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## #STRONGERLAUNION FOR A #STRONGEREDUCATION; TABLETS PARA KADAGITI MANURSO NAIWARAS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Kas panangpatalged iti natibker a panangkammayet iti Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) nga idadawlan ni Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III ken iti Department of Education La Union Schools Division Office (DepED LUSDO) nga idadawlan met ni Schools Division Superintendent Atty. Donato Balderas, Jr. nairugi a naiwaras idi, July 7, 2021 ti umuna a 49 tablets para kadagiti manursuro iti probinsia.

Gimmatang ti PGLU iti sumatotal a 1,025 tablets tapno mausar dagiti napili a manursuro iti DepED LUSDO para iti #newnormal a panangisuro kadagiti estudiantente. Dagiti manursuro iti ili ti Santo Tomas ti immuna a nasagutan.

Inyebkas ni Renante Bulda, maysa kadagiti manursuro a nakaawat iti tablet, ti panagyamanna kas kinunana,

"The ICT gadget plays a vital role in achieving the teaching-learning process specially in this time of pandemic. On behalf of Santo Tomas District, I'd like to say thank you to Governor Pacoy Ortega for giving us this gadget to reach our children more in our teaching-learning process."

Kabayatanna, binigbig met ni Gov. Pacoy iti dedikasyon dagiti manursuro ken ti napateg a kontribusioda iti panangseguro a tuloy tuloy iti panagadal dagiti ubbing ti probinsia, "We have to build stronger sectors like the education sector... we purchased the tablets and accessories... hopefully makatulong po sa inyong trabaho para tuloy tuloy po ang paghubog natin sa ating mga kabataan para sila po ay maging responsable at mababait na mamamayan," kinunana. Segun pay ken Gov. Pacoy, tarigagayna a matulungan dagiti

mamaestro ken mamaestra ta isuda ket maibilang a partners iti panangbukel iti #StrongerLaUnion.

Ti panagiwaras iti tablets ket mangpaneknek iti 100% a suporta

ti PGLU para iti panangparang-ay ti edukasyon iti probinsia iti tengnga ti pandemia. Sumarunon a maikkan iti tablets dagiti dadduma pay nga ili iti La Union.



## TESDA, PGLU PARTNERS FOR MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES; PGLU EMPLOYMENT PORTAL LAUDED

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO



Establishing stronger partnership in expanding job opportunities and skills training, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Provincial Director (PD) Elpidio D. Mamaril, Jr. visited the La Union Provincial Public Employment Service Office (PESO) on August 18, 2021 to coordinate and promote the TESDA's Online World Café of Opportunities (WCO) through Job Linking and Network Services (joLINS).

For this year's Online WCO, TESDA Region I identified construction, agriculture and tourism sector alumni/graduates as their priority participants.

Accompanying PD Mamaril were TESDA Administrative Officer V Criselda M. Gugol and TESDA Specialist I Almina Bernadette M. Panis. They were given a brief orientation and accessibility walkthrough by Provincial PESO

Manager Charito C. Dator and Labor and Employment Officer II Rowell B. Timoteo of the Find Jobs La Union Employment Portal.

Director Mamaril commended the Provincial Government of La Union under the leadership of Gov. Pacoy for the initiative of creating employment facilitation services through digital platform. "It is a very nice and innovative online job platform. A big help to our joLINS and to help facilitate employment of TVET Graduates. We are very grateful to have the PGLU through the PESO as the partner in the promotion and advocacy of Technical Education and Skills Development Program," he said.

The PGLU continues to innovate and build partnerships for greater employment opportunities for kaprobinsiaan that will ultimately help build a #StrongerLaUnion.



# PROV'L ASF TASKFORCE STRENGTHENS PREVENTIVE ACTIONS

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To further strengthen the Province's response to African Swine Fever (ASF) and safeguard the Province's swine industry, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through its ASF Task Force led by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III and Provincial Veterinarian, Dr. Nida N. Gapuz, convene to give an update on the ASF situation across the Province of La Union and in the Ilocos Region on July 5, 2021, via video conferencing.

As of press time, a total number of 14,273 pigs were already culled in the Province of La Union. With this data, PGLU intensifies ASF Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program protocols and necessary activities to mitigate the spread of ASF. In addition, the PGLU ASF Task Force also provided ASF prevention and control, including actions before and during the ASF outbreak in the Province.

ASF is a highly contagious hemorrhagic viral disease of domestic and wild pigs of all ages caused by Asfivirus. ASF is not a threat to human health, but it is a great threat to our swine industry.

It can be transmitted through transport vehicles, farm workers, infected hogs, swill feeding, waterways, and infected pork meat. Therefore, hog raisers were advised to observe biosecurity protocols to control and prevent ASF strictly.

To date, there are no available vaccines for ASF. But the PGLU has established necessary assistance to the local hog raisers of the Province, which includes providing cash assistance.

Moreover, PGLU is closely working with the Department of Agriculture to aid the affected hog farmers through their indemnification assistance.

The ASF Taskforce also presented measures to ensure the safety of La Union's hog industry, such as the sentinelling program, calibrated repopulation, livelihood project proposals, and new ordinances for ASF prevention and control.

Meanwhile, the Provincial Veterinary Office urges every local hog raiser to immediately report to their Municipal Agriculture Office if they have seen symptoms of ASF in the pigs.

The said conference were attended by 33 member participants which includes the heads of different government offices in La Union, such as the La Union Provincial Police Office, Provincial Health Office, Department of Interior and Local Government, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, Department of Education, Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Office I, National Meat Inspection Services. Other members include representatives from the swine industry, Provincial Information Office, Provincial Tourism Office, Provincial Agriculturist, Provincial Planning and Development Office, and Municipal Agriculturist of the different municipalities of La Union.

PGLU is committed to working with different stakeholders to safeguard public health amongst every Kaprobinsiaan.



# PGLU APPROVES SOCIAL, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

The Provincial Government of La Union through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan approved Ordinance No. 317 series of 2021 on August 10, 2021, an ordinance, "Institutionalizing the Social and Sports Development Assistance for the City and Municipalities of the Province of La Union, and Providing Funds, Therefore."

The said ordinance is anchored on Section 16 of the Local Government Code which mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of people to a balanced

ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

The said legislative measure, which was authored by Board Member Maria Rosario Eufrosina P. Nisce, was crafted to provide guidelines and procedures in requesting financial assistance relative to social welfare, sports, and other development needs of individuals as community projects of barangays.

Under the ordinance, the financial assistance shall be requested by the Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod through a Sangguniang Bayan/Panlungsod Resolution. The said resolution of the request shall be addressed to the Provincial Governor through the President of the Philippine Councilors League La Union Chapter. It shall be endorsed to

the Office of the Provincial Governor.

Furthermore, the Resolution of Request shall be attached by a Project Proposal stating the purpose, budgetary requirements and beneficiaries for the said assistance.

The Office of the Philippine Councilors League La Union Chapter shall monitor and submit an annual report on the status of implementation of the requested financial assistance to the

Provincial Governor's Office.

BM Nisce, explained that the main objective of the Provincial Government of La Union is to provide social welfare and sports development assistance to the City/Municipalities of the Province of La Union.

She added that to carry out the implementation of the said ordinance, an amount of PHP 80,000.00 per City/ Municipality or a total of 1,600,000.00 shall be initially allocated annually.



# KAPIHAN SA NEW YORK SPOTLIGHTS LA UNION

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

Representing Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, La Union Provincial Tourism Office (LUPTO) Officer-in-Charge Arthur S. Cortez, Jr., served as one of the panelists to the 9th Virtual Presentation "Kapihan sa New York" (Fiesta Filipinas Part 2) presented by the Fil-Am Press Club of New York, Philippine Consulate General - New York, Philippine Department of Tourism - New York, Philippine Airlines, and Orientours Co., Ltd. on July 28, 2021 via video conferencing.

In his presentation, he highlighted the Province of La Union as a province worth living in to diverse people and communities, stemming from its unique experiences that created a culture of acceptance and tolerance. He shared that La Union as a province is also a tourist-friendly destination as it

continues to host a wide array of places, faces, and activities which caters to the desires of tourists.

Mr. Cortez also mentioned that apart from the scenic places and cheerful faces, La Union boasts to be an investment haven. He shared La Union's rich culture and heritage, as well as its unique gastronomic offerings. As a province formed from the union of ceded lands from its neighboring provinces, La Union has a particular mix of traditions and dishes which genuinely represents Ilocandia.

He assures the Filipino-American community that they can not only invest in the province but also can always Live, Own, Visit, Enjoy and find LOVE and make a home in La Union.





