DILG: 397 barangay officials facing criminal charges for anomalous SAP distribution; a total of 663 under investigation
With the distribution of the second tranche of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) set to begin soon, the DILG said 397 barangay and local government officials are now facing criminal charges for alleged anomalies in the distribution of the first tranche of the Social Amelioration Program before the various Prosecutor’s Office of the Department of Justice.

“A total of 663 individuals have been subjected to investigation by the PNP-CIDG, 267 of these are elected barangay officials and some are local government officials. The rest, 396, are other government employees or civilian accomplices of those elected local officials. Of the total 663 individuals, so far, we have filed criminal cases against 397 of them,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

He said that more cases are expected to be filed against corrupt barangay officials in the next few days as the Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) is now conducting case build-up and investigation on 67 cases. Five more cases will also be filed within the week since the investigation has been completed.

“We are asked to act in unity, just like the revolutionary movement of previous generations, to attain our freedom from this pandemic.”

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año
The DILG reiterated the ban on misting and spraying on people following the death of police doctor Capt. Casey Gutierrez who reportedly inhaled a disinfectant inside a quarantine facility in Pasig City.

“Ikinalulungkot namin ang pangyayaring ito lalo pa’t nilinaw naman ng DILG at ng Department of Health (DOH) noong Abril pa na mapanganib sa kalusugan ang misting at spraying,” DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said.

He reminds local government units (LGUs) and all of the Department’s attached agencies, including the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), on the danger of misting disinfectant chemicals to people.
DILG's Statement on the commemoration of the 122nd Philippine Independence Day

Secretary Eduardo M. Año

My warmest greetings to every Filipino as we commemorate the 122nd Philippine Independence Day.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) joins the Filipino people as we, again, look back at our glorious past to celebrate the momentous Philippine Independence Day, now on its 122nd year.

The resilience and heroism of the Filipino people which has led to our emancipation from more than 300 years of Spanish colonization is now being tested anew as we battle COVID-19 – an invisible adversary that is gripping the entire world.

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More than 1,600 stranded individuals in Cordillera sent home

Based on the latest report from the DILG-CAR dated June 12, 2020, there are already 1,633 locally stranded individuals (LSIs) in the region who were sent home.

During a joint virtual meeting with the members of the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CRDRRMC), the chairperson of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) and DILG Cordillera regional director Marlo Iringan reported the exact number of LSIs who were assisted through coordination with concerned agencies and local government units (LGUs).
“Sa gitna ng lahat ng nangyayari, marami pa tayong kailangang bumuin upang malabanan ang covid19 pandemic, nawa’y pag-igihin at lalong paghusayin pa natin ang gating mga ginagawa sa panahong ito,” said Dir. Iringan to fellow public servants.

More communities in Region XII will have access to potable water thru SALINTUBIG Program

At least 17 communities in Region XII will now have access to potable water after water system projects funded under the 2019 SALINTUBIG Program of the DILG have been completed, the DILG XII- Project Development and Management Unit (PDMU) confirmed.

All 17 projects were implemented by LGU recipients from the Province of Cotabato: three in Carmen, nine in Midsayap, three in Pikit, and two in President Roxas.

The Municipalities of Carmen, Midsayap and Pikit have achieved a 100% accomplishment rate, while President Roxas has an accomplishment rate of 40% with three more other ongoing projects. Region XII has a total accomplishment rate of 41.46% as of June 10, 2020.
PNP prepares for the 2nd tranche distribution of SAP cash aid

Following the directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to lead in the distribution of the second tranche of emergency subsidies under the Social Amelioration Program (SAP), the
Philippine National Police in coordination with the Department of Interior Local Government (DILG) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), is participating in a two day orientation to be headed by Secretary Eduardo Año on June 15 and 16, 2020.

This will define and direct the PNP personnel’s role in assisting the DSWD in the management and distribution of cash assistance to qualified beneficiaries as well as the wait listed families.

President Duterte tapped the PNP and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to distribute the SAP after several complaints were filed about the supposed misuse of SAP funds by local executives and the slow distribution of aid in some areas.

LGA taps academe to bolster LGU capacities under the new normal
The LGA engages the local resource institutions in a discussion on their efforts in providing support and in capacitating the LGUs under the new normal during the 21st LISTONG Ugnayan, COVID-19 ay Labanan Online Talakayan.

Representatives from the academe shared their initiatives for communities and LGUs in adapting to the new normal, as well as research and policy development and information and technology innovation efforts.

Access hyperlink to view images from the online event.