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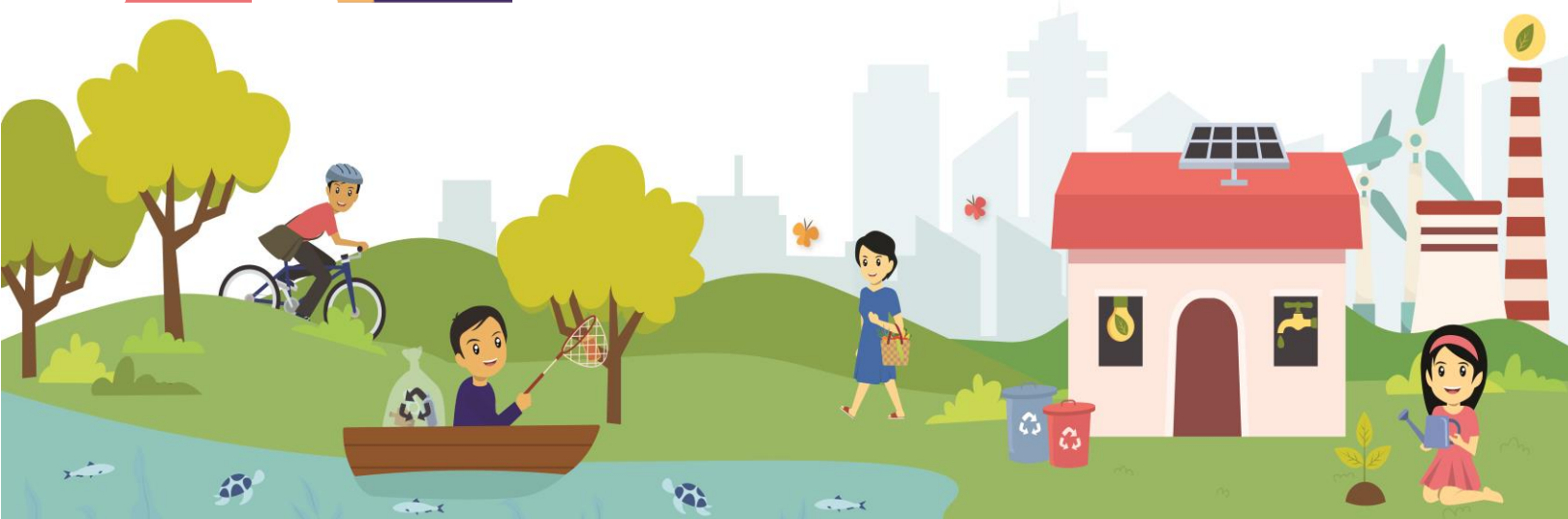
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REGIONAL UPDATES

CY 2019 3rd Quarter RPMES Project Monitoring Report

HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENT

As the quarter ended, a total of 120 projects have been completed, up by 75 projects over the 45 projects reported as completed as of June 30. This represents about 46 percent of the total 260 projects enrolled during the year. Fifty percent or 130 projects were in various stages of completion while only 10 remain un-started as these have been targeted to commence during the 4th quarter.

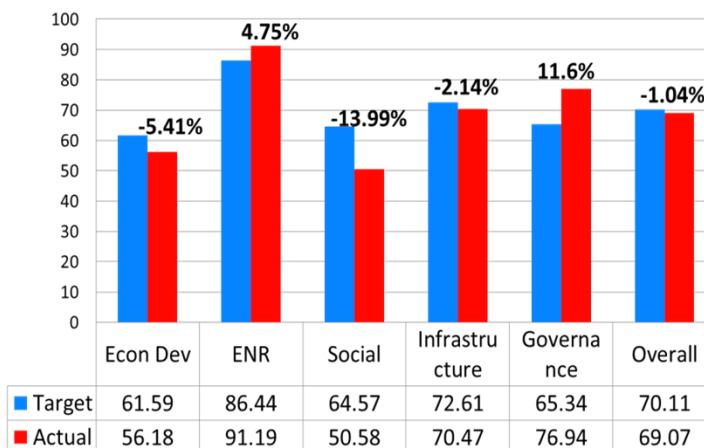
Of the total 130 or about 34 percent were

implemented on time, 48 projects or 37 percent were ahead of schedule and 38 or 29 percent were behind schedule.

Overall, the region's project physical accomplishment rate rose to 69.07 percent up over the 36.12 percent recorded in June. This fell short of the target by a mere 1.04 percent.

Across sectors, the Environment sector continued to record the highest physical accomplishment of 91.19 percent and the social sector reported the lowest at 50.58 percent.

