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Albay - model province for bottom-up budgeting



The Province of Albay gained another milestone when it was chosen as pilot province for Bottom-up Budgeting (BuB) - an innovative approach to planning and participatory form of local governance. The idea of adopting this bottom-up approach in planning and budgeting was introduced as a novel mechanism for inter-jurisdictional projects by a province. This was coined by Hon. Governor Jose Maria Sarte Salceda of Albay to effectively address the funding

requirements and development needs of its prime cities and target municipalities with the end-view of more consensus-building among stakeholders and engaging multi-level agency and sectoral participation.

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DILG Region V hosted the joint orientation for field officers of DILG V and VIII on 2014 BUB preparation

DILG Region V hosted the Joint Orientation on Bottom-Up Planning and Budgeting (BUB) for Fiscal Year 2014 held on January 22, 2013 at the La Piazza Convention and Training Center, Legazpi City.

A total of 263 delegates composed of DILG regional and assistant regional directors, provincial directors, BUB provincial focal persons, program managers and city/municipal government operations officers of the focus LGUs from the DILG Region V and DILG Region VIII attended the activity. This group

represented the focused Cities & Municipalities of both regions where either the incidence of poverty and number of poor population are high, exposure to high geohazard risks or high economic potential as identified by the National Statistics Office, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau and the National Anti-Poverty Commission, respectively. Bicol Region has one hundred nine (109) focused Local Government Units. On the other hand Eastern Visayan Region has one hundred fifteen (115).

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In recent past, Albay has demonstrated its capacity in scaling up strategies at all levels of governance, making it the ideal pilot LGU for this innovative undertaking. It may be noted that Albay was the 2012 national winner of the *Gawad Pamana ng Lahi*, the highest award being conferred by the DILG. It forges strong partnership with local civil society organizations (CSOs), which is a basic requirement in the BuB process. This is aside from the fact that all of its 3 prime cities and 15 component municipalities crafted their respective local poverty reduction action plans (LPRRA).

To jumpstart the project, the Albay provincial government in cooperation with DILG Regional Office V and DILG Albay provincial office, hosted a Consultation Workshop on BuB mechanism for Inter-Jurisdictional Projects on March 6, 2013 at the Oriental Hotel in Legazpi City. In attendance were Local Chief Executives from Albay, *Liga ng mga Barangay* Presidents, City/Municipal LPRAT heads, and representatives from the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Non-Government Agencies (NGAs).

The activity served not only as a launching pad but also as an orientation to stakeholders. Gov. Salceda put emphasis on the government's role to bring about positive change in the lives of the people. He enjoined local officials to articulate projects that will make an impact on their constituents. He stressed that *"BuB is a very crucial innovation since apart from espousing local preference; it gives room for inter-jurisdictional projects – that cut across cities, municipalities and barangay."* The governor likewise expressed willingness to adopt and harmonize the BuB mechanism with the existing planning structure of the province including its local development fund. Director Blandino M. Maceda, on the other hand emphasized the common goal which all the LGUs in Albay need to achieve –that is reduce poverty and attain inclusive growth. Accordingly, this innovation will serve as an avenue for the province of Albay to further enhance its role as equalizer because it will utilize the resources of both the national and provincial governments for inter-jurisdictional projects with active and more enhanced

Civil Society participation.

For his part, DILG Undersecretary for Urban Poor and Local Sector Francisco Fernandez

presented the BuB conceptual framework and structure explaining the importance of bottom-up planning and budgeting and participation of CSOs and NGAs. *"It is important that inputs should come from the local level where priority projects are identified and integrated with the overall plans of every participating NGA or CSO,"* he said.