# GOV. PACOY CONVENES PCTAC; INTENSIFIES PDITR STRATEGY AND BUILD CAPACITIES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Maeve N. Zafrá, PIO

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III convenes the Provincial Core Team Against CoViD-19 (PCTAC) on July 5, 2021. During the meeting, the different committees provided status updates on the CoViD-19 response of the province for June, as well as plans moving forward for July to December 2021.

## Intensified Prevention-Detection-Isolation-Treatment-Reintegration Strategy

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the Provincial Health Office (PHO), met with the chiefs of hospitals and local health officers last weekend to assess the recent surge in cases. Stringent action plans were identified to intensify the local PDITR Strategies moving forward.

Under Prevention, dissemination of IEC materials for the observance of MPHS in barangays, and the establishment of handwashing stations, and regular testing of frontline workers were the critical plans laid out. Enhanced detection protocols such as

coordination among RHUs, Contact Tracers and BHRTs, and immediate quarantine and testing of CoViD-19 close contacts were given emphasis. To enforce the Prevention and Detection strategies, component LGUs shall also increase bed capacities, procure a sufficient supply of PPEs, and sustain the Health Care Provider Network

Referral System.

The Provincial Incident Management Team (PIMT) shall meet with local IMTs to ensure that proper assistance is given to our component LGUs as they carry out their strategies to curb the spread of the virus in their respective localities.

## Continuous Vaccine Rollout

As a means of Prevention, PGLU continues with the #BakunaMuna vaccination program of the province. As of July 4, 2021, 72,568 vaccines have already been utilized, with 55,861 individuals receiving the first dose and 16,707 individuals completing the second dose. According to PHO, we aim to achieve the vaccination of 40% of the adult population by December 2021.

## Building Capacities

Aside from these, Gov. Pacoy also directed the PCTAC to build the province's CoViD-19 response capacities by procuring testing kits, PPEs, and all that is deemed necessary for our healthcare system. PGLU is also looking at the possibility of setting up a molecular lab to strengthen the province's capacity and improve the efficiency of the CoViD-19 response.

Through the leadership of Gov. Pacoy Ortega, the Provincial Government remains resolute in providing proactive responses to manage the CoViD-19 situation in the province.



# LU ENSURES MARINE RESOURCES PRESERVATION

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO and Diana E. Jutba, GPC-ENRO



Our environmental efforts to manage and preserve our natural resources in La Union dove deeper through the sea as our Provincial Government of La Union SCUBA Diving Team conducted an initial underwater assessment in the Municipality of Luna, La Union on August 27 and 30, 2021.

We have deployed two transect lines allowing us to initially assess, document and validate areas with possible underwater pebble deposits as reference for sustainable planning and management of the remaining pebble deposit.

During the activity, we have collected data on sediment type, presence of pebble deposits and size of pebbles which we will further study and process for better management of the said resource. We have also noted associated marine flora and fauna along the assessed underwater stretch of Barangays

Nalvo Norte, Barrientos, Magallanes, Victoria, Santo Domingo Sur and Sto. Domingo Norte.

Our SCUBA Diving Team is composed of personnel from the Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office headed by EnP. Annalyn Rosario-Valdez and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office headed by Aurellano F. Rolluda III. Said activity was done in collaboration with our partners in the Local Government Unit of Luna, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Barangay Officials and Pebble Pickers Associations.

This initial assessment is our initiative in ensuring that in La Union, we choose #KalikasanNaman. An in-depth assessment will also be conducted by our partners from the DENR- Mines and Geosciences Bureau on October 2021.

# LA UNION PROVIDES CONTINUOUS AID ON CRISIS SITUATION

Zenaida D. Sellem, GPC-PSWDO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) is committed to promote the welfare of the disadvantaged sector especially the sick and the needy. It is in this context that the PGLU has intensified its Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) program specifically for our Kaprobinsiaan who are undergoing medical procedures such as chemotherapy and hemodialysis and those who are in crisis due to the death of their loved ones.

For this purpose, the PGLU has earmarked a substantial amount of PhP10 Million pesos. However, with the increasing number of beneficiaries, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III

deemed it necessary to request additional fund from the Office of the President, Rodrigo R. Duterte and Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, who each gave the amount of P5 million pesos, through the DSWD Field Office I.

Bringing services at our Kaprobinsiaan's doorsteps, the distribution of special cash aid under the AICS program was done at the municipal level to spare the beneficiaries from the difficulty of commuting to the city and back home. This was duly coordinated with the municipal and barangay officials where PGLU cheques were also released, observing the prescribed health protocols.





# PGLU #BAKUNAMUNA ADOPTS PAPERLESS PROCEDURE; HASTENED VACCINATION TIME

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO and Ma. Ashley A. Ebreo, GPC-ICTU

In just half day, 552 of our kaprobinsiaan have been inoculated by our vaccination team from the Provincial Health Office following our upgrade on our #BakunaMuna Program adopting a paperless vaccination process which kickstarted during the vaccination at the AGORA – Thunderbird Resort, City of San Fernando, La Union on August 19, 2021.

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) vaccination team inoculated kaprobinsiaan belonging to Priority Categories A1 to A4 where out of the 552 individuals, 480 received Sinovac and 72 received AstraZeneca vaccines.

We have provided our vaccinees fast and hassle-free process through the use of the La Union CoViD-19 Vaccination System (LUCOVACS) developed by our very own Information and Communications Technology Unit (ICTU) in the Province.

The system is anchored to the NAPANAM Contact Tracing System and was strictly patterned and in compliance with the Department of Information and Communication Technology and Department of Health (DICT-DOH) requirements and guidelines.

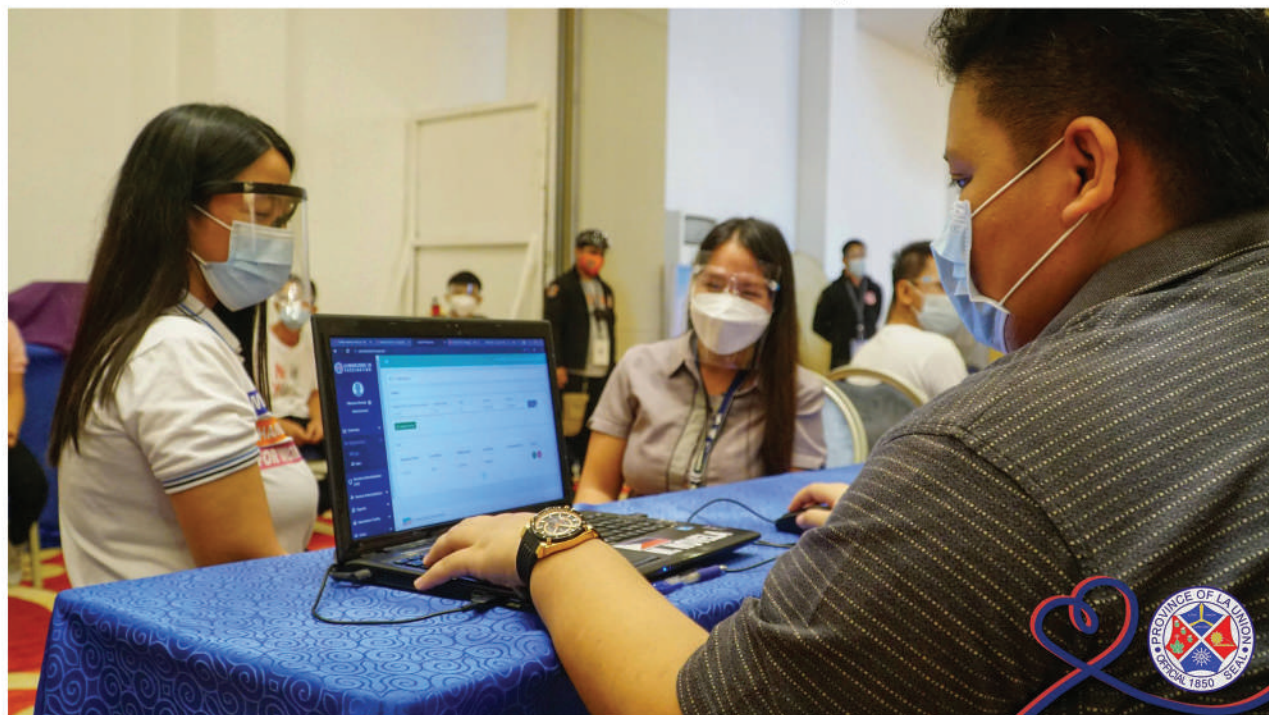
This system has five main key features – Registration, Vital Signs Entry, Health Screening, Inoculation, and Post Monitoring. It also includes the generation of the Vaccine Information Management System – Vaccine Administration System Report that is required by the DICT-DOH to be accomplished and submitted daily.

