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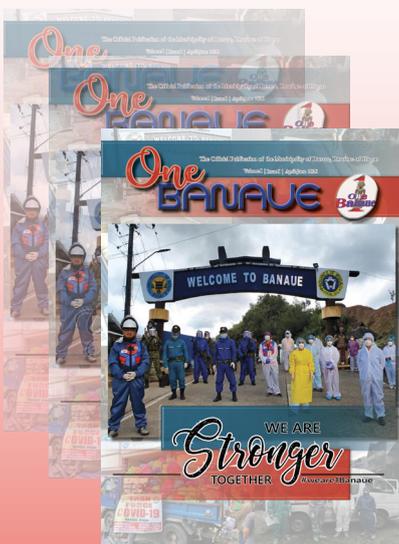


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About the cover



One Banaue “*We are Stronger Together*” **Issue** highlights the dedication and efforts of our frontliners.

As Ibanawor, we face this global health crisis and stand behind our frontliners who do their best to ensure that the community continues to be served.

As Ibanawor, we pitch in by practicing health protocols, and be frontliners in our homes and in our immediate environs.

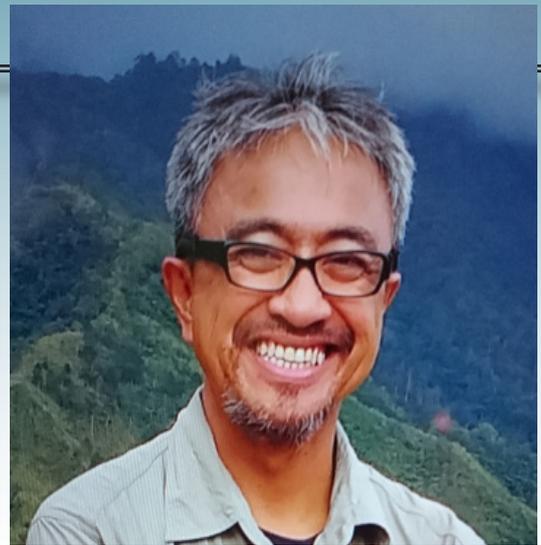
As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we stand together with our leaders and frontliners, balancing our economic activities while staying healthy and safe.

Together we are **Stronger**, for we are **One Banaue**.

Mayor's Message

"I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

- Etienne de Grellet



Well, thank goodness, I passed through this way again. It had been more than 18 years since I left Banaue to search for a living in Manila. Who would have ever thought I would be coming back again?

I had many years of successful work with local and foreign organizations here and abroad, but my heart and mind led me back to Banaue. Thank you to all the people who helped make this comeback possible. The second half of 2019 gave me the opportunity to reunite with former colleagues, meet new people and reorient myself back to local governance.

And now, with 2020 coming to a close, I look back on this year with mixed emotions. There have been many challenges, such as earlier in the year with the African Swine Fever outbreak and of course, the still on-going COVID-19 pandemic. There was also the Sumigar landslide tragedy that caused the death of ten victims so close to the Christmas season.

I, and all your servant-leaders in the LGU, daily keep the balance between opening Banaue to the outside world and keeping our community COVID-safe. The lockdown worldwide hurt businesses. Many have lost their jobs and livelihood. Government assistance, though welcome, may not be enough for all of us, for a long time.

Clarissa Pinkola Estes, a writer said, Do not lose heart. WE WERE MADE FOR THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. Ibanawors are made for these difficult times. If we weren't, how else could we have summoned the spirit of badchang to support frontliners, to donate, to volunteer, to cook, to drive and to operate the checkpoints?

If we weren't made for these difficult times, how else could we have pitched in to assist the search in Sumigar, to support the rescuers and the families of those who were lost to us? If we weren't made for these difficult times, then you would not have cooperated by wearing masks, avoiding mass gatherings, and physically distancing. If we weren't made for these difficult times, then we would not have looked out for each other, and COVID-19 would have entered Banaue and we would be in deeper crisis. If we weren't made for these difficult times, then we would not have supported our farmers and workers, and those who lost their livelihood, in any way we could.

These trying times have proven that we are stronger when we work together. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to the frontliners for their hard work and dedication, to the LGU officials and staff, and government personnel for their passion and support, volunteers, donors from here and abroad, and to our people for their cooperation and understanding. We will get through all these hardships because we are One Banaue.



ENROLLMENT OF BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE

The Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) is currently steering the enrollment/registration of Basic Sectors in Agriculture to the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA). Basic Sectors of Agriculture (BSA) includes all farmers, farm laborer or workers, fisherfolk, fishery operators, and fish workers. They must be a Filipino citizen and at least 18 years old at the time of registration.

RSBSA refers to the electronic compilation or database of information of BSA and target beneficiaries of agriculture-related programs and services of the government. MAO first conducted an orientation to the Liga ng mga Barangay last January 17, 2020 to solicit their assistance and support for the immediate registration of farmers and fisherfolk in their area of jurisdiction.

To date, MAO recorded 3,400 enrolled farmers, farm laborers and fisherfolk in the RSBSA from the 18 barangays. Most of the enrollees are rice farmers. MAO is encouraging all Basic Sectors in Agriculture in Banaue to enlist themselves in the RSBSA since this is a requirement and basis for receiving or availing of government services in agri-fishery particularly programs and projects of the Department of Agriculture, its bureaus, attached agencies and corporations. The Department of Budget and Management is also using this tool to allocate funds for various government agencies implementing agricultural support programs.

To be enlisted in the RSBSA, registrants are requested to visit the office for assistance in signing the registration form. Registrants also are required to bring one ID picture (size: 2x2), a valid government issued ID such as TIN Card, PRC, Postal ID, Voters ID, Senior Citizen ID, etc. Registrants without a valid ID can present a duly signed barangay certification validating their permanent address. Registrants are also required to present evidences of farming activities. Rice and vegetable farmers can bring photocopies of land titles, certificates of land ownership or deeds of donation/ lease of agreement or geotagged photos of their farms. Livestock, poultry, fisherfolk and farm laborers are required to present a duly signed certification by the Punong Barangay specifying the number of heads of animals they are raising, the area of fish production, and a description for farmer laborers.

With the government's numerous upcoming programs and projects for farmers, all basic sectors in Banaue, especially the small farmers organizations, must enroll themselves and be empowered so as not to be left behind.



RUBY ANN C. GUMAYON
Agricultural Technologist

Palakihin ang Ani at Kita, Magparehistro na!

Magparehistro sa Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) para makasali sa mga programa ng Kagawaran ng Pagsasaka.

PAANO MAGPAREHISTRO?

1. Pumunta sa C/MAO na sakop ng inyong sakahan.
2. Sa tulong ng C/MAO, punan ang enrollment form at dalhin ang mga sumusunod:
 - government issued ID o sertipikasyon mula sa barangay
 - opisyal na kopya ng titulo ng lupa o kasunduan ng renta ng mayari.
3. Matapos tanggapin ang RSBSA enrollment sheet, ikaw ay kwalipikado nang makalahok sa anumang programa ng kagawaran.

Para sa karagdagang katanungan, makipag-ugnayan sa:

NAME: _____
CONTACT NO: _____
ADDRESS: _____

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Municipal Agriculture Office corner

Stay Home, Where the Heart is

The whole world is watching how the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds. The Department of Health (DOH) issues daily reports on the number of new confirmed cases, recovered patients and deaths nationwide and region-wide. Trends are increasing everywhere.

Ifugao has had confirmed COVID-19 cases so our little town of Banaue remains vigilant. Possible cases of COVID-19 infections originate from outside our town. The Rural Health Unit (RHU) is an arm of the Municipal COVID-19 Task Force headed by the Mayor, Dr. John Raymund Wesley A. Dulawan. The Task Force checks all incoming travelers to our town, especially Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) coming home from “hot spots” or provinces, cities and municipalities with confirmed COVID-19 cases. At the checkpoints, LSIs pass through a triage where medical examination and rapid antibody test are done. They are all subjected to a mandatory 14-day quarantine. Those coming from hot spots are quarantined at the Municipal Quarantine Facility, while those from low-risk areas are monitored at their homes, and are required to follow strict health protocols. If the rapid test is reactive, they stay at the isolation area in the Banaue Hostel, and subjected to Nasopharyngeal Swab for confirmatory test.

Banaue is thankful that the Tourism Infrastructure Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), as mandated by the National Government, allowed the Banaue Hotel and Youth Hostel to be used as a temporary home for LSIs for 14 days. Last May up to June 15, the Immaculate Conception School (ICS) also served as a quarantine facility when the Provincial Local Government assisted a total of 222 stranded kabobleyans who came home in two batches during the “Oplan Gawid” program of the Governor’s Office. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Bishop Valentin Dimoc through Fr. Felix Bay-ong for making ICS a happy place for those who underwent the required 14-day quarantine period.

At the end of June, Banaue had a total cumulative possible cases of seven hundred eleven (711). Thirty (30) were housed at the Banaue Hotel and twenty-one (21) were on home quarantine. From ECQ to GCQ to MGCQ, whatever CQ we call it, we are still on community quarantine. We will not put our guards down.

COVID-19 is a new virus. Its nature is still not well known. No one was prepared for this pandemic. But as with any virus, the most effective way to control infection is to undergo 14-day quarantine or isolation. With a vaccine still being developed, the best antidote is to prevent COVID-19 transmission and infection.

For us who are home, let us stay home. If we need to go out for essential reasons, always wear a mask, wash hands often with soap and water, and practice physical distancing. Avoid crowded places, mass gatherings and crowd-drawing activities. Drink vitamins, especially vitamin C, and eat fruits and vegetables to boost our immunity. Be mindful of our cough etiquette.

Be involved. All of us, the entire Ibannawor in all barangays are now frontliners. We encourage everyone in Banaue to report to the barangay officials, health personnel in the BHS or the RHU if you have relatives or neighbors who came home so that the RHU staff can check if they were screened by our triage team.

For LSIs coming home, your best contribution to the community is to complete the 14-day quarantine. By doing so, you are preventing any possible spread of infection or exposure.

I am really grateful that I am home-based now. I thank God for this blessing and I share this blessing in fervent prayers. I will still choose to be home-based in Banaue even if it means being 24/7 on duty or on call during this pandemic. Banaue is home sweet home.



RAQUEL A. REBOLLEDO, MD

Municipal Health Officer



The COVID-19 pandemic is having and will have a histrionic bearing on the lives of every individual around the globe. It is seriously affecting lives, health, the economy and people's ways of living.

Banaue is globally known for its majestic rice terraces manually carved from hills and mountainsides. Agriculture is still the primary source of livelihood for majority of its inhabitants, while others focus on doing trade and commerce. For a long time, the lives of the people revolved around the rice terraces spawning tourism and other related activities making these a major source of livelihood as well. People are now engaged in tour guiding. There are a good number of entrepreneurs who operate local shops offering antiques, handwoven fabrics and locally made woodcrafts and handcrafts for sale. Others operate hotels, lodges, inns, homestays and similar related establishments such as restaurants and bars offering their services for tourists and travellers, both local and foreign. The influx of tourists also paved the way for some to engage in the transportation business operating tricycles and jeeps that ferry travelers to and from the tourist spots.