The BuB process at the provincial level is seen to allow CSOs to actively participate in the identification and implementation of the development projects, together with the elected and appointed officials of Albay province. This will make development projects more transparent, responsive and effective.- (LGOO V Ruth Fay B. Belarmino)



Usec. Francisco Fernandez (Center) with RD Blandino Maceda, PD Danton Vibar of DILG Albay, Engr. David de Guzman, LGCDD Chief and members of the secretariat

Masbateños join Walk for HOPE 2

Masbateños from all walks of life joined “Walk for HOPE 2” on February 23, 2013 in Masbate City. The activity started with a thanksgiving mass held at Masbate Social Center celebrated by Most. Reverend Bishop Jose Bantolo, then the Walk for HOPE took off from the Social Center to Magallanes Coliseum where the forum for an honest and peaceful election immediately followed. Among the personalities who joined the Walk include: Ambassador Henrietta De Villa, national chairperson of Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), Mr. Mon Casiple, a well-known political analyst, Governor Rizalina Lanete, 3rd district Representative Scott Davies S. Lanete, Vice Governor Vicente Homer B. Revil, former governor Olga T. Kho, Leo Casas, municipal and city officials and candidates for the 2013 elections.

Chairwoman De Villa, in her speech, presented the circumstances where Masbate province is considered hot spot. She said that Masbateños need not only to pray but to walk on bended knees in order for Masbate to have a peaceful election. She also gave emphasis on the ‘3 Ks’ traits – *karakter, kakayahan at katapatan* - of the candidates that the people should look for this 2013 Election.

COMELEC Commissioner Brillantes who was represented by COMELEC V Regional Director Atty. Romeo Cortes, challenged to file a case against candidates who will violate Commission En Banc Resolution 9615 and 9616. He categorically said that he will not allow COMELEC to cheat any candidate and announced a reshuffling of Election Officers.

PNP Personnel from the Regional Office were also present including General Lina Sarmiento. There were also representatives from the PNP V and Philippine Army who participated in the activity.

A covenant signing between candidates from different political parties and releasing of doves and balloons highlighted the activity.

The activity was spearheaded by the Masbate Advocates for Peace (MAP) with Judge Igmedio Emilio F. Camposano as its President. – *(LGOO II Myla J. Borres)*



DILG-Camarines Norte championing community-based DRRM through barangay contingency planning

On February 25 – March 02, 2013, DILG-Camarines Norte conducted a 3-day DRRM Training and Contingency Planning Workshop for barangay officials. Held in two batches at Bel-air Resort, Daet, Camarines Norte, the activity was participated in by 203 barangay officials coming from the 27 barangays of Jose Panganiban. Barangay officials from

Sta. Elena and San Vicente also attended the same training on March 11-13, 2013. Expected outputs from the training-workshop was the reformulated Barangay DRRM Plan and the Barangay Contingency Plan for each participating barangay.

The training-workshop was brought into being
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BUB on the go

The Bottom-Up Budgeting is a strategy where priority projects of LHUs are integrated into the budget of NGAs with the strong participation of CSOs and local communities.

After the conduct of the orientation for Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams on January 21, 2013 at La Piazza Convention Center, Legaspi City, PD Ruben Esq. Baldeo issued Provincial Order No. 01-2013 in the interest of public service and in compliance with the DBM-DILG-DSWD-NAPC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 3, 2013 re Policy Guidelines in the Implementation of Bottom-Up Budgeting (BUB) for the FY 2014 Budget Preparation, directing LGOO VIs Rico Gaurino, Roque delos Santos Jr and Julius Cal-Ortiz, and LGOO Vs Shirley del valle, Rosalie

Buban, Mabel Morano and Conchie Galeria to assist Sorsogon City and 14 municipalities in the province of Sorsogon in the conduct of the workshop in the formulation of their Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan from January 23-Feb 01, 2013.

LPRAP workshops were conducted with active involvement of the C/MGOOs and were completed in accordance with the timeline set in order to ensure the inclusion of the projects in the budget proposals of the participating agencies. The LPRAPs were submitted to the RPRAT for review and evaluation of projects to ensure that poverty is addressed by the priority projects being proposed by the LGUs. – (LGOO V Mabel E. Morano)

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owing to notion that the dependency on local government interventions of vulnerable communities during disasters is prevalent among high risk barangays. Putting in place the groundwork, the said intervention was also envisioned in transforming subject segments of population into proactive and self reliant communities.

