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DSWD 5 Regional Director bags GAWAD CES presidential award



(Left: DSWD 5 Dir. Arnel B. Garcia, DTI-Kalinga Provincial Director Grace F. Baluyan, DOST Region IX Regional Director Brenda N. Manzano, DSWD Undersecretary Alicia D. Bala, and DepEd-Dumaguete City Division Superintendent Ramir B. Uyico.) The Gawad CES is a Presidential award that recognizes members in the Career Executive Service (CES) for significant contributions in the areas of innovation, information and communications technology, social services, administrative reforms and public policy .

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DSWD 5 Regional Director bags GAWAD CES Presidential Award



Department of Social Welfare and Development, Field Office V Regional Director Arnel Buison Garcia is one among the five recipients of the 2012 Winner of the Gawad Career Executive Service Award. The former regional director of Field Office II, had assumed the post as the Regional Director of Field Office V last January 9, 2013.

Director Garcia was recognized for his innovations in terms of disaster preparedness and recovery program. He accomplished and implemented the Disaster Recovery Program for Cagayan Valley Region as a comprehensive management strategy in coping with disaster, capacitating communities, achieving safety in terms of disaster and uplifting their quality of life. He himself advocated this concept paper supplements the operations, systems, programs and services attuned to Post Disaster Restoration or Rehabilitation to a level of Post Disaster Recovery. This concept is now being introduced by Director Garcia in the region where he is presently assigned.

Director Garcia is a person who even goes beyond his call of duty. It was recalled that when he was in Region II, he personally sent relief goods to the typhoon

victims of Kalinga, Apayao when in fact the said province was already outside the jurisdiction of Region II, thereby risking getting the ire of DSWD, Central Office.

The Gawad CES award received by Director Garcia is remarkable. The award brought fame and honor not only to Director Garcia himself, his family but also to the DSWD family and to the rest of the partners and stakeholders whom the department is working with.

It's not a surprise for a very competitive, efficient and effective leader to receive other citations and awards. Director Garcia was not only recognized for his concept paper on Disaster Recovery Program but also he was cited for his invaluable contribution in transforming the Region II as a producer of National Awardees for the Presidential Award for Child Friendly Municipalities and Cities. He advocated for the mainstreaming of Child 21 (Philippine National Strategic Framework and Development Plan for Children) to the local development and budget of the local government units.

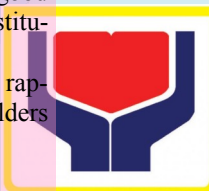
Another invaluable contribution of Director Garcia is his conceptualization and institutionalization of the inter-agency collaboration through the Regional

Inter-Agency Committee on Poverty Reduction (RCCPR) which was attached to the Regional Development Council. Because of his initiative, the RCCPR converged the region's effort on poverty reduction and social protection and further strengthened linkages and complementation among program stakeholders leading to the maximization of resources, minimization of duplication of efforts and optimization of poverty and social protection program results and impact.

The recently concluded awarding of Gawad CES does not stop Director Garcia from conceptualizing and innovating programs that would benefit the disadvantaged poor Bicolanos. In line with the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilya or the Conditional Cash Transfer, Director Garcia thought of conceptualizing a program that would provide employment to Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries through the Traba-hong Turismo.

He became more popular in the region wherein his good relationship with partner institutions became more effective. His ability to establish a good rapport with partners and stakeholders makes it easier for him to

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DSWD vows to ensure easiest and most economical way of delivering cash grants

"We only have the best interest and welfare of our beneficiaries in mind when we decide how to conduct payouts." This was the statement of Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), reacting to a report allegedly claiming that there were beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino program who were not able to receive their cash grants during the scheduled pay-out on June 11, 2013 in Tinambac, Camarines Sur.

According to Secretary Soliman, "We know that the grant is a big help in augmenting the country's poor families' daily needs and that is why we make sure that they receive their grants in the easiest and most economical way."

Secretary Soliman added that out of the 44 barangays reported, only barangay Tambang of Tinambac was not able to receive their grants because of the adjustments being made in the mode of payment.

The Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) is the only authorized agency to disburse cash grants to beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilya. To ensure that beneficiaries receive their grants promptly and not spend so much for their

transportation, the LBP has authorized money-transfer agents such as M Lhuillier, G-Cash Remit, Philippine Postal Corporation, and other conduits such as rural banks and cooperatives to deliver the grants to the beneficiaries.

