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Introduction

In 2023, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) remained steadfast in its commitment of promoting good governance, local development, and ensuring the welfare of all Filipinos. This year-end report encapsulates the DILG Family's tireless efforts and significant feats across various facets of governance and public service.

Throughout the year, the DILG and its attached agencies have proactively addressed a multitude of critical issues, from transitioning governance, eradicating criminality, attending to public safety and emergency response, to boosting economic growth, pursuing environmental sustainability, and promoting inclusivity.

To meet the ever-evolving challenges faced by our nation and to fortify our mettle and grit as we contribute to nation-building, we initiated various efforts to fully realize the government's long-term vision of a *"Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay"* for every Filipino. Similarly, we continued to align our actions to achieve the President's eight-point socioeconomic agenda as embedded in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and amplified in the Administration's *"Bagong Pilipinas"* brand of governance.

Building on its previous gains, the DILG Family continues to contribute in transforming the country into a prosperous, inclusive and resilient society, as manifested in the following milestones and achievements.

I. Upholding Excellence in Local Governance

The Department remained true to its mandate of enhancing local governance and ensuring that local government units (LGUs) are primed to take on new challenges and responsibilities in an evolving landscape of governance. These initiatives centered on instilling values of accountability and transparency, and promote participation, and effective service delivery. With an inclusive approach, the Department committed to fully empower LGUs for optimal devolution through capacity building interventions, incentives and recognition, and continued technical assistance. These concerted efforts are anchored towards enabling LGUs to provide excellent and quality service delivery for the benefit of the communities.

Sustaining accountable, transparent, and people-centric local governments

Shift to Full Devolution

Striving towards strengthening and enhancing the capacity of LGUs, the Department continued to support LGUs to help them transition to a meaningful devolution following the Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia petitions.

To support LGUs in prioritizing their programs, projects and activities (PPAs) particularly, those that are responsive and in line with the needs of the public, the Department continues to play a significant role in finalizing the revised guidelines for the integration of the LGU Devolution Transition Plans (DTPs) into their CDPs. This process is crucial to ensure that devolved functions, services, and facilities are seamlessly mainstreamed into the local development plans of LGUs, which will be implemented in the next five (5) years. Moreover, the LGU DTP serves as a viable tool and reference in implementing reforms that would strengthen the organization, as well as in enhancing institutional capacities to fulfill local governments' mandated functions and responsibilities. These initiatives are in line with the national government's commitment to empower LGUs and improve public service delivery in light of the Mandanas-Garcia ruling.

However, the submission DTPs per Executive Order No. 138 on full devolution was suspended pending the issuance of another EO that will extend the transition period from 2023 to 2027 which will further strengthen the coordination and partnership between the local and the national governments as it will delineate which services and functions will be lodged to the local and national government.

To facilitate the harmonization of LGUs' and NGAs' DTP implementation strategies despite the absence of approved NGA DTPs, a harmonization roadmap template (HRT) was developed using an official list of programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) to be discontinued by the NGAs. For this purpose, a series of regional NGA-LGU fora were conducted to facilitate filling out of the HRT, in which 16 regional HRT datasets have been consolidated, ready for analysis to identify assistance needed by LGUs to fully assume and implement their devolved functions, services, and facilities and PAPs, as well as the perceived service delivery gaps.

Seal of Good Local Governance Incentive Fund (SGLGIF)

The **Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG)** continues to play a pivotal role in recognizing and supporting high-performing LGUs. Recipients of the Seal are granted the **SGLG Incentive Fund (SGLGIF)** which can be utilized to subsidize development programs and projects related to local economic development, disaster risk reduction and management, ecological solid waste management, and more. Over the past 13 years, the SGLG has expanded its scope to continuously push for excellence in local governance.

In the second year of SGLG's resumption after its deferment for two (2) years due to the pandemic, a total of 493 LGUs, comprising 28 provinces, 64 cities, and 401 municipalities, were recognized as SGLG-passers and are likewise eligible to the incentive package. Twenty-two (22) of these LGUs are seven (7)-time passers, after sustaining their good performance since 2015 when the SGLG was first conferred, while 94 LGUs are first time awardees.

Since the establishment of the SGLGIF (formerly known as Performance Challenge Fund) in 2010, the DILG has already granted a total of Php7,795,060,294 billion in subsidies to a total of 71 provinces and 1,130 cities and municipalities (some of which were awarded multiple times) to

finance 4,152 high-impact projects. As of end of November 2023, a total of 4,151 or 99.98 percent of the total 4,152 projects have been completed.

Full Disclosure Policy (FDP)

Moreover, local governments have continued their adherence to transparency and accountability through the **Full Disclosure Policy (FDP)**, which is a prerequisite for passing the Financial Administration Core Assessment Area of the SGLG. As of the 4th quarter posting period of 2023, a total of 1,437 (90.32%) out of 1,591 LGUs (excluding BARMM) are compliant with the FDP.¹

Support for the Local Governance Program (SLGP)

Likewise, the Department remained proactive in promoting citizen engagement and participation in governance through the **Support for the Local Governance Program (SLGP)**. Under the program, Dagyaw Townhall Sessions continued to prosper as it provided a platform for open and neutral discussions on national and local issues among government and non-government stakeholders. This year's Dagyaw, which carries the theme, "Building a Better Government-Citizen Engagement, Quality Public Participation and Dialogue", was localized through Regional Townhall Meetings held in various parts of the country. As of the end of November 2023, 21 regional and provincial townhall meetings had been conducted, with nearly 4,972 citizens participating in person and 34,446 joining online.²

In line with the Department's continuing thrust of improving local service delivery and promoting good governance at the local level, the SLGP was also able to assist 148 LGUs in developing risk-informed Comprehensive Development Plans (CDPs) as well as capacitate civil society organizations (CSOs) that are members of the Local Development Councils (3,575 CSOs) and Local People's Councils (153 CSOs).³

Through the Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP), the DILG worked together with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) for the successful launch of **OGPinas!**, a nationwide advocacy campaign on open government.

OGPinas! is geared towards raising awareness about the PH-OGP, especially at the local level. The campaign aims to provide avenues and communication channels for government-civil society partnerships and bolster public participation in policy-making and governance across the country.

The OGPinas! was inaugurated on October 11, 2023 which was represented by DILG Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan, DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, PIA Director-General Jose Torres Jr., and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Procopio G. Lipana. DILG Assistant Secretary Francisco R. Cruz also represented the Department in the Visayas leg of OGPinas! held in Cebu City and Iloilo City.

Monitoring and Evaluation Assistance to Local Government Unit (MEALGU)

In an unceasing effort to address the needs of local constituents, including access to basic social services and foster economic growth, the government has extended financial support to LGUs through the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF). The Department, through the **Monitoring**

¹ FDP 4th Quarter CY 2023 Posting Period, 20 December 2023.

² SLGP Inputs to the Year-End Report (draft only), 14 December 2023.

³ SLGP Monthly Status Report as of November 2023.

and Evaluation Assistance to Local Government Unit (MEALGU), has played an integral role in monitoring the implementation of LGU infrastructure projects under various programs supported by the LGSF, which covers both recent (FY 2022-2023) and spill-over (FY 2012-2021) subprojects:⁴

- The **Financial Assistance to LGUs (FALGU) Program** has been a critical driver of local infrastructure development. This program supported the construction, concreting, rehabilitation, repair, and improvement of various local infrastructures. Remarkably, 1,952 subprojects were completed, bringing the total to 3,019 out of 4,668 subprojects since 2021, which equates to a 64.67 percent completion rate.
- The **Growth Equity Fund (GEF)** provides support to the funding requirements of programs, projects, and activities of 430 identified poor, disadvantaged, and lagging LGUs. Its initial implementation in 2022 has resulted in the completion of 292 subprojects this year, or 53.48 percent of the target 546 subprojects under the program.
- The **Support to Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP)** helped improve the capacity of provincial governments in local road management (LRM). The program has accounted for the completion of additional 41 road projects, bringing the total to 1,191 out of 1,197 subprojects since 2016. This equates to covering 3,458.49 kilometers of roads, with an outstanding 99.5 percent completion rate.
- The **Assistance to Cities (AC) Program** has benefited select highly urbanized cities (HUCs) in Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao by supporting the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of green open spaces and infrastructure for active mobility. With 17 subprojects successfully completed out of the 18 subprojects enrolled under SubayBAYAN, the completion rate now runs at 94.44 percent.
- The **Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program (DRRAP)** played a key role in streamlining recovery and reconstruction efforts in the face of destructive calamities. A total of 355 subprojects have been completed, bringing the total to 1,645 out of 1,693 subprojects completed since 2021 or equivalent to 97.16 percent completion rate. Likewise, the infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects under DRRAP will benefit 16,713,634 households.
- The **Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig (SALINTUBIG) Program** has been pivotal in providing access to safe and potable water to underprivileged and waterless municipalities nationwide. The program has completed 2,819 out of 2,825 subprojects since 2012 which is equivalent to 99.79 percent completion rate.
- The **Assistance to Municipalities (AM) Program** has paved the way for the equitable support of all municipalities in the delivery of basic services. Formerly known as the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities in 2017 and the Bottom-up Budgeting Program in CYs 2013-2016, the program is aimed at extending financial support for the implementation of priority programs and projects, including water supply projects, local access roads, disaster risk reduction, and other vital local infrastructure projects. So far, the following were completed under the program:
 - Five (5) water subprojects, bringing the total to 5,468 completed out of 5,476 subprojects since 2013 benefiting 2,829,399 households

⁴ OPDS Status of Infra Projects as of November 2023, submitted 11 December 2023.

- Eight (8) other infrastructure/DRR-related subprojects, bringing the total to 4,057 completed out of 4,060 subprojects since 2013 benefitting 3,391,787 households
 - 32 local access subprojects covering 17.79 kms. of roads and bridges, bringing the total to 10,664 completed out of 10,736 subprojects since 2014 benefitting 5,556,216 households
- Through the **Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP)**, the Department remained steadfast in addressing the roots of communist armed conflicts by providing much-needed infrastructure and social services support to beneficiary barangays that were cleared from insurgency by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). 2,086 and 1,314 subprojects were completed under the SBDP 2021 and 2022, bringing the total of completed projects to 3,400 out of 4,039 projects or 84.18 percent completion rate.