Further, the system also has the capability to generate a CoViD-19 Vaccination Certificate with a QR Code embedded on it. The computer generated QR Code will give the vaccinee a full detail of their vaccination upon scanning it eliminating fake or tampered vaccination certificates. Moving forward, the ICTU's Development Team is enhancing the system to enable printing of the Vaccination Card on-site.

During the said vaccination, the duration of an individual vaccination process stressed under 30 minutes turnaround time from

registration to printing of certificate which was trimmed down exponentially in comparison to the 1 hour to 30 minutes recorded with forms to be filled-in on-site.

We are looking forward to paperless processes in the conduct of all #BakunaMuna programs of the PGLU vaccination team to facilitate faster vaccination and more vaccinees in a day. Through digital revolution, we also encourage agencies and residents to reduce their carbon footprints for a more sustainable province.



## GOV. PACOY PRESIDES FSRR-MSAB MEETING

Shairalene B. Guerrero, PIO



Gov. Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Chairperson of the First Scout Ranger Regiment Multi-Sectoral Advisory Board (FSRR-MSAB), presides over the board's 2nd Regular Meeting via video conference on August 5, 2021.

The board discussed the FSRR's strategic communications plan and provided updates with their initiatives and programs to help the people they serve in their respective areas.

Further, they have also welcomed Regional Director William Beltran from the Philippine Information

Agency based in Pampanga as the new member of the FSRR-MSAB.

FSRR-MSAB is tasked to help the Philippine Army's elite unit in its transformation programs.

Gov. Pacoy Ortega is glad about the partnership with the different stakeholders and other government partners such as the FSSR. Strong ties with various organizations that would benefit not only the Province but with every Kaprobinsiaan towards building a #StrongerLaUnion, province worth living in.

## LA UNION SURFING BREAK SHORTLISTED FOR 2021 "GALING POOK" AWARDS, UNDERGOES VALIDATION

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

After a rigorous initial evaluation and screening process, La Union Surfing Break (LUSB) had been shortlisted for the 2021 Galing Pook Awards (GPA) among other notable entries in the country serving as one of the best practices of the Province of La Union.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III led concerned Department Heads who formed the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) panel for the 2021 GPA's first phase validation meeting held on August 18, 2021 via video conferencing. After presenting LUSB's merits, the team answered sets of questions from lead validator Mr. Vincent Lazatin, varying from personal experiences to program sustainability, impact, innovation and efficiency.

Gov. Pacoy led the presentation highlighting LUSB as PGLU's

flagship programs which made a mark in the national tourism scene and an impact to the local communities and grassroots. He underscored LUSB as an exceptional tourism practice of the province with innovations every year.

"La Union Surfing Break is more than a celebration of the beauty of the Waves and the thrills of the surf competition. It is a journey of people coming together for the purpose of connecting people

through their shared interest in surfing, community work, as well as environment conservation; it is a story of success, unity, and solidarity. We hope that it sparks other LGUs and organizations to do the same and give back to the people and the environment," Gov. Pacoy said.

Leading the tourism and private stakeholders panel, Department of Tourism Region 1 Director Joseph Francisco "Jeff" R. Ortega affirmed that LUSB is more than

just a festivity. He shared the emergence of the La Union Soul, a community-driven movement that seeks to improve eco-tourism in San Juan, La Union, which not only focuses on coastal resources management, but also on the Pawikan Conservation Project in the municipality.

As a nationwide search, the GPA is conducted in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Local Government Academy which aims to recognize innovative practices by local government units.

Beyond the citation and recognition, PGLU emphasizes its commitment in practicing the Performance Governance System in its endeavor to be a benchmark of local governance excellence in the Philippines.





## SP COMM CONDUCTS OCULAR INSPECTION IN A MINING COMPANY IN THE PROVINCE; ENSURES ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Jiroh Joy D. Marbella, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Committee on Environment, Energy, Human Ecology and Security conducted an ocular inspection at Holcim Mining and Development Corporation (HMDC), Quirino, Bacnotan, La Union on August 19, 2021 to check on the compliance of the company on environmental laws, regulations, and standards as well as inspect the company's social development and management programs.

The ocular inspection, which was conducted in aid of legislation, was headed by committee chairperson SPM Abraham P. Rimando, together with Ms. Annalyn R. Valdez, OIC – Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Ms. Jane T. Flores, Board Secretary V of the SP Office and several staff from the SP Secretariat and the Office of SPM Rimando.

Before the inspection proper, a brief presentation was conducted by Engr. Romel

C. Akuking, Mining Operations Manager of HMDC La Union, discussed the company's policies and best practices, an overview of their daily operations, environmental and rehabilitation projects, and social development and management programs.

Some of the notable findings during the inspection of HMDC include: the maintenance of siltation ponds that catch silt to prevent waterway contaminations and oil spill protection; reforestation of decommissioned mining sites; development of an eco-trail on one of the reforested sites; the conduct of biodiversity assessment to determine the biodiversity baseline of the reforested areas; the usage of Quarry Scheduling Optimization System, a software to determine the quality and volume requirements as set by clients; livelihood assistance projects to host barangays such as Sea Urchin and Seaweed cultivation projects in barangay Paraoir in Balaoan.

The Committee on Environment, Energy, Human Ecology and Security will likewise recommend including a provision mandating mining companies in the province to conduct their biodiversity study or maintain a biodiversity inventory to be included in the ongoing update of the Environmental Code of La Union.



## PGLU PIONEERS SPES VACCINATION IN LU

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO

As the vaccination programs of the government became more available to the people in the Province of La Union, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the leadership of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel R. "Pacoy" Ortega III extended assistance for the inclusion of Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) workers in providing them RT-PCR Swab Test and vaccines as they render work in the different offices in PGLU for 20 days.

SPES is Department of Labor and Employment's (DOLE's) youth employment-bridging program that aims to encourage and assist poor, but deserving students to pursue their education by engaging short-term employment during summer vacation. Under this program, it also enables the students to experience how a working life is while they are trained to improve their skills, build their confidence and self-discipline.

Before their employment in PGLU, Provincial Health Office (PHO) representative, Ms. Prixies R. Sambrano, Health Education and Promotions Officer, successfully communicated the benefits of the CoVID-19 vaccine to the body, the vaccination procedure and the importance of protecting their family to the 47 SPES workers during their SPES orientation on June 21, 2021 at DMMMSU-MLUC Covered Court, Catbangan, City of San Fernando, La Union.

On June 25, 2021, the SPES workers were given RT-PCR Test at the Home of Hope, Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union and they were vaccinated in the PHO on August 3, 2021. According to the DOLE –

Regional Office I, the provision of RT-PCR and vaccines to the SPES workers is a commendable act of PGLU as they are one of the first few agencies in the country to provide this kind of CoVID-19 mitigation program for SPES workers.

PGLU will always advocate the safety and effectiveness of the vaccines to the people across different age groups through effective public engagement in releasing proactive information on vaccination strategies, crisis response and social objectives to ensure the protection and welfare of the people in La Union.



## PGLU PRESERVES LA UNION HISTORY THROUGH SARIRIT QUIZ

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

Student representatives from 20 elementary school districts, 23 high school clusters and 12 Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation offices across the Province of La Union showcased their wits on local and national history during the SARIRIT: La Union History Quiz held through hybrid events on August 26 – 27, 2021.

With questions lifted from the book "La Union: The Making of a Province 1850-1921" written by local historian Dr. Adriel Obar Meimban, the quiz competition is one of the major activities of the Ayat Festival 2021 with the theme: AGASEM! (Agas ken Isem): Iloko Para ti Naan-andur ken Natibtibker a La Union." Conducted by the Provincial Government of La Union through the La Union Provincial Tourism Office – Culture and Arts Section, the activity advocates consciousness of the province on its local history and raises

appreciation of the Iloko language. Final Round questions were also translated in Iloko.

Besting other participants, hailed winners of Elementary Students Category were Lara Janelle Mendoza of Luna II District – 1st place; Wheillysa Ilithyia Dotong of Tubao District – 2nd place; Jerianna Monique Cayetano of San Fernando City Division – 3rd

place; Hannah Junessa Mae Merrera of Caba District – 4th place; and Ezekiel Yazueh Francisco of Naguilian District – 5th place. Fraenchzqa Reida Mico of Bangar Cluster topped the Secondary Students Category with Charity Lavigne Opinaldo of Balaoan Cluster, Sage Margareth Abando of Bauang South Cluster, Jan Rick Gallardo of Santo Tomas Cluster, and Janaree Quiñones of

Naguilian Cluster completing the top 5 winners.

For the SK Federation Category, Jayson Borja of Tubao SK Federation was declared as 1st place while Oliver Niño Gundran of Agoo, Flora Leigh Saranilla of Balaoan, Marie Grace Rivera of Santo Tomas and William Jay Quiñones of Caba were declared as second to fifth placers, respectively. The winners will receive cash prizes and certificates of recognition.