With a landscape majestic enough to awe the world comes a culture as vibrant as the terraces. Banaue has a culture of kinship which extends even to the farthest of cousins. This is manifested through social gatherings like chewing "moma," "vapor," "honga," and "tanig," among others, where the farthest of relatives are called upon to attend these occasions. If there be one thing to be proud of, it is the practice of "vadchang" or the culture of bayanihan. This concept enables every family to extend help in times of needs, like fixing eroded rice terraces, harvesting vast fields, extending support when a neighbor or community member passes away and other similar charitable acts.

The year 2020 is rough enough to challenge the world. Of course, Banaue was not spared. The COVID-19 pandemic has created devastating effects on Banaue's social, economic, and political landscape. With travel restrictions being imposed not just locally but internationally, Banaue's tourism industry suffered a serious blow. Tour guides did not have any income for months, and local shops have closed. Hotels, lodges, inns, homestays and similar establishments have shut down with a couple of establishments transformed into quarantine facilities. Restaurants and bars became silent and the transportation industry was put to rest. Alas, like a strike of lightning, the tourism industry ceased.

Restrictions on public gatherings and community mobility challenged Banaue's culture of kinship. Weddings were cancelled, "vapor" were reset, attendance to wakes was limited, and to a greater extent, religious gatherings were restricted. And up to when these will continue is yet to be answered.

The COVID-19 pandemic is teaching us to go back to basics. Traversing the route of Poblacion to Viewpoint, Banaue, one would see rice fields previously abandoned for years that are now being tilled. Although local shops, hotels, lodges and homestays have shut down, the rice terraces will always be there. The farmers tending these rice fields feel less affected by the pandemic, and they will continue to survive for as long the terraces will provide them with food.



KENDALL PUNG-AO T. IMMOLIAP

Municipal Administrator

While health experts say going back to basics means eating a healthy diet, having regular exercise, and getting nourishing sleep, going back to basics can also mean enlivening the terraces and the accompanying practices which have reared generations of Ibannawor, to counter this pandemic which paralyzed our economy. Many countries that turned industrialized after the second World War are already going back to agriculture to sustain their living. We do not know when this will last. Industries may close, businesses may be set aside, but our soil will always be there to nurture us, if we nurture it as well.

Lastly, in combating this pandemic, we need to also go back to the basics of "vadchang." It is a chance for us to rely on our social norms of camaraderie and cooperation. With concerns over possible local transmissions, we must wash our hands regularly and if we feel unwell, seek medical assistance. Let us wear a mask and avoid unnecessary contact with others. As our local government has been stressed, the fight against this pandemic is a shared responsibility of everybody, which is the spirit of "vadchang." All of these may cause us inconvenience, but let us be patient and work hand-in-hand. Let us show concern for one another for we are one Banaue.



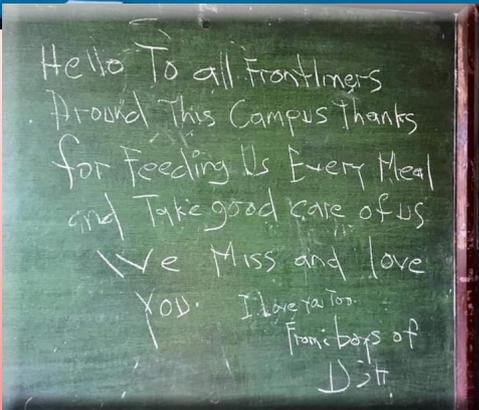
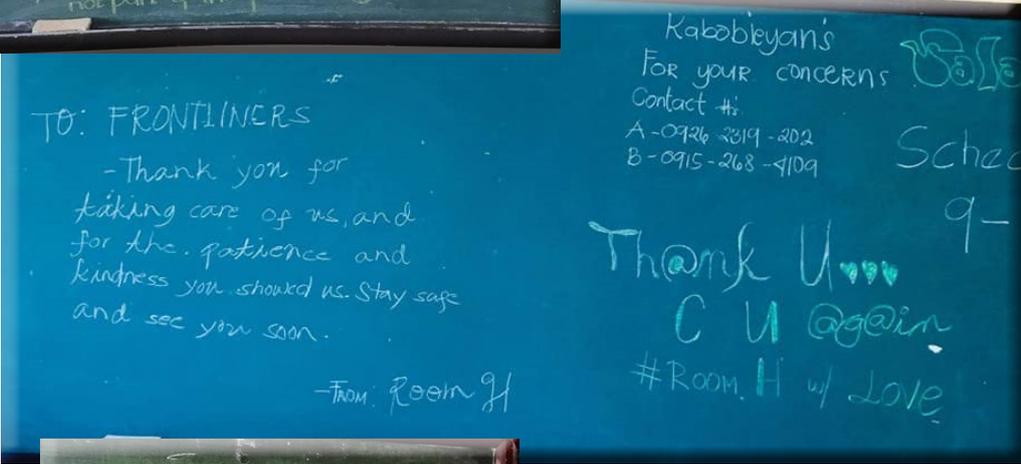
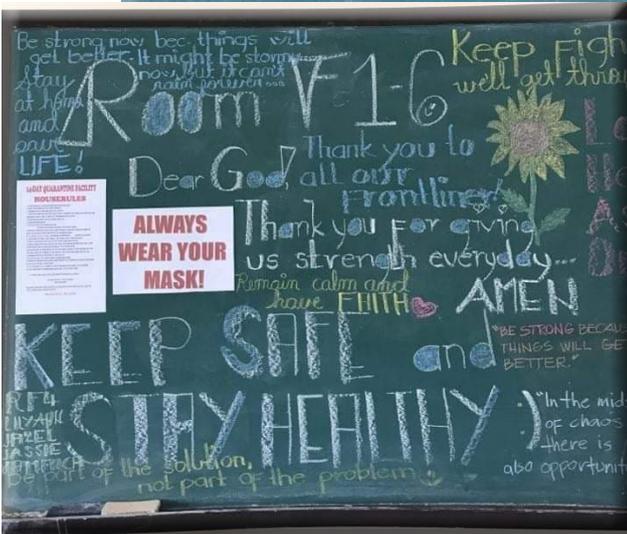
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Municipal Administrator's corner

Thank you



Notes from
Locally Stranded
Individuals found
in the Municipal
Quarantine Facilities





by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

What were your thoughts when the Luzo-wide Enhanced Community Quarantine was first enforced?

Probably mixed. The no-work no-pay scheme must have made your head spin and made you think about where to get extra cash. But on the brighter side, staying at home meant having more cuddle time with your loved ones.

While some of us struggled and continue to find it hard staying home watching, gardening, baking and waiting for what's coming next, some are risking their lives day-by-day to make sure this pandemic will be controlled. This is true not just for the entire world but also for Banaue. Frontliners are the Warriors of History.

Health workers

Since the first COVID-19) case was confirmed in the Philippines on 30 January, they were the very first troops to be summoned to the frontline. They were there not just to cure citizens but also to protect our nation making sure that the unseen enemy would not penetrate into our homes.

Knowing they were understaffed due to their fellow workers having to go through quarantine themselves, they had to face longer shifts and inevitably expose themselves longer to infected individuals. In Banaue, they are on duty almost 24/7 to protect the community and also most importantly, their families.

There were many health workers who passed away fulfilling their sworn duties until the end of their abilities.

You will not be forgotten. We will follow health protocols so your sacrifices will not be in vain.

Uniformed personnel

The community quarantines were enforced to restrain people from going out of their homes unless absolutely essential, to prevent the spread of the virus. Our uniformed personnel were immediately deployed and checkpoints were set-up right away.

There are people who have to work outside of their homes to keep the food chain, trade and other essential activities flowing. But there are also many people who risked themselves, their families and the entire community not just by going out for unnecessary activities but also joined mass gatherings. These make the job of our uniformed personnel harder. This is what the actress Kim Chui would like us to understand in her viral video, "Bawal Lumabas."





Government officials, social workers, emergency responders, kitchen, drivers and logistics staff, volunteers, donors

We always see commendations for our health and military frontliners which they fully deserve. But they are not alone in the fight against COVID-19 as there is an entire network keeping Banaue safe in this time of crisis.

Our leaders and local government officials protect our frontliners and citizens by ensuring that policies are in place to enforce health protocols, allocate budgets to support frontline work and help tide the economic fallout of many residents whose livelihoods were affected by the pandemic.

Our officials bring our citizens back home safe and secure, and make sure they have enough resources to live by whether they are inside or outside of Banaue.

Our dedicated social workers reach out to our citizens, especially the seniors and indigents, and deliver assistance from the government into their homes, near or far.

Emergency responders are always on duty to make sure everyone is safe in their houses, and brought to hospitals if needed.

Our kitchen, drivers and logistics staff who are committed to serve foods on time and support our busy frontliners, workers and LSIs in quarantine.

Our volunteers provide the municipality's support system in everything. All-around players who lend their presence, labor, skills and time to protect our land.

Our donors whose kindness and generosity provide food, protective equipment and cash aids to augment funds needed for us to survive through this crisis.

These people who protect and serve our community cannot fight the pandemic by themselves.

Our dear Ibanawor, we need you. Let us all abide and follow the health protocols, be compassionate and understanding in this time of crisis.



Power of the mind

We create the symptoms!

by Reden D. Tid-ong

COVID-19 has put many people in misery. Infected people live in agony and despair, wondering when this will end.

The continuous increase of positive cases in the whole world with the United States as the most infected country has caused fear and panic not just among U.S. citizens but also in other countries including the Philippines. Raising awareness about the symptoms of COVID-19 is important since this virus strikes people in different ways. According to the American Psychological Association (APA), this pandemic is both an epidemiological and psychological crisis with extensive job losses, financial hardships, isolation and grief over the deaths of our loved ones, and the rising anxiety about the ever increasing numbers of cases we hear in the news. COVID-19 has greatly affected many people's mental health and well-being.

The World Health Organization (WHO) classified the symptoms of COVID-19 from most common to serious. Aside from the physical symptoms, the APA also listed these signs to watch out for: anxiety, panic attack and depression. Seek medical attention and ask for support if you experience one or more of these symptoms.

Aside from washing our hands regularly (not to the extent that we develop an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder or OCD), social distancing (please! 1 meter away from me) and using hand sanitizer or alcohol (spray! Spray! Covid please go away), we must also take care our mental health just as we fully take care of our physical health. Here are some things to care for our mental well-being:

- Take a break from watching, reading or listening to news and social media since hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be stressful. Take deep breaths, stretch and meditate.
- Eat healthy and well-balanced food that provide nutrients to your body and brain, Exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some activities you enjoy (backyard gardening, reading, watching movies, cooking, baking and others.)
- Connect with others. Try talking about your concerns and feeling with families, friends, teachers and LGU staff and workers who are trustworthy and can help you.

