

Performance Challenge Fund

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The Performance Challenge Fund

Performance Challenge Fund is an incentive provided to the Local Government Units in the form of financial grant for local development projects. The PCF aims to recognize good governance performance particularly in the areas of transparency, accountability, participation and service delivery. This fund is utilized for the implementation of priority projects of LGUs which support projects classified under the Millennium Development Goals and now being referred to as Sustainable Development Goals.

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From the Director



The DILG is celebrating this year the silver anniversary of the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991, a landmark legislation promoting local autonomy in the country. For the past 25 years, it has been a story of challenges and gains for local government units (LGUs). In all its endeavors, the DILG has been with LGUs to provide the necessary assistance and intervention through its programs, activities and projects.

The Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) is among the DILG's performance-based financial grants to LGUs so they could fund poverty alleviation and development projects. But the PCF is not served on a silver platter as LGUs have to hurdle the stringent standards of the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) before they could become PCF/SGLG awardees.

This publication is a narrative of how the top performing LGUs in Region 10 made use of their PCF incentives to bring about better services, inclusive growth and development in this part of the country. May these stories of SGLG/PCF Awardees inspire all the provinces, cities and municipalities in Northern Mindanao to manifest the good governance principles in its service delivery and operations.

Mabuhay!


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Baywalk in Balingasag

The Balingasag baywalk - a long stretch of concrete pavement along the seaside - is one of the major sites of this 2nd class municipality in Misamis Oriental. The baywalk serves as shoreline protection, protecting the residents in the coastal barangays, and also the vital establishments in the area which include the municipal hall or officially called the People's Palace of Balingasag.

Lined up with street lights and concrete benches, the baywalk is also a go-to place for relaxation and viewing, thus providing economic opportunities for the local communities.

As such, the municipal government has always given importance to its continuous improvement and expansion.

Barangay 6 is a coastal barangay that used to be susceptible to floods induced by large waves and storm surges. The barangay shoreline- although along the baywalk- was defenseless without the much needed infrastructure already constructed in the adjacent coastal areas.

Thus, the local government being an SGH awardee in 2013, utilized its Php 1M PCF fund on the embankment and concreting of 60mx14mx.15m baywalk expansion at barangay 6 shoreline area. With additional Php 1M as LGU counterpart, the project started on April 2014. Due to the weather conditions, the construction was completed on December 2014 instead of the projected date in November 2014.

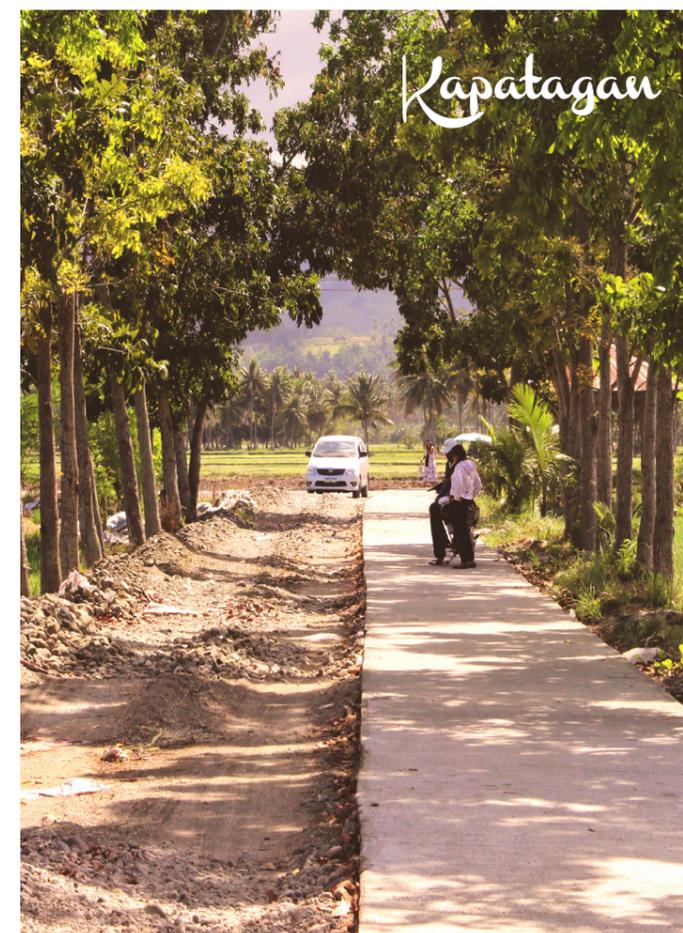
The concreting of Poblacion-Curvada Access Roads of Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte, worth Php 4,031,519.00, was funded by both the DILG and the Local Government. The DILG counterpart in the amount of Php 3,000,000.00 was an incentive to the municipalities for having been conferred the Seal of Good Local Governance.

