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**Region: NCR
LGU: Pasig City**

Comprehensive Support Services for Local Frontliners



Recognizing the enormous challenges posed by this global pandemic, the City Government of Pasig has partnered with the private sector and other government offices to provide comprehensive support services to frontliners. This holistic approach includes providing free meals, transportation, accommodation, and psychosocial interventions.

First, two mobile kitchens have been set up to prepare cost-efficient and healthy meals for thousands of frontliners. These are given for free and delivered by the LGU's distribution teams to over 50 health centers, hospitals, and checkpoints across the city. With the help of *Ang Probinsyano* Partylist, Pasig City has a steady supply of vegetables from Benguet for the mobile kitchens.



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Second, to provide transportation in the absence of public transport, Pasig City has provided free bus and shuttle services for thousands of frontliners. The city-owned buses are complemented by COMET electronic minibuses with a service team of drivers from Global Electronic

Transport, electric buses from Meralco, and DepEd buses from the Schools Division Office – in offering free logistical support. Nine routes have been strategically identified for this purpose.

The LGU's Transport Office has also repurposed its Bike Share units to help frontliners get to work. Members of the private sector have also supplemented the city's initiative. Viper Bicycles donated bicycles, while Gran and Electric Kick Scooter Philippines provided personal mobility devices.



Third, amid reports of harassment and discrimination against frontliners, the City Government has partnered with Victoria Court and Hillview Lodge in providing temporary shelters to hundreds of healthcare professionals from the Rizal

Medical Center, The Medical City, Pasig City General Hospital, and Pasig City Children's Hospital.

Lastly, to help frontliners cope with the stress brought by the crisis, psychosocial support sessions using games, open forum, and focus group discussions were conducted in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross.



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Region: NCR
LGU: Pasig City

Mobile Palengke

On 24 March 2020, the City Government of Pasig launched “Mobile Palengke” – cargo trucks as roving stores to sell around the city to lessen the peoples’ need to leave their houses to buy



goods from the market during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

At least five (5) Mobile Palengkes are deployed daily starting 7:30 AM. Schedules are posted thru the Official Facebook Page

of the Pasig City Public Information Office (PIO). Commodities such as rice, meat, and vegetables are sold based on the suggested retail price (SRP) as prescribed by the Department of Trade & Industry (DTI).

The concept has been replicated by other LGUs to strategically provide access to market goods and commodities to their constituents while ensuring social distancing and minimizing crowding and congestion in public areas such as marketplaces.

Source: Guzman, Jimmyley., "Pasig LGU rolls out 'Mobile Palengke' to bring basic goods closer to people", Public Information Agency, 24 March 2020, accessed from <https://pia.gov.ph/news/articles/1037154>

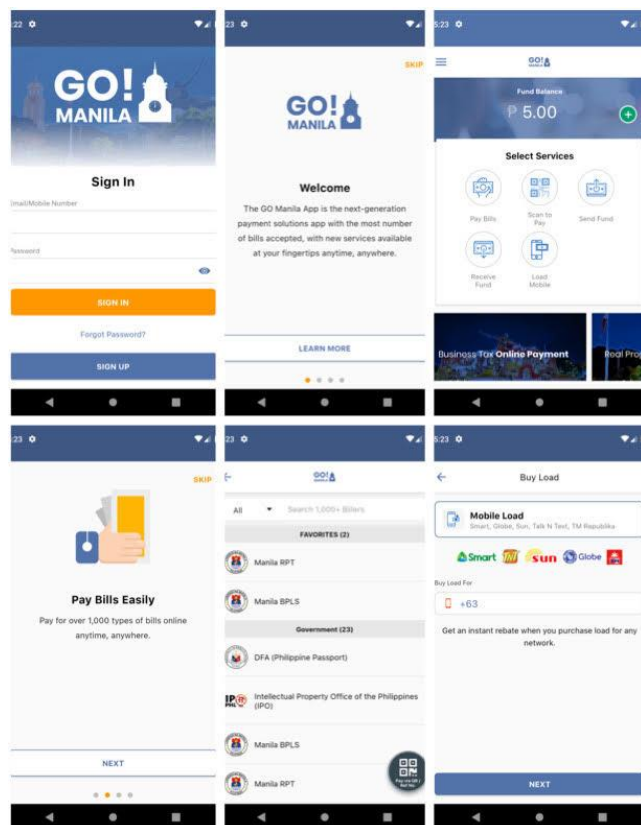
Photo: Pasig City PIO, posted 23 April 2020

Region: NCR
LGU: Manila City

Go Manila! Mobile App: Shifting to E-Payment to Flatten the Covid-19 Curve

The enforcement of the Luzon-wide ECQ resulted in the increased demand for electronic payment. As such, the City Government of Manila has been encouraging its residents to adopt the use of a locally developed mobile application in transacting business and paying their bills in the comfort of their homes.

Launched in January 2020, the *GO Manila* Mobile App serves as an alternative to cash-based transactions in the payment of real property and business taxes, and application for business permits, among others. It also enables users to pay bills for government offices, such as SSS, GSIS, PAG-IBIG, and DFA as well as for select private entities. For Manila residents with family members living abroad, the mobile app offers a more secure and cost-effective means to transfer money online.



The existence of this e-payment system contributes to flattening the curve as it helps maintain physical distancing and supports

the stay-at-home orders among Filipinos. Moreover, it minimizes the risk of transmitting the virus through physical currency.

The mobile app likewise becomes effective in sending information to Manileños amid this crisis given its added features, such as traffic updates, historical information, and LGU programs, projects and activities.

With the impacts of COVID-19, the e-payment system is going to surge over the next few years.

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Region: NCR
LGU: Makati City

Using Monitoring Information System to #Beatcovid-19

The City Government of Makati has been at the forefront of introducing technology-enabled programs for its residents. In its continued bid to fight COVID-19, the LGU launched the *Makati Defeat COVID-19 Monitoring Information System* - an online application that can be used for easy and efficient contact tracing of all Makati residents manifesting COVID-19 symptoms.



Developed in collaboration with Information Technology (IT) experts from the University of Makati, this user-friendly application provides an innovative solution for Makatizens in obtaining

easier and faster access to local services to contain the virus. As manager of the app, the Makati City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) can now investigate and classify patients whether suspect or probable. The CESU can also identify the needs of a patient as to food, medicines and other supplies, and determine if one needs to be isolated and transferred to a quarantine facility.

The cooperation of patients is crucial in data gathering. They are requested to record their daily medical condition by answering predefined questions and medical parameters, which are automatically linked to the command center for monitoring and analysis.

The app is an effective strategy to minimize frontliners' contact with COVID-19 patients as check-up and monitoring can be done remotely. It also leverages on the expertise of a local university in incorporating technology to implement programs and services for Makatizens.

This pandemic has shown how technology can be a key infrastructure to improve governance.

Source: DILG-NCR

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Region: NCR

LGU: Valenzuela City

Localized Targeted Mass Testing

To gauge the extent of COVID-19 crisis in the locality, the City Government forged partnership with DOH-accredited and FDA-approved COVID-19 laboratories, including The Medical City and Detoxicare Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory Inc., for the localized targeted mass testing for suspects and probable cases of COVID-19, returning OFWs and frontliners. Mass testing began on April 11, 2020. The City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) team took swab samples (nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal) from the identified personnel on their list. Samples were then brought to the partner facilities for processing using the PCR machine, with a turnaround time of two days. Once results were available, these were forwarded to CESU.

With the combined services of The Medical City and Detoxicare, a total of 115 tests are conducted daily. A total of 2,212 test results were already released from 11 April to 17 May 2020.

Among the advocacies of the LGU is to provide health services to residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has expedited the much-needed response actions. Anchored on the national government's strategy, its increased capacity and scope of testing enabled Valenzuela City to identify and implement the appropriate approach in detecting, isolating and treating COVID-19 cases.



The results of the mass testing are made known to Valenzuelanos through its official social media accounts. Said platforms enable locals to keep track of cases and adhere to the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) protocols. In order to beat COVID-19, early detection of cases should be a priority. It is also important to strengthen public- private partnerships as exemplified by the City of Valenzuela in its response to the pandemic.

Source: NCR LGU's Solutions to Beat COVID-19

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Region: NCR

LGU: Mandaluyong City

Provision of Healthy and Nutritious Food Packs to Fight COVID-19

One of the initiatives of the City Government of Mandaluyong during the ECQ implementation is the provision of nutritious relief goods to residents. Through the city's sisterhood agreement with the Province of Nueva Ecija, assorted fresh vegetables were included in the family food packs along with the usual canned goods, instant noodles, rice, and bottled water.



Each family, primarily those with COVID-19 cases and indigents, receives a week's supply of healthy food packs, delivered right at their doorstep by barangay officials. Through the house-to-house delivery setup, residents are able to adhere to the home quarantine measures implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The established partnership of Mandaluyong City with the Province of Nueva Ecija ensured that residents of the former

have immediate access to healthy food provisions, even in the times of pandemic.

The National Nutrition Council (NNC) lauded the city's initiative and encouraged other LGUs to consider replication of said initiative.

Sources: NCR LGU's Solutions to Beat COVID-19

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Salunga Daniel G., "NNC lauds Mandaluyong in providing veggies in food packs, urges LGUs to replicate", published on 23 march 2020 through NNC Official Website <https://www.nnc.gov.ph/index.php/39-featured-articles/3626-nnc-lauds-mandaluyong-in-providing-veggies-in-food-packs-urges-lgus-to-replicate.html>

**Region: NCR
LGU: Caloocan City**

Mobile Botika, Libreng Gamot: Ensuring Access to Medicines

The Caloocan City Health Office launched the “Mobile Botika, Libreng Gamot” to ensure continuity of services to residents during the pandemic. With the ECQ implementation, access to pharmacies have been limited – such is what the project aims to bridge. Residents are informed of the schedule of the mobile botika through Mayor Malapitan’s Facebook page. The mobile botika stationed in barangays distribute medicines for free from 9AM to 3PM daily.



Multivitamins, and over-the-counter medicines including paracetamol and lagundi syrup for children are available in the mobile botika. As for adults, maintenance drugs like amlodipine, metformin, losartan, metoprolol are given upon presentation of a prescription for

the said drugs.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, immediate and creative solutions to strengthen the local health infrastructure is made imperative.

Source: NCR LGU's Solutions to Beat COVID-19

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Region: NCR

LGU: Marikina City

Marikina Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory

The City Government of Marikina set up its own molecular diagnostic laboratory for the detection and control of the spread of COVID-19. The Marikina Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory received accreditation from the Department of Health (DOH) on 30 April 2020.

Located at Bayan-Bayanan, Barangay Concepcion Uno, the two-storey laboratory is the only LGU-owned COVID-19 testing facility in the country providing free COVID-19 testing to Marikina residents.



It is a collaborative effort between the city government and Manila HealthTek, Inc., the country's first biotechnology private company for health. Following Department of Health (DOH) standards, Manila HealthTek provided guidance on the setup of the

laboratory; medical personnel of the Marikina City Health Office (CHO) were also trained on the proper handling of laboratory equipment.

The laboratory is equipped with two Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machines and is capable of processing 400-500 tests a day with results released within two hours.

A composite team consisting of medical personnel from DOH, Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center (ARMMC), NCRPO

Health Service and Marikina CHO will man the operations of the diagnostic laboratory.

The DOH and ARMMC will be in charge of the evaluation, while representatives from the DOH, Marikina CHO and PNP will conduct swabbing in the communities. Extraction of specimen in the laboratory will be done through an automated system which utilizes robots, lessening the risk of exposure of medical personnel.

Two dedicated ambulance units will be picking up samples from hospitals and testing centers for delivery to the laboratory. A molecular pathologist will be on duty to run tests.

The establishment of the Marikina City Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory is highly recommended for replication in LGUs for detection and mapping of COVID-19 cases. Through data, decision-making for response and allocation of resources will be made more efficient and effective.

Source: NCR LGU's Solutions to Beat COVID-19

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**Region: NCR
LGU: Taguig City**

**Telemedicine: Project that Promotes Health and
Wellness of Locals in Accordance with Strict Social
Distancing Protocol Amid COVID-19 Crisis**

At present, while every action of the administration is primarily focused on measures combatting the debilitating effect of COVID-19, the ability of Local Government Units (LGUs) to



respond to other immediate health-related concerns of its constituents should not be compromised. This idea had driven the City Government of Taguig to launch its “Telemedicine” Program that aims to put its health care experts closer to its constituents through the use of

technology in the midst of the implementation of stringent physical distancing.

Through this program, medical consultations are being done online or through text messages. To avail, residents would need to contact the designated Telemed contact number for their barangay which is manned by personnel from the City Health Office (CHO) and open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily. Upon initial consultation by the CHO, the details of the health case will then be referred to the attending doctor, nurse or midwife, who will then determine the necessary medical action/s, and subsequently text or call the patient to give instructions.

