



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE XI

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SDC) XI MEETING ON 23 MARCH 2011 AT THE NEDA-RDC XI CENTER, BANGKAL, DAVAO CITY

I. Attendance

Twenty-eight officers and members of SDC XI and ten (10) guests were present during the meeting. Seven (7) Secretariat staff provided administrative and technical assistance. *(Please see list in Annex A)*

II. Preliminaries

Director Anthony C. Sales, SDC XI Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 in the morning. Ms. Lucia S. de los Reyes of the Secretariat led the group in prayer and in the singing of the National Anthem. Ms. Catherine A. Laguesma, SDC XI Secretary, introduced and acknowledged those present.

Chairperson Sales thanked everyone for coming on time so that the meeting could start and end early. He committed to give an incentive to the first member to arrive in the succeeding meetings. The incentives would be items/goods from the DOST XI assisted and supported projects. The Chairperson then mentioned that he would like to share 3 important information to the body. The first one was regarding the Fukushima Event. He said that an information bulletin was issued by the DOST-Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) on 22 March 2010 which contains the following information: a) DOST-PNRI is closely monitoring the situation at the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants; b) Japanese recovery operations are continuing and meeting successes including restoration of grid power to Units 1, 2, 5 and 6. Further, large releases of radioactivity remain unlikely to happen; c) The Japanese government is considering relevant precautionary measures and instructed 4 Prefectures around the nuclear plant namely Ibaraki, Gunma, Tochigi, and Fukushima to refrain from distributing 2 types of vegetables (spinach and kakina) from these Prefectures and milk from Fukushima; d) Radiation levels in major Japanese cities have not changed significantly and remain below those which are dangerous to human health; e) The PNRI will continue to conduct radioactivity measurements in food as needed; f) The PNRI radiation level check at PNRI grounds as of 3:00 p.m., March 21, 2011 is 95-122nSv/hr. (nanosieverts per hour), which is considered normal.

The second one was the Sangguniang Panglungsod hearing on the proposal of Therma South Energy Corporation to establish a coal-fired power plant in Davao City. The meeting was scheduled on March 24, 2011, 9:00 A.M., at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panglungsod Bldg., Davao City. The third one was on the Reproductive Health Bill. He said that the bill has been pending for quite a long time already. In line with this, a policy forum shall be conducted by PopCom on March 31 at the Garden Oasis, Obrero, Davao City. The Chair invited the participation of the Committee members in these activities.

III. Approval of the Agenda of the Meeting

Chairperson Sales presented the meeting's agenda for the Committee's approval. The agenda were as follows: a) SDC XI CY 2010 Accomplishment Report and CY 2011 Agenda Forecast; b) Report on the National Social Development Committee Conference on December 2010; c) Proposed RUS Bill; d) Impact of the Middle East and North African (MENA) Region Internal Conflicts on the Davao Region's affected OFWs; e) Report on the Results of the RDC XI Consultations and Review of FY 2012 Budget Proposals of Social Sector Agencies; f) Formulation of the 2011-2016 Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) for the Social Sector; g) Outputs of the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Planning Workshop; h) Proposal on the Updated Profile of Heavy Metal Contamination in Major River Basins in Davao Region; and i) Jose Rizal Awards.

Director Susana B. Estigoy requested that Education for all (EFA) be included under the other matters for discussion.

On motion of PSR Dolores Alegarbes and seconded by PSR Condrado Sillada, the Committee approved the agenda of the meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the SDC XI Meeting held August 23, 2010

Chairperson Sales gave the members some time to read and review the minutes of the previous meeting.

Since there were no corrections on the minutes, Mr. Sillada moved for its approval, which PSR Datu Romero Maing duly seconded.

V. Updates on Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Ms. Laguesma provided updates on the matters arising from the previous meeting:

- 1) On the *2010 Search for Outstanding Volunteers*. There were 3 nominations received: 2 for individual category and 1 for organization category. The nominating agencies, however, have not submitted the documentary requirements for the Search, hence, there was no regional nominee for Region XI in 2010.
- 2) *Agenda items proposed to be included in the 3rd and 4th quarter 2010 meetings: PWD database (DOH); 2008 National Demographic and Health Survey (NSO); 2008 National Nutrition Survey (DOST); National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (DSWD); PHIC coverage of benefits; Proposal on SPMC corporatization; ADB fund for SMEs (HUDCC); Functionality of Local Health Boards (DOH); Community-based Monitoring System (DILG); Minimum Basic Needs (DILG); Updates on the Millennium Development Goals (NSCB); Updates on RUS activities in the region (CHED);and Updates on social sector benchmarking (Secretariat).* These agenda items have been moved for discussion in the succeeding meetings given the reorganization of the sectoral committees of the RDC XI and the activities related to the preparation of the successor RDP, 2011-2016, which have been prioritized during the last meeting of the Committee. Likewise, the Committee was not able to convene in the 4th quarter of 2010 due to the various activities relative to RDP preparations.