SARIRIT is a component of the project "Kasanayan sa Kasaysayan" which encompasses history book distribution, and integration of local history to basic and tertiary education curriculum and programs. While the elimination rounds were conducted online, the final rounds were conducted face to face with the strict observance of the minimum health standards.





# COMMODORE PACOY ORTEGA FOR LU PEACE AND ORDER

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

A snappy salute as we now look forward to an even more peaceful and orderly province following the donning and oath taking ceremony of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III as Commodore of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Auxiliary - Executive Squadron yesterday, August 20, 2021.

Vowing to dedicate his best effort to uphold maritime operations, Commodore Pacoy Ortega took oath before PCG Commandant ADM GEORGE V URSABIA JR. and received a one-star badge at the Headquarters Coast Guard District North Western Luzon.

Full of fervor, Commodore Pacoy Ortega readily accepted the challenge to carry out the PCG's mission to promote safety of life and property at sea including the marine environment, and to support the conduct of water search and rescue operations.

Commodore Pacoy Ortega expressed, "Today, I was donned, I took oath and my duty as a member of the PCG Executive Squadron commences. Being one of you, I wholeheartedly aspire for peace and unity. May we all be guided with patriotism, compassion, bravery, dedication and hard work for us to stand ready in all the extraordinary circumstances that will come our way."

The ceremony cements the strong partnership of the Provincial Government of La Union and the uniformed personnel to uphold peace and order in the province as Commodore Pacoy Ortega emphasized, "As you all know, I am a public servant. As the Governor of the Province of La Union, this momentous event speaks of our shared aspirations and commitment to achieve our goals in preserving peace, order and

security in the province and in our country most especially in our coasts."

We can recall that Gov. Pacoy is also currently a Lieutenant Colonel

of the Philippine Army Reserve Force and a Scout Ranger Honorary Member ensuring the preservation of the safety and security of kaprobinsiaan.



# PGLU - ENRO JOINS THE CANBARBUSUY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY BASED - PROJECT

Grace Libong, GPC-ENRU

In its bid to promote a healthy environment and sustainable livelihood, the Provincial Government of La Union through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG-ENRO) joins in the conduct of community-based-project initiated by the Department of Education (DepEd)-CANBARBUSUY (Cantoria No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Barangubong, Busel-busel and Suyu) National High School and Barangay Officials on July 10, 2021 at Cantoria No. 1, Luna, La Union.

The activity aims to strengthen the collaboration among National Government Agencies, Local Government Unit and communities by way of distributing and planting of native fruit trees and agricultural crops. This is in support to the Governor's Project TREE (Taking Responsibility for the ELYUs Environment) aligned to the Provincial Government of La Union's #KalikasanNaman campaign on fostering ecological integrity and clean and healthy environment. The project also intends to sustain the livelihood

of the community by maximizing the use of their land through planting of agricultural crops and fruit bearing trees.

To support the project, 740 assorted seedlings of native fruit trees from Pias Provincial Nursery composes of Tamarind, Pakak, Mabolo, Cashew, Duhat, Star Apple, Atis, Anonas, Chico, Avocado, Mango and Cheisa were provided by the Provincial Government of La Union through EnP. Annalyn Rosario-Valdez, OIC, PG-ENRO. In addition, contributions from individuals made the purchase of 5 trays of germinated (540 pcs.) agricultural crops such as Eggplant and Finger Chili or Long Pepper and other logistics for the attainment of the project.

As an output, facilitators and teachers of CANBARBUSUY National High School led by Ms. Teresita Jaduca and Ms. Teresita Umanito with the support of Principal, Larievic Pajimola in partnership with CANBARBUSUY Barangays Officials, PG-ENRO and 250 household/community being the beneficiary, the distribution of the above-mentioned seedlings and agricultural crops assistance with a theme "Alay ko, itanim at Payabungin mo" as well as tree planting at Barangay Busesl-busel held by teachers of CANBARBUSUY with a theme "Sa Puno, Hangin ay Presko! were done successfully. Health and safety protocols we strictly implemented during the program.



# MONSOON-AFFECTED KAPROBINSIAAN RECEIVE PGLU FOOD PACKS, MONITORING LGUs CONTINUES

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Upon the directive of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), delivered a total of 2,290 food packs to the Municipalities of Bacnotan, San Gabriel, and Luna on July 25 and 26, 2021 to augment their relief operations to affected families of the Southwest Monsoon Rains.

The Municipality of Bacnotan received 1,000 food packs while Mayor Herminigildo Velasco of the Municipality of San Gabriel led the receiving of 750 food packs.

Meanwhile, the Municipality of Luna has started distributing the 1,240 food packs to their affected constituents where 740 additional packs from the 500 initial relief packs were turned over to the municipality.

On July 25, 2021, First District Board Member Gary N. Pinzon and Second District Board Member Frank O. Sibuma together with the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) also ensured that help in manpower and equipment is available and provided to the Municipality of Aringay DRRMO in their rescue operation.

BM Pinzon have also visited the Municipalities of Bacnotan, San Gabriel and Bauang to check their situation and to take note of their needs.

The PGLU is a steadfast enabler for all its component local government units to ensure collaborative efforts in building a #StrongerLaUnion, a province worth living in.





# LUPPO PD CALIXTO: WE ARE ON TOP OF PEACE AND ORDER WITH THE HELP OF PGLU

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

"We are on top of the situation...ready po ang kapulisan with the help of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) at hand po tayong ituloy ang ating mga programa upang hindi po magkaroon ng karahasan dito sa La Union," expressed La Union Police Provincial (LUPPO) Director Jonathan Calixto as he assured that they are intensifying crime-prevention efforts.

generally peaceful as the LUPPO continues to conduct the national simultaneous anti-criminality law enforcement operations on loose firearms, illegal drugs, arrest of wanted persons and drug personalities. He stated that in La Union, they are focused on the pre-emption of organized crimes.

The LUPPO is aligned to the updated provincial strategy of La

Union with strategic focus to establish La Union as a Safe, Secure, Self-sufficient and Sustainable Province. As Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III emphasized, "there is no room for insurgency and violence in the province."

PD Calixto ensures that they continue to have police visibility, patrolling and checkpoints and implement Inter-Agency Task Force Health Protocols. With zero insurgency in the province, anti-insurgency campaign continues through reaching out to far-flung areas through the LUPPO Patubig Program. Simulation exercises and drills are also conducted for anti-terrorism.

Advocacy groups in the province, whom PD Calixto called the "ears and eyes of the community," are also mobilized. These advocacy groups are composed of members of force multipliers such as rider associations, youth sectors and environment advocates.

With Gov Pacoy's directive for cohesive operations in ensuring the safety of all, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office was also instructed to work hand in hand with the LUPPO and other local DRRMOs.

"Governor Pacoy is very supportive in our campaigns against insurgency, criminal gangs, drug personalities...ito ang isa pong inspirasyon namin kaya ginagawa po namin ang lahat ng makakaya namin dahil very supportive po si Governor Pacoy," expressed PD Calixto.

The PGLU calls for all kaprobinsiaan to be advocates of peace and order by reporting any known crimes to the LUPPO through (072) 700 5100. In case of emergency, call La Union Rescue at 911.

As one kaprobinsiaan, we can uphold our low criminality rate and sustain the safety and security of one another.

Through a one-on-one interview on July 15, 2021, the director asserted that the province is



## PGLU-ITRMC CONTINUES TO INTENSIFY STRATEGY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT

Shairalene B. Guerrero, PIO

As part of the Provincial Government of La Union's (PGLU) continuous effort in providing stringent and strategic measures against CoViD-19 Delta Variant, PGLU strengthens the level of partnership with the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) to establish the Advance Medical Post (AMP).

The AMP is one of ITRMC's solutions to cater the needs of patients, especially in these crucial times. According to Dr. Marvin Munar, Incident Commander of ITRMC, the AMP will serve as a pre-hospital layer within the hospital's vicinity to guarantee a safer Emergency Room during surges, averting possible infection transmission while providing urgent and emergent care with various and complex cases. In addition, AMP will also serve as a waiting area for patients needing tertiary care services pending confirmatory tests for CoViD-19.

In line with this development, the PGLU, through the Provincial Risk and Reduction Management Office (PDRMO), has set up four single container vans in front of ITRMC. In addition, assistant PDRMO Alvin Cruz visited the site to inspect augmentation for facility enhancing in ITRMC-PGLU AMP.

Gov. Pacoy Ortega is in full support to the province's La Union Health Care Provider Network (HCPN) partnered by the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Ed Posadas, and ITRMC Medical Center Chief, Dr. Eduardo Badua III.

On notable progress, ITRMC, as the apex hospital of the established La Union HCPN, has managed over 5,000 CoViD-19 patients from January - July 2021.