If the health concern will require medicines, the medical team shall give instructions to the identified barangay health workers to transport needed medicines to the doorsteps of the residents.

Moreover, if the attending health professionals deem that there is a need for further medical evaluation, the patient will be advised to visit the health center or the nearest hospital from their residence.

Constituents of Taguig City may also consult specialists on Pediatrics, Allergy and Immunology, Dentistry, Dermatology, Diabetology, ENT, and OB-Gyne by posting a comment or sending a private message to the scheduled doctor, from 9 am to 6 pm on Mondays to Saturdays, through the city's official Telemedicine Facebook Page, Taguig Telemed.

Moreover, aside from free consultations in ensuring physical wellness of the locals, mental health counselling via mobile with a psychologist or psychiatrist from Mondays to Fridays is also available for the residents.

Certainly, the advent of modern technologies, if used wisely, can trigger a game-changing impact in revolutionizing the efficiency of our healthcare system even during the times of pandemic.

Sources: Caliwan, K. (2020 March 27). "Taguig Launches 'telemedicine' amid COVID-19". Retrieved from: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1098024>

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**Region: CAR
LGU: Ifugao**

Revitalizing the Spirit of 'Baddangan': A Community Response to COVID Crisis

At this time of COVID-19 pandemic, Indigenous Knowledge and Systems (IKS) is one way to increase resilience while reducing the impacts of the crisis. IKS is an engaging cultural practice that naturally binds individuals and indigenous communities to act as one to face a crisis. IKS are old but proven way of life to persist amidst crisis.

History showed us that IKS contributed in the survival of Ifugao communities and continue to reflect its relevance. Integrating these IKS as a form of response to COVID-19 crisis is locally and culturally appropriate. When optimized, IKS can be a changing factor in the fight against the crisis and lessons can be used in future crisis.

As an institution that puts premium on IKS, the Ifugao State University (IFSU) anchors its COVID response on an Ifugao practice of Baddangan – a term that exemplifies community mobilization mechanism of pooling resources and support to assist those who need help. This practice is beyond providing goods and to feel good but rather it is a selfless endeavor and community obligation to foster stronger, safer and a thriving neighborhood.

With the current crisis, it continues to radiate the true essence of community spirit of service and resilience. Local farmers start to donate their vegetable produce to IFSU for food processing



and packaging for communities and frontliners. Other individuals, groups and communities continue to pledge support and resources.

IFSU also introduced its Muntanom Ta Waday Kanon Project (plant to have food). MTWK is an ancient Ifugao indigenous adage which never gets old. In fact, MTWK has been a moving proverb of the Ifugaos to tame the mountains and survive the harsh conditions for centuries. Providing food on the table has been a driving force for the Ifugaos to build the renowned Ifugao Rice Terraces as primary source of their food. MTWK aims to bring food closer to homes at a time when majority of the population is in quarantine.

MTWK intends to increase community of food growers and reinforces the concept of the Ifugao practice of ayyoh or nothing goes to waste, an environmental-friendly tradition among families. Food scraps will be used as fertilizers and used containers will be recycled as growing media and thus minimizing waste generation.

In the long term, when crops are ready for harvest, families can exchange vegetables as a practice in the past. Aside from this, growing food reduces anxiety while strengthening family bonding and values through their home gardening. This initiative creates a sense of empowerment and reduces the feeling of helplessness during these times.

These are just some examples of the positive values of IKS that can be integrated in crisis response. IKS are traditional but its wisdom of community participation is timely and relevant at this time of crisis. A community that values and practice IKS is more resilient and can emerged from any crisis victorious. (IFSU IRT-GIAHS Center)

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/features/articles/1040441>

Region: CAR
LGU: Mt. Province

Villagers in Mt. Province Pursue Survival Gardening with Chicken Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

If you are a farmer, would you keep chickens in your garden even if you know that the birds can renovate cultivated beds and wreak havoc among your newly planted or growing vegetables?

It comes with special challenges, says Ms. Faith Pec-ao, an officer at the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). Still, she and her companions have been promoting both the growing of chickens and the pursuit of survival gardening in the villages of this hinterland province.



Distribution of the livestock to the beneficiaries is done through the provincial government's "Free Range Chicken Raising Project". The growing of livestock in the backyard is part of the tradition of local villagers here. Chickens are used in the observance of many rituals.

In the on-going implementation of the survival garden and chicken program, in support to the Plant, Plant, Plant Program of the DA, the local folks have been keen asking for free-range chicken, reported Ms. Pec-ao.

It is fortunate for us, because the chicken breed is fast growing and produce more meat and eggs, she said.

More important, they are available, she added.

She explained that free-range chickens “are easy to care by all members of the family, are fitted for backyard raising, and there is no need for an expensive housing.”

Many villagers are familiar with growing chickens in their backyard and gardens. Flocks of chickens tugging alongside their owners towards the backyard garden, eating worms, insects and slugs, plucking weeds, and digging holes is quite familiar.

Where necessary, people have always found ways to maintain harmony between livestock, such as chickens, and the backyard garden of table greens by fencing it with wires, plastic or polyester nets, or plain stick fences.

To respond to the growing need of Mountain Province folks to grow free-range chickens, especially during these times where everybody is being called upon to help ensure food security, the Department of Agriculture-CAR, Agricultural Training Institute-CAR, and the Provincial Government Unit through the PVO enhanced the distribution of the said livestock to the farmers.

According to Ms. Pec-ao, some 2, 200 beneficiaries availed of a total of 44,000-day-old chicks provided by the PLGU (20,000) and DA-CAR (24,000), and 407 sacks of chick booster feeds from the latter.

The distribution of the livestock to the beneficiaries was done through the PLGUs “Free Range Chicken Raising Project” that provided beneficiaries with 20 heads of day-old chicks and 15 kilos of chick booster feeds.

The other mode of distribution was through the Farmer Poultry School funded by ATI-CAR and DA-CAR where each beneficiary was given 10 heads of hens and 2 heads of rooster with 20 kilos of layer feeds.

The survival garden and free-range chicken program in Mountain Province is being implemented by the PVO in partnership with the municipal livestock coordinators.

“The program,” according to Ms. Pec-ao, “is a great help to our farmers as a source of eggs, meat and even income especially during the period of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).”

In view of the popular demand and growing need of more villagers in Mountain Province to grow vegetables, and chicken for meat and eggs, as an additional source of food during these difficult times, the PVO is seeking the DA’s assistance for more seeds and day-old chicks to be dispersed to their constituents. (Robert Domoguen-DA CAR)

Source: <https://pia.gov.ph/features/articles/1042141>

Region: CAR

Province: Mt. Province

Monitoring of Movement in Mountain Province

Before the start of the ECQ, almost all LGUs have no way of telling if a person or a group has recently travelled abroad. In case of Mountain Province, they encounter a lot of visitors from various places, therefore, there is a lot of people movement in the province. Thus, there is a huge risk of spreading COVID-19.



Tourism, travel and Events

Mt. Province imposes stricter monitoring measures check points within the province.

The Mountain Province Provincial Interagency Task Force for COVID-19 has issued an advisory advising residents and visitors from other places abroad or in the Philippines with positive COVID-19 cases to register at designated

The advisory states that all visitors and residents coming from abroad or in the country which has positive COVID-19 case/s are strongly advised to register and duly accomplish Department of Health (DOH) Health Declaration Card at the designated COVID-19 check points situated in four major entry points to the province situated along Sinto, Bauko-Benguet boundary, Tadian-Cervantes boundary, Bontoc-Mt. Polis boundary, and at the Ampawilen, Sadanga-Kalinga boundary.

The advisory also states all persons coming home from places having COVID-19 cases will be considered as persons under monitoring (PUMs) and are advised to voluntarily do home quarantine and immediately submit themselves for medical intervention upon the onset of symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Due to this, the movement of people in the Mt. Province have been limited and controlled. Thus, the percentage of contracting COVID-19 has been reduced to the very lowest possible percentage.

Source:

<https://www.baguiheraldexpressonline.com/mp-imposes-stricter-monitoring-measures/>

Region: CAR
LGU: Baguio City

Weekly Disinfection of Barangays in Baguio City

One of the main conductors of diseases is the untidiness and disorder in the city. Especially with a pandemic lurking, people are more prone because of unclean and non-disinfected surroundings.

The city legislative body approved a resolution urging all barangay officials and personnel in the city's 128 barangays to conduct weekly environmental cleaning or decontamination of roads, streets, pedestrian pathways, sidewalks and railings within their areas of jurisdiction as a preventive measure against the dreaded Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).



The resolution suggests that the regular cleanup of public places in the areas of jurisdiction of barangays should be done on a weekly basis to help prevent and suppress the spread of the contagious virus in the city and ultimately and significantly contribute to the efforts of the health sector to flatten the curve of the COVID infection in the country.

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With the assurance that their surroundings are being decontaminated weekly as a preventive measure, people have more confidence against this fight against the pandemic and are also inspired to clean their own surroundings, which is a big step towards progress.

Source:

<https://www.baguioheraldexpressonline.com/barangays-to-conduct-weekly-cleaning/>

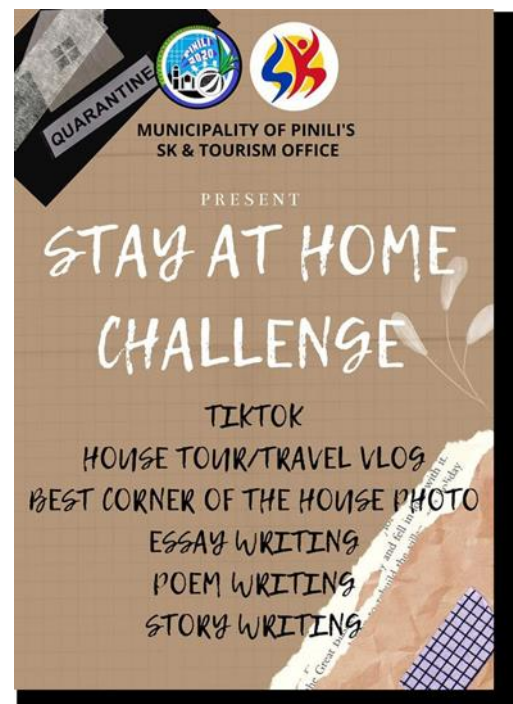
Region: I

LGU: Pinili, Ilocos Norte

Stay-at-Home Challenge

The Municipality of Pinili, Ilocos Norte through its Tourism Office and Sanggunian Kabataan (SK), launched the Stay-at-Home Challenge featuring activities such as recording videos through the Tiktok mobile app, House Tour/ Travel Vlog, Best Corner of the House Photo, Essay Writing, Poem Writing, and Story Writing, mainly to encourage their residents to stay-at-home thereby preventing the spread of COVID-19 while fighting boredom and promoting creativity.

The Stay-at-Home Challenges are open to Pinili residents only and videos/photos should be taken inside the house as proof that they are doing those things safely in their own homes.



Each winner per category with the most number of hearts wins and during its duration, numerous entries were received daily. Winners were given cellphone load and grocery items so that everybody in the Municipality of Pinili will stay at home.

Source: Pinili, Ilocos Norte Official Facebook Page

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Region: I

LGU: Banna, Ilocos Norte

**Banna-nihan sa ECQ:
Empowering Civil Society Organizations**

The Municipality of Banna, Ilocos Norte launched its intensive campaign dubbed as “Banna-nihan” in the implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) which aims to tap the services of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the barangays to inform, warn and caution residents to strictly stay in their homes during the ECQ.

The different CSOs in the locality were tapped through an agreement in order to augment the lack of manpower and equipment of the LGU. These CSOs include Guardians Brotherhood, Inc., Samahang Ilocano Fraternity, and



Kabalikat Civicom who did not only act as force multipliers who oversees violators but also as couriers for residents who wanted to buy basic goods and commodities.

Due to the participation of these CSOs, the LGU can address other equally important needs of the community while ensuring that the guidelines of the ECQ are being implemented.

Source: MLGOO Clifford Agbayani

Region: I

LGU: Quirino, Ilocos Sur

Quirino Response Team (QRT) in Action

The Municipality of Quirino is located in a mountainous part of the Province of Ilocos Sur. It has 9 far flung barangays wherein communication is very hard and difficult. It has been a problem

ever since most of the residents prefer using two-way radios for communication and public information.



Challenged by the difficulty of reaching out to the different barangays in the municipality, the LGU of Quirino, Ilocos Sur tapped the Quirino

Response Team (QRT), a non-profit organization with almost 300 active members, who possesses knowledge on the use and operation of handheld radios.

With the help of QRT members stationed to different barangays, the municipality can send and receive information especially on the updates on COVID-19. They also facilitated the submission of reports about the situation in the barangays.



