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IDENTITY, SYNERGY, RESILIENCY UNDERScoreD IN LA UNION DAY

Adhering to the demands of the new normal, the 171st La Union Foundation Day was celebrated through hybrid activities on March 2, 2021 highlighting the province's Identity, Synergy and Resiliency.

The celebration kickstarted with a Dawn Watch Prayer for a Stronger La Union where intentions offered in prayer and worship were the vaccination program, economic recovery, tourism and agriculture, environment preservation, job opportunities, families, leaders and officials in the province and in the country. It was aired live in the Facebook page of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU).

A face-to-face flag raising ceremony followed attended only by Provincial Officials headed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and few employees, strictly adhering to the minimum health standards. Part of it were the turning over of rescue vehicles to the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office strengthening the resilience of the province, and a ceremonial tree planting activity.

As a part of preserving the La Union history, Kasanayan sa Kasaysayan, a ceremonial relaunching of La Union History Book, was also conducted where the signing of a commissioning contract was done between Gov. Pacoy and La Union: The Making of a Province 1850-1921 author Dr. Adriel O. Meimban.

Enjoining kaprobinsiaan at home to be part of the celebration, online games were aired in the PGLU Facebook page coming up with a total of 171 winners of cash prizes with the grand prize of P20,000.00 for business starter pack.

Highlight of the La Union Day celebration is the online show aired through Facebook live featuring performances of the Saint Louis College Samtoy Dance Troupe,

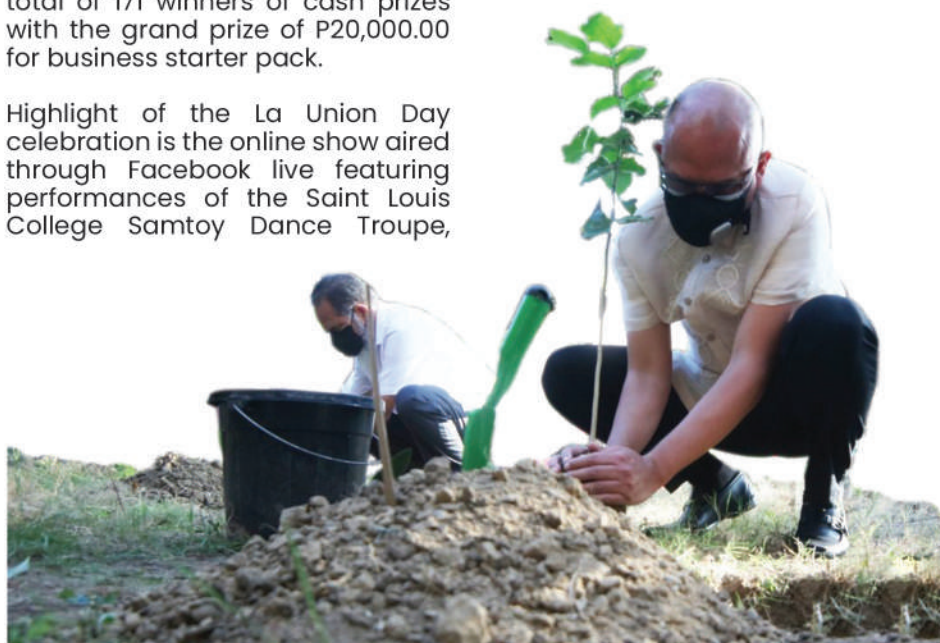
Dulaang ELYU, Marvin Aquino, Nooreen Noordin, and Myk Kairuz. Performances of the top three entries for the KANDUSA contest were also shown where they were awarded at the end of the show together with the Top 5 winners of the Sirmata contest. The show earned 122,404 Facebook Reach and 47,774 Facebook Engagement.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy emphasized La Union's identity, synergy and resiliency as he acknowledged the need to adopt in the new normal way to celebrate the province's anniversary saying, "Natatangi at kakaiba man ang magiging selebrasyon natin bilang pagtugon sa hamon ng pandemya, let us indulge ourselves in our unique, yet equally meaningful ways, to celebrate."

Other activities conducted as part of the celebration were Bahay Pag-asa Inauguration; La Union Skills Olympics; La Union Trabaho Negosyo Kabuhayan Webinar; La Union MSMEs Bazaar; Launching of Bougainvillea Propagation Project; and Tawid Taoid Activities - Sirmata, Inaig and Kandusa.

La Union La Unay activities including Ridge to Reef Challenge; Unlocking Elyu's Hidden Sceneries; LOVE La Union Digital Travel and Tourism Fair; Search for the Cleanest, Safest and Greenest local government units; Inaig; and I Love La Union, I Love My Barangay Program are scheduled to be launched and will be continuing projects of the PGLU.

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Continuing the united fight in the Province of La Union against the CoViD-19 pandemic, it is set to receive the first batch of Sinovac CoViD-19 Vaccines comprising of 4,106 doses for 2,053 individuals as part of the 14,400 delivered vaccines for the whole Region 1 on March 4, 2021.

The vaccines are currently stored at the Department of Health - Center for Health Development 1 (DOH-CHD1) ready for turning over tentatively by tomorrow, March 5, 2021 to the two tertiary CoViD-19 referral hospitals in the province including Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center for 1,647 individuals and La Union Medical Center (LUMC) for 406 individuals.

The DOH-CHD1 is now coordinating with said hospitals for the turning over of the vaccines with the assistance of the Office of the Civil Defense, Philippine Coast Guard and Philippine National Police.

In the Regional Vaccination Operation Center Press Conference, DOH Region 1 Director Dr. Valeriano Jesus Lopez

expressed hope with the arrival of the first batch of vaccine as he emphasized the importance of continuous observation of minimum health standards.

The first batch of vaccines are estimated to be administered within seven days and it was clarified that the vaccination is not mandatory. Cold Chain Facilities are also being checked to ensure the safety of the vaccines which will be administered with 28 days interval per dose.



Following the vaccine prioritization of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Emerging Infectious Diseases, the first batch of vaccines is allocated for medical frontliners where for Region 1, first to receive it will be tertiary CoViD-19 Referral Hospitals. There are around 28,000 total health care workers from all hospitals and treatment and rehabilitation centers in the Region who are also part of the priority list.

The #BakunaMuna CoViD-19 Vaccination Program of the province is preparing to kickstart with the vaccination of medical frontliners from the LUMC.

Let us know about your thoughts on the vaccine by answering this survey: napanam.launion.gov.ph/lucovacs. Filling out the survey will not sign you up for the vaccination program.

Through cooperation and adherence to health protocols, we can build a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.

WATCHMEN ORIENTED ON NAPANAM SYSTEM

MA. Ashley A. Ebreo, GPC-ICTU

In accordance to the Executive Order (EO) No. 3 of the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office together with the Information and Communications Technology Unit conducted an orientation to 36 individual watchman who will be handling the NAPANAM Contact Tracer System in the different borders of La Union on March 3, 2021 at the PDRRMO Building, Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union.

One component of the EO pertains to the use of the NAPANAM Quick Response (QR) Codes by individuals, vehicles and QR Scanning Points (QSPs) at the different border control points for residents and non-residents of La Union.

In preparation to the



implementation of the said EO, the said participants underwent the training on how to use the system particularly on how to approve/disapprove on the Individual and Vehicle Registration Module of the NAPANAM System.

They were also informed of their roles and responsibilities as watchman and as NAPANAM Focal Personnel in their designated border.

As a part of the continuing effort of the PGLU in fighting the CoViD-19 Pandemic, the NAPANAM Contact Tracer System caters a big role in monitoring the movement timeline of individuals entering and leaving various establishments and those entering / leaving the province.