Before the implementation of the project, it was inconvenient for the residents to go through the unpaved road, especially during rainy days.

The main objective of the project was to construct an all-weather access road leading to government offices and public areas, provide local constituents easy access to basic services of the LGU such as health, education and commerce among others through improved road accessibility. Another objective was to reduce transportation costs among farmers in transporting goods and other farm implements.

With the realization of this road concreting, general public conveniently availed services offered by the municipal government of Kapatagan and the DILG thru the PCF Program.

Now, residents have Accesible Road Network within the central portion of Poblacion and going to Kapatagan Public Cemetery. This also reduces travel time and fuel consumption, enhances mobility of goods and services within the municipality and provides easy access to the basic services through the improved road.



Lala, a first class municipality of the province of Lanao del Norte, became one of the recipients of SGH last 2014. With the Php 1M worth of PCF they received, they utilized it in the construction of line canal along Lala proper.

Completed in September 2015, the line canal greatly helps with problems on flooding as it was strategically constructed on the identified flood-prone area of the provincial road and parallel to the asphalted road funded by the provincial government.

The 1,276- meter canal directly benefits the residents of five (5) barangays, namely: Barangay Lala Proper, Pacita, Matampay Ilaya, Matampay Bucana, and Darumawang Bucana. It also benefits the traders and other road-users.

The project has improved the quality of the road, thus increasing the number and frequency of vehicle trips along the route even during the rainy season. Consequently, it has increased economic activities in the area, provided better access to various social services, reduced travel time for the beneficiaries in going to the urban centers, and reduced the hauling cost on farm and fishery products.

Making Education a Top Priority

Construction of One Unit of Two-Classroom School Building for Four Municipalities in Lanao del Norte

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Today, many of the nation's schools face the combined challenges of weakening conditions, intense overcrowd of students and rapid increase of shortage and immediate need of classrooms due to the implementation of the K-12 program of the Department of Education. These challenges impair the quality of teaching and learning of teachers and students.

The Province of Lanao del Norte aims to provide quality and accessible basic education, and one of the strategies to promote and improve the quality of basic education is the construction of school buildings. The said project supports the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) for the provision of access to quality education.

Fortunately, the province was awarded the Seal of Good Local Governance last 2015 with the incentive of the Performance Challenge Fund's seven million which was utilized for the construction of eight classroom school buildings to four National High Schools in four different municipalities, namely: the Lala National High School in the Municipality of Lala and Lanao del Norte Comprehensive National High School located in Baroy which are both completed, while Salvador National High School in Salvador and Liangan National High School at Bacolod are still ongoing.

Provincial Administrator Brigida S. Tangonan shared, "The award is very timely because of the increase of demand of classrooms due to the implementation of K-12. That's why the Php 7M PCF incentive was invested on the Construction of Classroom Buildings which Lanao del Norte provided Php 500,000 counterpart to augment for the classrooms. It was really beneficial because *nag overflow na ang students*. We are really very thankful *kay dako na kaayu ni nga development sa Lanao del Norte*".

Engr. Marietta L. Borillo, Provincial Engineer of Lanao del Norte also expressed her gratitude towards the program saying, "The issue before the project was implemented is the shortage of classrooms. Now that two of the schools are fully operating, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to DILG for their continued support in working towards the devotement of the Province of Lanao del Norte. It is our honor and we hope to sustain our strong partnership with DILG in attaining the quality and accessible basic education."