- 3) *Study on the aerial spray by the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA)* created Task Force. The Secretariat still has to inquire from FPA on the status of the study. A copy shall be posted in the RDC XI online facility once acquired.
- 4) A copy of the *DOH study on aerial spray*. A copy shall be posted in the RDC XI online facility once acquired. A copy of the study shall be requested from the World Health Organization
- 5) *Special meeting on the child labor issue*. Agencies handling children concerns are yet to be convened for the discussion of the issue.
- 6) *SDC XI reorganization*. The SDC XI Chair and Co-Chair were confirmed by the RDC XI ExCom during its meeting on September 9, 2010;
- 7) *Updates on the RDP, 2011-2016 formulation*. The RDC XI Excom, in its meeting on September 9, 2010, endorsed to RDC XI the Indicators for the Assessment of the 2004-2010 MTRDP. Series of consultations have been undertaken last year, culminating with RDC XI's approval of the RDP, 2011-2016, on October 29, 2010. Currently, the Secretariat is undertaking some revisions on the document based on the RDC XI comments and reconfirming targets with concerned agencies before its final printing.
- 8) *Request for DOLE XI to provide a copy of the Action Plan on Children Backpackers*. OIC-ARD Van Cembrano reported that the barangay has issued a resolution relative to the issue. Also, he said that a CD on the action plan is still with the provincial office of DOLE in Compostela Valley. Relative to this, DOLE XI was also requested to provide the Committee a copy of the resolution, monitor the implementation of the plan, and to provide updates on both the resolution and the action plan in the next SDC XI meeting.
- 9) *Social entrepreneurship concerns* to be taken up by SDC XI. This issue is still to be researched by the secretariat. SDC XI members were encouraged to identify concerns related to this for possible discussion in succeeding meetings.

VI. SDC XI Accomplishment Report and CY 2011 Agenda Forecast

Ms. Laguesma reported on the accomplishments of SDC XI in 2010, as follows: 3 regular and 1 special meetings have been conducted for the year, 17 resolutions were passed namely: a) The endorsement of the TESDA XI project proposal for the establishment and construction of the Korean Language Center and Tae Kwan Do Sports Gymnasium for funding assistance by KOICA; b) the adoption of the proposed guidelines for the preparation and review of the CY AIP of Davao Region; c) The approval of the validated list of priority programs, activities and projects (PAPs) of DepED, DOH, DOLE, DSWD, NCIP, NHA, NNC, TESDA, DNSC, DOSCST, UP Mindanao, USEP and SPAMAST for inclusion in the CY 2011 AIP of Davao Region; d) The nomination of DOST XI Dir. Anthony C. Sales as SDC XI Chair and PSR Ms. Lyda J. Canson as SDC XI Co-Chair for 2010-2013; e) The submission of 38 proposed indicators of the social sector as part of the Plan assessment requirements for the Davao Region Development Plan, 2010-2016.

On the TESDA XI Korean Language Center and gymnasium project, Ms. Arlyn Pama informed the body that TESDA Central Office has endorsed the proposal to KOICA and they are positive that the project will be implemented this year.

Ms. Laguesma then presented the CY 2011 Agenda Forecast. The following items were proposed for discussion in the succeeding regular Committee meetings:

For the 2nd Quarter - PWD database (DOH XI), 2008 National Demographic and Health Survey (NSO XI), 2008 National Nutrition Survey (DOST XI), National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (DSWD XI), 2010 Accomplishment Reports of SDC XI Sub-Committees (DSWD XI); updates on RUS activities (CHED XI), endorsement of Social Sector Project Proposals (Secretariat), and PHIC coverage of benefits.