The PGLU's assistance with the facility enhancement and workforce augmentation in building the AMP, complement the ongoing internal capacity enhancement in ITRMC, as we rally with time with the impending threat of the unseen enemy.

The partnerships that the PGLU had with the hospitals in the province is one of the manifestations that we are together for a #StrongerLaUnion, a province worth living in.



## PGLU JOINS DOLE - RO I IN JOBSTART PHILIPPINES PROGRAM

Rowell B. Timoteo, GPC-PESO

**JobStart Philippines**

Capacity-Building for La Union PESO Managers  
25 August 2021 | Via Zoom

DIONNE CLEO M. CRUZ  
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The Provincial Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment - Regional Office I (DOLE-RO1) facilitated a Virtual Capacity Building Activity for the local government unit PESOs in the Province of La Union on the JobStart Philippines Program (JPP) on August 25, 2021 via video conferencing.

DOLE's JobStart Philippines Program was designed to enhance the employability of "at-risk youth" to improve their integration into productive employment. Through the capacity building activity, La Union PESOs were able to grasp new learnings about the employment facilitation services including job search assistance, free technical and life skills trainings, placement in internships, and job referrals.

During the activity, Resource Speaker, Labor and Employment Officer III Dionne Cleo M. Cruz of DOLE-RO1 discussed the process of JPP through collaboration with the private sector to hire beneficiaries as interns under the program. She presented the roles and responsibilities of the PESO as the implementing agency of the JPP in job matching, referrals and interview arrangement of JPP trainees with the participating employers.

The JPP aims to give the youth an access to decent employment that will allow them to use their energy and creativity to foster social cohesion and bring their families out of poverty. The webinar session was attended by 33 participants from the different PESOs of component LGUs in the Province of La Union.



# BAKUNA MUNA FOR LOLO AND LOLA: PGLU INOCULATES ADDITIONAL 314 LU SENIOR CITIZENS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO and Renerose Beninsig, GPC-PHO

As a step in the faster attainment of herd immunity in the province, the Provincial Government of La Union, through the directive of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, has increased the number of inoculated Senior Citizens (SCs) with 314 SC

receiving their first dose during the exclusive vaccination for the said priority group at the Saint Louis College Gym, City of San Fernando, La Union on August 7, 2021.

By allocating Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines for the SCs from all over the province, it increased their confidence in getting the jab. The La Union Medical Society and the Philippine National Police have also rendered their full assistance in the said activity.

"Thank you PGLU for the very organized vaccination. Done in 30mins from gate entrance to exit. Shout out to army personnel who assisted us from the the gate going inside to the gym and to James Apillanes of 911 who wheeled Mima to

the different stations. A big thanks too for the NAPANAM ID card provided for all who registered online. Maraming salamat po," shared Pao Barbadillo Mendiola in her Facebook post as she accompanied her brother's mother-in-law, lola Ester G. Manite.

Meanwhile, lola Esperanza Rillera from the City of San Fernando, one of the three oldest CoViD-19 survivor at the age of 94, was also present in the vaccination site to get her first dose.

This activity is the first senior citizen-exclusive vaccination in the province where 218 who pre-registered were vaccinated and 96 walk-in SCs were accommodated.

With the conducted activity, a total of 40,139 or 39.33% of SCs are already vaccinated as of August 7, 2021. Unvaccinated kaprobinsiaan belonging to priority groups A1 to A4 are still encouraged to register at [www.vaccines.launion.gov.ph](http://www.vaccines.launion.gov.ph) to get their schedule of vaccination.



## PAGBABAKUNA SA MGA OFWS, PATULOY NA ISINASAGAWA

Shairalene B. Guerrero, PIO

Dahil sa pagtutulungan ng Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) at ng private sector partners, patuloy na nabibigyang prayoridad ang mga outbound Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)

na mabigyan ng naayon na CoViD-19 Vaccine brand, dahil ito ang isa sa mga specific requirement ng kanilang mga employer sa labas ng bansa.

Noong, ika-28 ng Hulyo, 2021, nag-umpisa na ang 2nd batch ng pagbabakuna sa mga outbound OFWs sa Lorma Medical Center, City of San Fernando, La Union. Ayon sa IATF-EID Resolution No. 117, ang mga outbound OFWs na mayroon nang iskedyul ng deployment sa loob ng susunod na apat na buwan, ay pinapayagan nang mabakunahan.

Sa kasalukuyan, 42 outbound OFWs na ang nabakunahan ng PGLU sa Lorma Vaccination Site.

Sa patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan ng PGLU sa mga pribadong sektor, mas napapabilis ang pag-roll out ng mga bakuna sa probinsya at nabibigyan ng pag-asa ang mga OFWs na makabalik sa bansang kanilang pinagtra- trabahuan.

As of 10AM, July 29, 2021 121,111 na ang nabakunahan sa probinsya ng La Union. 85,578 ang nakatanggap na ng kanilang first dose at 46,932 na ang nakakumpleto ng kanilang bakuna laban sa CoViD-19.

Hangarin ni Gov. Pacoy Ortega na mabigyang proteksyon ang bawat Kaprobinsiaan laban sa CoViD-19.

Naniniwala ang PGLU na muli tayong babangon bilang isang mas matatag na probinsya, kapag #BakunaMuna.brand. Hangarin ni Gov. Pacoy Ortega na mabigyang proteksyon ang bawat Kaprobinsiaan laban sa CoViD-19.

Naniniwala ang PGLU na muli tayong babangon bilang isang mas matatag na probinsya, kapag #BakunaMuna.



## TUROC PARA SA TURISMO: VACCINATION FOR LU TOURISM FRONTLINERS KICKSTARTS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

We have further expanded our #BakunaMuna CoViD-19 vaccination program to our Tourism Frontliners as we gradually open tourism and initiate economic recovery in La Union.

Through the leadership of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, and in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region I, we ensure continuous tourism operations as our vaccination team kickstarted the vaccination of La Union Tourism Frontliners on August 17, 2021 by allotting an exclusive vaccination schedule in consideration of the safety of tourism personnel and tourists in the province.

This milestone was readily welcomed by the first batch of frontliners of tourism-related establishments from Barangay Urbiztondo, San Juan, La Union, considered as the center of tourism in the province due to its surfing attractions.



A tourism frontliner receives her first dose of vaccine wherein she was one of the 120 individuals who were inoculated during the event.



# LA UNION CELEBRATES 2021 MSMED WEEK

Mia Jayn Ochoco, GPC-LEEIPU

As a platform for the local economy to bounce back from the sudden halt, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Local Economic Enterprise and Investment Promotions Unit (LEEIPU) joins the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the opening of the La Union Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Council Week Celebration with the Theme: "Makabagong MSMEs, Bagong Pag-asa Laban sa Pandemya" on July 13, 2021 at CSI Atrium, City of San Fernando, La Union.

In his message, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III highlighted, "Despite being impacted by the greatest game changer the modern world ever faced, the COVID 19 pandemic, I am grateful for you have organized the activities such as this that help us stir economic recovery as we all continue to promote business-friendly environment in our province... Equipped with the lessons from this fight, it reveals the silver lining that our MSMEs are resilient and are drivers of an inclusive transition towards a more sustainable economy."

DTI Provincial Director Merlie D. Membrere imparts the overview of this year's MSMED Week Celebration. "The celebration will be highlighted by the awarding of Safety Seal to business establishments and local government units compliant with safety and health protocols," Membrere said. She further discussed the importance of RA 6977: An Act to Promote, Develop and Assist Small and Medium Scale Enterprises through the Creation of a Small and Medium Enterprise Development Council, and The

Rationalization of Government Assistance Programs and Agencies Concerned with the Development which led to the MSMED celebration.

Meanwhile, MSMED Council President Lina Flor Hizon emphasized on the collaborative programs of the government, private sector, Civil Society Organizations and non-governmental organizations in paving the way to economic recovery and resiliency among the business sector. She further stated that the MSMEs, which comprise more than 90% of the business sector, is the lifeblood of the economy.

There are 19 MSMEs who joined the Opening Program followed by a Financing and MSMED Forum with the Topic: Enabling Digital Economy powered by Logistics Management and E-commerce. The awarding of Safety Seal Ceremony spearheaded by the City Government of San Fernando and DTI Provincial Office identified eight Business Establishment Awardees. They are: Hyundai (SFC Branch), Citi Hardware (SFC and Bauang Branch), Savemore-Sanford Marketing (SFC and Aringay Branch), CSI Mall, CSI Supermarket and Mc Donalds (All SFC branches).



