.

This milestone reflects the nation’s dedication to inclusive and sustainable development. By prioritizing children’s rights and well-being, the Philippines moves closer to achieving its long-term goals for a better future for every Filipino child.



Comprehensive Local Juvenile Intervention Program with Regional Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (RIMTF)

FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC)

28 LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

in Region 12 have achieved the ideal level of functionality in the latest assessment of Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs), while 23 LGUs reached the mature level and two LGUs attained the progressive level. These results highlight the significant progress of LGUs in strengthening child protection measures across the region.

The assessment, conducted by the Inter-Agency Monitoring Task Force (IMTF), involved representatives from the regional offices of DILG, DSWD, NEDA, DOH, NNC, DepEd, and partner Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The IMTF evaluated LCPCs based on organizational sustainability, policies and plans for children, budget allocation, and service delivery to ensure compliance with national child protection standards.

In 2024, the task force carried out leveling-off sessions, onsite functionality assessments, and post-assessment meetings, which resulted in notable improvements in LCPC performance. These advancements reflect the commitment of LGUs to safeguarding children's rights and well-being.



Post Meeting for the CY 2024 Functionality Assessment of Local Council for the Protection of Children at DILG XII Conference Room

EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE UPHELD



CHAPTER 5

**HIGHLY TRUSTED
DEPARTMENT AND
PARTNER**

AT A GLANCE

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED 1ST SEMESTER MSAC MEETING

13

RESOLUTIONS PASSED 2ND SEMESTER MSAC MEETING

98.18%

QMS IMPLEMENTATION

99.19%

QUALITY OBJECTIVES MET IN QMS

99.13%

OVERALL CLIENT SATISFACTION RATING IN QMS

100%

TOBACCO FREE POLICY

94.49%

AGENCY RCS SCORE

7

DILG XII APPRENTICES FOR THE BATCH SANGHAYA

Php676K

BARANGAY OFFICIALS DEATH & BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HIGHLY TRUSTED DEPARTMENT & PARTNER

2024 IN NUMBERS

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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL (MSAC) XII

The Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council (MSAC) XII, with its dedicated and active members, remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting local government units (LGUs) across various sectors of governance throughout the year. Its collaboration has provided strategic guidance, technical assistance, and policy recommendations to enhance local development initiatives and governance efficiency.



MSAC XII successfully passed:

12

Resolutions during the 1st Semester Meeting on May 21, 2024, addressing key governance concerns and development priorities.



MSAC XII successfully passed:

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Resolutions during the 2nd Semester Meeting on December 10, 2024 were enacted. further solidifying its role in advancing policies that promote inclusive and sustainable local governance.

Furthermore, two (2) technical working groups were created to discuss the harmonization of regional livelihood assistance and services to alleviate poverty through Adopt a Barangay Project, and preventive mechanisms to address the increasing number of rape case in Region 12.



MSAC XII Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting held on August 8, 2024 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City

MSAC XII Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting held on December 4, 2024 at Greenstate Hotel, Koronadal City, South Cotabato

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR LGOOS

Conferment Ceremony of Alampay ng Paglilingkod to Batch Aslag



The Conferment Ceremony for the 55th Batch of Local Government Operations Officers (LGOO) Apprentices on May 27, 2024, at the DILG XII Wagi Hall.

Led by Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, the event celebrated the apprentices' formal transition into the ranks of dedicated public servants.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of the Alampay ng Paglilingkod, a symbol of the apprentices' commitment to upholding the principles of excellence, integrity, and service in local governance. LGOO III Aslamia K. Anggie, who ranked among the Top 5 nationwide, delivered an inspiring message, emphasizing the significance of the Department's programs in fostering transformative leadership and responsive governance.

The event was attended by DILG-XII personnel, regional executives, and the esteemed graduates of Batch 55: LGOO III Aslamia K. Anggie, LGOO III Joanne A. Castre, LGOO III Kimberly T. Tuanzon, LGOO III Wyndle Joy Peneza, and LGOO II Darwin G. Agbon.

Collectively known as Aslag, the batch derives its name from a Kapampangan term meaning "light" or "radiance." This name embodies their role as catalysts of positive change, illuminating the path toward good governance and empowered communities. As they embark on their journey, Batch Aslag carries the promise of leadership that inspires, serves, and uplifts.



BATCH SANGHAYA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

As part of their apprenticeship program for Batch 57, seven (7) DILG Dose apprentices participated in the DILG IX and DILG XII Inter-Regional Preparatory Training Program, joining 22 apprentices from Region IX.



This training aimed to strengthen their technical knowledge, policy comprehension, and governance skills, preparing them for the Local Government Academy (LGA)-facilitated Certification Exam.

The 10-Day Intensive Coaching, held in Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur, was a crucial phase of the program, providing a structured learning environment that included Comprehensive review sessions on key governance topics; Policy discussions on decentralization, local autonomy, and public service; Technical workshops on local planning, budgeting, and legal frameworks; Simulations and case studies to develop problem-solving skills; and Team-building activities to foster camaraderie and collaborative leadership.