For the 3rd Quarter - updates on the Millennium Development Goals (NSCB RU XI/DILG XI), updates on social sector benchmarking (Secretariat), Search for 2011 Outstanding Volunteers (Secretariat), updates on RUS activities (CHED XI), functionality of Local Health Boards (DOH XI), and plan implementation monitoring/RPMC report on Social/HRD projects, and social sector project proposals.

For the 4th Quarter - proposal on SPMC Corporatization, ADB Fund for SMEs (HUDCC XI), CBMS (DILG XI), MBN (DILG XI); endorsement of social sector project proposals (Secretariat), results of the 2011 Search for Outstanding Volunteers (Secretariat), updates on RUS activities (CHED XI) and the 2013 Annual Investment Program.

Dir. Lim suggested to include the result of the 2009 Poverty Statistics, which is produced by NSCB-RU XI, in the 2nd quarter meeting.

Ms. Josephine Quianzon of DMSF inquired if land conversion and its impact on the environment can be discussed in the future meetings. Dir. Lim informed the body that the Regional Land Use Committee, a special committee under the RDC XI, is handling issues on land conversion. SDC XI can request updates from RLUC XI on these issues.

Dir. Susana B. Estigoy of DepED XI suggested to include for the 2nd quarter the status of EFA implementation.

On motion of Co-Chair Lyda Canson and seconded by Ms. Irene Montero of CHR XI, the 2011 Agenda Forecast was approved by the body.

On the hosting of the succeeding SDC XI meetings, the following agencies agreed to host, as follows:

<u>Schedule of Meeting</u>		<u>Host Agency/Venue</u>
(2 nd Quarter)	May 26, 2011	DepED XI, Waling-waling Hall
(3 rd Quarter)	August 25, 2011	DOLE XI (catering only)
(4 th Quarter)	November 24, 2011	PASUC c/o USEP

VII. Report on the National Social Development Committee Conference on Dec. 2010

Mr. Noel E. Quiratman of the RDC XI Secretariat provided the Committee a report on his attendance to the National Social Development Conference last December 14-15, 2010 in Manila. He shared that the following items were discussed:

- a) *K+12 Basic Education Program*. The advocacy for a longer formal basic education has gained momentum upon direct policy pronouncement by President Aquino. Thus, DepED proposed the K+12 Basic Education Program, which means basic education will involve kindergarten and 12 years of elementary and secondary education, with the latter increased to 6 years.

The following issues were raised during the conference: the program is a duplication of the kindergarten component of the DSWD Day Care service for children aged 0-4 years old; there is a need to explore various ways of providing financial support for the program's implementation; the program should address the development of specialized skills and employability of students, the need to strengthen teachers' training especially on math and science, as well as, on values education; and the need for more consultations and advocacies on the program.

- b) *NEDA's position on the creation and conversion of State Universities and Colleges*. The NEDA position paper was envisioned as a guide for the Government's executive branch for a more coherent and unified policy on the creation of SUCs. It recommends for the review of CHED Memorandum Order No. 48, series of 1996, advocacy in the RDCs for the strict compliance to conversion guidelines, and a rational classification of public HEIs by RDCs in their respective regions, in the short term. For the long term, government has to promote competitiveness and quality of instruction among public and private providers of higher education rather than spend more in maintaining costly SUCs, adopt direct channelling approach of providing study grants, scholarships and student loans, amend the Higher Education Act (RA 77SS) and Higher Education Modernization Act (RA 8292) to consider specific provisions on the conversion of SUCs, and the passage of an omnibus law to reform and improve the current system of scholarships and student financial assistance.

Relatedly, it was raised that the creation of extension campuses, which has been noted to be sponsored by Members of the House of Representatives, has resulted to the eventual conversion of some of them into SUC campuses. Therefore, there is a need to conduct a study to determine the relevance of existing SUCs, including the creation of new ones, and to validate the need for establishing SUC extension campuses. Also, to apprise the legislators on the merits of rationalizing the establishment of new SUCs and the conversion of basic/vocational/technical schools into SUC extension campuses.

- c) *Regional University System (RUS) Bill for Davao Region*. The RUS model was conceptualized in 2005 consistent with the provisions of PDP, 2004-2010, and the PDP for Higher Education, 2005-2010, to rationalize governance and financing in higher education. This system aims to provide a unified corporate structure to guarantee common academic standards and institutional identity which shall promote fiscal efficiency and democratize access to affordable quality education. The RUS for Davao Region calls for the amalgamation of the region's four SUCs (USEP, DNSC, DOSCST and SPAMAST). This is a pioneering reform which envisions at influencing other HEIs and regions.
- d) *Study on the Regional KALAHI Convergence Group (RKCG)*. The RKCG is the inter-agency and multi-sectoral body mandated to coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regional poverty reduction plans and investment programs, including the formulation of policy recommendations. The study on the RKCG by Dr.