The activity focused more on strengthening the capacities of community people specially the vulnerable segments of the population in terms of increasing their awareness and improving their decision-making and response skills as first responders; this can be only attained if people are equipped with adequate information, aided with early warning systems, and guided with a responsive and informative community plan.

Corollary, it was also viewed that the constant community-based DRRM interventions are expected to improve resiliency of the vulnerable and hazard-exposed barangay constituencies with enhanced individual capacities to cope with natural and man-made stressors.

Other barangays and municipalities in Camarines Norte are likewise expected to undergo similar undertaking. – (Pd Edwin F. Garcia)

Recruitment and promotion in DILG

DILG Region 5 has just recently welcomed the promotion of two Municipal Government Operations Officers (MGOO) to LGOO VI. They are Jerwin Novio and Elmer Penolio, both from Camarines Sur Province. They were sworn in to their new positions by RD Blandino M. Maceda last March 4, 2013 with all the Provincial Directors and CAO Henedina T. Gonzales in attendance.

Along with the promotion of the abovementioned employees, the Office

also welcomed four (4) new Local Government Operations Officers II namely: LGOO II Wilmor L. Gubia Jr., LGOO II Rosemarie Joy O. Domanico, LGOO II Evette E. Lique, LGOO II Nica Angelica A. Bolon. – (AO V Ma. Pia M. Salameño)



NBOO conducts Orientation on the Localization of the Comprehensive National Juvenile Intervention Program (CNJIP)

The National Barangay Operations Office (NBOO) conducted an “Orientation on the Localization of the Comprehensive National Juvenile Intervention Program (CNJIP)” at the Office of the Secretary, DILG Central Office, Quezon City on February 5 and 6, 2013. CNJIP is a 4-year program developed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development and funded by the Juvenile Justice Welfare Council (JJWC). The program is expected to end in Year 2015.

For Region V, Naga City was chosen as the pilot area under the CNJIP being a recipient of the Seal of Good Housekeeping Award and as Hall of Famer for Child Friendly LGUs. As the pilot local government unit in the Bicol Region, Naga City is expected to develop a model Local Juvenile Intervention Program that will cover Children at Risk (CAR) to prevent them further from becoming Children in Conflict with the Laws (CICL).

The CNJIP is chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) under the administrative supervision of the Department of Justice (DOJ). The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as a member of the Juvenile Justice Welfare Council (JJWC) is tasked to ensure that all Local Councils for the Protection of Children are functional and strengthened at all levels. *-(LGOO IV Grace S. Mago)*

Sorsogon PAMANA-TWG reviews project proposals

The PAMANA-DILG Fund Provincial Technical Group (PTWG) Chairman and concurrent Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) Head Secretariat PD Ruben Esq. Baldeo convened the PTWG on March 7, 2013. The PTWG reviewed and evaluated the project proposals submitted by the municipalities of Barcelona, Casiguran and Prieto Diaz under the PAMANA-DILG Fund for CY 2013, namely: concreting of farm-to-market roads at Barangays Fabrica, Sta. Cruz and Barangay Putiao in Barcelona, construction of concrete footbridge at Barangay Sta. Cruz, Casiguran and concreting of Gogon-San Rafael FMR (Phase3) in Pto. Diaz, all in the province of Sorsogon.



The members of the PTWG evaluated the submitted documents checked per PAMANA-DILG F1 TWG re checklist of requirements. Due to lack of some documents, the PTWG recommended the approval of the project proposals upon submission of the complete documents.

