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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CY 2005

##### PROGRAM/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES:

##### ENHANCING CAPACITIES FOR PERFORMANCE MONITORING

##### Executive-Legislative Agenda for Development

Effective and responsible governance begins with both executive and legislative leaderships drumming to the same development rhythm under the mantle of citizen participation.

Armed with this philosophy, DILG-Bohol took to heart the facilitation of the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) of all its 49 LGUs that at the start of this year, 12 LGUs have already submitted copies of their unified agenda. Thirty-five (35) LGUs followed suit at the end of January, while the Municipality of Batuan and the Provincial Government with their respective circumstances proved to be challenge.

Respective ELAs of Bohol LGUs have become its rationalized basis for their Annual Investment Plans of 2005 as well as for their training program. This year, 25 LGUs have rolled out their training program as based on their ELA. We, in DILG-Bohol are very much pleased to note that for a considerable number of LGUs, such as the City of Tagbilaran and the municipalities of Garcia-Hernandez and Trinidad, they have consciously put their respective ELA as a centerpiece of governance. For CY 2004, DILG Bohol assisted and facilitated one hundred eighty four (184) capability building activities initiated by the local governments.

##### Local Governance Performance

Integral in the quest for excellence in local governance is an approximation of the level of basic services delivery of an LGU. The Local Governance Performance Management System of DILG-7 is both a tool and a process that attempts such. The study encompasses various indicators in five service areas, namely: social, economic, environmental, legislative and governance administration.

Convinced of its relevance and utility for LGUs, field officers of DILG-Bohol gathered CY 2004 data from LGUs which will form part as an update of the previous LGPMs study covering CY 2003. To give support to field operations and to ensure reliability and validity of data, DILG provincial, management organized itself into work teams to review survey results from the field. This had

facilitated timely, efficient yet effective submission of the results to regional management.

At this point, DILG-Bohol takes pride of its contribution to LGPMS implementation with the expertise of CLGOO Mardonio T. Roxas who, in many ways, had made score computation easy, fast and reliable.

#### LDC Functionality and LGU Annual Report

Development planning in all LGUs of the province is in place as their Local Development Plans were found to be updated and responsive to their agenda. Functional also in these LGU are their feedback and transparency mechanism when 18 LGUs submitted their Annual Reports on time, while the remaining 31 LGUs submitted the same within the following months.

#### Anti-Red Tape Project

Prompted with positive result of five pilot areas of Anti-Red Tape Program, DILG Bohol decided to spread the good news of institutionalizing mechanism of cutting down red tape and improving processes of civil application system to the other 43 LGUs in the province. From March to May 2005, it was no less than PD Rustica N. Mascariñas who hopped from one municipality to another to conduct orientation on the program. The intensified campaign had yielded an additional 25 LGUs that signified to implement the program.

At present, Bohol has a total of 30 LGU s with established Customer Complaint Desks, and with streamlined civil application system. Likewise, our officers in these LGUs have monitored the program's implementation quarterly. Nine of these LGUs have come up with their manual of operations in civil applications, which often become a very good source material for information-dissemination by the Gabay Mamayan Action Centers in the barangay level. In addition to the 5 pilot areas, these LGUs are expected to put into operation their respective One-Stop-Shops in January next year.

#### Gabay sa Mamamayan Action Center (GMAC) Project

This year, DILG-Bohol intensified its efforts in improving the functionality of the GMACs established in all 1,109 barangays of the province. Starting in July of this year, a province-wide on-site assessment was conducted by the ten (10) TACT Clusters while OPD Staff validated at least forty-eight (48) GMACs in August during the conduct of the TACT Cluster Evaluation. On these on-site assessments, program implementers were guided on how to make full use of the developmental information mechanism institutionalized at the barangay level by putting up information resource materials and by establishing referral systems.

With these efforts, DILG-Bohol has outstripped this year's target with 1084 or 97.7% of its GMACs functional and 142 or 12.8% with computers.