Arnel Garcia, Regional Director of DSWD Field Office 5 said that the LBP has already released a total of P6,979,200.00 for the 4,444 beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilya in Tinambac, Camarines Sur. He also added that the adjustments in the mode of payment are being fast tracked so that the beneficiaries will receive their grants.

The Pantawid Pamilya maximum grant package per household amounts to P1,400 a month, where P300 is paid for every child who complies with the 85% required school attendance for the month, which can be given to a maximum of three children per household. Additionally, the household will also be entitled to P500 per month for complying with health and nutrition conditions. The amount of the grant is based on the number of children per household and compliance to program conditions.

To date, Pantawid Pamilya is being implemented in all 17 Regions covering 79 Provinces, 143 cities, 1,484 Municipalities and 40,978 barangays. There are 3,927,917 households registered as program beneficiaries as of 26 June 2013.

9 July 2013

DSWD 5 to hire 3,131 field staff

The National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development is set to conduct the second round of household assessment this semester. The agency will be assessing roughly 16 million poor households across the country.

With the target of 1,087,720 households to be assessed, the DSWD Field Office 5 needs to hire 3,131 field workers to be deployed region wide.

The department will now be accepting applicants for the following positions under contract of service and job order and this includes 92 Area Coordinators, 453 Area Supervisors, 320 Encoders, and 2,266 Enumerators.

Applicants may now submit their resume and application letter addressed to: Director Arnel B. Garcia, CESO III, DSWD 5, PBN-Buraguis, Legazpi City or submit it to the nearest Social Welfare and Development (SWAD) offices in the province.

For details, applicants may inquire from the Personnel Section at telephone number 480-0381 or email it to fo5@dswd.gov.ph.

The National Household Targeting for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) is the country's information management that identifies who and where the poor are.

The Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of the DSWD has been the main user of the targeting system and other national government agencies such as Department of Health (DOH) and Philhealth.



31 July 2013

Sorsogon town receives a National Award for AusAID implementation



The DSWD V project team representing the local government of Pilar, Sorsogon received a national recognition for the construction of a day care facility funded by Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) which was awarded in Hotel La Breza, Quezon City last July 25, 2013.

Pilar was acknowledged for their best practice on supervision and quality control for the completion of the day care center in the coastal community of Bantayan in a span of 50 days, ensuring quality, based on the standards.

Though Bantayan was a first-timer in implementing a community-managed subproject, the convergent efforts of the volunteers, barangay councils, local government of Pilar and DSWD technical staff filled in the gaps by establishing strong coordination among them.

To ensure quality, the volunteers and the barangay council were trained on procurement and community financial management system. Moreover, the barangay council members took turns in actual monitoring — the punong barangay coming regularly caused the workers to become committed in completing the day care center on time.

The construction of the day care center started on January 26 and finished on March 17,

2013 so that they will be able to use the facility when school opens in June. The old day care center was a makeshift classroom which is a DepEd property located within the elementary school. It was overcrowded wherein 42 day care pupils attend the morning session and 39 pupils in the afternoon.

AusAID provides grants for the construction of classrooms, school buildings and day care centers which is considered as the supply side of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) for non-prioritized communities who previously implemented the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) project. AusAID and Kalahi-CIDSS is anchored on the community-driven development (CDD) strategy wherein local communities are involved in the design and implementation of development projects to address the issues of poverty.

AusAID provided a grant of Php654,324 plus a local counterpart contribution of Php115,469.00 (in-kind/cash) from the municipality and community for the construction of the day care center in Bantayan.



FEATURE STORY

New glory in a remote community



In spite of its natural treasures, a rural community in Camarines Sur is still caught in the grip of poverty. Mainly comprised of nipa-makers, farmers, and fishermen, the high spirits of these industrious people have slowly depleted because of their long-term struggle against scarcity.

Fifteen kilometers away from its town proper, the coastal village of Pagao remains afflicted with poverty, being the only community in Bombon that is geographically distant from the other villages. The easiest way to reach it is by taking a "habal-habal" (passenger motorcycle). Even then, the motorcycle will need to pass through another town before reaching Pagao.

However, the distance was only one of the problems encountered by the residents of Pagao. The community has long struggled with having access to safe drinking water.

