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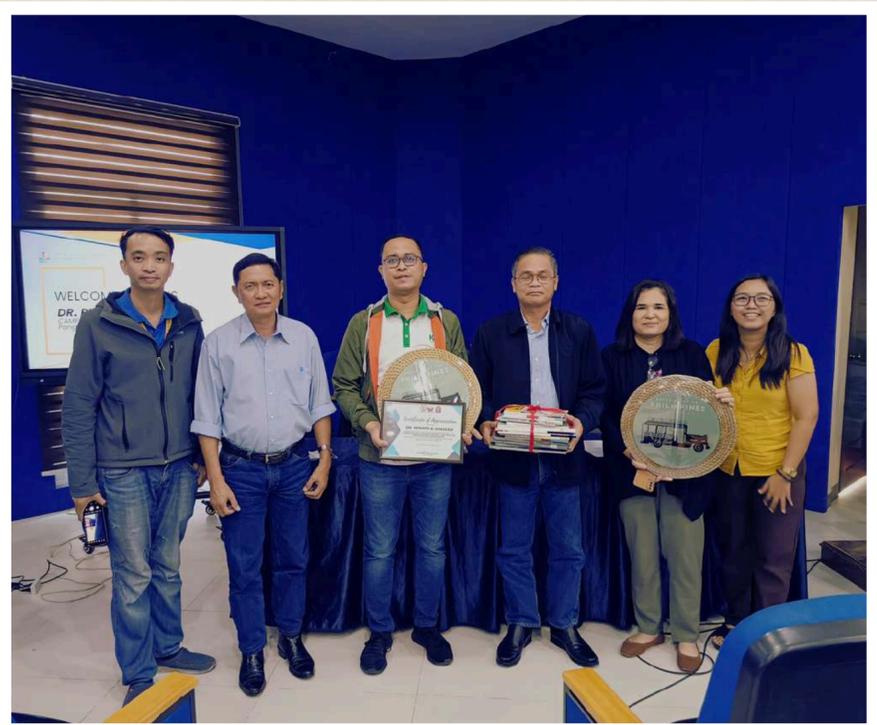
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# FY 2024 3rd Quarter Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Council (MSAC) and Consortium of MSAC Libraries Meeting

The FY 2024 3rd Quarter Multi-Stakeholders Advisory Council (MSAC) and Consortium of MSAC Libraries Meeting was held at Pangasinan State University, Lingayen Campus, Pangasinan.

Presided over by LGRRC 1 Manager, ARD Paulino G. Lalata, Jr., CESO V, the meeting served as a platform for members to exchange ideas and share best practices to promote innovation across institutions. The agenda was packed with meaningful discussions, including Updates on Regional Institutional Development Support and Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), Presentation of the MSAC Research Framework and Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) – Final Draft, Showcasing PSU’s Best Programs and Library Services, and other matters.



With shared goals and concerted efforts, the council continues to pave the way for meaningful governance, education, and research advancements.

# Strengthening Partnership with LRIs, SUCs and LUCs in the Region

On October 17, 2024, the Local Government Academy (LGA) convened with the LGRRC Core Team Members at the DILG Regional Office 1 to discuss the strategic partnership with Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), which has been nominated as the Local Resource Institution (LRI).

The collaboration aims to provide continuous capacity-building efforts and deliver relevant learning resources to empower local government units (LGUs). This effort is designed to enhance LGU's performance in fulfilling their mandates while promoting good governance practices throughout the region.



# SICAP-BADAC 3.0

**In its steadfast commitment to empowering local leaders in the fight against illegal drugs, DILG Region 1 conducted the Roll Out Training on the Strengthening Institutional Capacities of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (SICAP-BADAC) 3.0 on October 9-10, 2024, at Ynad's Place Hotel and Resort.**

This two-day activity brought together a diverse group of participants, including the Provincial Training Teams from Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan, as well as Punong Barangays, Barangay Secretaries, and a Barangay Councilor from selected barangays in Region 1.