PGLU's CONTINUING SERVICE. Gov. Pacoy orders his cabinet members to ensure the uninterrupted services in the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), as he presided the hybrid Cabinet Meeting on March 8, 2021. Highlights of the meeting are the sectoral committee reports, namely the province's financial status; tourism industry's employment rate; and, local commodities price monitoring. The PGLU executives also discussed the CoViD-19 updates, especially the ongoing vaccination program piloted among healthcare workers in the province.

50 health care workers from the Naguilian District Hospital and Project Based Nurses coming from Home of Hope of Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union and Acao, Bauang, La Union were vaccinated for their first dose of Sinovac Coronavac on March 9-11, 2021 at NDH New Building.

Prescribed vaccination procedure was observed including registration and scanning of Napanam QR Code; health education and final consent; screening; and vaccination. After taking the shot, employees were monitored for 30 minutes.

GEN ZS, SOLID PARTNERS IN BUILDING A STRONGER LA UNION

Loren Obillo, GPC-OPS

"Thankful for this opportunity to share our ideas and help build a Stronger La Union." — Angeliquo Aberin, Gen Z Project Champion

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) conducted the culminating activity for the Gen Z Time: Empowering the Zoomers for a Stronger La Union through the Presentation, Validation and Awarding Ceremony held via video conference on April 28, 2021.

Eight Gen Z participants from different municipalities of La Union presented their ingenious proposals that are focused on sustainable solutions which address the pressing issues in the Province. Among the recognized proposals were: Tsinelas ni Juan by Angeliquo M. Aberin, Champion; The Green Click Project by Shrine Estrada, 1st Runner Up; and Luna's Pebble



Gem Livelihood Enhancement Program by Jomar B. Gorospe, 2nd Runner Up.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III stated, "Your actions, no matter how small, can cause a ripple effect that will make an impact to the world." Gov. Pacoy also encouraged the Gen Zs to always keep a champion mindset and continue inspiring others, especially the youth, to actively participate in nation building and in making La Union a Province worth living in.

Moving forward, the project proposals shall be reviewed and enhanced for implementation, and be managed by the project proponents and partner offices.

Our Province is a #StrongerLaUnion with our Zoomers, and with each and every Kaprobinsiaan.

LA UNION COMPLETES COLD CHAIN FOR ANY VACCINE BRAND; PURCHASED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL FREEZERS, REFRIGERATORS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

As the fight against the CoViD-19 pandemic continues and in the ongoing vaccination of health care workers in the province, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the leadership of Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, completes the cold chain for any vaccine brand as it turned over nine purchased medical freezers and refrigerators for vaccines to the province's five district hospitals and the La Union Medical Center (LUMC) during the PGLU Flag Raising Ceremony on March 15, 2021.

Three units of Ultra Low 512L, -70°C Freezers and six units of 340L, Bio-Ref Pharmaceutical Refrigerators were accepted by Chiefs of Hospitals and OICs from Balaoan District Hospital, Bacnotan District Hospital, Caba District Hospital, Naguilian District Hospital and Rosario District Hospital including Chief Executive Officer IV of LUMC who were all present in the activity.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy recounted that it has been a year that the people have been



observing the minimum health standards as he encouraged them to continue following it even with the availability of vaccines. "We were given the dosage of vaccines earlier than we expected...We were able to show that we are ready and indeed, we are ready to accept, store and roll out the vaccines," he said. He also added that having the vaccine is providing another layer of protection against the virus.

Gov. Pacoy also congratulated the whole Medical Team, the Provincial Core Team Against CoViD-19, and the CoViD-19 Vaccination Program Task Force in their efforts for the successful initiation of vaccination in La Union. He assured them of the full support of the PGLU in all their endeavors.

The new freezers and refrigerators will be of great aid in the wider rollout of the #BakunaMuna CoViD-19 Vaccination Program in La Union especially in the preparation for the administration of vaccines in the succeeding priority groups.

PASALUBONG CENTERS SOON ON STRATEGIC LOCATIONS IN LA UNION

Rafael C. Mosuela GPC-SP

Producers from different local government units in the Province of La Union are getting a boost through the recently approved ordinance where farm products made in La Union may be collated, promoted and sold at pasalubong center in various and strategic areas in the Province of La Union.

After thorough deliberation, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) approved SP Ordinance no.

281-2021, entitled establishing the "Produkto Ti La Union Pasalubong Centers" in Strategic Locations in the Province of La Union to showcase and sell locally-produced goods.

Board Member Christian I. Rivera of the 2nd district of La Union, said that part of promotion of Agri-Tourism in La Union, local farmers and manufacturers should be given the opportunity to showcase and sell local farm

or agricultural products to tourists in a center established by the Provincial Government of La Union and tourist destinations should include pasalubong centers where tourists may purchase products made in La Union.

He likewise said that the Pasalubong Center will showcase truly La Union products, mostly foods like wine, chips, and other delicacies of micro, small and

medium enterprises in the province.

"This is of great help to local entrepreneurs to further promote their locally produced products to bigger markets. Helping them improve their competitiveness enables them to contribute to economic and social development as well as in the poverty reduction efforts of the province," BM Rivera added.

LA UNION COVID-19 VACCINATION KICKS OFF

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Now equipped with the CoViD-19 Vaccine, the Province of La Union rolls out its #BakunaMuna CoViD-19 Vaccination Program on March 6, 2021 at the La Union Medical Center (LUMC), Agoo, La Union targeting around 80 medical frontliners for Day 1.

Increasing the trust of medical frontliners who gave consent to receive the vaccine, it was first administered to LUMC Chief Executive Officer IV Dr. Glenn Ernest Fonbuena and Provincial Health Officer Dr. Eduardo Posadas.

Present during the launching ceremony were Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III; 2nd District Board Member Christian Rivera; Agoo Mayor Dr. Stefanie Ann Y. Eriguel; and Department of Health (DOH) - Center for Health Development 1 Representative Dr. Ronia Aragon.

In his message, Gov. Pacoy Ortega said, "This is a testament of how we give importance to our healthcare workers who have unselfishly, and willingly served our Kaprobinsiaan from the start of this crisis. Today, we honor their commitment to their



profession. Today, we choose to prioritize them as we pay respect and give back for their sacrifices," as he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated when given the chance.

The governor also expressed his willingness to be among the first to get vaccinated just to convince others to follow and to

increase the uptake of the vaccine. But he clarified this is only upon the recommendation of DOH so as not to disrupt the allocation.

In her message, Mayor Eriguel underscored the role of medical frontliners in this battle against CoViD-19. She said, "We have been working tirelessly to

safeguard you and your families. We give our utmost admiration for the work you have done."

On the other hand, Dr. Aragon said, "Let us make use of this vaccine. Let's protect our health workers who are at most risk. Let's vaccinate our priority groups so we can reduce morbidity. Let's continue to protect ourselves."

There is a continuing increase in healthcare workers who signified consent to get vaccinated. The LUMC received the first batch of 700 doses of vaccines yesterday allotted for 350 medical frontliners of said tertiary CoViD-19 Referral Hospital.

Let us know about your thoughts on the vaccine by answering this survey: napanam.launion.gov.ph/lucovacs. This will not sign you up for the vaccination program.

With the availability of vaccine, the participation of each kaprobinsiaan, and the continuous adherence to health protocols, we can build a Stronger La Union, a province worth living in.

FIRST ONLINE DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL GETS UNDERWAY IN LU

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

As part of the production rounds of INAIG: Dokyu-Kalikasan Fest (Inaig), the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) through the La Union Provincial Tourism Office (LUPTO) held an Online Film and Documentary Making Workshop on April 13 - 14, 2021 through video conferencing. The workshop was participated in by the top five finalists of the said documentary competition.

