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DILG: Close to 5k LSIs sent home; 2k more to be transported this week

The DILG today said that close to 5,000 locally stranded individuals (LSIs) have been sent home to their respective provinces under the second phase of the government's Hatid Tulong program for the past three days and at least 2,000 more will be transported back this week.

"With the help of other government agencies and the private sector, a total of 4,793 LSIs have been reunited with their families after being stranded in the metropolis due to the global pandemic. For the 2,000 more LSIs who are still being processed, many of whom are walk-ins who trooped to the Rizal Memorial Stadium, we will be able to send them home this week," said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Of the 4,793 LSIs, 35 are bound for Region I; 106 for Region II; 11 for MIMAROPA; 149 for Region V; 623 for Region VI; 325 to Region VII; 696 to Region VIII; 56 to Region X; 517 to Region XI; 724 to Region XII; 1,512 to Region XIII; and 39 to CAR.

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"Muli nating pinatunayan ang pusong bayanihan ng mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan ng mga national government agencies at private sector para makauwi nang maayos at ligtas ang mga LSI sa kani-kanilang mga probinsiya."

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



DILG directs all 42,045 barangays to create community contact tracing teams

Following the deployment of more than 69,000 contact tracers, the DILG directs all 42,045 barangays nationwide to create their own contact tracing teams (CTT) in a bid to further boost the country's contact tracing capabilities amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año says that as more communities are exposed to coronavirus transmissions, it is imperative to have contact tracers coming from the same community due to their familiarity and kinship with the residents of the barangay.

“We are in for the long haul until a vaccine is developed at kailangan nating labanan ang virus na ito mula sa mga pamayanan. CTTs in barangays will be the first responders to ensure that all residents, especially the ones who are infected together with their immediate families, are monitored and accounted for,” Año says.

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Statement of the DILG on Mass Gathering in the time of Pandemic

We wish to reiterate that any kind of mass gathering during a global pandemic, whether rallies, church gatherings, sports events, concerts, etc. all represent a high risk of COVID transmission. This is not and will never be unique to rallies. Thus, upon the advice of the Department of Health, the IATF issued Resolution No. 57 prohibiting any form of mass gathering as a measure against the further spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, upon the advice of the medical community, we strongly urge the public to avoid mass gatherings of any kind at this time due to the high risk of COVID transmission. While we agree that the public has the right to peacefully assemble for the redress of grievances, we are in the middle of a global pandemic, and such assemblies are subject to reasonable regulation of the authorities to protect public health and the general welfare.

Thus, we appeal to the rally organizers not to compromise the health and welfare of the people.

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REGIONAL NEWS



‘Disiplina Muna’ campaign boosts COVID19 efforts in Cordillera

The “Disiplina Muna” advocacy campaign in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) was officially launched on Wednesday, 22 July 2020, at the Baguio Country Club. The activity was led by the Department of the Interior and Local Government

Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong, Baguio City SK Federation President Councilor Levy Lloyd Orcales, Philippine Army Brig. Gen. Henry Doyaoen, and Council for the Restoration of Filipino Values (CRFV) Program Supervisor Jesus Sison were the guests of honor during the launching program.

“During this time of pandemic, discipline is our best defense against COVID-19 by simply complying with the minimum health protocols” DILG Cordillera Regional

Director Marlo Iringan reiterates as he cites examples such as the wearing of face masks, social distancing, and proper hand washing.

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Cagayan Valley Task Force continues peacekeeping efforts amid the COVID-19 pandemic