Target and Actual Physical Accomplishments and Slippages (%)
By Sector, Q3 CY 2019



AT A GLANCE



• 120 Completed out of 260 projects; 130 Projects

Ongoing

• Php 5.255 Billion Expended

• 115,401 Persons Employed

As the third quarter ended, more than P5.4 Billion were released exceeding allocations for the period by almost P1 Billion. The Social Development Sector

accounted for the bulk of releases with more than P3.4 Billion. The Infrastructure sector was not far behind with releases exceeding P1.6 B. The other three sectors

(Economic, Environment and Governance) had total releases of P341 Million nearly equaling their combined allocation of P344 Million. More than P5.2 Billion was

expended for all the implemented projects for a funds utilization rate of 97.06 percent. Only the Environment sector recorded an expenditure rate lower than 85 percent (82.23%).

Table No. 1. Financial Accomplishment by Sector, CY2019 Q3

Sector	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
Econ Dev	315,671,363.00	312,609,453.00	99.00	278,573,973.00	89.00
ENR	26,090,148.00	26,090,148.00	100.00	21,453,289.00	82.23
Social	2,084,550,508.00	3,437,263,622.00	164.89	3,426,257,705.00	99.68
Infra	2,038,143,360.00	1,635,692,737.00	65.68	1,525,926,717.00	93.29
Governance	2,380,280.00	2,500,530.00	105.05	2,500,530.00	100.00
Overall	4,466,835,659.00	5,414,156,490.00	121.21	5,254,712,214.00	97.06

The list of specific projects enrolled by sector can be accessed at:
<http://ilocos.neda.gov.ph/focus-areas/>

EFLW 2019 goes to Barangay Sagayad

By: John F. Gagucas



In aim to inform the public on the celebration of the 2019 Economic and Financial Literacy Week (EFLW), the NEDA Regional Office 1 went to Barangay Sagayad, San Fernando City, La Union on November 19, 2019.

The central theme for this year's celebration, **"Our planet's health, the future's wealth,"** calls for concerted efforts towards building an inclusive and sustainable future for the planet through harmonizing environmental protection, social inclusion, and economic growth.

Partner agencies like the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Trade (DTI) and Industry including NEDA provided

lectures on Financial Literacy, Sustainable Consumption, Investments, National Greening Program, Land Patents and Ambisyon Natin 2040.

The BSP also provided enlightenment on financial fraud and scams. Likewise, the DTI advised the public to be more vigilant on investment scams and pyramiding which victimize people especially in the barangays or rural areas who are not well-informed about the matters. The DENR emphasized the need for support on the greening program of the government as this has great effect on the environment and even land conversion. The NEDA also highlighted the key messages of the Ambisyon Natin 2040 and provided situations to which participants can relate to a Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay.



The role of government and people was also stressed in building a high-trust society that will redound to the achievement of the long term vision.

It was observed that out of the 130 participants, majority of the attendees during the event were women considering that they are the once in-charge of budgeting and financial matters within their own families. Likewise, men are working during the day while most women are in the health centers seeking medical attention for their children.

The Philippine Information Agency also covered the event via facebook live and aired in two radio stations, the DZRD Sonshine Radio Station and DZTP Ilocos Sur.



Peace processes to be localized

By: Camille R. Bumatay, OPG-MPIU



Localizing peace processes was highlighted during the Executive Committee Meeting of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF ELCAC) Region 1 at the Diego Silang Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union on November 7, 2019.

RTF ELCAC aims to reinforce the plans on creating provincial, city and municipal task forces to end local communist armed conflict. Said local task forces will be headed by the governors and mayors. Operation centers will also be established.

In an interview, National Security Adviser and Director General Hon. Hermogenes C. Esperon, Jr. of the National Security Council highlighted the Comprehensive Local Enhancement Program of RTF ELCAC to help more surrenderees.

Cluster Lead Agencies of the RTF ELCAC are Department of the Interior and Local Government; Department of Foreign Affairs; Department of Justice - Regional

Prosecutor's Office; Philippine Information Agency; Technical Education and Skills Development Authority; Armed Forces of the Philippines; Department of Public Works and Highway; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; National Intelligence Coordinating Agency; Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process; and Commission on Higher Education. These agencies have their line-up of activities to support the vision of RTF ELCAC.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III said, "...they [civilians] then would have a chance to get out of their vulnerable situation and be safe-guarded from recruitment efforts of the armed rebel groups," as he gave his commitment to support the plans of RTF ELCAC in his speech delivered by Provincial Information Officer Adamor L. Dagang.

RSC 1 Capacitates Government Employees on Gender Statistics

By: Zenaida Garcillan



Personnel from various Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) participate in the Training on Gender Statistics on October 8-11, 2019 with Asst. Regional Director Donald James D. Gawe and Dr. Irene B. Ubungen as Resource Persons.

In line with the priority thrust of the Regional Statistical System (RSS) to enhance the skills and technical capacities of the region's statistical human resources, the Regional Statistics Committee 1 (RSC-1), a support committee of the Regional Development Council 1 (RDC-1), conducted the training on Gender Statistics on October 8-11, 2019 at the Justo Orros Conference Hall, NEDA Regional Office 1, San Fernando City, La Union. The training was facilitated by the Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI) Region 1 Chapter.