No. of GMACs established : 1,109  
No. of Functional GMAC : 1,072  
No. of GMACs w/ computer : 142

DILG-Bohol also takes pride in this year's GMAC breakthrough, in the city of Tagbilaran as CLGOO Mardonio T. Roxas conceptualized a CD-based information resource material, dubbed as ACAI or Access to Available Information that enables one to access a huge amount of information from the LGUs Profile down to the profile of a particular barangay. The system also supports the Anti-Red Tape Program as it also readily provides information on the LGUs systems and procedures in acquiring permits, licenses and other public documents. The system however, is continually being perfected and soon will be made available for replication to barangays of other LGUs.

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROJECT

### Gawad Galing Pook

Through DILG-Bohol's campaign and advocacy, the year 2005 saw the applications of Bohol's two best practices to the prestigious search for innovation and excellence in local governance - the Gawad Galing Pook. Coming from the Provincial Government, these best practices are the Bohol Poverty Reduction Management Program and the Legal Assistance for Effective Law Enforcement Program. It is with esteem to know that the former had been short-listed to this year's search and it is always for the reason that such recognition inspires the hearts of LGUs that DILG-Bohol will continually support these initiatives.

### GO-FAR

Advocacy in the GO-FAR or the Good Practices in Local Governance: Facility for Adoption and Replication had spurred the 10 TACT Cluster Teams of Bohol to research and package at least one significant best practice per cluster. A total of 11 best practices were initially documented but were scaled down to three, namely: (a) Legal Assistance for Effective Law Enforcement Program (LAELEP) of the Provincial Government of Bohol; (b) Barangay Development Plan through Participatory Rural Appraisal (BDP-PRA) of the Municipality of Jagna; and (c) Balilihan Assistance Rescue Team (BART) of the Municipality of Balilihan.

DILG-Bohol opted to fully document LAELEP of the Bohol Province and packaged it for submission and comments to regional level.

### Ten Outstanding Barangay Officials of the Year

This year's Search for the Ten Outstanding Barangay Officials of the Year (TOBOY) was one of the widest and well-participated events that resulted to a



The incorporation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to the Medium Term Development Plan of the Province of Bohol for CY 2004-2009 had made the Provincial Government the first LGU in Bohol to localize and integrate the MDGs into its planning processes.

Now, however, there are 3 LGUs namely Jagna, Bilar, and Tubigon that are currently assisted by a forum of NGOs undertaking the localization of MDG in these municipalities. Functionaries oriented in the MDG Localization are now putting into operation their respective Development Information System as well as the Local Poverty Reduction Action Program (LPRAP), a database software developed by the Provincial Government.

DILG-Bohol officers have been briefed on the MDG Localization in September and are now into information-dissemination and advocacy to LGUs. Provincial management is monitoring updates on pilot LGUs.

### Women, Children and Youth Programs

Bohol's future rests on her young generation and we, in DILG-Bohol have pitched in our share of contribution to ensure that future.

A total of 34 C/MLGOOs participated together with their respective Local Council's for the Protection of Children (LCPC) in a 3-day live-in Seminar-Workshop on Local Development Planning for Children (LDPC) in separate dates from the month of March to July in Tagbilaran City. The activity was conducted by the Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC) and Feed the Children.

The capability-building interventions have produced 34 LDPCs which are now with RSCWC for finalization. All 34 ECD beneficiary-municipalities and city in Bohol are now in the stage of drafting their respective Local Code for Children and State of Children Report. In addition, all LGUs including that of the province have formulated their Work and Financial Plans for Children for this year.

Also in the province, women empowerment is sustained by active advocates that sit in the Bohol Council for Women (BCW), in Women's Federations province-wide, in national and local government agencies, as well as NGOs in our local communities. The Women's Month celebration this year, which carried the theme "Kakayahan ng Kababaihan, Kilalanin at Pagbuklurin Para sa Ating Bayan" saw the mobilization of over 2,000 gender advocates in its culmination on March 31 at the Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School, which featured the President of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines, Ms. Ester Sta. Ana.

