

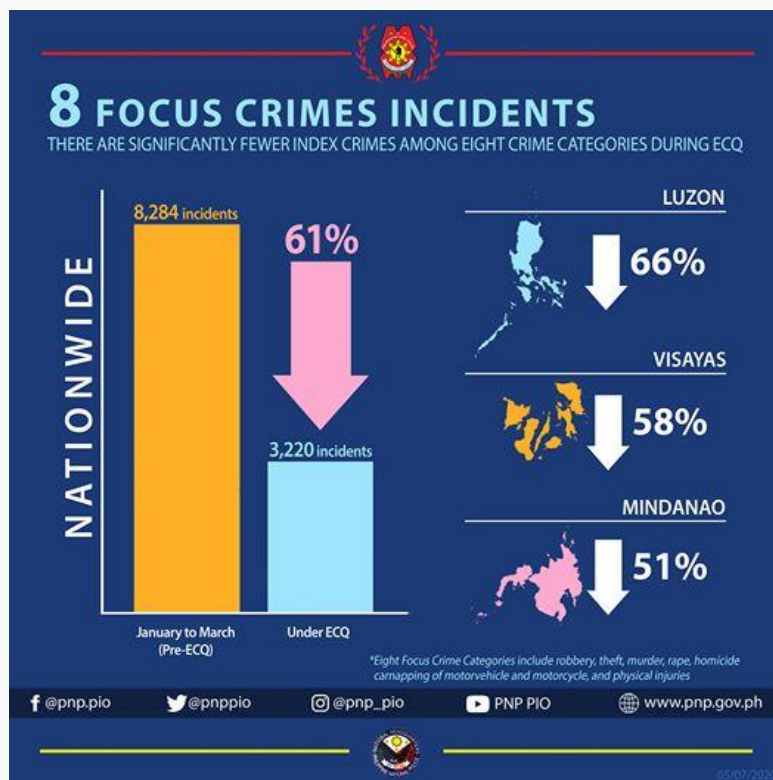


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Despite 61% crime reduction rate, DILG directs PNP to maintain vigilance as GCQ implementation looms in many parts of the country

Following a 61% reduction of crime incidents during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) period, the DILG has directed the Philippine National Police (PNP) to maintain consistency and vigilance in the enforcement of the law as a vast portion of the country will now transition to general community quarantine (GCQ) on May 16, 2020.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the PNP should not relax despite the 61% decrease of crimes, but on the contrary, continue its strict implementation of quarantine protocols *“as people might see the lifting of ECQ in some areas as an opportunity to go back to normal and begin committing crimes.”*

“Tiyak na babalik muli ang mga kriminal pag GCQ na dahil magpapanggap sila na papasok kuno sa trabaho kaya paalala ko sa ating kapulisan na maghigpit sa mga checkpoints at dalasan ang pagroronda para masawata ang mga kawatan,” he said.

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DILG lauds 1,204 LGUs that completed 1st tranche of SAP distribution a day before the May 10 deadline

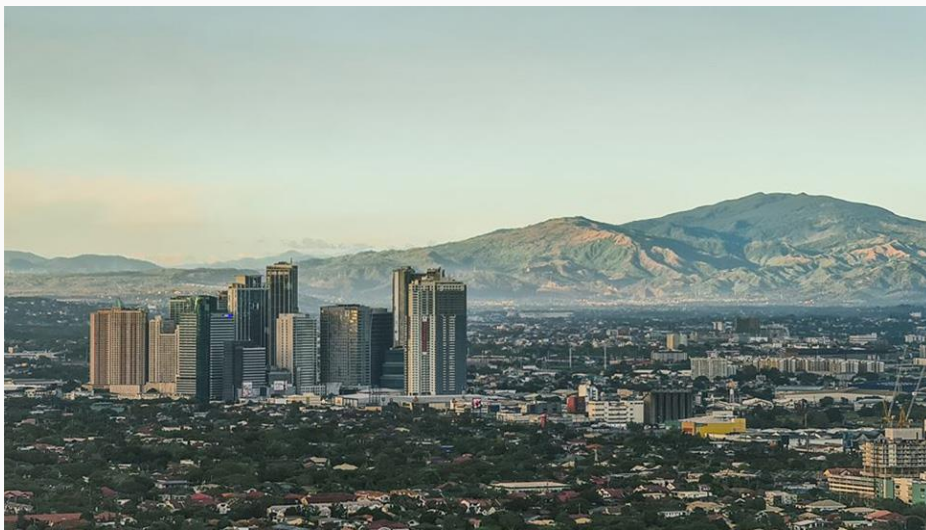
A day before the May 10 deadline, the DILG commended the 1,204 local government units (LGUs) nationwide that have completed the distribution of the first tranche of the emergency cash subsidy under the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) amid the

coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and quarantine measures in localities.

Leading the pack is CARAGA region with 100% payout rate followed by the Bicol Region with 99.79% rate and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) at 93.92%.