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Right now that we are given classrooms by the DILG through our provincial government, of course this has decongested our classrooms especially our Senior High School students occupying the newly constructed buildings. So we have two classes, used for bread and pastry two sections with science lab and 40 students occupying each of the newly constructed classrooms, so I would like to thank the DILG and of course our Provincial Government for identifying the school as one of the recipients of the PCF.”

Carolina D. Clarito

Principal, Lala National High School

Plaridel is a 3rd class municipality which has earned many achievements in the last four years. The municipality of Plaridel through the vision of its Mayor and its employees plays a primary role in providing community services with priority on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. It seriously undertakes performance planning and constant reviews of all services to come up with significant and positive impact on service improvement. It is known to be a premier municipality which maintains its standing as a performer LGU.

The Municipality of Plaridel was awarded with the Seal of Good Local Governance and received a total of Php 5M from the years 2011, 2013 and 2015 for its exem-

plary participation in pushing for development in the Municipality.

Awards after awards have seen the rising of the Municipality of Plaridel and this is attributed to the sheer hard work of the people of Plaridel.

Being a consistent Seal of Good Local Governance achiever for three consecutive assessment years is a manifestation that made the municipality tenets of good governance which local officials in turn put to good use. The LGU constructed and procured three projects in line with the Disaster Preparedness namely: the Multi-Purpose Crisis Center, Procurement of Rescue Vehicle and Equipments and Concreting of Various Municipal Streets.



Procurement of Rescue Vehicles and Equipment

In 2013, The DILG granted the municipality its Php 1M incentive which was utilized on the project - procurement of various disaster vehicle and equipment.

The rescue vehicle and equipment remain intact and well maintained. People living in the municipality can now heave a sigh of relief because these equipment and vehicles effectively respond to the people of the barangay especially in times of disasters.



Construction of Multi-Purpose Building

In 2011, with its access to the DILG PCF, local officials of Plaridel constructed a Multi-Purpose Building/Crisis Center in Barangay Eastern Looc. The LGU pitched in Php 1M as counterpart of the Php 2M worth Crisis Center.

It will serve as an evacuation center in the event of man-made or natural calamity or disaster which can accommodate up to 30 families as evacuees.

It will also serve as venue for conducting pre-disaster and disaster mitigating activities of the municipality and the barangay. It has a capacity of 300 participants for trainings.



Concreting of Various Municipal Streets

The road projects aims at improving access and mobility of residents within the town proper, reducing the incidence of waterborne diseases by at least 50% and providing better opportunities to increase their livelihood income by at least 15%.

To date, the projects benefit the people of Southern Poblacion comprising a total of 2,231 residents in 446 households. The roads indirectly benefit the transport operators, buyers of farm products and passengers.

PAVING THE WAY

Performance Challenge Fund Road Projects



Multiple Birds - One Stone

With the Php 3M incentive Tangub City received from being an SGH awardee in 2011, the local government allocated the Performance Challenge fund, in addition to the city's Php 3M counterpart, to construct the Tangub Highland Botanical Garden (THBG) Access Road.



Fulfillment of a long-time clamor

In 2014, the municipality of Bonifacio utilized its Php 3M PCF Fund for the road concreting which included the construction of canal and headwalls. A total of 72 households or 432 beneficiaries have benefited from the already well paved road. Prior to the project, the roads were muddy and hardly accessible.



Concreting of Various Municipal Streets

In the Municipality of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental, road projects aim at improving access and mobility of residents within the town proper. The PCF projects in the area benefit a total of 2,231 residents in 446 households. The roads greatly aid transport operators, buyers of farm products and passengers alike.

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DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Alubijid, Misamis Oriental



Utilizing the PCF on a DRRM-related project was a no-brainer for the municipality. Having experienced a fair share of calamities, the municipality aimed to intensify the LGU preparedness.

Some of the notable incidents were: the flash flood in January 2009 which brought heavy damage to property, livelihood, food production and infrastructure; Typhoon Sendong last December 2011 which greatly affected Cagayan de Oro City and nearby municipalities; and Typhoon Pablo last December 2012 which also caused significant damage to various properties in Alubijid.