The SBDP has a reported disbursement rate of 85.97 percent and 63.03 percent or equivalent to Php14,133,871,752.00 of the Php16.440 billion and Php3,545,053,817 of the Php5.624 billion released allocation for FY 2021 and 2022, respectively. SBDP 2023 released allocation amounts to Php6,329,392,973.33 from the Php6.336 billion allocation per GAA.⁵

The MEALGU did not only facilitate the implementation of LGSF-subsidized projects, but it also made sure that LGUs subscribe to the basic tenets of transparency, accountability, and community participation in decision-making. Thus, LGUs were also monitored and provided technical assistance in their achievement of reforms in seven (7) governance areas in local infrastructure management, namely information management, project planning and design, construction management, operations and maintenance, asset management, and procurement. These governance reform areas are utilized as entry points in contributing to the ongoing transition of LGUs to full devolution.

Additionally, significant milestones in capacity building were achieved under MEALGU with the conduct of a total of 16 capacity development initiatives which covered 62 batches of training, workshops, and orientation sessions. These initiatives were designed to significantly enhance the absorptive capacity of the LGUs by providing extensive technical and practical knowledge in infrastructure development and management.⁶

Monitoring and Evaluation of Infrastructure Projects of LGUs

To sustain infrastructure project oversight and accountability, the DILG facilitated the **Monitoring and Evaluation of Infrastructure Projects of LGUs**. Also known as Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation of LGU Infrastructure Projects (RLIP), this innovative approach is designed to enhance the tracking and measurement of LGU performance in the implementation of infrastructure projects. As of end of November 2023, 2,939 LGU-funded projects or 92.74 percent of the target 3,169 projects have been enrolled under the SubayBayan system. Of these, 580 or 19.73 percent of the enrolled projects were already completed.

To ensure that LGUs exercise transparency and accountability in the implementation of infrastructure projects, the ***Subaybayan ang Proyeklong Bayan (SubayBAYAN)***, an online platform that gives real time information on the physical and financial status of projects being

⁵ OPDS Inputs to the Yearend Report, 14 December 2023.

⁶ OPDS Inputs to the Yearend Report, 14 December 2023.

carried out by LGUs, was developed. Since its inception in 2018, the SubayBAYAN has provided a robust framework for managing and monitoring local projects. This year, a total of 3,972 projects under FY 2023 LGSF and other programs monitored by the Department were enrolled in the system. Enhancements were also made in the portal and its continuous evolution is a testament to the Department's unwavering dedication to promoting good governance and ensuring that public funds are spent efficiently.

To showcase the accomplishments and milestones of the *SubayBAYAN* platform and recognize the exemplary monitoring and evaluation practices and performance of “*monitors*” in the DILG field offices and LGUs using the system, the DILG conducted the **SubayBAYANI Awards** on November 20, 2023. Fifty-five (55) LGUs (10 provinces, 10 cities, and 35 municipalities) and 58 DILG field offices were recognized for efficiently promoting transparency and accountability in implementing infrastructure projects. The recipient LGUs belong to the top 5 percent of the 1,500 LGUs handling a total of 19,000 locally-funded projects this year.⁷

The **Rapid Subproject Sustainability Assessment (RSSA)** tool interoperates with the *SubayBAYAN* portal as it facilitates the assessment of *SubayBAYAN*-enrolled projects one year after their completion. This web-based application plays a key role in the post-monitoring activities of the Department as it determines the projects' functionality, thus, allowing further assessment and evaluation of each program's accomplishments. This year, the system has also undergone some enhancements to improve its overall usability and functionality.

Bantay Korapsyon (BK)

Bantay Korapsyon (BK) is a flagship program of the DILG which continues to make an impact in strengthening local governance, reinforcing the culture of integrity, and strengthening people's trust in LGUs by mobilizing citizens and communities. Through a series of targeted measures, BK aims to reshape the landscape of local *sanggunians* in the exercise of their quasi-judicial functions. Moreover, its continuing legal and technical education is proven to be helpful in reinforcing citizen participation to foster a culture of transparency and responsibility.

The Department capacitated 22 Local Sanggunians and reoriented 206 LGUs on the scope, jurisdiction and limitations of their quasi-judicial power including issuance of subpoena, reception of evidence, conduct of hearing, and resolution of cases/complaints. Additionally, 1,160 local government officials and employees from 576 LGUs participated in a webinar series which reinforced and reintroduced the concept of public accountability to the local governments and that public office is a public trust⁸.

Propelling innovative and future-ready local governments

To help LGUs adapt to the changing times and make them ready to face emerging challenges, the Department has embraced opportunities that open up innovation for LGUs by spearheading the campaign to spur local businesses through the improvement of LGU competitiveness and the introduction of new systems and processes.

⁷ <https://www.dilg.gov.ph/news/55-efficient-transparent-LGUs-bag-DILGs-SubayBAYANI-Awards/NC-2023-1242>

⁸ BK - PROGRAM REPORT - FY2023

Improving LGU Competitiveness and Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Program

The Department advocated and helped LGUs comply with the provisions of the law through the issuance of key policies, in partnership with concerned NGAs and other key partners, to increase private sector participation in the delivery of basic services to the people. Various trainings on streamlining regulatory processes were conducted in 2023 which resulted in the LGU compliance in the following business reforms and EODB Campaigns:⁹

- **Streamlining of Business Permits and Licensing System (BPLS):** 85.41 percent or 1,294 cities and municipalities are compliant with the reforms under the BPLS standards set by the DILG-DTI-DICT JMC No. 2016-01 which include: (i) the use of unified form, (ii) three (3) steps (involving business applicants), (iii) maximum of two (2) signatories, and (iv) processing time of two (2) days
- **Streamlining of Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy (BPCO):** 510 cities and municipalities (33.66%) are compliant with the reforms under the BPCO standards set under DILG-DPWH-DICT-DTI JMC No. 2018-01 which include the: (i) use of unified application form (UAF), (ii) four (4) steps, (iii) maximum of one (1) signatory, and (iv) processing time of five (5) days
- **Streamlining of Permits and Licenses for Telecommunications Towers:** The Department has fast-tracked the release of pending permits and clearances for telecommunications towers, with 8,616 permits that were approved by 669 cities and municipalities as of 17 November 2023

Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS)

Per RA 11234 or the **Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Stop Shop (EVOSS) for the purpose of Streamlining the Permitting Process of Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Projects**, there are 78 LGUs issued an ordinance adopting the guidelines to facilitate the implementation of energy projects, 130 LGUs with activated Energy Sector Committee, 42 LGUs that posted identified energy resources on their websites, 74 LGUs with streamlined processes in issuing the necessary permits on energy related projects, and 220 LGUs with designated EVOSS focal person/office/unit.¹⁰

Other activities in support to digitalization¹¹

- A public-private partnership between ARTA and MERALCO in coordination with DILG, **Paspas Pilipinas Paspas** was officially launched during the EODB Forum with a ceremonial turnover of eighty-one (81) computer units to twenty-seven (27) LGUs as the 1st batch of LGU beneficiaries followed by turning over of five hundred (500) computer units to one hundred forty (140) LGUs held in March and May 2023, respectively. The project aims to boost the streamlining and digitalization of business permitting and licensing system in the localities.
- **Ease of Doing Business Forum 2023: Fostering Digitalization in Streamlining and Delivery of Public Services Towards Economic Growth** was conducted on May 4, 2023 at Widus Hotel, Clark, Pampanga participated by 630 Local Chief Executives, Local Administrators, other local officials, and functionaries, select NGAs, private sector, and

⁹ BLGD (advance copy) inputs to the Year-End Report 2023, 21 December 2023.

¹⁰ Partial data of the 3rd Quarter 2023 EVOSS Report, BLGD (advance copy) inputs to the Year-End Report 2023, 21 December 2023.

¹¹ BLGD (advance copy) inputs to the Year-End Report 2023, 21 December 2023.

NGOs while 380 participants attended via Zoom teleconferencing platform. The forum aims to pursue digitalization in streamlining of government transactions at the local level and advocate for countryside ICT industry development.

- The DILG participated in the DICT's National Launching of the **eGov PH Super App** on July 17, 2023 at the Malacañang Palace. A single mobile application that integrates the multi-sectoral public services towards a simplified transaction between the government and citizens; which therein some vital components are the (1) **eLGU App** and (2) **eReport App**.
- Conducted pilot testing of **Rate My LGU Service** to seventeen (17) LGUs in NCR on August 2, 2023. The program aims to solicit comments/suggestions for the finalization of the system before deploying the system to all LGUs.
- The Department, in partnership with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in Taguig City on September 22, 2023. The MOU aims to establish cooperation to strengthen and effectively implement the provisions of RA 11032 or the **Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018** through the provision of necessary technical assistance and capacity-building programs in select LGUs.
- The Department also participated and supported the DILG Region VI on the launching of the flagship program, **Recovery Initiatives Towards Sustained Local Economy (RISE) Program** which aims to further strengthen the capabilities of local governments towards the path of economic recovery and achieving local economic growth.

II. Strengthening Peaceful, Orderly, Safe and Secure Communities

As part of its mandate to promote peace and order and public safety, the Department remains relentless towards combating illegal drugs, insurgency, and various forms of criminality. Empowered by multi-sectoral participation, the DILG gained significant strides in promoting a drug-free environment across the country.

Resolute efforts are also exemplified through ensuring public safety wherein we have -also bolstered our fire prevention and suppression services, as we relentlessly minimized risks and safeguarded the lives and property of our fellowmen during events of fire and emergency. Moreover, we have actively engaged in ensuring the welfare, safekeeping, and development of persons deprived of liberty (PDL). All these endeavors are a testament to the DILG family's mission of ensuring the safety and prosperity of our nation.

Boosting peace and order & security in communities as safe places to live, work, and do business

Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Iwasan (BIDA) Program

Solidifying the multi-sectoral approach of the **Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Iwasan (BIDA) Program**, the DILG has forged a monumental partnership with the private sector in promoting drug-free workplaces and business establishments.

The Department, along with the pledges of support from major private companies in the country, signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the anti-illegal drug

programs and policies that align with the BIDA Program's goals.¹² This highlights the government and private sector's shared responsibility in eradicating illegal drugs and urges companies to take stricter measures and conduct random drug testing on their employees. Companies that align their policies with BIDA's vision will be granted a BIDA-Drug Free Workplace Seal.

Recognizing sports as an effective means to prevent the people, especially the youth, from using illegal drugs and create awareness of the government's anti-illegal drug campaign, the DILG has formed partnerships with major sports leagues in the country through the BIDA Program.