The rapid test result of one returnee showed that she was reactive, and had to be put in quarantine at the Banaue Youth Hostel. While waiting for the results of her confirmatory swab test, she felt anxious that she might have infected the members of her family, particularly her child. She never told her family the result of her rapid test to prevent them from worrying.

During the quarantine, her optimism won over her worries and restlessness. She said, "based on my experience, I suggest that they stay positive. They can read books, watch movies with comedy and love story themes, not those with tragic plots, and sad videos. Exercise like zumba is great to relieve stress. Connecting online with your loved ones and friends who will lighten up your feeling also is good."

She added that the Banaue LGU is doing its best to make the municipality safe from COVID. Some people who have been exposed to COVID-positive cases or had been infected faced stigma. To heal as one, we have to be stronger together since we are One Banaue.

	Signs & Symptoms
COVID 19	-Most Common Symptoms: Fever, Dry Cough and Tiredness -Less Common Symptoms: aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes -Serious Symptoms: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure, loss of speech or movement.
ANXIETY	-Persistent worry or feeling overwhelmed by emotions. -Excessive worry about a thing (ex. Health problems or finances) -Restlessness and irritability. -Feeling pain of the body, difficulty concentrating, sleep problem.
PANIC ATTACK	-Sweating, trembling, shortness of breath or a feeling of choking. -A pounding heart or rapid heart rate, and feelings of dread. -Such attacks often happen suddenly, without warning and being fearful.
DEPRESSION	-A lack of interest and pleasure in daily activities. -Significant weight loss or gain. -Lack of energy or an inability to concentrate. -Feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt. -Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide.

People may confuse the symptoms of COVID-19 with some of the psychological crises experienced by individuals who are unable to handle the effects of the pandemic to their mental health. The late Bob Marley, a Jamaican musician sang, "Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery. None but ourselves can free our mind."





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In behalf of the organization ya we are lucky te ongongar ladta natanggap mi compared paman inan ujum. Ongar an pasalamat mi.

Ben Dalipe Jr. - BILTODA Secretary

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I am so grateful ofcourse for them. Especially to OKADA where even though they are not in anyway related to us, they were able to help us through the LGU.

Mr. Gary Umbao - Tour guide

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The spread of COVID-19 had a negative impact on informal laborers, contractals those who receive wages below minimum and who live from paycheck to paycheck. . The government provided cash aid, food packages and relief to tide over these workers but with the widespread economic crisis, other sectors have stepped in to augment limited public resources.

The nationwide lockdowns in other parts of the world halted tourism in Banaue, which is one of the main sources of income for many Ibanawor sectors. More than 300 individuals dependent on tourism were severely affected. Some found alternative income sources but majority needed support. Private organizations such as the OKADA Foundation Incorporated, a Japanese foundation, partnered with the MLGU to donate PhP 200,000 used to procure and distribute 250 sacks of rice (25 kilos each). The food aid was given to 364 registered tricycle and jeepney drivers and tour guides.



Feature

Great-tittude

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

Heart of the blessed, soul of the grateful

Our government leaders are exhausting all its resources to provide for the needs of the people in this time of crisis. According to the Philippine Information Agency, the Department of Social Welfare Development has released more than PhP80 billion for the implementation of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP). Qualified beneficiaries from 1,515 Local Government Units in the country received Php 5,500 each from our government. The least we could do is to thank the people who wholeheartedly worked to make these thing possible for us-SAP beneficiaries.



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Aji mi mai vaggad hiten injat yu i haon ngem okod hi maknongan.

(We can never pay you back but God will.)

*Emilia Udiam Ammog - 79 y/o
Banao*

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Mun yamana' ta inyari yu a pun diaper u ya pun agas u. Indanun yu pay hitu.

(I'm grateful for you were able to give me cash for my diapers and medicines. You were even able to deliver it here.)

*Inbu'an Bayucca Bornag - 103 y/o
View Point*

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Salamat hi ongar iten intulung yu i ja'mi aduwan an timpu. Okod moh ma'nongan an munbante i ja'au.

(Thank you so much for this help. I know that God will guide you always.)

*Luis G. Lupais - 103 y/o
View Point*

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Ongor punyamana' ituwe an injat yu an tulung ihaon. Oya, inan Mayor tuu te jin himakit gitang u ijin pila ya in check-upa ya pinumhod peman teya. Wa emo tinigo' hi mahkit gitang na ya intudu' nan excercise an inbagana.

*Liza Namalmag
Uhaj*

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**Aji' man
alan hinuy
te aggyu u
inringotan**

*Emilio Dulnuan Benhoc - 39 y/o
Pula*

Throughout the country, the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) received various feedback. There were many questions on the selection and screening of recipients, long processes in downloading from the national government that led to some delays in distribution to the barangays. There were many untold stories about how some Ibannawor gave others their SAP.

In Barangay Pula, Emilio Dulnuan Benhoc, 39, refused to receive his PhP5,500. Although he was identified and qualified as a SAP recipient being a laborer, Benhoc did not present himself on April 22, 2020 during the distribution at Ngongong, Pula. He said, *“Aji' man alan hinuy te aggyu u inringotan”* (I will not get that because it did not come from my own sweat).

Instead, the SAP amount was realigned to a solo parent beneficiary from Barangay Bangaan.

by Reden D. Tid-ong

AN ACT OF Greatness A Blessing FOR OTHERS

A mother from Barangay Tam-an, who wanted to remain anonymous, returned the PhP1000 the Banaue LGU sent to her stranded child.

She said, *“Uray aji yu ipaw-itan nan inbalek ot kaya mi met pay, ijat yu nalang hi nan ujum an mas munkailangan”* while returning the money to Jonas P. Bustamante, an LGU employee. The money was given back to the Treasury Office. Who is this kind-hearted mother?

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**Uray aji yu
ipaw-itan nan
inbalek ot
kaya mi met
pay, ijat yu
nalang hi nan
ujum an mas
munkailangan**

Anonymous



While almost everyone wanted to be included in every program set by the government, there are some who also refuse. Although they don't have a lot, they still cared enough to give way for others whom they felt needed the funds more than they did. The generous heart of an Immipugo still prevails in these two people, and many others whose stories will remain untold. It's not about pride but how they care for others who are less fortunate than them. In these trying times, if Juan received something, Pedro must have it, too. These kind-hearted Ibannawor and many like them are blessings to the lives of others.

Untold Feelings

by Reden D. Tid-ong

It was late one night when a commotion caught my attention. Two people were fighting in the street. Bystanders appealed for them to stop and just go home. I approached and found out that one of those arguing had just finished his 14-day quarantine at the Immaculate Conception School. He was crying angrily having been mocked to be COVID-19 positive. The other person countered that it was just a joke, but the guy was deeply hurt, feeling the stigma usually felt by those who had been quarantined whether they were infected by the virus or not. Having been away from home for long months, there was eagerness in his heart to go home where he thought his community welcomed his return.

Banaue is enforcing the "Anti-COVID-19 Discrimination Ordinance" which prohibits and penalizes any form of discrimination against medical and non-medical frontliners and persons who are suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases. We are all in this together, we will heal as one.

QUARANTINE CONFESSIONS

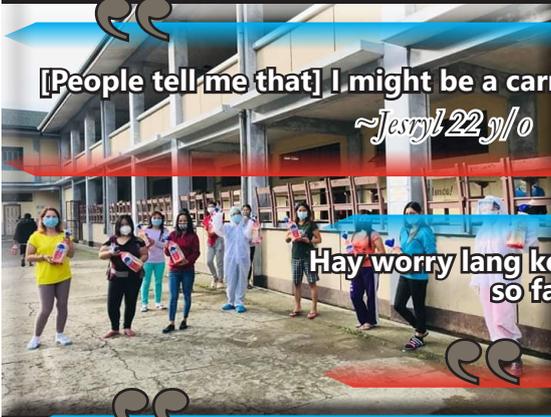
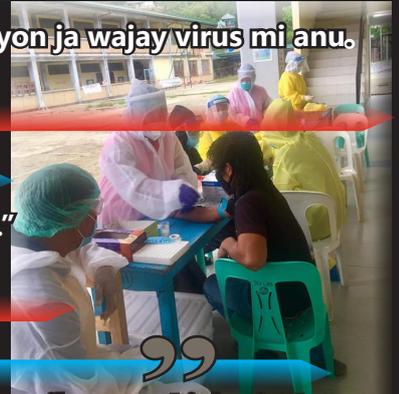
“ Kayago ahan, an he panigo yun haon ya napnuwan hi sakit. Nunquarantine ak met ahan. Nagawid ta garud ti mid anon hinan nihaadan ti mid ah aton an muntamu ya. Ajiak anu ognan I jahyu t waday sakit ku. ~Mark 22 y/o ”

“ Lumayo-layo ami anu te paalpas quarantine mi, on ayyon ja wajay virus mi anu. ~Ella 22 y/o ”

“ [People tell me that] I might be a carrier of the virus. I might be infected.” ~Jesryl 22 y/o ”

“ Hay worry lang ketdi ya baka tumaot ujum an tagu an mihaggon I jahmi. Ngem so far ya mayat met pakitungon ji majamu an tatagu. ~Dasbielle 23 y/o ”

“ My kabarangay might be afraid an mihiggon I haon especially my kids and family. So far ya ok naman atleast daw an naka-awid ami an safe, mid met a reactions ja happy ja lang ta immanamut ami ~Joiedy 23 y/o ”



“ Good nutrition and proper food hygiene are important in the quarantine area. We ensure a balanced diet to our returning kabobleyans for them have a stronger immune system. We observe proper food handling to prevent contamination.

We accommodate special food requests for those who are sensitive to seafood, dried fish, sardines, sodium, and had cholesterol issues so that all may eat breakfast like a maharlika, lunch like princes and princesses, and dinner like queens and kings.

To serve meals on time, our routine is: get up from bed with the crowing of roosters, sleep in the quarantine area when everyone is asleep.

Amid such frenzy, we are cheered by a few volunteers who keep us company and several donors who provide us with some food. At the end of the day, nothing brings people together like good food! ”

~Ramel Bittayon Immongor, cook



“Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.” - Mother Teresa

Each day, we frontliners feel so exhausted that we already want to surrender and rest but there is that mindset that we want to help keep our community COVID-free. Each health frontliner has a story of sacrifice during this pandemic. Most of us sacrifice our nights and weekends just to be on duty in quarantine areas and in municipal checkpoints to wait for the arrival of our stranded kabobleyans instead of being with our family having that “quality time.” Lucky are those who are in quarantine because they will soon maximize that quality time with their loved ones. But for us health workers? We are called to be soldiers to fight until the end of this pandemic. There was even a day that an earthquake occurred this month and somebody told us about “end of the world”. The first thing that came to my mind was pity for myself: that the world is ending and here I am ending the day to be exhausted. And so I prayed: “God, may I have more time to be with my family.”