Fernando T. Aldaba validated the need for NAPC's presence at the regional level. It also recommended the continuation of RKCG's existence being a very good mechanism for poverty alleviation program convergence at the regional level. It was discussed though that the NAPC functions can be assumed by the RKCGs which are functional in almost all regions. NAPC shall thus prioritize providing support to the RKCGs to make them more effective.

- e) *Convergence of the social protection programs.* To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the social protection interventions in the country, the government launched the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). Further work, however, is needed to consolidate Government's social protection programs and complement these with the CCT. To reduce poverty and vulnerability and empower the poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable, DSWD has embarked on the convergence and complementation of its core social protection programs as a reengineered poverty reduction strategy. This convergence effort shall be anchored on the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) which will establish a common database on who and where the poor are.
- f) *Draft social chapter of the Philippine Development Plan, 2011-2016.* Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 3, NEDA commenced with the coordination of the formulation of the Philippine Development Plan/Public Investment Program, 2011-2016. The Plan Steering Committee identified five themes which correspond to the Planning Committees (PCs) that were created and tasked to draft the Plan chapters. The Social Development chapter was identified with PC 4, which was renamed as Enhancing Peace and Human Security for Development. It has five sub-committees, namely: 1-health, nutrition and population; 2-education, training and culture; 3-housing and urban development; 4-social protection/asset reform; and 5-peace and security. It was discussed that the PDP should be gender responsive and should include strengthening measures on child and women welfare and development.

Mr. Quiratman also mentioned that regional social development issues and concerns were discussed such as: a) the need to converge nutrition programs and services; b) absence of a national program on protein-energy malnutrition and iron deficiency anemia prevention and control; c) limited scholarship slots for the regions; d) mushrooming of SUCs; e) inadequacy of health personnel; f) jobs-skills mismatch; and g) the need to advocate for increased women participation and representation at the regional level.

He then presented the Secretariat's proposal on SDC's action in relation to the issues and recommendations of the conference:

- a. Favorably consider the recommendations on the proposed K+12 program of DepED and incorporate them in the region's position for consideration in the National Education Summit.
- b. Review and subsequently endorse the RUS Bill to RDC XI to work for its sponsorship by the Members of the House of Representatives from Davao Region and, in relation to this action, call for the strict adherence to policy guidelines on the creation of SUC extension campuses.
- c. In coordination with RKCG XI or any new regional body that shall replace it, pursue the continued adoption of a convergence policy for the region's social development and protection programs.

- d. Pursue the successful implementation of the Davao Region Industry Cluster Human Resource Development Action Plan to address the perennial mismatch of skills and jobs.
- e. Study the applicability of other issues raised and formulate recommendations taking into consideration those reached during the conference.

Dir. Susana Estigoy of DepED XI requested that K+12 be calendared on the 2nd quarter SDC XI meeting. She mentioned that on May 25, a National Education Summit will be held in Manila. She also informed that last March 11, 2011, a regional consultation was conducted by DepED on the K+12 Program which was participated in by various groups such as the LGUs, academe, private schools, teachers, parents, and students. Majority of those who attended the consultation supported the proposal.

Dir. Lim suggested that the preliminary results of the K + 12 regional consultation be presented to the Committee and forward it to the Council Proper, so that the Council could also provide inputs/comments on the program.

VIII. Presentation of the Proposed RUS Bill

Dr. Edward Aquino of CHED XI presented the highlights of the Regional University System (RUS) which is one of the strategic activities under the MTPDP's (2004-2010) goal to rationalize governance and financing of higher education. According to Dir. Aquino, the Long-Term Higher Education Plan, 2001-2010, of CHED states that, as part of the rationalization program, the number of SUCs shall be reduced by at least 10% through the pilot testing of various restructuring models for amalgamation of State Universities and Colleges. In relation to this, he said that governance restructuring of the existing four state universities and colleges (SUCs) on voluntary basis in Region XI under the Regional University System (RUS) shall be implemented.