Source: MLGOO Arvin C. Dauz

Region: I

LGU: San Fernando City, La Union

Kalinga para sa Kumakalinga

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge local government units to craft innovative plans to address community concerns, and with the Enhanced Community Quarantine being implemented, the city government is working tirelessly to bring genuine solutions to problems that may arise. One of the commitments by the city government is to protect those who courageously preserve the community – the city’s frontliners, that is why the Kusina ng Kalinga (KnK) has been reactivated.

Kusina ng Kalinga is a feeding program aimed at fighting hunger and it has been operational since March 19, 2020 supplying meals for frontliners of the People’s City of San Fernando.

Since the reactivation of KnK up to April 22, 2020, the City

Government has served 54, 420 meals, inclusive of breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to the city’s doctors, nurses, and other frontliners who ensure the safety and security of the entire citizenry.



With the reactivation of KnK, the city government was able to save around PhP 50.00 – PhP 70.00 per meal which was utilized to augment the needed funding to support other programs, such as relief operations, and procurement of PPEs for the frontliners.

Sources: City Government of San Fernando, La Union Facebook post dated March 24, 2020 entitled "KALINGA PARA SA KUMAKALINGA"/ City Government of San Fernando, La Union Facebook post dated April 23, 2020

Region: II

LGU: Cagayan Valley

Cagayan Valley Rice Farmers Post Higher Earnings

Farmers in Region 2 (Cagayan Valley) were all high-spirited realizing good income from their palay (unmilled rice) as buying price rose to P18 per kilo, according to a farmers' cooperative based in Isabela province.

Ana Cristina Go, Nagkakaisang Magsasakang Isabelino (NMI) Super Cooperative president, said farmers in the region are quite satisfied with the higher price of palay, which allows them to earn some decent profits for their hard labor.

She said NMI's success could be attributed to online transactions generated by a higher demand among local government units (LGUs) to distribute to their constituents at the time of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

Isabela Gov. Rodolfo Albano 3rd was also pleased with the good news because it shows farmers are slowly recovering from their losses brought by the rice tariffication law (RTL) that opens the local market to more rice imports.

"The cooperative's operation continues with more than 8,000 members through online transactions in order to comply with the protocols during the Luzon-wide ECQ," Go said.

The NMI Super Cooperative was established as a project of the Isabela provincial government through the initiative of Albano last year. Members are farmers from all of the towns in the province whose goal is to combat economic hardship and to collectively request assistance from the government.

Go said the NMI Super Cooperative was noticed when it initiated to buy all the products of its members at a fair price especially when RTL was implemented.

"We have now our own building, rice mill and transport vehicles to haul harvested products from different towns in the province," Go said acknowledging that this is a product of Agriculture Secretary William Dar's farm consolidation program.

Go said the cooperative was one of the loan beneficiaries extended by the DA to farmers to cope with the impact of the ECQ and the coronavirus.

Source:

https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/05/01/news/regions/cagayan-valley-rice-farmers-post-higher-earnings/721112/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR0aUvuq_zn1C0PCjHUUMcZ9vsahUC_vrWNhnENjp4YhckOI21DNlg3uvQU#Echobox=1588313481

Region: II

LGU: Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

CAMP Learning Workshop Conducted for DOLE RO2 Employees

Tuguegarao City
– In order to gain insights that may help in the efficient implementation of DOLE programs and services in its future iterations, the regional office here conducted a CAMP (COVID-19 Adjustment

Measures Program) learning workshop for its personnel last May 05, 2020.



The workshop, led by Regional Director, Atty. Evelyn R. Ramos, was divided into three (3) parts, focusing on the actions and directives in the implementation of CAMP that were considered good, matters and actions that can be improved for better implementation later on and opinions from staff as to what can be done for a more effective execution of other programs later on.

“We want to make sure that we learn from our past experiences, identify our good practices and detect certain areas where we need to improve so we can better help the people that we serve,” Director Ramos says.

Workshop participants meanwhile shared their experiences in the implementation of CAMP, noting that the added responsibility was a challenge while also saying that their experiences galvanized them into strengthening their resolve to finish the task at hand.

The participants added that the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) setup and the corresponding changes in the work structure, which necessitated skeleton duty and work from home arrangements, presented challenges in line with the communication of responsibilities and tasks. DOLE RO2 staff where consequently compelled to find alternatives to still be able to deliver work responsibilities despite the quarantine limitations.

Director Ramos also mentioned that the workshop was also done to heed to personnel concerns so it can be addressed, stating that the personnel are the best assets of the office.

"Without our employees who came to work even with the scare that the COVID-19 pandemic brought, we wouldn't have been able to achieve our accomplishments on our mitigating measures," Director Ramos adds.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/dilgr02/>

Region: II

LGU: Santiago City, Isabela

Bespren sa Agrikultura

The pandemic had caused a lot of troubles to the people of the Philippines, as well as the whole world.



Government units use different approaches to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, some of which focused on to support the agricultural sector to provide continuous food supply to citizens.

One of the steps to ensure safety from COVID-19 is to ensure the nutrition of the people, thus, food supply is essential in nourishment.

Continuing to provide support to our agricultural sector, the City of Santiago had gone to the Distribution of Eggplant Seedlings which is being followed by technical briefing.

This is with the help of Santiago City Dental Chapter Inc. and the Local Government of the City of Santiago under the leadership of City Mayor Joseph S. Tan.

Source:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=city%20government%20of%20santiago&epa=SEARCH_BOX

Region: III

LGU: Plaridel, Bulacan

Online Palengke to Decongest Market



Plaridel, Bulacan launched an online palengke amid the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon. The online palengke reduces the need to go outside as residents can simply order what they need online thru a Facebook group created by the local government.

While residents are allowed to go outside to buy food and other essentials under the measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) going out still poses a great risk. The online palengke not just solve the problem of decongesting *palengkes* in Plaridel but also gave the opportunity for market vendors to sell their goods.

Source:

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/lifestyle/hobbiesandactivities/731615/bulacan-town-launches-online-palengke-to-decongest-markets/story/>

Region: III

LGU: Candaba, Pampanga

Adopt-a-Family Project

The COVID-19 Pandemic which thrown solid punches at the National Capitol Region first has now crept out on its neighboring places eventually taking over the whole country. With virus affecting the whole country specially the poor and marginalized, LGUs were urged to come up with ideas and measures how to dampen the effects of this health crisis especially on critically stricken areas.



Following the imposition of Luzon-wide Enhance Community Quarantine (ECQ), the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Candaba has formulated an advocacy campaign dubbed as "Adopt A Family" Project. This initiative of the LCE encourages the well-off families in Candaba to adopt indigent families and sustain their food and other necessities for the whole duration of the ECQ. It was quickly patronized by the well-to-do families in the municipality resulting to the adoption of a total of fifty-two (52) indigent families as of March 22, 2020.

On April 2, 2020 Mayor Rene E. Maglanque led the first pay-out of the financial assistance to the beneficiaries of the Adopt-A-Family Program. With the extension of the ECQ until April 30, 2020, Mayor Maglanque reminded his constituents to continue supporting the program with high hopes of more indigent

families being adopted and be provided with their daily necessities until the community quarantine ends.

Mayor Rene E. Maglanque handing the financial assistance to Mrs. Rosalie Palo of Barangay Bahay Pare, Candaba, one of the first beneficiaries of the "Adopt-A-Family" project.

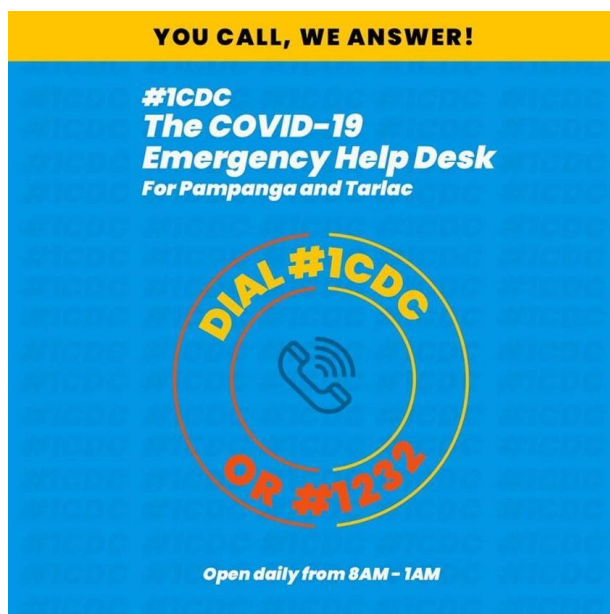


Region: III

LGU: Pampanga and Tarlac

Virtual COVID-19 Emergency Help Desk

The Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone officials launched a COVID-19 hotline, together with TaskUs to help addressing the different issues of the citizens.



This emergency hotline operates inquiries from 8 AM to 1 AM daily, wherein callers will be received by hotline operators who are capable of answering basic inquiries on COVID-19. Callers can be easily directed to nurses and medical staff at Clark Development Corporation Health and Sanitation Division (CDC-HSD) capable Citizens of Pampanga and Tarlac now have an avenue to easily

communicate and raise their queries without leaving the comfort of their homes.

Source: <https://news.mb.com.ph/2020/04/08/pampanga-tarlac-residents-may-call-1232-for-covid-19-concerns/>

Region: III

LGU: Olongapo City

Olongapo City Establishes Barangay Talipapa

Olongapo City has been experiencing persistent overcrowding in major stores especially wet markets.

Barangays far from the City Public Markets, in coordination with the City Government, established their respective talipapa

within their vicinity. Some made rolling stores to allow moving around different villages.



This has addressed the complaints of residents of having to walk long distances to the public market since suspension of public transportation

Source:

<https://www.rappler.com/nation/256674-olongapo-villages-set-up-mini-wet-markets-ease-crowds-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1255861/tarlac-docs-use-app-to-track-medical-condition-of-puis-pums>

**Region: III
LGU: Tarlac**

Tarlac Officials Donate Salary in Fight vs Covid-19

Tarlac Governor Susan Yap donated her almost three-month salary to buy 500 units of Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits to be used in the province's fight against the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.



The rapid test kits amounting to P375,000 will be used by the Tarlac Provincial Hospital (TPH) and other government hospitals in the province in testing probable Covid-19 cases.

Likewise, the entire salary of Vice Governor Carlito David and all the 13 Board Members that comprises the Sangguniang Panlalawigan [SP] of Tarlac donated their salaries for the month of April to help in the provincial government's fight against the dreaded COVID-19. Their entire salaries for the month of April amounting to P1,222,828.36 as their collective effort to extend help and assistance to their constituents in the province to mitigate the impact of Covid-19.

Through video conferencing done on April 2, all the members of the provincial board voted to approve the resolution. The resolution likewise authorized Governor Susan Yap to utilize the amount for the provincial government's Covid-19 response measures.

The provincial government issued Executive Order No. 10 imposing a province-wide Extreme Enhance Community Quarantine that started on March 29.

Region: III
LGU: Bataan

Mobile App Aided Bataan Household Registration

The Provincial Government of Bataan launched the BATAAN HOUSEHOLD TXT REGISTRATION to aid the LGUs identifying the target beneficiaries of the LGUs and provide real time information to its constituents.

Due to the extension of the ECQ, the Provincial Government of Bataan continuously provide aid and assistance to different households including the vulnerable sector. The Province created an application to be able to access necessary information of their people, such as number of people per household and its corresponding address.

PARA SA MAAYOS NA SISTEMA NG PAGBIGAY NG AYUDA, MAGREGISTER SA

BATAAN HOUSEHOLD TXT REGISTRATION

Sundin ang format na ito:

LASTNAME / FIRSTNAME /
MIDDLENAME / BIRTHDAY / SEX /
PENELCO o BAPA ACCT NO. / NO. OF
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS / JOB /
HOUSE NO. / STREET / SITIO, PUROK o
SUBD / BARANGAY / MUNICIPALITY

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The BATAAN HOUSEHOLD TXT facilitates accurate allocation of relief goods, faster distribution of goods and also provides real-time announcement on schedule of distribution of goods for the citizens. The app also promotes transparency and accountability as it informs the local government whether the individuals have received their goods.

Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/gov.abet/posts/10157740917106858/>

Region: III

LGU: Samal, Bataan

**Samal, Bataan Aksyon Malasakit Mobile
On-Line 24/7 Contact Center**

The Aksyon Malasakit Mobile On-Line 24/7 Contact Center ng Bayan guarantees an utmost and real-time response to the need of every citizen who encountered difficulties in the implementation of Luzon ECQ due to COVID-19. It also ensures the strong link between the citizens of Samal and the LGU of Samal and its attached agencies and organizations.

The LGU- Samal were able to set its constituents to focus and trust all of its issuances, announcements and policies. The project provides a balanced, open, ready and available avenue to listen and analyze all the concerns and suggestions of all the citizens who are participating in the online and mobile discussions.