The Philippine Basketball Association (PBA), Premier Volleyball League (PVL), and University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) joined forces with the DILG on May 25, 2023 as they represented the sports sector in the whole-of-nation approach campaign against illegal drugs.

With the BIDA gaining the support of the top local sports leagues, the Department aims to amplify its anti-drug advocacy through the influence of the teams, players, and media platforms. The partnership is also expected to improve the respective leagues' drug testing initiatives in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9165, or the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," for both the players and staff.

Under the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the PBA, PVL, and UAAP, players will also display the BIDA Program logo on their jerseys, while leagues will play an active role in raising awareness about the anti-illegal drug program through disseminating BIDA Visuals, including advertisement videos and photographs and other information, education, and communication (IEC) materials produced by the Department.

Aside from working with athletes, the *BIDA Program* also partnered with celebrities from ABS-CBN¹³ and GMA¹⁴ to be ambassadors of the program, and with major cinemas, such as SM Cinemas¹⁵ and Megaworld Lifestyle Malls¹⁶, to show the program's advertisements before the start of every movie. These strategies aim to encourage the general public to join forces with the Administration in combating illegal drug abuse.

The Department also strengthened partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s *RenewHealth Program*, which focuses on co-developing and distribution of community-based drug rehabilitation (CBDR) materials and learning modules in LGUs.¹⁷ The agency also received 300 tablets worth over Php2.9 million from Cherry Mobile Philippines which will be used to further enhance and digitalize our CBDR initiatives.¹⁸

¹² <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/BIDA-Workplace-DILG-makikispagtulungan-sa-mga-pribadong-kumpanya-sa-laban-kontra-droga/NC-2023-1072>

¹³ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/10/26/23/abs-cbn-dilg-ink-partnership-for-bida-anti-drug-campaign>

¹⁴ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/DILG-and-GMA-Sparkle-Artist-Center-partner-up-for-BIDA-campaign/NC-2023-1170>

¹⁵ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/DILG-SM-Cinemas-partner-for-free-showing-of-BIDA-ads-expected-to-reach-25M-moviegoers-nationwide/NC-2023-1141>

¹⁶ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/DILG-and-Megaworld-Lifestyle-Malls-team-up-for-free-showing-of-BIDA-ads-in-20-theaters-nationwide/NC-2023-1191>

¹⁷ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/DILG-USAID-nagsanib-puwera-para-sa-mas-pinaigting-na-community-based-drug-rehabilitation/NC-2023-1068>

¹⁸ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/P29-M-new-tablets-seen-to-enhance-DILGs-anti-drugs-campaign/NC-2023-1236>

National and Regional BIDA Program Implementation¹⁹	
Activities conducted	Estimated no. of Participants/no. of regions
BIDA Launching	53,950 in 15 regions
BIDA Fun Run	178,996 in 15 regions
BIDA Roll-out Orientation and Training of the BIDA Program	15 regions
BIDA Serbisyo Caravan (including livelihood and job opportunities)	9 regions

As a manifestation of the successful implementation of the Department's anti-illegal drug campaign, the BIDA Program has earned global recognition after being hailed as the **National Social Welfare Initiative of the Year** in the 2023 Gov Media Awards.²⁰

The Gov Media Awards is an international award-giving body that recognizes the most outstanding governments and organizations in the Asian region for the implementation of projects and initiatives that played an important role in the creation of livable communities that address the welfare needs of the people.

Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs)

Since the institutionalization of the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS) back in 2018 to strategically align with the government's anti-illegal drug programs, the Department has been committed to strengthening its **Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (ADACs)** and attaining its commitments under PADS. This includes continuous monitoring of the Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP), establishment of Special Drug Education Centers and Programs, and capacitating and tracking LGUs' anti-illegal drugs commitments.

Monitoring of CBDRP Quarterly Report²¹ (Based on the submission of 8 out of 17 regions as of December 12, 2023)	
Type of Surrenderers	Total No. of Surrenderers
Total No. of Surrenderers	17,128 surrenderers
Total No. of New CBDRP Participants	10,169 new CBDRP participants
Total No. of Re-admitted Participants	579 readmitted participants
Total No. of Graduates	17,561 graduates

Moreover, to facilitate and guide LGUs in the effective implementation of their respective anti-illegal drug programs, various policies have been laid out. The said policies are either crafted by the Department or formulated jointly with concerned agencies, to ensure the successful implementation of the programs and projects to combat the illegal drug problem. Such policies include the following:

- Policy on the BIDA Program, conduct of the 2022 ADAC Performance Audit, Barangay Drug Clearing Program (BDCP) and Amendment Drug Free Workplace Policy
- Training-of-Trainers and Roll-out Orientation on the BIDA Program, ADAC Performance Audit Policy and BDCP Policy
- Strengthening Institutional Capacities of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (SICAP-BADAC)

¹⁹ FY 2023 DILG PADS-PMO Narrative Accomplishment Report as of 9-7-23 (1).

²⁰ <https://dilg.gov.ph/news/DILGs-BIDA-PROGRAM-WINS-GOV-MEDIA-AWARD/NC-2023-1130>

²¹ FY 2023 DILG PADS-PMO Narrative Accomplishment Report as of 9-7-23 (1).

- Capacity Development Orientation for Province without Special Drug Education Centers (SDECs)

Meanwhile, a total of 1,714 PCMs underwent the *2022 ADAC Performance Audit*. Of this number, 246 high-performing LGUs got a perfect score during the said Audit and were eventually recognized as National Awardees. Each awardee received a plaque of commendation and a cash incentive amounting to Php100,000.00 during the *2023 ADAC Performance Awards* held last November 21 to 23, 2023.²²

The government's drive against illegal drugs yielded remarkable success, specifically through the effective organization, strengthening, and empowerment of local ADACs to become formidable allies of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies in transforming the country into a drug-free society.

Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (BADACs)

The Department has localized ADACs to the barangay level through *Memorandum Circular No. 2018-135* which provides standards and processes for monitoring and ensuring the compliance of the BADAC with the key functionality indicators. On May 18, 2023, an Advisory entitled “Implementing Guidelines for the Conduct of FY 2023 Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC) Functionality Audit” was issued directing regional offices to assess at least 95 percent of the barangays in their respective regions.²³ The table below shows the result of the audit:

Total no. of Barangays	42,046
No. of Barangays assessed	42,041 <i>Note: The remaining five (5) barangays are excluded from the assessment due to the absence of barangay officials.</i>
• High Level of Functionality	21,494 (51.12%)
• Moderate Level of Functionality	18,152 (43.17%)
• Low Level of Functionality	2,395 (5.70%)

Significant Improvements on the Peace and Order Situation

The fortified synergy among members of the DILG family has played a pivotal role in creating tranquil and secure LGUs, towards improving the national crime situation.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) noted an improvement in the crime environment with a decrease in the number of total crime incidents by 0.14 percent and an increase in the Crime Solution Efficiency (CSE) by 1.38 percent after fully easing the pandemic restrictions.²⁴

Anti-Criminality Success Indicators	January 1 to November 30, 2022	January 1 to November 30, 2023	Percentage increase/decrease
Total Crime Incidents	357,474	356,988	-0.14%
Crime Clearance Efficiency (CCE)	98.19%	97.83%	-0.37%
Crime Solution Efficiency (CSE)	87.56%	88.77%	1.38%

²² FY 2023 DILG PADS-PMO Narrative Accomplishment Report as of 9-7-23 (1).

²³ 2023 NBOO Narrative Report (as of December 07, 2023).

²⁴ CIRAS as of December 1, 2023 @8:00pm.

Similarly, there was a decline in the volume of both index and non-index crimes from January to November 2023 compared to the same period last year. The table shows a decrease of 8.44 percent and 7.32 percent in the country's index and non-index crime volume, respectively. An improvement in seven (7) of the eight (8) focus index crimes is also highlighted.²⁵

TYPE OF CRIME	January 1 to November 30, 2022	January 1 to November 30, 2023	Percentage increase/ decrease
INDEX CRIME VOLUME	38,524	35,274	-8.44%
<i>FOCUS CRIMES</i>	<i>38,302</i>	<i>35,085</i>	<i>-8.40%</i>
Murder	3,924	3,814	-2.80%
Homicide	951	997	4.84%
Physical Injury	5,132	4,405	-14.17%
Rape	9,203	7,844	-14.77%
Robbery	4,627	4,363	-5.71%
Theft	12,378	11,659	-5.81%
Carnapping - Motor Vehicle	306	231	-24.51%
Carnapping - Motorcycle	1,781	1,772	-0.51%
<i>SPECIAL COMPLEX CRIMES</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>-14.86%</i>
NON-INDEX CRIME VOLUME	160,016	148,300	-7.32%

Strengthening Peace and Order Councils (POCs)

Recognizing the importance of local institutions as active partners in the government's peace and order drive, the DILG has worked towards bolstering the *Peace and Order Councils (POCs)*. These councils are tasked to devise and execute strategic measures and initiatives to improve the peace and order and public safety situation in their respective areas of responsibility, particularly in addressing issues related to criminality and insurgency.

The Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plans of 1,616 (94.22%) out of 1,715 LGUs have been monitored. In addition, their physical and financial accomplishments were also tracked through the Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan–Policy Compliance Monitoring System (POPSP-PCMS) wherein 96.73 percent of LGUs (PCMs) have complied for the 1st Semester of FY 2023.²⁶ To equip these institutions with the necessary management skills, capacity-building activities on project management, technical writing, security clearance, fire safety, jail management, and road safety were also provided.

For the 2022 *POC Performance Audit*, 1,686 out of 1,715, or 98.31 percent of provincial, city, and municipal POCs were audited. A national functionality average rate of 90.65 percent was recorded based on this audit, with the NCR POCs leading at 99.43 percent functionality rate, and followed by POCs from Region 2 (98.15%), Region 1 (97.62%), and SOCCSKARGEN (97.42%). Only one (1) region garnered a low functionality rate of below 70 percent.²⁷

As for the Regional Peace and Order Councils (RPOCs), the national functionality average score is recorded at 84.51 percent. This demonstrates a 6.68 percent increase from the recorded functionality score of 77.83 percent from the previous audit year.²⁸

²⁵ CIRAS as of December 1, 2023 @8:00pm.

²⁶ aV2-2023-Narrative-Accomplishment-Report-SPOC-PMO-1204.

²⁷ aV2-2023-Narrative-Accomplishment-Report-SPOC-PMO-1204.

²⁸ aV2-2023-Narrative-Accomplishment-Report-SPOC-PMO-1204.