We cannot let our guards down. Many people will be coming home from the cities and other provinces which is scarier because anyone you meet could be a virus carrier. With more positive cases being reported each day in the country, we should always be in alert mode! We are all in this rollercoaster ride. This trying time will pass. There will be weak and defining moments but we know, He is always there. We just need to seek and trust that God will never leave us behind.

Through the cold nights in the quarantine area, this message of Pope Francis was my blanket: “Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not drink their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself; and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.”

We do not live only for ourselves. In this pandemic, the people depend on medical allies to save their lives. To us in the frontline, though we are not in the hospital treating people sick of COVID-19, we have a very crucial duty in preventing the virus to enter or spread in our community. However, this duty does not end with us. It is everyone’s duty to protect each other. And we do so by abiding with government orders, especially on quarantine protocols.

There always came a time that I asked myself why I am a community nurse. I wanted to change careers because I am tired. But during a reflection at the quarantine area, I found my way back, and remained thankful that I am what I am today, especially when I see people feel safe and better because we do our job well. ”

~Joy Faith K. Co, RN



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WELCOME OATH-TAKING AND TURN-OVER CEREMONIES of the Newly Elected & Outgoing Municipal Officials Jun 26, 2019 Municipal Grounds Banaue, Ifuga



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AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT TURNOVER



GMA ARTISTS COURTESY CALL



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SENIOR CITIZENS' PARADE



TEACHERS' DAY PROGRAM

Back

love and care for our elderly Ibanawor

by Reden D. Tid-ong

Part of human development is old age. This is the story of lolas and lolos who still strive to live amid pains and illnesses. Some of them can't walk, some of them can't see, and some of them can't stand anymore. The government's social pension program aids indigent senior citizens. This is also the story of our exchanges with them as we implemented the program. There were a lot of heartwarming stories we heard along the way. Seeing their smiles and actions, showing how thankful they are for still being remembered, melted our hearts.

Under the scorching heat of the sun, we walked to Banao, the farthest barangay, through steep mountains with our knees trembling halfway through the hiking. At the end of the tiring adventure lay a quiet and peaceful place where humble and hospitable senior citizens awaited us.

I can still recall one lola with her floral white long dress picking up her "pattan" as she walked towards us. She was very thankful that we went to their barangay because if not, they would have walked to Barangay Ducligan to get their pension. She blessed us, "mun-anad ayu, hi apu dios mawada I chayu ta aji ayu munsakit an muntamu. Munpasalamat ami ta in-ali yu tud bannao nan pension mi. Hi apu dios mawada I chay-u." Then she shook our hands. This response made our hearts overflow with great happiness and respect.

Wherever they are, far and near, muddy or clear, we are committed to serve our elderly and personally hand over what they truly deserve. Lorie Laila H. Bullan, focal person for senior citizens said, "Mas mayat an ideliver ta nan senior citizen chi munrecieve, ta jija mismo mun-awat t sabali nan feeling an masiyahan da."

Some of them cannot speak anymore but in their eyes, we can see their happiness. Some cannot see but they tell us they are grateful. Some cannot hear but they can still understand our actions. Each moment with our senior citizens is precious for not everybody are given the experience of seeing their smiles.



“Mun-anad ayu, hi apu dios mawada I chayu ta aji ayu munsakit an muntamu. Munpasalamat ami ta in-ali yu tud bannao nan pension mi. Hi apu dios mawada I cha-yu.”

Senior Citizen, Barangay Banao

municipal report 2020

Census Population Housing



BACKGROUND

by Le Divine Miguel | psa.gov.ph/census-population-and-housing

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) started the 2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) on 1 September until 30 September 2020.

The 2020 CPH is a nationwide government undertaking that involves the collection, compilation, evaluation, analysis, publication, and dissemination of data population count, demographic and socio-economic characteristics, and barangay characteristics in each barangay, city/municipality, province and region in the country. The census also aims to provide government with population and housing data on which to base social and economic development plans, policies and programs.

The first Philippine census was conducted in 1903. The 2020 CPH is the 15th census of population and 7th census of housing in the Philippines. The following information as of 01 May 2020 is asked from the respondents of all households: (1) Size and geographical distribution of the population; (2) Population composition; (3) Education and literacy; (4) Religion; (5) Ethnicity; (6) Functional difficulty.

Additional information on the following will be gathered from 20 percent sample households: (1) Occupation, industry, class of worker, place of work; (2) Fertility indicators; (3) Housing characteristics; (4) Manner of garbage disposal; (5) Type of toilet facility; (6) Type of fuel for lighting and cooking; (7) Main source of water supply; (8) Land ownership; (9) Presence of operator in crop farming, livestock and

poultry raising, aquaculture, and fishing; (10) Language/dialect generally spoken at home; (11) Location where the household intends to reside five (5) years from now; (12) Household conveniences ownership; (13) ICT devices ownership; (14) Vehicles ownership; (15) Type/s of internet access available at home; (16) Location where the household member/s use the internet in the last three (3) months.

The results of the final population counts by province, city, municipality and barangay are scheduled to be submitted to the President of the Philippines on or before 31 March 2021 for official proclamation.

FIELD OPERATION

In Banaue, there are 21 enumerators, 4 team supervisors, 1 census area supervisor and 1 headquarter clerk involved in conduct of the census. To oversee the 2020 CPH, 1 head census area supervisor from PSA – Ifugao was assigned.

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WHY RABIES IS AN IMPORTANT DISEASE ?

Rabies is 99.9% fatal but 100% preventable. Most affected are children between 5-14 years old. Every year there are about 300-600 cases that are being recorded. In 2018, Ifugao ranked first in rabies cases. The Ifugao Provincial Veterinary Office recorded 2 cases of unvaccinated rabid dog in Lamut during the first quarter of 2020.

Rabies can spread to humans when the virus which is present in the saliva of an infected animal penetrates the skin usually through bites. It can also be acquired if a scratch, wounds and body openings like the eyes, nose and mouth are exposed to contaminated saliva.



In line with the campaign of ending rabies in 2020, the Banaue Municipality Agriculture Office has been collaborating with the Provincial Veterinary Office, officials of the 18 barangays and owners of dogs and cats to continuously vaccinated dogs.

WHAT TO DO WHEN BITTEN BY A DOG?

1. Wash the wound with soap and running water
2. Disinfect wound with alcohol or tincture of iodine
3. Immediately consult a doctor or seek the nearest bite center in your locality; In Banaue, the RHU is open from Monday to Friday

WHAT TO DO TO THE BITING DOG?

1. Leash or confine the dog in the cage and observe for 14 days
2. Do not kill the dog
3. If dog DIES within 14 days, seek the assistance of a veterinarian for proper submission of specimen for diagnosis
4. If the dog is alive after 14 days, have it vaccinated against rabies immediately

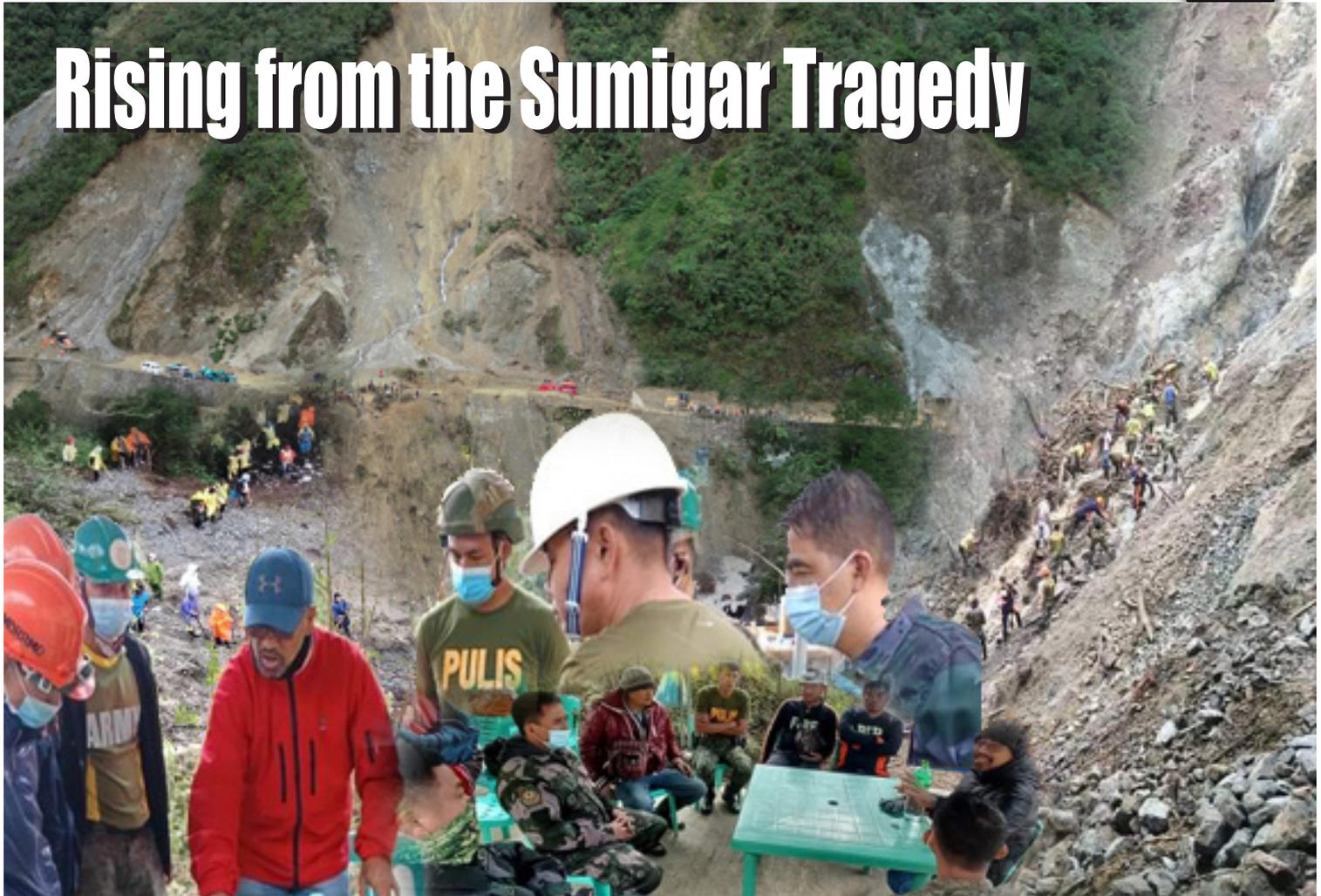
HELP PREVENT RABIES BY BEING A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER!

1. Have your dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies at 3 months of age and every year thereafter
2. Provide your pet with proper nutrition, enough care and attention
3. Be sure to keep their cage clean and comfortable
4. Keep your dog on leash and do not let them roam freely in the streets

UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9482 AND ANTI-RABIES ACT 2007

- A) Pet owners who **FAIL** or **REFUSE** to have their dogs registered and immunized against rabies shall be punished by a fine of PhP 2000.
- B) Pet owners who **REFUSE** to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies shall be **LIABLE** to pay for the vaccination of both **DOG** and **INDIVIDUAL** bitten by their dog.
- C) Pet owners who **REFUSE** to have their dog put under observation after said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of PhP10,000.
- D) Pet owners who **REFUSE** to have their dog put under observation and **DO NOT SHOULD** the **MEDICAL EXPENSES** of the person bitten by their dog shall be meted a fine of PhP25,000.
- E) Pet owners who **REFUSE TO PUT LEASH** on their dog while they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of PhP500.