DILG-Bohol also has its own women stalwarts in the person of PD Rustica N. Mascariñas, APD Loisella E. Lucino and GAD Coordinator Ma. Fe Josol. Through them, DILG-Bohol had facilitated the election of district representatives to the Bohol Council of Women, the conduct of Gender Sensitivity trainings in 5

municipalities and the holding of Orientations on the Violence Against Women Law (RA9262) in 4 LGUs.

Funding for the month-long activities by the different LGUs was taken from their respective 5% GAD allocation, as GAD budgeting is already institutionalized in all LGUs out from the 20% Development Fund of the LGU. For CY 2005, the Bohol Council of Women has a total of Php 100,000.00 from the GAD Fund intended to support the empowerment of women and the raising of awareness for gender sensitivity.

DILG-Bohol had sustained its capability-building initiatives for the Sangguniang Kabataan by facilitating team-building exercises and conducting project development seminars. The office also supported activities of the SK Provincial Federation such as the launching of the Recognition of the Outstanding Student Leaders of Bohol, the formulation of the 3-year Development Plan for the Youth, and the upcoming "Linggo ng Kabataan" this December.

#### LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION

Gov. Erico B. Aumentado of Bohol province has made its Bohol Agenda for Poverty Reduction, Peace and Development his governance centerpiece. A feature of the program is a computer-based planning tool that approximates the level of deprivation according to the adopted Core Poverty Indicators. The tool which had now been widely used in Bohol and had earned the interest of other LGUs outside the province, provided the sound basis for rationalized prioritization of 17 target LGUs in the province. Provincial leadership had always emphasized the convergence of services, resources and initiatives as a strategy to be adopted in giving intervention in these LGUs. Thus, development road map of the province is now proceeding to that direction with the Bohol Poverty Reduction Management Office (BPRMO) as the anchor office for poverty interventions.

Provincial leadership had consistently acknowledged the participation of DILG-Bohol in poverty reduction initiatives. Provincial Planning and Development Officer, Atty. Juanito Cambangay recognizes the role of DILG-Bohol played in the 100% organization of Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams (LPRATS) in the LGUs as well as the facilitation of their respective Local Poverty Reduction Action Plans (LPRAPs). DILG-Bohol had also monitored quarterly without fail the updates of these plans. But beyond the numbers and statistics is the participation and assistance of our field officers to their respective LPRATS, to whom they continually engage creatively and actively.

The whole province of Bohol welcomed with joy and relief the news late this year from the Human Development Report that Bohol had moved out of the top 20 poorest provinces of the country. In CY 2001, the province placed 7<sup>th</sup> in among the poorest provinces, and climbed nine notches higher in later years, and now finally, occupying the 41<sup>st</sup> slot out of 79 provinces in the country. It is heartening to note that combined efforts from different Boholano stakeholders are showing signs of paying off.

## Formulation of Disaster Preparedness Plan

As it had been, DILG-Bohol had facilitated the formulation and submission of Disaster Preparedness Plans at all levels and likewise monitored in a quarterly basis the implementation of activities of the different Local Disaster Coordinating Councils. Our field officers have also helped coordinate LGU activities in celebration of the Disaster Preparedness Month in July that bannered "SAFE KA BA 'Programa Laban sa Kalamidad Tungo sa Pag-unlad.'"

This year the province may not have been spared by disaster, natural or man-made, but these adversities allowed us to define ourselves as a people with the hearth for our small community which we call Bohol.

## Functionality of the MCC's ADACs and POCs

The Provincial Management Coordinating Committee (PMCC) that had conducted regular monthly meetings, had embarked on a province-wide assessment of the functionality of the Management Coordinating Committee of the 48 LGUs of the province starting May 4 to June 23. The evaluation yielded positive results when the PMMC Evaluation Team headed by PD Rustica N. Mascariñas, had gathered the commitment of the LCEs to give support to our DILG family counterparts in the LGUs. Operational issues and concerns of DILG Family in the locality have brought to the fore, crystallized and given resolutions.

All 1,109 barangays of the province have formulated their respective Barangay Public Safety Plans which were also given considerations with the formulation of the Municipal Integrated Area/Community Public Safety Plans of the 48 LGUs.