## PGLU CVP-TF COMBINES EFFORTS WITH LOCAL COUNTERPARTS FOR INTENSIFIED VACCINE DEMAND GENERATION

Shairalene B. Guerrero, PIO

To further increase the CoViD-19 Vaccine uptake in the province, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the Advocacy, Demand Generation, and Social Mobilization Group (ADGSMG) of the CoViD-19 Vaccination Program Task Force (CVP-TF) conducts a series of Demand Strategy Training of Trainers. ADGSM first convenes with the Demand Generation Officers from the Municipalities of Bangar, Luna, Balaoan, Sudipen, and Santol on July 15, 2021.

The Training of Trainers (TOT) is an avenue to converge and connect with the ADGSM counterparts to download the Bakuna Muna Advocacy Playbook, which will serve as the province's localized guide to generating greater demand for CoViD-19 vaccines across all priority groups. Through the TOT, local ADGSMs could share best practices and combine these to

intensify their local activities as La Union move forward with the other vaccine priority groups.

Through the combined efforts of the PGLU and local ADGSMs, benefits of having the vaccine will be thoroughly explained to every Kaprobinsiaan, and every resident will be invited to become advocates.

Meanwhile, CVP-TF also commended the municipalities with their vaccine demand generation initiatives. Among the best practices was engaging frontliners and health workers who already got their CoViD-19 Vaccine and share their testimonies during meetings. They have also cascaded information and communication materials down to their barangays even before deploying the CoViD-19 vaccine.

The Department of Health aims to

vaccinate 70 million Filipinos in 2021, to achieve herd community.

With the #BakunaMuna CoViD-19 Vaccination Program supported

by data-driven approaches, PGLU is hopeful that we shall soon recover from this crisis and move forward in building a #StrongerLaUnion.



To strengthen mobility operations of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRMO) and the La Union Provincial Jail (LUPJ) amidst the pandemic, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III led the turn-over of a Hilux FX to PDRMO through Assistant PDRMO Alvin Cruz and a Motorcycle to LUPJ through Warden Rimas Calixto on July 12, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The vehicles will be utilized for various operations of said offices which require mobility most especially in this time of CoViD-19 pandemic.



The Provincial Government of La Union acknowledged the contributions of the men and women of Philippine Navy as the outgoing Commander of Philippine Navy Headquarters Naval Forces Northern Luzon, Commodore Caesar Bernard N. Valencia, pays a farewell visit to Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III at the Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union on August 5, 2021.

Gov. Pacoy Ortega lauded Commodore Valencia and the rest of his staff for a job well done during his term. The Philippine Navy has been relentless in providing public service amidst the CoViD-19 pandemic.

As a token of appreciation, the Provincial Government of La Union gives a certificate of commendation to Commodore Valencia for his invaluable and selfless service rendered to our Kaprobinsiaan.



PGLU FINANCIAL REPORT  
2ND QUARTER 2021

FDP Form 8 - Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund Utilization (COA Form)

LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION  
For the 2nd Quarter, CY 2021  
Province: LA UNION

	LRRMF		NDRMF	From Other LGUs	From Other Sources	Total
	Quick Response Fund (QRF) 30%	Mitigation Fund 70%				
A. Sources of Funds (Unutilized Balances)						
Current Appropriations	23,504,002.00	54,842,671.00				78,346,673.00
Continuing Appropriations		11,736,695.18				11,736,695.18
Previous Year's Appropriations transferred to the Special Trust Fund		2,994,352.66				2,994,352.66
Transfers/Grants						
Total Funds Available	23,504,002.00	69,573,718.84	-	-	-	93,077,720.84
B. Utilization						
Metrovision Customized Printing & Gen. Mdee for assorted commodities for stockpile to be used during disaster and state of emergency including COVID-19 Pandemic		1,420,000.00				1,420,000.00
Payment to King's Safetynet Inc. for the Water Search Rescue Equipment and Vehicle Extrication Equipment for use at PDRMO (LDRRMF)		777,092.00				777,092.00
Metrovision Customized Printing & Gen. Mdee. for assorted commodities for stockpile of PGLU for use during the disaster and state of emergency	20,300,000.00					20,300,000.00
Medspecs Solutions for PPEs to be used distributed to various barangays and LGUs in the Province to address COVID-19.		13,338,692.00				13,338,692.00
Total Utilization	20,300,000.00	15,535,784.00	-	-	-	35,835,784.00
Unutilized Balance	3,204,002.00	54,037,934.84	-	-	-	57,241,936.84

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Provincial Accountant

FDP Form 7 - 20% Component of the IRA Utilization

20% COMPONENT OF THE IRA UTILIZATION  
FOR THE 2ND QUARTER OF CY 2021

Province of La Union

Programs/Projects/Activities	Location	Appropriation	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to date		
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT								
Fabrication of COVID-19 Isolation Wards of RDH, BLDH and NDH	La Union	1,250,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
COVID-19 Disinfecting Machine	La Union	7,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	99.71%	6,980,000.00		
Drugs and Medicines (COVID-19)	La Union	1,750,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Medical Supplies, Devices and Disinfectants (COVID-19)	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	22.80%	684,000.00		
Personal Protective Equipment (COVID-19)	La Union	2,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Purchase of COVID19 Vaccines	La Union	96,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Purchase of six (6) units Pharmaceutical Refrigerators and three (3) units Ultra Low Freezers for storage of COVID 19 Vaccines	La Union	7,842,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	98.70%	7,740,000.00		
Transportation Services for PGLU Frontliners and Health Workers (Van)	La Union	1,260,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Food for the PGLU Isolation Facilities	La Union	3,148,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Food for Frontliners and Quality Control Points	La Union	3,045,600.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	36.97%	1,125,900.00		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges	La Union	30,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Tourism Sites/Facility Infrastructure Development	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Culture and Heritage Enhancement	La Union	5,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Loan Repayments (Purchase of Lot 1590)	La Union	87,373,678.20	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	50.09%	43,768,702.82		
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT								
Conduct of the Search for the Cleanest, Safest and Greenest LGUs in the Province (Project)	La Union	4,704,400.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Materials Recovery Vehicles for Environmental Management Program	La Union	33,580,842.40	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
Establishment of Materials Recovery Facility	La Union	3,000,000.00	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%	-		
SUBTOTAL		294,954,520.60			20.44%	60,298,602.82		

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FRANCISCO EMMANUEL R. ORTEGA III  
Provincial Governor

FDP Form 12- Unliquidated Cash Advances

UNLIQUIDATED CASH ADVANCES									
For the Second Quarter, CY 2021									
Province, City or Municipality: LA UNION									
Name of Debtor (in alphabetical order)	Amount Balance	Date Granted	Purpose	Amount Due					
				Current			Past Due		
				Less than 30 days	31-90 days	91-365 days	Over 1 year	Over 2 years	3 years and above
Aguino, Brenda	30,643.36	06/14/21	Philhealth Refund	30,643.36					
Aguino, Brenda	46,361.00	06/08/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	46,361.00					
Aguino, Brenda	21,165.00	06/23/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	21,165.00					
Ajijera, Ma. Carmencita	39,580.00	06/18/21	Prisoner's Food Allowance	39,580.00					
Fernandez, Charito	25,926.90	06/01/21	Grant of Cash Advance for NDH MOOE	25,926.90					
Fernandez, Charito	48,950.37	06/22/21	Grant of Cash Advance for NDH Dietary Supplies	48,950.37					
Habag, Sentinella	67,447.45	06/30/21	Grant of Cash Advance for RDH Dietary Supplies	67,447.45					
Habag, Sentinella	38,004.00	06/30/21	Grant of Cash Advance for RDH MOOE	38,004.00					
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	23,581.36	03/11/21	Withdrawal for Field & Current Operating Expenses			23,581.36			
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	30,000.00	06/18/21	Withdrawal for honorarium and cash prize during the Tawid Tawid: Bridging Arts and Nature, Building Sustainable Future(Inag Doku-Kalkasan Fest)	30,000.00					
Occasion, Genoveva	8,386.34	06/24/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BLDH MOOE	8,386.34					
Occasion, Genoveva	49,355.00	06/24/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BLDH Dietary Supplies	49,355.00					
Ocop, Florence C	89,400.00	06/01/21	Withdrawal for the payment of Stipend Allowance for the months of Oct-Dec. 2020 & Jan-Mar. 2021	89,400.00					
Ocop, Florence C	119,000.00	06/23/21	Withdrawal for the payment of TEV of BNS for the months of Jan-Mar. 2021	119,000.00					
Pozadas, Eduardo S.	6,700.00	06/07/21	Training-Jun. 8-11, 2021	6,700.00					
Puon, Domingue Jose S.	40,500.00	06/11/21	Training-Jun. 14-18, 2021	40,500.00					
Remiendo, Nora	8,142.99	06/25/21	Grant of Cash Advance for CDH Dietary Supplies	8,142.99					
Remiendo, Nora	12,935.09	06/25/21	Grant of Cash Advance for CDH MOOE	12,935.09					
Sembrano, Proceso R.	3,200.00	05/31/21	Training-Jun. 26-27, 2021	3,200.00					
Sellam, Zenaida D	3,200.00	05/26/21	Training-Jun. 26-27, 2021	3,200.00					
Total	712,478.66			688,897.50	-	23,581.36	-	-	-