Despite the ‘birth pains’ of a new administration in some localities (i.e., performance year assessed is election year), the POCs have continued to increase their efforts in innovating processes and approaches to peace and order and security concerns.

Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award (LTIA)

The Department continues to recognize the contributions of the Lupong Tagapamayapa in advancing the Katarungang Pambarangay (Barangay Justice) system. The said system is instrumental in resolving conflicts, thereby preventing the premature and unnecessary filing of legal actions in courts. The Lupons’ significant efforts in amicably settling neighborhood disputes have helped unclog the court dockets and saved the country “around Php4 billion cost of litigation.” The following were conferred with the **Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentive Awards (LTIA)** for 2023:²⁹

Category	Awardees
Outstanding <i>Lupong Tagapamayapa</i> in Highly Urbanized Cities	National Winner: Barangay Budla-an (Cebu City, Region VII) 1st Runner-up: Barangay Doongan (Butuan City, CARAGA) 2nd Runner-up: Barangay Balibago (Angeles City, Region III)
Outstanding <i>Lupong Tagapamayapa</i> in Independent Component/ Component Cities	National Winner: Barangay Upper Katungal (Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat, Region XII) 1st Runner-up: Barangay San Vicente (Biñan City, Laguna, CALABARZON) 2nd Runner-up: Barangay Lawa-an (Roxas City, Capiz, Region VI)
Outstanding <i>Lupong Tagapamayapa</i> in 1st to 3rd Class Municipalities	National Winner: Barangay Poblacion (Tupi, South Cotabato, Region XII) 1st Runner-up: Barangay Rizal (Bansalan, Davao del Sur, Region XI) 2nd Runner-up: Barangay Cavite (Alangalang, Leyte, Region VIII)
Outstanding <i>Lupong Tagapamayapa</i> in 4th to 6th Class Municipalities	National Winner: Barangay Ibabang Atingay (Magdalena, Laguna, CALABARZON) 1st Runner-up: Barangay Naburos (Baliangao, Misamis Occidental, Region X) 2nd Runner-up: Barangay Otot (San Fernando, Romblon, MIMAROPA)

Commitments on Justice Zones

As a commitment to the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC) in providing social protection services and administration of justice, the Department implements the **Advocacy and Capacity Building for the Local Institutions on Women and Children**.

The **Barangay Tanods Skills Enhancement (BTSE) Training Program**, on the other hand, is intended to continuously improve the skills of Barangay Tanods under the Justice Zones, while also expanding to the remaining barangays of the country to undertake strategic interventions to boost the capability of the barangay tanods to perform their duties with expertise, commitment, and integrity.

Internal Disciplinary Mechanisms and Reforms

To maintain a highly credible and disciplined police work force, the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) continues to conduct regular lifestyle check among PNP personnel. Complaints against erring PNP members may be brought to NAPOLCOM for evaluation in order to determine

²⁹ DILG Press Release <https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?u=f6ead2ca14c70669cc7e6e0ae&id=e1761a298e&fbclid=IwAR3MsorrYESTewccDcY3SX9MljMplnUgPGSZeuISFo9owJiWNwXLfOBYFs>

if there is a sufficient ground to warrant such action or recommend its dismissal if no prima facie evidence has been established.

For the period January to November 2023, the NAPOLCOM investigated and prepared a total of 681 investigation reports or 84.81 percent out of 803 total administrative complaints which were docketed. Pre-charge evaluation of these complaints resulted in the endorsement of 317 for summary dismissal proceedings, 339 were dropped/dismissed or withdrawn by the complainants, and 25 were referred to the concerned LCE for appropriate action.

The NAPOLCOM also rendered its decisions on 437 or 47.92 percent summary dismissal cases out of the total caseload of 912, of which 92 or 35.25 percent were resolved out of 261 motions for reconsideration filed before the Commission.

The **People's Law Enforcement Boards (PLEBs)** provide an effective mechanism for citizens to file complaints and grievances against erring police personnel as reflected in the total number of cases handled and number of cases disposed of by the PLEBs around the country. These PLEBs provide an opportunity for collaboration among community stakeholders.

As of November 30, 2023, there is a total of 1,062 organized PLEBs nationwide. Of these, 948 PLEBs (89.27%) are functional while 114 (10.73%) are due for reorganization due to the recent barangay elections, retirement of members, and disqualification of some members to serve in the PLEB. Meanwhile, for the period January 1, 2018 to November 30, 2023, the PLEBs received a total of 532 cases. Of these cases, 291 (54.70%) have been decided or resolved whereas 241 (45.30%) are still pending as of November 30, 2023.³⁰

Deputation of NAPOLCOM Authority

A series of NAPOLCOM resolutions were also issued outlining the additional functions and responsibilities of Local Chief Executives (LCEs) acting as deputies of the Commission. Likewise, the said resolutions emphasize that the failure to carry out these duties can lead to suspension or withdrawal of the Deputation Authority. For CY 2023, 1,442 LCEs composed of 52 governors and 1,390 mayors have been subject to continuous monitoring as part of this initiative.³¹

Efforts to Combat Insurgency

C4PEACE (Communicating for Perpetual End for Extreme Violence and Forming Alliance Towards Positive Peace and Enriched Communities) Program

To bolster the peace-building efforts of local government units (LGUs) under the Campaign to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, the DILG continued to implement the **C4PEACE (Communicating for Perpetual End for Extreme Violence and Forming Alliance Towards Positive Peace and Enriched Communities) Program**. The said program utilizes two (2) primary convergence mechanisms, namely, the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) and the Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD), which support and enhance LGU capabilities in addressing governance and development gaps, especially in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities.

³⁰ NAPOLCOM Updated Inputs re DILG Year-End Report, 20 December 2023.

³¹ NAPOLCOM Updated Inputs re DILG Year-End Report, 20 December 2023.

Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP)

As of end of November 2023, a total of 1,119 Former Rebels (FRs), consisting of 821 New People's Army (NPA) regular members and 298 Militia ng Bayan (MB) members, have received financial assistance amounting to Php91,474,212.17 through the DILG-administered Package of Assistance under the **Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP)**.³²

Former Rebels (FRs)		Former Violent Extremists (FVEs)
NPA	Militia ng Bayan	
821	298	25
Total: 1,119 FRs		

Type of Assistance	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount
Immediate Assistance	1,055	₱ 15,825,000.00
Livelihood Assistance	713	₱ 35,650,000.00
Reintegration Assistance	1,074	₱ 22,554,000.00
Firearms Remuneration	264 turned-in firearms	₱ 17,445,212.17
Total Amount		₱ 91,474,212.17

Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) Program

Additionally, the Department, through the **Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) Program**, maintained its commitment to advocate the government's fight against violent extremism. Under the program, it has conducted PCVE and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) awareness and preparedness training to address grave security threats posed by terrorism and the use of weapons of mass destruction. It also outlines the strategies and roles of participating agencies in responding to CBRN incidents to strengthen the country's security measures.

Punong Barangays, Barangay Councilors for Peace and Order, and Chief Tanods from 1,967 barangays out of 2,000 targeted barangays nationwide have been capacitated on the *National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism* (NAP P/CVE), the government's comprehensive, harmonized, and synchronized national strategy to prevent and counter violent extremism.³³

The DILG continuously served as the lead agency since the Philippine government entered into a partnership with the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) in 2019, the first multi-stakeholder global fund that works with local civil society organizations and partners to strengthen community resilience to violent extremism. Representatives from the DILG, Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), representatives from international donor countries (i.e. New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Norway, and Canada), international organizations and civil society organizations partners, and GCERF Executive Director, Khalid M. Koser, met in a high-level meeting in Marawi last October 3-10, 2023 to discuss existing efforts, possible future collaborations, good practices, as well as the gathering of commitments to strengthen cooperation to ensure the successful implementation of programs to prevent violent extremism and strengthen community resiliency.³⁴

³² 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

³³ 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

³⁴ 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

In terms of CBRN readiness, the Department spearheaded several simulation exercises (SIMEX) and inter-agency high-level meetings to align concerned NGAs and stakeholders on the development of the CBRN National Emergency Preparedness and Response Framework (NEPRF), CBRN SIMEX Manual, and dissemination of the CBRN Threat Mitigation Policy & Guidelines-Procedures (PGP).

Emergency 911

The **Emergency 911 Hotline** continues to provide a clear command structure for responsibility and accessibility of national and local emergency service providers. The standard Emergency 911 response process consists of four (4) steps (4Rs), namely: Report, Relay, Respond and Resolve.

As of end of November 2023, the National Call Center received a total of 21,011,391 calls, of which 26,833 are categorized as emergency calls, with a breakdown as follows:³⁵

Summary of Incoming Calls	Number of Calls
Emergency Calls	26,833
<i>Police Assistance</i>	5,551
<i>Fire</i>	2,685
<i>Medical Assistance</i>	15,552
<i>Search and Rescue</i>	1,546
<i>CBRN & Explosive Materials</i>	25
<i>VAWC</i>	1,474
Non-Emergency Calls	2,010
Incomplete Calls	2,564,599
Fraudulent/Hoax or Prank Calls	1,191,688
Others	2,067,099
Abandoned Calls	15,159,162
Grand Total	21,011,391

Barangay Road Clearing Operation (BaRCO)

To ensure compliance of LGUs in the continuous conduct of road clearing operations and/or maintenance of cleared/turned over roads, alleys and streets, the Department issued DILG MC No. 2022-085 dated June 20, 2022 regarding the “Implementation of Road Clearing in the New Normal” and DILG MC No. 2023-017 dated January 25, 2023 on the “Submission of Monthly Regional Consolidated BaRCO Reports. For the month of September 2023, 94.18 percent (39,593 out of the 42,040) BaRCO covered barangays conducted road clearing operations and/or maintained cleared roads, alleys and streets within their jurisdictions.³⁶

³⁵ E911NO-DILG-Narrative Report Updated.

