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Region's COVID-19 cases now at 1,265

19 villagers in Basey infected with virus

ROEL T. AMAZONA

TACLOBAN CITY- Cases of coronavirus in the region continue to increase with a village in Basey, Samar placed in a lockdown after 19 of its residents were infected of the dreaded virus.

As of Monday, the region has 1,265 confirmed COVID-19 majority of them were locally stranded individuals (LSIs). Some of the new infections involved two medical health workers and children as young as 10-months old.

The entire village of Villa Aurora was placed under lockdown by Basey Mayor Luz Ponferrada to ensure that infection would not further spread in the village' 1,050 residents.

With so many individuals infected of the virus, the DOH has claimed that there is now a local transmission of COVID-19 in the village.

"For now, we can say that there is now a local transmission in the village," John Paul Roca, spokesperson of the DOH, said.

Roca said that the 19 new cases of the village were 'direct contacts' of the two previous cases, a 77-year old man and his 37-year old daughter.

The youngest of the new cases involved a five-year old boy and the eldest is a 75-year old woman, the wife of the 77-year old man.

Mayor Ponferrada said that she immediately ordered for a lockdown in Villa Aurora that started last Saturday, August 8 and to end on August 22.

The residents of the village would not be allowed to leave their houses while the lockdown is still in effect.

Ponferrada said that contact tracing is now under way to ensure that the virus would not further infect the rest of the residents of Villa Aurora, more than 10 kms. Away from the town proper.

Ponferrada also said that all the 19 individuals were already placed at their isolation facility.

The Basey town mayor, under Executive Order No 0034, prohibited Villa Aurora's residents to go out of see 19 Villagers /page 7 ...



COVID-19 cases in the region continue to increase to the extent that the Department of Health has declared a local transmission of the dreaded ailment in Barangay Villa Aurora in Basey, Samar. Photo Basey's rural health unit conducted swabbing and contact tracing in the village. (Photo Courtesy)

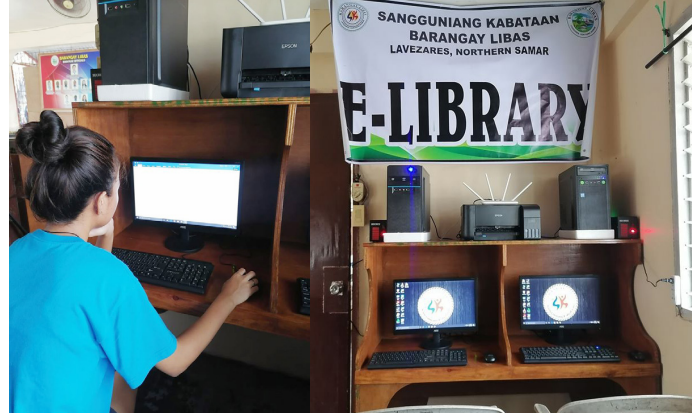
As government introduces e-learning this school year SK council in N. Samar to provide free use of computers among poor students

TACLOBAN CITY- A youth council in Lavezares town, Northern Samar has come up with a program providing free use of computers in time for this school year's electronic and

blended learning.

Proculo Adriatico, Jr., the chairman of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) of Barangay Libas, said that they have come up with this program considering

that many of the students in their village cannot afford to buy gadgets like mobile phones which they can use for their studies under the new set up. see SK Council /page 8 ...



Young students of Barangay Libas in Lavazares town, Northern Samar can make use of computers free of charge as e-learning will be observed during this time of pandemic. (Libas SK Photos)



The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) attended a consultation meeting with the Department of Public Works and Highways in connection with the construction and improvement of various infrastructures including the paved roads along Tigbao. Also present in the meeting were Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez, and representatives of concerned offices. (CPDO TACLOBAN)



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Clearing operations to resume in 24 coastal barangays in Tacloban City

TACLOBAN CITY-A special meeting with 24 chairmen of the coastal barangays of Tacloban City was held on August 5 at the City Engineer's Office (CEO) Conference Room to discuss the concern in their respective communities and issue regarding the plan to resume clearing operations in the coastal areas, which would begin this month.

Barangay Affairs Office Head Hermilo Naputo Jr., during the dialogue, required the village leaders to submit a list of those who have been awarded of permanent shelters in the northern part of the City for validation and to plan the implementation of the demolition.



Clearing operation is to resume in 24 coastal barangays in Tacloban City after the Barangay Affairs Office informed the chairmen of the affected areas. (CIO)

As mentioned, structures (residential and commercial buildings) that are covered in the demolition are those situated in public land and under the 40-meter 'No Build Zone' easement from the shoreline.

Tacloban schools to conduct dry run on 'blended learning' method on August 24 opening

TACLOBAN CITY – Some schools here in the city will be doing a dry run on mode of learning that will be implemented for this school year which is to start on August 24.

Students here in the city will be using the modular method of learning though online classes will also be conducted.

"On August 24, direct implementation kaagad pero there are schools that are doing their dry run para makita nila kun epektibo or ano pa ang dapat nating i-change or i-improve," Mariza Magan, city schools superintendent, said.

The blended mode of teaching is being introduced by the Department of Education (DepEd)

during this school year amid the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic and ensure the safety not only of the students but the teachers as well.

Magan added that they partnered with the local government unit and barangay officials in the retrieval of modules from students in their respective village.

At present, there are 61,157 students who enrolled in the different schools in the city, a drop compared to last school year's enrollment of 72,293 students.

The fear of being infected with COVID-19 is the main reason why some parents did not enroll their children this school year.

"We don't want this kind of situation, this is new to us. What we need to do is to respond kung ano yung pwede nating maibigay para maipagpatuloy yung learning ability ng ating mga learners, ginagawa yun ng DepEd," Magan said.

"Hopefully, kahit ganitong pamamaraan ang

ginagamit natin ay magiging successful pa rin kaya kailangan natin ng tulong ng parents. Hindi naman siguro natin kailangan na mapabayaang ang education ng ating mga kabataan. This is the good for everyone. We always need to think positively," she added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Plaridel E.S. adopts modular distance learning delivery modality

By: MARK ANTHONY U. CAÑETE

Of all the alternative learning modalities offered by the Department of Education for S.Y. 2020-2021, most learners prefer to use "modular distance learning modality."

Since face-to-face classes are not yet allowed, Plaridel Elementary School adopts the Modular Distance Learning Delivery Modality. This is based on the results of the Learner Enrollment and Survey Forms (LESFs) distributed during the enrollment period. It showed that most learners prefer to use modular distance learning for school year 2020-2021.

Modular Distance Learning involves individualized instruction that allows learners to use self-learning modules (SLMs) in print or digital format whichever is applicable in the context of the learner. The teacher takes the responsibility of monitoring the progress of

the learners. The learners may ask assistance from the teacher via e-mail, telephone, text message/instant messaging, etc. Where possible, the teacher shall do home visits to learners needing remediation or assistance. Any member of the family or other stakeholder in the community needs to serve as para-teachers.

In preparation for the opening of classes on August 24, DepEd Secretary Briones ensures that modules are already available before the start of classes since the preparations for SLMs started in May.

If ever there is a delay in the distribution of SLMs the teachers in our district will use the Activity Sheets and Worksheets that they have made for the first two weeks of classes.

(Note: the author is a teacher-in-charge of Plaridel ES-Dagami North District)

Region has more than 4,300 dengue fever cases as of this week; Leyte posted the highest number of cases

TACLOBAN CITY-The Department of Health (DOH) has reported of more than 4,300 cases of dengue fever in the region with nine deaths.

The cases cover the period of January up to August 10.

The DOH said that from this period, a total of 4,309 dengue fever cases were monitored by their office of which nine of them have died.

This year's dengue fever is lower by 73% compare to last year of the same period or 16,238 cases.

Among the six provinces of the region, Leyte posted the highest cases at 2,194 comprising 50.9 percent of the total cases followed by Southern Leyte with 592 cases; Samar, 536 cases; Biliran, 416; Eastern Samar, 298 cases and Northern Samar, 281 cases.

DOH Director Minerva Molon, in a statement, said that no

new recorded death for dengue last month.

The night death cases of the region due to dengue fever were from Abuyog, La Paz, Ormoc City, Baybay City and Tacloban City, all in Leyte; Giporlos, Arteche, Gen. Macarthur, all in Eastern Samar; Tagapul-an in Samar.

Molon urged the public to observe the 4 strategy in the fight against dengue fever.

First is the search and destroy, clean all spaces where mosquitos may lay eggs at home and in offices; seek early consultation, if symptoms of the disease reoccurs for the next 2 to 4 days, such as fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea muscles and joints pain and most especially rashes; third is self-protection by wearing appropriate clothes and use of insect repellent.

Fourth is saying yes to fogging activities when there is clustering of cases.

(LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)

DPWH Eastern Samar to construct roads for farmers

The Department of Public Works and Highways Eastern Samar District Engineering Office is set to implement two farm-to-market road(FMR) projects for the year 2020; 600 meters two-lane road in Barangay Polangi to Brgy. Gayam, Taft and 830 meters two-lane road in Brgy. Bonghon to Brgy. Sto Nino, Dolores.

The FMR projects are funded by the Department of Agriculture (DA) with a total fund allocation of Php 24.5M.

District Engineer Manolo A. Rojas said that the project is expected to be implemented this August 20, 2020. He also directed project engineers and contractors to implement the project in accordance with DPWH standard and specification and to follow COVID-19 protocols

during construction.

"These projects will be a big help to our farmers especially on the transportation of farm products to the market which will be a lot easier once the road is completed," DE Rojas added.

He also disclosed that the road will be a big help to carry out government services to the inner localities and the road will provide safe and convenient transport from the interior barangay to the town proper especially during emergencies.