LUPTO Officer-in-Charge Mr. Arthur S. Cortez, Jr. congratulated the top five teams for making it to the finals out of 15 entry submissions. He said that they are great examples of how local artists and filmmakers are making a difference in the community.

"As these local cinematographers and filmmakers are showing us, it is a message that can be told powerfully through documentary or film because that is a media that connects with people and stories we might otherwise never know," Mr. Cortez said. "I know this group will be going to make an even bigger impact for our community and the province in general. I understand the hard work and commitment it takes to produce a documentary or film, the PGLU and LUPTO celebrate with you and want to help your documentaries, films and outputs get the industry attention it deserves," he added.

The two-day workshop was attended by 25 participants from across the province including Northern Circuit's "Lata iti Arapa-Ap" with team leader Kelvin Villanueva; Central Circuit's "Ang Dagat ang Pinagmulan" with team leader

Michael Eijansantos; Central Eastern Circuit's "Papel sa Kalikasan" with team leader John Kirby Savellano; South Circuit's "Pukaw ti Napukaw" with team leader Marco Antonio Campos; and South Eastern Circuit's "Agsala" with team leader Vernon Albert Cabading. The workshop was conducted to equip the production teams with technical skills that will enable them to produce quality and world-class documentaries for La Union.

The short course consisted of different aspects of filmmaking such as visual and practical sessions wherein participants

learned story development, treatment writing, cinematography and editing. The workshop capacitated the participants with skills on producing documentaries focusing on reintegration.

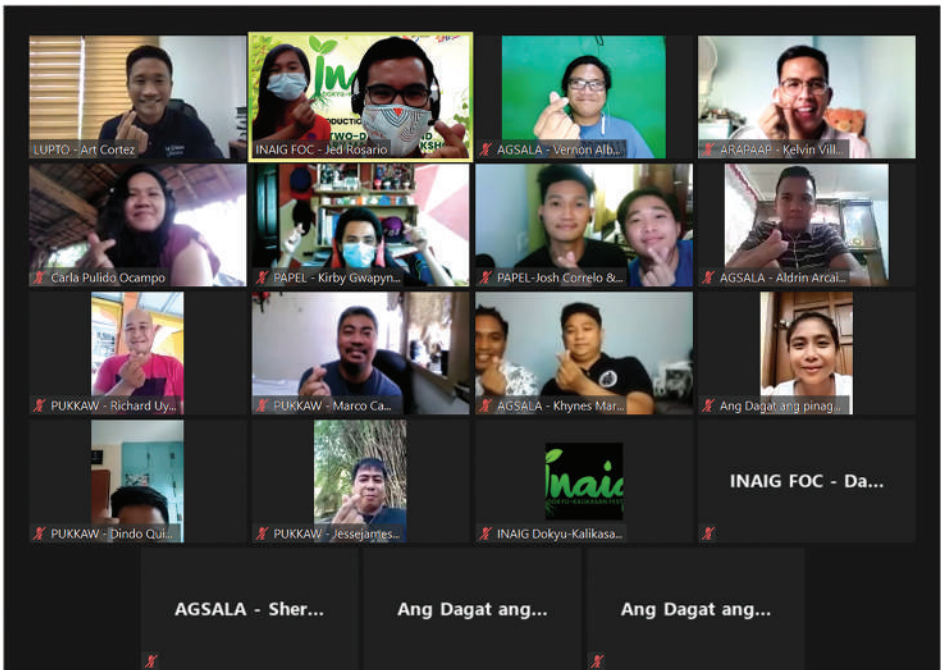
Renowned filmmaker and cultural worker Carla Pulido-Ocampo, producer of the acclaimed documentaries "Walang Rape sa Bontok" and "Tokwif", served as the festival mentor during the workshop. She reaffirmed that people might never know if it will not be properly filmed or documented.

"Hindi biro ang paggawa ng

dokumentaryo. Kailangan ng mental preparedness sa paggawa... at hindi basta basta pagdating sa kalikasan at sa sarili nating ili o bayan," she mentioned. During the sessions, she gave emphasis on making sure that documentary stories should have clear messages and be packaged in the most effective platform in keeping up with the demands of the audience. "The best means for us to tell these stories with more impact, with more heart is through documentaries, because documentaries are stories of truth and today we are here to share truth to the world," she added.

This year's festival theme is "Kalikasan Naman" which is aligned to one of the core initiatives of the PGLU's medium term strategy plan of building a Stronger La Union. After the workshop, the production teams are expected to produce 15 to 20-minute documentary features focusing on actual stories embedded in the beauty and importance of natural endowments, resources and landscapes of La Union until June 5, 2021. The Inaig festival proper will be held on June 14 - 28, 2021 as part of PGLU's celebration of the Philippine Environment Month.

Inaig is one of the three components of the program "TAWID TAOID: Bridging Arts and Nature, Building Sustainable Future" which aims to increase local community's environmental awareness by bridging La Union's local arts community.



The Provincial Government of La Union organized the first Online Film and Documentary Making Workshop for La Union on April 13 - 14, 2021 through video conferencing. The workshop initiated by the La Union Provincial Tourism Office was conducted to capacitate the participants with technical skills that will enable them to produce quality and world-class documentaries for La Union focusing on reintegration.

LA UNION SUSTAINS LIVING SHORELINES; DEPLOYS ARTIFICIAL REEFS

Grace Libong, GPC-ENRO

In its bid to promote ecological integrity and clean and healthy environment through the La Union #KalikasanNaman campaign, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) SCUBA Diving Team assisted in the successful deployment of 70 units of Artificial Reef (AR) on April 22 to 28, 2021 in the coastal Municipalities of Balaoan, Bacnotan and San Juan, La Union.

The PGLU SCUBA Diving Team is composed of the Provincial Government - Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG-ENRO); Provincial Disaster and Risk Reduction and Management Office; and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist - Fishery Division. They were joined by coastal municipalities of Balaon, Bacnotan and San Juan (BALBASAN); and the SCUBA Diving Team of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Conservation and Development Division and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office.

To sustain La Union's living shorelines and in pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, Local Government Units (LGUs) shall

share with the National Government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction, the PG-ENRO spearheaded the fabrication of 70 units of AR in 2020 following the Bureau of Fishery and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Tripod, a concrete type of AR that was piloted in the Region more than a decade ago. In La Union, BFAR in partnership with different LGUs have already deployed around

445 AR units from 2016 to date.

Prior to AR deployment, site suitability assessment was done on March 29-31, 2021 by the PGLU and DENR SCUBA Diving Teams to locate and validate proposed deployment sites using both scientific and practical methods for the selection of suitable sites in the coastal waters of BALBASAN.

Further, during the 1st day of deployment, community education

and public awareness were conducted to ensure its safety. Moving forward, Bantay Dagat committed to monitor the project. Likewise, concerned LGUs were advised through their Fishery Coordinators to designate through Resolution the AR site as a fish sanctuary to safeguard the same from destructive fishing.

AR are structures built of natural or man-made materials like scrap tires, metals, concrete, bamboo and non-biodegradable synthetics such as polypropylene rope, submerged or placed on the seabed to emulate some functions of a natural reef like protecting, regenerating, concentrating, and/or enhancing biodiversity of living marine resources thereby addressing food security.

In order to ensure the benefits of deploying artificial reefs while maintaining the integrity of coastal resources, extensive community planning, monitoring and evaluation shall be done before and after. Moreover, monitoring reports on the impacts are important components for future decision-making regarding establishment of additional artificial reef sites.