The four SUCs in the region, consisting of DNSC, DOSCST, SPAMAST and USEP, have agreed and committed themselves to work towards integration as a Regional State University System (RSUS). Dr. Aquino stated that CHED is now in the process of undertaking and supporting complementation activities in regional SUCs as part of the efforts to pilot-test various governance and restructuring models, which is essential and integral to the rationalization of the public higher education system under the Higher Education Development Project.

He further said that in order to ensure the successful implementation of the aforesaid project, there is a need to conduct complementation activities in the 4 SUCs in keeping with the overall strategic direction of the University System while the process of legislation for the integration is underway in both houses of Congress.

Dr. Aquino stressed that the complementation activities among the SUCs consist of institutional strengthening initiatives in key areas such as program harmonization and complementation, human resources development, and policy review and formulation for system-wide adoption, and which shall require the funding assistance from CHED.

He further emphasized that these activities will lay down the foundations for the planned university system by addressing priority areas of development prior to actual integration. He said that the project objectives are:

- Harmonize programs in key disciplines or clusters of discipline towards efficiency, effectiveness, quality and excellence;
- Strengthen human resource in priority areas of specialization;
- Provide customized training for middle and top level executives; and
- Review and formulate synchronized policies for possible system-wide adoption

He informed that a draft bill has been crafted in this regard by the National Technical Working Group on the RUS in coordination with the RUS Local Task Force (LTF) in Davao Region for the Committee's consideration.

Director Lim pointed out that there are still some issues that need to be taken up by the RUS-LTF for the enhancement of the bill. She then suggested that the RUS-LTF further review and come up with the final version of the draft bill. The Committee members concurred to the suggestion. Upon motion by Dr. Alibin of PASUC XI, duly seconded by PSR Alegarbes, the draft bill was endorsed with the condition that the RUS-LTF reviewed/finalized version be submitted for endorsement to RDC XI.

IX. Impact of the Middle East and North African (MENA) Region Internal Conflicts on Davao Region's affected OFWs

Dir. Zenobia Caro of OWWA XI presented updates on the recent development in the Middle East and North African Region.

Country	No. of Workers Affected Davao Region	Particulars
Bahrain	665	Protesters were launched by activists from the Shri'te majority against the Sunnai-led government last month. As of March 17, 2011, 6 OFW dependents availed of the Libreng Tawag in our region. These OFWs are doing good and are awaiting advice from the government if they have to be repatriated.
Saudi Arabia	8,951	All protests and marches have been banned following recent anti-government protests in the Kingdom's east.
Oman	427	On February 27, reports on demonstrations undertaken by about 2,000 Omanis in Sahrar have reached OWWA. Labor Attache Romeo Young has reported though that everything is under control considering the affinitive actions taken by His Majesty on the demands of the demonstrators. All the staff of OWWA have been enjoined to be vigilant and to keep their communication lines open on a 24/7 basis. They are also mobilizing their resources so that they will be able to reach out to all OFWs.
Syria	11	The Philippine government sent a chartered plane to Egypt for the repatriation of Filipinos who have opted to come home because of the hostilities there.

Country	No. of Workers Affected Davao Region	Particulars
Egypt	21	The Phil. Government sent a chartered plane to Egypt for the repatriation of Filipinos who have opted to come home because of the prevailing hostilities.
Yemen	16	As of March 10,2011, DFA asked the Filipinos in Yemen to restrict their movement to only those which are absolutely essential and also to voluntarily depart the country in view of the ongoing tensions. Undersecretary Seguis assured the public that the Embassy's contingency plan in Yemen is updated and in place.
Libya	77	In early February 2011, major political protests (inspired by recent similar events in Tunisia, Egypt and other parts of the Arab world) broke out in Libya against Gaddafi's government. Foreign companies (i.e. oil) operating in Libya, began to repatriate their employees because of the violence in the country.

Dir. Caro pointed out that in Region XI, 44 OFWs availed of the P10,000 financial assistance offered by OWWA. To avail of the assistance, the OFWs just need to present their passports or travel documents and two valid IDs with photo. She mentioned that OWWA will provide assistance to 15 OFW repatriates who decided to put up businesses thru a seminar on how to start a business. This will be done in partnership with DOLE, DTI and TESDA on March 25, 2011. She also said that the services for free calls and processing of financial assistance are still on-going at the OWWA regional office.