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f <https://www.facebook.com/MayorAida/>

This mobile on-line center receives an average of 150 calls per shift (the Contact Center ng Bayan is composed of 4 shifts: 6AM - 12NN; 12NN - 6PM; 6PM - 12MN; 12MN - 6AM and a continuous response to all chat and facebook comments for 24 hours).

Source:

https://www.facebook.com/AksyonMalasakitParaSaBayanNgSamal/photos/?ref=page_internal

Region: III

LGU: Dingalan, Aurora

Malunggay Tea to Help Boost Immune System

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, ascorbic acid or vitamin C and other multi-vitamins have been scarce if not unavailable in local drug stores here in the municipality. Malunggay leaves is one of the indigenous produces that may be found in every household here in Dingalan. Its richness in vitamins and minerals is a very cheap way of strengthening one's immune system.



The Sangguniang Kabataan of Dingalan, Aurora has initially launched malunggay tea stations in their respective barangays and have promoted its health benefits to its constituents not only for the youth but for all ages.

SK Municipal Federation President Ceejay Borreo personally prepared the malunggay tea and set up a drinking station that was made available in the barangay for frontliners and those in the barangay hall.

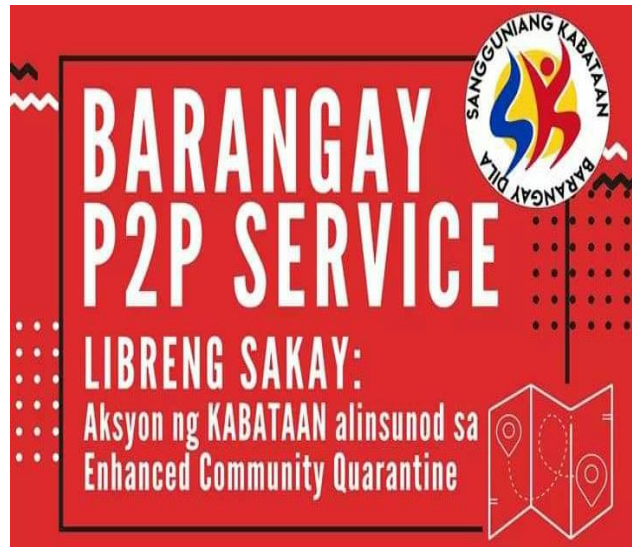
Source: Posted thru [fb.com/ceejay.borreo](https://www.facebook.com/ceejay.borreo) last March 30, 2020

Region: CALABARZON

LGU: Barangay Dila, Bay, Laguna

**P2p Service: Aksyon ng mga Kabataan sa
Barangay Dila, Bay, Laguna**

“Ang Kabataan ang Pag-Asa ng Bayan”. This adage is once again proved by a set of youth during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The Sangguniang Kabataan and youth volunteers of Barangay Dila, Bay in the Province of Laguna initiated a free ride project named *Barangay P2P Service*. Operation of public transport is prohibited during the Community Quarantine to mitigate the spread of the virus. This caused struggle to front liners as well as to those who need access to the market to buy food, medicine and other necessities.



To remedy the inconvenience, *Barangay P2P Service* is provided to residents going to and from the public market.

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The service traverses three (3) routes. The schedule of ride is every Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6:00 in the morning to 12:00 noon. Before embarking, passengers are required to use sanitizers provided by SK Officials. Social distancing is observed inside the van. The 15-seater Nissan Urban only accommodates nine (9) passengers.

Aside from this, the SK Officials also do the initial information verification/validation when it comes to ECQ issues concerning the Senior Citizens in their barangay, such as but not limited to relief packs distribution. The Barangay said that it is their way to give back to the elderly. In addition, they conduct information campaign about COVID-19 online and through printed leaflets.



Source:

<https://mobile.facebook.com/SerbisyongPangbarangayDila>,
Barangay Dila and DILG CALABARZON

**Region: CALABARZON
LGU: Biñan City, Laguna**

Livelihood Opportunity Amid COVID-19

Even before the COVID-19 crisis, there has been a high demand on face masks since the first month of Year 2020 due to the Volcanic Eruption of Taal. There is scarcity on the supply of masks in stores because the demand continuously increases as people buy out of panic caused by the pandemic.



The City of Binan in the Province of Laguna seized this opportunity to provide livelihood to their people as well as to supply for the front liners. Started as souvenir items for 2020 Women's Month Celebration, Face Mask Project was initiated by Gender and Development (GAD) Office through Biñan Garments and Training Center. They were able to produce and distribute 5,000 reusable face masks in March. Afterwards, the City discovered facemask-making as an income opportunity for the community during the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Through social media, Mayor Walfredo Dimaguila, Jr. called for volunteer sewers for the mass production of face masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs).

Currently, they have 12 in-house workers and 113 home-based sewers that can create 10,000 to 13,000 masks a day. They also

have additional workforce for pattern making, cutting, washing, pressing and packing of face masks and PPEs. They have produced 250,821 reusable face masks in which at least two (2) will be given to each household; and two thousand 2,000 PPEs for Ospital ng Biñan (OsBin)

Source: <https://m.facebook.com/199405940103564>, City of Binan and DILG CALABARZON

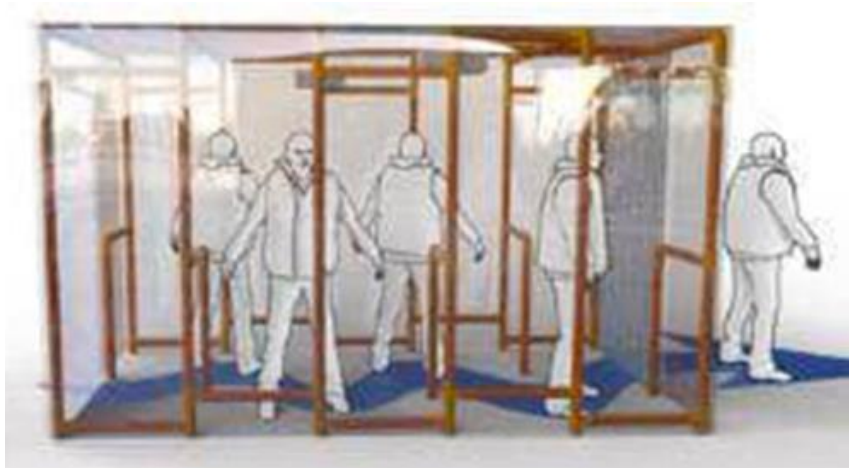
Region: CALABARZON

LGU: Carmona, Cavite

Carmona Sets Up DIY Sanitation Tents

The local government of Carmona Cavite produced a do-it-yourself improvised sanitation tents that could help in the sanitation of healthworkers, patients, and LGU employees before entering and leaving facilities such as hospitals or municipal hall. The design was provided by the UP Diliman-based volunteer group SaniTents PH.

Disinfection sessions were also conducted at all checkpoints across Carmona as part of the preventive measures and mitigation efforts being



implemented by the local government to keep the community coronavirus-free. On Monday, March 23, simultaneous disinfection sessions were also held at all barangays in the municipality. More disinfection sessions are scheduled to be conducted on the succeeding days.

The Carmona LGU continues to distribute disinfection machines to barangays in line with the preventive measures and mitigation efforts of the local government of Carmona against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Disinfection machines were distributed recently to Barangays 1 to 5. More disinfection sessions are scheduled to be conducted on the following days. Benjamin Chavez.

Orders were taken and received by the residents of Carmona starting through the Bayan, May Libreng Delivery, which is an initiative of the Municipal Government of Carmona to provide free delivery service from the public market to the residents as a solution to the suspension of public transportation and implementation of social distancing due to the enactment of "Enhanced Community Quarantine" for the whole Luzon.

Source: <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/320319>

Region: CALABARZON
LGU: Antipolo City, Rizal

Bringing Food and Medicine Closer to People

Many local governments have fashioned programs that could provide their citizens convenient access to the market. One of these is the City of Antipolo that created platforms online to cater pharmaceutical and other essential needs.



In Antipolo's Online Palengke, the local government delivers fresh vegetables within the area. Price lists were posted on Facebook Page *Antipolo Online Palengke*. To order, citizens (customers) have to send them a message composed of details including their full name, address contact number, and orders. Orders

shall be sent from 2:00 in the afternoon to 8:00 in the evening and will be delivered the next day from 7:00 to 11:00 in the morning, except requested to be delivered on the same day.

Another is the E-Botika that can be accessed through Facebook Page *Antipolo e-Botika*. This is a free service delivery available from 9:00 in the morning to 12:00 noon from Mondays to Sundays. Payment can be cash on delivery (COD) or through Gcash or Paymaya. Discounts can be availed by senior citizens and persons with disability (PWD) by sending the picture of their ID. Orders will be delivered the next day. E-Botika has served 500 customers, 200 are senior citizens and PWDs, six days after the start of their operation on 8 May 2020.



Region: MIMAROPA

LGU: San Fernando, Romblon

Bahay Ko, Garden Ko Program

During the enforcement of Enhanced Community Quarantine, the LGU thought of an outright solution to help the residents cope with the menace of coronavirus disease 2019 by promoting and focusing on good nutrition and healthy lifestyle through the BAHAY KO, GARDEN KO Program.



Through the Executive Order issued by Mayor Tansingco, every family is mandated to establish their own organic backyard garden consists of at least five (5) varieties of vegetables, and a minimum of two (2) varieties for Senior Citizens who are still capable of growing veggies in response to the limited supply of goods and/or commodities in the market brought about by the COVID-19 crisis.



Likewise, all barangays and schools within the municipality of San Fernando, Romblon are required to provide communal garden with an area of at least 200 square meters in coordination with the Punong Barangays

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and Schools Principals. The Municipal Government of San Fernando has funded the procurement of vegetable seeds, garden tools and organic fertilizers for distribution to all households, schools, and barangay community garden within the municipality.

This program aims to (1) Promote good nutrition and healthy lifestyle among citizens; (2) Ensure adequate food supply amid COVID-19 crisis; (3) Combat poverty and hunger both in urban and rural areas; (4) Raise awareness to environmental protection and agricultural propagation; and (5) Keep everyone productive and busy during the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine.

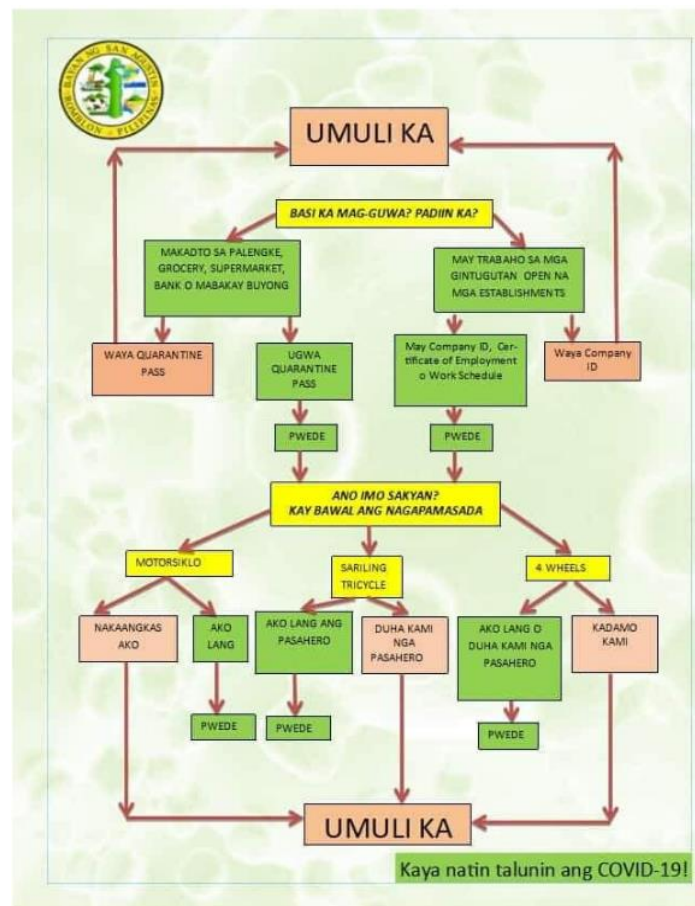


Source: DILG MIMAROPA

Region: MIMAROPA

LGU: San Agustin, Romblon

Algorithm in "Ini" Dialect



Obedience emanates from good comprehension. This is one of the principles that the leadership of the Municipality of San Agustin adopts when implementing PPAs. Governing more or less the 27,500 population already calls for a great challenge, more so in these trying times. San Agustin believes that the key to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is the strict compliance of the people. Hence, to implement stringent social distancing measures, the Municipality puts premium on delivering proper guidance to the citizens. But an important precursor to compliance and obedience is good and clear understanding of the policies. This gives rise to the birth of Algorithm in Ini dialect.