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Provincial Governor

FDP Form 13- Manpower Complement

MANPOWER COMPLEMENT  
Republic of the Philippines  
Budget Year 2021  
Second Quarter

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefits		Total
		Salaries and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
I. Permanent	1,446	210,213,332.62	101,849,470.30	312,062,802.92
II. Contractual				
III. Job Order/Contract Service	478	27,287,270.86	-	27,287,270.86
Grand Total	1,924	237,500,603.48	101,849,470.30	339,350,073.78

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AGNES GRAJE O. CARGAMENTO  
Provincial Administrator

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Provincial Governor

Notes:

1. Contractual personnel are those whose employment in the government is in accordance with a special contract to undertake a specific work or job, requiring special or technical skills not available in the employing agency, to be accomplished within a specific period, which in no case shall exceed one year, and performs or accomplishes the specific work or job, under his own responsibility with a minimum of direction and supervision from the hiring agency. (Source: PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 807 October 6, 1975)

2. Contract of Services/Job Orders are employees whose services rendered are not considered governments services and do not enjoy the benefits enjoyed by government employees. The job order covers piece work or intermittent job of short duration not exceeding six months on a daily basis. (Source: Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of E.O. No. 292 and Other Pertinent Civil Service Laws)

Note:

Permanent Position - includes coterminous but plantilla position; permanent casual but plantilla position  
Contractual - includes consultant, compensation from PS  
Job Order/Contract Service - includes Casual; compensation from MOOE; coterminous but NOT plantilla position

FDP Form 9 - Statement of Cash Flow (COA Form)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the Second Quarter Ended June 30, 2021  
Province: LA UNION

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Cash Inflows:

Collection from Taxpayers	44,170,566.91
Share from Internal Revenue Collections	368,693,151.00
Share from GOCCs (PAGCOR and PCSO)	1,458,816.61
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171 and 8240)	524,330,185.00
Receipts from business/service income	32,523,693.28
Collection of Receivables	10,190,642.27
Receipt of Interest Income	694,988.84
Other Receipts	120,757,477.58
Total Cash Inflow	1,102,819,521.49

Cash Outflows:

Payment of Expenses	2,609,931.90
Payments to Suppliers/Creditors	126,125,743.28
Payments to Employees	199,168,859.22
Other Disbursements	130,022,011.97
Total Cash Outflow	457,926,546.37

Net Cash from Operating Activities 644,892,975.12

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Cash Inflows:

From Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-
From Sale of Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
From Collection of Principal on Loans to Other Entities	-
Total Cash Inflow	-

Cash Outflows:

To Purchase Property, Plant and Equipment	139,473,499.49
To Purchase Debt Securities of Other Entities	-
To Grant/Make Loans to Other Entities	-
Total Cash Outflow	139,473,499.49

Net Cash from Investing Activities (139,473,499.49)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

Cash Inflows:

From Issuance of Debt Securities	-
From Acquisition of Loan	-
Total Cash Inflow	-

Cash Outflows:

Payment of Loan Amortization	20,420,587.44
Interest Expense	9,188,144.58
Other Financial Charges	-
Total Cash Outflow	29,608,732.02

Net Cash from Financing Activities (29,608,732.02)

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash 475,810,743.61

Cash at Beginning of the Period 925,108,972.36

Cash at the End of the Period 1,400,919,715.97

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CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER, CY 2021

Province: LA UNION

Program or Project	Location	Total Cost	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status		No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
					% of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to Date		
Performance Challenge Fund - Procurement of Two Rescue Vehicle	La Union	7,000,000.00	12/02/19	12/02/21	100.00%	7,000,000.00		
Medical Assistance Program	La Union	5,851,734.00	01/09/18	12/31/21	96.84%	5,666,712.54		
Completion of Annex Building, Renovation of Old Building, and Completion/Renovation and Modification of Operating Room of Balaon District Hospital		10,000,000.00	12/16/20	12/16/21	100.00%	10,000,000.00		
Construction of Communal Toilets in Coastal Areas	La Union	800,000.00	01/01/19	12/31/21	0.00%	-		
Delivery of Basic Health Services to Indigenous Cultural Communities	La Union	200,000.00	01/01/18	12/31/21	81.05%	162,100.00		
Provincial Malaria Elimination & Response/Sustenance of the Malaria Status of the Province	La Union	1,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/21	0.00%	-		
Excellence Award for Kalusugang Pangkalahatan		200,000.00	05/02/16	12/31/21	95.26%	190,520.00		
Improvement of DOTS Services & Operations in the LGU Hospitals	La Union	600,000.00	05/05/15	12/31/21	49.85%	299,100.00		
Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition (MINCHN)	La Union	2,036,752.00	12/04/14	12/31/21	98.21%	2,000,379.39		
Dap-Ayan for Tourism Culture and the Arts	La Union	900,000.00	04/28/18	12/31/20	100.00%	900,000.00		
National Quality Corn Achievers Award 2019	La Union	3,000,000.00	02/05/20	12/31/21	82.85%	2,485,496.00		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - I-Build Projects	La Union	81,715,229.99	12/26/19	12/31/21	92.79%	75,821,950.04		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - Green Carabao Mango Production, Consolidation and Marketing Enterprise	La Union	7,615,995.83	10/12/18	12/31/21	30.94%	2,356,402.68		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - Mungbean Enterprise	La Union	2,650,868.37	12/10/19	12/31/21	80.34%	2,129,748.37		
Rice Achievers Award 2015-2016	La Union	4,000,000.00	01/01/18	12/31/21	66.89%	2,675,654.00		
RWMHEEF SHARE (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	7,552,968.09	10/14/20	12/31/21	0.00%	-		
DLF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	2,228,983.54	02/23/21	12/31/21	0.00%	-		
EF Share (ER 1-94/1590 Energy Corporation)	La Union	378,934.64	06/01/20	12/31/21	99.59%	377,365.36		
LGSP-Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families	La Union	25,000,000.00	01/31/19	12/31/21	98.59%	24,648,500.00		
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Caba-Naguilian Road Phase II	La Union	40,000,000.00	10/07/19	07/24/20	100.00%	40,000,000.00	292 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Santol-San Gabriel Road Phase III	La Union	25,000,000.00	10/07/19	07/17/20	87.29%	21,822,778.97	285 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Balaon-Santol Road Phase II	La Union	24,578,111.00	10/16/19	07/02/20	89.16%	21,913,840.40	261 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Poblacion (Aringay)-Calikip	La Union	50,000,000.00	08/11/20	03/23/21	100.00%	50,000,000.00	14 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Sto. Tomas-Agoog-Tubao	La Union	42,783,838.00	08/11/20	03/08/21	84.70%	36,239,429.90	55 calendar days	
Fixed Tranche Work and Financial Plan 2021 of the Provincial Health Office	La Union	1,367,056.00	01/01/21	12/31/21	0.00%	-		
Construction of Isolation Facility at Balaon District Hospital	La Union	6,600,947.87	12/20/20	05/18/21	100.00%	6,600,947.87		
LGSP- Disaster Rehabilitation and Construction Assistance-Browan (DBRAP)	La Union	600,728.00	02/23/21	12/31/21	0.00%	-		

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FDP Form 11 - SEF Utilization  
(SEF Budget Accountability Form No. 1)

**SEF UTILIZATION**  
Second Quarter, CY 2021

Province - LA UNION

Receipt from SEF

65.004.504.36

Less : DISBURSEMENTS (broken down by expense class and by object of expenditure)

## Personal Services

### Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

Other Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

792,000.00

### Capital Outlay

### Financial Expenses

Total Disbursements

792.000.00

Balance

64.212.504.36

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## 30TH NORTH LUZON AREA BUSINESS CONFERENCE KICKS OFF

Mia Jayn Ochoco, GPC-LEEIPU

Business Leaders of La Union hosted the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) 30th North Luzon Area Business Conference (NLAB) on August 12, 2021. Anchored on the theme "REBUILDING THE ECONOMY THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS," the conference transpired for two days from August 12 to 13, 2021 via video conferencing. PCCI-La Union led the activity.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III delivered the welcome remarks and emphasized that, "The North Luzon Area Business Conference is a ray of light as we face the most impactful game-changer the world has faced during these modern times." The coming together of business leaders, government officials, academe, and other stakeholders in this conference is a testament that there is hope as we look forward to a promising future." He further emphasized strategic partnerships towards economic recovery and resilience.