PGLU, DOT INK UNDERSTANDING ENSURING SAFETY IN GRADUAL OPENING TO TOURISTS

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) and the Department of Tourism - Region 1 (DOT-ROI) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize the downloading of the Tara Na! Visitor Information and Travel Assistance System (Tara Na! VISITA) on March 19, 2021 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

The MOU was signed by Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III and Regional Director Joseph Francisco "Jeff" R. Ortega. Officer-in-Charge of the La Union Provincial Tourism Office Arthur S. Cortez, Jr. and DOT Senior Tourism Operations Officer Edilberto D. Littaua, Jr. served as witnesses in the signing.

The Tara Na! VISITA is an online visitor registration system that shall be used to enhance border controls for tourists. This application compliments the NAPANAM system developed by the PGLU through the Information and Communication Technology Unit (ICTU) for the same purpose of monitoring the activities of tourists and visitors within the

borders of a particular area. Once downloaded, it will further strengthen the implementation of policies and protocols to prevent the spread of CoViD-19 ensuring safety not only of local and foreign tourists visiting La Union but also workers of

establishments in the province and residents in general.

Gov. Pacoy assured that the PGLU, DOT-ROI, along with Local Government Units and the rest of the tourism stakeholders in the province, remain resolute in the

mission of building and reinforcing the image of the country as a home for high-spirited, resilient, and optimistic race that is Filipino.

"Through our strong partnership and collaboration, we shall keep our heads high as we are determined to set forth a promising direction for tourism and economic revitalization in our province, our region, and the country as a whole. Together, we shall move towards recovery with great optimism and fervor," said Gov. Pacoy.

Dir. Jeff Ortega, said that Tara Na! VISITA being turned-over to the PGLU is a great way to show the convergence of National Government Agencies and the Local Government Units. He further said that it will help tourists come in seamlessly while ensuring that health and safety protocols are observed.

The MOU Signing and the downloading of the Tara Na! VISITA system is another step in preparing for the province' reopening to kick start and to slowly revive tourism in La Union.



Gov. Pacoy representing the Provincial Government of La Union and Regional Director Joseph Francisco "Jeff" R. Ortega representing Department of Tourism - Region 1 sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the downloading of the Tara Na! Visitor Information and Travel Assistance System (Tara Na! VISITA) on March 19, 2021 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union. The system will be used to keep track of visitor's activities in the province and ensure that CoViD-19 safety protocols are followed within the specified area.

In celebration of the 62nd Public Library Day, the Provincial Government of La Union through the La Union Provincial Library conducted a Seminar on Iloko Module Crafting to selected Grade School Teachers of the First District of La Union on March 9, 2021 at the Provincial Library, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Addressing the challenges of the new normal for educators, the program focused on training teacher-participants in the preparation of Iloko Modules including writing, categorization and a workshop.

The program, which aimed to bridge the gap in teaching mother tongue to students with the current adoption of modular learning, was conducted in coordination with the Gunglo dagiti Mannurat ti Iloko - La Union and the Department of Education - La Union Schools Division.

Public Library Day is celebrated on March 9 of every year by virtue of Proclamation No. 562, s. 1959. Minimum health standards were observed in the conduct of the activity.



PGLU LEVELS-UP TOURISM WORKFORCE IN TOURIST ONE STOP SHOPS

Joy Ann L. Gurtiza, GPC-LUPTO

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), through the La Union Provincial Tourism Office (LUPTO) in collaboration with the Department of Tourism – Regional Office 1 (DOT-RO1), conducted a Tourist One Stop Shop (TOSS) Seminar-Workshop with 15 newly-hired TOSS Assistants from different Local Government Units of the province on March 9 – 11, 2021.

In his message, OIC-LUPTO Arthur S. Cortez, Jr. said, “Your function as a TOSS Assistant is very crucial. It will be face-to-face so we have thought of a special training for all of you so that you will know how to handle tourists and maintain grace under pressure.”

As regards to the reopening of tourism, a TOSS Assistant is responsible for tourists’ management such as but not limited to providing assistance and guidance to visitors/tourists entering La Union with efficient management and proper enforcement of public health and safety protocols. Specifically, a TOSS Assistant will monitor the influx and movement of visitors using an issued QR Code to each individual visiting the province. As need arises, he or she will also monitor the travel request through the “Tara Na!” System and verify/validate documents submitted by the tourists.

For the first two days of the workshop, Resource Speaker and DOT Trainor Lorie Jane V. Rosales facilitated four training sessions on “The Filipino Brand of Service Excellence,” which she defined as ‘consistently meeting and exceeding the needs of the guests or customers and providing them with memorable experiences’; “Understanding and Engaging Guests,” which is anticipating and providing the needs of the various stakeholder groups; “Delivering Service Excellence,” where she provided techniques to assist and satisfy the requests of guests; and “Service Recovery,” which is responding courteously to complaints and resolving guest concerns.

“We have to know by heart and understand the importance of excellent customer service. As members of the tourism workforce, or if you want to pursue working in the tourism industry, let us not forget to put attention to the services that we provide. We must be competent in providing excellent, world-class service,” Rosales shared. After all the discussions, a “Re-discover La Union” quiz game for the participants was also conducted.

For the third and last day of the seminar, Mr. Cortez, Jr. discussed the State of Tourism Industry in the Province of La Union including the tourism products and services of the province and

current plans and programs of the LUPTO. He also facilitated training activities in preparing and presenting a guiding script and site commentary. He congratulated all the participants for completing the training as TOSS Assistants and encouraged them to continue enhancing their skills as future frontliners.

On the other hand, Supervising Tourism Operations Officer and DOT-RO1 Accreditation Officer Edilberto D. Littaua, Jr. shared the processes involved in Tara Na (R1 VISITA) travel request system and demonstrated how it works. As the culminating activity, the participants underwent a mini-workshop which also served as their practical test. They were given the chance to perform their functions as TOSS Assistants through role playing presentation, applying all the concepts and techniques that they have learned which were critiqued by the technical staff from DOT-RO1 and LUPTO.

The training was designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of TOSS Assistants as one of the frontliners who have direct contact to visitors/tourists.



CDH, LGU CABA INTENSIFIES PARTNERSHIP FOR #BAKUNAMUNA

MARLON C. RUNAS, GPC- CDH

Caba District Hospital (CDH) conducted a coordination meeting with the Rural Health Unit (RHU) and Local Government Unit of Caba, La Union on March 4, 2021 at the Chief of Hospital Office, CDH, Poblacion Caba, La Union.

Nurse Francis P. Valdez presented the CoViD-19 vaccination program of the Province of La Union including the deployment and vaccination plan for CoViD-19 vaccines; schedule of vaccination for eligible target population; issues on human resource compliment for vaccination team; Adverse Effects Following Immunization Surveillance; back-up plan on cold chain management for CoViD-19 vaccines of RHU Caba; and vaccination site and referral system. Nurse Valdez also presented the microplanning and activity plan to the LGU and RHU Caba and parties agreed that eligible target population with comorbidities will be vaccinated at CDH.

There was a suggestion for a two days per week schedule for each municipality pending approval for the other RHUs. The need for LGU-Caba to request manpower augmentation to the Department of Health and Provincial Government of La Union for their vaccination program was noted. It was also agreed upon that the vaccines allocated for LGU-Caba be temporarily stored in the available refrigerator of CDH.

The said activity, participated in by CDH Chief Dr. Gretchen F. Aromin, CDH Nurse Francis P. Valdez, SBM Dr. Conrado A. Vito, Municipal Health Officer Dr. Dianne T. Palo and RHU Nurse Lorna Picardal, aimed to intensify partnership and to have a smooth execution and well-coordinated CoViD-19 vaccination roll-out between Caba District Hospital and its catchment municipalities.