The training aimed to strengthen the capacities of BADACs by equipping them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and mindset to fulfill their roles effectively. Central to the program were discussions on their critical functions in implementing the Barangay Drug Clearing Program and establishing a strong community-level intelligence network.

Through this endeavor, the DILG Region 1 emphasizes the importance of barangays as the front liners in the government's campaign against illegal drugs. The SICAP-BADAC 3.0 was a platform to enhance their readiness and determination to create safer, drug-free communities in Region 1.



# Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Region 1 Youth Summit

Building on the success of the inaugural regionwide Youth for Peace Summit Phase 1, known as "ELEVATE," the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) of Region 1 launched Phase 2, "ENGAGE," on October 16-18, 2024. Held at the Marand Resort and Spa in Bauang, La Union, this follow-up event marked another milestone in encouraging youth leadership for peace and security in the region.



The first phase, conducted on March 14-15, 2024, at the La Union Convention Center, laid the foundation by gathering young leaders and inspiring them to take active peacebuilding roles. Phase 2 took a more hands-on approach, equipping selected youth leaders from Phase 1 with practical skills and knowledge to transform their aspirations into actionable initiatives.

The three-day program emphasized capacity-building and skill development. Participants explored pressing topics surrounding youth, peace, and security while honing public speaking, project planning, and implementation competencies. The event culminated in interactive workshops where participants collaborated to design innovative peacebuilding projects tailored to address the challenges in their respective provinces.



# 2024 DILG R1 Regional Decentralization Conference



**The 2024 DILG R1 Regional Decentralization Conference unfolded on November 15, 2024, at Patio by Balai Norte, featuring seven presenters from Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU), University of Luzon (UL), and Saint Louis College (SLC).**

Adding depth to the conference, interactive discussions and forums among the participants enriched the exchange of ideas and encouraged collaborative understanding that focused on amendments to the 1991 Local Government Code. Provincial Directors and DILG R1 officials were present, with many more joining virtually via Zoom and YouTube live, expanding the reach of this important dialogue on the future of local governance.



# Regional Peace and Order Council 4th quarter meeting CY 2024

The Regional Peace and Order Council 1 (RPOC 1) conducted its 4th Quarter Meeting last November 15, 2024, at the Sison Auditorium, Lingayen, Pangasinan.



During the meeting, the member agencies shared their accomplishments in addressing anti-criminality, anti-drug efforts, anti-insurgency initiatives, and public safety campaigns. Preparations for the 2025 National and Local Elections were also discussed, highlighting the readiness of key stakeholders. Additionally, the Philippine Regional Office 1 (PRO 1) introduced the iPOLICE eBuzz-ER mobile application to enhance the region's public safety and law enforcement efforts.

The RPOC 1 meeting was presided over by its Chairperson, La Union Governor Rphaelle Veronica Ortega-David. The gathering brought together heads and representatives from various member agencies, local government units, the security sector, and civil society organizations (CSOs), reflecting a united front for regional peace and security.

The RPOC promotes peace and order, security, and public safety at the regional level. It comprises local government officials, law enforcement agencies, line agencies, military representatives, CSOs, and other relevant stakeholders. The council serves as a venue for coordinating efforts to address crime, insurgency, illegal drugs, and other peace and order concerns.

# LGRRC and PLGRC Assessment



From November 18 to 21, 2024, the Local Government Academy (LGA) conducted a comprehensive assessment of the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) 1 and the Provincial LGRCs, evaluating their performance based on three key areas with multiple indicators:

Area 1: Capacity Development

Area 2: Implementation of Knowledge Management (KM) Initiatives and LGA Programs, Projects, and Activities (PPAs)

Area 3: Overall Performance

This achievement reflects hard work and a shared commitment to promoting innovation and strengthening local governance.



# Regional Development Council 1 (RDC 1) 4th Quarter Full Council Meeting CY 2024



RD Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr., CESO III, also the Chairperson of the Governance Sectoral Committee, actively participates in the Regional Development Council 1 (RDC 1) 4th Quarter Full Council Meeting CY 2024 at the Pangasinan Training and Development Center II, Lingayen, Pangasinan. The meeting aims to review the region's progress and discuss development priorities in the region.