District Engineer Manolo A. Rojas also directed that all 2020 and prior year projects should be completed before the year ends including the construction of these two FMR projects.

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After lifting of hard lockdown, Borongan mayor appeals for strict observance of health protocols

TACLOBAN CITY- While the border lockdown imposed in Borongan City ended on Monday, officials of the city issued an appeal for the residents to still strictly follow all the health protocols.

Borongan Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda earlier imposed a 48-hour hard border lockdown after a man confirmed to have been infected of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) from Llorente town was admitted to the Eastern Samar Provincial Hospital, based in the city.

Agda said that about 10 health workers from the said provincial hospital has been ‘exposed’ to the man.

The border lockdown

prohibited residents of the city to venture out of Borongan.

The lockdown ended on Monday.

But still, Mayor Agda appealed to the people of the city not to be complacent as they should instead follow all the health protocols.

This include the wearing of face mask and face shield, maintain social distancing of at least two meters, and frequent hand washing.

The residents are also requested to stay at home unless there is an urgent need to go out.

Borongan remains to be COVID-19 as Eastern Samar has now 10 cases of the dreaded virus.

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Operator resumes cruise operations along San Juanico Strait

TACLOBAN CITY - The San Juanico Cruises, a local cruise operator in Tacloban City, resumed its operations to boost the local tourism industry in the city affected by the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

The San Juanico Cruises, operated by the Hero Travel Solutions, offers cruise tour along the Cancabato Bay which features the iconic San Juanico Bridge and visit to some islets within the San Juanico Strait.

A visit at the Leyte Gulf Cruise has been included in the tour.

The cruise is about 10 hours, starting early morning with jump-off area at the Balyuan wharf, this city.



After more than six months in a lockdown, tour operators in Eastern Visayas are slowly starting to operate again. Among them is the cruise tourism. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

The first stop of the cruise visit is at the Pinanunubulon Islet where tourists can buy fresh catch crab from local fishermen.

After buying crabs, visitors can go directly to Calaboso Beach for sightseeing, a short dip on its clear water, short tour inside the Calaboso Cave which was used during World War II

as hiding place of Filipino guerillas against Japanese Forces.

After a stop at the Calaboso Beach, the tour will proceed to Kapuruan Islet for swimming, snorkeling and lunch where food includes fresh fruits and fresh Korean barbecue meals.

After lunch, the group will proceed to the Tooth

Islet for a picture-taking before heading to the Marabut Parola.

Going back to Tacloban, the tour will have a side trip at the Palo Parola and McArthur Landing Memorial Park, the Leyte Tide Embankment and the Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport, viewing these attractions while onboard the

customized boat.

Rhoel Ladera said that although they already offer this new tour itinerary, this will still be presented to the respective local government units and will going to be subject for market test to check of guest will enjoy it, and for some technical adjustment.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Unassisted farmer happy to receive aid from DAR

JIABONG, Samar – After failing to receive assistance distributed by other organizations in their barangay, Rosalina Gabahin was happy to know she was among the 44 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) from 11 farming villages in this town who were included in the list of recipients of farm production inputs given away by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

“Nagpapasalamat gud kami nga nahi-api kami hini nga bulig han DAR, kay didto han pinanhatag ha iskwelahan, waray man kami mahi-api.” (“We are very thankful that we were included by the DAR in their distribution of assistance, because we were not included in the distribution that was held in the school.”)

Gabahin, 45 years old and a mother of four, rushed out of their house when she learned of the arrival of DAR personnel in Barangay Macabetas.

Municipal Agrarian Reform Program Officer

(MARPO) Thelma Alfaro, assisted by Naome Rojas, Janeth Lapara, Kim Dasig and Nikko Banjo Llano, went from one barangay to another on Wednesday and Thursday last week to distribute farm tools, fertilizers and seeds under the farm production assistance component of the ARBold Move project, which is DAR’s immediate response to Bayanihan to Heal as One Act.

Each ARB-recipient received a shovel, a hoe, 10 kilos of complete fertilizer, 10 kilos of vermicast, urea, organic pesticide and two varieties of vegetable seeds.

Alfaro explained to the recipients that DAR is giving these items to help them generate additional income by planting vegetables during this time of crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Thus, she encouraged them to plant the seeds to earn more. According to her, not all were given the same opportunity.

Meanwhile, Dasig



Some 44 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) from 11 farming villages in Jiabong, Samar received garden tools, fertilizers and vegetable seeds from the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) under the second component of its ARBold Move project as the whole experience health crisis. (JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

taught the recipients how to apply the organic pesticide for best results.

For Yolanda Lagbo, 55, a widow, and also from Barangay Macabetas, the said assistance would certainly help her earn additional income, especially that she

is now a single parent with four children to support.

In Barangay Parina, Clemente Gallegar, 66, shared how greatly they were affected during the lockdown. He reminisced that they could not sell their copra. Now, price of

copra is very low, he added.

Moreover, the three recipients in Barangay Hina-ga, an upland village about 17 kilometers away from the town proper, were surprised to receive the said assistance. Monico Villar, 79, said they have no idea

about this distribution, while Tirso Cabanjen, 49, thanked DAR for the seeds. According to him, these would be additional source of food for his family.

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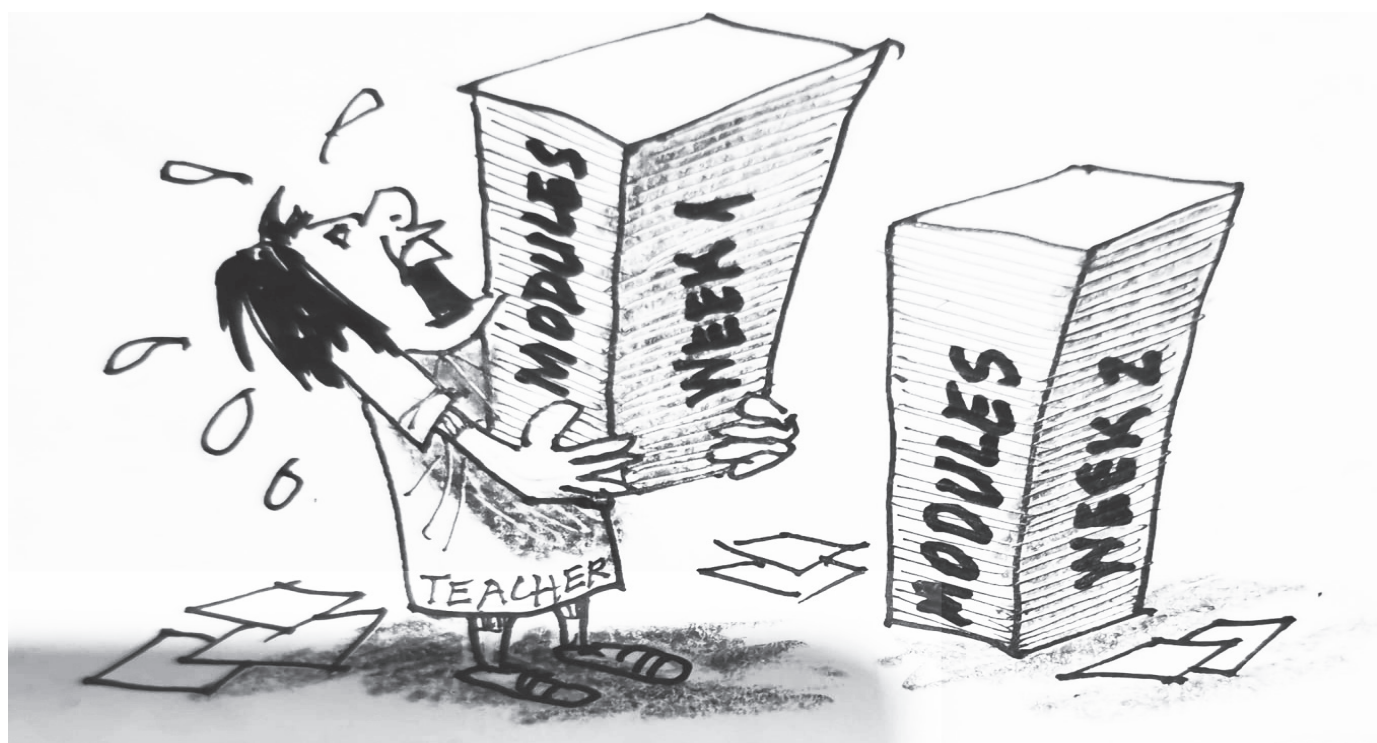
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Modular instruction

With its desire to get the school year started amid the raging pandemic, the Department of Education (DepEd) is then faced with enormous challenges, confronted with problem after problem as to how instruction should be carried out.

If we recall, online teaching-learning of lessons was first proposed, but it soon proved too ambitious as most students from public schools come from hard up families that could not afford the needed gadgets and home internet connections. Resorted to, next to this, was the more practical and doable procedure—the modular mode of instruction.

With this latest resort, however, the burden shifts from parents and their students to the teachers. This is not just a stressful problem to think of on their art, but it could also drain their own pockets, the reason being that modules per week, amounting to several pages, have to be printed for all students per class. And it's not just one subject for elementary school teachers: there are many subjects with modules to print.

Accordingly, the schools can provide printers and inks to use, but as regards bond paper sup-

ply in a weekly, monthly, and quarterly basis, it's accordingly up to the teachers where to get these from. In a sustained manner. That's too costly, knowing that dozens of expensive bond paper rims are needed per month. Where are the teachers to get the needed money for these? Solicit from generous donors, they are urged to do so.

Good idea, but where can you find those handsome donors that would regularly donate the same? Besides, not all teachers are good at begging—many of them are shy. So what would likely happen is that teachers themselves will be forced to shell out money from their own pockets just to make this modular instruction happen. Problem is, teachers nowadays are not that rich; many of them are in fact drowning in loans left and right.