During this phase, LGOO II Petal Cagape of the Office of the Regional Director - Local Governance Regional Resource Center (ORD-LGRRC) distinguished herself by ranking Top 1 overall, demonstrating her outstanding competence and commitment to public service. Additionally, LGOO II Abdul Hajid U. Melikon, Jr. of DILG Cotabato and LGOO II Tessa Mae G. Nograles-Macalintal of DILG Sarangani secured the 4th and 5th ranks, respectively, further highlighting the excellence of DILG XII's apprentices.



Following the preparatory training and the LGA Certification Exam on June 5, 2024, the apprentices progressed to Phase II: Assessment Center (AC), held from August 13 to 17, 2024, in Cagayan de Oro City. This phase was designed to evaluate their competencies through various assessment tools and activities, ensuring their readiness for higher responsibilities.



Under the guidance of their experienced coaches, which included DILG Dose Chief of Staff, LGOO V Jon Leo J. Licayan, CPA, and DILG Tacurong City LGOO Atty. Ryan J. Alair, the apprentices navigated complex governance scenarios, honed their leadership abilities, and reinforced their commitment to serving the Filipino people with integrity and competence.



Following the Assessment Center, the apprentices advanced to the Leadership Training Program, held from September 23 to October 7, 2024, at New Clark City, Capas, Tarlac. This immersive leadership course was designed to equip the apprentices with strategic decision-making, policy implementation, and crisis management skills—critical competencies for future leaders in local governance.



CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION



DILG Region XII's Legal Officer, Atty. Jane S. Torreón, and CLGOO Atty. Ryan J. Alair successfully completed the Continuing Legal Education Seminar-Workshop for DILG Central and Regional Legal Officers and Lawyers, held on March 20–22, 2024, in Tagaytay City.

The DILG Legal and Legislative Liaison Service (LLLS) put together the seminar, which helped all offices take a more unified approach to the law. It covered important topics like how the local budget works, how the government buys things, and the legal effects of past and upcoming elections.

In his address, Assistant Secretary Atty. Jesi Howard S. Lanete, LLLS, commended the dedication of DILG legal officers in upholding the rule of law amid increasing demands. Undersecretary Atty. Juan Victor R. Llamas reaffirmed the department's commitment to equipping its legal officers with the necessary knowledge and skills to navigate complex governance issues.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has underscored the indispensable role of legal professionals in governance, stating, "Strengthening the legal profession, however, demands more than responding to crises. It also requires reinforcing your field's very foundations: education [and] continuous learning."

Echoing this vision, the seminar served as a crucial platform for capacity-building, ensuring that DILG's legal officers remain at the forefront of legal excellence in public service.



IBP EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL CONVENTION

Demonstrating the department's commitment to legal excellence, DILG Region XII's legal officer, Atty. Jane S. Torreon, and CLGOO Atty. Ryan J. Alair joined esteemed legal minds at the IBP Eastern Visayas Regional Convention, held on June 13-24, 2024—a premier gathering dedicated to advancing the practice of law through dynamic discussions and up-to-date legal insights.

The convention met for two days to talk about important legal issues, such as the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code of the Philippines, judicial innovations under the Supreme Court's Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022–2027 (SPJI), and other ways to settle disagreements. Legal ethics, evolving rules of evidence, and jurisprudential trends in family law were also at the forefront of discussions led by prominent legal practitioners and justices.

One of the most compelling sessions was delivered by retired Supreme Court Justice Antonio T. Carpio, who shed light on the Philippine island territories in the West Philippine Sea, underscoring the legal dimensions of national sovereignty. Meanwhile, insights into the Data Privacy Act, ethical legal writing, and the intersection of technology and law provided valuable perspectives on the ever-changing legal landscape.

By actively engaging in these discussions, DILG Region XII's legal officers reaffirm their role in upholding legal integrity in governance. Their participation not only enhances their legal acumen but also reinforces the department's dedication to sound legal policy, ethical public service, and responsive governance.



IBP Eastern Visayas Regional Convention, held on June 13–24, 2024

8888 CITIZENS' COMPLAINT HOTLINE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

In line with its commitment to a more transparent, efficient, and responsive government, DILG Region XII took significant steps to bolster the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Hotline System, empowering Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region to better address citizens' concerns and combat red tape.



The training focused on effectively managing complaints through the 8888 portal, understanding hotline protocols, and resolving pending cases. With these initiatives, DILG Region XII aimed to ensure that LGUs are fully equipped to take over the complaint-handling responsibilities, reinforcing their crucial role in fostering accountable and responsive governance. In her remarks, Atty. Jane S. Torreon, Attorney IV/Legal Officer of DILG Region XII, highlighted the vital role of LGUs in maintaining transparency and addressing the public's needs promptly.