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The translation of the original algorithm to the local dialect was introduced by Dr. Deogracias S. Muleta, MHO of San Agustin. It was immediately approved by the MIATF on COVID-19 and the printouts in tarpaulin were distributed to every barangay. "Nice on Doc! Maayo ina kay para maintindihan gid!", a resident stated.

Source: DILG MIMAROPA

**Region: MIMAROPA
LGU: Odiongan, Romblon**

SK Odiongan Libro On-The-Go

Libro on the Go is a project initiated by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Organization of Odiongan through the collaboration with the LGU and other individual volunteers. The program aims to instill the value of continuous learning through reading. Odionganons, especially children, are encouraged to spend their free time doing meaningful things, one of which is through reading.



Libro on the Go, is a rolling library which goes around the 25 barangays. It is divided into two teams, North and South. The donated books are placed in a truck which then moves around from one barangay to the next, usually staying for an hour, in the barangay covered court or barangay hall. The truck is manned by volunteers, mostly SK members, who then makes a note of the names of the borrowers. These books are rented for free and can be returned in the barangay hall after a week. The returned



books are then disinfected before being rented out again.

There is a wide selection of books to borrow. These can range from fiction, non-fiction, academic, religious, sports, and others. Almost 500 books were borrowed during the first 2 days that it has rolled out. With this rate of success, the SK Organization and LGU plans to continue this project, adding coloring books for children on the next roll out.

Source: DILG MIMAROPA



Region: MIMAROPA
LGU: Odiongan, Romblon

Information Dissemination via Traditional and Digital Platforms

Flyers

After declaring ECQ, thousands of flyers were printed off and distributed to residents of Odiongan containing vital information related to COVID-19 as well as emergency hotlines. Tarpaulins, containing safety reminders related to COVID-19 were also posted on conspicuous places as well as tarpaulins containing important information related to ECQ, were placed in public places.



Digital Content

The Odiongan Public Information Office (OPIO) Facebook page has been the medium of communicating the town's policies, events and programs to its

residents both here and abroad. With the ECQ in place, it has now become a vital source of information. Regular updates on both nation-al and local COVID-related policies are posted on OPIO. Coverage on the municipality's programs such as relief operation and distribution, shuttle services and others are posted. The page has also become an avenue for a speedy information dissemination of COVID-related announcements. Infographics explaining the government services and programs such as SAP, CAMP, TUPAD and others are also covered. On a daily basis, 6-8 infographics are uploaded and an average of

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about 20-30 messages and queries are received, excluding the queries on the comment section of every post.

Prior to the Enhanced Community Quarantine on March 16, 2020, the Municipality of Odiongan through the Office of the Municipal Mayor and the Odiongan Public Information Office collaborated to do an



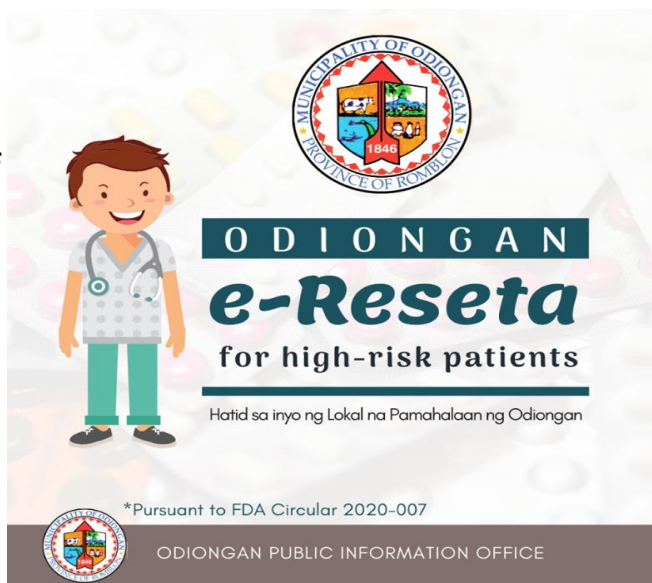
FB live update on COVID-19. Guesting of national agencies personnel and local functionaries became an occurrence, as the need arose. ECQ FB Live Updates became a platform where the LGU officials and the community interacts to clarify issues pertaining to issued ECQ policies as well as amelioration and social support programs of the government. The FB Live Updates were carried by the 2 local TV networks and the local radio network, which allowed a wider audience to gain access to timely and important information. Even citizens from other municipalities in Romblon province listen in and participate during FB Live Updates.

Source: DILG MIMAROPA

Region: MIMAROPA
LGU: Odiongan, Romblon

e-Reseta Program

Aligned with the issued Food and Drug Administration Circular 2020-007, the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Odiongan, Romblon launched the e-Reseta program. This COVID-19 adoption scheme enables senior citizens, persons with disability and other high-risk patients to call the RHU and have their prescription made.



The FB Page of the Rural Health Unit and the Public Information Office of Odiongan, Romblon, as well as its health workers, has informed the residents of the mechanics in availing the services.

Additional service provided by the Local Government Unit is the courier service for buying medicines, especially for senior citizens or PWDs who are unable to leave the house, provided that the resident availing such assistance will give the prescription and money for buying medicines to the personnel who will then go the drugstore and return with the purchased medicine. The assigned LGU personnel managing the Free Shuttle service accepts requests in buying medicines through a hotline. The service is free of charge.

Source: DILG MIMAROPA

Region: MIMAROPA
LGU: Odiongan, Romblon

Backyard Farming and Support to Local Farmers

Local Government of Odiongan, Romblon promotes family food sufficiency by promoting backyard farming.

In times of crisis such as the COVID-19 crisis, Filipinos prove that we are resourceful in our unique ways, and we remarkably strive no matter what crisis we are in. During this time, most of the Filipinos probably depend on the food provided by the government since most of their jobs and source of income has been affected due to COVID-19.



The Local Government of Odiongan Romblon, through its Municipal Agriculture Office, promoted backyard gardening thru the distribution of different varieties of seeds to their constituents including seeds of easy to grow vegetables such as string beans, okra, eggplant, pechay from the DA-RFO-MIMAROPA-High Value Crop Development Program. Backyard farming does not just help the residents of Odiongan to have their own source of food during this time of crisis but this will minimize the spread of virus since they don't need to risk going to the market. This provides healthy and nutritious food for the family and also helps the families generate income if they sell some of their excess harvest.

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The Municipal Government of Odiongan, Romblon also supported local farmers and fisherfolks. The Municipal Government procured agricultural products from their local farmers and fresh fish local fisher folks for the relief packages to their constituents.

This effort not only supports the livelihood of the farmers and fisherfolks but also provide that promotes a good health among the residents of Odiongan.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/OdionganPIO>

Photo: Odiongan Public Information Office

Region: MIMAROPA

LGU: Boac, Marinduque

Mobile Tiangge Showcases Local Harvest

With the aim of helping the local farmers to still earn amid the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the Local Government of Boac, Marinduque implements a 'Mobile Tiangge sa Barangay' wherein it sells variety of products produced by the locals of Boac to different barangays in town.

Agricultural products as well as fresh meat, chicken and fish and other necessary goods were sold on truck that moves around the different barangays.

This effort helped the farmers as well as other merchants in the town's public market to earn even under enhanced community quarantine. This project also gave convenience to the residents since public transportation has been suspended, and that going downtown requires time and effort especially residents living in distant barangays.



Additionally, this will help the community to strictly practice social distancing to stop the spread of the virus.

Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/boacmunicipalinformationofficeLGU>

Photo: Boac Municipal Information Office

Region: MIMAROPA

LGU: Mansalay, Occidental Mindoro

Dok-to-Door

An innovative way of bringing primary health services to one's doorstep as the Mansalay LGU stepped-up its response against COVID-19.

During this pandemic, health programs should be the most priority. To address the healthcare of its constituents amidst the imposition of the community quarantine, The Local Government of Mansalay together with its Municipal Health Office, launched this program the Dok-to-Door.



RHU staff are going door-to-door to provide primary health care services such as vaccination, family planning services, ready to use supplementary food (RUSF) for malnourished children, hypertension, among others. All 17 barangays of the municipality have been provided these health services.

Source: DILG MIMAROPA

<https://www.facebook.com/pio.mansalay/>

Region: V

LGU: Barangay San Francisco, Bombon, Camarines Sur

SK Hones Skills Amid Pandemic

In order to participate in the national government's effort in addressing the COVID-19 crisis, the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials of Brgy. San Francisco, Bombon, Camarines Sur, headed by Hon. Willy Abias, SK Chairperson, made use of their quality time to advocate the "stay at home" policy and launched the "Sangguniang Kabataan Creative Online Contest" thru facebook. The online competition includes poetry writing, poster designing, and soccer and basketball game tournament which ran from March 30-April 26, 2020. Youths within Brgy. San Francisco aged 15-30 were encouraged to join. It started from the announcement of mechanics online, sending of entries to the SK's official facebook account and followed by personal delivery of certificates and awards by SK officials. Eight (8) entries were received for the poetry making, six (6) for poster designing and 61 participants joined the online games tournament.

Honing skills and creativeness amidst this pandemic while keeping their constituents safe, and contributing to the government to mitigate the spread of the disease is the best highlight of this project.

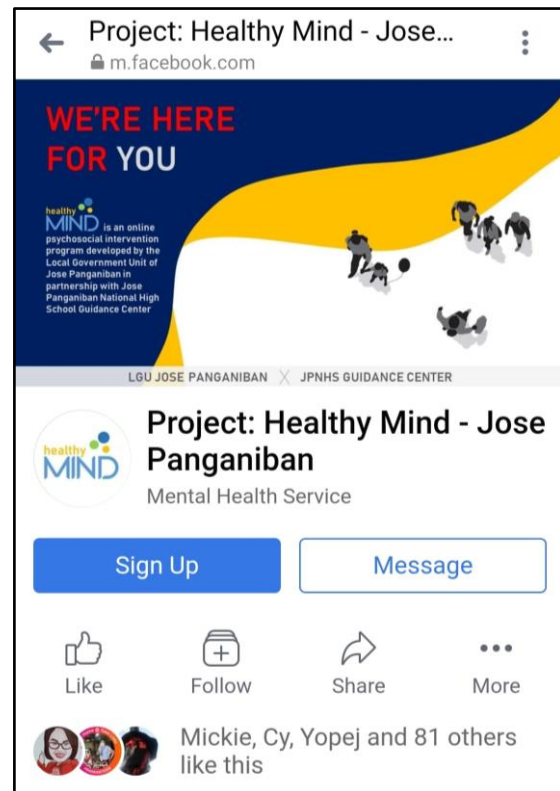
Region: V

LGU: Panganiban, Camarines Norte

Project: Healthy Mind – Jose Panganiban

Due to the current state of the country and the prolonged lockdown that affects and causes inevitably changes in an individual's daily routine, somehow causes stress, and affects the psychosocial and psychological aspect of an individual.

In order to suppress the negative psychological effects of the lockdown, the first initiative of the local government unit of Jose Panganiban was the establishment of an online psychological program developed by the LGU of Jose Panganiban in partnership with Jose Panganiban National High School Guidance Center. The project uses the social media platform to offer counseling to those who need it. They simply need to sign-up in order to access the page, and avail of its free counselling services. Interested clients can also reach the duty-counselor through messenger. The Facebook page became active since 2nd week of April, exclusively for residents of Jose Panganiban.



Aside from the LGU Facebook Page on Psychosocial Intervention, other partner agencies like Jose Panganiban National High School – Guidance Center, also used the social media platform to know how residents are coping with the pandemic. The school, in collaboration with the local government unit, also extended

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their services to those who seek counselling by setting-up the Online Psychosocial Intervention Program.

Both FB page contains inspirational comic strips and quotes to encourage clients to look on the brighter sides of things, amidst the difficulties brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Source: <https://www.facebook.com/Project-Healthy-Mind-Jose-Panganiban-102116758152632/>

Region: V

LGU: Pilar, Sorsogon

Home School Learning Experience for the Youths of Pilar, Sorsogon



Addressing issue on making education accessible for all in the midst of pandemic, the Pilar Reading Center (PRC) provide intervention so that students from vulnerable areas can sharpen their reading and comprehension skills without living their home. The PRC is

composed of students and young professionals from Pilar, Sorsogon who regularly volunteers to conduct literacy activities for the benefit of the children and youths of the town of Pilar. Since 2015, PRC has been conducting annual Summer Reading Camp which unfortunately they have to cancel for this year. With the learning and educational gaps brought about by the pandemic, PRC hopes to help their regular learners by providing modular reading activities and partnering with parents. Thus, Project Personalized Activities with Contextualized Experiences (PACE) was conceptualized.

Project PACE is a two-week home-school learning experience with the help of parents or guardians as teachers and facilitators at home. The project includes the use of modular reading activities and worksheets prepared by PRC volunteers to provide a variety of educational exercises in two-weeks to regular PRC learners aged 6 to 12 years old. The modules feature real-life themes and content, as well as activities designed to educate

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the students about the novel coronavirus outbreak and the consequent community quarantine. The first module tackles the importance of good hygiene and surroundings, while the next one focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on agriculture and economy.