Provincial Peace and Order Council meeting followed shortly and the members were apprised of the DILG and OPPAP Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 dated January 11, Series of 2013 on the Supplemental Guidelines for the Management of the PAMANA-DILG Fund to better respond to emerging issues and varying situations in the covered areas. A presentation on the status of project implementation was likewise shown for the information of the members. After the deliberation of the PPOC, the Council unanimously recommended approval of the project proposals upon submission of requirements set forth in the JMC and subsequent indorsement to the DILG Regional Office for further review and evaluation. *-(LGOO V Mabel E. Morano)*

DRRM-CCA focal persons attend national disaster preparedness workshop



The focal persons on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation (DRRM-CCA) from regional and provincial offices participated in the National Disaster Preparedness Workshop conducted by the Bureau of Local Government Supervision (BLGS) on March 12-15, 2013 at the Local Government Academy (LGA) in Los Baños, Laguna.

The activity was conducted to review and counter verify Seal of Disaster Preparedness (SDP) information of priority local governments; assess and verify SDP information of all other local governments; and update participants on DRRM-CCA projects and programs of the Department.

Aside from SDP Review, the workshop was highlighted by a refresher on the SDP and the presentation by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) on Disaster Preparedness, the Discussion on Incident Command System and the orientation/updates on DILG DRRM-CCA Programs and Projects.

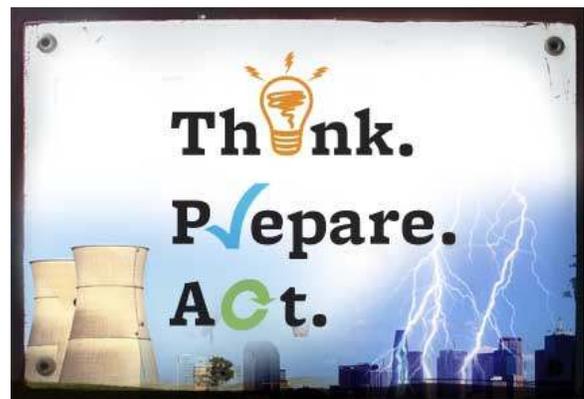
During the workshop, the Means of Verification in the Data Capture Form for the SDP were clarified and agreements regarding SDP implementation were finalized. In addition, the strengths and gaps of high-risk LGUs in disaster preparedness were identified. A Disaster Preparedness Profiling would be undertaken to determine areas for intervention based on SDP data.

Region V has 14 LGUs within the Bicol River Basin area that passed the SDP Level 1 (Priority LGUs)

namely provinces of Albay and Camarines Sur, the cities of Naga, Ligao and Iriga and the municipalities of Libon, Guinobatan, Oas, Camalig, Polangui and Tiwi in Albay as well as the municipalities of Calabanga, Ragay and Nabua in Camarines Sur.

The focal persons on DRRM-CCA are expected to assist the LGU passers in complying with the requirements needed for the Final Table Assessment to be conducted by the National SDP Team composed of personnel from BLGS and Local Government Academy in April of CY 2013.

LGOO V Renato C. Bolon, LGOO V Kathlyn B. Lopez, LGOO V Ma. Ruthel P. Gigantoca, LGOO V Ma. Cecilia V. Del Puerto, LGOO V Pio M. Benavidez, Jr., LGOO V Carlo C. Candidato and LGOO V Celestino D. Claveron, Jr. represented DILG Region V and DILG Provincial Offices of Camarines Sur, Albay, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon in the workshop, respectively. - (LGOO V Renato C. Bolon)

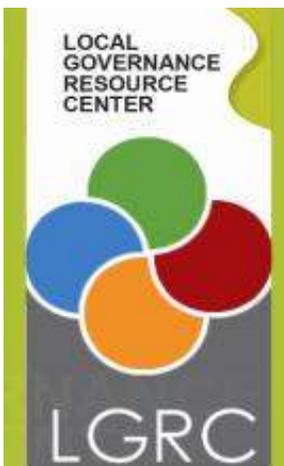




BUB projects

... government's way to address widespread poverty in the countryside

Catanduanes leads LGRC implementors among Bicol provinces



The DILGV Local Governance Regional Resource Center has chosen the Province of Catanduanes to be its pilot area for the establishment of the provincial Local Governance Resource Center (LGRC). One major consideration in piloting DILG Catanduanes was basically attributed to having its official provincial newsletter which is one of the components required in the operation of LGRC and the

geographical location of the province.