The training was participated by 30 personnel handling Gender and Development (GAD) activities and statistics in various Regional Line Agencies in the region. Among the resource persons during the training is National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Asst. Regional Director Donald James D. Gawe, a Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) accredited resource speaker for GAD. He discussed the basic GAD concepts, gender mainstreaming, and gender statistics and analysis. The participants also identified GAD issues through gender analysis as one of the workshop outputs.

Meanwhile, Dr. Irene B. Ubungen of NEDA-RO1 and President of PSAI Region 1 Chapter discussed gender indicators.

She also presented GAD indicators for Region 1 and their sources to familiarize the participants on the available data which they could use in gender analysis.

On the other hand, Dr. Milagros R. Baldemor, Dean of Graduate School of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) South La Union Campus (SLUC) discussed the statistical tools and techniques for GAD Analysis. To provide a better understanding of statistics as an essential tool in gender analysis, Dr. Baldemor gave an overview of descriptive statistics.

Ms. Baby Sophia Alaibilla, a professor from the University of Northern Philippines, discussed data presentation and analysis during the last day of the training. Under this module, the participants learned about organization of data using Microsoft Excel and the different ways to present data using tables, graphs, charts and maps to provide clear and accurate interpretation of gender statistics.

Based on the feedback given by the participants, the four-day training was successful in meeting its objective to enhance their knowledge on gender analysis and statistics which they could use in formulating GAD plans and programs for their respective offices.

Ilocos Norte's anti-climate change initiative recognized as national pioneer

By: Blessing Angel Agliam



The Province of Ilocos Norte's greening initiative against climate change was recognized as national pioneer during the "Cash-for-Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Program" of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Last October 8 to 10, Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) project head Ms. Estrella Sacro, presented the "Barangay Ranger Officer" (BRO) initiative under the "Green Wall Project" of the province. The presentation was held in Metro Manila, with eight other provinces in Luzon participating.

"Madaming humanga sa implementation ng BRO natin kasi sa ibang probinsya wala silang ganito. Sabi ng panel of judges, kakaiba ang ating project," Ms. Sacro remarked.

The BROs are primarily tasked to protect and maintain the "Green Wall Project" on identified plantation sites. Some of their responsibilities include forest fire prevention, planting of seedling, application of fertilizers to ensure high survival rate of the plants, and safeguarding watersheds.

The number of BROs increased from 519 beneficiaries in 2015 to 11,500 beneficiaries according to latest records. With a budget allocation of P5 Million from the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Fund, the BRO alongside *Oplan Pakni*, *Oplan Bayog*, and *Oplan Mula*, created more job opportunities for Ilokanos with each BRO receiving Php 3,000 allowance.

For the first semester of 2019, more than 300,000 forest and fruit-bearing trees were planted in over 1,600 hectares of land.

"Malaki ang pasasalamat natin sa mga provincial officials, lalong-lalo na kay Governor [Matthew Marcos Manotoc] at Vice Governor [Cecilia Araneta-Marcos] dahil ang pagprotekta ng kalikasan ang isa sa top priority projects nila. Kaya napaka-alerto natin ngayon. Tuloy-tuloy tayong nag-iisip kung ano pa ang mas makabubuti sa paglaban ng climate change," she expressed.

ENRO is hopeful to win the "Best Implementer of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Practices" award after its next presentation in November.



PGIN, Globe offer free WiFi spots, more to come

By: Blessing Angel Agliam

In a bid to create more quality public spaces equipped with upgraded internet connectivity and accessible communication services, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), in partnership with Globe Telecommunications, started the installation of free wireless fidelity (WiFi) service in its pilot areas, last September 18.

Areas for the Phase I of public WiFi service include the Provincial Capitol Building, Aurora Park, Laoag City and its city hall, San Nicolas I.T. Park, and the Batac City Hall.

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"Last week, *sinimulan na natin ang pag-install ng free WiFi dito sa Provincial Capitol para mas mapadali pa ang transaction ng services natin*. At the same time, while people are waiting for their turn in line, they can use the free internet for entertainment or for other important communication needs," Provincial Information Technology Officer-in-charge Mr. Wilfredo Lorenzo Jr. said.

Likewise, after the WiFi installation in the Provincial Capitol Building, the other pilot areas will follow. Meanwhile, Gov. Marcos Manotoc believed that the installation will be completed before his first 100 days accomplishment report: Municipal halls, district hospitals, tourist destinations, and other public areas in the province are the following sites to undergo Phase 2 free WiFi installation.

"There was also a safety concern *sa mga pulis na walang signal sa area nila... Bigyan natin sila ng alternative means of communication, especially the police, disaster personnel, and people in healthcare*," Gov. Marcos Manotoc added.