Officers of DILG-Bohol have facilitated orientations of the DILG VII's expanded Barangay Peace and Order Committees and steadily breezed through the reorganization of this barangay based institution in all barangays through out the second semester this year.

Our officers also have facilitated the compliance of this year's Synchronized Barangay Assemblies on March 19 and October 15, which also paved the way for the effective implementation of the Registry of Barangay Inhabitants. The barangays of Bien Unido came up with their hard-bound copies of their List of Inhabitants, the effort of which had earned the recognition of their municipal mayor.

## Campaign Against Illegal Drugs

DILG-Bohol had sustained efforts to regularly monitor illegal drugs, illegal gambling and terrorism at the city and municipal level. On matters of peace and order, insurgency and illegal drugs fall under the priority concerns of the political leadership in both the city and the province.

The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) of the province had formulated its Integrated Area/Community Public Safety Plan in a workshop last February

10-11. This year, the council had harped on the Bohol Agenda for Poverty Reduction, Peace and Development.

The PPOC had also sustained its regular Civic Action activities in insurgency-infiltrated barangays of the province. Brgy. San Jose of Mabini where the tragic pesticide poisoning of several school children, and Brgy. Mayana of Jagna where the land movement is occurring even to the present, were also part of the CIVAC operations of the council. DILG-Bohol also supports the council by participating in its investigative Committee, an independent body to investigate armed encounters in the province.

For its sincere efforts in promoting peace, the Province of Bohol was recognized as the best PPOC for CY 2003 during the 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Police Commission. DILG-Bohol also takes pride that our efforts have paid off when PD Rustica N. Mascariñas received the citation of Best PPOC Secretariat on the same occasion.

Both PPOC and CPOC have sustained if not improved the level of performance this year that they still stand as National Nominees for the Search for the Best POC for CY 2004.

#### Professionalization of Barangay Tanods Project

Despite funding constraints, DILG-Bohol pursued its commitments to further enhance the skills and performance of community peace-keepers in the barangys. Strong campaign and advocacy by our field officers and close coordination with the Philippine National Police were the keys that made it possible to hold capability-building training for Barangay Tanods. These training were funded from municipal and barangay funds.

#### Monitoring the Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) Implementation

As of the previous year, DILG-Bohol had consistently upgraded the capacity of Lupong Tagapamayapa in the barangays of the province. Thanks to the dedication of our field officers who are sensitive to the needs of barangay officials and of the lupons that they serve.

The contribution of the Katarungang Pambarangay in the province to the speedy administration of justice is translated to an estimated government savings in the amount of Php 3,812,850.00, with 8,473 cases disposed.

No. of Cases Filed	Nature of Cases			Action Taken			Gov't Savings
	Criminal	Civil	Others	Mediated	Conciliated	Others	
8,473	4,124	2,410	1,939	6,471	1,678	324	P3,812,850.00

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The level of excellence in KP implementation is aptly validated when the Lupong Tagapamayapa of Barangay St. Cruz, Calape was proclaimed for the second time around as the Best Lupong Tagapamayapa in the entire Region VII this year. Barangay Sta. Cruz settled as the first runner up in the national level during the last year's search.

Monitoring LGU's Compliance with Issuances & Directives.

Responsive to the mandate of the department, DILG-Bohol had conscientiously and regularly monitored the compliance of our LGUs to certain national directives and issuances this year.

Bayanihan Savings Replication Project

*"The poor can save. The poor can pay."*

These are few of the underlying principles of the Bayanihan Savings Replication Project that our officers have emphasized in the organization of Bayanihan Centers (BCs) in the province. DILG-Bohol focused its attention in maintaining sustainability of the remaining BCs and revitalizing and reactivating failing centers.

DILG-Bohol had conducted two batches of Financial Management Training for BCs dubbed as the BSRP Training 2 at JJs Seafoods Restaurant on June 17 and November 17. Both trainings focused on financial policies and systems.

One-Cluster, One-Vision for Local Development Project

This year, clustered municipalities of Dimiao, Lila, Valencia, Jagna & Garcia Hernandez (DiLi Vaja GaHe) have made bold steps towards a working OCOV Cluster.