VACCINATION COORDINATION MEETING. With the aim to intensify partnership between Caba District Hospital (CDH), Rural Health Unit, and Local Government Unit of Caba, CDH conducts a coordination meeting on March 4, 2021 at the Chief of Hospital Office, CDH, Caba, La Union. Topics discussed were the deployment and vaccination plan for CoViD-19 vaccines; schedule of vaccination for eligible target population; issues on human resource compliment for vaccination team; Adverse Effects Following Immunization Surveillance; back-up plan on cold chain management for CoViD-19 vaccines of RHU Caba; and vaccination site and referral system.



THANK YOU, FRONTLINERS. As a simple token of appreciation to the efforts of the frontliners, Gov. Pacoy sends them treats while on duty at the hospitals, isolation facilities, and provincial border checkpoints, on April 3, 2021. A total of 80 boxes of pizza were distributed to 568 healthcare workers and border personnel, who spent no Holy Week vacation as they remained on duty at various stations in the six district hospitals; border checkpoints; Provincial Government frontline offices namely Provincial Health Office, Operations Center and Provincial Incident Management Team; Home of Hope isolation facilities; and hospitals namely La Union Medical Center and La Union Medical Diagnostic Center and Hospital. Gov. Pacoy's team continues the distribution of treats on April 4, 2021, to frontliners in hospitals such as Bethany, Lorma and Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center and the rural health units in 20 component Local Government Units in the province.

GOV PACOY: THE SKY'S THE LIMIT... AS WE ARE CHAMPIONS OF TRANSFORMATIVE GOVERNANCE

Loren Obillo, GPC-OPS

More so during these times, the Provincial Government of La Union through the leadership of Gov. Pacoy perseveres to not only have a strong stance against the pandemic but also to continually fulfill its mission of improving the quality of life of the people.

The PGLU formalized its bid to undergo the Institutionalization Stage, the fourth and last stage of Institute for Solidarity in Asia's (ISA's) Performance Governance System (PGS) through a virtual MOA Signing Ceremony with the ISA represented by Executive Director Christian P. Zaens on April 26, 2021.

The event was also graced by the Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the La Union Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC), the different Department and Office Heads,



and Chiefs of Hospitals.

ISA Founding Chairman, Dr. Jesus Estanislao stated, "Through the institutionalization of the Province of La Union, you can be at the forefront taking advantage of the opportunities... seizing the opportunities... making the Province of La Union a great province that can be emulated by the other provinces. You will be a foundation stone for our building a Dream Philippines."

PGLU shall work on delivering more high-impact programs and projects in order for transformation and positive change to take effect within the organization and down to the grassroots level. Through this, La Union inches closer to becoming the "Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025."

LU GOV, MAYORS IN CONSTANT COORDINATION AMID COVID-19 SURGE

Justin Paul D. Marbella, PIO

The 21 local chief executives in the Province of La Union are in strengthened coordination with each other amid the rise of cases of CoViD-19 noted in the province recently.

Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III has met with the mayors of the 20 component Local Government Units (LGUs), through a virtual meeting on April 7, 2021, to discuss updates and status of disease surveillance and control in the community levels.

The mayors reported to Gov. Pacoy their LGUs' status of CoViD-19 cases, and the interventions undertaken to isolate and treat the patients.

Some mayors raised their concerns and requested for augmentation from the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), primarily on provision of food packs, treatment facilities such as beds

and isolation tents, and manpower.

Gov. Pacoy assured the mayors of the unrelenting support of the PGLU. "I assure you that your Provincial Government will continue to augment any possible needs on the LGU level and we will be with you all throughout," he said.

To date, the PGLU has provided 2,653 relief packs to the LGUs, and the relief operations are ongoing. It has put up five inflatable isolation tents in the towns of Luna, Tubao and San Gabriel to augment the LGUs' isolation capacity.

Gov. Pacoy underscored that the harmonious inter-LGU operations in the province is key to effective crisis management response. "We have a grasp of our situation and we are capable of handling it with dauntless bravery because we have been systematic in all of our approaches," he said.

Gov. Pacoy ordered the mayors of the LGUs to closely monitor the situations in their towns, and communicate if need to elevate their risk classification arises. This shall be endorsed to the

Provincial and Regional Inter-Agency Task Force for assessment and eventual approval of request to re-classify the LGU's risk level.



ISOLATION SA LA UNION PATULOY NA PINAPAIGTING

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Bilang tugon sa pangangailangan ng karagdagang isolation facilities para sa mga nagpositibo sa CoViD-19, itinayo ng Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office ang limang inflatable tents na may kasamang aircon, cot beds at modular tents sa mga bayan ng La Union na may matataas na naitalang apektado ng virus.

Binuo ang isang inflatable tent sa Bayan ng Luna noong Abril 4; dalawang tents sa Tubao noong Abril 5; at dalawang tents sa San Gabriel noong Abril 6. Ang bawat tent at makakapag-isolate ng walong tao.



Ang pangangailangan ng karagdagang Isolation Facilities ay naitalang isa sa mga kailangang tulong ng mga munisipalidad mula sa kanilang needs assessment.

Inaasahang magkakaroon din ng katulad na pasilidad sa iba pang bayan na nangangailangan nito sa mga susunod na araw. Patuloy ang pagsiguro ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng La Union na natutugunan ang mga agarang pangangailangan ng mga component local government units nito sa laban kontra CoViD-19.

PGLU FINANCIAL REPORT
1ST QUARTER 2021

FDP Form 7 - 20% Component of the IRA Utilization

20% COMPONENT OF THE IRA UTILIZATION
FOR THE 1ST QUARTER OF CY 2021

Province of La Union

Programs/Projects/Activities	Location	Appropriation	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status % of Completion	Total Cost Incurred to date	No. of Extensions, if any	Remarks
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	0.00%			
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	0.00%			
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	0.00%			
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	25.16%	21,987,368.03		
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			7.84%	23,113,268.03		

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

LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND UTILIZATION
For the 1st Quarter, CY 2021
Province: LA UNION

Particulars	LRRRMF		NDRRMF	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		3,071,862.66				3,071,862.66
Transfers/Grants						-
Total Funds Available	23,504,002.00	69,651,228.84	-	-	-	93,155,230.84
B. Utilization						
Jordal Medical System, Inc. for the medical equipment for used at PDRRMO, VW10 Chk#1567482, JEV-2021-01-000027		77,510.00				77,510.00
Total Utilization	-	77,510.00	-	-	-	77,510.00
Unutilized Balance	23,504,002.00	69,573,718.84	-	-	-	93,077,720.84

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FDP Form 7 - 20% Component of the IRA Utilization

20% COMPONENT OF THE IRA UTILIZATION
FOR THE 1ST QUARTER OF CY 2021

Province of La Union

Programs/Projects/Activities	Location	Appropriation	Reprogramming	Date Started	Target Completion Date	Project Status % of Completion	January	February	March	TOTAL
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	0.00%				-
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	0.00%				-
Personal Protective Equipment (COVID-19)	La Union	2,000,000.00		1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%				-
Purchase of COVID19 Vaccines		96,000,000.00								-
Purchase of six (6) units Pharmaceutical Refrigerators and three (3) units Ultra Low Freezers for storage of COVID 19 Vaccines		7,842,000.00								-
Transportation Services for PGLU Frontliners and Health Workers (Van)		1,260,000.00								-
Food for the PGLU Isolation Facilities		3,148,000.00								-
Food for Frontliners and Quality Control Points		3,045,600.00					180,600.00	945,300.00		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	8.98%	7,321,859.33	7,529,279.22	7,132,229.48	21,987,368.03
ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT										
Assistance to LGUs in the Establishment of Sanitary Landfill	La Union	50,000,000.00	(50,000,000.00)	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%				-
Assistance to LGUs in the Establishment of Wastewater Treatment Facility	La Union	55,000,000.00	(55,000,000.00)	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	0.00%				-
Conduct of the Search for the Cleanest, Safest and Greenest LGUs in the Province (Project)	La Union	11,000,000.00	(6,295,600.00)	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				2.48%	7,321,859.33	7,709,879.22	8,077,529.48	23,113,268.03