Amy Britanico, one of the residents, described their experiences. The villagers needed to go to the neighboring town of Calabanga to buy potable water, which costs Php30-35 per container. Aside from purchasing water, they also had to spend for the round-trip transportation expenses: Php10 per container and an additional cost of Php15 for the fare of the owner. Those who cannot afford the additional expenses had to take a two-kilometer bike ride, and there are even those who are forced to walk. The latter group's journey becomes more difficult on the way back, as they needed to carry back the full containers to their homes.

It was not uncommon for children below five years old to get sick because of unsafe drinking water. As a result, households spend even more money for medication.

The numerous expenses due to their lack of access to clean drinking water led to them spending a large portion of their income for this, not to mention their time.

Convergent Efforts Lead to Solve Poverty

In 2012, the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan--Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) Project of DSWD initiated the progress they have long sought for. With the grant of 1,023,926.00 from the Kalahi-CIDSS donor, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Pagao finally had something to capitalize on. They have long sought for. With the grant of 1,023,926.00 from the Kalahi-CIDSS donor, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Pagao finally had something to capitalize on.

With their determination to solve the root cause of poverty, the residents of Pagao voluntarily involved themselves in the activities and processes introduced by Kalahi-CIDSS. Their reason for their involvement was simple; they needed the help they could get from the Project.



“Harayo talaga ang tigakuhaan mi ning inumong tubig [The source of potable water is really far]” Jose Camalla, a Kalahi-CIDSS community volunteer, simply said.

Jose was one of the residents who became inspired to volunteer in Kalahi-CIDSS because he wanted to seize the rare opportunity offered by the national government to address their needs.

Despite the bulk of work demanded from the volunteers, Jose, with the others, were motivated to reach their goal – finally having access to potable water.

The people of Pagao found a way to build a partnership with Calabanga Water District (CAWADI). Through the collective efforts of CAWADI, the local government unit (LGU) of Bombon, Kalahi-CIDSS, and the people of Pagao, they were able to tap the water supply from another neighboring community

The nearest water source is in San Bernardino, Calabanga. CAWADI was more than willing to extend their services to Pagao because they can also reach another 38 households in Carigsa, Magarao.

CAWADI also helped Pagao by providing technical assistance and capacity building to the Kalahi-CIDSS volunteers. They assisted in the fabrication of pipes and calibration of water meter during its construction.

They also trained women laborers in pipe laying. To support the sustainability of the tap stands, two plumbers and one meter reader were chosen from the residents to attend the on-the-job training in CAWADI for free. Twelve water tap stands are now operational in Pagao, catering to 102 households.

Future Plans of the Community

The people of Pagao strived hard to make their dream come true. But the community has another great hurdle to leap: the stewardship and ownership of their water system subproject.

The Pagao Waterworks and Sanitation Association (PAWASA) was formed to operate and maintain the water tap stands. Jose and Amy, both volunteers, are members of the operations and maintenance group.

Both Amy and Jose pledged to implement an organized system to maintain the community project. They established rules and regulations for the community-consumers to follow to ensure that their water system will be well taken care of.

“Kung may tres ka, may tubig ka [If you have three pesos, you have water],” Jose said.

The community also designated one collector for each tap stand, which serves ten households. For every container with a tariff of Php3.00, 50 centavos is paid to the tap stand collector.

PAWASA will be responsible for the payment to CAWADI, which will be taken from the collection of the tap stand collectors; savings left will be for other operation and maintenance expenses. Financial reports will be posted monthly in the barangay and an accountability reporting will be done biannually for transparency.

Though CAWADI has provided Pagao a 24/7 water supply, the residents agreed that fetching of drinking water should be done twice daily: 5-7 in the morning and 4-6 in the afternoon.

“Dakul naukudan mi sa mga trainings na inagihan mi sa Kalahi-CIDSS lalo na sa pagpatrabaho ki proyekto. Magagamit mi ini sa pagpadalagan kaining water system para mantinido ang operasyon kang samuyang proyekto [We learned a lot from the trainings in Kalahi-CIDSS, especially in running a project. We will be able to use the knowledge for the operations of our community project],” Jose said.

What is Kalahi-CIDSS?

