

Republic of the Philippines
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) XII

**Accomplishment Report
CY 2017 to 1ST Semester 2018**

Introduction

Regional Development Council (RDC) XII conducted the following major activities during the period in line with its mandate, namely: 1) meetings of the RDC XII-Advisory Committee, Full Council and its Sectoral/Affiliate Committees; 2) review and consultation by the RDC XII Expanded Executive Committee (ExCom) on the budget proposals of regional line agencies, state universities and colleges,

other national government instrumentalities for the periods FY 2017 and FY 2018; 3) generation and packaging of the CY 2018 Annual Investment Program (AIP) and updating of the CY 2019 AP; 4) monitoring and evaluation of development projects by the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) XII; 5) review and endorsement of project proposals; 6) policy review and evaluation; 7) RDC Week celebration; and 8) hosting of the 9th RDC-PSR National Convention.

1. Accomplishments

A. Regional Development Planning

Member agencies of RDC XII provided inputs for the preparation of the CY 2016 and CY 2017 Regional Development Report (RDR), an annual assessment of SOCCSKSARGEN region's performance, based on the targets in the final year of implementation of the updated Regional Development Plan (RDP), 2013-2016. Copies of the 2016 and 2017 RDRs were disseminated during the 58th Regular Meeting of RDC XII on June 14, 2017 and its 62nd Regular Meeting on June 20, 2018, respectively. Likewise, the quarterly regional economic situationers (QRES), which provide rapid assessment of the region's performance based on key indicators on agri-fishery production, investments, exports, tourism, prices and security situation, were prepared and provided to various stakeholders. The QRES also identifies the critical incidents that could affect economic activities and provides the development outlook in the next two quarters.

The Council adopted the RDP, 2017-2022, and 200 CD copies of the document were distributed to RDC XII members and various stakeholders. The RDP is also being advocated to the following, among others, namely: regional line agencies, local government units, academe, youth, and non-government organizations during fora, meetings and workshops. Along with the presentation of RDP, the Council also advocated the AmBisyon Natin 2040, the long-term vision of Filipinos for self and for the country.

The Regional Land Use Committee (RLUC) XII, an affiliate committee of the Council that deals with land use-related issues and concerns, conducted three (3) meetings cum project visit in CY 2017 and in the 1st semester of 2018. An innovation during the period was the integration of visits to key projects in the region confronted with land use policy issues.

NEDA XII as the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Rehabilitation and Recovery of the RDRMC XII, provided support, technical expertise and resource person services in preparing the region towards resiliency.

B. Policy Review and Formulation

RDC XII passed 152 resolutions in CY 2017 and 107 resolutions in the 1st semester of 2018. These resolutions were for endorsement, support and/or request for policy

recommendations, either from national and sub-national levels. Among others, the following policy issues/concerns were acted by the Council through resolutions:

1. Economic Development Sector

- a) House Bill No. 5948 and Senate Bill No. 2179 - Seeking to Establish the National Coastal Greenbelt Program and Provide Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes;
- b) Prioritization of Potential Areas for Tourism, Investment Areas, Other Plantation and Production, as well as Resettlement Areas in the Preparation of Geo-Hazard Maps by Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB);
- c) Halal Testing and Certification of Products for local and export, as well as for imports;
- d) Rural Agro-Enterprise Partnership for Inclusive Development (RAPID) Growth Project of the Department of Trade and Industry;
- e) Reconvening the National Greening Program (NGP) Regional Management Council (RMC) and Conduct a Workshop for the Identification of Priority Areas for Complementation with Other Agencies under the NGP;
- f) DAR, DENR, I-RA and NCIP to Expedite Action on the Recommendations of the Joint Regional Steering Committee on the Contentious Areas in Region XII Issued with Overlapping Tenurial Instruments;
- g) House Bill No. 1189 - An Act Implementing the Mindanao River Basin Rehabilitation and Development Program;
- h) MSU-General Santos City as the Center of Research on Sarangani Bay Biodiversity Studies;
- i) Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP) for CY 2019; and
- j) Measures to Reduce Production of Non-biodegradable Wastes, such as Banning Use of Plastics or Non-biodegradable Materials in Serving Food during Meetings.

2. Infrastructure Development Sector

- a) Roads Leveraging Linkages and Trade (ROLL IT) program of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Public Works and Highways;
- b) Department of Education and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to Consider a Convergence Program called Roads to Schools;
- c) Department of Transportation (DOTr) to Include in the Mindanao Railway System Additional Routes that would Serve Strategic Destinations in Region XII,
- d) Revisit the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the Construction of School Buildings and to Define Clearly the Responsibilities of DepEd and DPWH with regard to Project Site and Land Preparation;
- e) DOTr to Prioritize the Installation of Transformers for the Expansion/Renovation of the Existing Passenger Terminal Building Project at the General Santos City Airport;
- f) CAAP-CO to Provide and Install Additional Aircon Units at the Newly Expanded Check-in and Arrival Areas of the Passenger Terminal Building of the General Santos City Airport;
- g) Completion of South Cotabato Provincial Hospital (SCPH) Annex 2 Building in Koronadal City, South Cotabato;
- h) Projects for Public-Private Partnership (PPP);
- i) Flood control projects;
- j) Road right-of-way; and
- k) Kabulnan II Hydropower and Irrigation Project.