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	Purchase of Medical & Disinfectant	Home for Frontliners Program	Food for Frontliner Personnel	Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Supplies	Medical Equipment for Covid-19	Personal Protective Equipment	Quarantine Control Points and Hospital Triage
	85,720.00	107,536.28	3,849,959.50	1,046,740.00	3,957,250.00	50,000.00	3,041,000.00
			65,700.00				
			68,700.00				
			46,200.00				
			281,400.00				
			35,100.00				
			55,500.00				
			294,750.00				
			13,800.00				
			189,300.00				
			75,450.00				
Total	-	-	1,125,900.00	-	-	-	-
BALANCE	85,720.00	107,536.28	2,724,059.50	1,046,740.00	3,957,250.00	50,000.00	3,041,000.00

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

SEF UTILIZATION
First Quarter, CY 2021

Province - LA UNION

Receipt from SEF 45,185,030.47

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	324,000.00
Capital Outlay	
Financial Expenses	
Total Disbursements	324,000.00
Balance	44,861,030.47

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FDP Form 13- Manpower Complement

MANPOWER COMPLEMENT
Republic of the Philippines
Budget Year 2021
First Quarter

Nature of Appointment or Employment	Number	Compensation and Other Benefits		Total
		Salaries and Wages	Other Monetary Benefits	
I. Permanent	1,451	104,821,291.90	26,412,891.02	131,234,182.92
II. Contractual				
III. Job Order/Contract Service	433	10,279,058.76	-	10,279,058.76
Grand Total	1,884	115,100,350.66	26,412,891.02	141,513,241.68

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Provincial Administrator

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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

PGLU CONTINUING TO GAIN GROUND IN TAKING THE PROVINCE TO GREATER HEIGHTS

Loren Obillo, GPC-OPS

"Persistence, unity, and innovation are our silver bullets. Let us not wait for brighther days to come to us. Rather, we go out there and reach for it." - Gov Pacoy

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) assessed and validated its strategic performance through the conduct of the 2021 1st Quarter Strategy Review through video conferencing on April 29, 2021. Present in the event were Gov. Francisco Emmanuel "Pacoy" R. Ortega III, and all the 30 department and unit heads, and Chief of Hospitals.

The Office for Provincial Strategy (OPS) took the lead in presenting the accomplishments and status of the Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) or strategic commitments of the PGLU offices and work units. As a result of collaborating and close monitoring of office activities, almost all offices are on track with their set targets with minimal to no delays with the conduct of their strategic commitments. Meanwhile, the status of the Province's Agri-Tourism scorecard shows that 17% indicators were on target, 8% on track, 5% below target, and 70% are expected to have movements by the second quarter or end of the year.

The accomplishments on strategic communications were also presented including broadcast media to include paid radio advertisements and on the Stronger La Union News Radio, distributed print media, reach and engagements in digital media on both major events and campaigns. Meanwhile, accomplishments of the Multi Sectoral Governance Council were also discussed. These includes the conduct of regular meetings, attendance to PGLU activities, Awarding of Cleanest and Greenest Gasoline Station Restroom and collaboration with LGU Rosario for the relocation of Diego Silang Monument at TPLEX. Lastly, the governance outreach

activities of the Governor were also presented.

During the open forum, Provincial Administrator Agnes Cargamento highlighted the importance of impact and breakthrough results in the Province's journey towards Performance Governance System (PGS) Institutionalization. To support this statement, Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Michaela Delfinado encouraged all offices to evaluate their activities and document the results. Moreover, when the Governor validated how the Province is fairing in the Agri-Tourism strategy, Provincial Agriculturist said that our farmers

are provided with technical assistance, yielding to the province's self-sufficiency and satisfactory income. Provincial Government OIC- Environment and Natural Resources Officer Ayen Rosario-Valdez added that the PGLU is supported with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Offices around the province in ensuring environment sustainability in the Province. Lastly, OIC - La Union Provincial Tourism Officer Arthur S. Cortez, Jr. discussed that despite being hardly-hit by the pandemic, the tourism industry in the Province is strengthened through functional networks, and the increase in the number of farm tourism sites can be observed. He also noted that investments continue to grow in the Province.

Moving forward, while maintaining a strong stance against the pandemic, the PGLU shall focus on delivering impact-level programs and working with its partners and even the constituents as it now undergoes the institutionalization stage of the PGS which requires the achievement of breakthrough results aligned to the vision of becoming The Heart of Agri-Tourism in Northern Luzon by 2025.



FDP Form 6 - Trust Fund Utilization

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORT ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST 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	81.09%	5,676,287.20		
Medical Assistance Program	La Union	5,851,734.00	01/09/18	12/31/21	94.81%	5,548,212.99		
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	0.00%	-		
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	La Union	200,000.00	05/02/16	12/31/21	73.24%	146,470.00		
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 (MNCHN)	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	62.85%	1,885,496.00		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - I-Build Projects	La Union	75,821,950.04	12/26/19	12/31/21	74.26%	56,304,855.61		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - Green Carabao Mango Production, Consolidation and Marketing Enterprise	La Union	5,190,026.17	10/12/18	12/31/21	52.81%	2,740,748.71		
Pilipine Rural Development Project - Mungbean Enterprise	La Union	2,650,868.37	12/10/19	12/31/21	71.72%	1,901,240.00		
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		
LGSF-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-Naguilan 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 Santo-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-Santo 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)-Calipik	La Union	50,000,000.00	08/11/20	03/23/21	83.36%	41,677,714.59	14 calendar days	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Sto. Tomas-Ago-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	1,499,250.00	12/20/20	05/18/21	100.00%	1,499,250.00		

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FDP Form 12- Unliquidated Cash Advances

UNLIQUIDATED CASH ADVANCES For the First 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 and above
Aquino, Brenda	18,317.60	03/06/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	18,317.60				
Aquino, Brenda	7,487.82	03/26/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	7,487.82				
Aljerna, Ma. Carmencita	118,612.50	03/17/21	Prisoner's Food Allowances	118,612.50				
Camarao, Jun Marc Llanenas	682.33	02/12/21	Travel - Marikina City, Feb. 11-12, 2021	682.33				
Cayabyab, Rafael Jr. Mayo	11,186.64	03/10/21	Travel - Marikina City, Mar. 11-12, 2021	11,186.64				
Fernandez, Charito	39,661.00	03/23/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	39,661.00				
Fernandez, Charito	16,612.00	03/23/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	16,612.00				
Halog, Sentinella	70,960.90	03/23/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	70,960.90				
Halog, Sentinella	29,125.00	03/25/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	29,125.00				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	100,000.00	02/04/21	Withdrawal for Financial assistance for Centenarians	100,000.00				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	8,000.00	03/06/21	Withdrawal for Prices during the 171st La Union Foundation Anniversary Online Celebration	8,000.00				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	50,000.00	03/06/21	Withdrawal for Financial assistance for Centenarians from Luna, Balaon, Ago & Amagay, La Union	50,000.00				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	3,000.00	03/11/21	Withdrawal for Travelling Allowance of CAMNAO for the month of Nov.-Dec. 2020	3,000.00				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	71,581.36	03/11/21	Withdrawal for Field & Current Operating Expenses	71,581.36				
Nuesca, Nathaniel Edward	63,000.00	03/31/21	Withdrawal for winners for the Ridge to Road: Unlocking ELYU's Hidden Sceneries	63,000.00				
Occasion, Genoveva	15,803.57	03/16/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	15,803.57				
Occasion, Genoveva	56,079.00	03/23/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	56,079.00				
Ocop, Florence	90,000.00	02/17/21	Withdrawal for the payment of Financial Assistance for Scholars under OPVG & SP for the first semester SY 2020-2021	90,000.00				
Ocop, Florence C	100,000.00	02/17/21	Withdrawal for the payment of Financial Assistance for Scholars under OPVG & SP for the first semester SY 2020-2021	100,000.00				
Ocop, Florence	8,000.00	03/10/21	Withdrawal for the payment of Cash Assistance for hog raisers affected by ASF (2nd batch)	8,000.00				
Ocop, Florence	44,000.00	03/10/21	Withdrawal for the payment of TEV of BNS for the months of Oct-Dec. 2020	44,000.00				
Remiendo, Nora	47,540.00	03/29/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH Dietary Supplies	47,540.00				
Remiendo, Nora	40,000.00	03/29/21	Grant of Cash Advance for BDH MOOE	40,000.00				
Total	865,231.80			574,549.47	290,682.33	-	-	-