Rising from the Sumigiar Tragedy



In the early evening of November 12, at the height of Typhoon Ulysses, a landslide swept away and buried a house in Sitio Bito, Sumigiar, Barangay Viewpoint. Eleven (11) victims were reported missing, most of them having taken shelter there due to the storm.

Fortunately, one survivor was discovered and taken to Good News Clinic. Initial search and rescue efforts were conducted that night but mudslides between ground zero and Banaue delayed the arrival of the search and rescue team composed of the Banaue PNP, the Bureau of Fire Protection, MDRRMO, and many volunteers. One body was recovered, nine remained missing.

The following morning, four more bodies were recovered in ground zero. The Office of the Mayor immediately formed a composite team of search and rescue personnel composed of elements from the Philippine Army 54th Infantry Battalion, the PNP K-9 unit, PNP Special Action Forces, Regional Mobile Force Battalion, DPWH personnel, and many other volunteers to conduct further search and rescue. Base camp was set up near ground zero to provide logistics support and food for the searchers, as well as equipment and shelter.

The next day, one body was found in Barangay Sanafe, Lamut. Some body parts were also discovered near ground zero along Ibulao River in Caba, Lagawe.

Two days later, three more bodies were recovered in Luboong. Search and rescue efforts were conducted by the composite team, and for the following two weeks included volunteers from the nearby municipalities of Hungduan, Hingyon, Kiangnan, Lagawe, Aguineldo and Alfonso Lista. However, efforts to locate the remaining victim failed. The search extended from ground zero up to Magat Dam in Alfonso Lista. Despite joint efforts from different teams and volunteers, the search for the remaining victim continued to be unsuccessful, and last December 18th the search and rescue efforts were downsized and limited to requests from the family of the remaining victim to search specific areas in cooperation with the Banaue PNP and the Bureau of Fire Protection.

It has been a challenging year, and now even more so for the families of the victims. Efforts to locate the last remaining victim will continue on to the next year with hopes for positive results.



Editorial



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Anatomy of the Citizens' Response to COVID-19

Quarantine as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19 has been implemented in many parts of the Philippines starting March this year. This measure came with different implementing guidelines varying across the country in different time frames.

The unseen enemy drew first blood.

The rapid spread of the virus was unpredicted. No country had prepared for it—at the start, no one had enough masks and other personal protective equipment. The world was stunned.

It was nearly unstoppable! The effect across countries was like a killing spree!

The number of infected cases are still drastically rising. Deaths caused by the virus filled news headlines.

The first Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) was enforced to control the rise of COVID-19 cases in the country. However, many people decided to go against it. They wanted freedom to roam around, gather in groups and fill snack houses and bars. Nobody wanted a change in their lifestyles. They talked trash against the government. It seemed like their curved minds were difficult to flatten. That was savage!

But what have they done? They made the situation worse. They contracted the virus because of disobedience. They asked, what is the government doing for them? However, in the context of loyalty and respect for Filipino citizenship, what are they doing for the Philippine government?

Some people slammed and condemned the medical frontliners. They discriminated against and refused rides for nurses. That was uncalled for. Some medical practitioners contracted the virus and died in service. That is “double kill.”

When the first recoveries was reported, people rejoiced and demanded for a little leniency. They wanted to go out again—fill malls and have highway chitchats. They wanted to have the ECQ be lifted. The government responded with a softer approach, the General Community Quarantine (GCQ).

The GCQ was coupled with some regulations. One of these regulations was

Reclaim our humanity

The Anti-discrimination Ordinance

There had been an alarming number of reported crimes against frontliners. They are shamed, humiliated, harassed, and disallowed entry in groceries and in their communities. There are also as many crimes against people who are positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to cases and are themselves suspected of having been infected.

In Banaue, there were several unfortunate incidents that happened related to COVID-19 that prompted the local government, through the Sangguniang Bayan, to pass the “Anti-COVID-19 Discrimination Ordinance of the Municipality of Banaue” (Municipal Ordinance No. 012 Series of 2020). The ordinance prohibits and penalizes any form of discrimination against medical and non-medical front-liners and persons classified as suspect, probable or confirmed cases due to the COVID-19 situation.

Under this ordinance, it is unlawful to refuse entry, deny access, utter or post online any slanderous or abusive statements that incite discrimination and any other act of discrimination. Any person found violating any of the provisions will be penalized with a warning for the first offense, a whole day community service for the second and two days community service for the third offense. Repeat offenders can be imprisoned for 6 months with the discretion of the court.

The COVID-19 path is uncertain enough, the contagion bad enough, and people’s lack of humanity and compassion towards our brave frontliners, confirmed patients and others makes the situation shamefully worse.

allowing people to access basic necessities and services following the guidelines provided by the government like public social distancing and wearing of masks.

And again, the people rejoiced. They flocked the town centers and went for group picnics. The fear of contracting or spreading the virus was set aside by the desire to go back to what was once normal. Mind you, the virus can be contained but will never be erased. Unless scientists

develop vaccines that would cover all COVID-19 strains, then we can go back to the normal (which can be close to impossible).

The health department warned of a possible second wave or even a third wave but the government resources are nearly exhausted. If the people will still go against all precautionary measures to counter the spread of the virus, what happens next?

That would be a “triple kill” and can affect the course of Philippine history.

Discipline has been taught at home and in school. What forms the success of people is discipline, and the trait that follows the contour and concept of obedience. It is

During this pandemic, simple acts of compliance are significant. The goal is to stay uninfected and alive. Unlike in the game, Mobile Legends where players are given time

“It is obedience that will make a nation and community survive.”

obedience that will make a nation and community survive crises and pandemics. When the community survives, the people can claim victory.

for resurrection, once people are slain by the unseen mage named COVID-19, they are not entitled to extra seconds to resurrect and protect their turrets, their own lives.



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Trouble Pass

Ang mga mababasa ninyo ay walang kinalaman sa opinyon ng MLGU Banaue. Ito ay purong opinyon ko lamang.

“Travel pass.” Ito ang usap-usapan ngayon lalo na sa mga gustong malaman kung ano ang kailangang gawin upang makalabas-masok sa Banaue.

Ano ang travel pass? Bakit kailangan ito? Sino ang mag-iissue nito? At sino ang pwedeng makakuha nito?

Ito ay maaring maihalintulad sa isang “ticket” na kakailanganin para makalabas-pasok sa lugar na nasasakupan ng ECQ o GCQ. Nakapaloob dito kung bakit kailangan kumuha, bakit kailangan payagan lumabas, ang plaka at gagamiting sasakyan, at kung kailan at hanggang kailan ang bisa nito. Ito ay upang malimitahan ang galaw ng mga tao sa loob at

labas ng munisipalidad.

Inatasan ng ating butihing Mayor ang Municipal Administrator na mag-issue nito. Makikita sa lahat ng travel pass ang mga salitang, “by the authority of the Municipal Mayor.”

Sino ba dapat ang makakuha ng travel pass? Sa ilalaim ng ECQ guidelines, ang mga pinapayagang kumuha ay limitado sa health-related concerns na nangangailangan ng agarang atensyon, ga negosyong nagbibigay ng mga basic na pangangailangan kagaya ng mga food-related businesses.

Ang problema, ang guidelines na nanggagaling sa DILG (Department of Interior and Local Government) at DOH (Department of Health) ay magka-kaiba at masyadong pangkalahatan (generalized). Kaya papalit-palit ang naibabahaging guidelines na

syang sinusunod ng signatory sa travel pass. Ito ang rason kaya may mga haka-hakang “favoritism” ang nag-iissue ng permit kasi sa papalit-palit na guidelines.

“Favoritism?” Para po sa akin, walang pinapanigan ang opisina ng Administrator dahil siya lamang ay sumusunod sa guidelines ng DILG, DOH at COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF). Let’s not all be experts. Sumunod tayo sa guidelines dahil para sa ating lahat naman kaya ito ginawa. E di tapos, wala pa kayong inaway.

Ginawa ang travel pass hindi upang gambalain kayo sa inyong pang araw-araw na gawain. Ito ay pinagtutulungan ng gobyerno upang maiwasan ang agarang paglaganap ng COVID-19. Ito ay para sa pangkalahatang kaligtasan ng publiko.

Kung isa man po kayo sa hindi napayagang mabigyan ng travel pass, ito ay dahil hindi tugma ang rason nyo sa guidelines. Wag po magalit at mag-iskandalo sa social media dahil hindi po nakakatulong ito. Isumbong sa taong nag-isyu ng travel pass ng

“Hindi po gobyerno ang kalaban kundi ang COVID-19.”

Isa pa, dahil sa pabagobagong guidelines galing sa DILG o IATF, ang ating butihing Administrator at Mayor ang napapasama. Dahil may malasakit sila sa atin at we elected them to serve, lagi silang andyan kahit meron silang kapasidad na umalis. Hindi po sila ang kalaban kundi ang COVID-19.

maliwanagan. Naiintindihan po namin na mahirap ang buhay ngayon ngunit kung ako ang papipiliin, ano sa tingin ko ang mas importante? Ang magutom o ang mamatay? Ang pipiliin ko po ay iyong magutom na lamang. Kayo po, ano ang sa tingin nyo ang mas mabuting hantungan nyo?



“No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man’s permission when we ask him to obey it” -Theodore Roosevelt, American President

Did NCRPO Chief Debold Sinas’ violate lockdown rules and quarantine protocols when he held his “mañanita” birthday celebration? This, versus Mang Dodong, the fish vendor who was only providing for the needs of his family but was arrested on May 7 because of not wearing a face mask and not having a barangay pass. Who violated the lockdown protocols and guidelines?

Under the COVID-19



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The Story of an Ordinary Citizen

Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) guidelines, mass gatherings and liquor are banned, and social distancing, wearing of face mask and passes are required during ECQ and GCQ. However, some officials still held celebrations, and insisted that no guidelines were violated. This is hypocrisy! What were they trying to show the

people?

Meanwhile, an ordinary citizen trying to fight hunger walked on the hot surface of the road under the blazing sun to find customers for his fish when he was stopped by a troop of armed forces. He was told that he violated the quarantine protocols-- he had no face mask

and quarantine pass. What was he supposed to do? A lower class person like him could do nothing but follow. He couldn’t even speak up for himself. He was arrested, and his family not knowing what happened, searched for him.

On the other hand, another “good citizen” as they say, based on the badge on his shoulder, happily celebrated his natal day with many of his friends. In the news, we heard that he was not even reprimanded since according to authorities, he did not violate the protocols. Is this double standard where the clothes you



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Anti-poor

As I sipped coffee, I read a message in our chat that online classes will now be implemented as the new teaching-learning process in the academe.