Report on Japan

Country	No. of Workers Affected Davao Region	Particulars
Japan	7,385	<p>The DFA urges Filipinos who are within the 20-kilometer radius of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power to evacuate immediately or to those within the 21 to 30 kilometer radius of the plant to stay indoors, as ordered by Japanese authorities.</p> <p>The embassy's five consular missions were able to relocate a total of 139 Filipino nationals. These Filipinos are temporarily housed at a Catholic Church in Kichijogi, the Lighthouse Ministry in Yokohama City, the Franciscan Church in Roppongi in Tokyo, and the Wesley Center at Minami Aoyama.</p> <p>The Embassy will send more buses to Fukushima area, whenever necessary.</p>

Director Lim moved for the adoption of a resolution to institutionalize the work of concerned agencies to continue to help and monitor the affected workers in MENA region and Japan, with OWWA and DOLE working together for the creation of the Task Force. Further, the Task Force shall be composed of OWWA, DOLE, DTI, DSWD, TESDA, DFA, as well as, the DOH which could cater to the psycho social needs of the returning OFWs. Mr. Condrado Sillada seconded the resolution.

X. Firming up of Results Matrix for the Social Development Sector of Davao Region (Chapters 7 and 10 of the DRDP, 2011-2016)

Ms. Laguesma, presented the results matrix for the social development sector of Davao Region which provides the measurable outputs and targets of the sector for the Plan period 2011-2016. She said that the concerned agencies are requested to confirm the figures and submit to the Secretariat revisions, updates & additional data, as necessary. After the presentation, agencies gave their comments on the different indicators mentioned.

Director Lim informed that the results matrix presented is part of the framework of the region's plan and not just random figures. The data are provided by the agencies, hence absolute figures are needed for the measurable outputs/targets of the agencies. She said that the Plan is in the process of finalization and the results matrix is an accompanying document of the plan.

Ms. Rethsebeth Laquihon of NNC XI mentioned that there is the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition. She mentioned that in the plan of action there are several agencies involved in the provision of food supplementation. Relatedly, Ms. Quianzon of DMSF mentioned that Jolibee is their partner in their feeding programs.

Chairperson Sales proposed that a special meeting should be scheduled to develop a convergence framework for nutrition and find out if there are duplications and overlaps to make better the implementation of the nutrition program in the region. He then invited the concerned agencies to provide updates on the results matrix as requested by the Secretariat.

XI. Report on the Results of the RDC XI Consultation and Review of FY 2012 Budget Proposals of Social Sector Agencies

Mr. Quiratman presented a report on the results of the RDC XI consultation and review of the FY 2012 budget proposals of social sector agencies. He said that out of the 19 agencies/SUCs that were requested to submit inputs, 10 submitted their CY 2012 AIPs, 8 submitted their RDIPs, 2011-2016, and 13 submitted their FY 2012 agency budget proposals. A total of P18.254 billion proposed investments for the social sector were submitted for the CY 2012 AIP. On the other hand, the FY 2012 budget proposals endorsed by RDC XI reached P36.385 billion, of which 62.6% is for the social sector.

XII. Presentation on the Outputs of the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Planning Workshop

Mr. Declan Hearne, the Program Coordinator of HELP Davao Network, reported on the IWRM action planning. He shared that the objectives of the action planning workshop were: a) to establish a benchmark on IWRM initiatives completed (or ongoing) in Davao Region; b) to identify current IWRM issues and priority action for 2011-2012; and c) to catalyze stronger

collaboration efforts for IWRM in the Davao Region. Mr. Hearne also mentioned the process of aligning local, national and international initiatives, and IWRM models.

Mr. Hearne then presented the outputs of the planning workshop crafted into resolutions as follows: 1) adoption and implementation of the Davao Water Vision, “Water for a healthy, vibrant and productive society for all Davaoeños”, as a collective vision and aspiration of all water stakeholders in the Davao Region; 2) adoption and implementation of the Davao Water Action Plan as an integral component in the regional development agenda; 3) operationalization and institutionalization of Davao Water Partnership as an open and inclusive partnership to build leadership, commitment, investments for effective IWRM and 4) IWRM adaptation and implementation in Davao Region of a process to promote the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximize the economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems. Mr. Hearne said that there is also a need for the recognition and involvement of the HELP Davao Network as an important partner in providing science-based responses to water challenges and spearhead actions towards the attainment of the Davao Water Vision.