Atty. Floreida A. Apolinario, Director of the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center, acknowledged the synergy between DILG Region XII and local government units in strengthening anti-corruption efforts and ensuring that citizen complaints are acted upon swiftly. She also emphasized the ongoing reforms under Executive Order No. 61, s. 2024, which seeks to streamline government performance and enhance accountability across all levels.

The session culminated with closing remarks from DILG Region XII's Legal Officer Atty. Jane S. Torreon, who reiterated DILG Region XII's dedication to supporting LGUs in resolving complaints and reinforcing citizen trust in government.

DILG Region XII is still leading the way in strengthening the 8888 system through these strategic efforts. This makes sure that LGUs have the tools they need to improve transparency, promote good governance, and make the region's public service more responsive.

DATA PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS THROUGH CAPACITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) XII took part in two major capacity-building activities that strengthened data protection measures across all of its offices. These activities were part of a larger effort to improve data privacy, cybersecurity, and digital security.



On April 23, 2024, the session, held via a blended setup, enabled regional and field office personnel to engage in discussions on major cyber threats, prevention strategies, and secure digital transactions. DICT South Cotabato Provincial Officer Mr. Ronald Jones S. Hinay provided key insights on the Data Privacy Act and Cyber Security, while Mr. Argie Boy D. Magbagay, Planning Officer II, discussed the Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) as a vital tool for secure online interactions. OIC-Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, emphasized the importance of data protection as the government transitions toward digitalization, citing recent cyberattacks as a call to action for enhanced security measures.



On April 23, 2024, DILG XII personnel attended the Data Privacy, Cyber Security, and PNPKI Orientation, conducted in collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) XII

Further reinforcing its commitment to data privacy compliance, DILG XII also participated in the Training on the Data Privacy Act of 2012, held on September 18-20, 2024, at Hotel Casiana and Events Center, Tagaytay City, Cavite. Organized by the DILG Information Systems and Technology Management Service (ISTMS) and hosted by DILG Region IV-A, the training brought together 40 legal and IT officers from different regional offices. Atty. Anna Benjieline Puzon from the National Privacy Commission led discussions on privacy risk assessment, security incident management, and data privacy compliance measures. culture of digital security and accountability within the organization.



Representing DILG Region XII were Atty. Jane S. Torreón, Legal Officer, and AO Christian Mark Patosa, who actively contributed to the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) workshop, ensuring that regional data protection protocols align with national standards.

These initiatives underscore DILG XII's dedication to safeguarding personal information, reinforcing cybersecurity measures, and ensuring compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012. By equipping personnel with the knowledge and tools necessary to protect sensitive data, DILG XII continues to foster a culture of digital security and accountability within the organization.

ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN BANTAY KORAPSYON FORWARD PLANNING IN CEBU



Moalboal, Cebu — The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) convened key regional representatives for the Forward Planning and Direction-Setting for the Bantay Korapsyon (BK) Strategic Roadmap on November 20–22, 2024, in Moalboal, Cebu.

The activity brought together 43 participants from various DILG Regional Offices to refine the five-year BK roadmap (2025-2030) and finalize its target deliverables for 2025.

The workshop had in-depth talks on strategic anti-corruption measures, such as the BK Strategic Roadmap 2025–2030 and the Theory of Change on Local Government Trust, Accountability, and Anti-Corruption (TAAC). There were also planning sessions to help LGUs become better at implementing governance reforms. Participants also deliberated on policy enhancements, alignment of public trust initiatives, and the integration of anti-corruption frameworks into local governance.

Attorney III Atty. Xheena Mae L. Pagsuguiron, who was speaking for DILG Region XII, actively participated in the discussions and shared ideas on how to improve the program's implementation in the region and make anti-corruption efforts more in line with local government priorities.

Echoing the commitment to integrity, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. highlighted during the 5th State Conference on the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) Implementation and Review: "We must shift away from merely enforcing compliance with laws, rules, and regulations to steering our people toward the practice of integrity in their daily lives."



DILG remains steadfast in its mission to promote good governance, uphold accountability, and reinforce the Bantay Korapsyon Program as a cornerstone of public sector integrity. By continuously enhancing anti-corruption strategies and fostering a culture of transparency, the department aims to strengthen public trust and ensure ethical governance at all levels.



DILG REHIYON DOSE'S NATIONAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PERFORMANCE FOR CY 2024

ADHERENCE TO THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GUIDELINES

DILG Region XII remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding a robust Quality Management System (QMS) to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.



June 5-7, 2024 – A third-party audit was conducted to assess QMS compliance. The results confirmed that DILG Dose is fully compliant with QMS standards, demonstrating its dedication to excellence.



November 4-6, 2024 – An internal audit was carried out as part of the Department's continuous improvement efforts. The assessment reaffirmed full compliance with QMS and identified four opportunities for improvement to further enhance service efficiency.