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LU AIDS COUNCIL UNVEILS 2021 PROGRAMS

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Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III presided the 2021 first quarter meeting of the Provincial Local AIDS Council, on April 15, 2021, held via teleconferencing.

As the chairperson of the council, Gov. Pacoy underscored the importance of monitoring other public health concerns, such as the Human Immunodeficiency Virus – Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), while the province continues to tackle the most impactful health crisis – the COVID-19 pandemic.

He commended the Provincial Health Office led by Dr. Eduardo Posadas for being able to oversee other areas of public health, despite that their “hands are full” due to COVID-19 operations.

“I express my deep gratitude to the PHO and our governance partners as I am witness to how they value their mandate and

partners as I am witness to how they value their mandate and duty to uphold public health,” Gov. Pacoy said.

In the meeting, the council presented HIV/AIDS status report for Region I and the province, and the interventions being

undertaken to address the public health concern.

Department of Health (DOH) report shows that La Union records the second highest number of HIV/AIDS cases in the region, with 370 cases, next to Pangasinan with 970 cases.

Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte have 294 and 184 cases, respectively.

The numbers form part of the total 84,610 reported cases in the Philippines since January 1984 to present. More than half of the country’s People Living with HIV-AIDS (PLHIV), or 49,115 individuals, are on anti-retroviral treatment (ART).

The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU), meanwhile, remains firm in its commitment to address the pressing issues brought by HIV/AIDs. It maintains its allocation of P100,000 annual budget for the council, which are used to fund activities such as health education, community-based screening trainings, and advocacy events such as the World AIDS Day every December.

The PGLU also closely works with the DOH to ensure that PLHIVs in the province continue to have unhampered access to ART, even when the pandemic persists.



PGLU MONITORS PROVINCE’S FRESH WATER RESOURCES

Grace L. Libong, GPC-ENRO

As a part of Provincial Government of La Union’s forefront program on fostering ecological integrity, and clean and healthy environment dubbed as #KalikasanNaman campaign, the Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG-ENRO) in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) has continuously conducted fresh water quality monitoring to inland bodies of water in tourism destinations.

The PG-ENRO headed by the Officer In Charge EnP. Annalyn Rosario-Valdez, Supervising Environmental Management Specialist, proceeded to Simminublan Falls at Santol and Bulalakao Falls at Bagulin on April 19-20, 2021 to identify a new sampling station and collect water samples. Said water samples will be submitted to DENR-EMB for laboratory analysis.



This Water quality monitoring activity aims to guarantee the safety of visitors/tourists by ensuring the province’s recreational water quality. This monitoring effort intends to determine and prevent highly significant exceedances of coliform and to conform with DENR standards. Further, this will also serve as an Information Education Campaign to nearby communities for in the case of some exceedances, consultation and strategic planning with concerned LGUs as well as reconnaissance will be done to identify problem sources and to prevent occurrence of freshwater pollution.

Freshwater is vital for life. Thus, the ENRO on its bid to reinforce the LGUs action towards sustaining fresh water, is initiating partnership with the belief that alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

LA UNION EXPANDS RELIEF OPS TO MECQ AREAS

Justin Paul D. Marbella, PIO



The Provincial Government of La Union has expanded its CoViD-19 relief operations to provide assistance to component Local Government Units (LGUs) that are recorded as high risk areas and have imposed granular lockdowns.

Gov. Pacoy ordered the expansion of the operations to benefit the other LGUs in the province that recorded spike in CoViD-19 cases recently.

On April 15, the PGLU distributed a total of 10,041 relief goods for the municipalities of Agoo, Aringay, Luna, and Naguilan.

Meanwhile, the team was deployed on April 16, to turnover

additional relief packs to Naguilan, Agoo, Luna, Bangar, and Sudipen.

The PGLU turns over the relief packs to the LGUs, to be distributed to identified households affected by the strengthened quarantine protocols.

The PGLU has given out 1,437 relief packs to San Gabriel, Bacnotan, Santo Tomas and Luna on the first week of April.

To ensure that help is provided to those who are urgently in need, the PGLU is closely coordinating with the component LGUs to identify which areas are in need of augmentation support.

GOV. PACOY BARES ELCAC PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE LA UNION ACTION PLAN 2021

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

As the chairperson of the Provincial Task Force (PTF) – La Union, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III presented the End Local Communist Armed Conflict PTF – La Union CY 2021 Action Plan during the Regional Task Force – ELCAC 1 Joint Regional Development Council – Regional Peace and Order Council video conference meeting on April 22, 2021.

The action plan presented included the conduct of Provincial Task Force Cluster Heads/Core Group Meetings; sustainment of the Community Support Program – White Area Operations by the Civil Military Operations Company of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; the conduct of the 2nd Provincial Youth Leadership Summit; the conduct the Provincial Level Security Assessment Forum; and

the facilitation of Quarterly Peace Forum.

“Geared towards building a Safe and Stronger La Union, rest assured that the Province of La

Union is fully committed to implement the Provincial Task Forces CY 2021 Action Plan to End Local Communist Armed Conflicts in partnership with our governance partners and

stakeholders and carry out effective programs, projects and activities in alignment with thenational and regional initiatives,” Gov. Pacoy said.

The meeting was presided by National Security Adviser and Director General, NSC Cabinet Officer for Regional Development & Security for Region I Hon. Hermogenes C. Esperon, Jr. and was attended by local government unit representatives, core group/cluster heads/advisers, line agencies, and private sector representatives.

In full support of the Executive Order No. 70 or the Whole of Nation Approach to attain inclusive and sustainable peace, the Provincial Government of La Union established its Provincial Task Force through Executive Order No. 36 Series of 2019.



PROVINCIAL BOARD OF LU SUPPORTS MOVE OPPOSING THE BANNING OF COOPERATIVES ON RICE IMPORTATION

Rafael C. Mosuela, GPC-SP

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of La Union has passed a resolution supporting the Philippine Cooperatives’ collective stand in opposing the plan of exclusion or banning of cooperatives on rice importation.

During the 93rd Regular Session of the 22nd SP on April 6, 2021, Board Member Gerard Ostrea sponsored the resolution which was supported by all members.