LGRC is a dynamic, interactive and virtual program that contributes to building the DILG as a knowledge centric organization (KCO) and builds learning communities that pursue local governance excellence through knowledge sharing and innovation. The purpose of establishing the LGRC which will be of great help to clientele includes the following: to promote a culture of learning and knowledge sharing; consolidate the wealth

of information on good local governance; improve access to this knowledge and information and; promote awareness and replication of exemplary practices in local governance.

There are three ultimate goals for establishing LGRC namely to: promote a culture of learning and knowledge sharing in pursuit of sustainable development; support DILG in its role as primary catalyst for excellence in local governance and; harness the role of DILG as knowledge brokers and facilitators of CapDev in local governance.

The LGRC program will be anchored on four basic service facilities namely: Capacity Development Facility / Public Education on Good Governance and Development, Citizenship. Linkage Facility/Multi-media Knowledge and Information Facility.

The implementation of LGRC in Catanduanes widens the scope of clientele it serves and the quality of services it offers. *—(LGOO V William Aldea)*

Coalition for Bicol Development, Inc. implements another project on decentralized governance and multi-stakeholder partnerships for regional development – Sorsogon and Camarines Sur as pilot provinces



Another opportunity came for CBD, Inc. to continue its engagement and scale-up its partnerships with the various sectors, LGUs and NGAs as it started to implement the project entitled “Decentralized Governance and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Regional Development (DG-MSP for RD)” this January 2013-2015. CBD will pilot two (2) provinces for the said project namely Sorsogon and Camarines Sur with PANGOPOD and CAMSURNET as the Provincial CSO Network local implementing partners respectively.

This 2-year project hopes to attain several objectives in these 3 major areas.

On Local CSO networks and other member organizations- that the regional CSO and its member organizations are actively participating in public development planning and budgeting process, engage themselves in relevant advocacies and have improved their CSO network management skills

On Local Governance- that the local governance structures between local CSOs, LGUs and regional offices of NGA in the target provinces are more participatory, inclusive, and effective

On regional basic sectors and poor communities- that the local basic sectors and poor communities organized as people’s organizations (POs), cooperatives, and other civil society organizations are empowered to effectively participate in local governance, ensuring that their priority needs are addressed and met.

To realize the set of objectives, the project outlined the following major activities to be conducted in each project component:

CSO Network Activities :

- Training on Public Planning/Budgeting and Effective CSO Networking and Advocacy
- Regional Sharing-Discussion Session of CSO Leaders
- National Assembly

Engagement With the Government :

- Baseline Data Establishment and Research/Situational Analysis of Local Governance Situation
- CSO and Multi-Stakeholder Consultations for Regional Development Agenda Building
- Local Government Engagement on Public Planning and Budgeting
- Local Government Engagement on Priority Project Implementation and Monitoring
- Information and Commitment Building Sessions

Advocacy :

- Website/Electronic Advocacy
- Media Work/Publication
- Provincial Advocacy
- Organizing/Mobilizing/Networking

For this project on DG-MSP for RD, CBD shall affirm its current engagement with the regional offices of Department of Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and Department of Agriculture (DA). CBD will also be forging new partnerships with the regional offices of National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). A Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership (MOUP) will be signed by the parties to uphold the NGA-CSO-LGU collaboration and engagements.

This project is being funded by CODE-NGO through the support of MISEREOR. - *(Joy Oropesa-Bañares, Regional Coordinator, Coalition for Bicol Development)*

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The activity was held to ensure the smooth implementation of the 2nd run of the BUB project in both regions. It aims to familiarize the participants of the provisions of JMCs 2 & 3 series of 2012 as discussed by Ms. Perigine Cayadong, Technical Officer of the National Anti-Poverty Commission and Mr. Patrick Lim, Consultant of the Department of Budget and Management, respectively. During the orientation, the significant roles, duties and responsibilities of the different operating levels were discussed by LGOO V Ma. Luzviminda Fortaleza of the DILG Bureau of Local Government Development.