# OGPinas!

**October 8, 2024, marked a milestone for governance in the Ilocos Region as the La Union Leg of "OGPinas!" nationwide advocacy campaign made its impactful presence felt in San Fernando City, La Union.**

In a joint effort led by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), along with the DBM Regional Office I, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), the event showcased the power of collaboration in promoting open governance and citizen empowerment.

The campaign highlighted the significance of the 6th Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP) National Action Plan, the country's pioneering medium-term action plan focused on transparency, accountability, and inclusive participation. With over 300 attendees from various government agencies, civil society organizations, LGUs, and the academic sector, the event served as a platform to rally support for a more transparent and participatory governance framework in Region I.

DILG Regional Director Jonathan Paul M. Leusen, Jr., CESO III, emphasized the essential role of collaboration between the government and the people. "It's not just the government talking to the government, but a genuine partnership between the public, civil society, and all sectors who share a vision of progress," he said. His remarks reinforced the idea that open governance is not a one-way conversation but a collaborative effort that requires active involvement from all sectors of society.



# OGPinas!

DBM Secretary and PH-OGP Chairperson Amenah F. Pangandaman also delivered an inspiring keynote message. She highlighted the recent institutionalization of the PH-OGP through Executive Order No. 31, which aligns the efforts of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches toward a unified vision of transparency. “Ngayong araw, may pagkakataon po ang La Union na maisulong din ang bukás na pamamahala dito sa inyong probinsya (Today, La Union also gets the chance to promote open governance here in the province),” Secretary Pangandaman expressed, inviting local government units (LGUs) in La Union to join the expanding OGP Local Program.

She further encouraged greater LGU participation, pointing out the four current members of the OGP Local Program: Baguio City, Quezon City, Tagbilaran City, and the Municipality of Larena in Siquijor. Secretary Pangandaman invited La Union, urging them to promote open governance in their localities proactively.



The event featured notable officials, including DBM Undersecretaries Margaux Salcedo, Wilford Will L. Wong, Rolando U. Toledo, and Dr. Joselito Basilio, along with DBM Regional Office I Director Ria V. Bansigan, and DILG – La Union Provincial Director Reggie R. Colisao—local leaders like City of San Fernando Mayor Hermenegildo A. Gualberto, represented by City Legal Officer Atty. Maria Nadia N. Gonzales-Pilar, La Union Governor Raphaele Veronica "Rafy" Ortega-David, represented by Executive Assistant Dr. Eleazar "El" Belgica, and Vice Governor Mario Eduardo C. Ortega also showed their support, demonstrating a strong alliance among regional and national leaders in the advocacy for transparent governance.

The OGPinas! Campaign led by the DILG and its partners inspires hope and optimism for the future of governance in the country. It stands as a testament to the power of collective action and every citizen's vital role in shaping a government that is truly by the people, for the people, and with the people. As Director Leusen aptly said, "Good governance isn't just a goal; it's an ongoing journey." This journey is one that the DILG, its partners, and the people of Ilocos Region are committed to walking together, ensuring a brighter, more transparent, and empowered future for all.

# DILG-R1 lands GOLD AWARDEE on the ARTA RCS AWARDS



Congratulations to DILG Region 1 for achieving the prestigious Gold Award for the ARTA RCS, boasting an impressive average rating of 97.31%!

The Anti-Red Tape Authority - Report Card Survey (ARTA RCS) is a performance assessment tool used by ARTA to evaluate the efficiency and transparency of government agencies in delivering services to the public. The survey gauges various aspects such as service quality, compliance with the Ease of Doing Business Act, and the overall customer experience. An excellent rating in the ARTA RCS signifies that a government agency is effectively reducing bureaucratic obstacles and improving service delivery.

Regional Director Jonathan Paul M. Leusen Jr. and FAD Chief Engr. Sharwyn Sangel represented the hard working men and women of DILG Uno in receiving the gold award.