Recently, the Department of Agriculture (DA), through a senate hearing conducted by Senator Cynthia Villar plans to ban cooperatives from importing rice in order to avoid being abused by rice traders wanting to circumvent the rice tariffication law. This was sustained by the Committee



Chair Hon. Villar, which she firmly believes that farmer cooperatives must no longer be allowed to import rice as they are possibly being used as

“dummies” of unscrupulous traders who want to avoid tariff duties.

However, BM Ostrea stood firm in

his stand that the said proposed banning runs afoul to the objectives and principles of cooperativism which is to attain increased income and savings, investments, productivity and purchasing power, and this was unanimously seconded by the August Body.

He further stated that the act of one cooperative who violated tariff laws, should not be equated as the act of all cooperative rice importers.

“It is crystal clear in Sec. 15, Art. 12 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which avers that the “State shall promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development,” he said.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS, WORLD WATER DAY.

Gov. Pacoy and Bauang Mayor Menchie C. Lomboy-De Guzman, MD, inspect the Bauang Bakawan Eco-Tourism Park at Brgy. Parian Oeste, Bauang, La Union, on March 22, 2021, in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. They also led the planting of 300 mangrove seedlings as Gov. Pacoy underscored the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU)’s strengthened environmental governance initiatives, through its #KalikasanNaman campaign.

Also in the activity were Board Member Nancy Corazon Bacurnay, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 1 officers, PGLU-Environment and Natural Resources Office led by OIC Annalyn R. Valdez, Bauang Police Station Personnel, LGU Bauang officers, and Brgy. Parian Oeste Officials.

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SPM DE GUZMAN REPORTS LA UNION ROAD CLEARING STATUS

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Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Member Maria Annabelle S. de Guzman, in her privilege speech, lauded the high rating garnered by the Province of La Union on road clearing operations, during the 90th regular session of the 22nd SP on March 16, 2021 at the SP Session Hall, City of San Fernando, La Union.

As per report from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) that was quoted in her privilege speech, the Province of La Union garnered a total score of 94.8% on road clearing operations, based on the validations conducted in February by the same department. Likewise, all 20 component local government units (LGUs) of the province exceeded their respective ratings as compared to previous validation reports.

Pleased with the achievement by the province as a whole, SPM de Guzman reiterated that the PGLU and the LGUs must continue to work on road clearing operations which started in July 2019. “I



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consider this a very good accomplishment, Mr. Presiding Officer; however, we must not rest on our laurels,” she said.

SPM de Guzman also stated that the high rating achieved by the province can also be attributed to the enactment of two vital legislations in the Sangguniang SP particularly, the Road Warning Safety Devices Ordinance and the Anti-Road Obstructions Ordinance, which were duly approved by the Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R. Ortega III on September 14, 2020 and was subsequently posted and published.

The lady-chairperson of the SP Committee on Public Works and Utilities requested the SP to invite the Provincial Director of DILG on the next session of the Provincial Board or at the committee level to further explain the background of the validation, the criteria and the recommendation of the DILG on how to sustain or improve the province’s level of compliance in terms of road clearing operations.

LA UNION SCHOLARS READY TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGH ATM CARDS

Camille R. Bumatay, PIO

Leveling up its digital services and as a testament of its full support for the welfare of youth in the province, the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) held the pilot distribution of the ATM Payroll Savings Card to the La Union Educational Assistance and Scholarship Program

(LUEASP) on March 25, 2021 at the Diego Silang Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of San Fernando, La Union.

Present during the activity were Sangguniang Panlalawigan Committee Chairperson for Education Board Member Nancy

Corazon Bacurnay; Landbank of the Philippines San Fernando Branch Manager Adeline Ramos; Acting Provincial Treasurer Janet Molina and 10 officers of the Pederasyon ng mga Iskolars ng La Union who became the first batch of the 932 scholars who will receive their ATM Cards.

new things. Madaming naapektuhan pero maski papano, nakakaya parin ng Pinoy, lilipas din ang lahat. This too shall pass.”

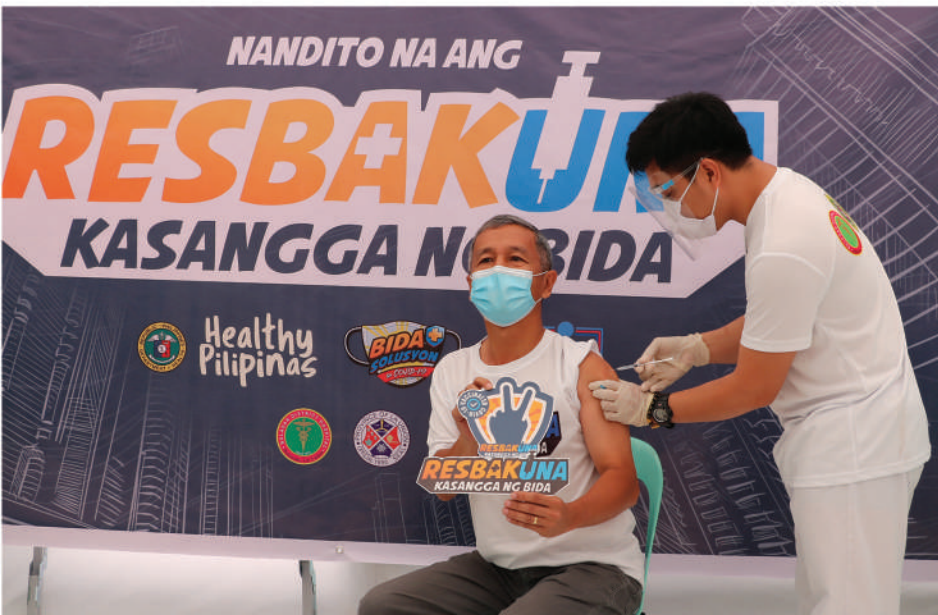
The said program emanated from Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 211-2020 requesting the Office of the Governor thru the Local Finance Committee to Conduct a Feasibility Study Concerning a Digital System in the Distribution of Financial Assistance to PGLU Scholars authored by BM Gerard G. Ostrea signed on February 21, 2020.



The LUEASP ATM Payroll Savings Card is a huge leap forward to ensure easier distribution of educational assistance to La Union scholars especially with the required need to comply with the minimum health standards.

The scholars shared the challenges they face in the new normal set up of learning. In his message, Gov. Francisco Emmanuel “Pacoy” R Ortega III explained, “If there are challenges, there are also opportunities -chances to learn

The PGLU continues to provide educational assistance to help youth who are willing to go to school but are challenged to do so because of financial constraints.



Awan panagdudua nga indaulo ni Dr. Mark Anthony S. Tomboc, Hepe ti Balaoan District Hospital ti pannakabakuna dagiti empleyado idi Marso 11, 2021. Kas pasilidad a natudingan a mangtaming kadagiti addaan sakit a CoViD-19, kanayon a nakariso go ti biag dagiti Medical Frontliners isu’t gapuna nga ginundawayanda ti libre a bakuna nga impaay ti gobierno. Adda 62 nga empleyado a nagboluntaryo nga agpabakuna ket maiyusat dayta iti duwa nga aldaw. Kinuna ni Dr. Tomboc, “Daytoyen ti nabayag nga ur-urayentayo a bakuna, apay nga itantantayo ti agpabakuna?”

BDH ON BIDA #RESBAKUNA. A total of 91 health workers from the Bacnotan District Hospital (BDH) have already received their first dose of the CoViD-19 vaccine as of March 22, 2021.

“Vaccination is our best transportation out of the pandemic coupled with continuing adherence to minimum health protocols, so when your time to receive the vaccine comes, receive it with joy and anticipation of a CoViD-free future,” Dr. Zenserly Pagaduan, BDH Chief of Hospital, says as she prays for a 100% fully vaccinated BDH and La Union healthcare personnel.