The importance of synergizing the activities with timeline specified in JMC 3 was presented by LGOO IV Malou Adayo of DILG-BLGD during the workshop proper. Through the said exercise, the 2013 BUB Provincial Action Plans were prepared based on the Region's action agenda. These were presented during the plenary by the provincial directors. RD Blandino M. Maceda stressed the importance of commitment and dedication of the DILG personnel present in order for the BUB projects could be implemented successfully in the Bicol and Visayas Regions. - (LGOO V Ruth Fay B. Belarmino)

42 LGUs receive grant for water supply project under BUB

A total of 42 local government units in Bicol are recipients of potable water supply project grant for 2013 under the Bottom-up Budgeting (BUB) program. These LGUs have identified the provision of potable water supply to address the basic need of their constituents on water and same was integrated in their respective Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan (LPRAP) which has been endorsed by the LGU's partner CSO/NGO.

The LGU-recipients include Camalig, Libon, Malinao, Manito, Oas and Tiwi in Albay; Basud, Labo and Sta. Elena in Camarines Norte; Bato, Bula, Calabanga, Caramoan, Minalabac, Nabua, Naga City, Ocampo, Ragay, Sipocot and Tinambac in Camarines Sur; Baras and San Miguel in Catanduanes; Aroroy, Balud, Cawayan, Mandaon, Milagros, Monreal, Palanas, Placer and San Jacinto in Masbate and Gubat, Irosin, Juban, Magallanes, Pilar and Prieto Diaz in Sorsogon.

These local government units through their respective Local Chief Executive, Municipal Engineer, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, DILG Officer and CSO/NGO partner attended the basic orientation on this project held in December 2012. The orientation was conducted by the Project Development Monitoring Unit (PDMU) of the DILG R-V in order to acquaint the participants on the documentary requirements and mechanics of the project vis a vis the timeline set for submission of said requirements, which is necessary for the release of project funds.

At present, majority of the LGU-recipients have already submitted their project feasibility study, created the Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) team through an Executive Order, passed a Resolution authorizing their LCEs to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the DILG relative to the project and have opened a Trust Account for said project. The DILG officers in the aforementioned LGUs continue to render technical assistance in order for said LGUs to be able to comply with all the requirements. - (Planning Officer III Ma. Grace Joy U. Tango)

DILG/LGRRC Manual of Operations on process

Motivated by the results of the assessment for LGRRCs conducted by the Local Government Academy where Bicol LGRRC was adjudged as the best performing LGRRC among the 17 in the country, DILG Bicol has conducted a Writeshop on the Formulation of the Manual of Operations of DILG/LGRRC on February 18-20, 2013 at Jennifer’s Kababayan Hotel, Legazpi City. The activity was participated in by 25 key persons composed of the LGRRC Team, the LGRC Provincial Focal Persons and the Multi Stakeholders Advisory Committee (MSAC) members.



The Writeshop is primarily aimed at strengthening the management and operations of Bicol LGRRC. It was an offshoot of the online and onsite assessment which revealed that there are a lot of LGRRC documents such as Communication Plan, Knowledge Maps, KM Needs and others that have to be polished and formulated in order to ensure that the organization is moving on its right track. There is also a need to revisit the existing LGRRC Framework, Value Proposition and KM Audit Results of Bicol LGRRC. These documents shall guide the DILG, the LGRRC team and the MSAC members in their functions and tasks in order to achieve the goals and work towards achieving the vision of Bicol LGRRC. The draft DILG/LGRRC Manual of Operations is now being finalized by the technical working group.

Alongside this activity are the election of new set of MSAC officers for CY 2013-2015, the renewal of their pledge of commitment and the orientation of LGRC provincial focal persons for the proposed establishment of sub-regional LGRCs. - (LGOOV Ning Casin)

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FAD employees attend 3-day live-in seminar

Seventy-two (72) employees performing administrative functions in DILG attended the 3-day live-in seminar held in Patio De San Jose on March 5-7, 2013. With them are the six (6) Program Managers from the provincial offices. The theme for the activity is “What Am I Here For?” focusing on the role of the administrative employees in the performance of the mandate of the organization.