This project benefits the LGU of Pilar, Sorsogon to lessen the spread of COVID 19 disease by encouraging children to stay indoors by supplying knowledge and raising their awareness on this pandemic.

Region: V

LGU: Barangay Buhatan, Sorsogon City

Bukas-Palad Kiosk

The Bukas-Palad Kiosk is a charity store from Brgy. Buhatan, Sorsogon City, where people in need can get items by exchanging their goods using the barter system. The store is also open for those who do not have anything to exchange /share, they can still get some goods that the store has to offer.

Basic food items can be accessed by the residents in the kiosk, thus, limiting the need to go out of the barangay. The availability of basic foods and commodities are ensured so that the residents, mainly the poor families and households need not to go out of the barangay, and to also avoid and limit the spread of the coronavirus disease.

The purpose of the project is to promote positive values of giving and sharing among the barangay constituents.



REgion: VI

LGU: San Lorenzo, Guimaras

Recorida in San Lorenzo, Guimaras

As of April 21, 2020, the Municipality has recorded 122 PUMs and had completed the home quarantine. For now, the LGU has 0 PUM and PUI.

Since Mayor Ninfa Gajo wanted to preserve the situation in her locality, she had issued several issuances related on COVID-19. In order to inform/update her constituents of these issuances, she conceptualized a "Recorida" to be conducted municipal-wide.



A recorded voice message of Mayor Gajo is being played during the "Recorida". At the same time, she was personally giving face masks to those who do not have masks and monitoring the implementation of her directives. She even provided a USB with a copy of her recorded message to all barangays within her AOR.

The continuing purpose of the mayor's "Recorida" is to inform/update the constituents of San Lorenzo of the municipality's issuances/guidelines on the campaign against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/pnpsanlorenzo.guimaras/videos/275825353426396/>

Region: VI

LGU: Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Fish Trade in Nueva Valencia, Guimaras

Distribution of locally-available food resources in times of COVID-19: A win-win solution for beneficiaries and the marginalized sectors alike.

To distribute food items to the affected families as well as helping the fisherfolks and hog raisers by purchasing their catch and raised animals and distributing it to all families municipal wide. The municipality purchased the bangus produced by local fisher folks totaling to 18.4 tons and locally-raised hogs to help the marginalized fisher folks and hog raisers whose income and livelihood were affected by the crisis, giving them support in these difficult times. This is supplemented with a half sack of rice per family with the commitment of additional half sack as soon as the supply arrives. This is aside from the relief goods previously distributed.

This endeavor helped 12,280 families in the municipality as well as local fisher folk and hog raisers.

Source: Municipality of Nueva Valencia MDRRMO Facebook Account

Region: VI

LGU: Buruanga, Aklan

Hand Washing Stations in Buruanga, Aklan

To have access to hand washing that will reduce spread of germs, bacteria and viruses on the hands to safe level and provide the opportunity to develop personal hygiene practice in prevention and elimination of the spread of bacteria, germs and viruses that causes common cold/flu and coronavirus infection.

The establishment of Hand Washing Stations gave an open access to hand washing and hygiene health safety from person to person and from people to contact surfaces before and after a personal/business and government transaction.

Buruanganons and all individuals have accessibility on proper hygiene protocol before and after a personal/business and government transaction since its location is at the back entrance of the Municipal Hall, at the entrance to Municipal Public Market and at the municipal border. Moreover, this was also duplicated by the barangays, installation of a handwashing area located near entrance or beside the barangay hall.

Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/dilgaklan/photos/pcb.782753405587407/782753252254089/?type=3&theater>

Region: VI

LGU: Tangalan, Aklan

Food Relief in Tangalan, Aklan

Not all indigent families in the Municipality of Tangalan qualified to be beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the national government or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), yet they also struggle in this COVID-19 pandemic all the same.

To equitize support to and mitigate hunger of families affected by COVID-19 through the provision of assistance in the form of relief packs to all families who did not qualify for the SAP and 4Ps of DSWD for the duration of the Extended Enhance Community Quarantine, this is a relief assistance project initiated by the LGU to families who did not qualify for both aforementioned programs as an equity measure. The relief packs consisted of the following items: 1) 20 kg rice, 2) 2 pcs whole dressed chicken, 3) 400 grams pancit bihon, and 4) 40 tablets of vitamins which shall be distributed in every target household.

This practice had mitigated hunger of Tangalanons during the period of extended Enhanced Community Quarantine.

*Source: <https://www.facebook.com/fuentesgary>
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Region: VII

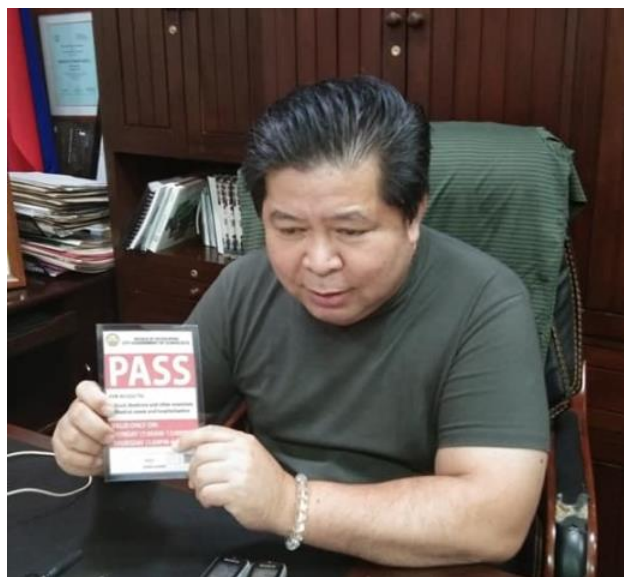
LGU: Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

Dumaguete Mayor Enforces Mobility Control Plan to Contain COVID-19

There were now 6,499 asymptomatic persons or persons under monitoring/quarantine in Negros Oriental, said Assistant Provincial Health Officer Dr. Liland Zoila Bustamante-Estacion. Two more COVID-19 cases were reported: one with a history of exposure to another COVID-19 patient, and another who had traveled to Dubai. Both are now admitted to local hospitals.

Mayor Felipe Antonio Remollo of Dumaguete City has appealed to the public for their cooperation and give the government at least two weeks starting April 3 to make the Enhanced Traffic & Mobility Control Management work, as a major solution to help contain the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The ordinance on the mobility control plan, based on the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) ordered by Gov. Roel Degamo, also appropriated P5 million to support the implementation of Executive Order No. 19.



In Dumaguete, the color-coded passes, which specify the days when one can do the essentials, are meant to minimize contact with more people and implement better social distancing.

Remollo urged merchandisers to supply the sari-sari stores with stocks like rice so that the people would not have to go all the way to the groceries in the central business district.

The entry of non-Dumaguete residents, who are holders of the provincial ECQ pass, has been scheduled on three days when all Dumaguete residents are expected to be home: Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays and Sundays from 7 p.m. to midnight.

It minimizes the contact with more people and implement better social distancing. The tanods and police have been trained to do the mandatory thermal scan, and ask questions “to confirm the legitimacy of the travel.” Eleven checkpoints have been set up in strategic areas that have access to CCTV cameras to monitor the entry of people from the towns.

This initiative enhanced the Traffic and Mobility Control Management of the LGU.

Source: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1253413/dumaguete-mayor-enforces-mobility-control-plan-to-contain-covid-19#ixzz6M658st80>

Region: VII

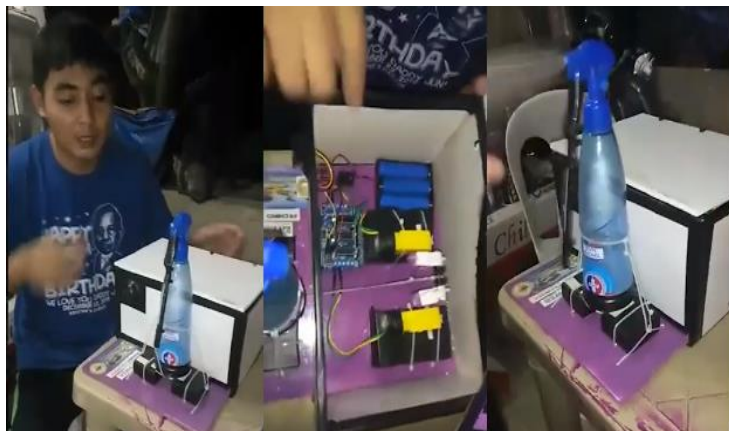
LGU: Bogu City, Cebu

All-Purpose Non-Touch Automated Disinfectant Sprayer

Transmission of viruses sometimes take place when we touch objects that has been contaminated by an already infected person or a carrier. This innovation would greatly help against that risk.

The City of Bogu will soon distribute in Public Areas and facilities under its responsibility this innovation from the City of Bogu Science and Arts Academy's Robotics Head Coach and Coordinator Vicente Picar dubbed "All Purpose Non-Touch Automated Disinfectant Sprayer".

First in Region 7, this innovation can be used hands-free or touch free as it is equipped with a sensor. Once the subject approaches the device and is in position, the device would automatically spray the disinfectant.



Upon entering the building and its offices, when a person approaches the device, it will automatically spray the disinfectant (alcohol content).

This is an ongoing implementation and maybe part of the new normal. It reduces the risk of contamination or infection to other individuals.

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The City of Bogo commends their Bogohanon Inventors. The LGU is also grateful with the City's DepEd Division headed by SDS Roseller Gelig, CESO VII for being their partner in this endeavor.

Source:

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Region: VII

LGU: Cebu City

Price Freeze Policy in Cebu City

It was found out during the conduct of inspection and monitoring that the prices of fruits and vegetables spiked in prices to as high as 100% while others increased by 30%.

Three (3) market vendors from Punta Princesa Public Market were issued Show Cause Orders by the CLO after they were cited for violating the "price freeze order".

Market Administrator Jonil Matuguina, who led a team of market enforcers, issued the citation for their respective violation, in the conduct of inspection and monitoring of all public markets with the territorial jurisdiction of the city.

This was pursuant to the marching order of the Mayor who issued Office of the Mayor Memorandum No. 2020-277 dated 14 April 2020, thereby ensuring that the good people of Cebu City will not be exploited and become victims of profiteering by unscrupulous businessmen in this time of crisis.



Mayor Edgardo Labella adopts the policy of "price freeze" of basic commodities implemented by DTI, DA and DOH through Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2020-01 dated 18 March 2020 which penalizes "any person or entity found to have violated the" price

freeze" with a fine ranging from P5K to P2M and imprisonment of 5yrs to 15yrs, without prejudice to the prescribed penalties and sanctions issued by the local government units."

City Ordinance No. 2486, otherwise known as the "Cebu City Market Code of 2007" considers this unreasonable and unconscionable price increases as prohibited acts which likewise carries with it an administrative penalty of cancellation of the market lease contract or closure of their market stalls.

Respondents are given 3 days within which to explain in writing why they should not be imposed those sanctions.

Source:

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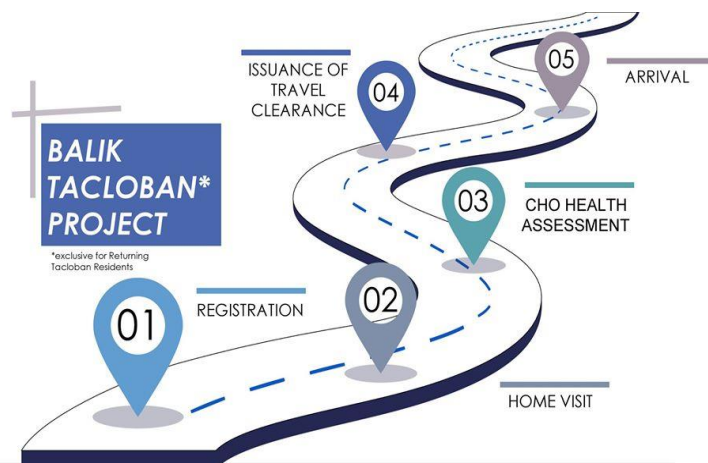
Region: VIII
LGU: Tacloban City

Balik-Tacloban Project

President Rodrigo Duterte issues Executive Order No. 114 institutionalizing the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program.

The EO provides for the creation of a Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Council, with the DILG as a member agency, to ensure whole-of-government action in implementing the program towards balance regional development, sustainable employment opportunities in the countryside decongestion of Metro Manila, and improved quality of life in rural areas.

The Balik Tacloban Project (exclusive for Returning Tacloban Residents) provide a five steps procedure to insure health protocols procedure of the residents and the returnee residents.