Every user can access the free WiFi for 30 minutes a day. Yet, the Provincial Government is in the process of persuading Globe Telecommunications to grant the request to extend its accessibility to one hour.



PGIN to offer nat'l certificate assessment support for SHS techvoc graduates

By: Blessing Angel Agliam



The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN), through the Provincial Education Department (PED), opened the Competency Assessment Assistance Program (CAAP) for 350 senior high school (SHS) Technical–Vocational–Livelihood track graduates.

The CAAP will finance the assessment fees of beneficiaries as aid in applying for Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Assessment and Certification.

Interested applicants may submit their application and inquire at PED at 2nd floor Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena, Laoag City.

“Little Officials” rule Ilocos Sur for a day

By: April M. Bravo

Student-leaders from various secondary schools in the province of Ilocos Sur served as “little officials” for a day as they observed and performed their respective counterparts’ functions as well as their duties and responsibilities on November 12.

Ferdinand Concepcion, provincial social welfare and development officer, said the provincial government has been holding the little officials and department heads program for eight years now as part of the annual observance of the National Children’s Month.

“It is meant primarily to familiarize the youth on the various offices of the provincial government, its services and projects, and how it runs as an organization led by the governor, vice governor, provincial board members, and the department heads and staff,” he said in an interview.

On Tuesday, Provincial Administrator Cara Michelle Tabios gave a tour for the little leaders where they visited the different departments of the provincial government and national government agencies housed at the Capitol while orienting them of the offices’ programs and services.

This aids the youth to better understand the management and operations of the provincial government and national government agencies.

As part of the observance of the 27th National Children’s Month, employees of the provincial government and national government agencies also recite the “Panatang Makabata,” a solemn oath on the promotion and protection of the rights of a child during flag ceremony every Mondays of November.

The theme for this year’s National Children’s Month celebration is “Karapatang Pambata: Patuloy na Pahalagahan at Gampanan Tungo sa Magandang Kinabukasan.” (AMB, PIA Ilocos Sur)



Vigan City joins 4th Quarter NSED

By: April M. Bravo

The city government of Vigan, through the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, joined the nation for the conduct of the 4th Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on Thursday, November 14.

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It seeks to educate the public on disaster preparedness against earthquakes and tests the contingency plans of Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) in relation to earthquake scenarios and other similar events.

In partnership with various national and local agencies, the drill seeks to intensify the local communities' earthquake and tsunami preparedness and strengthen the commitment of local government units in building safe communities.

It further bolstered by OCD's Bida ang Handa campaign, which encourages the public to join the NSED.

The main goal of the activity is to gather the maximum number of commitments via social media.

Individuals and groups posted their videos on social media with the #BidaAngHanda hashtag featuring preparedness measures to promote disaster preparedness at all levels.

In the Ilocos Region, the municipality of Caba in La Union served as the regional pilot area.

A post from the OCD's Facebook page showed that students, faculty and staff of Caba Central School as well as municipal employees, market vendors and locals performed the "duck, cover and hold" technique during



4TH QUARTER NSED. Students of Cabaroan-Cabalangean Elementary School in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur participate in the 4th Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) spearheaded by the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office on Thursday, November 14. NSED, a major endeavor spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), is comprised of a series of simulation exercises conducted all over the Philippines to instill a culture of disaster preparedness among Filipinos and promote disaster

an alarm signifying magnitude 7.2 earthquake generated by Tubao fault.

Evacuation procedures were observed leading to the pre-determined evacuation area.

Furthermore, the LDRRMC of Caba showcased the interoperability of response cluster, emergency operations center and incident management team. (JCR/AMB, PIA Ilocos Sur)



La Union fetes 18 years of OTOP, tourism expo

By: Joanne Namnama P. Dilim

The province of La Union has long been known as the surfing capital of the north because of its inviting beaches. But there are so much more to love and experience in the province especially its local products and tourism.

From October 18 to 24, 2019, people and tourists in the metropolitan Manila will have an opportunity to have a taste of La Union in terms of its homegrown products and tourism through the 18th La Union's Fairest.

The week-long event is a one-town, one-product (OTOP) and tourism expo to be held at the Robinson's Galleria Activity Center in Quezon City. It is led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) La Union, in close partnership with the Provincial Government of La Union and the Department of Tourism Region 1.

Merlie Membrere, DTI La Union provincial director, said since the fair's inception in 2001, it has become a venue to promote the province's products to the mainstream market.

"The event gives our local micro small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) a good opportunity to showcase their ingenuity as seen in their products," Membrere said.

During the fair, the best products of some 50 local entrepreneurs in La Union will be available such as hand-crafted and bamboo products, furniture and home furnishings, crochet items, best tasting processed and fresh foods, and organic and natural health and wellness products, among others.

Judith Maron, owner of the Familiar Table and one of the fair exhibitors, shares how the DTI has helped her in the three-year old tablea and chocolate business.