Kalahi-CIDSS is a community-driven development (CDD) project in the Philippines which strongly advocates the involvement of local communities in the design and implementation of development projects to address the issue of poverty in the country. CDD is a globally recognized strategy for achieving service delivery, poverty reduction, and good governance outcomes. It aims to improve local governance by employing the participation of the people in the communities in the development process.

Community residents consensually decide on what type of poverty-reduction projects they prioritize for funding based from the collective analysis of their needs. Community proposals can vary from public goods/access projects, enterprise or livelihood projects or human development projects.

It is one of the core social protection programs of DSWD along with Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).



THE DSWD GALLERY



Sec. Soliman visits the murals in Camp Simeon Ola last August 29, 2013. (L-R) Lawrence Liu of Davies Philippines, Former PNP Regional Director Clarence V. Guinto, Sec. Dinky Soliman, Dir. Arnel B. Garcia)

GRAND WINNER
Kalahi-CIDSS
Mural Contest
Regular Category
Irosin, Sorsogon



The first-ever DSWD mural contest focused on the theme: Boses, Kilos, Unlad which will embody the concept of the community-driven development (CDD) used as the overall strategy of Kalahi-CIDSS project.

GRAND WINNER
Kalahi-CIDSS
Mural Contest
Non-Regular Category
Sto. Domingo, Albay



39th PYAP FOUNDATION: Youth summit to end hunger and malnutrition at Sta. Magdalena, Sorsogon



Orientation to Team Balikatan Rescue and Emergency (TEAMBRE) to fisher folks, TWG and key program partners



Senior Citizen's Congress



THE DSWD GALLERY



MASBATE
August 15, 2013



ALBAY
August 20, 2013



CAMARINES NORTE
August 22, 2013



SORSOGON
September 6, 2013



CATANDUANES
September 11, 2013

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REGIONAL PROFILE OF
THE POOR



CAMARINES SUR
September 24, 2013



18 September 2013

Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries in Masbate, Catanduanes and Sorsogon win in the Regional Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya of DSWD



Pantawid Pamilya Beneficiaries in the Provinces of Masbate, Catanduanes and Sorsogon wins in the Bicol Regional Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya 2013 conducted by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

In a simple awarding ceremony held last September 9, 2013 in Buraguis, Legazpi City, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Macanas of Cawayan, Masbate was awarded as the Regional Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya 2013. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ogalesco Sr. of Viga, Catanduanes wins the second place while Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hermo wins the third place.

The aim of the activity is to recognize the families, who are able to follow the conditions of the Program and adopts Filipino values and strong family ties.

According to Assistant Regional Director Cora B. Miña, she is proud of the beneficiaries who are able to improve their lives despite hardships.

She hopes that they (winners) will continue to inspire and serve as a model family to every beneficiary.

Said Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya winners have established a year of good standing in the community with no derogatory records. Also, these families earn their living not derived from gambling, prostitution, child labor, extortion, and similar illegal resources.

"Nagpapasalamat po kami sa programa dahil patuloy po kaming umaangat sa aming kalagayan. At ako po bilang isang estudyante ay patuloy pong mag-aaral nang mabuti para maabot ko ang aking pangarap at maging ehemplo sa aking mag-aaral," said Erwin Macanas.

The Macanas family was also chosen in the five finalists for the National Search for Huwarang Pamilya, 2013. ###G.A. Lindio, Information Officer



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obtain their support. This made him easy in implementing programs like the Trabahong Turismo and the social protection program of the department.

Director Garcia is also a mentor. Like him, he wants his staff to grow professionally so, Director Garcia went out of his way to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Unibersidad de Sta Isabel, Naga City to offer subjects in BSSW on weekends to give opportunity for the staff to continue their college studies or for those who wants to be a social worker.

He also vouches for professionalism and public accountability. He created an impression for being diplomatic and a humanitarian leader. He is a manager who is keen on the welfare of his staff. Through the Social Welfare Employees Association in Bicol was able to work with PhilHealth and SSS for the enrolment of the MOA and contractual workers.

The Gawad Career Executive Service Award of Director Garcia also served as an inspiration for the officials and staff of the department to work hard, carry out their respective roles and functions and aim for a high performance rating.

"I will be happy to see you perform well and carry out the programs and services most efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the poor Bicolanos", Director Garcia bared.

For Director Garcia, receiving the award in Malacanang with his wife, two children and his brother is a worthy experience. This gave his children the strong drive to exert more effort in their studies and be like their Daddy someday, distinguished for his self-service; a dedicated public servant. And for his wife, to be more understanding and supportive to the work of his husband.