Mr. Hearne also informed that they are developing a training manual on IWRM which can be used by students and teachers alike.

After the presentation, Chairperson Sales echoed that there is a need for agencies to work together for the protection of our water resources. Director Lim then requested that the action plan be presented to the Committee for endorsement to RDC XI.

XIII. Proposal on the Updated Profile of Heavy Metal Contamination in Major River Basins in Davao Region.

The proposal on the updated profile of heavy metal contamination in the major river basins in Davao Region was presented by Dr. Helen Pondevida. She informed that the project is a multi-institutional effort coordinated by DOST XI. The objectives of the proposal are: a) to create a profile of heavy metal contamination in critical river basins of the region; b) to establish baseline information for all future monitoring and development activities; and c) to recommend standard protocol for monitoring heavy metals across the region. She said that the metals to be measured include mercury, lead and cadmium. The first batch of rivers to be covered by the study are: a) Sumlog River and Mayo River in Davao Oriental ; b) Kingking River and Naboc River in Compostela Valley; c) Hijo River and Libuganon River in Davao del Norte; d) Davao River and Bunawan River in Davao City; and e) Malalag River and Sibulan River in Davao del Sur. The other rivers in the region shall be considered in the succeeding batch.

She shared that the methodology would involve water sampling during the dry month of April and wet month of July; afterwhich, the water samples will be analyzed by accredited laboratories. The results will be interpreted per province which will then make up the region’s profile. The reports will be made public. She said that total budget for the proposal amounts to P1,919,440.00. The participating institutions are DOST XI, DCWD, DENR-EMB XI, BFAR XI, DOH XI, MGB XI, Davao Medical Society, RECORD Foundation, Inc., HELP Davao Network, the LGUs of the 5 provinces; State/Private Universities such as DNSC, DOSCST, SPAMAST, UP Mindanao, USEP, UIC and AdDU.

Dr. Pondevida pointed out that the personnel that will be involved in the project will work on a part time basis and would mostly come from the academe. She informed though that some personnel from the LGUs will be trained to take samples from the rivers in their locality.

Chairperson Sales suggested that a full blown TOR be submitted to the RDC XI where the roles and responsibilities of each entity will be spelled out. A regular report to the Council shall also be made.

Upon motion of Ms. Esmeralda Bermejo of Davao City and seconded by Dr. Aquino, the proposal was approved for submission to RDC XI.

XIV. Presentation on the Jose Rizal Awards with the theme “Mga Makabagong Rizal: Pag-asa ng Bayan”

Ms. Laguesma presented the salient features of the Makabagong Rizal Awards. She mentioned that the Philippine Center for Gifted Education (PCGE), in cooperation with the National Historical Commission (NHC), the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), and Tanghalang Filipino, is hosting the Awards and has requested RDC XI to come up with the names of nominees for Davao Region. The general objective of the Awards is to identify 35 children and youth who will commit themselves to the ideals of the National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. They will take an oath to be exemplars of what the Filipino should stand for and commit their lives in motivating other Filipinos to do the same.

Ms. Laguesma conveyed that the criteria for the search covers excellence in individual areas of interest and skills as represented by Gardner’s multiples intelligences: linguistic, logical-mathematical, visual-spatial, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalistic intelligences.

For the age categories include:

Elementary	Grades 3 to 6
Secondary	First to Fourth Year High School
Tertiary	Enrolled in a tertiary or voc tech program and Out of school youth who are enrolled in short term courses

She explained further that other criteria shall be considered such as the nominee:

- Has concretely shown love of country
- Has shown a vision for the Philippines
- Has a firm grasp of Philippine reality
- Has courage to work for change even if it means being different
- Has unbending ethics
- Has shown honesty, integrity in work, relationships and other activities
- Has shown the ability to appreciate, understand interconnectedness of people, things and one’s transformative role in society at the level of the nominees (child, youth)

The Committee members were encouraged to generate and submit nominations for submission to RDC XI not later than 30 April.

XV. Other Matters

EFA-TWG concerns

Dir. Estigoy informed the members that even though Region XI has already organized its EFA-TWG, it is non-operational. She requested that DepED be given the time to discuss on the EFA implementation.

Director Lim informed that as the Chair of the EFA-TWG, DepED can already invite the EFA-TWG member agencies, including the LGUs, to participate in a meeting called for the purpose.