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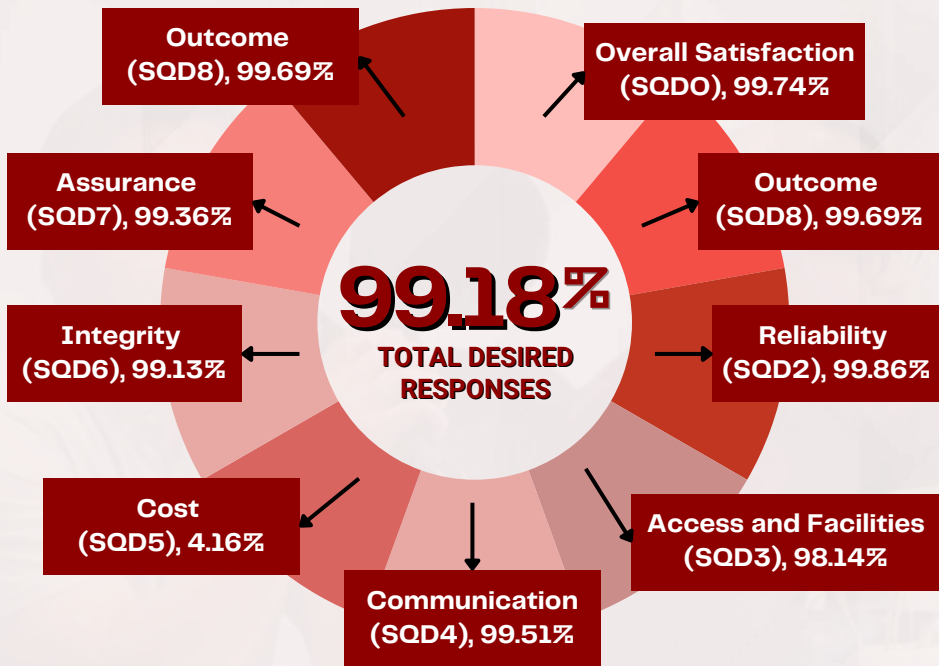
December 20, 2024 – The FY 2024 Management Review was conducted to evaluate key findings and recommendations, ensuring that DILG XII continuously strengthens its QMS implementation for sustained excellence.

PROCESS PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND MEASUREMENT

MONTH	TOP MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES					
	OBJECTIVE: 80% of QMS quality objectives are achieved.			OBJECTIVE: 80% overall Client Satisfaction Score.		
	# of Quality Objectives Met	# of Quality Objectives for the Month	RATING	Total # of responses with rating of "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" in all SQDs	Total # of Responses	RATING
JANUARY	16	16	100%	462	469	98.72%
FEBRUARY	20	20	100%	559	568	98.42%
MARCH	37	37	100%	371	373	99.46%
APRIL	48	48	100%	432	433	99.77%
MAY	50	50	100%	450	452	99.56%
JUNE	70	73	95.89%	447	449	99.55%
JULY	60	61	98.36%	475	478	99.37%
AUGUST	57	57	100%	578	584	98.97%
SEPTEMBER	72	72	100%	597	602	99.17%
OCTOBER	56	57	98.25%	437	438	99.77%
NOVEMBER	53	53	100%	440	449	98.00%
DECEMBER	74	74	100%	448	451	99.33%
TOTAL	613	618	99.19%	5696	5746	99.13%

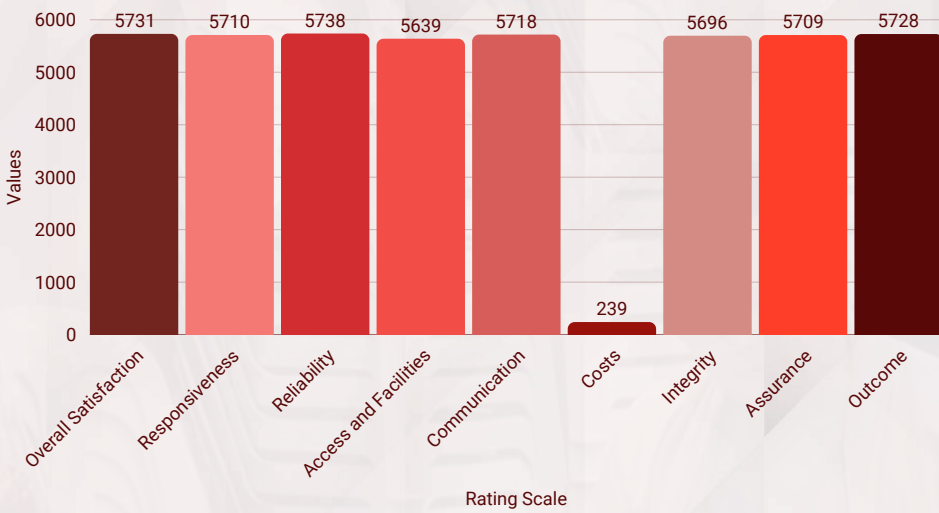
The Process Performance Monitoring and Measurement report for CY 2024 demonstrates outstanding performance, with 99.19% of quality objectives met and an overall 99.13% client satisfaction rating, both exceeding the 80% targets. Most months achieved 100% compliance; however, June recorded a lower quality objective rating at 95.89%, and November had the lowest client satisfaction rating at 98%. Despite these minor gaps, the department has consistently delivered high-quality service and maintained strong client satisfaction across all the services it offers.