It's too unfair for teachers to bear this burden. DepEd should think of other ways to address this. With this massive paper requirements and consumption, in fact, many trees used as raw materials would be cut due to excessively high demand. With the upcoming onslaught of the rainy season, this could result in devastating floods. Authorities must think about this.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Knowledge quest

The more you know, the more you realize there are yet plenty of things that you have to know. This is the realization once expressed by a great thinker, whose experience is actually shared by all people in

this world. The things we know in life are just the tip of an iceberg. Bloated massively underneath is the bulk of extant ignorance.

Even the person with the world's highest IQ has not learned every-

thing there is to learn in this universe. So-called brilliant people in the past had all died ignorant, the reason being that our knowledge is just very limited, as our brain capacity to store information has its own limits. It cannot accommodate more than it can, given the vast data from the past, the present, and the future that are stored in it.

The wisest people have the most difficult questions in mind, which they try to unravel endlessly, as those queries keep on piling up. When other people ask them questions, they can answer with ease, for they have con-

templated on these answers already, to the amazement of ordinary people, hence we call them wise. But should they ask us the questions that plague them, we will be shocked and puzzled over their high degree of difficulty.

This explains the endless conduct of research, because the quest for knowledge never ends. knowledge is elusive, and comes to us by degrees, or by levels to be more concrete. Wherever knowledge could be had, it has to be pursued, much like gems, for having it yields fringe benefits

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Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

Do not fear – trust God and pray fervently

This was the main message of our Parish Priest Msgr. Ben Catilogo in his homily delivered last Sunday at our V and G Chapel. Strongly he convinced the churchgoers NOT to be afraid of the Corona Virus 19. Aside from obeying rules and regulations being

ordered by authorities in government we should trust GOD, the owner of our lives, so offer prayers to Him.

I am certain that the churchgoers felt strong, confident and safe after the mass.

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I was listening to DYVL



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

When we find someone unlikeable

THIS is an unavoidable reality in our life. There will always be people whom we find hard if not impossible to like, let alone, love, for a number of reasons. Their weaknesses and defects, let alone, their mistakes and offenses, can seem to us to be unbearable, if not unforgivable. They can even appear to us as if they are glorying in these conditions even as we sink in morbid anguish.

To be sure, the problem is not so much with them as it is with us. That predicament of ours can only mean that we are not yet like Christ who even went to the extent of telling us to love our enemies, and to bear all the sins of men by going through his passion and death on the cross.

It can mean that we lack patience, understanding and compassion. It can also mean that we lack the courage not only to bear what we consider to be the burdens of others but also to help them correct themselves, if that possibility is

still practicable.

It can also mean that we really have to humble ourselves, so as to fight that pride and conceit that keeps us from being resilient and adaptable to everyone as he is, warts and all, and so we can be as St. Paul once said, "all things to all men." (1 Cor 9,22) This is actually the ideal meant for us, if we have to follow Christ.

When we find ourselves in that kind of situation where we find someone hard to like and to love, we are actually being challenged and invited to make another step forward in our spiritual life, in our effort to be like Christ who, after all, is the model we have to follow.

We have to overcome the thought that we are meant simply to be ourselves. Let's be careful when we start rationalizing by saying that "this is just the way I am" or that "I am just being true to myself." To be true to oneself actually means to be "another Christ." We have to be clear about this funda-

Operation Bulig yesterday, (Monday) to Mayor Jose Agda of Borongan City. He was being interviewed live by Broadcaster Ioannes Omang. I was impressed when Mayor Agda revealed that the city of Borongan is COVID-free. He attributed it to the people of Borongan who are disciplined, as they sincerely follow and obey protocols being laid down in order for them not to be victims of the killer disease. And of course, I was also impressed of his statement that he repeatedly said that. God, in JESUS name answers their prayers. His people pray for salvation from this Satanic move.

Indeed let God rule our lives because like what JESUS Christ said "without me you can do nothing."

mental truth.

Yes, we are meant to be 'another Christ', an ideal that while definitely requiring God's grace in the first place, would also demand our utmost cooperation. In this life we are always being called to continually grow in our spiritual life, and these situations of finding someone unlikeable and unlovable are definitely the occasions to do so.

That's why we can never overemphasize the need to pray, to have recourse to the sacraments, to make sacrifices, to wage a lifelong ascetical struggle, developing virtues and resisting temptations and sins.

To be sure, that effort to be like Christ who tells us to love everyone, including our enemies, would truly enrich our personality and character. It certainly would make us more likeable, amiable and lovable to others who would somehow notice that we seem not to have enemies and that we like and love everyone as we continue to be friendly to everyone, regardless.

It would also go a long way in creating an atmosphere of unity among ourselves, where the social principles of the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity would be better lived.

So, instead of being trapped in anguish when we meet someone hard to like or to love, we should rather welcome that occasion. It's a golden opportunity to become a better person and to help others to be better persons as well. Together see *When we/page 9 ...*



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

DU30's SONA Re: Lethal Drug Injection

Contra durugista nga pabalik-balik ha puesto panmaligya hin droga

First of all, I'm quoting hereunder some important parts of President Rodrigo Duterte's State of the Nation Address (SONA) at the Batasang Pambansa last 27 July 2020...

... mainly his proposal for Congress to swiftly pass a Law allowing Legal Injection for crimes specified under the Comprehensive Drugs Act of 2002.

"The dealers & purveyors of illegal drugs in the country, hiding in the shadow of Covid-19, have stepped-up their activities. "The amount of shabu valued at millions of pesos seized during police operations speak volumes of the enormity of the problem.

"But not for long The drug pushers, dealers and their financiers can not outrun the long arm of the law.

"I therefore reiterate the swift passage of a Law reviving the death penalty by Lethal Injections for crimes specified under the Comprehensive Drugs Act of 2002.

"This proposed law will not only deter criminality, but also save our children from the dangers posed by illegal & dangerous drugs.

"Ngayon, sasabihin ko na sa inyo ang totoo, kung bakit nagkaganito ang problema sa droga sa Pilipinas; and why the drug syndicates continue to operate.

"Here in the Philippines, for so many months, distribution of drugs was even managed and directed inside the Bilibid National Penitentiary.

"Now, I will explain kung bakit ako galit na galit sa droga.

"For example -- may limang (5) members nga isang pamilya. Pag nag-ing-addict ang tatay sa drugs, his family crumbles.

"If he receives a salary; or nagta-trabaho o nagla-laho, and say he

makes P300 a day... but he buys shabu at P200... So, he brings home to his family only P100.

"So ano ang nangyayari? Palaging nag-aaway ang mister at ang misis.

"Resulta: Ang mga bata hindi na nakapag-aaral, at yong babae napipilitan into early prostitution at kung ano pa ang pagkaka-cuartahan.

"Hindi ito alam ng karamihan, pero this is happening all over the country -- every day!

"And when this happens, the wife eventually looks for a job that pays better, because of her growing children.

"And, eventually she thinks of going abroad because the income there is much better.

"But when the wife goes abroad, here's what happens. The husband gets hooked with drugs. The children are left with the grandparents or with relatives; or even with neighbors.

"So, what happens to the wife who works in the Middle East? Now, I'm not zeroing in on any particular country.

"But we know that there are places & tribes in the Middle East which allow RAPE as "part of being a house helper."

"And that is the problem. -- You have a Filipina wife there, being used, abused and crucified.

"Now, when some money from abroad get sent to the children, another problem arises. Many children who receive the money get hooked on drugs

"Why? Because these children are the ones who usually have regular allowances -- money. So they are the ones "targeted" by drug pushers.

"There are so many Filipino families that have problems like this; and what hurts is that these families are not given any importance by the Human Rights people.

"Then there are so many victims of crimes committed by many people hooked on drugs

"That, my dear fellow Filipinos, is the real reason why I am so very angry at these illegal drugs. So, I am hereby repeating what I had been saying before --.

"TO ALL YOU DRUG PUSHERS, DRUG LORDS & DRUG FINANCIERS: AGAIN I AM WARNING YOU TO FINALLY STOP YOUR DRUG BUSINESS, BECAUSE IF YOU ARE STILL AROUND; IF YOU ARE STILL ALIVE, AND STILL DISTRIBUTING, SPREADING AND SELLING ILLEGAL DRUGS, I WILL REALLY KILL YOU! AND THAT IS A COMMITMENT!

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Now, during the 3rd Commemoration of the devastation wrought by Super Typhoon Yolanda in November 2016, when President Rodrigo Duterte visited Tacloban, this columnist was invited, along with some officials to an exclusive closed-door meeting with the President.

I remember when President Duterte told stories about notorious drug pushers in Davao City who were caught & detained. But within hours, a moneyed drug lord would send a lawyer to post bail to release

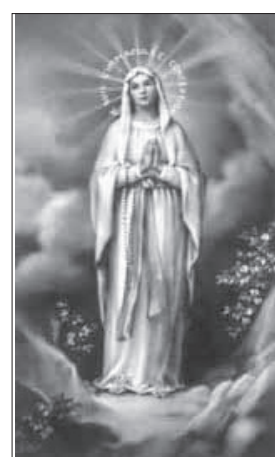
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Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)



Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON
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SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 44th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2020 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

ORDINANCE NO. 399

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UNDER THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION (AICS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE.

Author: Hon. BENJAMIN D. CALE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte assembled:

Section 1. Short Title. – This ordinance shall be referred to as the “Revised AICS Ordinance”.

Section 2. Declaration of Basic Policy. - It is the policy of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte to ensure a better and improved quality of life for the citizenry. Priority attention shall be given to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized sectors of the society.

Section 3. – Background. – These guidelines are in consonance with the provisions of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Memorandum Circular No. 11, series of 2019, concerning the implementation of the AICS.

Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) is the provision of integrated services to individuals in crisis or difficult situation through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), wherein beneficiaries of the program may seek assistance directly from the MSWDO Office or through referral. The services under the AICS Program could be granted/extended to individuals/families based on the Social Worker’s Assessment of client’s/families needs/programs.

Section 4. – Programs and Services under the AICS. - It is hereby mandated that the herein revised guidelines shall be strictly followed and implemented, to wit:

1.) **Financial and Material Assistance** – Financial assistance is the provision of monetary support in the form of outright cash or guarantee letter to augment the resources of the client whereas material assistance is the provision of non-food items. These are further classified into:

a.) **Transportation Assistance** – the assistance for the purchase or payment of transport (air/sea/land) and/or expenses to enable the client(s) to return to his/her/their home province permanently or seek further medical intervention(s) in another place, or to attend to emergency concerns such as death, care, or other emergency or critical situations of family members, relatives, or other emergency or critical situations of family members, relatives, or other individuals in need. This includes those that require immediate presence, such as but not limited to, attendance to a court hearing, rescue of abused relatives, etc.

Procured ticket shall be issued to the client unless in instances when giving outright cash is more convenient.

b.) **Medical Assistance** – the assistance to help shoulder hospitalization expenses, cost of medicines, other medical treatment or procedures such as implants, laboratory procedures including but not limited to computerized tomography (CT) scan, electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram (2D Echo), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and provision of assistive device. Other medical expenses such as professional fees may be covered.

Birthing is not covered, unless the patient suffered from complications during delivery, subject to the assessment of the social worker. The client shall not be entitled to inpatient financial assistance except for instances when the drug or treatment is not available in the hospital or covered by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

c.) **Burial Assistance** – the assistance to certify funeral and related expenses, including but not limited to expenses in bringing the remains to the residence of the deceased and/or burial site in accordance with existing customary practices of the family especially among Indigenous Peoples and Moros.

Due to a disaster/calamity/critical events or similar circumstances where there are casualties in the family, the surviving family shall be given an outright cash in the amount of P 10,000.00 for each casualty, without need of case report, subject to availability of funds.

d.) **Educational Assistance** – a form of assistance given to eligible students to help defray school expenses and/or cost of sending students/children to school such as school fees, supplies, projects, allowances and other related expenses which will be provided once in a school/academic year for students, with priority shall be given to working students in public high school, vocational/technological schools, state colleges and universities. A maximum of three (3) children per family shall be entitled to this assistance.

However, this may be given to a student who, although not indigent, is assessed by the social worker to have extreme need therefor based on his/her family’s current condition to include victims of displacement and repatriated/deported Overseas Filipino (OFs), among others.

e.) **Food Assistance** – the provision of assistance to client(s) in need would be provided up to a maximum of ten (10) days for an amount of at least P 80.00 per meal per individual. It includes

hot meals, food/meal allowance, or cash equivalent to the cost of the required hot meals and/or food packs.

Eligible client(s) shall include those caring for sick relatives or relatives in the hospital, grantee(s) of transportation assistance on his/her/their return to their home province or attendance to court hearings, People Who Used Drugs (PWUD) and their families, rescued trafficked individuals, former rebels, distressed OFs, stranded individuals due to emergency situations (such as, but not limited to, human-induced and natural calamities) and alike.

f.) **Housing/Shelter Assistance** – needs barangay certification on what type of disaster occurred.

g.) **Cash Assistance for Other Support Services** – an assistance in the form of outright cash provided to individuals and families in extremely difficult circumstances in which the needs does not fall on the above-mentioned assistance, such as but not limited to, a child victim of online sexual exploitation and other sexual abuse cases, families of KIA/WIA uniformed personnel (police and soldiers), repatriated or deported OFs, Persons Living with HIV, rescued individuals/families against women and children, rebel returnees, victims of fire, armed conflict and other incidents/occurrence putting those affected in crisis situation, as may be justified by the social worker or through a case consultation/conference.

2.) **Psychological Intervention** – a set of interventions that is of non-biomedical means to positively alter a person’s behavior and relationship with the society in order to reduce the impact of stress brought about by crisis. It may be provided with, but not limited to, cognitive or behavioral therapies. Basically, it involves giving immediate relief to psychological and emotional issues under specific circumstances.

3.) **Referral for Other Services** – refers to assistance that are not available at the MSWDO Office but can be accessed from other resources and/or networks. This involves, but is not limited to, referrals to appropriate agencies for legal services, psychological interventions and even admission to residential facilities for temporary shelter.

Section 5. – Documentary Requirements for Each Assistance. – The client seeking assistance shall bring and submit to the MSWDO Office the following documentary requirements (certified true copy or photocopy of such documents) to be certified by the assigned social worker.

TYPE	DOCUMENTS
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid identification card of the client/person to be interviewed; andPolice Blotter; orPolice Certification (for victims of pick pockets, illegal recruitment, etc); orOther supporting document(s) such as, but not limited to, justification of the social worker, medical certificate, death certificate, and or court order/subpoena.Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.
Medical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid Identification Card of the client/person to be interviewed; andCase Study Report or Case Summary that the client is in crisis situation issued by the MSWDO, for services more than P 5,000.00;Medical Certificate or Medical Abstract with date of issuance, complete name, signature of the Billing Clerk;If payment for hospital bill – Hospital/Statement of Account (Outstanding Balance) with complete name and signature of the Billing Clerk; orIf for medicines/assistive devices – Prescription with date of issuance, complete name, signature and license number of the attending physician; orIf for medical procedures – laboratory requests with date of issuance, complete name, signature and license number of the attending physician.Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.
Burial Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid Identification Card of the client/person to be interviewed; andDeath Certificate or Certification from the Tribal Chieftain for IPs), Imam (for Moro) or Doctor or authorized medical practitioner, in the absence of a death certificate; andFuneral Contract (except for Muslim and Indigenous People performing customary practices); <p><i>For Transfer of Cadaver:</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Death Certificate or Certification from the Tribal Chieftain (for IPs), Imam (for Moro) or Doctor or authorized medical practitioner, in the absence of a death certificate; andTransfer Permit (except for Moro and Indigenous Peoples performing customary practices), if applicable.Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.
Education Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid Identification Card of the client/person to be interviewed; andEnrolment Assessment Form or Certificate of Enrolment or Registration;Validated school of the student/beneficiaries; andStatement of Account for college students.Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.
Food Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid Identification Card of the client/person to be interviewed; and <p><i>For residents/clients in CRCFs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.
Cash Assistance for other Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any valid Identification Card of the client/person to be interviewed; and <p>Depending on the circumstance of the client:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Police Report or Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Report/Certification for fire victims; andPassport, Travel Document(s), Certification from OWWA or the Barangay or any proof of repatriation by the OF; orA certification from the Social Worker or Case Manager for rescued clients; orPolice Blotter and Social Worker Certification for victims of On-line Sexual Exploitation of Children.Barangay Certificate of Residency or Certificate of Indigency or Certificate of the Client is in Need of Assistance may be required.

Section 6. – Implementing Procedures. – The following procedures shall be followed:

1. **Screening and Verification** – a screening process shall be undertaken by the designated MSWDO staff to ensure the completeness and correctness of the documentary requirements. The original of certified true copy of the applicable requirements must exhibited by the client.

Complete documentary requirements shall be condition precedent in the processing and release of assistance to a client.

2. **Assessment** – the assessment shall determine the eligibility of the client to avail the services during the interview and on the supporting documents presented. The social workers shall determine the capacity of the family in addressing the problem looking keenly on the available resources that the family could utilize. The assessment of the social worker shall be basis for the recommendation and will be indicated in the social case summary which can also be written in the General Intake Sheet (GIS) or a separate document (i.e. certificate of eligibility). The client who may be assisted using psychological intervention must attended to by the social worker with the tenet(s) of the applicable intervention as guide.

During the assessment, the social worker attending to the client may do coordination with partners such as but not limited to: hospital conduction, medical services and coordination for billing discounts. This is employed to assist the social worker in determining the appropriate assistance.

3. **Provision of Assistance**

a.) The type and rates of assistance shall be as follows:

Type	Particulars	Cost of Assistance		Frequency of Availment
		Minimum	Maximum	
Transportation Assistance	Land Travel	Actual cost based on ticket quotation		Once every six (6) months
	Sea Travel			
	Air Travel			
Medical Assistance	Hospital bill/other medical expenses	1,000.00	10,000.00	Once every three (3) months
	Medicines (out-patient)	Actual amount/cost	10,000.00	
Burial Assistance	Laboratory Procedures (out-patient)	Actual amount/cost	10,000.00	The availment of one service shall exclude the availment of other of the same category
	Funeral Expenses	2,500.00	5,000.00	
	Transfer of Cadaver	3,000.00	5,000.00	
	Casualties during disaster/calamity		10,000.00 (per casualty)	
Educational Assistance (Maximum of 3 children per family)	Elementary Students	500.00	1,000.00	Once every School Year
	High School Students	1,000.00	1,500.00	
	College Students	2,000.00	5,000.00	
Food Assistance	Food subsidy for individuals/families	1,000.00	3,000.00	“as needed”
Cash Assistance	Other needs	1,000.00	10,000.00	Once every six (6) months for a maximum of one year.

Section 7. – Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any provision of this ordinance or the application of such provision to any person, group, or circumstance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 8. – Repealing Clause. – All laws, and rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby likewise repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. – Effectivity Clause. - This ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date of its approval, publication and posting in three conspicuous places in the local government unit.