She said, with the help of the DTI, she was able to transform her passion for tablea making into a booming business.



"My business was conceived from my grandmother's recipe which is tablea with sugar," Maron shared.

She added that her usual buyers before were only her relatives but since she registered her business with the DTI in 2016, her market has gone wider.

Further, she claimed that she started her enterprise with only one employee which grew in number to four at present. Her enticing items' package and design is also a result of product development under the DTI.

Now, she manufactures different blends of tablea and tsokolate bites and is considered the first cacao processor in the province.

Aside from local products, this year's fair will feature the various tourism destinations in La Union. Affordable travel packages to the province will be offered to visitors in time for the popular La Union Surfing Break from October 25 to 27 and in the upcoming holiday season.

Meanwhile, the 1st La Union Investment and Business forum was held last October 18, 2019, which is aimed to bring key buyers and potential investors under one roof and give them opportunity to be informed of the latest product innovations, trends, agri-tourism and business prospects in the province. (JCR/JNPD/PIA La Union)

Consultation on the IRR of Magna Carta of the Poor held in Region 1

By: Joanne Namnama P. Dilim

The National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) led the regional consultation on the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Magna Carta of the Poor on Oct. 21 and 22, 2019 at Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union.

Alfred Antonio, development management officer V of the NAPC, said the two-day event was aimed to gather feedbacks and comments on the proposed IRR of Republic Act 11291, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of the Poor.

“We had series of consultations nationwide to engage our stakeholders and in order for us to finalize the IRR which serves as the blueprint or guidelines on how to implement the law,” Antonio said.

The first day of the event was attended by some 600 representatives from the local government units in the region. The second day, meanwhile, was attended by the basic sectors, civil society organizations, and people’s organizations.

Antonio said, the finalization of the IRR is vital as it shall clearly define clear roles of the State and concerned government agencies, bodies, and instrumentalities to fully realize the identified five rights of the poor.

Said rights include the following: Right to Adequate Food, Right to Decent Work, Right to Relevant and Quality Education, Right to Adequate Housing, and Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health.

Further, Antonio said, the magna carta is not seen as duplication of existing poverty alleviation programs but rather establishes a better and more harmonized system to meet the identified rights of the poor.

Among the highlights of the consultation were the presentation of the draft IRR followed by a plenary discussion.

By the end of October, Antonio shared that a team will consolidate all the inputs gathered from all the consultations held in every region nationwide.

“We’re keeping our fingers crossed that within November, we will be able to finalize the IRR for the President’s signature,” said Antonio.

Latest report from the Philippine Statistics Authority shows that the poverty incidence among Filipinos in the first semester of 2018 was estimated at 26.3 percent. (JCR/JNPD/PIA La Union)

Balay Silangan drug reformation center inaugurated

By: Camille Bumatay

On behalf of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III, Executive Assistant IV Justo Orros III talks about the commitment of the province to uphold the dignity of drug surrenderees during the Inauguration of the Balay Silangan Drug Reformation Center at the Municipal Conference Hall Annex, Balaoan, La Union on October 30, 2019.



Ilocos Region celebrates 30th NSM with various activities

By: PSA Region 1

The Regional Statistics Committee 1 (RSC 1) spearheaded the month-long celebration of the 30th National Statistics Month (NSM) in Ilocos Region in October 2019 with the theme, *"Data Innovation: Key to a Better Nation."*

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas – La Union Regional Office (BSP – LURO) hosted the 30th NSM Opening Ceremony on October 8, 2019 that was participated by Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), and the Academe.

To showcase various statistical data through brochures, flyers, leaflets and infographics, the Regional Statistical Exhibit was set up from October 8 to 30, 2019 at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University-Mid La Union Campus, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Moreover, the Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office I (PSA-RSSO I) organized two symposia to bring statistics and civil registration closer to the youth. The first statistical symposium was held at the Regional Science High School, Bangar, La Union on October 9, 2019 participated by senior high school students and their teachers. The other one was conducted at the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University South La Union Campus (DMMMSU-SLUC), Agoo, La Union on October 23, 2019 participated by first year and second year BS Mathematics students. PSA-RSSO I also conducted a Training on Basic Statistics on October 14 to 15, 2019 to refresh selected regional and provincial personnel on basic concepts in statistics.

Various statistical competitions highlighted the 30th NSM celebration in the region starting with the Regional Jingle Making Contest conducted during the NSM Opening Ceremony that added color to the event. Other contests, that included the essay writing, poster – slogan making, and statistics quiz, were done simultaneously on October 18, 2019 at the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office I (DA-RFO I), City of San Fernando, La Union. Meanwhile, the oratorical contest was held at the National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office 1 (NEDA-RO1), City of San Fernando, La Union on the same date. These activities were participated by the provincial champions from the secondary and tertiary level, while the essay writing included the employee category.