ANNUAL SERVICE QUALITY DIMENSION RATINGS BASED ON THE CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY CY 2023 CITIZEN'S CHARTER

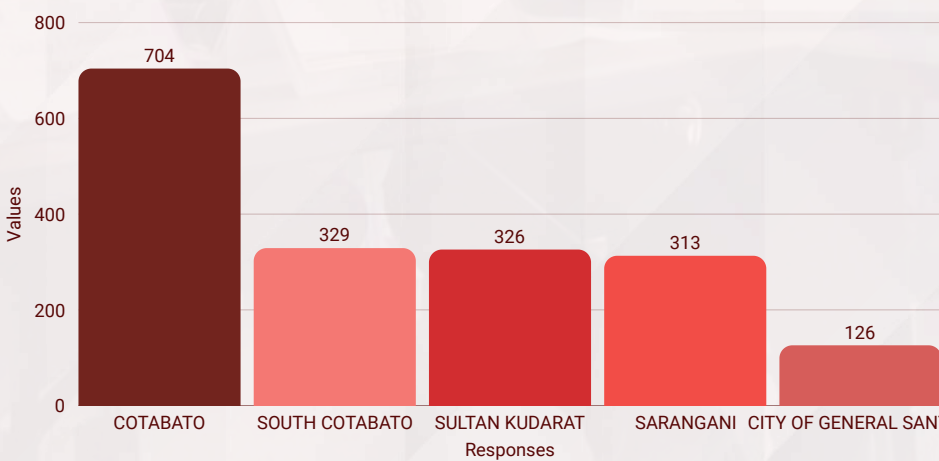


The data reveals overwhelmingly positive service quality ratings across all applicable dimensions, with an impressive overall desired response rate of 99.18%. This indicates high satisfaction levels, particularly in areas such as reliability, outcomes, and overall satisfaction. It appears that the "Cost" dimension was overlooked because it does not apply to all processes and skews results in that area. Overall, the data demonstrates a strong alignment between service delivery and client expectations, with only minor areas requiring clarification or refinement in future assessments.

SUMMARY OF ALL CSS RESPONSE FROM JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2024



TOTAL RESPONSES COLLECTED PER PROVINCE



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GEMS AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING DILG PUBLIC SERVANTS

The Governance Exemplars for Meaningful Service (GEMS) Awards took center stage at DILG Dose on July 25, 2024, at The Farm @ Carpenter Hill, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato, recognizing outstanding champions of public service. With the theme "Inspiring Excellence: Celebrating DILG Dose's Champions of Public Service," the event paid tribute to individuals who demonstrated exceptional dedication to their roles.

Below are the GEMS awardees in various categories:



2nd Best Sub-LGRRC: DILG Sultan Kudarat

3rd Best Sub-LGRRC: DILG Cotabato



Bugkos ng Bayan (Most Outstanding HUC/Province): DILG Sultan Kudarat

The GEMS Awards, an initiative of DILG XII, aimed to recognize regional and field officers who showcased excellence in carrying out their office's mandate.

Inspired by the PRAISE awards established by the Civil Service Commission, GEMS aligns with the DILG's national standards for employee recognition. It follows the guidelines outlined in Circular No. 2017-15 (May 16, 2017) and Memorandum Circular No. 2019-146 (August 30, 2019), which updated the criteria for the Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence (CapDev ACE).

DILG XII HOLDS CY 2023 COA EXIT CONFERENCE ON PROCEDURAL AND FINANCIAL AUDIT

On March 5, 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG XII) held the CY 2023 COA Exit Conference on Procedural and Financial Audit. The team is headed by Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, Regional Director, welcomed the audit team, led by Regional Supervising Auditor Nick E. Zamoras, along with members of the DILG DOSE Management Committee. The audit team presented the results of the CY 2023 audit, with further explanations provided by audit team leader Jasmin T. Mampao.



CY 2023 COA Exit Conference on Procedural and Financial Audit on March 5, 2024 at Wagi Hall, DILG Regional Office XII



The goal of the conference was to discuss and address audit findings and suggestions that would improve the agency's work, fix important financial problems, make sure that financial statements were presented correctly, and ensure that auditing policies and procedures are in line with the given COA guidelines and notices.

CROSS-LEARNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII has implemented cross-learning exchange programs to enhance the effectiveness of its officers through engagement with global and local leaders, policymakers, experts, and stakeholders.

In 2024, Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, participated in two international knowledge-sharing events:



Times Higher Education Global Sustainable Development Congress: Held from June 9 to 15 in Bangkok, Thailand



Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure, Dependable Green Environment, and Smart Spaces (BRIDGES) Program: Conducted from November 17 to 23 in South Korea.



Additionally, the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) DOSE conducted a benchmarking activity in DILG Region IX from May 28 to 31, inspired by DILG IX's Ugnay ng Mamamayan award at the CapDev ACE-EXCEL in 2023.