The opening remarks were given by the Area Vice President of PCCI North Luzon, Ms. Gregoria S. Simbulan. She highlighted that the

theme of NLAB depicts the strategy of PCCI Chapters in the country have taken to pursue their goals of a progressive, resilient and sustainable economy. In particular, PCCI North Luzon has forged partnerships with the Local Government Units and National Government Agencies to maintain an environment conducive to business that supports the development and growth of MSMEs. Next, PCCI La Union President Lina Flor G. Hizon presented the agenda of NLAB.

Headed by PCCI Local Chambers from Regions I, II, III, and Cordillera Administrative Region, prominent business leaders, key national and local government officials, industry associations, academe, and other stakeholders presented solutions, strategies, and business practices that would help businesses in their recovery efforts, resilience and sustainability.

The 30th NLABC aims to help rebuild industries in the short term while also looking at medium to long-term growth objectives and strategies. Topics Discussed were the following: Forging Strategic Partnerships in

reviving the tourism Industry in North Luzon, Game-Changing Infrastructure Developments in North Luzon, Fast Tracking the Recovery of MSMEs: Best Practices of Government, Emerging Opportunities Amidst and Beyond the pandemic, Addressing the challenges of Agri Sector competitiveness.

An awardee of the 2020 ASEAN Business Award, Mr. Xavier B. Mercado of Halo Halo De Iloko, shared his success story. The said business establishment started as a refreshment parlor and grew to become an International Awarded Restaurant. It was born out of a passion for food and hospitality.



## PGLU SPEEDS UP VACCINATED SENIORS; ADMINISTERS PFIZER, MODERNA

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO and Renerose Beninsig, GPC-PHO

Following the acceptance of the Province of La Union of the first batch of Moderna Vaccine comprised of 100 vials equivalent to 1,000 first doses on August 5, 2021, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) is now geared up for the conduct of vaccination of more Senior Citizen on August 7, 2021 at the Saint Louis Gym, City of San Fernando, La Union to increase the number of inoculated kaprobinsiaan from the said priority group.

As of August 6, 2021 6:30AM, only 15.79% of the eligible senior citizens had completed their doses while 39.31% have received their 1st dose. Thus, the PGLU is expanding these numbers by giving exclusive vaccination day for all Senior Citizens offering them Pfizer and Moderna brands of vaccine.

The total 1,000 doses of Moderna Vaccine received by La Union were distributed to the Provincial Health Office for 200 doses; Agoo Municipal Health Office for 300 doses; Bauang Rural Health Unit for 200 doses; and San Fernando City Health Office for 300 doses. These are stored in Ultra Low Freezers.





# PGLU RAMPS UP STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE; GETS LAUDED BY ISA

Shairalene B. Guerrero, PIO and Office of the Provincial Strategy

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) continues to advance its strategic performance after the conduct of its 2021 2nd Quarter Strategy Review through video conference on July 26, 2021.

Present in the event were Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) led by executive director Mr. Christian P. Zaens, the La Union Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC) headed by Chairman Brennus H. Paragas, as well as all the 30 department and unit heads, and Chief of Hospitals.

The department and unit heads presented their respective office accomplishments and status of the Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) or strategic commitments. Almost all offices are on track with their set targets with minimal to no delays with their strategic commitments.

Meanwhile, the status of the Province's Agri- Tourism scorecard shows that 39% indicators were on target, 44% on track, and 17% are expected to have movements by the third quarter or end of the year.

The accomplishments on strategic communications were also presented. Among the highlights are the sustained Stronger La Union News for broadcast media, launching of the #OneKaprobinsiaan News and #AgreeSaAgri campaign for social media.

Apart from these, MSGC Chairman Paragas also presented the accomplishments of the MSGC to include the conduct of regular meetings, attendance to PGLU activities, the commemoration of the Freedom Park, and the Arbor Day Tree planting activity.

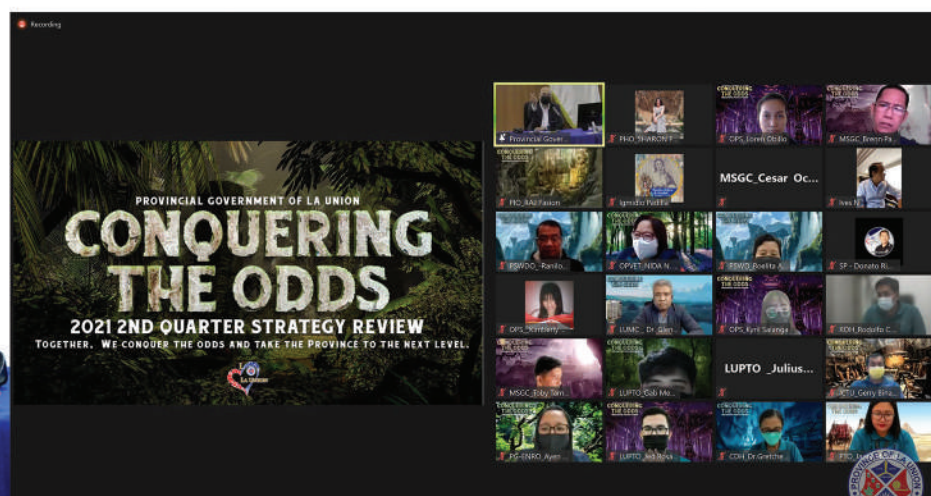


Lastly, the governance outreach activities of the Governor were also presented. In his speech, ISA Executive Director Zaens gave his praises to the Provincial Government for its strong performance and for putting premium on performance management. At the same time, he took notice of the significant improvements and achievements as presented by the different offices.

On the other hand, Gov. Pacoy extended his appreciation to the ISA and emphasized that improvement and advancement never stops. "We must keep on finding ways to produce the best

possible output using the limited time we are given. We work hard and regroup. We assess how we performed and do the necessary recalibrations to move forward. We do these things repeatedly until we reach the future that we aspire for," he said.

Moving forward, the Provincial Government sets its eyes to the PGS Institutionalization Stage and looks to elevate its performance in order to attain its set targets and make positive impact among its people. All these are done as it inches closer to achieving its vision of becoming "The Heart of Agri - Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025".



# PGLU UNDERGOES MOA SIGNING FOR PLASTIC RECOVERY, RECYCLING FOR CLEAN COASTS PROJECT

Diana E. Jutba, GPC-ENRO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation Inc for Plastic Recovery and Recycling for the Clean Coasts Project on July 15, 2021.

The MOA was signed between the PGLU, JVOFI, City Government of San Fernando, La Union, Municipal Government of Bauang,

Municipal Government of San Juan, Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau Region 1, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office - La Union, Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Fisheries Office 1, Department of Science and Technology Region 1, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, Saint Louis College

of San Fernando, La Union, Lupong ng mga Indibidwal na Nangangalaga ng Kalikasan, Inc, San Juan Resort, Restaurant, Hotel Association, Inc, La Union Hotel Resorts and Restaurant Association, Bauang Resorts, Restaurant and Hotel Association, Inc, Dragon Eight Junkshop, and Sto. Nino Junkshop.

The project's title is "Plastic Recovery and Recycling for Clean Coasts" funded by Coca Cola Foundation. It is a two-year period project which aims to reduce plastic pollution through the collective participation of community stakeholders in the sustainable management of plastic wastes. The project will cover coastal communities of the City of San Fernando, La Union Bauang, and San Juan.

The Provincial Government of La Union continues to provide proactive steps towards cleaner living habits. With the #KalikasanNaman campaign of PGLU, the province continues to sustain the wonders and beauty of our natural habitat for the sake of our future generations.



# PGLU CONVENES CGSFLU, ITRMC TO CONCRETIZE PLANS FOR INTENSIFIED COVID-19 RESPONSE

Office of the Provincial Strategy

Highlighting the enabling capacity of the Provincial Government of La Union, the PGLU through the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), convenes the City of San Fernando CoViD-19 Task Force, and Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center (ITRMC) to concretize plans to control and manage CoViD-19 cases in the City and the whole Province of La Union.

During the dialogue, Dr. Romulo Monico and Ms. Julie Ann Hipona from the City Government of San Fernando reported the status of CoViD-19 within the city, and their efforts to control the surge of cases. In addition, Dr. Marvin Munar of ITRMC highlighted the importance of the presence of a

functional Healthcare Provider Network to be able to provide holistic healthcare services to all the constituents of La Union while, Assistant PDRRMO Mr. Alvin Cruz reiterated the need for collaborative and systematic approach in strengthening La Union's stance against CoViD-19.

Moreover, PHO Dr. Eduardo Posadas re-echoed the need for a whole of Province approach in successfully managing CoViD-19 in the Province.

Moving forward, the PGLU commits to proactively work with its component LGUs, and National and Regional Agencies to monitor CoViD-19 data, and to strengthen the Health Care Provider Network to ensure the health and safety of every Kaprobinsiaan.