According to Director Garcia, the cash award does not count. He believes that people deserves nothing but the grandest quality of services from the government. His dedication and his love for work is a big factor for the fame and honor he received. Also Director Garcia is filled with good traits and qualities. He leads a life for he believes that simplicity equates humility and selflessness. He is a God-centered person.

The DSWD Field Office II and V family is proud of Director Garcia. Thank you sir for bringing fame and honor to the department. You are the best.###eejerusalem



DID YOU KNOW ?

in BICOL ...



Nearly 4,146 poor families regionwide belong to an Indigenous People group



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in BICOL ...

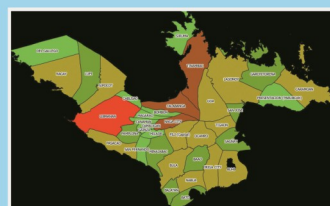


42.1% or 208,443 families are found to be vulnerable to natural disasters as they used light materials for their roof and outer walls



DID YOU KNOW ?

in BICOL ...



The province with the biggest number of households living in poverty is Camarines Sur numbering to 136, 208



FEATURE STORY

Rising from poverty



"Pantawid Pamilya? Hulong ng langit po! A blessing to the family" exclaimed Ma. Antonia when asked to comment about the program.

A Pantawid Pamilya beneficiary of Barangay Bolod, San Pascual, Masbate, Ma. Antonia, or Maryann to her family and friends, is 35 years old and a mother of four siblings (three girls and one boy). She got married at an early age — the reason why she was not able to fulfill her dreams of becoming a teacher. "Life was difficult but we have to move on", shared Mary Ann. The family's source of living was derived from baking and selling "pandesal" and delivering it daily to nearby houses. They earn at least 350.00 a day but this could have been increased if they are able to meet the demands of their costumers in the nearby sitios. The problem is mobility and the accessibility. The amount that they get daily is barely enough to support the needs of the family.

Her concern is her children; what would become of them in the future? The only thing that kept her on the steadfast struggle in life was her strong belief in God.

A stroke of circumstance change the Padilla's lives when they were identified as among the 211 potential Pantawid Pamilya beneficiary in Barangay Bolod. Maryann never had the slightest expectation that they

would be included in the program. This opportunity turned their miserable condition into a happy and vibrant state.

It was in February, 2009 when Maryann received the first cash grant in the amount of P7,500.00. She recalled that it was barely a month before the school year ends, so that prior to the receipt of the grant, the children's school obligations were already settled. In order not to misuse the money, with her husband's help, they invested in a piggery project and part of the amount was used to augment in the "pandesal" production. With the benefits derived from the program, the family was delighted to become part of it. All of their children are now in school. They are also able to send their eldest son to college in Naga City. Because of this poverty reduction program of the national government, Maryann said that education has become possible and they now regularly avail of the health services.

From a timid housewife, Maryann now is an active parent leader. "Because of 4Ps, I have learned to interact with people, and had been exposed to various activities related to the program implementation." She beams with pride. She also shared that their attendance to the Family Development Sessions is a big factor in strengthening the relationship of the family. Roberto, her husband, became more responsible in his role as the

father and the provider of the family.

Making a Difference

Maryann relates that another blessing came to their lives when she qualified for the livelihood assistance under the Self-Employment Assistance -Kaunlaran Program (SEA – K) of the DSWD. As a member of the Bolod SEA -K Association for Women, Maryann would receive a loan package for any productive undertaking after undergoing a training on Basic Business Management Skills. With a capital loan assistance of P10,000.00 she received in August, 2010, Maryann established a mini sari-sari store in their barangay and part of the amount was invested in her piggery project. With her interest in venturing into a world of business and the skills acquired from BBMS Training, Maryann is confident that she will be able to manage her sari-sari store well.

A few months later, the Padilla couple found out that their livelihood projects, the sari-sari store and piggery is gaining profit. In less than a year, she was able to return th capital loan assistance to the DSWD. Out of the earnings, she started saving an amount to buy materials for their house renovation. From a house made of light materials, they are now able to change it to a concrete dwelling, though the construction is not yet completed.

During the interview, Maryann could hardly articulate with profound joy as she shares on her project's development.