Well, this is one innovative way of reaching out to students in this time of crisis. However,

Due to the quarantine measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, work and trade were suspended. Thus, the income-earning of parents were put on hold. Understanding the severity of the situation, the government provided the basic

Furthermore, money is not just the issue here. We should also take into consideration the students’ learning environment. Do you think all families are well organized and prepared? Let’s say a student is living with five of his siblings all of whom are too young to go to school. Online classes for him would be too noisy. Or a student living with an extended family that is barely earning enough to live by. Or a student in a broken family who now lives with his relatives and working to support himself. How about a student living in a brownout-prone municipality? Online classes would definitely be extremely irritating.

According to Edutopia, the learning environment of students is important in boosting their morale and absorption ability. A safe, clean and comfortable surrounding aids in the comprehension ability of learners. Thus, pushing online classes as the new mode of learning I think is not suitable for all learners. Attendance is not a hundred percent, and grades during evaluations are not reliable. Needless to say that during times like these, learning for the poor is definitely compromised.

The schools still stubbornly pushed through online classes despite knowing the situation many of our dear students are facing. They could have considered providing a stable internet connection in the nearest, I repeat, nearest place possible for our less fortunate students to have a better place to take their classes. No computers for them to use? The school community, having more power than individual families, might have considered raising funds or planning programs like asking for old or unused but still working computers of developed partner schools.

Some might say I am not in the position to say these things. Do we need qualifications to express our disapprovals? If we are not going to express our opinions because we constantly think of the invisible standards of the community and do not want to upset anybody, then we are making ourselves victims of a toxic community.

I realized I was going to be late for work so I drank my coffee, washed and placed the mug in the cupboard and hurriedly readied myself for work. Maybe I was just thinking way too much.

“during times like these, learning for the poor is compromised”

does every student possess a suitable gadget to use let alone an internet connection? Have they at least conducted a survey to assess students’ access to virtual learning? Most surveys show that 3 out of 5 students have access to internet at home. I wondered how the rest of the students can access this new learning mode. What will happen to the quality of learning they were promised?

needs of the poorest citizens since the end of the quarantine is still indefinite. Upon receiving the cash subsidies, do you think most parents prioritized an internet connection or a suitable gadget than a meal to serve on the table? No, let me re-phrase that, do school administrators think that all students are blessed with these so called “necessities of the new generation?” This raises the issue of social and digital inequality in the community.



wear define the law that applies to you? If you are poor, you go straight to jail but if you have

break them because they needed to make a living?

We are bound by laws, but

“On protocol violations, when will the double standards stop?”

a rank then goodbye sanctions, and apology accepted! If those people who should enforce the guidelines break them to enjoy themselves, then what about those low-income people who

why is it that some are not held liable? Is it because they are in a position of power? The violations that Mang Dodong did could have been corrected on the spot. He could have just

been given a him mask, and asked to go home. Many people even ironically defended the mañanita. The reason why Lady Justice is blindfolded is to make sure that the law is applied fairly and verdicts are just. When will be the double standards stop?

As citizens, let us follow the guidelines and protocols since these are made for our own safety. Let us not create a reason for unwanted incidents to happen.

There are some officials though who are dedicated, putting

themselves in front to fully guard the entry of the enemy. Leaving their family, wearing their camouflage, hiding their tears and thinking, “when can I go back?”

They may appear brave but deep inside, they are fearful. They try to be strong even though they are exhausted already. They continue to serve and protect while upholding the true value of a person in uniform in their hearts and minds.



The imposition of community quarantines caused restriction in the mobility of people, the suspension and even closure of the operations of business establishments as well as the stoppage of mass public transportation. These had caused severe disruptions in the economic activities in Banaue and the entire country, and affected the means of livelihood and subsistence of households.

The Bayanihan to Heal as One Act of 2020 (RA No.



NOT EVERYONE would receive aid. For every municipality, the DSWD allotted a definite number or quota. A quota of 3,982 was given to Banaue (872- Pantawid and 3,110- Non Pantawid).

citizens who were not provided with assistance. Many, out of disappointment, spewed beastly outcry against BLGU officials and us, social workers. Some even maliciously gave another meaning to DSWD in social media as the Department of Selection and Wrongful Distribution.

We believe in the SAP’s noble objective. But we also see the effects of the SAP implementation to the psychosocial and emotional well-being of social workers. We were confronted with baseless accusations, derogatory remarks, allegations and ridicule making us feel anxious despite selfless efforts in service delivery. The remarks dragged down our morale, self-esteem and enthusiasm.

Moreover, the SAP had also brought the feeling of self-entitlement among many. “Entitlement” happens when people feel they deserve privilege or special treatment. The concept garnered a more negative connotation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Human nature is egocentric. We tend to see things mostly from our own

perspective expecting that we deserve things handed to us. We forgot that the COVID-19 virus was the enemy. Many were focused on the PHP5,500 entitlement. The SAP had showed the best and worst in people--neighbors against neighbors, family members against each other and divisions among barangay officials.

The SAP did bring happiness and gratefulness to 3,982 plus 160 additional beneficiaries. But it also brought hatred and misery to those who were not qualified. While there were some imisconceptions and misinformation about the SAP, we should not let this destroy and divide us. We should not let it dictate our words and actions which we might regret later on. We should still try to be kind and understanding because blessings come in many forms. We just need to recognize it and be thankful. Let us remind ourselves to ask less and thank more.

All of us are overwhelmed, affected and tested by this pandemic. It is in these times that we are challenged as one people, one Banaue, one province and one country to demonstrate empathy and understand each other. Each of us has a role to play, a means to contribute something until we are able to say that WE WERE, WE ARE AND WE WILL BE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER until WE HEAL AS ONE.



“conflicting national government pronouncements caused confusion in barangays”

11469) was passed as a response to render full assistance to the LGUs through the Social Amelioration Program (SAP). The SAP is the government’s flagship COVID-19 relief program for the poor and low-income families. As soon as it was announced, confusion followed. Conflicting views were given by high-ranking government officials. The national government including DSWD had no clear, concrete and uniform pronouncement about the program.

Contrary to the national government pronouncements, House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano said that ALL affected would be included in the SAP-

Cayetano’s declaration caused not only chaos but sparked quarrel among the residents. Many were furious or frustrated upon learning they would not get SAP. As much as we wanted to give forms to the BLGUs so they could give them to their affected constituents for cash aids --we could not do that. We knew how difficult their situation is but the forms were limited that is why the BLGUS needed to prioritize.

Inconsistencies and unclear information provided by the national government had caused confusion among citizens and distrust towards frontline social workers on the ground. Because of this, we bore the brunt of



Banaue intensifies COVID-19 fight

Stronger together, stronger Banaue

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

The pandemic is causing deeper crisis in hotspots all over the country. In Banaue, the efforts and leadership of Mayor John Raymund Wesley Dulawan, together with the Philippine National Police (PNP), Rural Health Unit, (RHU) Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP) agency and OK Doc task force have paid off. Banaue remains stable.

According to the RHU, as of September 21, 2020, of the 3,310 rapid tests

done, 61 came out reactive. The tests enabled the LGU to isolate possible COVID-19 cases and prevent the virus from spreading in barangays. Tests are done for those with travel history in countries, cities and provinces that have confirmed cases of the virus. The DOH gives daily reports of increasing cases in Manila, Baguio, Benguet, CALABARZON and other hotspots.

"Let us be more vigilant. Now that there are less restrictions, we will be more vulnerable to exposures. But be assured that the RHU will continue to monitor all incoming people, including stranded kabobleyans who are still coming home," assured Dr. Raquel Rebolledo, Municipal Health Officer

Aside from strict screening at checkpoints, Executive Orders were enacted to: (1) prevent unnecessary and non-medical travels to and

from Banaue, (2) mandatory rapid testing to kabobleyans coming back to home, (3) establishment of quarantine areas for those coming from COVID-19 hot spots and those who do not have the necessary set-ups for home quarantine.

The Barangangay Local Government Units give weekly updates to Mayor Dulawan on COVID-19 and other issues.





HEART OF GOLD. Daniel Monggolnon donated his one-month salary of PhP 100,00.00 to the LGU
Photo taken from Ipagawak FB Page & Mayor Doc Wes

Banaue receives P380k cash donations

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

A total of PhP380,000 cash donations were added to the trust fund of the Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Banaue. These were used to augment deficiencies in the expenses during the COVID-19 crisis.

“The cash donations were officially received here in the Municipal Treasury office and added to the trust fund. They were used to augment any deficiencies in the budget [of the MLGU],”

explained Martha U. Ballangi, Municipal Treasurer, when asked how the donations were used.

Among the donors were: Daniel Monggolnon (PhP 100,000), the Lamut Multi-Purpose Development Cooperative (LMDC) (PhP 20,000), Franco Chuccar (PhP 5,000), Ermelinda Banggawan Nalula (PhP 5,000) and the Japanese OKADA Foundation Inc. (PhP 250,000).



CFWs receive 10-day pay

by Reden D. Tid-ong

Three hundred thirty eight (338) beneficiaries received their pay amounting to PhP 2,250 on May 19-20, 2020 under the Department of Social Welfare Development’s (DSWD) Cash for Work (CFW) program.

The beneficiaries who came from five different barangays finished 10 work days worth in July 2019. Their work included river dredging and embankment, digging and dredging of canals and drainage, and reforestation.

The CFW program supports activities related to disaster preparedness and mitigation, and environment-related projects.

The highest number (128) of beneficiaries came from barangay Ducligan. There were 80 beneficiaries from Bocos, 70 from Anaba, and 30 each from Cambulo and Tam-an.

The CFW uses a developmental approach to establish links with LGUs especially those municipalities with limited local calamity funds, and are dependent on

the support of higher levels government.

The program is a short-term intervention providing temporary employment to distressed or displaced individuals who participate in risk reduction projects in the community.

Maribel M. Dango from barangay Bocos, a CFW beneficiary said that the assistance helped her have an additional income. The program helped her start her own backyard garden so she no longer had to buy vegetables. She further expressed that the pay-out was timely because it will be used to buy seedlings and fertilizers to sustain her family’s crops.

In response to finally receiving their pay after a year, Jolebee A. Cumila a student beneficiary said, *“This program helped me in a way [where] I can buy supplies needed in my studies but since it was not given earlier, I used it to buy our needs at home.”*



Seniors 90 and above get grant

by Reden D. Tid-ong

The Banaue Local Government Unit gave PhP10,000 cash assistance each to 25 senior citizens who reached the age of 90. The Office of the Municipal Treasury, the Municipal Social Work and Development Office (MSWDO) and the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) distributed the cash assistance to the seniors in their home barangays in the third and fourth week of June.

Under Ordinance No. 24 (2018), authored by former Councilor Orlando Addug (now Board Member of District II), senior citizens who reach the age of 90 years old and above will receive PhP10,000 cash assistance upon presentation of the following documents: birth certificate from the Philippine Statistics Authority, the eldest child’s birth certificate from the local registrar, certification from the MSWDO, and Senior Citizen’s ID.