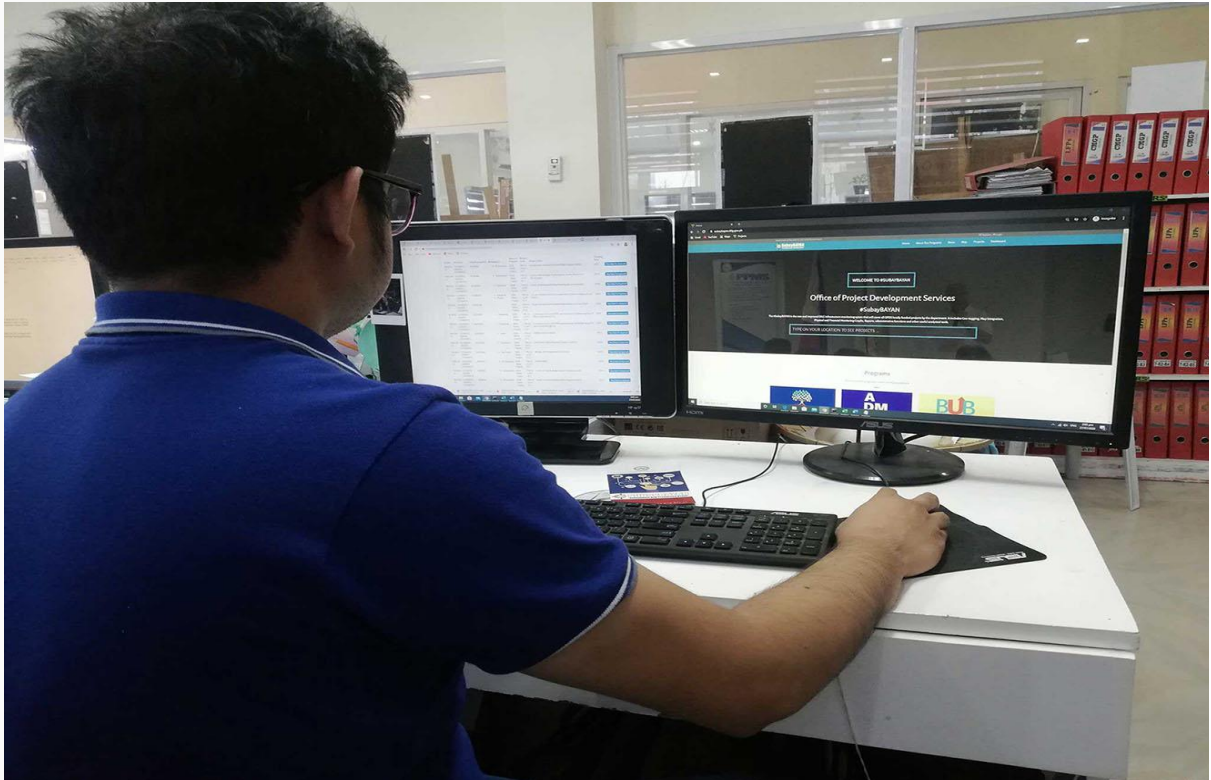
The 12 Clusters/Lines of Effort presented their accomplishments in peace-building as well as efforts in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic during the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF) Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) 2nd Meeting.

Some notable achievements include the following: 1) clearing of CTG-affected barangays, 2) neutralization of 69 Militia ng Bayan members in 23 affected barangays through Community Support Program; 3) assisting in the hauling, repacking, and distribution of relief goods to affected families due to the pandemic.

The said activity was held on July 16, 2020 at the Provincial Capitol of Isabela, City of Ilagan, Isabela. Physically present in the activity were RPOC Chair Gov. Manuel Mamba,

Vice Governor Faustino Dy III who represented RDC Chair Gov. Rodito Albano III, Digna Herrera of DILG R2, among others.

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DILG 12 commends LGUs for ranking 2nd in recent SubayBAYAN compliance ranking

DILG XII Regional Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III lauded the Department and the local government units (LGUs) for the recent achievement in the SubayBAYAN.

Region XII remains second in the list of regions with the highest compliance rate in the Subaybayan ang Proyektong Bayan (SubayBAYAN), the official platform used to monitor and report the progress of Locally Funded Projects (LFPs) of the National Government across the country.

Based on a Memorandum signed by Undersecretary Marivel C. Sacendoncillo, CESO III, SOCCSKSARGEN gained an overall rate of 82 percent as of June 25, 2020.

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NCMF-Visayas leads 4th wave of rice distribution to families in Cebu City

The fourth distribution of food packs containing 5 kilos of rice from the Lanao del Sur LGU, headed by Governor Mamintal Alonto Adiong Jr., was conducted on July 26, 2020.

The most severely affected families residing in Cebu City were the recipients for this distribution. The activity was led by NCMF-Visayas Regional Director Alexander Minalang, with the NCMF employees, and was in coordination with the Office of Muslim Affairs and Indigenous Cultural Communities (OMAICC) under the Cebu City LGU.

The Cebu Muslim Brotherhood Covid-19 Volunteers and the Cebu Muslim Task Force Covid-19 helped in the transport of the rice packs to the regional office.

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BFP successfully saves individual contemplating self-harm

On July 23, 2020 at about 1313H, Manila Fire District Personnel responded to a suicidal attempt at Good 101 Hotel along Quiricada St. Sta. Cruz Manila.

The team together with the Brgy. Chairman and Alvarez PCP negotiated with the victim to come down while the latter was at the canopy of a 3rd floor level of 5-storey building. The victim was assessed conscious, restless, confused, uncooperative, tachycardic, hyperventilating and with open wounds. He was brought to Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center for further medical intervention.

The said rescue operation was responded by San Lazaro Fire Station, MFD Special Rescue Unit and personnel of MFD Intelligence and Investigation Section.

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PNP mourns over 10th Covid-19 death

Philippine National Police Chief, Police General Archie Gamboa expressed his grief and condolences over the latest death of a police frontliner due to the COVID-19 virus.

The PNP Health Service recorded the 10th PNP fatality with the death of a 46-year-old male police commissioned officer who is among police personnel infected with COVID-19. He was recently assigned in the National Headquarters in Camp Crame.

"We are deeply saddened by this news that another police frontliner died due to this dreaded disease. Just recently, we added safety measures to ensure the health and wellness of our men on the ground," said Gamboa.

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