Looking back, Maryann said that the store didn't just help the family financially but it changed their whole lives. They have their store for credit to their neighbors who are really in need. After sometime their capital increased that they were able to expand their sari-sari store. The problem on the delivery of the produced "pandesal" was answered. Roberto's father bought him a motorcycle which he now uses in the delivery of the goods and the construction of pathways as part of the Kalahi-CIDSS sub-project has paved for his access to the nearby sitios. At this stage, the family hasn't stopped aiming high and striving to improve their status in life.

The family is likewise assured of an improved quality of life after the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program ends in December, 2013.

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3 July 2013

Foreign funders monitors DSWD projects

Representatives of Millennium Challenge Account of the Philippines (MCA-P), the accountable organization committed to manage the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) grant given to DSWD, conducted series of monitoring visits in Bicol last June 24-28, 2012.

The MCA-P team went to community subprojects implemented under the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) in Baao, Bula, Libmanan, Ocampo and Bombon.

Monitoring and Evaluation Director Elcid Pangilinan, Kalahi-CIDSS Specialist Rogelio Borbon and Internal Auditor Melba Luzarita of MCA-P monitored the status of implementation of Kalahi-CIDSS by performing oversight field visits in randomly identified areas.

MCA-P provides technical supervision to ensure that the project meets the standards to successfully complete development interventions in the communities.

"Kalahi-CIDSS is not just about infrastructures; it's all about capacitating the communities to manage its own development that's why we need to transfer this technology to the people," Borbon said.

From 2011 to present, MCC has funded 677 barangays. It has provided a grant around 722 million for its implementation in Bicol until 2015.



Kalahi-CIDSS is one of the three core poverty alleviation programs of DSWD. Employing "Community-Driven Development" as a strategy, Kalahi-CIDSS trains and engages communities together with their local governments (barangay and municipal) to choose, design, and implement development projects to address their most pressing needs.

With Kalahi-CIDSS's assistance, communities and local government units have built school buildings, farm-to-market roads and bridges, health stations, day care centers, common service post-harvest facilities, and many others, small-scale but responsive to community-identified needs.

4 July 2013

DSWD 5 pools applicants for its new program

DSWD Field Office V has commenced with its initial recruitment process in support to the forthcoming implementation of the National Community-Driven Development Program (NCDDP), one of its poverty-reduction programs.

Applications are now accepted for those who have background in either development project management, civil engineering, accountancy or community organizing. Interested job-seekers can personally submit their updated Personal Data Sheet/resume, letter of intent and other credentials to DSWD in Buraguis, Legazpi City."

Currently, the program is in need of eight (8) Area Coordinators, nine (9) Deputy Area Coordinators, nine (9) Municipal Financial Analysts and 37 Community Facilitators. The deadline of submission is on July 15, 2013.

In addition, the agency will continue to receive applications for pre-evaluation of eligible candidates through paper screening and review. Other vacancies will be announced later and will be posted on the DSWD Field Office.

The program staff hired under NCDDP shall be hired by DSWD based on Contract of Service (COS) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The COS or MOA

refers to the agreement entered into by and between the DSWD and the party being hired or the worker. It defines the terms of engagement between two parties and specifies among others the type of service, expected outputs required of the position, compensation, period covered, benefits (if any) and fund source.

The NCDDP is the scale-up of the operations of the community-driven development (CDD) approach used and proven effective by Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS). CDD empowers ordinary citizens to actively and directly participate in local governance by identifying their own community needs, planning, implementing, and monitoring projects to address local poverty issues collectively. From the current Kalahi-CIDSS coverage of 20 municipalities in five provinces, the NCDDP will be covering 105 regionwide. It is officially launched in late 2013.



Unveiling Bicol region's profile of poor households



From left; Hon. Mayors John Dycoco-Libon, Alicia B. Morales-Malinao, Herbie Aguas-Sto Domingo, DSWD Regional Director Arnel B. Garcia, ARD Corazon B. Miña, Hon. Mayors Jorem Arcangel-Jovellar, and Henry Callope-Pio Duran during the launching at Alvis Café, Daraga Albay

In order to promote and provide better appreciation to the data utilization of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) or the Listahanan, the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 5 launched its first Regional Profile of Poor Households last August 15, 20, 22, 2013 to the provinces of Masbate, Albay and Camarines Norte, respectively.