3. Governance and Institutions Development Sector

- a) DILG's issuance of a Regional Memorandum Circular (RMC) to Coastal Local Government Units to Register Sea Vessels with Less Than 3Tonnage;
- b) Membership of the Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer and Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer in the Provincial Land Use Committee;

- c) Police Regional Office (PRO) 12 to Set-Up a Community Police Action Center (COMPAC) at the Prime Regional Government Center, Barangay Carpenter Hill, Koronadal City;
- d) Requesting the Office of the President of the Philippines to Certify as Urgent the Bills Calling for the Registration of Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Cards;
- e) Establishment of Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Regional Office in SOCCSKSARGEN;
- f) Adopting the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) as a Tool Against the Harassments of the New People's Army (NPA) on Government-Funded Projects and Requesting All RI-AS, LGUs, SUCs and GOCCs to Urge the Contractors of Government-Implemented Projects to Post Stickers which contain "This is a CARHIRHL Protected Project" on their Equipment, Facilities and Project Site; and
- g) Increase of inmates' male allowance.

4. Social Development Sector

- a) 2017 SOX Regional Skills Competition in General Santos City;
- b) Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Bahay Pag-asa in Compliance to RA 9344 as Amended by RA 10630 as Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee for the Welfare of Children;
- c) LGUs to Hire Registered Social Workers whose Work will Focus on Handling the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) and Children at Risk (CAR) Cases;
- d) SOCCSKSARGEN-Regional Implementation Team (RIT) Member Agencies to Fast-track the Implementation and Attainment of their Respective Roles and Responsibilities Specified under the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law;
- e) Formulation of Water Safety Plans Pursuant to the Provisions of DOH Administrative Order 2014-007 by LGUs and Water Service Providers;
- f) House Bill 4742 - Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Act of 2017;
- g) Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition, 2017-2022;
- h) Women's Month Celebration; and
- i) Gender and Development.

C. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

As the Council's affiliate committee for project monitoring and evaluation, the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) XII, through its inter-agency monitors, conducted quarterly field monitoring and ocular inspections on development projects, especially those with implementation issues. After each monitoring activity, project monitoring reports were prepared and deliberated by the Committee during its quarterly meetings cum Problem-Solving Sessions (PSS).

In 2017, RPMC XII facilitated the conduct of fifteen (15) field monitoring visits, eight (8) of which were regular quarterly field monitoring and seven (7) were special monitoring visits, covering a total of ninety-eight (98) projects located in the four (4) provinces and five (5) cities of Region XII. Some of the projects were visited several times to ensure compliance with the instructions/agreements reached and/or recommendations during RPMC XII cum PSS. In the 1st semester of 2018, RPMC XII conducted four (4) project field monitoring visits covering a total of 52 projects monitored (2 special and 2 regular field monitoring activities on the following dates: May 4, April 17, February 7-9 and 13-15, and May 9-11 and May 16-18, 2018.

The projects monitored include roads and bridges, hospital and school buildings, birthing home facilities, farm-to-market roads, ports, water supply and sanitation facilities, Bottom-Up-Budgeting (BUB) and SALINTUBIG projects, Information Technology (IT) facilities, review center, and multi-purpose buildings, which were implemented by various regional line agencies, such as DPWH and its district engineering offices (DEOs), PPA, DA, DILG, DOH, and NHA, SUCs and LGUs. In response to the request for the Committee's interventions to projects facing significant negative slippage and bottlenecks, RPMC XII

conducted special monitoring activities and facilitated Joint RPMC and I-GU-PSS to deliberate and resolve issues and concerns needing immediate action from the Committee. Likewise, the RPMC XII project monitors conducted post monitoring meetings after each field monitoring visit to assess the conduct of the monitoring activities and firm up the agreements reached during exit conferences facilitated with implementing agencies.

The impact evaluation study of the Awang-Upi-Lebak- Kalamansig- Palimbang Road is on-going. The Inception report and survey questionnaire was already reviewed by the Research Project Team.

D. Other Significant Accomplishments

1. RDC Week Celebration 2017

The Council led the two-day celebration which started with a motorcade from Koronadal City to Brgy. Kawas, Alabel for the tree planting event, in cooperation with Sarangani Police Provincial Office and Sarangani Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO). A farm tourism visit then followed at the 3DOE Echo Park located in Brgy. Malandag, Malungon which promoted agriculture tourism as one of the strategies indicated in the SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Development Plan, 2017-2022.

The second day kicked off with a Cha-cha and Zumba (Chumba) activity at the Oval Plaza Gym, General Santos City which advocated a healthy lifestyle through physical fitness and exercise. This was followed by the inter-sectoral basketball game for men and volleyball game for women which strengthened existing partnership and improved camaraderie among the members.

2. Hosting of the 9th Private Sector Representative (PSR) National Convention

Region XII hosted the conduct of the 9th RDC- PSR National Convention on May 22-25, 2018 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City with the theme "Peace and Development through Better Governance." The convention was participated in by 154 PSRs from all RDCs nationwide. Nine (9) resource persons/guests discussed topics related to the theme on peace and governance.

3. Road Safety Advocacy

The Regional Development Council (RDC) XII observed the Road Safety Day in Region XII, in accordance with the RDC XII Resolution No. 69, Series of 2013, declaring October 21 of every year as road safety day in the region. The declaration is the region's support to UN global launch of the "Decade of Action for Road Safety, 2011-2020," and the Republic of the Philippines' Proclamation No. 159, Series of 2011.

The 2017 Road Safety Day Celebration carried the theme, "Wastong Kaalaman sa Daan, Kaligtasang Pangkalahatan." During the celebration on November 17, 2017, the RDC XII RSA-TWG conducted an orientation on road safety at the Municipal Civic Gymnasium of the Municipality of Alabel. A total of 116 elementary pupils and high school students, together with 7 teachers from 5 public schools in Sarangani Province attended the orientation.

The legal basis and rationale of Road Safety Program in Region XII was also presented to the Federation of Sarangani Transport Association during the Sarangani Transport Summit on December 14, 2017.