³⁶ 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

Enhancing humane safekeeping and facilitating productive social reintegration of persons-deprived of liberty (PDL)

Decreasing Jail Congestion Rate

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) noted a decrease in the jail congestion rate which can be credited to the continuous implementation of paralegal programs nationwide.³⁷

	January to October 2022	January to October 2023
Congestion Rate	367%	348%

Paralegal Services	No. of PDL granted with Time Allowances
Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) GCTA permits a deduction of 20-30 days per month from the possible maximum imprisonment based on the length of incarceration, fostering positive behavior among PDL	77,467
Time Allowance for Study, Teaching, and Mentoring (TASTM) TASTM offers an additional 15 days deduction to qualified PDL engaging in 60 hours of study, teaching, and mentoring services monthly.	18,865
Special Time Allowance for Loyalty (STAL) STAL is granted to PDL who have escaped confinement during calamities, with deductions of one-fifth (1/5) or two-fifths (2/5) based on their choices during such events.	0

Additionally, a total of 10,592 PDL were released after serving their sentences with the benefit of time allowances during the same period. These figures underscore the significant role of time allowances in incentivizing positive behavior, rehabilitation efforts, and successful reintegration into society within the correctional system.

Contraband-Clearing Activities in Jails

In support of the call to eradicate illegal drug abuse by the Administration and the commitment to the holistic rehabilitation of PDL, the BJMP strengthened its *Greyhound Operations* which were conducted through the joint efforts of all BJMP-manned jails, PDEA, PNP and other law enforcement agencies.³⁸

Total Number of Greyhound Operation (As of January to October 2023)	268,539
Confiscated Contraband:	
<i>Shabu (in grams)</i>	7.0814
<i>Marijuana (in grams)</i>	3.7209
<i>Drug Paraphernalia</i>	0
<i>Cigarettes (in packs)</i>	354.45
<i>Firearms</i>	0

³⁷ BJMP Advance Copy YE Report 2023 (as of October 2023).

³⁸ BJMP Advance Copy YE Report 2023 (as of October 2023).

<i>Ammunition</i>	4
<i>Deadly Weapons</i>	33,289
<i>Cellphones</i>	342
<i>Liquor (in liter)</i>	54
<i>Cash</i>	Php1,990,447.00
<i>Other Electronic Devices</i>	928
Number of Intel Driven Greyhound Operation	1,162
Number of Joint Greyhound Operations	1,611
Number of BJMP Regular Greyhound Operation	265,928

Meanwhile, of the 127,060 PDL who underwent random drug testing, only 15 showed positive results.

The Jail Bureau's relentless anti-illegal drug efforts also led to the certification of 70.44 percent (305 out of 433) occupied jails as drug-free and drug-cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee in Declaring Drug-Free and Drug-Cleared BJMP Jails composed of PDEA and BJMP.

Welfare and Development Programs Extended to PDL

To further improve the well-being of PDL, the BJMP enhanced its partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), NGOs and private institutions that offer an array of livelihood and vocational skills training (e.g., carpentry, masonry, electrical installation, food services, etc.) to PDL. In addition to these, the BJMP also ensured that PDL have access to elementary, junior, and senior high school education, as well as tertiary education through the *College Behind Bars Program*.³⁹

No. of PDL	Enrolled	Graduate (SY 2022-2023)
Elementary Education	5,927	3,017
Junior High Education	9,549	6,739
Senior High Education	3,407	851

College Behind Bars Program		
No. of Jails with College	No. of Enrolled PDL	No. of Graduates (SY 2022-2023)
21	416	24

This holistic approach underscores the Jail Bureau's commitment to equipping PDL with valuable skills and opportunities for eventual reintegration into society.

Improving protection of communities from fires and response to emergencies

Fire Prevention and Suppression Services

The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) has elevated its fire prevention campaign through the stringent implementation of the fire safety inspections and certifications of buildings/ establishments, as well as the procurement of additional fire equipment and fire trucks.

³⁹ BJMP Advance Copy YE Report 2023 (as of October 2023).

A 2.55 percent increase in the newly inspected buildings were observed from January to November 2022 versus January to November 2023. This also increased the amount of fire code fees collected from the same period by 0.51 percent.⁴⁰

Fire Prevention Activities	January to November 2022	January to November 2023
Total No. of First Inspections	2,331,115	2,390,612
Total No. of Re-inspection	126,262	101,209
<i>Total No. of Inspections (first inspections and re-inspections)</i>	<i>2,457,377</i>	<i>2,491,821</i>
Total No. of Fire Safety Inspection Certificate (FSIC)	2,161,225	2,234,996
Total No. of Fire Safety Evaluation Clearance	196,452	181,888
Total Amount of Fire Code Fees Collected (in pesos)	Php3,738,109,394.65	Php3,757,186,624.23

Cities / Municipalities with Fire Station and Fire Trucks	January to October 2022	January to October 2023
<u>Cities</u>		
- with activated fire station and fire truck	146	149
<u>Municipalities</u>		
- with activated fire station and fire truck	1,287	1,326
- with activated fire station but without fire truck	10	11

Ownership and status of fire engines nationwide	January to November 2022	January to November 2023
• BFP-owned	2,745	2,918
• LGU-owned	577	618

Meanwhile, the BFP responded to a total of 13,705 fire incidents from January to October 2023 which was estimated to cost Php11,785,752,110.65⁴¹.

Despite these efforts, the BFP still needs to increase its capability response and be more stringent with its inspections as both the recorded fire incidents (i.e., structural, non-structural, transport vehicle) and estimated cost of damage increased by 24.48 percent and 134.41 percent, respectively.

III. Reinforcing Resilient Communities

The increasing scale and magnitude of calamities, exacerbated by the country's geographical location and climate change, make highly vulnerable areas more susceptible to severe devastation, loss of life, and livelihood. Given these predicaments, the Department made sure that community resilience is strengthened to be able to adapt, bounce back, and recover quickly from the socioeconomic impact of disasters.

Intensifying adaptive capacities of LGUs and communities to natural and human-induced hazards/ disasters

⁴⁰ Jan-Nov 2023 BFP Narrative Accomplishment Report.

⁴¹ Note: These damages are determined via Affidavit of Loss submitted by fire victim and factors indicated in the BFP Operational Procedures Manual.

Integration of Climate Change in DILG Plans and Policies

Adoption of Circular Economy in all DILG Initiatives

The DILG is committed to advancing the principles of the circular economy across its various initiatives. This includes efforts to promote environmental sustainability and responsible waste management. Here are some key actions taken by the DILG:

- a. **Orientation of LGUs in the Manila Bay Watershed Area on RA 11898 or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022.** As of the third quarter of 2023, the DILG conducted orientations for LGUs in the Manila Bay watershed area on the provisions of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022 (RA 11898). The goal of this initiative is to educate LGUs about the EPR Act and encourage them to collaborate, form partnerships, and coordinate with obligated corporations. These efforts also aim to streamline EPR programs within their respective 10-year Solid Waste Management Plans.
- b. **Partnerships with various stakeholders and organizations in providing assistance to LGUs in implementing a circular economy.** The DILG has established partnerships with various stakeholders and organizations to provide assistance to LGUs in implementing circular economy practices. These partnerships include:
 1. **Healthy Oceans Clean Cities Initiative (HOCCL)**
This project supports local governments and communities in reducing marine plastic pollution. It aligns with the National Plan of Action for the Prevention, Reduction, and Management of Marine Litter and helps LGUs prepare for compliance with the EPR Act of 2022.
 2. **HOPE's Aling Tindera Program**
The Department provided support to HOPE's Aling Tindera program, a project partner of Plastic Credit Exchange (PCX), in expanding the program's initiative with sari-sari store owners as collection points for post-consumer plastic waste. Also, the program aims to generate income opportunities for women micro-entrepreneurs, organize the informal waste collection sector, and contribute to cleaner environments and improved health.

Sustaining the Nationwide Tree Planting Program and Measures to Control African Swine Fever (ASF)

To sustain the previous initiative on simultaneous nationwide tree planting activity last September 13, 2022, the DILG issued Memorandum Circular No. 2022-111 enjoining concerned Barangay Officials to maintain planting sites identified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and conduct quarterly monitoring and cleaning by assigning a designated barangay personnel.⁴²

Number of Planting Sites	Number of Seedlings Planted	No. of Plants Survived
879	505,857	388,972

⁴² 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

The Department has also extended its oversight function in ensuring the continuous monitoring of LGUs to tighten up their efforts in preventing and controlling the African Swine Fever (ASF) virus in their localities toward its complete eradication.

Measures	Brgy	City/ Mun	Prov	Total (as of Oct 2023)
Establishment of 24/7 animal quarantine checkpoints at various entry points to the LGU	5,918	684	57	6,659
Monitoring of meat dealers, distributors, and retailers to ensure that pork products sold in the market have National Meat Inspection Service seals	17,365	1,000	60	18,425
Monitoring of piggeries in the LGUs for affected live hogs and swine	19,540	926	58	20,524
Conduct of public awareness campaign	24,543	1,103	59	25,705
Coordination with DTI on price monitoring of commodities affected by the ASF	10,218	715	50	10,983
Banning the use of swill feed for piggeries	19,147	872	54	20,073
PNP's support to the DA in the implementation of lockdown of LGUs identified to be infected zones	12,017	745	51	12,813

Efforts on Disaster Response

Operation L!STO

The Department remained actively involved in promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction through **Operation L!STO Program** of the Local Government Academy (LGA). Operation L!STO focuses on several key areas, including:

- Enhancing the competencies (on leadership and knowledge and learning) of LGUs and DILG-LG sector personnel to address and respond to climate and disaster risks
- Developing and advocating the institutionalization of DRRM-CCAM protocols and innovations at the local level
- Promoting multi-stakeholder and citizen engagement on DRRM-CCAM
- Improving systems for resource mobilization to capacitate LGUs on DRRM-CCAM
- Strengthening partnerships with service providers on DRR-CCA capacity-building activities

In addition, the Department issued directives to local chief executives in regions at risk of extreme weather events, urging them to implement necessary critical preparedness actions in accordance with the Operation L!STO disaster preparedness manual. Likewise, the activation of Emergency Operations Centers and Disaster Online Reporting and Monitoring System has been a crucial part of the DILG's measures to ensure the adherence of LGUs to disaster protocols.

DILG initiatives during disasters

As the Vice Chair for Disaster Preparedness of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and as a Member of the Cabinet Cluster on Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR), the Department has been proactive in bridging the Administration's directives, empowering local chief executives (LCEs) to

prepare and respond to calamities, and echo the sentiments from the communities to improve the delivery of public service and save more lives.

With this goal, uniformed personnel were deployed and on standby to conduct pre-emptive evacuation and provide transportation, and security before, during, and after the occurrence of calamities. LCEs likewise were expected to be on the ground to supervise the entirety of the emergency operations and convene their respective Local DRRMCs to conduct Pre-Disaster Risk Assessments (PDRA) for floods, flash floods, rain-induced landslides, debris flow, strong winds, and other hydrometeorological hazards to ascertain the appropriate preparedness and response actions are undertaken.