“Ang SAP ay galing sa bayan na ibinabalik sa taumbayan. The national and local governments are only facilitators of proper disbursement and distribution to the poorest of the poor to help mitigate the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19,” he said Saturday.

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DILG: EO on Balik Probinsiya program will drive regional growth

The DILG welcomes the issuance of Executive Order 114 institutionalizing the Balik Probinsiya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) Program calling it “timely and necessary” in driving growth in the regions as well as in addressing various social concerns not only in Metro Manila but in the rest of the country.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año says that now that the BP2 Program has been made as a cornerstone of government policy, he foresees that opportunities towards equal distribution of wealth, growth and progress can now be possible down to the local

government units (LGUs) unlike how it is today where economic development is mostly concentrated in Metro Manila and other highly-urbanized cities.

“The DILG welcomes the institutionalization of the BP2 Program since this has always been our battle cry in our campaign for Constitutional Reform (CORE) which is equal opportunities for growth and progress for all. It has been a fact that development is lopsided in favor of Metro Manila. Panahon na para ikalat ang kaunlaran sa ibat ibang rehiyon ng ating bansa,” he adds.

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REGIONAL NEWS



SAP Implementation in Caraga Now 100% Complete

Caraga Region has completed its distribution of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) financial subsidy making Caraga one of the first regions in the country to achieve such accomplishment. This means that all 73 cities and municipalities in Caraga achieved a 100% accomplishment rate in terms of physical and financial targets.

A total of 305,096 families were provided with SAP financial subsidy amounting to Php 5,000.00 across the five (5) provinces in the region. Of the five provinces, Agusan del Sur has the highest number of beneficiaries with 69,891 families, followed by Surigao del Sur with 66,140, Surigao del Norte with 52,225, Butuan City with 50,932, Agusan del Norte with 45,123 and Dinagat Islands with 20,785. The actual amount distributed totaled to Php 1,525,480,000.00.

All 1,311 barangays in the region have also complied with the posting of the SAP beneficiaries in conspicuous places.

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SOCCSKSARGEN is 3rd best performing region in SAP payout

Region XII ranked third in the latest bulletin of the DILG of best performing regions with the highest distribution of the first tranche of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the government.

The region reached an accomplishment rate of 98.92% as of 11:59 PM of May 10, the last extended date of payout set by DILG to LGUs, DILG Central Office confirmed.

DILG XII's combined effort and strong collaboration with the LGUs and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DILG) XII, led by Regional Director Cezario Joel Espejo, paved way to this accomplishment, said DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

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DILG MIMAROPA driver returns SAP cash aid

An employee of the DILG – MIMAROPA Region returned the Emergency Subsidy Program (ESP) cash aid amounting to Php. 6,500.00 to the Office of the City Treasurer, City of Cabuyao, Laguna.

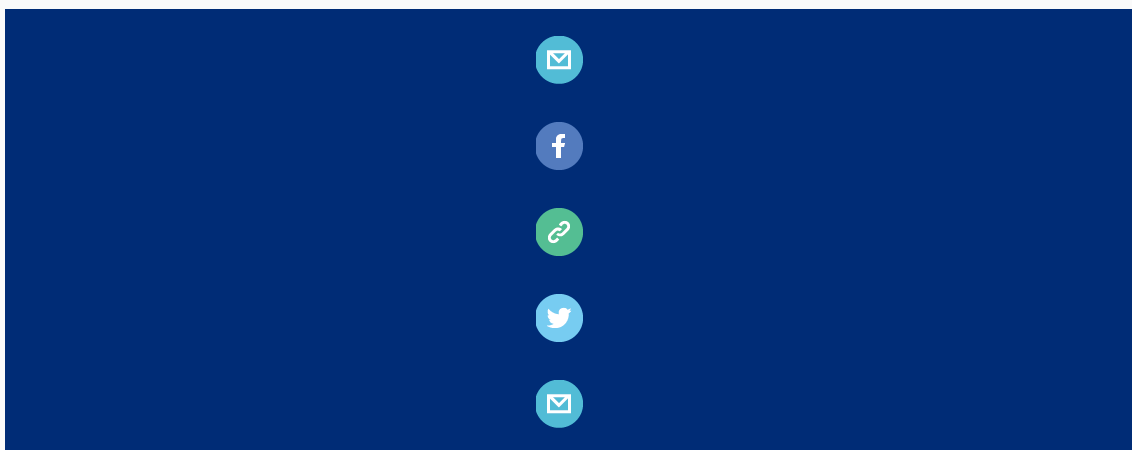
The ESP cash grant is part of the Social Amelioration Program of the government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). It is a cash grant amounting to Php. 5,000 – Php. 8,000.00 (depending on the regional wage rate) for low-income families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Hon. Erlinda L. Alcasabas, Punong Barangay of Mamatid, Cabuyao City also expressed her gratitude for his kind act saying, “Natutuwa ako at merong nagbalik ng natanggap ng ayuda na taga DILG upang makatulong iba pang nangangailangan”.

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