The visit aimed to identify effective practices, enhance LGRRC DOSE's capacity, foster inter-regional collaboration, and develop an action plan based on insights gained.

DILG IX showcased several innovative internal monitoring systems to improve governance efficiency. The visit concluded with a planning workshop where participants outlined key lessons and proposed strategies for improving LGRRC DOSE.

Furthermore, on December 18-19, 2024, the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) Dose conducted a benchmarking activity in Davao City to study the acclaimed Peace 911 program, a transformative initiative fostering sustainable peace and inclusive governance in conflict-affected areas.

These cross-learning and benchmarking activities reflect DILG Dose's commitment to replicating best practices and strengthening the localization of EO 70, ensuring sustainable peace and development in the region.

RED ORCHID ASSESSMENT AND AWARDING CEREMONY

On October 15, 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) has earned its second Red Orchid Award from the Department of Health (DOH), recognizing its steadfast commitment to a

Securing the Red Orchid Award for the second time underscores DILG Dose's leadership in tobacco prevention and control, reflecting its dedication to fostering a healthier community.

100% TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

This accolade honors institutions that excel in implementing comprehensive anti-smoking initiatives.

DILG Dose underwent an on-site assessment led by Mr. Jeus Rey Padilla, Project Coordinator of Smoke-Free Aklan. The evaluation focused on adherence to the World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) guidelines, emphasizing policy enforcement, education, and advocacy.



On-site Red Orchid Assessment on July 30, 2024 at DILG Regional Office XII



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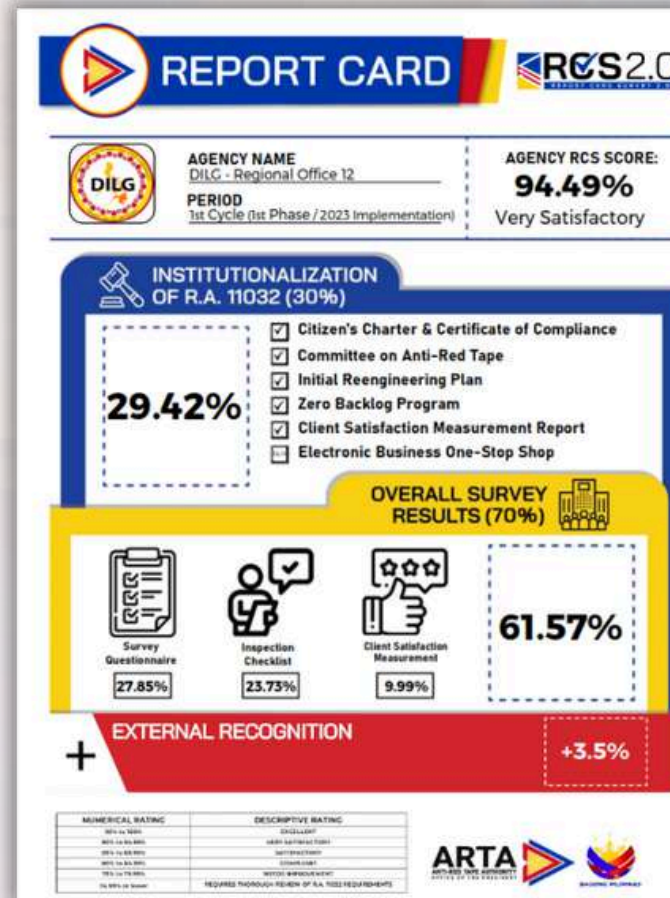
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DILG REHIYON DOSE AS A RECIPIENT OF THE ARTA 2023 REPORT CARD SURVEY (RCS) SILVER AWARD



On October 30, 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) was honored with the Report Card Survey (RCS) Silver Award during the Anti-Red Tape Authority's (ARTA) Awards Ceremony at the Conrad Hotel in Manila. Regional Director Atty. Rochelle D. Mahinay-Sero, CESE, accepted the award on behalf of the department

The RCS is a comprehensive tool that quantitatively measures public perceptions of government services, focusing on quality, efficiency, and adequacy. This recognition underscores DILG Dose's adherence to the Ease of Doing Business Law and its commitment to delivering high-quality public service.



RESEARCH AND INNOVATION THRU LOCAL GOVERNANCE CONSORTIUM

In 2024, the Local Resource Institutes (LRIs) of the Local Governance Consortium in SOCCSKSARGEN demonstrated exceptional dedication to research and innovation, significantly contributing to regional development.

The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) led several pioneering studies, including an assessment of Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representation (IPMR) in Region XII, aiming to identify opportunities for enhanced representation. USM also spearheaded initiatives to develop innovative practices for mitigating meteorological disasters and advanced the Smart Human Resource Management Systems Project tailored for Local Government Units (LGUs). These efforts garnered robust support from the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (MSAC) XII, the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) XII, and the Regional Development Council (RDC) XII.