Natural Calamity	DILG initiatives / Actions Taken
Oil spill in CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and Region VI ⁴³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issued an advisory dated April 3, 2023 on Compliance with the testing of mandatory, primary and secondary parameters for drinking water in areas affected by the oil spill Identified alternative fishing sites for affected fisherfolk in coordination with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)⁴⁴
Tropical Cyclone AMANG ⁴⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely monitor the PAGASA Regional Services Divisions' local thunderstorm/rainfall advisories and heavy rainfall warnings, as well as the general flood advisories and basin flood bulletins that may be issued by the Hydrometeorology Division and River Basin Flood Forecasting and Warning Centers Vigilantly monitor areas showing signs of landslides, such as tension cracks, seepages, terracettes, tilting of trees and moderate slopes with thick soil overburden and areas underlain by old landslide deposits
Tropical Cyclone BETTY ⁴⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23,606 PNP personnel on standby 12,766 PNP equipment and vehicle on standby
Mayon Volcanic Activity ⁴⁷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 700 PNP personnel and 133 PNP assets deployed in evacuation centers and areas in Albay 47 search and rescue (SRR) teams and 150 SRR assets (i.e., 17 are air assets, 105 are lands assets, and 28 are water assets) from AFP and BFP on standby Issued advisories and conducted pre-emptive evacuation of the affected population within the 6KM PDZ Issued Provincial Resolution No. 0607-2023 declaring the Province of Albay under a State of Calamity
Tropical Cyclone DODONG ⁴⁸	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely monitored PAGASA Regional Services Divisions' local thunderstorm/rainfall advisories and heavy rainfall warnings, as well as the general flood advisories and basin flood bulletins that may be issued by the Hydrometeorology Division and River Basin Flood Forecasting and Warning Centers Vigilantly monitored areas showing signs of landslides, such as tension cracks, seepages, terracettes, tilting of trees, and moderate slopes with thick soil overburden and areas underlain by old landslide deposits
Southwest Monsoon enhanced by Tropical Cyclones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 616 emergency ICT equipment/resources available and ready for deployment, from DICT, AFP, PNP, OCD, and PCG 4,579 PNP personnel deployed conducting visibility patrols from PRO 1, 2,

⁴³ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/effects-of-oil-spill-in-calabarzon-mimaropa-and-region-vi>

⁴⁴ <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1764745/dilg-names-alternative-fishing-sites-for-oil-spill-hit-oriental-mindoro-fisherfolk>

⁴⁵ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/situational-report-for-tc-amang-2023>

⁴⁶ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/situational-report-for-tc-betty-2023>

⁴⁷ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/situational-report-for-the-mayon-volcanic-activity-2023>

⁴⁸ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/combined-effects-of-southwest-monsoon-enhanced-by-tc-dodong-2023>

Natural Calamity	DILG initiatives / Actions Taken
EGAY and FALCON ⁴⁹	3, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, CAR, and NCR, of which, 363 are deployed in evacuated areas and 4,216 in commercial areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 247 Police Assistance Desk established of which, 188 are in occupied evacuation centers, 52 are in seaports and 7 personnel are in airports • 372 SRR teams on standby from AFP, PNP, PCG and BFP • 19,721 SRR personnel on standby from AFP, BFP, PCG, and PNP
Southwest Monsoon enhanced by Tropical Cyclones GORING, HANNA, and INENG ⁵⁰	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 285 SRR teams on standby from AFP and BFP in Regions I, II, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, NCR, and CAR. • 1,754 SRR personnel on standby in Regions I, II, III, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, V, NCR, and CAR. • 4,626 personnel on standby in Regions I, II, III, and CAR • Enforced a no-fishing policy and prohibition of sea travel and small-scale fishing activities
Combined Effects of Southwest Monsoon and Tropical Cyclone JENNY ⁵¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminated DILG Advisories, weather bulletins, critical cyclone track charts, MGB list of barangays susceptible to flooding and landslide and other tropical cyclone products for TS Jenny • Coordinated with other NGAs to streamline SRR and pre-emptive evacuation
Magnitude 6.8 Earthquake in Sarangani ⁵²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 SRR Teams by AFP and BFP deployed to General Santos City and Koronadal and Region XII • Disseminated the Disaster Online Reporting and Monitoring System (DORMS) on Earthquake to DILG XI and XII • Monitored the situation in the affected areas and coordinated with the DILG Regions XI and XII • Provided all available information regarding the earthquake and the weather situations affecting the area

Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation and Preservation (MBCRP) Program

Through the **Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation and Preservation (MBCRP) Program**, we continuously monitored the compliance of the 187 LGUs in Region III, NCR and CALABARZON that are within the Manila Bay watershed areas with environmental laws and the Supreme Court mandamus to clean up, rehabilitate, and preserve the Manila Bay. As a result, the following number of structures complied with the installation of Wastewater Facilities or Septic Tanks as of 3rd Quarter of 2023:⁵³

Structures	Baseline	No. of Inspected Structures	Inspection Rate	No. of Compliant Structures	Compliance Rate
Commercial Establishments	773,996	693,636	89.62%	684,858	98.73%
Facilities	13,369	11,943	89.33%	11,896	99.61%
Private Households	6,853,391	5,484,856	80.03%	5,055,098	92.16%

⁴⁹ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/situational-report-for-southwest-monsoon-enhanced-by-tcs-egay-and-falcon-2023>

⁵⁰ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/situation/situational-report-for-southwest-monsoon-enhanced-by-tcs-goring-hanna-and-ineng-2023>

⁵¹ <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/actions/situational-report-for-the-combined-effects-of-southwest-monsoon-and-tc-jenny>

⁵² <https://monitoring-dashboard.ndrrmc.gov.ph/page/situation/magnitude-68-earthquake-in-sarangani-davao-occidental>

⁵³ v2.MBCRP Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023)

The following number of LGUs complied with the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Act as of 3rd Quarter of 2023⁵⁴:

Indicators	No. of Compliant LGUs			Total No. of Compliant LGUs (187)	Compliance Rate
	<i>RIII</i> (94)	<i>RIV-A</i> (76)	<i>NCR</i> (17)		
Approved 10-Year SWM Plan	91	76	17	184	98%
Segregation collection implementation	91	75	16	182	97%
Segregation at source	89	72	16	177	95%
Establishment of MRFs	83	72	17	172	92%
Disposed residual waste in approved disposal site	94	75	17	186	99%

Moreover, a total of 105,028 Informal Settler Families (ISFs) situated in waterways and easement areas in these three (3) regions were relocated as part of the MBCRP Program to reduce their exposure to flooding.⁵⁵

Region	Baseline	No. of ISFs Resettled	Rate
III	93,030	13,520	14.53%
IV-A	149,300	30,062	20.14%
NCR	134,409	61,446	45.72%
Total	376,739	105,028	27.88%

Barangay at Kalinisan Day (BarKaDa)

BarKaDa is a nationwide community-based clean-up drive program to maintain and provide a healthy and safe environment and prevent the spread of diseases through proper solid waste management. Simultaneous clean-up activities were held in 29 esteros and creeks in NCR LGUs last September 16, 2023.⁵⁶

Fisheries Compliance Audit (FishCA)

In addition to the MBCRP Program, the DILG also implemented the *FishCA* in coastal LGUs of Manila Bay in order to analyze and gain insights on their level of performance, specifically, on the management of their respective municipal waters. The 2022 FishCA noted the increase in the number of LGUs that passed the Audit, from 24 out of 32 LGUs in 2021 to 26 out of 32 LGUs in 2022. Five (5) LGUs were determined as regional awardees, and six (6) LGUs were identified as low compliant and will be subjected for national validation.⁵⁷

Top-Performing LGUs	Low compliant LGUs
1. Macabebe, Pampanga	1. Bulakan, Bulacan
2. Balanga City, Bataan	2. Limay, Bataan
3. Sasman, Pampanga	3. Lubao, Pampanga
4. Tanza, Cavite	4. Paombong, Bulacan

⁵⁴ v2.MBCRPP_Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023)

⁵⁵ v2.MBCRPP_Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023).

⁵⁶ v2.MBCRPP_Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023).

⁵⁷ v2.MBCRPP_Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023).

Top-Performing LGUs	Low compliant LGUs
5. Naic, Cavite	5. Pasay City
	6. City of Manila

2022 Manila BAYani Award and Incentives

For the 2022 Manila BAYani Awards, Biñan City, Laguna and the municipality of Baliuag, Bulacan landed on the first spot; followed by Balanga City, Bataan and the municipality of Mendez-Nuñez, Cavite. The City of Makati ranked third place in the city category.⁵⁸

IV. Enabling Inclusive Communities

Championing the rights and welfare of women, youth, and the vulnerable and at-risk sectors has been one of the topmost priorities of the Department, and this objective has been reflected in the significant strides made towards promoting inclusive governance. Crucial measures were undertaken by the DILG to address issues and concerns of various sectors, with the end goal of creating a more equitable and inclusive community, where the voice of every citizen is heard.

Moreover, in support of the national government's goal to ensure food security and build an inclusive society where no one will go hungry, the Department implemented policies and programs to make food accessible and affordable to all Filipinos.

Advancing the full potential and interests of women, youth, vulnerable and at-risk sectors as stakeholders of national development

As part of its commitment to foster a society where no one is left behind, the DILG remains committed towards advancing the rights, well-being, and interests of women, youth, and Muslim Filipinos.

Through the initiatives of the **Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)**, the Department has profoundly advocated for gender equality and women empowerment. This was highlighted by the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) with the recurring campaign theme "UNITED for a VAW-free Philippines", which is aligned with the "UNITE by 2030 to End Violence Against Women" spearheaded by the United Nations (UN) Women.

Likewise, the Commission has been instrumental in lobbying the Women's Priority Legislative Agenda in the 19th Congress. A total of 11 proposed legislative measures comprise the said agenda to be pursued for adoption and enactment by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, which include the following:

1. Ensuring Women's Equal Rights in Marriage and Family Relations
2. Amending Article 55 of the Family Code to Include All Forms of Violence as Defined in RA 9262, as Ground for Legal Separation
3. Reinstating Divorce in the Philippines
4. Amending the Anti-Rape Law
5. Amending the Discriminatory Provisions of Article 247 of the Revised Penal Code
6. Eliminating Gender Bias in Adultery and Concubinage
7. Enacting SOGIE Equality Act

⁵⁸ v2.MBCRPP_Annual-Report2023 (as of November 2023).