1. All Returning Tacloban Residents (RTR) will register their intent to return either the following website or thru the application.
2. The Management Information System Division (MISD) will collect and process the following data from registration.
3. All registration forms of the RTRs shall be forwarded by the MISD to CHO (City Health Office) for assessment and verification.
4. From the time CHO received the registration forms, they will schedule a HOME VISIT of the residence provided in the form. When CHO find the home is suitable for home

quarantine, it will brief its occupants of the all health protocols and procedures.

5. After the home visit, the CHO will contact the RTR for purposes of health assessment, assignment of quarantine/isolation facility, and briefing on the quarantine/isolation facility, and monitoring protocols. Once contacted, the RTR will submit required documentation via email and those who are qualified will be issued a Travel Clearance.

This Balik Tacloban Project relative to the issuance of Executive Order of Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program to support maximum health safety procedure to prevent spreading of COVID-19.

Source:

<https://web.facebook.com/tacloban.cio/photos/pcb.1201227803560053/1201225303560303/?type=3&theater>

Region: VIII

“Tabang-Tarangnan”

The Bayanihan is a Filipino custom derived from the Tagalog word “bayan” for nation, town or community. Bayanihan literally means “being in a bayan” and it refers to a fundamental aspect of Filipino culture: working together as a community to achieve a common goal. The joint mission is to fight the pandemic COVID-19.



The DILG Biliran Provincial Office, DILG Leyte Provincial Office, DILG Samar Provincial Office, DILG Ormoc City Office, DILG Eastern Samar Provincial Office, DILG Northern Samar Provincial Office, DILG Southern Leyte Provincial Office, DILG Tacloban City Office and DILG Regional Office VIII with their in different offices brought up this project for the people of Municipality of Tarangnan.

The project of the DILG Region 8 is to provide basic necessity to prevent the spread of the virus, like face mask, alcohol,

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disinfectant, face shield, water, and vitamin C. With this effort of the employees, convey big impact to community to fight the COVID 19.

Source:

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Region: IX

LGU: Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur

***Bagsak Presyo* Market on Wheels to Supply Needs of Lockdown Barangay**

The municipality of Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur acts as “middlemen” to farmers of a locked down barangay as it provides municipal residents an alternative access to market produce through the *bagsak presyo* market on wheels.

Barangay Upper Labangan was placed under lockdown when a resident tested positive for COVID-19.



To prevent local transmission and mitigate spread of the virus, business establishments in the barangay were ordered closed and residents were prohibited from leaving their homes except for essential trips.

The municipal government launched the Market on Wheels to minimize movement of residents and to avoid congestion in public markets. Such innovation also sought to assist farmers residing in the locked-down barangay as the LGU directly buys their farm produce peddled around the municipality at farm-gate prices, cheaper than that sold in the public market. Such

innovation benefits residents of the municipality and gives farmers the much-needed support to market their produce constrained by the lockdown.

Source:

https://mindanaodailymirror.ph/Main/full_article/zambo-sur-town-buys-sells-farm-products-amid-covid-19-crisis6477

Photo: Image lifted from the Article "Zambo Sur town buys, sells farm products amid COVID-19 crisis", The Mindanao Daily Mirror, dated 2 April 2020

Region X

Regional Development Council X pushes for “Anti-Patient’s Dishonesty Act”

In its 121st Full Council session held 20 March 2020, Regional Development Council (RDC) X chaired by Misamis Occidental Governor Philip T. Tan, passed Resolution No. 24 (S. 2020), enjoining all local government units (LGUs) in the region to pass an ordinance to be known as the “Anti-Patient’s Dishonesty Act.” The landmark resolution underscores and acknowledges the debilitating effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic to regional development as it puts forward a very practical but critical mitigating measure that is being pushed for adoption regionwide.



Said ordinance requires any person to disclose all relevant information as may be requested by health personnel in any private or public hospital, medical clinic, health center, and health facility, including quarantine stations established by the government. Patients shall be required to duly accomplish the patient information sheet or any similar declaration/document.

Violators of said ordinance, or persons who knowingly and deliberately committed dishonesty and/or withheld relevant health information are to be penalized with imprisonment of one year and a fine ranging from the amount of One Thousand to Five Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00 to Php 5,000.00).

The ordinance seeks to protect and safeguard healthcare workers, frontliners, and the general public against untruthful declaration of patients' personal health information that compromises the healthcare system

Only the City of Cagayan de Oro had, so far, issued such ordinance within the Region.

Source: <http://nro10.neda.gov.ph/rdc-x-holds-first-virtual-council-meeting-endorses-2021-regional-budget/>

Photo: Courtesy of NEDA Region X

Region: XI

LGU: Digos City, Davao del Sur

Intensive Community Disinfection and Sanitation Campaign



As a measure to control and prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the locality, the City Government of Digos, Davao del Sur, conducted an intensive sanitation and disinfection campaign.

The local government partnered with Kabalikat RadioCom, a civic organization that specializes in rescue operations, firefighting, and emergency assistance, for the disinfection of barangays in the City. Public facilities that were sanitized include schools, government offices (e.g. police and fire stations), transport terminal, and parks. In addition, the City Government installed three (3) DisinfectTENTS and DisinfectTIRES in three major entry and exit points of the city located in Barangays Sinawilan, Colorado, and San Jose.

Punong Barangays, on the other hand, were instructed to install handwashing areas in the Barangay Halls.

"An ounce of prevention is indeed better than a pound of cure"



Source: Reports submitted by DILG Region XI

Region: XI

LGU: Davao City

Davao City Launched a Database for Stranded Persons Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

To address the mounting issue of “stranded individuals” in the midst of the stringent implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the city government of Davao launched in 27 April, a Davao City Stranded Persons Database Center (DCSPD) for persons stranded in the city, or city residents stranded elsewhere.

For residents stranded outside Davao City, information was gathered through the center's text hotline, e-mail and google links posted in the Davao City Tourism Operations Office (CTOO) Facebook Page. Contact details were secured to include residential address in Davao, place of stay while stranded, when they were stranded, and travel details such as purpose of travel, and travel companions.

For persons stranded in Davao, stranded individuals were required to provide contact details, place of stay in Davao, starting date when he or she got stranded, home address, city/municipality/province of origin, purpose of travel in Davao City, and travel companions.

Using information from the database, the city government of Davao coordinated with local government units (LGUs) within



the region to facilitate transport some 1,200 individuals stranded outside their home cities and provinces.

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Photo from Davao City Tourism Facebook Page, (05 May 2020), retrieved from: <https://www.facebook.com/DavaoCityTourism/posts/2565061873598227>

Region: XI

LGU: Davao Oriental

Risk-Based Testing for COVID-19

The Provincial Task Force on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) of Davao Oriental had established a prioritization scheme for the administration of COVID-19 testing. This is in consideration of the limited supply of Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing kits and capacity limitations of having only one subnational laboratory, the Southern Philippines Medical center in Davao City that caters to the entire Davao Region.

*Executive Order 20 s. 2020:
An Order Institutionalizing
the Conduct of Risk-Based
Testing for COVID-19 Across
All Vulnerable Groups and at
Risk Population in the
Province of Davao Oriental*
prescribed the criteria for
prioritization based on risk,
exposure and vulnerability:



- *Group A or COVID-19 Suspects* that showed signs and symptoms with travel history to areas with community transmission and/or exposure to a confirmed COVID 19 case;
- *Group B or Individuals who have travel and/or exposure history* that are sixty (60) years old and above, high risk pregnant patients, and those with comorbidities;
- *Group C or Health workers* manning the COVID 19 triage, emergency room personnel, medical officers of hospitals and other health facilities, surveillance officers, healthcare personnel involved in swab testing, transport officer of COVID 19 ambulance/vehicles and others as may be identified by the Provincial Health Office and Provincial Task Force;

- *Group D or the Oplan Sundo Recipients. This includes all individuals rescued through the government-initiated Oplan Sundo Program, regardless of classification; and*
- *Group E or Skeleton Workforce Employees and other individuals residing/ originating from areas with community transmission; travelers who frequently move in and out of the province.*

Around 11,000 sets of RT-PCR test kits and 16,000 sets of personal protective equipment (PPEs) for health personnel were purchased by the province for the purpose of risk-based testing.

Source:

Deloso, KL. (09 May 2020). Davao Oriental Rolls-Out COVID-19 Risk-Based Testing. Retrieved from <https://davaooriental.gov.ph/news/health-news/davao-oriental-rolls-out-covid-19-risk-based-testing/>

Region: XII

LGU: Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat

**Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS):
Determining Rightful Beneficiaries of COVID-19
Social Protection Programs**



In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, the importance of local governments knowing the so-called “faces in poverty” is underscored. The City of Tacurong utilized data generated from the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) to map out and identify the 8,468

household beneficiaries of relief assistance provided by the city, funded from its Quick Response Fund (QRF).

Relief goods purchased from the available Php 9,000,000.00 QRF funds went to households (HHs) with a total monthly income of less than Php 8,800 a month – considered by the LGU as the minimum income sufficient to finance daily HH needs.

Data from CBMS allows generation of household profiles that proved valuable in prioritizing beneficiaries of LGU assistance. The readily available data facilitated distribution of relief goods to beneficiaries in dire need of assistance.

Currently being institutionalized through Republic Act (RA) No. 11315, otherwise known as the CBMS Act, CBMS is a poverty diagnostic tool used for evidence-based planning; and, policy and program implementation and monitoring.

Tacurong's use of CBMS data not only facilitated rapid response but it also enabled effective management of scarce resources as it appropriately addressed the urgent needs of the most vulnerable individuals affected by the crisis.

Indeed, *"what gets measured gets managed."*

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Region: XII

LGU: General Santos City

General Santos' Testing Laboratory – A “Game Changer” for SOCCSKSARGEN’s COVID-19 Efforts



General Santos City is closely coordinating with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) for the establishment of a Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) testing laboratory to cater to the SOCCSKSARGEN Region. This is in response to the clamor of local officials in the Provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani for the establishment of a COVID-19 testing laboratory due to the increasing number of suspected cases in their localities.

The testing laboratory will be established at the local government-run Dr. Jorge P. Royeca Hospital (DJPRH in General Santos City). A total of Php 15 Million is being allocated by the local government for the purchase of reverse transcription - polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) machine and installation of a biosafety Level 2 laboratory system in the DJPRH. Currently, the DJPRH extension building is being utilized as a COVID-19 center equipped with thirteen (13) single rooms and three (3) intensive care set-ups.

Establishment of a testing laboratory requires a five (5) stage-compliance process: (i) self-assessment and application; (ii) construction of the testing laboratory and installation of the required equipment; (iii) training of assigned laboratory personnel; (iv) trial testing and calibration in collaboration with

the RITM; and, (v) actual testing. In an interview, Dr. Ryan Aplicador, DJRPH Chief, confirmed that the first and third stages have been complied with and the testing laboratory is set to be operationalized by end of April 2020. He attributed fast-tracking of processing and approval of the DOH and RITM to the efforts of the city's COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force.

The COVID-19 testing laboratory in General Santos City is a "game-changer" in SOCCKSARGEN Region's bid to contain and prevent further transmission of the virus. The laboratory is expected to enable medical frontliners and workers in the Region to immediately (i) identify and monitor suspected, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases, (ii) isolate and provide necessary medication to the probable and confirmed cases, and (iii) facilitate contact tracing.

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Region: XII

LGU: General Santos City

House-to-House Moving Up!

Due to the threat brought by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, moving-up and graduation ceremonies in the country were cancelled. However, in General Santos City, Day Care pupils were given the chance to experience the excitement of having their accomplishments acknowledged much like in a moving-up ceremony. This was made possible through the “House-to-House Moving Up” program of the local government unit.

Almost 8,400 day care pupils of the GenSan Day Care Center were recognized and awarded with a *Certificate of Completion* within the comfort of their own homes. The incoming Kindergarten 2 students were given a graduation package containing a school backpack, snacks, and hygiene/dental kit. Medals and ribbons were conferred to pupils with meritorious achievements.



During the “House-to-House Moving Up” visit, the local government unit also took the opportunity to increase awareness of the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist that assesses if the child is developing adequately, or is at risk for developmental delays.

The initiative gave due importance to the efforts of incoming Kindergarten 2 students as well as their parents during the past school year. At the same time, it enabled the LGU to somehow provide parents with reference tools to check their children's developmental milestones.

Source:

LGU-GenSan Facebook Post:

<https://www.facebook.com/LguGensan/posts/2794127020714122>

Region: XII

LGU: South Cotabato

**South Cotabato COVID-19 Contact Tracing System
(SCCCTS) – *Android Based Application for Quicker and
More Efficient Contract Tracing***



The Province of South Cotabato developed a mobile application called *COVID-19 Contact Tracing System (SCCCTS)* to hasten tracing of people that were exposed to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The SCCCTS is an android and IOS-based application developed by the

Personnel Information Technology Department of the Province of South Cotabato.