The seminar provided an opportunity to revisit the Vision, Mission and Mandate of DILG including its organizational structure. Employees were also enlightened on the salient provisions of RA 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Government Officials and Employees) and RA 9184 (Procurement Act of the Philippines). Other topics discussed were Enhanced Personnel Performance Evaluation System (ENPPES), new SALN, Budget Cycle, Records Management and Disposal, 5S of Good Housekeeping, Leave Management, Merit Selection Plan, Payroll Preparation, Fuel Consumption, Travel Claims and department issuances. The Speakers for this seminar all came from Finance and Administrative Division headed by CAO Henedina T. Gonzales, PhD.

It was also an opportune time for renewal of commitment to service through a session on Values Formation delivered by Fr. Neil Aranas. - *(AO V Ma. Pia M. Salameño)*



PAMANA DILG fund project implementation in Bicol Region

In line with the 2011-2016 Philippine Development Plan, the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program is launched as a framework that targets to reduce poverty and vulnerability, to empower the community and to improve the form of governance in the locality . With these combined efforts from the community and the relevant intervention of the government, social progress and sustainable development are aimed to achieve.

Among the thirty-three (33) projects for 2012, four (4) are already completed, namely: Construction of Level II Water System and River Control Project in Barcelona, Sorsogon, and the rehabilitation of two roads in San Pascual, Masbate. Moreover, the construction of seven (7) projects in Monreal (Masbate), Casiguran, Juban, Irosin, Prieto Diaz, and Provincial Government of Sorsogon are on going. The remaining twenty-two (22) of these projects are not yet started.

The Municipalities of Basud, Capalonga, and San Lorenzo Ruiz in Camarines Norte, and Barcelona, Prieto Diaz and Casiguran in Sorsogon are likewise recipients of the PAMANA DILG Fund 2013 with a total allocation of Php59,000,000. - *(LGOO II Donna Dawn Vibar)*



VETO POWER OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Whether a local chief executive's (LCE) act of signing the appropriation ordinance and delivering the same to the sangguniang bayan coupled with veto message renders the latter moot and academic.

There are two ways by which a local chief executive can exercise veto power under Sections 54 and 55 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160):

- (1) by vetoing the entire ordinance; or
- (2) by vetoing only a particular item or items of (a) an appropriation ordinance, or (b) resolution adopting a local development plan and public investment program, or (c) ordinance directing the payment of money or creating liability.

On the first, pursuant to Section 54 (a), the LCE has to veto the entire ordinance by returning the same to the *sanggunian* with his objections so that the *sanggunian* may proceed to reconsider the same. The LCE is not supposed to sign that ordinance if he does not approve of the same; otherwise, his signature indicates approval of the entire ordinance as enacted. The LCE cannot also "pocket" his veto because if he fails to communicate his disapproval the ordinance will be deemed approved, as if he has signed it.

Under the second, the so-called "item veto" which can be applied only to those three (3) legislative measures specified under Section 55 (b), the LCE may approve some items of an appropriation ordinance except those items that he has particularly pointed out in his veto message. Consequently, he may actually sign the ordinance to signify his approval of some items therein, subject to his veto message specifying the items he disapproves of. This is the import of Section 55 (b) which provides that the LCE's veto will not affect the item or items he did not object to, and that those items he vetoed will not take effect unless the *sanggunian* overrides his veto.

Thus, the LCE's act of signing the appropriation ordinance subject to his veto message of certain items therein and then delivering the same to the *sanggunian* for their appropriate action do not render the veto message moot. Instead, if the *sanggunian* fails to override the LCE's veto, in accordance with Section 55 (b), *'the item or items in the appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if any, shall be deemed reenacted.'*

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