Again, Congratulations, DILG Rehiyon Uno!

# LGA Partnership with DMMMSU-OUS as LRI

On October 18, 2024, the Local Government Academy (LGA), represented by Local Governance Training and Development Division (LGTDD) Chief Sally Jumalon and LGOO IV Eloise Omolida, alongside DILG Region 1, led by Local Government Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) 1 Core Team Member and Local Government Capability Development Division (LGCDD) Chief Pedro D. Gonzales, visited the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University Open University System (DMMMSU OUS).

The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the partnership between LGA and DMMMSU OUS, as the latter serves as a Local Resource Institution (LRI) in developing and enhancing the capabilities of local government units (LGUs).

The discussion focused on identifying potential collaboration areas, including enhancing existing programs and creating new initiatives that address the pressing needs and challenges faced by LGUs.

Both parties stressed the significant role of LRIs like DMMMSU OUS in bridging knowledge gaps and cultivating a culture of continuous learning among LGUs. By leveraging their expertise and resources, the collaboration strives to promote the quality of local governance, which benefits communities across the region.



# 2024 Children's Summit

The DILG Region 1, represented by Asst. Regional Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr., CESO V, participated in the 2024 Children's Summit for the celebration of the 2024 National Children's Month, conducted by the local government unit of Dagupan City, headed by City Mayor Belen T. Fernandez at the Jimmy L. Fernandez Center (CSI Stadia), Hall 3, Dagupan City, Pangasinan on November 6, 2024.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10661, the National Children's Month (NCM) is annually celebrated every November to commemorate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) adoption on November 20, 1989. It seeks to instill its significance in Filipino consciousness and sustain the promotion and protection of children's rights.

The 32nd NCM celebration this year takes on a vital theme: "Break the Prevalence, End the Violence: Protecting the Children, Creating a Safe Philippines." This theme highlights the joint responsibility to address violence against children and create a safer environment where every child can prosper.



# Governance Sectoral Committee (Gov SeCom)

On November 7, 2024, the Regional Development Council (RDC) 1 – Governance Sectoral Committee (GovSeCom), chaired by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and represented by Regional Director Jonathan Paul M. Leusen Jr., conducted its 4th Quarter Meeting at the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) Training Hall in the DILG Regional Office I. The meeting was sponsored by the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), in coordination with DILG Region I.

The meeting was attended by representatives from various regional line agencies, provincial and city government units, and the private sector. As part of its mandate, the committee reviewed and endorsed programs and projects of national government agencies (NGAs) and local government units (LGUs) that require national financial support.



In addition to project reviews, the committee discussed and analyzed sectoral information and statistics to support the preparation of the annual regional development report. It also played a key role in aligning national development goals and policies with regional sectoral objectives. Furthermore, the committee worked to integrate LGU sectoral plans and programs into broader regional plans while coordinating the activities of sectoral line agencies across the region.

# BNEO M&E Year-end Assessment cum launching ceremony of the "DAMILI" BNEO Knowledge Product



DILG Region 1 marked a significant milestone with the Year-End Assessment of the Barangay Newly Elected Officials (BNEO) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) program, capped by the much-anticipated launch of the "DAMILI" BNEO Knowledge Product.

This initiative, developed by the Local Governance Regional Resource Center (LGRRC) 1, helps to equip barangay leaders with practical knowledge and skills to enhance their effectiveness in local governance.



# PANDAY MAMBABATAS Awarding Ceremony

DILG Region 1 proudly recognized the outstanding Sangguniang Panlalawigan members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to legislative excellence and good governance during the PANDAY MAMBABATAS Awarding Ceremony.

Topping the list of honorees was Hon. Mildred M. Elaydo of Ilocos Sur, who received the Most Outstanding Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member for her outstanding contributions to public service.



Also earning well-deserved recognition as finalists were:

- ◆ Hon. Franklin Dante A. Respicio – Province of Ilocos Norte
- ◆ Hon. Maria Rosario Eufrosina P. Nisce – Province of La Union
- ◆ Hon. Jerry Agerico B. Rosario – Province of Pangasinan

Their unyielding dedication to legislative excellence has set a high standard in governance in the region.