The profile was the output of the 2009 enumeration in which 461,242 households in Bicol region were identified as poor. It highlights statistical data about the actual scenarios of the poor households in the region. This will serve as basis of different agencies and organizations in formulating programs and projects intended to the vulnerable and disadvantaged sector of the community.

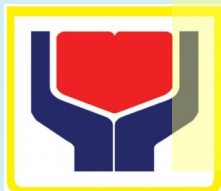
The activity was highlighted by unveiling of the Regional Profile Booklet Replica by Regional Director Arnel B. Garcia, Asst. Regional Dir. Corazon B. Miña together with the Local Chief Executives and the distribution of the booklets to the respective LGU representatives. In his message, Director Garcia said that "DSWD is politically and ideologically blind. With the Listahanan, we are assured that only the real poor benefits on the poverty reduction interventions of the department and other agencies/ organizations which make use of our database."

Meanwhile, Regional Focal Person of Listahanan, Mr. Don B. Abejuro Jr. announced that the 2nd nationwide assessment will be conducted in the last quarter of this year. "Once again we will ask your full support for the 2nd round of assessment in finding WHO and WHERE the poor are in Bicol region," he said. The provincial launchings formed part of the department's Programs Orientation to Local Chief Executives which aims to strengthen information and partnership with the stakeholders. Likewise, to encourage LGU partners in the effective implementation of the social services being carried out in their respective areas.

In attendance were DSWD representatives led by Regional Director Arnel B. Garcia & Assistant Regional Director for Operations Corazon B. Miña, Local Chief Executives, Provincial/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Municipal Planning & Development Officers.

An open forum was done at the end of the activity where issues and concerns were undertaken.

Provinces of Camarines Sur, Sorsogon and Catanduanes will be the next in line for the said program orientations and launching this September.



Bicol joins celebration of NDPR week



Persons with Disability (PWD's) participates the NDPR week celebration at Sagrada Familia in Bonot, Legazpi City.

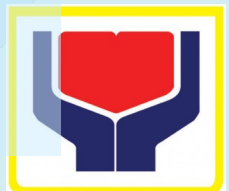
July 17-23 of every year marks the commemoration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week. This aims primarily to stimulate public awareness on the issues and problems of disability, thereby encouraging every citizen of the country to take active in the upliftment of the economic and social conditions of the Persons with Disability (PWDs) in our society.

DSWD Director Arnel Garcia said that the theme "Building on Inclusive and Non-Handicapping Environment for Persons with Disabilities" promotes the principle and concepts relevant to disability inclusive development and also extends to advocate for the mainstreaming of disability agenda in all government agencies, non-government organizations, civil society and the public in general. Spearheaded by the Regional Council on Disability Affairs (RCDA), the NDPR week celebration was kicked-off by an econometrical celebration and an opening program with 307 participants from various GO's, NGO's, SPED students, teachers and member agencies of the RCOA.

A Legal Aid Clinic was also organized which serves as venue for the PWDs and other members of the community to raise questions, issues and complaints relative to the implementation of laws pertaining to persons with disability. Sponsored by DOLE Bicol was the conduct of Capacity Building Enhancement Seminar for Differently Able Group and Coordinators.

The weeklong celebration was culminated by the conduct of Access Audit on the facilities of the Legazpi City terminal and posting of accessibility stickers at the public utility vehicles. This was done by the members of the RCDA.

The culmination of the week's celebration is July 23, the birth date of Apolinario Mabini, "the Sublime Paralytic" whose bravery and heroic acts during Revolution of 1896 has greatly influenced the Philippine and his compatriots in fighting against the Spanish colonization. ###eejerusalem



ALERTO!

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**ANG PAGIGING ALERTO
HIYANG SA D.S.W.D NA EMPLEYADO
ANUNG SINABI NG IBANG DEPARTAMENTO
ANG MGA TAO DITO'Y TRABAHO KUNG TRABAHO**

**ANG PAGIGING ALERTO
HINDI LAMANG PAG MAY BAGYO
SAAN KA MANG PANIG NG MUNDO
IKAW DAPAT AY PREPARADO**

**ANG PAGIGING ALERTO AY ISANG HUWARANG HALIMBAWA
NG ISANG MAGANDANG KATANGIAN NG TAONG MADLA
IKAW MAN AY BATA O MAPAMATANDA
DAPAT IKA'Y ALERTO PARA MAKAIWAS SA SAKUNA**