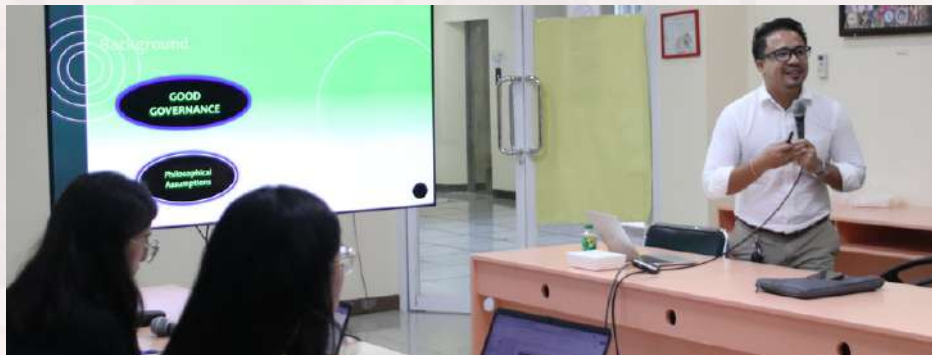
DILG-NDMU (MOU Signing Ceremony on November 15, 2024 at Wagi B, DILG Regional Office XII)



As a result of its active engagement, USM was honored with the Internationalization Champion of Nation-building and Sustainability (ICONS) Award 2024 by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on December 16, 2024, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Manila.

In parallel, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) and Notre Dame of Marbel University (NDMU) fortified their collaboration through joint research endeavors, capability-building initiatives, community empowerment projects, and research related to the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

Looking ahead to 2025, the LRIs have committed to leading the development of learning modules for Component I (Internal Governance) of the Civil Society Organization (CSO) Academy. To ensure these modules are tailored to the specific needs of CSOs, academic institutions will conduct focus group discussions and studies.



Coordination Meeting On The Propose SGLG Study of NDMU on August 29, 2024 at Wagi A, DILG Regional Office XII

Through these dynamic partnerships and research-driven initiatives, the LRIs continue to play a pivotal role in advancing governance, disaster resilience, and community development in Region XII.

UPSCALING OF LGRRRC LIBRARIES

The Local Government Academy (LGA) set up Local Governance Regional Resource Centers (LGRRRC) in every DILG Regional Office to help the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) become a knowledge-based organization. With the assistance of Mr. Arturo O. Morales, the LGA Librarian, an orientation and hands-on coaching session for the LGRRRC Librarian and its alternate was conducted last November 21–22, 2024, at the DILG XII Local Governance Library, 2nd Floor, DILG XII Regional Office Building.

In this 2-day activity, we were educated on the systematic labeling and barcoding process, which improved the categorization of library materials, making it easier for users to locate resources. Another thing we learned during this coaching session was that quicker and more efficient access to the materials our clients need allows for better tracking of book usage and circulation, enabling informed decision-making for future acquisitions. Finally, the coaching session provided us with guidance on implementing a user-friendly barcoding system to streamline the process of tracking and organizing books. All of these inputs encouraged greater interaction with the library's collection, fostering a more engaging learning environment for all users.



Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure, Dependable Green Environment, and Smart Spaces (BRIDGES) Program: Conducted from November 17 to 23 in South Korea.



BARANGAY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROGRAM

From December 4 to 6, 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose), through its Regional Information and Communications Technology Unit (RICTU), conducted a comprehensive orientation on the Barangay Information Management System (BIMS) at the DILG XII Regional Office in Koronadal City. This initiative aligns with the national digitalization agenda, aiming to enhance local governance efficiency.

The orientation targeted DILG City and Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (C/MLGOOs), Barangay Information System (BIS) focal persons, and barangay secretaries. Participants received in-depth training on BIMS's features, functions, and sub-components, emphasizing its role in streamlining barangay operations and governance. Live system demonstrations of BIMS's core modules facilitated hands-on learning, enabling attendees to transition from manual processes to a centralized digital system effectively.

BIMS is a key component of the Local Government Unit Support System (LGUSS), an initiative by the DILG to provide a free digital platform designed to enhance the operations, governance, and service delivery of local government units, including barangays, cities, and municipalities.

This orientation underscores DILG Dose's commitment to empowering local government units through digital tools, fostering improved public service delivery, and promoting transparency and accountability in governance.



Orientation on the Barangay Information Management System (BIMS) on December 4-6, 2024 at Wagi Hall, DILG Regional Office XII

DEATH AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND IPMRS IN 2024

In 2024, the Department of the Interior and Local Government Region XII (DILG Dose) provided

P676,000.00

in death and burial assistance to the families of deceased barangay officials and Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (IPMRs). This support is in line with the Barangay Officials Death and Burial Assistance (BODBA) program, a frontline service designed to aid the bereaved families of barangay officials.