In a special conference called by DILG-Bohol last July 26, mayors of the 5 LGUs organized themselves to form the Cluster Management Board (CMB) with the DILG-Bohol Provincial Director as ex-officio member.

At the end of the first half of the year, Bohol Province reached the 100% mark in terms of updated and reorganized Solid Waste Management Boards in the 47 municipalities, 1 city and the province, and Solid Waste Management Committees in its 1109 barangays.

Bohol's breakthrough in solid waste management came when several LGUs near Tagbilaran have inked a Memorandum of Agreement to jointly operate a common sanitary landfill, which was proposed to be in the Municipality of Alburquerque.

Computerized Local Administrative Systems (CLAS)

Bohol features 5 LGUs who have availed of the Computerized Local Administrative Systems (CLAS), namely, Calape, Carmen, Inabanga, Maribojoc and the City of Tagbilaran. Eventhough there is an apparent need to upgrade and improve the soft wares under CLAS, we note here the strong interest of LGUs and other governance stakeholders towards computer-based systems that we fully endorsed the regional management’s initiative to have an updated version of these systems.

#### President’s Bridge Program (PBP II)

Recognized for its efficient implementation of bridge projects under the President’s Bridge Program, Bohol has total of 5 PBP projects rolling under the Phase II of the program. Below is the current status of its implementation:

NAME	LOCATION	STATUS COMPLETION
1. Dorol Bridge	Balilihan, Bohol	100%
2. Tajang Bridge	Loon, Bohol	100%
3. Tangkigan Bridge	Mabini, Bohol	Construction of detour
4. Cabungaan Bridge	Jagna, Bohol	Fabrication of Test Piles
5. Riverside Bridge	Bilar, Bohol	Fabrication of Test Piles

#### Alliance Building Project

DILG-Bohol plays active participation in the Bohol Integrated Water Resource Management Team (BIWRMT) of the Provincial Government. The BIWRMT, a GTZ-DILG- assisted program of the Bohol Province, is responsible for promoting the principles of Integrated Water Resource Management. The BIWRMT had conducted Water Project Designing and Development and is set to roll out in a Sanitation Training for LGUs on December 13. DILG-Bohol had also joined in the celebration of the World Water Day last March 22.

DILG-Bohol and its field officers participate in multi-sectoral undertakings such as the organization of Agrarian Reform Communities and the Bohol Convergence Support Initiatives on the Abatan Development Project.

#### Public Information and Communication

DILG-Bohol launched its newsletter dubbed as “Binuligay”, which served as its monthly narrative accomplishment report that is submitted to the regional office monthly. Binuligay features the highlight of activities and program implementation during the month as well as article or photo contribution from field offices.

Another essential feature of the Public Information Unit of DILG-Bohol is its elaborate Bulletin Board and the Provincial TACT Board. This year, the unit had released a total of 19 press and photo releases to local media outlets and had facilitated and accommodated around 24 radio and phone interviews.

Contributions for the region's quarterly publication- "Kalambuan" number to 6 articles.

#### CLUP Formulation & Updating

With only 7 LGUs left that have yet to get their Comprehensive Land Use Plans approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, at the beginning of the year, the Municipality of Guindulman had their CLUP approved on February through Resolution No. 2005-111.

#### Death Benefits of Barangay Officials

DILG-Bohol had assisted regional management in the release of Death Benefits for Barangay Officials who died in CYs 2003 and 2004 in the total amount of Php 748,000.00 involving 68 beneficiaries. DILG-Bohol had also processed and facilitated the submission of some 61 death claims for this year.

#### Management Information System

The Office of the Provincial Director serves as DILG-Bohol's Operation Center, the venue for welcoming guests and conducting orientation and briefing of our unit's operations. The center features graphic board presentations of Bohol's Profile, DILG's Vision-Mission Statement, DILG-Bohol's Organizational Structure and the Disposition of Field Officers to the LGUs of the province.

A computer-based databank is installed at the Technical Section, that houses information such as LGU profiles, local officials (provincial, municipal, barangay levels), local functionaries, ng Liga ng mga Barangay and the Sangguniang Kabataan.