# Information and Service Caravan on Child Labor in celebration of National Children's Month

In celebration of National Children's Month, the DILG Region 1 participated in the Information and Service Caravan on Child Labor spearheaded by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region 1 on November 26, 2024, at the Don Leopoldo Sison Auditorium in Alaminos City, Pangasinan.

The activity aims to enhance awareness and garner support for the campaign against child labor. Various government agencies, non-government organizations, and partner stakeholders assisted the beneficiaries.

150 children received learning supplies, hygiene kits, and food packs, providing much-needed resources for their well-being and education.



# POST-EVALUATION OF RIDS PROGRAM CUM CREATION OF THE RCGLG

The DILG Region 1 conducted the Post-Evaluation of the Regional Institutional Development Support (RIDS) Program alongside the Creation of the Regional Council for Good Local Governance (RCGLG) on December 9-10, 2024, at EM Royale Hotel, San Juan, La Union.

The RIDS program aims to provide targeted capacity-building intervention for LGUs. It also supports the Department's commitments under the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and the DILG Multi-Year Strategic Plan to enhance LGU performance in key governance areas measured by the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).



A significant event highlight was the formal establishment of the Regional Council for Good Local Governance (RCGLG) in Region 1, tasked with providing strategic direction for the SGLG and the RIDS program.

# Promoting a Well-Informed and Drug-Free Workforce

In line with the DILG Regional Office 1 institutionalized Drug-Free Workplace Program, a Drug Awareness Seminar and Random Mandatory Drug Testing were conducted on December 18, 2024. Held at the DILG Regional Training Hall, the activity reflects the agency's commitment to promoting a safe, drug-free work environment.



This was made possible through collaboration with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Regional Office 1 and the Department of Health (DOH) Treatment and Rehabilitation Center.



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# Jewels of the North



The Department of the Interior and Local Government - Regional Office I (DILGRO1) recently celebrated the exceptional contributions of its personnel through the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) during the prestigious Jewels of the North event. Held on December 5-6, 2024, at the scenic Puerto de San Juan Beach Resort Hotel in Ili Sur, San Juan, La Union, the event carried the inspiring theme: "One Region, One Heart: Reflect, Celebrate, Inspire."

The event commenced with a warm acknowledgment of the participants, including representatives from the Provincial and Field Offices of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan, as well as the administrators and staff from the Regional Office. Setting the tone for the occasion, \*Regional Director Jonathan Paul M. Leusen Jr., CESO III\*, delivered an uplifting opening address, emphasizing the significance of service excellence and collaboration.

A highlight of the event was the much-anticipated awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding individuals and teams who have demonstrated exemplary dedication and performance in their respective roles. The following awards were presented:

## **Best Administrative Staff**

*Maria Eloiza T. Bagayas*  
AA II, DILG Ilocos Norte

## **Best Technical Staff**

*Micah Janina A. Corpuz*  
LGOO II, DILG Ilocos Norte

## **Best City/Municipal LGOO**

*Marife M. Doculan*  
LGOO VI, Balaoan, La Union

## **Sunstone Award**

*Francis Jayson C. Raquel*  
LGOO VI, DILG Ilocos Sur



# Jewels of the North



**3rd Runner-Up**  
*DILG Pangasinan*

**2nd Runner-Up**  
*DILG La Union*

**1st Runner-Up**  
*DILG Ilocos Norte*

**Best Province**  
*DILG Ilocos Sur*

These awards serve as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the men and women of DILGRO1 in upholding service excellence and fostering good governance across the region.

Bringing the successful event to a close, **Assistant Regional Director Paulino G. Lalata Jr., CESO V**, expressed his gratitude to all participants and awardees. He highlighted the importance of continuous learning, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence in local governance.

The **Jewels of the North** event not only celebrated the accomplishments of dedicated public servants but also served as a beacon of inspiration for the entire region, reinforcing the commitment to **"One Region, One Heart."**





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