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DILG thanks Congress for approving P5B for Contact Tracing

The DILG today thanked the Senate and the House of Representatives for appropriating P5 Billion for contact tracing under Bayanihan II saying that this will finally allow the

department to significantly ramp up contract tracing efforts across the country to cut the transmission of COVID-19.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the additional funds will allow the government to undertake aggressive contact tracing and active case surveillance and case finding which is a pillar of the National Action Plan against the global pandemic.

“We wish to thank Senate President Tito Sotto, Senators Ralph Recto, Grace Poe, Sonny Angara and all the other senators who championed this cause as well as the members of the House of Representatives led by Speaker Allan Cayetano for this significant shot in the arm for our country’s contact tracing program,” said Año who is also Vice-Chair of the National Task Force COVID-19.

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This is really good news because we can now hire a maximum of 50,000 more contact tracers to meet the WHO recommended ratio of one contact tracer for every 800 people."

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año



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DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that those living in the same household should show IDs with the same address as proof to Quarantine Control Points or to police officers conducting random checks on motorists. “Valid ID showing that both riders live in the same residence will be accepted by the Philippine National Police and traffic

enforcers. The back rider must be an APOR while the driver may or may not be an APOR,” he said.

He also said that police officers will also require proof that the back-rider is an APOR like a valid ID or certificate of employment or other similar document.

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DILG: 437 local execs and conspirators face raps over SAP 1 anomalies

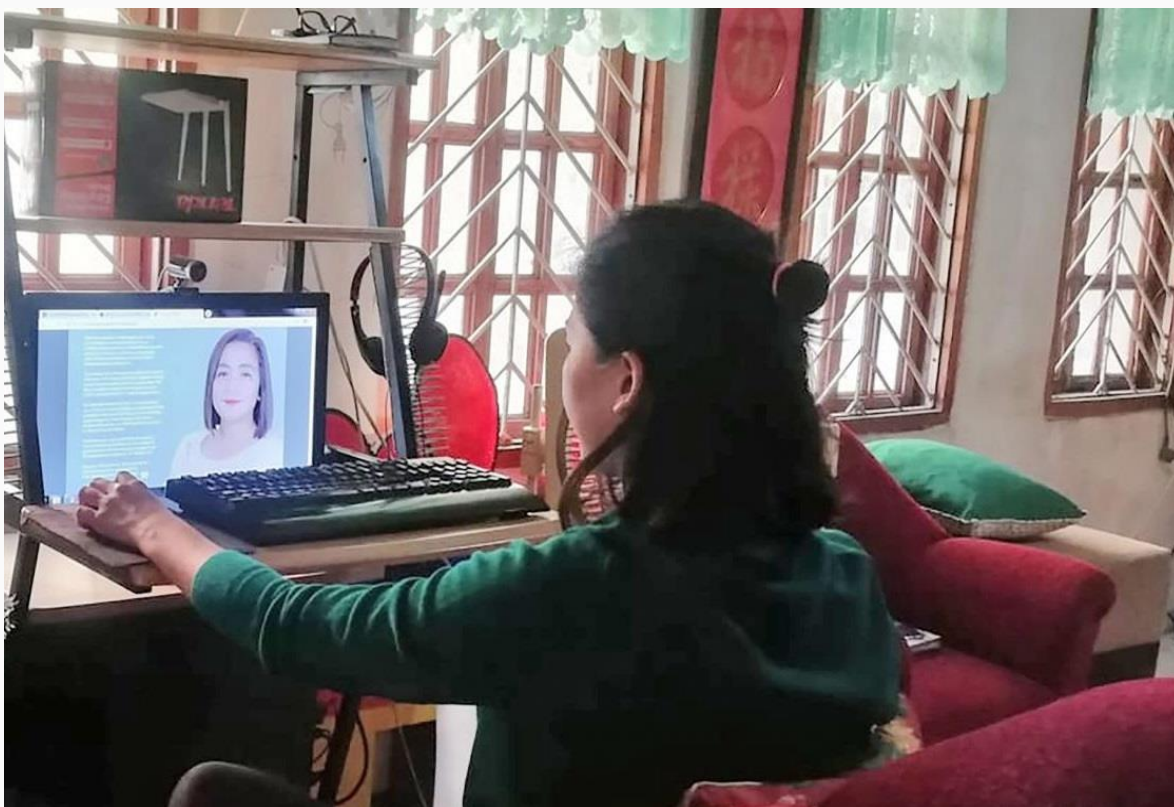
The DILG said 437 local elected and appointed public officials and their civilian co-conspirators are now facing criminal charges while 626 more are under probe by the PNP-CIDG for alleged anomalies in the pay-outs of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP).