LOVE WORK, SAVE EARTH. Beneficiaries from Bocos, Banaue working under the DSWD 10-day Cash for Work Program. Photo by Belmarie

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2,255 rice cavans given to BLGUs

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

The Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) distributed 2,255 sacks of rice to Banaue's 18 barangays on March 28 to April 5.

The number of distributed sacks to the barangays varied depending on the number of needy and vulnerable families based on the 2019 list of the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office (MSWDO).

Poblacion, having the most number of household heads received 530 sacks of rice, 424 for Bocos, 363 for Poitan, 387 for Amganad, 300 for Viewpoint, 276 for Tam-an, 220 for Kinakin, 216 for Cambulo, 214 for Ducligan, 207 for Batad, 176 for Bangaan, 162 for Uhaj, 152 for Balawis, 147 for Gohang, 139 for Anaba, 124 for Banao, 89 for San Fernando and 86 for Pula

having the least number of vulnerable families.

The Bureau of Fire and Protection and volunteers worked with the MLGU to distribute the rice sacks. per Transportation was provided by Vice Mayor Donald L. Mangolnon, barangay captains Peter D. Cayong and Roger D. Kindipan, and Bressler Tucdaan, Fernando G. Bahatan and George Ballangi.

The 18 Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) added to the number of rice sacks to ensure that most households would receive a minimum of one-half sack of rice each.

2nd wave rice distribution

Following the first wave of food and relief assistance per barangay, the MLGU used the Bayanihan Grant 1 budget to purchase 2,076 more rice sacks for PhP4,480,880.



SUPPORT TO KABOBLEYANS. Volunteers and LGU officials check the number of rice sacks purchased before distributing them to the different barangays of Banaue. Photo credits to the Mayor's Office.

Starting 20 September, these barangays received the following number of rice sacks: Tam-an (183 sacks); Amganad (235 sacks but returned 42); Viewpoint (183 sacks but returned 36); Bocos (261 sacks); Balawis (104 sacks), Poblacion (237 sacks), Uhaj (71 sacks), Kinakin and Ducligan (94), Poitan (164 sacks), Banao and Anaba (58 sacks), Bangaan (86 sacks), San Fernando and Pula (38 sacks), Batad (94 sacks), Cambulo (96 sacks) and Gohang (60 sacks).

Following the first wave of relief goods distributed by the MLGU, the BLGUs of Tam-an and Gohang also handed out their 3rd wave of relief goods containing rice, live chicken and canned goods.

"Munpasalamata tudan amin an donors hitun checkpoints [oya, I ditaun residente] I anus [tan] pay an umunud binan patakaran para met lang hi mismu pamilya tuu ya hitun community," said Julius B. Tayaban, Tam-an Barangay Captain.



VM Mongolnon: we care for them

by Reden D. Tid-ong

Vice-Mayor Donald Mongolnon donated PhP15,000 worth of assorted goods to the 87 "Oplan Gawid" beneficiaries quarantined at Immaculate Conception School on May 18. The donation was used to cook the meals of the quarantined individuals for their 14-day mandatory quarantine.

Mangoldon said that even though the MLGU had already given enough funds for the meals of our kabobleyans, he wanted them to feel cared for while away, *"Ta mafeel nan nun-quarantine an we care for them. Kabit simple nan donations [ya] matigo cha' an we care for them aside nan responsibility [as officials]."*

DSWD hands 20M for SAP

Flagship of COVID-19 relief

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P. & Reden D. Tid-ong

There were 3,982 Pantawid and Non-Pantawid families in Banaue chosen as beneficiaries of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The Municipal Social Welfare Development Office (MSWDO) headed by officer-in-charge Aginaya B. Cabanayan disbursed a total of PhP 20,723, 800 to the 18 barangays on April 18 to 25.

“The SAP is the flagship COVID-19 relief program of the government for the poor and low-income families. Contrary to the pronouncement of House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano that all affected would be included in the SAP, not everyone would receive aid. For every municipality, the DSWD only allotted a definite quota,” Cabanayan clarified.

From the total slots given, barangay Poblacion had the most beneficiaries with 413 families, 313 for Bocos, 281 for Amganad, 261 for Poitan, 231 for Viewpoint, 203 for Tam-an, 167 for Kinakin, 164 for Ducligan, 159 for Cambulo, 153 for Batad, 131 for Bangaan, 120 for Uhaj, 111 for Balawis, 103 for Anaba, 99 for Gohang, 87 for Banao, 67 for San Fernando, 47 for Pula and 872 Pantawid families.

The 872 Pantawid families received their amelioration amounting to PhP 4,150 through their Pantawid cash cards while

the families who signed the Social Amelioration Card (SAC) received PhP 5,500 in cash.

Prior to the distribution, the MSWDO discussed the official guidelines with BLGUs in choosing the families for the SAC. The BLGUs, headed by their barangay captains, were given the task to choose and scan their constituents following the guidelines forwarded by the DSWD and submit the list to the MSWDO for verification and encoding.

“As much as we want to give forms to the BLGUs so they can give them to their affected constituents so that they can [all] receive cash aids, we cannot do that. We know how difficult their situation is but the forms are limited that is why the BLGUs need to prioritize,” Cabanayan added. After the SAP’s first tranche though, the national government said that the second tranche will not continue in the places already under General Community Quarantine (GCQ).



REACHING EVERYONE. Additional beneficiaries from barangay Bangaan receive Emergency Subsidy from SAP. Photo by Ms. Mabele.

DSWD approved 160 more beneficiaries

An additional 160 Non-Pantawid SAP beneficiaries under the DSWD’s Emergency Subsidy Program (ESP) each received PhP 5,500 cash on May 19.

The additional slots were granted to the 10 barangays who submitted their wait lists in April: Barangays Batad (26 beneficiaries), Uhaj (22 beneficiaries), Bangaan, Poitan, Poblacion and Gohang had 20 beneficiaries each, while Tam-an and Kinakin each have one beneficiary.

Through the MSWDO and the Municipal Treasury, a

total of PhP 880,000 were disbursed to the additional beneficiaries.

Other barangays waived their slots in favor of other other barangays. Some residents like Emilio Dulnuan Benhoc of Pula voluntarily refused to receive his amelioration saying, *“Aji man alan binuy te aggyu u inringotan”*.

SSS pensioners eligible for SAP

Sixteen (16) SSS pensioners receiving PhP5500 and below monthly received SAP assistance on July 13.

Under the Joint Advisory No. 3 Series of the DSWD-CAR and DILG-CAR, pensioners were eligible for assistance as long as none of their family members received SAP grants from the DSWD or other agencies exceeding PhP 5500. A displaced Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) and a Pantawid beneficiary tagged as code 15 or for re-validation also received assistance.



REACHING OUT. A PWD beneficiary from barangay San Fernando receives SAP assistance. Photo by Jemaimae Gayle Parrocha



TILL DEATH DO US PART. 30 couples joined the civil mass wedding held at the gymnasium spearheaded by the Municipal Registry Office. Photo by Municipal Registry Office.

30 couples tie the knot on Valentines Day

by Gertrude T. Daguio

Thirty couples (30) from the different barangays completed all the necessary requirements, and joined the civil mass wedding at the Municipal Gymnasium on Valentine's Day.

The Civil Registry Office coordinated with the Office of the Mayor to conduct the civil mass wedding for interested couples to address the rising number of illegitimate children in Banaue.

Many young couples live together as husband and wife and have children but do not have a marriage certificate. The LGU recognized that although couples are willing to legalize their union, financial constraints force them to prioritize their daily needs first, and forego their basic responsibility of legalizing their marriage.

The ceremony started with a procession of flower girls and their escorts followed by the couples with their witnesses.

Pastor Dandy Dangatag shared a spiritual message and prayed for them. Allan Cutiyog representing the male sponsors, and Flordeliza Dumulag for the female sponsors gave marital advice based on their personal experiences.

The LGU singing larks entertained the couples in between the speeches. Mayor John Raymund Wesley Dulawan conducted the actual marriage rites, followed by the kissing of the bride by the groom, their first public kiss after marriage.

The rites were followed by a sweet dance of all the couples, then a native dance by the witnesses and government officials. The couples with their witnesses had their picture taking by the official photographer before the signing of marriage certificates.

Couples, witnesses and guests then shared a lunch fellowship sponsored by the Banaue LGU.



518 pigs die due to ASF

by Dr Marivic P. Lingayo

As of June 9, the pig mortality rate in Banaue due to the African Swine Fever (ASF) reached 518.

ASF is a viral, highly contagious disease among pigs. Hogs start showing a lack of appetite which is followed by respiratory signs such as coughing and nasal discharge as well as skin discoloration from dark red to purple in the ears, abdomen and thighs, and eventually death.

The disease was first detected in barangay Balawis. Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) staff collected and sent sample infected organs to the diagnostic laboratory for examination where they were found positive of the virus.

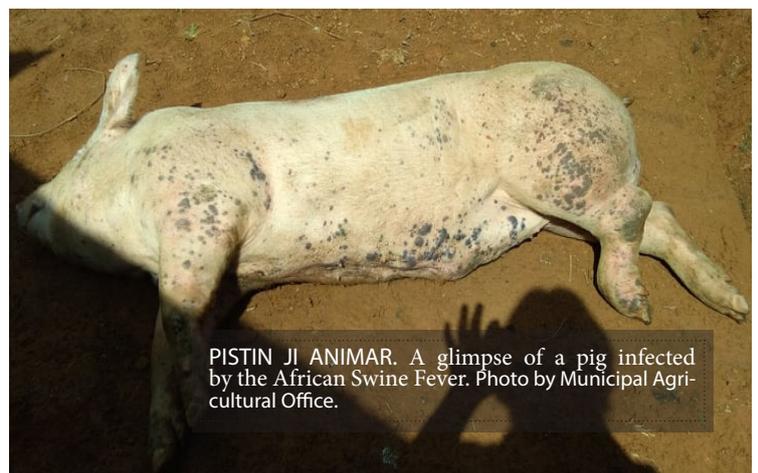
With the result, MAO staff conducted a massive information campaign to the

different barangays including, disease surveillance and disinfection in the piggeries and their surroundings.

"[However], despite the mentioned interventions, the ASF infection spread to the adjacent barangays of Amganad and Poitan," said the Municipal Agriculture Officer.

The infection of all the pigs in these areas resulted to the culling of all pigs of various ages in the infected barangays, including Ibayong.