8. Enacting a Law Upholding the Rights of Women Deprived of Liberty
9. Enacting a Women's Political Participation and Representation Law
10. Enacting a Magna Carta of Workers in the Informal Economy
11. Amending the Safe Spaces Act Providing Penalties for Gender-Based Sexual Harassment in Educational and Training Institutions and the Workplace

The PCW also led the celebration of the National Women's Month, organizing various activities and discussions on the best practices, gaps, and challenges in the pursuit of gender and development (GAD).

To pursue the welfare of the Filipino youth, the **National Youth Commission (NYC)** led several efforts which emphasized the importance of involving said sector in nation-building.

The Commission led the conduct of mandatory training to newly-elected Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Officials following the recently concluded Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) 2023 in October 2023. Likewise, the NYC will also continue offering technical assistance to stakeholders in SK and youth organizations.

In addition, the Commission was supported by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other UN agencies during the celebration of the 2023 International Youth Day, which gathered youth leaders across the country to tackle pressing issues and concerns involving the youth sector and its role towards nation-building.

In prioritizing the welfare, beliefs, traditions, and institution of Muslim communities, the **National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)** has maintained its efforts to ensure that the various sociocultural and socioeconomic programs of Muslim brethren are implemented. It has conducted various activities to celebrate Islamic culture and practices such as the promotion and development of Halal food and beverages, skills and livelihood training, and cultural festivities.

In one of the most crucial endeavors for the Filipino Muslim community for 2023, the NCMF has embarked on a plan to develop resilient Muslim communities that are socially, economically, and culturally empowered with the unveiling of its *Vision 2040*. Anchored on NCMF's vision to address the challenges faced by Muslim Filipinos such as the pursuit of a drug-free, crime-free, and poverty-free society, the said plan will focus on the implementation of three (3) major programs: Hajj, Halal, and Shari'ah.

Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children (LCAT-VAWC)

The DILG, together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-1 for the creation of the LCAT-VAWC in every province, city, and municipality to ensure the implementation of RA 9208 or the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003" as amended by RA 10364 or the Expanded Anti-TIP Act of 2012, and RA 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004".⁵⁹

⁵⁹ 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023.

TOTAL NUMBER OF ISSUANCES, CASES FILED, CASES REFERRED AND VICTIMS			
	Province	City	Municipality
No. of filed cases on trafficking in persons	89	628	971
No. of cases on trafficking in persons referred to appropriate offices/agencies	183	827	1,308
No. of cases on trafficking in persons referred for auxiliary services	176	369	648
No. of victims of trafficking	373	1,668	2,624
No. of local ordinances passed/ enacted to combat trafficking	13	101	275
No. of resolutions passed relative to implementation of anti-trafficking in persons	10	247	287

Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE)

In the quest for a fair, honest, peaceful and safe **Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE)**, the Department, together with the PNP and its attached agencies, provided support to the Commission on Election (COMELEC) to ensure a peaceful and clean election.

Among the key aspects of the DILG's contribution included going after candidates who have deliberately committed prohibited acts defined in the election laws, especially in cases of illegal campaigning and vote buying.

In preparation for the 2023 BSKE, the PNP deployed 217,118 personnel, established 423,996 checkpoints, and monitored 323 election related incidents (ERIs). Thus far, only 103 of said ERIs were validated to be politically and election-related.⁶⁰

Meanwhile, a total of 31,125 persons deprived of liberty (PDL) have casted their votes in the BSKE, with the BJMP facilitating an orderly and peaceful voting process for inmates in their respective precincts on Election Day. Of the 31,125 PDL voters, around 29,133 sealed their ballots inside the special voting precincts within BJMP-manned jails, while 1,992 were escorted by jail officers to their designated precincts in barangays. This was undertaken following the stipulations stated in Comelec rules that allow inmates who are facing formal charges and those serving in prison sentences of less than a year to vote in local polls. The increased turnout of registered PDL voters proved to be a historic feat, which was made possible through the commitment of the DILG and BJMP towards upholding democracy and inclusivity in the electoral process.

Following the successful conclusion of the BSKE elections, the DILG immediately issued *Memorandum Circular No. 2023-16* or the Guidance on the Assumption of Office of the Barangay and SK Officials, which emphasizes the three-week transition period to ensure seamless and orderly transfer of governance responsibilities to the newly-elected officials.

Intergovernmental Relations with BARMM: MILF and MNLF Members in PNP

The Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) continues to reinforce the synergy between the national and Bangsamoro governments to pivot the Administration's goal in upholding peace in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). This was highlighted by

⁶⁰ SPOC-PMO Accomplishments on Strengthening of POCs, 12 December 2023.

allowing members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to join the PNP.

This strategy has enabled applicants to undergo the recruitment process, which will potentially bolster the presence of the police force in the region once the aspiring patrolmen and patrolwomen are fully integrated into the PNP.

As of the 3rd quarter of 2023, out of around 11,000 who applied, a total of 178 former members of the MILF and MNLF passed the recruitment process to enter the police force.⁶¹ The inclusion of the former members of MILF and MNLF underscores the Department's commitment to nurture the collaboration of the national government with the Bangsamoro government to maintain peace and order in the region.

Local Initiative in Governance and Social Protection (LINGAP) Program

Through the **Local Initiative in Governance and Social Protection (LINGAP) Program**, the Department aims to promote diversity and social inclusion. Among its primary objectives is to advance the rights and welfare of women and children, people with disability, and senior citizens to attain gender equality, universal health, proper nutrition and food security at the local level.

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and various international commitments related to gender and development, nutrition, and healthcare, all LGUs are mandated to establish a socially protective community, thus, they are encouraged to adhere, observe, and implement existing laws, rules, and issuances that prohibit discrimination against individuals.

Fuel Subsidy Distribution

The Department also took part in helping the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) distribute the government's fuel subsidy program to public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers and operators. Tricycle drivers were granted Php1,000 as part of the program, in which target beneficiaries also included operators of public utility jeepneys (PUJ), UV Express, minibuses, public utility buses (PUB), shuttle services, taxis, tourist transport services, school transport services, transportation network vehicle services, and delivery services.

The distribution process follows the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) and Joint Memorandum Circular No. 02, series of 2023, which were signed by the DILG alongside the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Energy (DOE), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

Efforts in Support of Ensuring Food Security

DILG Food Security Action Plan

In line with its commitment to address hunger and ensure food security across the country, the DILG launched the **Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project**. The project aims to promote sustainable agriculture practices within every barangay and establish

⁶¹ <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2023/09/26/2299021/178-ex-milf-mnlf-men-pass-pnp-hiring-process>

food security on the national scale. Thus far, HAPAG sa Barangay Project has already allocated over 1,053.82 hectares of land for community gardening across 25,834 barangays nationwide.⁶²

The newly-launched program actively encourages the adoption of sustainable urban agricultural technologies, including aeroponics, aquaponics, container gardening, hydroponics, square-foot gardening, and vertical gardening, particularly in urban and peri-urban areas.

Introduced earlier this year, HAPAG sa Barangay Project encourages barangays and households to produce fresh, healthy, and affordable fruits and vegetables in their backyards and available spaces, which can be attained through the establishment of community gardens in vacant and unused areas within their respective barangays.

Prohibition of the Collection of Pass-Through Fees

The DILG, with the support of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), mobilized LGUs to heed the President's call to suspend the collection of "pass-through fees" to ensure efficient movement of goods across regions.

Executive Order (EO) No. 41 calls upon LGUs to suspend the collection of any form of fees on vehicles transporting goods under Section 153 or 155 of RA 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991. This includes various fees such as sticker fees, discharging fees, delivery fees, market fees, toll fees, entry fees, or mayor's permit fees imposed on all motor vehicles transporting goods and passing through any local public roads constructed and funded by the government.

To ensure the effective implementation of the EO 41, the Department has been mandated to secure copies of existing ordinances of all LGUs relative to the pass-through fees imposed on motor vehicles.

Payout to qualified micro-rice retailers

As an active partner in ensuring fair agricultural trade and a member of the Bantay Bigas Task Force, the DILG joined the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in its initiative to provide cash assistance to micro rice retailers from the government.

The cash subsidy was given to small-time rice retailers to alleviate the impact of the implementation of Executive Order No. 39, which imposed a price cap on rice and affected the agricultural livelihoods of retailers in various parts of the country.

Efforts to encourage LGUs to establish Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP)

Swiftly responding to the President's goal of making food accessible and affordable to all Filipinos, the Department implemented policies and programs that support the Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP) initiative.

The Kadiwa Program stands as a vital component of the farm-to-consumer market chain strategy that eliminates intermediaries, thus, enabling local producers to directly offer their products to consumers at affordable prices.

⁶² 2023 NBOO Narrative Report_December 07, 2023 (HAPAG data as of 1st Sem 2023).

During the celebration of the National Nutrition Month, the DILG hosted the KNP at the DILG Central Office in Quezon City. This event brought low-cost agricultural products from small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to the employees of DILG and NAPOLCOM.

Originally launched and spearheaded by the Department of Agriculture (DA), in coordination with the DILG and Food Terminal Inc. (FTI) in 2019, the KNP aligns with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s initiative to empower the farming community. Furthermore, the program establishes a direct and effective farm-to-consumer food supply chain, providing farmers, fisherfolks, and micro-SMEs with rent-free venues to showcase their produce and increase their income.

Moreover, the Department, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA), initiated the monthly conduct of “Kadiwa ng Pangulo sa DILG” at the 8th floor of the DILG-NAPOLCOM Center, open for various Kadiwa sellers and both DILG and NAPOLCOM employees. The DILG likewise enjoined the DILG regional offices and the attached agencies to replicate the program.⁶³

Building Partnerships with National and International Stakeholders

Inauguration of the Philippine Economic and Investment Summit (PEIS) and the 9th Philippine Property and Investment Exhibition (PPIE) in Dubai, UAE

Secretary Benjamin “Benhur” Abalos, Jr. opened and delivered his keynote speech that highlighted the accomplishments of the Philippine local government in transparency and accountability during the PEIS and PPIE which was held on May 12 to 13, 2023 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Deira Creek, Dubai. The international events served as a platform for prominent companies from the property development, banking, financial, and investment sectors to explore and consider the Philippines as their new market.⁶⁴

2023 Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit in Estonia

DILG officials led by Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan joined the OGP Global Summit in Tallinn, Estonia last September 6-7, 2023 wherein 75 countries and 104 local governments discussed avenues for international collaboration to strengthen democracy and improve the condition of people. DILG representatives highlighted the administration's efforts to build more robust and inclusive communities where active citizen and CSO participation in governance prevails.⁶⁵

Agreement with the Government of India (GOI) to Implement Quick Impact Projects

On 07 February 2023, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by the DILG, entered into a Bilateral Agreement with the Government of the Republic of India, represented by the Embassy of India, regarding the Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Quick Impact Projects. On June 7, 2023, the Office of the President signed the Instrument of Ratification. The Bilateral Agreement then entered into force on 26 June 2023 upon completion of all domestic legal requirements by the Philippine side.