Chairperson Sales requested that SDC XI be provided with the minutes of the meeting of the EFA-TWG.

XVI. Adjournment

There being no other matters to discuss, Ms. Regina Fernandez of DAP moved for the adjournment of the meeting, which was duly seconded by Dr. Lilibeth Malabanan of NCIP.

The meeting ended at 2:45 p.m.

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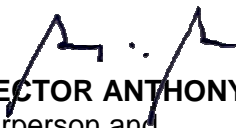
CATHERINE A. LAGUESMA
Secretary

Attested by:



DIRECTOR MARIA LOURDES D. LIM
Vice-Chairperson, RDC XI

Approved by:



DIRECTOR ANTHONY C. SALES
Chairperson and
Presiding Officer

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

March 23, 2011

NEDA-RDC XI Convention Hall
Bangkal, Davao City

ATTENDANCE

	Name	Agency
1.	Dir. Anthony C. Sales Chairperson, SDC XI	DOST XI
2.	Ms. Lyda J. Canson Co-Chairperson, SDC XI	PSR, RDC XI
3.	Dir. Maria Lourdes D. Lim Vice-Chairperson, SDC XI	NEDA XI
4.	ARD Bonifacio G. Uy Secretary, RDC XI	NEDA XI
5.	Dir. Edward Aquino	CHED XI
6.	Dir. Susana Teresa B. Estigoy	DepEd
7.	Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin	PASUC
8.	Dir. Romel L. Lagahit	PCUP XI
9.	Ms. Josephine Quianzon	DMSF-IPHC
10.	Ms. Regina Fernandez	DAP sa Mindanao
11.	Datu Romeo Maing	PSR, RDC XI
12.	Ms. Dolores Alegarbes	PSR, RDC XI
13.	Mr. Conrado Sillada	PSR, RDC XI
14.	Engr. Rosemarie B. Taasan	HUDCC
15.	Dir. Alberto B. Sipaco rep. by Ms. Irene T. Montero	CHR XI
16.	Atty. Annabelle B. Rosell rep. by ARD Gaudencio Dionela, Jr.	CSC XI
17.	Dir. Joffrey M. Suyao rep. by OIC-ARD Venancio Cembrano	DOLE XI
18.	Dir. Ester A. Versoza rep. by Mr. Alfred Sy	DSWD XI
19.	Dir. Leonor O. Quintayo rep. by Dr. Lilibeth Malabanan	NCIP XI
20.	Dir. Maduh A. Damsani rep. by ARD Ervin Dalog	PopCom XI
21.	Ms. Ma. Teresa Ungson rep. by Ms. Retsebeth Laquihon	NNC XI
22.	Dir. Elmer K. Talavera rep. by Ms. Arlyn Pama	TESDA XI
23.	Dr. Gilda C. Rivero rep. by Prof. Vic Calag	UP Mindanao

	Name	Agency
24.	Mr. Romeo Celeste rep. by Ms. Alicia Graciadas	PPDO, ComVal
25.	Mr. Freddie Bendulo rep. by Mr. Kent Dan Albite	PPDO, Davao Oriental
26.	Engr. Josie Jean Rabanoz rep. by Mr. Nelson F. Plata	PPEDO, Davao del Norte
27.	Mr. Romeo Aniñon rep. by Ms. Aida C. Gabales	PPDO, Davao del Sur
28.	Ms. Aurora M. Lauron rep. by Ms. Marites C. Pintoy	CPDO, Panabo City
29.	Mr. Roberto P. Alabado III rep. by Ms. Esmeralda G. Bermejo	CPDO, Davao City

Guests

1.	Dr. Irvin C. Generalao	SPAMAST
2.	Mr. Declan Hearme	HELP Davao
3.	Dr. Helen Pondevida	USEP
4.	Ms. Yvette E. Monarca	CSC XI
5.	Ms. Catherine D. Acosta	DepEd XI
6.	Dr. Nelia A. Alibin	CHED XI
7.	Dr. Grace G. Lopez	DOSCST
8.	Dir. Zenobia L. Caro	OWWA XI

Secretariat

1.	Ms. Catherine A. Laguesma
2.	Mr. Noel E. Quiratman
3.	Ms. Marivic C. Natividad
4.	Ms. Lucia s. de los Reyes
5.	Ms. Felicidad M. Rabe
6.	Ms. Mia Glenda G. Aracid
7.	Ms. Marites O. Hidalgo