Furthermore, the RSC 1, in collaboration with the Philippine Statistical Association Inc. (PSAI), conducted the Regional Statistical Conference on October 24, 2019 at Oasis Country Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union. The activity aimed to gather statisticians, planning officers and statistics advocates

in the region for them to get updated on latest statistics and statistical-related developments in the country.

Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales, PSAI National President, served as keynote speaker and stressed in her talk the importance of partnership in meeting our aspirations. In the afternoon, Dr. Irene B. Ubungen, PSAI Ilocos Chapter President, led the general assembly.

The month-long celebration culminated during the Regional Closing Ceremony held on October 29, 2019 at DA-RFO I, City of San Fernando, La Union. Aside from the RLAs, LGUs, and academic institutions, media organizations across the region also participated in the event. As part of the closing ceremony, Regional Champions for the various statistical competitions and provinces that participated in the Search for the Best 30th NSM Province Implementer were awarded. Moreover, media organizations were recognized thru the PSA Media Award as appreciation for their continuous support to PSA activities.

Below are the schools that bagged the championship for the 30th NSM Regional Statistical Contests:

Regional Jingle Singing Contests

Secondary – Don Eulogio De Guzman Memorial National High School (La Union)

Tertiary – University of Northern Philippines (Ilocos Sur)

Regional Essay Writing Contest

Secondary – Vigan National High School West (Ilocos Sur)

Tertiary – DMMMSU – SLUC (La Union)

Employee – Northern Christian College (Ilocos Norte)

Regional Poster – Slogan Making Contests

Secondary – Alaminos City National High School (Pangasinan)

Tertiary – Pangasinan State University (Pangasinan)

Regional Oratorical Contest

Secondary – Benigno V. Aldana national High School (Pangasinan)

Tertiary – University of Northern Philippines (Ilocos Sur)

Regional Statistical Quiz

Secondary – Colegio San Jose de Alaminos (Pangasinan)

Tertiary – Saint Louis College (La Union)

The province of Pangasinan once again emerged as the Best NSM Province Implementer in Ilocos Region. Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Ilocos Norte ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd runners-up, respectively.

In her closing remarks, Atty. Sheila O. De Guzman, Officer-in-Charge of PSA-RSSO I, thanked everyone for their support and said that objectives of the event were achieved.

81.03% of Pangasinan barangays now drug-cleared – PDEA

By: Venus May H. Sarmiento

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) reported that more than 80 percent of barangays in Pangasinan are now drug-cleared.

Agent Dexter Asayco, PDEA provincial chief, said out of the 1,271 drug-affected barangays in the province, 1,030 or 81.03 percent are now drug-cleared as of November 2019.

Asayco said four more barangays were added to the drug-cleared villages for the third quarter of the year.

These are Maya in Infanta town; San Andres and San Aurelio in Balungao as cleared by the Regional Oversight Committee and San Jose in San Nicolas as cleared by the National Adjudication Board.

“Continuous pa rin ang validation namin and 12 municipalities have been endorsed to the Regional Oversight Committee to be drug cleared but there is a need for these towns to submit new documentary requirement and evidences,” Asayco said during the Joint Meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PADAC) and Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) held in Lingayen town recently.

Dagupan City and San Quintin will be recommended as soon as they complete their documentation, he added.

Asayco reiterated that it is only the National Adjudication Board and not the Regional Adjudication Board which can delist a local government unit once it becomes part of the Inter-Agency Drug Information Database (IDID).

PDEA has earlier declared 31 towns and one city as drug-cleared.

These are Alaminos City and the towns of Agno, Aguilar, Anda, Alcala, Binalonan, Bugallon, Burgos, Dasol, Laoac, Mabini, Malasiqui, Mapandan, Natividad, San Jacinto, San Nicolas, Sta. Maria, Sison, Lingayen, Bayambang, Mangatarem, Bautista, Rosales, Labrador, Calasiao, Villasis, San Manuel, Sta. Barbara, Mangaldan, Urbiztondo and Tayug.

Latest addition is Basista.

The municipality of Sto. Tomas is the only drug-free town since the campaign started. (AMB/VHS/PIA Pangasinan)

DPWH completes 2 flood mitigation projects in Pangasinan

By: April M. Bravo

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has completed two flood mitigation projects near the Agno River recently to protect residents from flooding as they live in low-lying villages here.

In a statement, DPWH Secretary Mark Villar said the construction of dikes in Barangays Agno and Barangobong – Magallanes have been completed by DPWH Pangasinan Third District Engineering Office (DEO) ahead of its set completion in the fourth quarter of 2019.

The projects worth Php27.9 million include the 526-meter protection wall along Agno River constructed in Barangay Agno, Tayug, with a total cost of PHP18.6 million.

Meanwhile, the 312-meter dike with protection works was built in Barangay Barangobong – Magallanes, amounting to PHP9.3 million.