APPROVED and ENACTED this 3rd day of August 2020 at the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

(signed)
MARCELINO B. PULMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

(signed)
ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

(Absent)
CESAR V. BERGULA
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(signed)
FEDERICO O. DIMPAS, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(Absent)
JAKE TRISTAN M. CHAN
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(signed)
BENJAMIN D. CALE
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(signed)
COSTUDIO R. MEDINA
President, Liga ng mga Barangay

(signed)
KARL JOMAR L. EMBANA
President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

APPROVED:

(signed)
MARIA FE G. RONDINA
Municipal Mayor

Date: 05 August 2020



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico “Mic” L. Petlla presided the meeting of the Regional Development Council in a virtual council meeting on August 3, 2020. With him was his co-chair Luisita Quebec. The virtual meeting was held at the conferece room of NEDA-8 Candahug, Palo, Leyte. (Gina P. Gerez)

19 Villagers...

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their respective homes while contact tracing is on-going. Non-residents are also not allowed to enter the village.

Restriction of movements in the village will be enforce by the village officials.

Aside from Villa Aurora, residents in its neighboring villages of Balante and Cancaiyas are also prohibited from leaving their respective homes and travelling outside their village without essential reason but not limited to employment, purchase of essential goods, emergency cases and medical check-up and other important official transaction.

Minors, senior citizens and pregnant women including those with high risk of infection are

prohibited from leaving their respective homes.

Residents are also advised to continue observing and following health protocols such as wearing of face masks, physical distancing and proper handwashing, and social gathering while the village is under lockdown is prohibited.

Basey has now 50 COVID-19 cases with 21 are considered as active cases. About 27 patients were reintegrated to the community while two patients are to complete their quarantine.

Meantime, the historic towns of Limasawa in Southern Leyte, and Guiuan, in Eastern Samar posted their first COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Melchor Petracorta of Limasawa confirmed that they have two COVID-19 patients involving a 24-year old man from Manila who

arrived to their town on August1, and a 46-year old woman who came from Cebu and arrived on August 2.

Guiuan’s first COVID-19 case involved a 24-year old woman who was said to be a guardian of a relative confined at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC). The sick patient, however, was negative of the dreaded virus.

The COVID-19 patient of Guiuan is now confined at the EVRMC and had no contact with any one from their town, Mayor Analiza Gonzales Kwan said.

Still, she urged her people to strictly follow all the health protocols like the wearing of face masks, observe social distancing and proper hygiene, and stay at home.

DPWH-ESDEO requests over P400 million for the rehabilitation of infra damaged by typhoon ‘Ambo’ in Eastern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways Eastern Samar District Engineering Office (DPWH-ESDEO) based in Borongan City has requested over P400 million allocation fund for the repair and rehabilitation of government infrastructures damaged by the disastrous typhoon ‘Ambo’ that hit Eastern Samar last May 14 of this year.

DPWH-ESDEO District Engineer Manolo Rojas said that Ambo has incurred total and partial damages to the roads, school buildings and other public buildings located in northern municipalities of the province.

Rojas said that immediately after the typhoon,

he directed planning engineers to conduct post disaster needs assessment on damaged infrastructure to determine the cost of repair and rehabilitation.

He said that they are requesting a total of P443.66 million for the rehabilitation of the damaged infrastructures in-

flicted by the typhoon.

“The district identified 71 damaged infrastructures. We have already sent a letter of request to fund the P 443.66 million to DPWH Regional Office and to the Office of the Civil Defense,” Rojas said.

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LGU supports BP beneficiaries

BY: JOEL B. RANES



Mayor Yu on her opening statement during the business planning conference of BP2 beneficiaries—photo credit LGU Alangalang

“The financial support given to our beneficiaries from the government is a start to have a decent living of our fellow Alangalangans as they return to their homes.”

This was stressed out by the Mayor Lovely Yu on her opening statement during the business planning conference of the Balik- Probin-siya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP2) beneficiaries under the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa Program of the Department of Trade and Industry, August 5, Wednesday.

Individuals from Metro Manila who are willing to return to their provinces are the qualified beneficiaries of this Program.

The purpose of this is to decongest Metro Manila to lessen the spread of COVID-19 and at the same time to provide livelihood and job opportunity to these individuals.

Yu said that the first batch of the BP beneficiaries were already given an e-loading business and sari-sari store through the validation from

the DTI representatives.

Eleven BP beneficiaries are expected to arrive next week. The Department of Labor and Employment have already processed the requirements for the job to be given to the beneficiaries.

Some Locally Stranded Individuals who have returned to Alangalang from other provinces outside Metro Manila who are not qualified beneficiaries for the program are asking support from the LGU because they too, were displaced and no income.

According to Mayor Yu, 800 LSI have returned to Alangalang from the start of lockdown up to present. Yu added that the LGU cannot provide financial support to all LSI that is why they are extending linkages from other government agencies to provide jobs and business opportunities.

“We are doing our best to give support to our LSIs despite of the limited budget of the LGU,” said Yu.

(Note: The author is the principal II, Alangalang District)

DPWH rehabs 1.26-kilometer section of Calbayog-Migara Road

CALBAYOG CITY-Rehabilitation of 1,260 linear meters of concrete road with six meters width in Barangay Tabawan is now finished, says the Department of Public Works and Highways - Samar First District Engineering Office.

Also included in the works are the rehabilitation and improvement

of the drainage and slope protection structures.

The project is allocated with 30 million based on General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2019, as part of the SFDEO’s program to upgrade the road infrastructure of Samar 1st District.

(CHENZI MAY D. UY, PIO STAFF)

Abaca Elementary School increase its enrollment for this school year, 2020-2021

BY: ANDREW P. GERILLA

COVID-19, or coronavirus disease 2019, has been a threat to everyone, young and old, ever since its outbreak in December.

It made the world stop for some time- flights are cancelled, business establishments are closed, hospitals are overwhelmed and classes are halted.

But amidst the pandemic, the Department of Education visualizes to continue to serve its clientele, the Filipino learners. It may be a paradigm shift from what was previously practiced but for education to continue, it came up with learning modalities that may suit the needs of the times.

Starting June 1 to June 15, 2020, Abaca Elementary School had the remote enrollment. Almost half of the pupils per grade level had enrolled during this period. From June 16 to June 30, it continued to enroll learners. It escalated its

enrollment from last year’s.

There was an increase of 6. Transfer of residence from the urban to rural area because of the Balik- Probin-siya Program and transfer from private to public school paved the way for it to have such an increase. Because of modular learning modality, many parents opted to transfer their sons and daughters to Abaca Elementary School.

Another reason for the rise of the enrollment was the house-to-house visitation made by the teachers in the distribution and retrieval of Learner Enrollment and Survey Form (LESF).

The teachers themselves were the ones who did it while taking into consideration the protocol set by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

(Note: The author is the principal III of Abaca Elementary School)

ERRATUM

The name of **GLAIZA R.BIDUA** whose articles that appeared on this paper (‘Sweat and Blood’ on August 1 and ‘There’s more to a handkerchief than meets the eye on August 8) was misspelled inadvertently as **GALIZA R. BIDUA**.

Our apologies.

SK council...

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“Many of our students does not have gadgets of their own which they can use for this school year so we have decided to come up with this program as our way of helping them,” the 22-year old SK leader said in a phone interview.

The village is the biggest among Lavezares’ 26 barangays with more than 3,000 population whose people depend on fishing and farming as their source of incomes.

Adriatico said that the program could potentially benefit around 700 young students of the village.

The government will be introducing e-learning or modular learning to help ensure that students will be spared from getting infection of the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19).

Adriatico said that they bought two computer sets and a printer for this program using their SK funds amounting close to P40,000.

The computer sets and the printer were installed at their barangay hall.

And as part of health protocols being enforced during this time of calamity brought by COVID-19, those who will enter their e-library must wear face mask and observe social distancing.

Adriatico, who will be on his last year in college taking education at Northern Samar College at the provincial capital of Catarman, said that the use of computers will be ‘strictly for educational purposes’ only.

And to ensure that they can sustain this program

and not depend solely on their limited funds, they have also come up with an idea for students to bring used bottles every time they want to print their assignments.

“In return, we sold these used bottles which we use to buy bond papers needed for the printing,” Adriatico said.

For Rose Ann Morado,19, she is happy that their SK leaders under Adriatico has come up with this program for them students.

“This is really a big help for us especially during this

time of pandemic. Before we have to go to an internet shop to do our assignments. Now we can do our school works at our e-library free of charge,” the second year education student, said.

Morado said that she and her three siblings will avail this program as their way of helping their family save. Their father, Alvino,44, works as a farmer while their mother, Rosa,43, sells vegetables.

The village has one internet shop which charges P15 per hour of use.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

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He also mentioned that the rehabilitation of these infrastructures is important and urgent because these infrastructures are necessary to the development of the affected communities.

“We are very hopeful that the requested fund will be approved as very soon as possible in order for us to start the rehabilitation. We believe that through this initiative, rebuilding the damaged

infrastructures caused by the typhoon will give comfort and hope to the victims of typhoon Ambo,” Rojas said.

Rojas also said that Rep.Maria Fe Abunda

of the lone district of Eastern Samar supports the initiative of the DPWH-ESDEO and may facilitate for the immediate approval of the request.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Knowledge...

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that could be essential for life. The thing with it, though, is that one discovery leads to another, like a complex labyrinth.

So if a person shows off that he knows everything under the sun, mark that person, for he is merely exhibiting his ignorance. The most brilliant people cannot say that without feeling guilty of dishonesty. The wisest folks would hesitate to claim such for they know they are yet deficient of knowledge. The most experienced figures can only feel sorry about his novice state. Such a claim, then, could only come from either a liar, or a braggart.

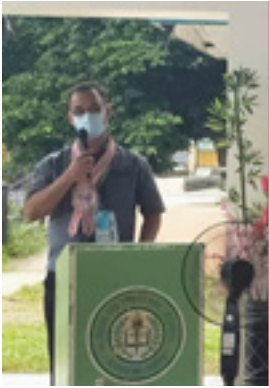
Sadly, in this present society, too many arrogant souls are brandishing their acquired knowledge and skills in various fields of endeavor, as if to intimidate

potential competitors. You see, the pursuit of knowledge ought to be a concerted effort. This way, it will be easier to corner it. And once caught, it could distribute the credit, not just singled out by a few. But what happens is, knowledge busters had become competitors usually in the academic arena, beating one another and tearing each other apart instead of working collaboratively as miners.