The Indian Grant Assistance seeks to provide assistance in implementing short gestation projects for LGUs to improve service delivery and achieve socio-economic development through the creation or improvement of horizontal and vertical infrastructures as well as the provision of

⁶³ BLGD (advance copy) inputs to the Year-End Report 2023, 21 December 2023.

⁶⁴ <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1200794>

⁶⁵ <https://www.dilg.gov.ph/news/DILG-joins-Open-Government-Partnership-Global-Summit-in-Estonia/NC-2023-1156>

innovative technologies and equipment. Projects proposed by applicant LGUs should preferably not exceed a total cost of Fifty Thousand Dollars (USD50,000.00) or its equivalent in Philippine Pesos, and should be completed within 12 months.

Under the guidance and supervision of DILG Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan and Assistant Secretary Francisco R. Cruz, the Office of the Project Development Services (OPDS) developed the mechanics for the call for project proposals for the Indian Grant Assistance, which the Secretary approved on October 11, 2023 through the issuance of a DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-144. An orientation regarding the pre-implementation requirements and activities for the Indian Grant Assistance was also held on 26-27 October 2023. This was organized by the OPDS and participated in by the DILG Regional Directors and their respective Project Development and Management Units (PDMUs).

As of December 14, 2023, the Department has received a total of 1,008 project proposals from interested LGUs across the country. These proposals shall be further assessed by the DILG Provincial and Regional Offices and later on, shortlisted by the OPDS before securing the endorsement of the Joint Project Selection Committee and the approval of the Secretary.⁶⁶

Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities (“Urban Act Project”)

The *Urban Act Project* is a technical assistance from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH that intends to address enabling conditions and strengthen the capacities of cities for mainstreaming climate change into urban development, and ensure that national policies and frameworks are considered in local plans and programs.

As part of the engagements with the GIZ for the Urban Act Project, DILG Assistant Secretary Francisco R. Cruz participated/represented the Department in the 10th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok, Thailand on March 27-30, 2023 (Panel Discussion on Integrated Climate Action for Low-Carbon and Resilient Cities in Asia and the Pacific and the Sustainable Development Goal 11 Roundtable Discussion) and the Transport and Climate Change Week 2023 in Berlin, Germany on September 11-15, 2023.⁶⁷

V. Highly Trusted Department and Partner

Pursuing continuous growth is necessary towards fulfilling the demands of public service while the DILG Family remains dedicated to heeding the expectations of the people. As it strives for excellence in governance by cultivating a vibrant and capable workforce, the Department and its attached agencies have become an avenue for nurturing and developing the exemplary potential of its hardworking public servants who continue to contribute to building a highly trusted Department and partner in nation building.

Cultivating a culture of accountability, professionalism and boosting human resource welfare and morale

⁶⁶ OASPP Inputs for the Year-End Report 2023, 12 December 2023.

⁶⁷ OASPP Inputs for the Year-End Report 2023, 12 December 2023.

Hiring and upskilling of capable uniformed personnel

As of November 2023, the Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) has attained 104.11 percent implementation rate on its **Master Education and Training Program (METP)**. This implementation rate accounts for a total of 245 classes conducted with 12,761 student participants in five (5) Constituent Units (CUs) – the National Police College (NPC), Philippine Public Safety Academy (PPSA), National Fire Training Institute (NFTI), National Jail Management and Penology Training Institute (NJMPTI), and National Forensic Science Training Institute (NFSTI). Student participants taking up Non-Officer Courses recorded the highest share in the overall population. Currently, there are 187 completed classes with a total of 9,820 graduates and 58 ongoing classes with 2,941 students and trainees in all five (5) CUs. A total of 4,881 student participants came from the BFP, 4,117 came from the BJMP, 3,470 came from the PNP, while 293 student participants were from other Bureaus.⁶⁸

Recognition of Exemplary Public Servants

Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence - Connections for Excellent Local Governance (CapDev ACE ExCEL)

The **Capacity Development Awards for Catalysts of Excellence - Connections for Excellent Local Governance (CapDev ACE ExCEL)** is an awards program given by the Department, through the LGA, that recognizes outstanding performance of DILG officials, employees, and Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) units in delivering capacity development programs, projects, and activities that have created a notable impact on the lives of fellow employees, the organization, or the community as a whole. It is also given to the Department's institutional partners in recognition of their outstanding and valuable contributions in delivering programs, projects and initiatives that benefit the local government sector.

2023 CapDev ACE ExCEL Awardees are the following:⁶⁹

Tatag ng Agila	Director Sara Jane M. Cerezo, Financial and Management Service
Singsing ng Tanikala	Aivan Vincent M. Garniel, MLGOO, San Fernando, Romblon
Dangal ng Kagawaran	Bryan F. Edulzura, MLGOO, Libjo, Dinagat Islands
Dagitab ng Paglilingkod	Ard C. Catalino, ITO I, DILG Region IX
Bugkos ng Bayan	DILG Baguio City
Ugnay ng Mamamayan	Local Governance Regional Resource Center IX
Bagwis ng Paglilingkod sa Bayan	Atty. Lord A. Villanueva, Undersecretary for Operations Marlo L. Iringan, Undersecretary for Local Government
CapDev Accelerator in Local Governance Award	Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS)
CapDev Game Changer Award	West Visayas State University
NextGen Regional CapDev Accelerator in Local Governance Award	Advocacies in Praxis for Leadership and Community Development Agri-Aqua Development Coalition-Liloy Bicol University Cagayan State University

⁶⁸ PPSC Inputs to the Year-End Report 2023, 11 December 2023.

⁶⁹ LGA CapDev ACE ExCEL List of Awardees, 18 December 2023.

	Clark Development Corporation Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values Nanyang Polytechnic International NBT Multimedia Services Notre Dame of Marbel University Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives PROPEGEMUS Foundation, Inc. Southern Leyte State University University of San Agustin University of San Jose Recoletos
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Other Awards and Recognition Received by the Department

The DILG received the **2022 Outstanding Accounting Office Award** from the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP) given during the Awarding Ceremony at the SMX in Bacolod City in recognition of the Department's strict adherence to COA rules and regulations, and timely and accurate submission of financial reports requirements covering the central and regional offices' transactions. The Department has also recognized the leadership of Assistant Secretary for Finance and Comptrollership, Ester A. Aldana, Director Sara Jane M. Cerezo and assistance from all DILG Accounting Personnel all over the country for having shown integrity and commitment and for having maintained sound and efficient fiscal management and operations within the Department.⁷⁰

Infusing innovative solutions for more effective and efficient systems and processes

DILG Initiatives in Compliance with the Data Privacy Act (DPA) of 2012

Through the issuance of Department Order No. 2023-482, the Department has institutionalized the Data Privacy Act (DPA) Management Committee which comprises the Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs as the Data Protection Office (DPO); all Directors from the Bureaus, Services, Regions, and the Heads of Project Management Offices as Compliance Officers for Privacy (COPs); and the ISTMS as the Secretariat.

The Department provided assistance to the National Privacy Commission (NPC) in conducting their nationwide Data Privacy Roadshows and conducted/participated in the following as part of the ongoing initiatives to enrich the knowledge and skills on the DPA:⁷¹

1. Orientation-Workshop on the Development of the DILG Data Privacy Manual on August 3 to 4, 2023
2. Training on the Registration of Data Processing Systems using the National Privacy Commission Registration System on September 29, 2023
3. Training on the Personal Data Breach Management on October 18, 2023

Automation through In-house Developed Systems

The Department has achieved significant success in automation through continuous development and implementation of in-house systems, digitally transforming DILG operations. This innovation ensures streamlined processes, meets diverse user needs, and enhances service quality.

⁷⁰ FMS Inputs for the Year-End Report 2023, 12 December 2023.

⁷¹ OASPP Inputs for the Year-End Report 2023, 12 December 2023.

Below is the list of newly developed systems:⁷²

- **Electronic Citizen's Charter Portal** - A web based system containing the Department's Citizen's Charter. Said system allows for easy navigation and access to available services offered by the Department.
- **DILG Careers: Recruitment Selection and Promotion Management System** - Designed to complement the Department's recruitment selection and promotion process. It allows aspiring applicants to submit their job application requirements. Furthermore, it enables them to monitor the status of their application online.
- **Enhanced DILG Payroll System with Integration to the Human Resource Information System** - An improved version of the existing payroll system focused on improving the retention of records and computation of employee benefits and deductions. It also aims to harmonize with other general administration systems such as the HRIS.
- **Electronic Client Satisfaction Measure System (ECSM)** - Serves as the default Client Satisfaction Survey tool for use by the Department. It allows clients to accomplish the Client Satisfaction Survey through an online form enabling process owners and streamlining focal persons to effectively conduct the survey. Furthermore, the system facilitates the tedious process of consolidating submissions for multi-stage processes, eliminating delays in the submission of reports.
- **DMS Track and Trace** - An enhancement to the Document Management System (DMS) which allows transacting parties to monitor the status of documents sent to the Department. Upon receipt of a document, a unique reference code is provided. Said code, when entered into the portal, provides information about the document's whereabouts.

Concluding Note

In the years to come, the DILG Family will continue to fulfill its mandates and provide better services to the people amidst adversities and setbacks. The Department and its attached agencies will continue to work in unison and set their eyes on realizing the collective aspiration of having a *“matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay” for every Filipino* and achieve the President's eight (8)-point socioeconomic agenda as embedded in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and bringing forth the governance brand of a *“Bagong Pilipinas”*.

The DILG remains steadfast in maximizing opportunities to bring the government closer to the people and make a difference in the life of every Filipino, which clearly represent our ever-evolving and dynamic nature of fulfilling our shared aspirations for ourselves and the nation as *Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahang Kagawaran*.

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⁷² ISTMS Inputs for the Year-End Report 2023, 21 December 2023.