Under Republic Act No. 6942, Section 2, beneficiaries of a deceased Punong Barangay are entitled to ₱20,000, while beneficiaries of other barangay officials, such as Sangguniang Barangay members, Barangay Secretaries, Barangay Treasurers, and Chairpersons of the Kabataang Barangay, receive ₱10,000. Additionally, a burial benefit of ₱2,000 is provided. Furthermore, Executive Order No. 139, issued on June 1, 2021, extended these death and burial benefits to IPMRs in barangays, ensuring their families receive similar support in the event of their death during their term.

Transferred amount are as follows:

PROVINCE/HUC	TRANFERED AMOUNT
Cotabato	314,000.00
General Santos City	24,000.00
Sarangani	70,000.00
South Cotabato	130,000.00
Sultan Kudarat	268,000.00
TOTAL	676, 000.00



The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) allocates funds for these benefits, underscoring the government's commitment to recognizing the service of barangay officials and IPMRs. DILG XII's disbursement of ₱676,000 in 2024 highlights its dedication to supporting the families of these local leaders during their time of loss.

CHAPTER 6

ANNEXES



COMPLIANCE RATE ON COA FINDINGS

15/16 or 93.75%

OF CY 2023 AUDIT FINDINGS WERE FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN CY 2024

BUDGET UTILIZATION RATE

Php364.90M

TOTAL ALLOTMENT RECEIVED

Php360.29M

TOTAL OBLIGATIONS

THIS REFLECTS A BUDGET UTILIZATION RATE (BUR) OF

98.74%

DEMONSTRATING EFFICIENT FUND UTILIZATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

PROCUREMENT RATE

100%

PERFORMANCE RATING WAS ACHIEVED FOR FY 2024

APPOINTMENTS

42

NEWLY HIRED AND PROMOTED FOR CY 2024

REGIONAL ORDERS ISSUED

1,238

REGIONAL ORDERS WERE ISSUED ON FY 2024

RMC ISSUED

32

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM CIRCULARS WERE ISSUED ON CY 2024

RETIREES



ALI B. ABDULLAH
Local Government Operations Officer VIII
35 Years in Service
September 1, 1989 - June 1, 2024



MUSARAPHA A. ALIM
Local Government Operations Officer VII
34 Years in Service
January 1, 1990 - January 1, 2025



VIRGINIA Q. GASQUE
Local Government Operations Officer VI
35 Years in Service
August 16, 1988 - June 1, 2024



VICTORIA S. DOLIDO
Local Government Operations Officer VI
35 Years in Service
April 21, 1989 - June 1, 2024



RANULFO C. MARTIN
Local Government Operations Officer VI
27 Years in Service
September 22, 1997 - September 2, 2024



A Life Well Lived: The Service and Legacy of Noraisa A. Datusataviran

In public service, some individuals leave a lasting impact not just through their achievements but through the lives they touch. One such dedicated public servant was Noraisa A. Datusataviran, whose unwavering commitment to good governance, integrity, and love for service continues to inspire many.

Noraisa's calling to serve was deeply influenced by her father, the late Hadji Maliga Maitum Abdullah, a dedicated DILG officer. Witnessing his hard work and the integrity of the institution, she found herself drawn to the same path. Initially a biology instructor, she later embraced public service, joining DILG XII in 2005 as an Accounting Clerk II. Her dedication and hard work led to continuous career growth, being promoted to Admin Officer III in 2010, LGOO II in 2014, LGOO III in 2017, LGOO V in 2019, and finally LGOO VI in 2023.

As the MLGOO of Columbio and later assigned to Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat, Noraisa played a key role in strengthening local governance and driving impactful programs. Under her leadership, Columbio earned prestigious recognitions, including the Seal of

Good Local Governance (SGLG), the Gender and Development (GAD) Seal Award, the Most Functional Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC) Award, and one of the Outstanding LGU Implementers on DILG PPAs for CY 2023. Her dedication and groundwork also played a significant role in Lutayan's journey to qualifying for the 2024 National Assessment of the SGLG and ultimately securing the prestigious award. She led with transparency, accountability, and an unwavering work ethic, ensuring that all tasks were accomplished, even as she silently battled health challenges.

More than a field officer, Noraisa was a mentor who instilled the values of integrity, hard work, and ethical leadership in her colleagues. She believed that governance was not just about fulfilling obligations but about uplifting communities and inspiring future leaders to serve with purpose.

Beyond her professional achievements, Noraisa's greatest role was that of a mother. She was a devoted provider, ensuring her children's needs were met through patience, sacrifice, and unwavering love. Her daughter fondly recalls, "I am grateful to have been raised by someone whose loyalty to God never wavered. That faith defined her both as a public servant and as a mother."

For Noraisa, love was shown not just in words but in actions—through service, time, and generosity. She embodied the true essence of governance, where leadership is not about authority but about the lasting impact on people's lives.

Though her passing is a great loss, her legacy of selfless service, integrity, and love for people lives on. Noraisa A. Datusataviran was not just a public servant; she was a beacon of dedication and a reminder that true service is a moral calling. May her life continue to inspire us to serve with the same passion and commitment she exemplified.

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