Both projects were funded under the 2019 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

“DPWH is committed to build more flood control structures nationwide as a mitigation measure aimed to protect citizens and properties especially with the intensifying impacts of climate change,” said Secretary Villar in the statement.

The projects involve the construction of flood control structure with slope protection, gabions, and mattresses to prevent erosion of soil and prevent flooding in the area. (AMB/PIA Pangasinan)

PIA, ARGIO hold training for IOs in Region 1

By: April M. Bravo

The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in the Ilocos, in partnership with the Association of Regional Government Information Officers (ARGIO), conducted the GIOs' Training at the Venus Parkview Hotel in Baguio City on November 6-8, 2019.

Participated in by some 55 information officers from regional line agencies and local government units, the training aims to empower government communicators for them to become an effective instrument in bringing government closer to the people.

PIA and ARGIO have been doing an annual training to ensure that government programs, policies and services are communicated down to the grassroots for the public to be well-informed and empowered to participate as government partners for growth and development.

Topics discussed on the first day include Servant Leadership and Bayan Mo Ipatrol Mo – Citizen Journalism given by Pastor Gary Zaldy Galvez and Ms. Kori Quintos of ABS-CBN, respectively.

On the second day, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency briefed the participants about the Executive Order No. 70 institutionalizing the whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and directing the adoption of a national peace framework.

It was followed by the discussion of social media management and analytics; development communication writing; basic video and photo editing using a smartphone; and content creation and management delivered by subject matter experts from PIA-Region I and National Capital Region.



On the last day of the training, PIA-1 Regional Director Jennilynne Role presented the Gender-Fair Media Guidelines: "Looking through the Lenses", elaborating the significant and vital role of government communicators in promoting gender equality as well as women empowerment.

Further, Mr. Dexter Dupagan of the Employees' Compensation Commission-Regional Extension Unit 1, a government corporation attached to the Department of Labor and Employment, conducted an orientation about the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP).

Dupagan emphasized the importance of building and sustaining among employees and the agencies they belong to a culture of safety and healthful environment in the workplace.

Meanwhile, the awarding of winners in the video presentation and the Best Performer capped the event.

At the end of the capacity building activity, government IOs are expected to advocate their core services and programs that will benefit people, especially the marginalized sector.

The theme for this year's training is "Empowering Communities Through Government Communication Networks". (JCR/AMB, PIA Ilocos Sur)

NEDA RO1 holds 2nd Experts Meeting for DRR Health Development Outcome Indicator Project

By: Ma. Cristina G. Cariño



Participants from various agencies and LGUs gathered for the 2nd Experts Meeting. In center are ARD Donald James Gawe of NEDA RO1 and Ms. Virginia Bathan of PSA Central Office who served as resource persons with the project staff from the Development Research Division (DRD) of NEDA RO1 (seated).

The National Economic and Development Authority Regional Office 1 (NEDA RO1) spearheaded the conduct of the 2nd Experts Meeting on November 14-15, 2019 in Subic, Zambales. A total of 43 focal persons/representatives of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (DRRMO), health and statistics officers from the various agencies and local government units (LGUs) in Region 1 participated in the workshop which aims to examine the available indicators that will measure the DRR health development outcomes in the provincial and regional DRRM plan and the Ilocos Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022.

The activity is part of the PCHRD-funded project of NEDA RO1 entitled “Assessment of Local and Regional Development Outcomes and Health and Health-Related Indicators in DRR Cycle in Region 1” where it focused on the identification of the health aspects of DRR development outcomes in the local and regional plans in Region 1.

The first experts meeting was conducted on September 17-18, 2019 wherein the group assessed the alignment of DRR related regional and local development outcomes in the RDP, RDRRMP and provincial DRRM plans to the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and National DRRM Plan 2011-2028 and to international frameworks such as the Sendai and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The group also identified the health aspects of the DRR local and regional DRR development outcomes.

During the first day, ARD Donald James Gawe of NEDA RO1 apprised the participants on the concepts of results-based management and logical framework, and introduced the steps to formulate indicators. In addition, Ms. Virginia Bathan, the OIC of the Environment and Natural Resources Accounts Division (ENRAD) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Central Office discussed the current efforts of PSA for the compilation of DRR statistics in the country.

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Afterwhich, the participants were grouped accordingly to identify the desired indicators that will directly measure the health-related DRR development outcomes. Each group validated the availability of the indicators. The attributes of the available indicators were also assessed based on data source, disaggregation, dissemination and data quality. The participants also listed some of the difficulties encountered in data collection and compilation.

The study which will be completed in March 2020 hopes to offer insights on how health is being integrated in DRR plans and ultimately aims to prompt the establishment of an indicator system for health in the DRR cycle in Region 1.