Prior to the launching of the SCCTTS mobile application, the Province conducted a *Rapid Household Profile Survey* through the Barangays to collect basic information (e.g. full name, birth date and sex) of all residents. Those registered in the system are issued with an individual quarantine pass with a unique QR code identifiable by the SCCCTS.

The SCCCTS was designed for use by private and public establishments. Patrons of commercial establishments such as shopping malls and drugstores, will have their quarantine pass scanned for his/her information to be uploaded in the SCCCTS



database. The establishments that do not comply with the use of SCCCTS will face temporary closure.

The Province of South Cotabato reassures patrons that 'the SCCCTS will not violate the Data Privacy Act since residents' personal information is to be used only for background checks of COVID-19 cases. Only residents' ID number, establishment's ID number, and date and time of entry of individuals would be logged into the CTTS database. Access of database information through the ID number is password protected with access limited to the Integrated Provincial Health Office of South Cotabato.

Source:

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Region: XII

LGU: Cotabato

Cotabato's Provincial Economy Restart Plan

With the downward trend in confirmed and suspected Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in the Province of Cotabato, the local government unit is optimistic that the situation in the province will soon return back to normal. Acknowledging however that return to normalcy is not immediate and requires adoption of new paradigms and mindsets, the Province of Cotabato developed the Provincial Economy Restart Plan (PERP) that contains immediate and long-term interventions and policies aimed to revive the province's vibrant economy.



The Plan consists of three phases or tentative periods coinciding with the imposition of quarantine restrictions:

Phase I: Active General Quarantine – May 1 to May 15, 2020
(with possible extension until May 31, 2020)

Phase II: Passive General Quarantine – May 16 to June 1, 2020
(with possible extension until August 31, 2020)

Phase III: Relaxed General Quarantine or the "New Normal Phase" – September 1 to December 31, 2020

These phases cover the "transition" to the "new normal" that are subject to change in consultation with the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on COVID-19.

Short-term response measures in the PERP include the repair and enhancement of COVID-19 isolation facilities and hospitals, procurement of medicine and Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), support to boundary checkpoints and frontliners, and food support for affected families with an estimated budget of P256M.

PERP Programs with longer - term results and impacts on food security include stockpiling of food and non-food items, seed distribution, fisheries livelihood assistance, Quick Turnaround Rationing Project, Sled Sustaining Poultry Program (SSPP), and, establishment of water facilities and feed mill with a budget estimate of more than P1.6B.

The restart plan also includes a proposal for funding under the Bayanihan Grant worth P116M for the purchase of medical equipment, medicine, and medical, dental, and laboratory supplies. The proposal also includes establishment of health-related infrastructure projects.

Governor Nancy A. Catamco approved the PERP on May 12, 2020 during the joint meeting of the Provincial Development Council (PDC) and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (PDRRMC) at the Amas Provincial Capitol.

Source:

Facebook post of Governor Catamco

<https://www.facebook.com/GovNancyACatamco/posts/2886717308090548>

Region: XII

LGU: Midsayap, Cotabato

“Barrio Tiangge”, Midsayap Mobile Market

In partnership with the Midsayap Federation of Market Vendors Association and other business establishments in Midsayap, the local government adopted a responsive business model called "Midsayap Mobile Market" (Barrio Tiangge) to operationalize the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) scheme and social distancing.



This COVID-19 Economic Emergency Plan was conducted on April 21, 2020 until April 24, 2020, aligned with the distribution of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) in the 57 barangays of Midsayap, North Cotabato. Barangay residents were encouraged to

purchase their needs through the Barrio Tiangge instead of visiting the town's public market.

All Barangay Councils, through their respective Punong Barangays, were requested to make their covered courts or Barangay Halls available to serve as the Barrio Tiangge's venue. Barangay Tanods were also tapped for security to ensure that the public follow the minimum health standard such as wearing of face mask and social/ physical distancing during the Mobile Market Day.

This initiative was spearheaded by the Local Economic and Investment Promotion Division (LEIPD) in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Midsayap Satellite Office, Municipal Economic Enterprise Office (MEEEO) and Municipal Agriculturist Office (MAO), who serve as active partners in the employment of more innovative protocols to combat this COVID-19 crisis thru supervision and price monitoring. As a result, the Barrio Tiangge was able to raise a total gross sale of Php 3,131,236.00 during its four days of operation.

LGU-Midsayap therefore concludes that the Barrio Tiangge was successful and is a best practice against COVID 19 pandemic. It was able to yield higher income for businesses in the municipality in this time of community quarantine. Furthermore, residents were also given an opportunity to buy their essential goods without the need to travel far from their homes.

Source: LGU Best Practices Documentation submitted by DILG-XII

**Region: XII
Midsayap PNP, Cotabato**

Adopt a Family

The Midsayap Municipal Police Station, headed by PLTCOL John Miridel Racho Calinga, initiated the Adopt a Family program dubbed as "*Kapwa Ko, Sagot Ko*" which aims to support less fortunate families sustain their needs especially in this time of COVID-19 crisis.

Under the program, the PNP provides sacks of rice, groceries, and cash assistance. Officials, BPATS, and BHERTS assist the PNP in the implementation of the program. The objective of this program is to build an atmosphere of cooperation, benevolence and closer relationship to the community.

At least Php 143,166.00 worth of cash and groceries were given to some 100 family beneficiaries of the program.



Source: LGU Best Practices Documentation submitted by DILG-XII

Region: XII

Midsayap BFP, Cotabato

Establishment of Decontamination Team as Pre-Emptive Measure in Combatting Covid-19 Pandemic

Upon the declaration of the World Health Organization of the outbreak of COVID-19 with its unprecedented implications, the local government of Midsayap has earnestly responded to the urgency to minimize, if not prevent, the transmission of this pandemic virus. The establishment of the Decontamination Team, composed of BFP personnel in coordination with the MDRRMO, is one of the pre-emptive measures initiated by the local government.

The LGU has established twelve (12) checkpoints/control points manned by the PNP, AFP, RHU and some LGU personnel. The BFP, being a member of both Covid19 Task Force Shield and Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID), was specifically tasked to perform the decontamination procedures as the agency has its long-standing background on Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Response Training from the US State Department. Each control point has been installed with hand washing stations and Decon booth for frontliners to oblige the by-passers to do hand washing.



The BFP Decon Team regularly inspects each hand washing station and conducts water rationing. Also, the team conducts consistent decontamination of public places, main streets and national highways, quarantine facilities, and vehicles used in transporting Covid-19 PUM5 and PULs. Moreover, as they

concluded their daily tour of duty, frontliners with proper PPEs are properly decontaminated making sure that they are protected from the said virus before returning to their homes. Lastly, the Team ensures 24/7 on-call response for Covid related cases.

As a result of this endeavor, the municipality recorded zero case of Covid-19.

Source: LGU Best Practices Documentation submitted by DILG-XII

Region: XIII

LGU Baguayan City, Agusan del Sur

**Rice Relief to Help Local Farmers, Cash Assistance to
Keep Economy Rolling**

The Baguayan City Local Government started the city-wide aid to support its 26,000 households in 43 barangays by providing a full sack of rice for every household in the hinterlands and cash assistance for constituents settling in the urban areas of the city. The relief operation from April 7 to date already reached 13 out of 43 barangays---Taglibas, San Agustin, Montevista, Verdu, Sagmone, Katipunan, Marcelina, San Isidro, Bucac, Charito, Gamao, Saguma and Salvacion. The relief will continue until April 14.



The City Mayor would like to provide its constituents no less than what they deserve that the City Government provided full sack of rice initially and cash assistance and assured its constituents that it will find a way to sustain the people for the whole duration of the localized quarantine.

A full sack of rice was provided to every household living in the rural areas to intend to help the city's farmers to earn amid the crisis while cash assistance provided in the urban barangays aims to keep the flow of economic activity in the city quarantine.

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An estimated total of 27,000 sacks of homegrown rice were procured by the city from its local farmers to feed the constituents and a free vegetable delivery service were mobilized in the urban area to provide food to the residents. Bayugan City still maintain a zero COVID-19 positive case that is why a 24/7 Emergency Operations Center is established in its City Hall to monitor the strict implementation of the quarantine protocols.

Source:

<https://mindanaodailynews.com/news/theregion/caraga-region/bayugan-city-army-to-aid-26000-households-in-covid-19-fight>

Region: XIII

LGU: San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

From Canned Goods to Healthy Cooked Vegetables

Instead of canned goods and instant noodles as relief packs for Covid-19 quarantined villagers, Barangay Prosperidad in San Francisco, Agusan del Sur have been distributing healthy cooked vegetables to its constituents.



The initiative draw the attention of a nurse of a government hospital and offered to donate a van load of vegetables from Esperanza town to continue the food sharing initiative.



The Barangay would like to continue distributing the vegetable dishes until the Covid-19 crisis will be over but that will depend the budget of the Barangay and some good samaritans. Through the

provision of food packs to residents, the Barangay intends not just to help her constituents but also to provide a healthy and nutritious food as it could help strengthen immune system of constituents to help avoid the virus.

Source:

<http://mindanaodailynews.com/news/the-region/caraga-region/village-councilwoman-cooks-vegetable-to-quarantined-neighborhood>

Region: XIII

LGU: Barangay Maharlika, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur

Mobile Loudspeaker Operation and Leaflets Distribution The Barangay Maharlika, Bislig City Intervention



Informing the community of the correct information on how to avoid getting infected from COVID-19 will lessen their worries and fear. Thus, the 75th Infantry "Marauder" Battalion conducted mobile loudspeaker operation and leaflets distribution in Bislig City, Surigao del Sur on April 09, 2020.

In line with the declaration of ceasefire, the government focused its efforts and resources in addressing the pandemic crisis caused by the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19). The unit conducted loudspeaker operations to exploit the situation in favor of the government and advance the campaign against the Communist NPA Terrorists (CNTs) within the unit Area of Responsibility (AOR). Likewise, the troops distributed fifty (50) pieces of leaflets on Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) of the government and 50 pcs leaflets information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Army's loudspeaker operation is instrumental as it conveys factual information reminding the people and the community regarding the importance of taking precautionary measures such as social distancing,



staying at home, eating healthy foods, and proper hygiene and sanitation to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

The loudspeaker operation was first employed during the Zamboanga siege and Super Typhoon Yolanda in 2013, and Marawi siege in 2017 aimed at providing correct information to the people, particularly during the time of crisis.

Further, the loudspeaker operations with the recorded voice message of the former rebel, expressed out that we should all unite and cooperate with the government to overcome the global health crisis that we are facing right now, and to condemn the brutal activities perpetrated by the CNT's despite of the ceasefire.

Source:

<http://mindanaodailynews.com/news/the-region/caraga-region/army-conducts-loudspeaker-operations-and-leaflets-distribution-in-surigao-sur>

Region: XIII

**Triumvirate in Shielding CARAGA Region
Against COVID-19**

The Caraga Regional Development Council (RDC), Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC), and Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (RDRRMC) joined forces for the creation of the "Regional Task Force COVID-19" known as "One Caraga Shield".



The Regional Task Force endeavors to harmonize issuances; ensure coordinated actions in safeguarding the health and safety of Caraganons; and establish a smoother flow of interactions across provinces and the highly urbanized city of Butuan.

Resolution No. 12, Series of 2020 of the One Caraga Shield Task Force entitled "Harmonized Guidelines" was issued to ensure the synchronized operations and aligned policies and protocols of Local Government Units in the region.

The Task Force, as a collegial body pushed for the lock down of regional borders in the start of April subsequently declaring Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in all provinces including Butuan City after a confirmation of positive case of COVID-19.

The resulting clearer delineation of functions and responsibilities with the close collaboration and coordination of RTF agency members enabled prompt actions on concerns/issues. Within the period from 22 March 2020 to 21 April, 123 local complaints, 494 complaints and inquiries channeled through social media and 11 complaints made through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) intranet were accordingly responded to or endorsed/ referred to appropriate agencies.

The RTF also mobilized the ELCAC Clusters to ensure convergence of Government efforts. The Basic Services Cluster comprised of the DILG, DSWD, DOLE, DA, DTI, DOH, TESDA, PNP, AFP and PIA) met to discuss strategies, important action points and agreements to address delivery of basic services cognizant of the imminent threat of COVID-19 outbreak in the within Caraga region.

The Strategic Communication Cluster, led by the PIA, aggressively utilized social media to disseminate information, news articles and reports on COVID-19. They created a Strategic Communication Cluster Viber group chat as a communication channel where Information Officers of member agencies channel updates on efforts of their respective agencies. They also use their platforms to share infographics and important announcements from LGUs and Regional Line Agencies (RLAs). Currently, PIA is developing a more strategic central messaging hub in coordination with Information Officers of LGUs and regional Line Agencies (RLAs) in which all government updates and announcements related to COVID-19 will be pooled as a source of official information.

Sources: Best Practices of Caraga Region in the fight against COVID-19