**ILANG ULIT NA BA ANG IBA'Y NALAGAY SA PELIGRO
DAHIL SA KAPABAYAAN AT HINDI PAGIGING ALERTO
KAILAN PA BA SILA TULUYANG MAGBABAGO
KUNG HINDI NGAYON KAILAN PA ANG MALAKING TANONG KO**

**SINO SINO KAYA DITO ANG MASASABING ALERTO
IKAW BA, SILA O DI KAYA'Y AKO
ANG TAMANG KASAGUTAN AY NASA ISIP AT PUSO
PAGANAHIN ANG UTAK KADA MINUTO AT SEGUNDO**

**PAKIRAMDAMAN NATIN ANG PALIGID AT OPISINA
MAGING ALERTO AT MAY PAGKUKUSA
HINDI LAMANG UUNLAD ANG INYONG PAMUMUHAY
MAGING MASAYA PA ANG INYONG MGA BUHAY**

**ANG PAGIGING ALERTO MARAMING SINISIMBOLO
DAPAT GAWIN ITO MULA APARRI AT JOLO
PWEDE RING GAWIN ITO SAANG MANG SULOK NG MUNDO
MAIIWASAN ANG SAKUNA O DI KAYA'Y DELU'YO**

**KUNG GUSTO MONG LUMIGAYA ANG INYONG BUHAY
MAGING ALERTO LAMANG NA TOTOONG TUNAY
KAPABAYAAN NG BAWAT ISA AY WALANG MAIDUPULOT
NARI NAWAY SA TULA KO MAY ARAL KAYONG NAPULOT**

ACCOMPLISHMENT ng PSA VOLUNTEER

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PSA Volunteer
KALAH-CIDSS

Sa hirap at pagod na pinagdaanan
PSA volunteer ay may napatunayan
Sa tulong din ng mga kinauukulan
Ngayon proyekto nami'y malapit ng masimulan

Sa MIBF na ginanap
Sampaloc, rank 1 ang natanggap
Dahil nga sa naranasang paghihirap
Ito lang siguro ang nararapat

Kabarangay namin labis din ang katuwaan
Sa proyektong aming nakamtan
Kaya sila'y aming pinasasalamatan
Dahil sa suporta nila, kami'y di pinagdamutan

Hindi lang ito ang una
Dahil ito'y may kasunod pa
Sana patuloy ang inyong suporta
Upang sa paggawa kami'y lalong ganahan pa

Nang dahil sa KALAH-CIDSS kami ngayo'y may proyekto
Upang kahit paano barangay naman nami'y umasenso
Ang gumabay tumulong sa ami'y matatalinong ta
At mga Amerikano na nagbigay ng pondo

Salamat sir Edgar na gwapo
At kay sir Manny na malaking tao
Kay sir Francis na pogi at macho
Gayundin kay Engr. Monis na sobra ang talino

At sa lahat ng tao sa munisipyo
Kaming lahat sa inyo ay saludo
Dahil sa tulong na sa ami'y ginawa nyo
Diyos na ang bahalang gumanti sa inyo

Hindi ko na kailangan pang isa-isahin
Opisyal ng barangay council namin
Pasasalamat ang nais naming iparating
Dahil sa tiwalang ibinigay sa amin

Ito na ang huling talata
Sana kayo ay natuwa
Sa accomplishment naming nagawa
Dahil sa natanggap nating biyaya
Salamat din sa panginoong lumikha

Kalahi-CIDSS is a community-driven development (CDD) project which is operationalized through the Community Empowerment Activity Cycle (CEAC). The volunteers (non-barangay official) lead the implementation of the CEAC and ensure vibrant community participation in project activities.

The Participatory Situation Analysis (PSA) is an integral component of CEAC. The initial set of volunteers of Kalahi-CIDSS selected through the Barangay Assembly constitutes the PSA Team. Through PSA the community volunteers collectively gather data on conditions existing in the community, analyze these conditions, and define appropriate development interventions to address identified needs.

Gregoria Adan is one of those elected PSA volunteers who went through the whole process of validating issues confronting Brgy. Sampaloc in Gainza, Camarines Sur. Her community has completed the construction of health center with a total grant of Php577,323.00 from Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) through Kalahi-CIDSS.

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