Ilokano hero bags PH's first gold in surfing

By: Freddie G. Lazaro

Ilokano hero Roger Casugay bagged the country's first gold medal on the maiden surfing event of the 30th Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) after besting his fellow Ilokano archrival during the final round of the men's longboard category this Sunday at Monalisa Point, San Juan, La Union.

Casugay, 25, who earned the people's hearts after saving his Indonesian rival in the tournament's qualifying round on Thursday, got an over-all 14.50 points or .30 point margin against the 14.20 points of Rogelio Esquivel Jr., who got the silver medal.

During the culminating ceremony, Casugay emotionally received his gold medal from La Union Governor Francisco Emmanuel Ortega III. Casugay gained a hero accolade from the people and netizens for disregarding a sizeable lead in the competition to save an Indonesian rival, Arip Nurhidayat, who had trouble with his gear during the competition.

Nurhidayat, whose surfing board leash was broken, was swept away by a strong wave at the height of their contest when Casugay rescued him. They shared on one surfboard on their way back to the shore. Both surfers stood up displaying their skills while riding the same wave in one long surfboard notwithstanding losing his chance to win the gold where the crowd cheered with greatness and joy.

The incident had gained overwhelming positive reactions from the netizens upon posting in the social media.



Ilokano surfing hero Roger Casugay (middle) shows-off the country's first gold medal he got in the first surfing tournament of the 30th Southeast Asian Games (SEAG) which ended on Sunday. (Photo by FGL, PIA 1)

They said that Casugay is a hero, who deserved all the golds in the world and the winner of all times. In a social post of Dew Luis, he reiterated that Ilokandia is the birthplace of great heroes.

In La Union, we have a local surfer guy, a humble and professional surfer from Bacnotan named Casugay.

"That spirit of "Saranay" over the fierce waves that rolled, shows off that Ilokano's extraordinary deed and heroic culture throughout the world," Luis said.

"We Win As One, and that indeed, is our silver lining; just can't help to say this piece, to a Great Surfer, Roger Casugay," he added.

For Guro PH and Nurse PH, both quoted that Casugay has shown the Filipino heart to the world.

"What makes SEA Games 2019 being held in the Philippines great is not the sparkle of greatness. It's all about the heart behind it. The Filipino heart in times of danger, will not think twice of doing what is right," it was said in the social media post. (JCR/FLG, PIA 1)

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MGA DAPAT TANDAAN

Ang **Inflation** ay ang pagbabago sa presyo ng mga produkto at serbisyo na sinusukat ng **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** sa pagitan ng dalawang magkakalibang panahon o period.

Ito ay tinatawag na **headline inflation** kapag kabilang sa sinusukat ang mga produkto at serbisyong kasama sa Consumer/Market Basket.

Kapag ang inflation ay sanhi ng pagtaas ng kabuuang demand o dami ng mamimili at ang dami ng gusto nilang bilhin, tinatawag itong **demand-pull inflation**. Ang pagtaas ng kabuuang demand ay maaring dahil sa pagdami ng pera ng mga tao, sa pagdami ng mamimili sa iba't-ibang lugar, at sa paglaki ng pangangailan ng mga negosyante sa mga inputs.

Kapag ito naman ay dulot ng pagbaba ng kabuuang supply dahil sa paglaki ng gastos sa produksyon—tulad ng tubig, kuryente, raw materials, sweldo ng manggagawa, at iba pa—ito ay tinatawag na **cost-push inflation**.

Ang **Consumer Price Index** ay isang economic indicator na nagpapakita ng pagbabago sa presyo ng mga pangunahing produkto at serbisyo. Ito ay sinusukat kada buwan sa tatlong antas: pambansa (national), panrehiyon (regional), at panlalawigan (provincial). Kapag tumataas ang CPI, bumababa naman ang halaga ng salapi.

Ang **Consumer/Market Basket** naman ay naglalaman ng mga produkto at serbisyong karaniwang binibili ng ordinaryong Pilipino gaya ng pagkain, damit, at bayad sa kuryente at tubig. Ang basket na ito ay nakabase sa **2010 Philippine Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (PCOICOP)** na hango sa 1999 COICOP na inilabas ng United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

Ang **hyperinflation** naman ay tumutukoy sa mabilis na pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pangunahing produkto at serbisyo na resulta ng pagbaba ng halaga ng salapi.



MGA DAPAT TANDAAN

Ang pag-alam sa iyong **Return on Investment (ROI)** ay makakatulong para malaman kung ang perang ginagastos mo ba ay nakakapag-generate ng malaking kita para sa iyong negosyo.

Upang malaman ang **ROI**, kunin ang halaga ng iyong kinita, ibawas ang pangkalahatang gastusin, at pagkatapos ay i-divide ito sa iyong mga pangkalahatang gastusin.

Kung magnenegosyo ka, mas maganda sanang malaman mo muna kung gaano ba karami ang magiging mamimili mo. Kung may ideya ka na, mas madali mong malalaman kung magkano ang kikitain mo.



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