“Habang patuloy ang pangalawang yugto ng pamimigay ng SAP, puspusan naman ang ating pagsasampa ng kaso laban sa mga tiwaling mga opisyal at ng kanilang mga kasabwat. Sobrang nakakadismaya na nagawa pa nilang mangurakot sa ayudang nakalaan para sa sa ating mga kababayan na lubhang apektado ng pandemya,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

He said that of the 437 cases filed before the various Prosecutor’s Office of the Department of Justice, 203 were elected public officials, including a Municipal Mayor, City/Municipal Councilors, Barangay Captains, Barangay Kagawads, SK Chairmen and SK Councilors.

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REGIONAL NEWS



Work-from-Home Scheme now implemented at DILG XII

DILG XII has started implementing the work-from-home scheme for some of the Divisions at the Regional Office as earlier proposed by RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III.

The move came in the light of the recorded cases of possible Covid-19 transmission in Region XII which prompted the four provincial LGUs to effect stricter controls on its regional borders.

Dir. Leysa has signified the intention of implementing the work-from-home scheme for the regional office personnel to minimize the number of people who report for work, thereby lowering the exposure of its personnel and staff.

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DILG XI to conduct a Series of ISO Quality Management System Focus Group Discussion (FGDs)

As part of the effective implementation of ISO 9001:2015, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with various Process Owners and Quality Management System (QMS) Committee are being conducted on several days, the first FGD on August 19, 2020 at the DILG XI Conference Room.

The activity allows the participants from DILG RO and POs and HUC Office to discuss the audit findings during the 3rd Internal Quality Audit and to finalize the documented information of all the processes.

The next FGDs will be conducted on August 20, 26, 27, 28, September 2, 3, 4, 9, 2020.

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BJMP officer attends to injuries of a mentally-ill individual

Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Jail Officer Nurse Brian L Ramos of Marilao Municipal Jail cleans and disinfects the wound of a mentally-ill person who he chanced upon in Marilao Public Market.

"Sabi po ng mga tao sa palengke ilang araw na daw po namamaga yung sugat nya kaso wala narin pamilya kaya kailangan natin tulungan na magamot," said Ramos.

JO1 Ramos' actions show true BJMP compassion and heart in service of the public.

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NCMF-Baguio distributes rice aid from Lanao del Sur LGU in the Cordillera and Ilocos Region

Since August 13, NCMF-Baguio led by Administrative Services Director Abdullah Macarimpas, has been distributing rice packs donated by the LGU of Lanao del Sur. Governor Mamintal Adiong, Jr. extended relief assistance to Muslim Filipinos in Cordillera and Ilocos Region

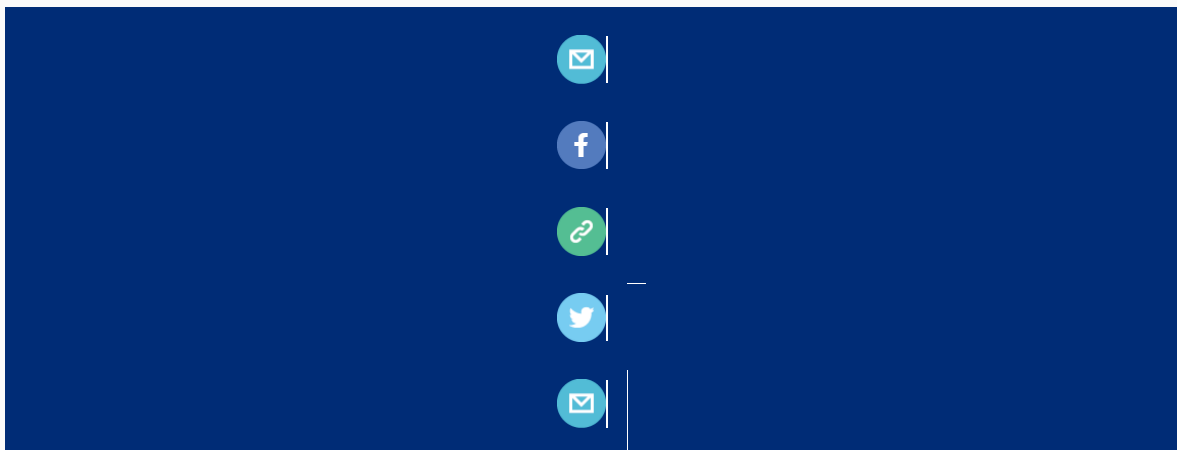
This comes after Director Macarimpas requested for relief assistance for those in the area, particularly Baguio City, La Trinidad, Abatan Benguet and Mt. Province.

Governor Adiong immediately responded and granted the request for 10-kilogram rice packs each for the 2,000 Muslim families in CAR and Ilocos Region.

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