In fact, knowledge should be shared, for it could translate into a beneficial livelihood to lowly recipients. But then again, this has become an enterprise nowadays; not for free but is sold at high costs. If it is that expensive, then only few could afford it, and ignorance will likely prevail and may drag us down all the more into the pits of illiteracy that breeds poverty.

SDO Leyte: Opening of classes considerations

BY: OSCAR D. MATELA, JR.



“Our department is doing its best to make the opening of classes effective and efficient under the new normal.”

Thus said, Schools Division Superintendent Manuel Albaño’s salvo on the opening of classes amid pandemic to the local officials, school heads and teachers of Alangalang I District.

During his speech, he made mention on the considerations before the opening of classes comes August 24. One of the considerations he focused on was the program An Pagbalik.

This means that teachers who are teaching outside their municipalities were ordered to report in their own municipality. Teaching will become home-based teaching from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

According to him, the school need to coordinate closely with the local government as to clustering of barangays.

Teachers in key stage 1 to key stage 4 will be strategically assigned in cluster barangays nearest to their residence. The school has to connect to learners using the technology in communication and use para-teachers or home facilitators that will bridge between teachers and learners.

“That is a great challenge because we have not done this before and we need to do this because face to face classes are not allowed until the vaccine for the virus is available,” said Albaño.

Resources like modules, budget of lessons, worksheets and activity sheets must be ready before classes start. Teachers must work together with the families of the learners especially in guiding their children in answering the activities. They will act as para-teachers in their respective homes. Teachers must establish communication with them considering that the AITF is very strict when it comes to MGCQ protocol.

Teachers have to strictly follow the health standards set by the DOH and AITF specially in wearing of face mask. Albaño emphasized that even teachers who are comfortable with each other should not remove their face mask. “Wearing face mask not only protect yourself but protect others, you should consider yourself as carrier of COVID 19”, said he.

(Note: The author is a teacher of Alangalang I Central School, Alangalang, Leyte)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENJAMIN ESQUILLO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by OCT No. P-24050 designated as Lot 1281, Cad 1116-D situated at Brgy. Arellano, Bobon, Northern Samar containing an area of 41,794 square meters. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LING-J DE GUIA CHAN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 305, Page No. 62, Book No. VI, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. LSDE: Aug 11, 18 & 25, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MATEO PACURE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a 1/2 conjugal share of a house and lot particularly described as: A parcel of land designated as Lot 863-D-2 of the subdivision plan, Psd-08-009589-D, a non-subd. plan project being a portion of Lot 863-D (LRC) Psd-41986 LRC Cad. Rec. No. 1068 located at Brgy. Sagcahan, Tacloban City containing an area of 48 square meters, more or less and embraced in TCT-48245 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and interest over CATALINA CONGOLLO PACURE. Per Doc No. 12, Page No. 03, Book No. 4, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. LSDE: August 4, 11 & 18, 2020

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CASTANAS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2080-C of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-299225 approved as a non-subdivision project being a portion of Lot 2080, Catbalogan Cadastre, LRC Cad Record No. 2379 situated at Barrios Jiaan and Pangdan, Catbalogan Samar containing an area of 157,300 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of SPS. JUN DE JESUS AND MA. ELPA DE JESUS as vendee of a portion consisting of 58,638 square meters from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 249, Page No. 56, Book No. 1, Series of 2018. Notary Public Atty. Alexander P. Bolok. LSDE: July 28, August 4 & 11, 2020

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that REMEDIOS R. SERRATO heir of the late CORNELIA R. CUIZON executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 7068 situated at Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Samar covered by TD No. 99-0300200219 with an area of more or less 0-50-27 square meters. Per Doc No. 3882, Page No. 777, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Hernando M. Hernandez, Jr. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 2020

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ADJUDICATION AND SALE OF ONE PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. SIMON ECHAPARE AND JUAN DURANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land described as: 1) A coconut land located at Brgy. Iba, Basey, Samar; 2) A residential land covered with TD No. 928 situated at Esperanza St., Barangay Baybay, Basey Samar with an area of 63 square meters, Assessed value of P7,430.00, Market value of P37,170.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MA. MELLEZA LEVERA FLAMIANO married to SANDY FLAMIANO as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 388, Page No. 57, Book No. VI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Filotea B.M. Estorninos. LSDE: July 28, Aug 4 & 11, 2020

Naliwatan Elementary School: Yesterday, Today and the Future

BY: MYLIN I. GENOTIVA, Ph.D.

Naliwatan Elementary School, District of Javier, Leyte is a hinter land school with total land area of 6,000 square meters. It is a multi-grade school and has a population of 86 pupils of four teachers, each handling two classes and a dedicated School Head. It has 5 classrooms which build last 2018 and one room was used School Head’s office and at the same time kinder room. All of these, the teachers, School Head, the building, the land and the pupils make their way as parts of the plan.

In terms of socio-economic status, majority of the learners belong to families whose means of livelihood of parents depend mostly on coconut and rice farming. With the increase of price commodities in the market at present, most of the families could hardly afford to send their children to high school especially when the price of copra and rice goes down and also the loose of abaca plants on their farm. There are times that some of the elementary school children are absent in school, they prefer to help their parents do the house hold chores, help their parents in the farm during harvest time and some do labor for money. As a result, some of



The Naliwatan Elementary School

the children report to classes irregularly. With this condition, low academic performance is observed at the end of the school year.

With the collaboration and continuous support of the school PTA and LGU to implement the DepEd programs and projects, the school is able to achieve a very satisfactory result in line with the School Based Management. Through the active leadership of the PTA President, problems of the school are being discussed and solutions are identified to address the underlying needs of the pupils to improve performance and learning outcomes. On the other hand, the LGU immediately acts on all requests of the School Head for school improvement and priorities are given emphasis. This active involvement of the PTA and other stakeholders manifest a strong partnership with the school to attain our vision, mission and core virus.

(Note: The author is the teacher-in-charge of the Naliwatan Elementary School, District of Javier, Leyte)

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the detained culprit; and the said pusher would be back on the streets peddling shabu once again.

President Duterte, who was the city mayor of Davao for over 20 years, described his frustration -- how easy it was for notorious drug pushers to get bailed-out, and then return to the streets to sell illegal drugs again.

Duterte said he got so disgusted with what was happening; knowing that his police officers & men initiated due surveillance, took pains in planning and arresting the drug pushers; even figuring in gunfights and getting shot or killed in the process.

The President ended his narrative by saying - “Basi dili na makabalik ang mga pusher pamaligya ug drugas,

mas maayo pa na mangamatay na lang g’yud ang mga notorious drug pushers, drug lords ug mga financiers nila.”

Oh yes, I remembered the above meeting with President Duterte, when I listened to his SONA last July and he asked Congress “to swiftly pass the Law allowing the Injection of Lethal Drugs on convicted drug lords & habitual pushers, na ‘sig’g balik-balik sa ilang puesto para mamaligya usab ug mga drugas.”

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Then, Bang, Bang, Bang! There was a bloody ambush-killing in broad daylight just past noon last Friday August 7th.

Three (3) men shot & killed a middle-aged person in front of the RTR Hospital compound in Barangay Calanipawan in Tacloban City.

The Kaugop TV crew rushed to the scene, so

people (including this columnist) saw on television the forlorn & pitiful man standing on the sidewalk, who was initially unable to go near what looked like a bullet-riddled red car, within the cordoned-off area, while the S.O.C.O. authorities were examining the vicinity and interviewing by-standers for more evidences.

Minutes later, from our sources at the local police office, this columnist learned the identity of the slain man as Jayson Golong, 43, the son of a retired (former) official of the Department of Justice, whom I described in the previous paragraph, standing on the sidewalk.

Now, if my memory serves me right, Jayson Golong was the same person who, along with an unnamed woman, was arrested by PDEA agents in 2018, due to drug-related charges.

Quarantine facility set to be constructed by DPWH in Borongan City

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Public Works and Highways Eastern Samar District Engineering Office (DPWH-ES-DEO) in Borongan City has started the construction of the new quarantine facility for COVID-19 patients in Barangay Songco on July 2,2020.

“The quarantine facility has 27 patient wards, a nurse room, nurse station, swab area and four comfort rooms. To be installed also are emergency light at the

hallways, single bed, table and electric fan per patient ward,” district engineer Manolo Rojas said.

The facility has a funding of P2.95 million.

Rojas said that the purpose of the new quarantine facility is in line with the goals of the government to have a comfortable and enough facility for future coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) patients in the province.

He also added that the project was realized because

of the support of Rep. Maria Fe Abunda and Borongan City Mayor Jose Ivan Dayan Agda for allowing the multi-purpose building to be converted into a quarantine facility.

The project is expected to be completed in one month’s time.

But because of the urgency of the purpose, Rojas directed the contractor to fast track the construction and to complete the facility within 15 days. **(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)**

Caluctogan Elementary School, facing the challenge of the ‘new normal’

By: VIRGINIA E. LAMAC



“The main hope of our nations lies in the proper education of its youth”, a famous quote of Erasmus.

I know some of us are asking how proper education would be possible or realized in this time of COVID-19 pandemic. We know that this has brought a lot of challenges to the Department of Education and the whole world as well.

Caluctogan Elementary School is doing all the mandates in preparation for the opening of the new normal Education.