During these incidents, the school buildings and the municipal covered court served as evacuation cum temporary shelters of affected residents.

Completed last January 2015, the 1st floor of the Php 1.24M facility serves as the operation center and the incidence command post while the 2nd floor serves as the DRRM Office, training center for DRR-related activities, coordination center, and also a meeting venue for the Municipal DRRM Council which convenes every quarter or when the need arises. The 2nd floor also serves as the storeroom of DRR equipment and as temporary shelter to evacuees. Five staff members man the operation center. During disasters, the facility operates on a 24-hour basis together with their 28 volunteers.

DRRM Officer Tristan K. Ares expresses that the Command Center greatly helps in the preparation and readiness of the rescue group. Although there are still more to be improved on like additional equipment, the existing facility is already playing a vital role in responding to the calamities affecting the municipality and communities within.

For the people of Alubijid and its neighboring municipalities, being sick and acquiring public health services used to entail almost an hour-worth of travel to the city of Cagayan de Oro where the provincial hospital or the Northern Mindanao Medical Center (NMMC) is located.

When the construction of the Php 100M OWWA-Misamis Oriental Provincial Hospital, located at Barangay Lanao, Alubijid, Misamis Oriental was completed last March 2013, it paved the way for more accessible health services for residents living far from Cagayan de Oro city.

Based on a 2009 DOH study, curative health care services in the area of GALILEO (Gitagum, Alubijid, Libertad, Initao, Laguindingan, El Salvador, Opol) Inter Local Health Zone (ILHZ) were found lacking as shown in the prevalence of case referrals to Cagayan de Oro City.

This compelled the provincial government to undertake a synergistic partnership with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) in the construction of a 50-bed Level 2 hospital, amounting to Php 100M.

SGH recipient

The Provincial Government was conferred with the Seal of Good House-keeping last 2012, and was entitled to access a financial incentive known as the Performance Challenge Fund worth Php 7M. Recognizing the need to pool in resources for the completion of the hospital, the provincial government allotted the PCF as part of its Php 55M counterpart.

The construction of the hospital consisted of 24 phases, and the PCF fund was used to cover Phases 17 and 20, which included tile works in the main building, fire protection system, masonry works, roofing works, painting works, plumbing works, lattice works, doors and windows, and water tanks.

Onwards to Better Health

Mahinog, a fifth class municipality, and primary gateway to the province of Camiguin, identifies tourism as the flagship sector for development. The Queobe Eco Park and Training Center located in the 10-hectare government property at the top of Benoni Lagoon overlooking Benoni Port is one of the municipality's and the province's prime destinations. The LGU Mahinog has partially developed the area with the construction and establishment of amenities including dormitories, training center, cottages, campsite, parking area, flower garden and nursery.

As such, the eco-park's development is actively being pursued by the LGU, with parallel emphasis on safeguarding and conserving the ecosystem while maximizing its eco-tourism potentials.

PCF Funded

As an SGH awardee last 2011, the LGU utilized its PCF grant worth Php 1M for the expansion of the Queobe Eco-park. With a project cost of Php 1,700,000.00, the construction of a restaurant facility started last January 2012 and completed in October of the same year. The Queobe Restaurant also houses the souvenir shop, kitchen and rest room. The project also includes the concreting of pathway connecting the training hall/cottages/restaurant for convenient access.

Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact

The completed project as part of the continuous improvement of the eco-park further optimizes the potential of the area thus providing employment opportunities, and boosting the local economy while safeguarding and enhancing the environment.

The Mahinog Business Development Office, the economic enterprise of LGU Mahinog, plays a key role in handling the business operation of the restaurant along with other existing facilities, so that the PCF- subsidized project and the Queobe Eco-Park as a whole continues to benefit not just the eco-park's clientele but also the Mahinognons and Camiguinons.



Queobe Eco Park



177
Million Pesos

107
Projects



90 LGUs
in Region 10

Performance Challenge Fund



82.24%
Completed
Projects



153,875
Household
Beneficiaries

72



LED projects

MDG Projects **16**

17

DRRM projects

ENVIRONMENT Projects **2**

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