We crafted a Continuity Plan that will serve as a blueprint in managing the school for the school year 2020-2021. We are attending webinars in order to gain more skills in teaching that would be applied in this time of pandemic. We apply the Alternative Work arrangement (AWA). We report to school despite of the presence of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) who were there for their 14 days quarantine. We come to school assuring that our health will not be compromised by observing the proper health protocols mandated by IATF. We face the risk just to be prepared for the August 24, 2020 opening of classes. We are motivated and passionate to deliver the best education in this new normal. We are preparing Budget of Lessons (BOL) and worksheets.

The school will be using a modular modality. This is the most appropriate mo-

quality for our learners, especially that majority of our learners belong to a family with a low economic status.

They don’t have gadgets and internet connections at home. At first we cannot imagine how learning would be possible without a face to face instruction.

With passionate and dedicated teachers, we believe that what is possible would be possible. We believe of what Thomas Groome says, “One mark of a great educator is the ability to lead students out to new place where even the educator has never been”. We know that the road to success in this situation would not be easy. Success will be dependent on our efforts.

Start of classes is past approaching. We know that we are already delayed for almost 3 months now, but according to our President Rodrigo R. Duterte, “Education that is delayed can be recovered. A delayed education is better than closing the school”. We know that we can surpass this crises by looking at every challenge as an opportunity to find a new doors for more equitable quality education. Maybe this situation will lead to unlearn old habits of learning and acquire new skills in teaching.

(Note: The author is the Head Teacher 1 of Caluctogan ES- Dagami North District)

CabSec Nograles witnesses virtual turnover of Yolanda housing units in Ormoc

ORMOC CITY- The Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Yolanda chairman, Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, has virtually witnessed on Thursday, August 6, the turnover of 1,419 completed permanent housing units to the city government of Ormoc.

The symbolic key of the housing units was formally accepted by Ormoc City Mayor Richard Gomez from Marilyn Lauzon, district manager for Leyte of the National Housing Authority, in a simple ceremony.

In his virtual message, Nograles thanked the National Housing Authority for completing the project even in times of pandemic as he asked the beneficiaries to ensure that the

house and lot given by the government is well taken cared of.

For his part, Ormoc Mayor Gomez thanked Secretary Nograles for his support and help as well as to the NHA for giving Ormoc the privilege to relocate some of the displaced victims of super typhoon that hit the country on November 8, 2013.

Gomez is also hoping that the National Housing Authority will build more housing units for illegal settlers in the future.

Estela Apuya, one of the beneficiaries and a mother of two children who previously lives near the sea also expressed her gratitude to the government for giving her family a safe home to live away from the dangers especially when typhoon occurs.

The land acquisition, land development and construction of the 1,419 housing units are funded by NHA with Edison Development & Construction/3R Metal Craft (JV) as contrac-

tor developer of the project.

The Bagong Pag-Asa Subdivision Phase 1 and Phase 2 are located in Barangay Margen, Ormoc City.

It is a conventional bungalow row house with a modal size of 40 square meters and a floor area of 28.60 square meters with an esti-

mated cost of P290,000 per house and lot.

Of the 54,508 proposed permanent housing units for Yolanda victims in Region 8, some 35,462 units were already constructed by NHA while 10,877 of which are still ongoing construction. **(Idl/cba/PIA-8)**

Mahaplag 2 District marks this year’s Buwan ng Wika

BY: EVELYN ROSTE

Mahaplag 2 District celebrated this year’s Buwan ng Wika which was held at Polahongon Central School with the theme: “Wikang Katutubo Tungo Sa Isang Bansang Filipino.”

This year’s theme focuses on encouraging the pupils and teachers to honor the country’s notional language and other native Philippine languages,” Mrs. Consuelo P. Cerilla, Principal II of Polahongon Central School, cited on her message.

She also added that “this year’s theme also aims to awaken both the pupils and teachers knowledge about the importance of the Filipino language and use it as a tool to better build a country with unity.”

Moreover, Angelita Samaco, Teacher III, said that “this month’s celebration is led by the Department of education for the purpose of enhancing the use of the Filipino Language.”

To extend the celebration, the school came up with activities that will

make the learners understand the importance of the Filipino language.

These activities includes Madulang pagkukuwento sa Filipino and Sulat, Bigkas, at Tula (Suklas) and was competed by the representatives of each schools.

The Polahongon Central School was declared as the champion followed by Union Elementary School.

The event was organized by the different Filipino coordinators of each school under the district and headed by the president Mrs. Angilita Samaco.

After the announcement of winners, Mrs. Antonieta C. Eliseo Ph. D, Mahaplag 2 District Supervisor, ended the program with a short massage stating “Thank you for being a part of this successful event and Helping us to remind the public how important the Filipino language is”.

(Note: The author is the teacher III/teacher-in-charge of the Mabuhay Elementary School, Mahaplag II District, Mahaplag, Leyte)

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is herby given that heirs of the late GORGONIO RAMOS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 9801-C, Csd-08-015282 situated at Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte under Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg. 2020000601 containing an area of 6,663 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of TERREN DEEL P. PLAZUELA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 431, Page No. 88, Book No. XI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Kenneth Spice M. De Veyra, LSDE: Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2020

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we would be building up a better society, which we should try to aim at always.

The world today is in great need of becoming a better world where love, friendship, understanding, compassion reign amid our unavoidable differences and conflicts. Let us do our part, starting in the place where we are at the moment and with the people with whom we interact everyday.



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q2- 2020 (April)

Particulars		Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
GENERAL FUND						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	3,483,342.02	9,126,325.91			12,609,667.93
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	3,694,137.87	2,472,768.66			6,166,906.53
Civil Security	1013	114,470.02				114,470.02
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	3,626,319.11	240,799.05			3,867,118.16
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	555,464.45	50,603.06			606,067.51
General Services Office	1061	428,632.32	2,351,428.65			2,780,060.97
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	393,747.28	25,644.68			419,391.96
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	181,797.97	12,792.97			194,590.94
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	2,037,304.44	42,869.27			2,080,173.71
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	751,828.74	9,628.57			761,457.31
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111					-
Library Services	1122	92,639.05				92,639.05
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	203,871.13	19,170.35			223,041.48
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		9,000.00			9,000.00
Regional Trial Court	1151		57,000.00			57,000.00
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	36,046.08				36,046.08
Public Order & Safety Department		268,106.02	53,913.13			322,019.15
Aids to Barangay						-
20% Local Development Fund	1912					-
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						-
Disaster Preparedness						-
Disaster Response						-
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						-
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						-
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Others	1192					-
SOCIAL SERVICES						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					-
Others	3999		641,800.00			641,800.00
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,694,934.81	80,613.96			1,775,548.77
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	518,167.33	12,348.36			530,515.69
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	24,209,408.87	28,798,631.89			53,008,040.76
Housing and Community Development	6000					-
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	364,475.58	102,203.11			466,678.69
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					-
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	425,288.53	42,410.28			467,698.81
Budgetary Reserve						-
Others	7999					-
Economic Services	8000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	6,501,419.86	269,499.15			6,770,919.01
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	157,877.44	4,958.41			162,835.85
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	255,743.43				255,743.43
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	5,725,920.65	2,028,951.21			7,754,871.86
20% Local Development Fund	8911					-
Others	8912		10,113,000.00			10,113,000.00
Debt Service						-
Principal						-
Local Development Projects						-
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						-
Interest and Other Charges						-
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest)						-
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		55,720,943.00	56,566,360.67	-	-	112,287,303.67
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES						-
Particulars	Budget Appropriation	Actual Expenditures				
	NGAS Code	PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						-
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities						-
Due to other NGAs			8,359.98			8,359.98
Due to other GOCCs						-
Due to other LGUs				-		-
Due to National Treasury						-
Due to BIR			14,421,876.47			14,421,876.47
Due to GSIS			24,350,271.99			24,350,271.99
Due to PAG-IBIG			2,522,081.21			2,522,081.21
Due to PhilHealth			1,057,627.32			1,057,627.32
Due to Officers and Employees			814,010.57			814,010.57
Grant of Cash Advances						-
Intra-Agency Payables						-
Due to Other Fund			-			-
Other Current Liabilities						-
Guaranty Deposits Payable			714,040.48			714,040.48
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						-
Other Payables			8,810,817.59			8,810,817.59
Other Deferred Credits						-
Payable Accounts						-
Accounts Payable						-
Notes Payable						-
Dividend Payable						-
Interest Payable						-
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES		-	52,699,085.61	-	-	52,699,085.61
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		55,720,943.00	109,265,446.28	-	-	164,986,389.28
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					-
General Administration	3311-1			-		-
Others	3999-1					-
TOTAL SEF			-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		55,720,943.00	109,265,446.28	-	-	164,986,389.28
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF			44,083,870.54			44,083,870.54
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						-

Certified correct:

GERARDO A. AVORQUE
Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q2, 2020 (April)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (April)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		40,924,347.00	1,130,137.63	-28,063,961.80	-68.58%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		30,491,488.00	827,107.87	-23,722,737.50	-77.80%
Current Year		19,200,000.00	517,513.27	-16,925,744.08	-88.15%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	69.16	-177,083.02	-92.48%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	200,101.59	-6,650,121.54	-66.50%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	109,423.85	30,211.14	2.75%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	171,369.50	-3,663,944.30	-42.60%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	16,782.00	-419,157.30	-83.83%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	3,564.00	579,146.40	38.61%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	12,998.50	-16,457.50	-1.50%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	127,200.00	-3,858,580.90	-74.20%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	10,825.00	51,105.00	17.04%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	131,660.26	-677,280.00	-36.95%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	14,616.33	-143,151.06	-57.26%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	116,943.93	-549,103.94	-35.43%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	100.00	14,975.00	45.57%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
NON-TAX REVENUES		510,531,930.00	36,125,012.89	-318,356,094.55	-62.36%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	9,120.00	-586,916.75	-62.98%
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	-	-246,060.00	-49.21%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	9,120.00	-340,856.75	-78.91%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		500,000,000.00	32,255,112.03	-325,680,783.36	-65.14%
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	462.00	-150,451.25	-75.23%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	435,845.00	-14,567,814.74	-67.76%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	31,818,805.03	-310,962,517.37	-65.01%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	3,860,780.86	7,911,605.56	82.41%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	3,860,780.86	8,007,925.56	84.29%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		551,456,277.00	37,255,150.52	-346,420,056.35	-62.82%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,552,543,723.00	212,086,776.92	-1,704,196,615.32	-66.76%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,691,652,892.32	-67%
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,691,652,892.32	-66.60%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	-	-12,543,723.00	-100.00%
Share from National Wealth				0	
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	-	-12,523,723.00	-100.00%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-		
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	106,043,389.00	105,343,389.00	10534.34%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,553,543,723.00	318,130,165.92	-1,598,853,226.32	-62.61%

OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			-	32,911.25	
Refund of Cash Advances			76,296.24	631,232.07	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	0.00	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			13,653,355.00	68,717,048.66	
Due from other NGAs			13,356,555.00	65,763,327.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	0	
Due from LGUs			296,800.00	2,953,720.76	
Other Receivables			332,730.00	3,917,365.00	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	0	
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS		-	14,062,381.24	73,298,556.98	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,105,000,000.00	369,447,697.68	-1,871,974,725.69	-60.29%

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND					
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX					
Special Education Fund		35,720,312.00	1,181,582.73	-24,466,172.19	-68%
Current Year		20,000,000.00	739,304.68	-16,744,984.01	-84%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		520,312.00	34,104.73	-361,989.81	-70%
Prior Year/s		13,400,000.00	285,850.02	-7,323,144.41	-55%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,800,000.00	122,323.30	-36,053.96	-2%
Other Receipts		-	-	59,330.68	
Interest Income		-	-	48,391.28	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)		-	-	10,939.40	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		35,720,312.00	1,181,582.73	-24,406,841.51	-68%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,140,720,312.00	370,629,280.41	-1,896,381,567.44	-60.38%

Certified correct:

GERARDO A. AVORQUE
Provincial Treasurer

Leyte’s Cuatro Islas positioned as prime tourist site

TACLOBAN CITY – The government is pushing for infrastructure projects within Leyte’s Cuatro Islas, taking into consideration the destination’s carrying capacity, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) regional office said.

In a phone interview, NEDA Eastern Visayas regional director Meylene Rosales said the Regional Development Council (RDC) endorsed during its virtual meeting on August 4 the tourism infrastructure development plan (TIDP) for Cuatro Islas, done by a private consulting firm.

The TIDP for Cuatro Islas is seen to support the overall development of the area as a prime tourist destination in the Eastern Visayas region, NEDA said.

One of the proposed improvements, Rosales said, is the development of an integrated mangrove forest boardwalk along the mangrove for-



est between Inopacan and Hindang town.

This is to enhance the tourism product through conservation and preservation initiative, provide recreational activities, as well as educational opportunities to both residents and visitors alike, the official said.

“The development plan covers the physical, economic, social, biophysical, environmental, psychological, and tourism aspects to enhance the utmost potential of said areas as vibrant tourism and investment attraction while maintaining its integrity, competitiveness,

security, and resiliency from disasters,” Rosales added.

NEDA refused to disclose the proposed amount required destination’s infrastructure development since it is still to be finalized.

The feasibility study was funded last year through NEDA’s project development and other related studies fund.

Also included are Baler, Aurora; Malapascua Island, Cebu; and Guimaras Island.

These destinations are part of the priority clusters in the country with high tourist arrivals and

New Normal, New Beginning, New Challenges to Candagara Elementary Dagami North District

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COVID -19 pandemic changes the normal life of every person around the globe. It affects our personal life, jobs and most especially to our educational system. Many schools have to close due to the current situation that we have. Students have to stop from their studies for them to prevent the widespread of this virus.

It has been a great challenge to the educational sys-

tem, as well as strong institutional support from the local government units concerned and other stakeholders.

Department of Tourism regional director Karina Rosa Tiopes was pleased that Cuatro Islas is getting attention from the central government.

“We are happy to know that of the many island destinations in the country, it was named as one of the four focused destinations that will be given much-needed development support. The four islands - being declared as protected landscape and seascape - needs a proper plan that will ensure its sustainable and responsi-

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tem of the Philippines from the Central Office down to the Schools. Many teachers have been in a great shock because of this. Teachers have to come up with ideas and formulate new alternative ways for the learners to continue learning even though they are staying at home.

Teachers will always be teachers. We have to find ways in terms of mode in the delivery of learning to our learners. We have to put into consideration the social status of our learners, the distance from the school, and most especially on how are they going to cope up with the things that they need to learn. The most essential leaning competencies (MELC). With those competencies and activity sheets on hand, it will be an easy task to do for the teachers.

Many ideas have come up through time. There is modular learning, blended learning, and online learning are some educational modalities that we have now. Those learning modalities maybe effective if there is a proper implementation. But I guess, if we are going to put into consideration and reality, schools from remote areas may not be able to adopt the suggested learning modalities especially the online learning. Several reasons for these are the internet connectivity, the way of living of our learners and most especially the gadgets that they have on hand.

Candagara Elementary school and teachers are into a big challenge for this new normal situation, not only this school, but all of the schools all over the country. CES Teachers have to adopt the modular way of delivering learnings to their learners. They have designed and contextualized their learning materials so that it will be more understandable to the learners and to the parents. The teachers have to make surveys regarding to the current situation of their learners and must have a proper way of communicating to the parents because the parents will also play a big role in terms of delivery of education.

CES teaching staff together with the support of the parents, LGUs, and other stakeholders can get through this new situation by helping one another. Good education should not stop because of this virus instead, this pandemic gives us a new door to have a stronger bond with the community.

As the famous line goes, together we can make it and together we can build a new beginning for the future of the learners and together we heal as one. Let’s take our banner and let’s proudly say “Sulong Edukalidad”.

(Note: the author is the teacher-in-charge of Abre Elementary School, Dagami North District, Dagami, Leyte)



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Region's bike enthusiasts staged their advocacy ride to appeal LGUs to put up bike lanes

TACLOBAN CITY-Thousands of bicycle-users staged their synchronized 'advocacy ride' on Sunday (August 10) to dramatize their appeal for local government units in the region to put up their bike lanes.

Here in the city, about 11 bicycle clubs comprising of about 200 bike enthusiasts joined the regional campaign which started at 5:50 am at the Tacloban Convention Center or astrodome.

Lawyer Ed Pecson, one of the organizers of the campaign, said that they hope that local government units in the region would heed their plea.

In fact, some local government units like Tacloban City, Borongan City, and Naval in Biliran are supportive of their campaign.

Here in Tacloban, the plan is now being seriously considered and they have already met with city engineer Dionisio de Paz on this matter.



Bicycle riders in the region staged their advocacy ride on Sunday (August 9) to appeal to local government units to put up bike lanes and ensure their safety. (Photo Courtesy)

The town of Naval has already put in place bike racks while officials of Borongan City are now in the middle of discussion of a bicycle ordinance, Pecson said.

Pecson said that their campaign is also in line with a memorandum circular issued by the Department of Interior and Local Government calling for local government units to establish a network of bicycle lanes and facilities like bicycle parking and racks, and ensure the safety of bikers.

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ble development," Tiopes said in a message sent to the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

Frequently visited by cruise tourists, Cuatro Islas in Hindang and Inopacan, covers an area of 12,500 hectares known for its white sandy shores surrounded by coral gardens, which are consid-

ered as one of the best in Leyte Island. It is home to Tridachna and marine turtles such as the Green Sea and Hawkbill turtle.

Experts found 287 species of reef-building corals in the island's waters. It is also a rich fishing ground and a home to countless diverse coastal and marine organisms, wildlife, and ecosystems. (SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)

SK officials launch communal gardening to help feed affected by COVID-19 in Baybay City

TACLOBAN CITY - The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) in Baybay City is venturing into agriculture to provide food on the tables amid the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

Due to the lack of access to resources and poor economic opportunities, food security and sufficiency has become a key issue amidst this COVID-19 pandemic the SK Federation of Baybay City has spearheaded the "Youth In Agriculture" campaign in order to engage local youths in providing healthy and sustainable supply of food.

The project started after quarantine restrictions was imposed by the city government to its residents.

"The Sangguniang Kabataan of Baybay City is in the forefront of producing sustainable interventions and initiatives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of which is by encouraging more young people to engage with various forms of agricultural initiatives such as the container gardening and backyard gardening. Our way of ensuring sufficient supply of food and much more, to establish a meaningful and productive journey by not just staying at home, but also transforming themselves as Youth in Agriculture," Mark Unlu-cay, SK federation president of Baybay City, said.

The gardening is participated by SK members from

92 villages of the city.

The program is in collaboration with the East West Seeds Company, Inc., and Baybay City Agriculture Office that provided assorted vegetable seeds.

The youth uses idle and unused lots in their respective villages for the community gardening.

The produce from the vegetable garden were extended to the less fortunate residents in the community like pedicab drivers and construction workers.

"We feed these tatays and kuyas as they continue in their livelihood to provide for their families during this pandemic," Unlu-cay said.

Unlu-cay added that to sustain the program, the SK council had allocated 10 percent of their budget for funding to continue to community garden in their respective areas.

As part of the Youth in Agriculture program, they lunched the vegetable garden contest video documentary in order to showcase and encourage agricultural production among the youth.

The competition which ends last month was won by the SK council of Zone 3 receiving PP10,000 cash grant from the Positive Youth Development Network, and P2,000 for each of the top 5 outstanding SK councils, gift certificate from Metro Gaisano, and certificate of participation. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

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