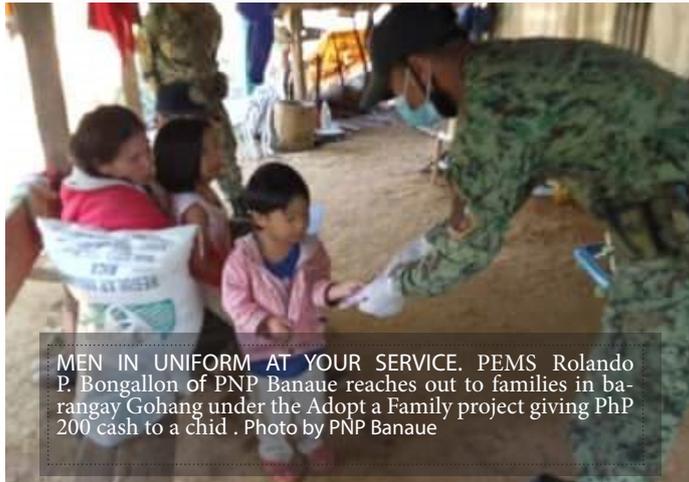
Prior to this year's ASF attack, the Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) through the ASF task force adopted and approved a resolution providing strict guidelines in the inter barangay movement of pigs and their by-products.



PISTIN JI ANIMAR. A glimpse of a pig infected by the African Swine Fever. Photo by Municipal Agricultural Office.



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MEN IN UNIFORM AT YOUR SERVICE. PEMS Rolando P. Bongallon of PNP Banaue reaches out to families in barangay Gohang under the Adopt a Family project giving PhP 200 cash to a child. Photo by PNP Banaue



MEN IN UNIFORM AT YOUR SERVICE. PCPT Rodolfo T. Fateg & PCPL Ryan B. Intugay of PNP Banaue distribute rice with assorted groceries to chosen families in barangay Anaba under their Adopt a Family project. Photo by PNP Banaue

PNP launches “adopt a family” project

In the service of more needy Ibanawor

by Reden D. Tid-ong

At least eighty families were chosen as recipients of the “Kapwa Ko, Sagot Ko!” Adopt a Family project by the Philippine National Police (PNP) of Banaue which started on May 23 until the present.

The program aims to support countless indigent families whose health and well-being is at risk particularly during the community quarantine.

Police Executive Master Sergeant (PEMS), Rolando P. Bongallon, said that

the Adopt a Family project targetted to held at least 50 families and provide for their basic needs such as rice and food packs.

“In Banaue, through the initiative of our Police Captain (PCPT) Rodolfo T. Fateg, OIC, we distribute food packs, adding at least half a cavan of rice per family plus assorted groceries. We personally contributed PhP1000 pesos per personnel to raise funds for the program,” said Bongallon.

Since the project does not have a regular budget, PNP Banaue personnel pledged

an amount to raise funds. Bongallon said that during the first week, their personal contributions allowed them to buy relief goods until individuals, establishments and organizations who heard about the project also donated cash and in-kind support. The list of donors are posted on the official Facebook account of Banaue Municipal Police Station (MPS).

Although the project was supposed to last only during the Enhanced Community Quarantine, the Banaue MPS still continued it knowing the

municipality is still under the community quarantine.

When asked about how they felt after reaching families in need, Bongallon said, *“Masarap tumulong sa kapwa lalong lalo sa ganitong sitwasyon, nakikita mo kasi sa mga mukha ng recipient na andyan yung pasasalamat kabit hindi naman tayo shony na taga-Ifugao.”*

He added that, *“the project has no specific date when it’ll end but if there are other donors who would like to extend support in order to continue this project, you may contact the Banaue MPS personnel.”*

We Are Safe At Home: No to Crimes and Terrorism

by Stella C. Gayaman

In the midst of the government’s war on COVID-19, there is news about the storming aggravations of some terror groups in several parts of our country. We hear of bombing attacks resulting to destruction of properties, injuries and loss of lives. Blessedly, Banaue is saved from this kind of distress.

To our toiling and alert Banaue PNP, there is no room for crime and terrorism. On June 29, Police Officer Robert Dotal and Mayor John Raymond Wesley A. Dulawan conducted the anti-crime and terrorism activities through community Involvement. In support to the PNP program, a video clip was filmed with the active participation of the community with a message: We are safe at home.



The ‘peace symbol’ formed by human chain to show that Banaue denounces all form of terror activities.

DSWD distributes 2020 pension

by Reden D. Tid-ong

A total of 1,622 indigent senior citizens each received Php 3,000 for their first semester January to June social pension.

The social pension is a monthly stipend Php500 to augment the daily subsistence and medical needs of indigent senior citizens.

Barangays Batad, Kinakin, Cambulo and Pula pensioners received their assistance on June 2. Pensioners in Anaba, Bangaan, Banao and Ducligan received theirs on June 3 while those in San Fernando, Gohang, Viewpoint, Tam-an and Uhaj got theirs on June 4. Amganad, Bocos, Balawis, Poblacion and Poitan pensioners received their cash on June 5.

Due to the travel ban and lockdown, however, 274 pensioners were not able to receive their assistance.

The Social Pension according to Memorandum Circular No. 04 (2019) Omnibus Guidelines is for an indigent senior citizen who is frail, sickly or with disability, and without pension or permanent source of income, or regular support from his/her relatives to meet his/her basic needs.

2nd Semester Payout

For the second semester, July to December, 1726 out of 1871 social pensioners in Banaue received their pension.

The payout schedules were as follows: Barangays Batad, Kinakin, Cambulo and Pula (September 14);



LOVE AND CARE. A senior citizen receives her 1st semester (January-June) social pension delivered to her residence by MSWD. Photo credits to its rightful owner.

Anaba, Bangaan and Ducligan (September 15); San Fernando, Gohang, Viewpoint and Uhaj (September 16); Tam-an, Poitan, Balawis, Amganad and Poblacion (September 17); Barangay Banao and Bocos (September 18).

There were 145 who were not able to receive their pension. Most of those who failed to get their pensions were seniors stranded in other

places. Nevertheless, the payouts were successful.

Lola Emilia Udiam Ammog, 77 years old, from barangay Banao was grateful for the pension she received. Lola "Inway," her native name, blessed the team who went to the barangay with her kindest words, prayed for everyone's safety and even sang a song.



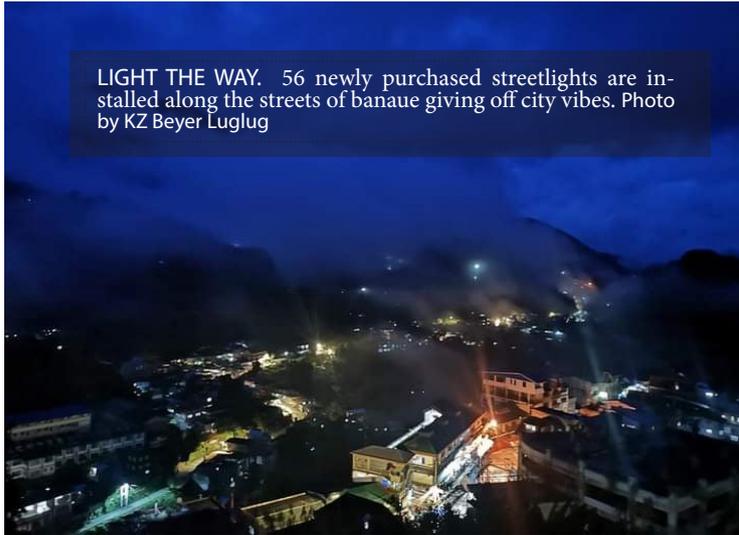
HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF BANAUE PNP: "BAHAY NG KAPWA KO, SAGOT KO"

Aside from their mandatory contribution, Banaue PNP personnel also gave extra cash, wood, hollow blocks and GI sheets. Retired members of the PNP from Banaue and some stakeholders also donated cash and in-kind support for the success of the project.

Members of the RMFB1501ST Maneuver Company also supported the project by donating sand and gravel, and rendered their time and effort to join the Banaue PNP personnel in the construction of the house.

The two-bedroom house, with floor area of 10 x 20 square meters, was built mostly made with wood. The floor was cemented.





LIGHT THE WAY. 56 newly purchased streetlights are installed along the streets of Banaue giving off city vibes. Photo by KZ Beyer Luglug

City vibes: Lighted Banaue streets

by Jemaimae Gayle Humiwat P.

The Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) purchased and installed 92 sets of street lights as part of its safety and security program.

A total of PhP 1.5M from the 20% Development Fund of the 2020 annual budget lighted up the national road in strategic places in barangays.

According to Engr. Antonio Gayyuma, “During the first phase of the street lighting project, approximately PhP870 thousand were used to purchase

and install 36 sets for the first batch. For the second phase, there was an additional 56 streetlights installed in some barangays. There will be a third phase for the street lighting project targeting those barangays who have not yet been reached yet.”

Street lighting is one of the centerpiece projects of Mayor John Raymund Wesley Dulawan to prevent crime and ensure the safety of residents and travelers at night. Residents have commented on the “city vibes” that the street lights give.



EMPOWERING THE FUTURE. ‘Happitan Chi Uunga’ core group with the MSWDO Staff and trainers after their “On Air: Radio Broadcasting Training” last September 10-11, 2020. Photo by Vea Clarisse Villoria

101.7 Radyo Natin Banaue launches “happitan chi uunga”

by Reden D. Tid-ong

Young Ibanawor have a radio program of their own.

Radyo Natin Banaue 101.7 launched *Happitan Chi Uunga*, the program for young people by young people which airs daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Prior to the main launch, 25 aspiring youth broadcasters were trained on “On Air: Radio Broadcasting” on September 10-11 at Halfway Lodge and Restaurant. The training was organized by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and the Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU).

The training gave young Ibanawor the skill and confidence to use their voices on issues that affect them, and ignite positive social change. The participants were able to develop their skills in broadcasting and use

radio as a tool to inform and educate their fellow youth on Adolescent Reproductive Health, mental health and other risky behavior among youth. They were also taught about the responsible use of social media to disseminate factual information to the community.

Rhiane B. Humiwat, 15, a Grade 10 student said, “*What I liked about this training is that I learned how and what to do in radio broadcasting. I was able to meet new friends to share my problems with. We could speak out or make a story about what we learned and share this to people so that they may be motivated to join seminars like this one.*”

Prior to the training, the MSWDO also launched the National Suicide Prevention Week and Anti-Rape Signature Campaign on September 7, 2020.

GOLDEN LINK. Maureen Bugatti, a development advocate, tapped the Black Pencil organization through their #BayanihanParaSaPilipinas project to delivers medical supplies for the frontliners of Banaue.

She also turned over cash and goods handed to her by various organizations to PNP Banaue in support to their 'Adopt-a-family' project.

"This year, as part of my humanitarian advocacy, i was able to tap them [Black Pencil] again with their #BayanihanParaSaPilipinas. Nakakatuwa kasi shinare ko lang tapos maraming nag reach out sa kanila."

Through the #AngatBuhay project of the Office of the Vice President, Bugatti was also able to solicit additional medical supplies for Banaue. Photo credits to Ms Bugatti & One Banaue FB page.



BFP - Best Friend Palagi. With orders from higher authorities, Banaue Firefighters helped clear and clean alleys and roads. The Municipal Health Office (MHO) provided chlorine and the fire truck was used in the cleaning.

For the whole duration of the quarantine period, the Banaue Fire Station personnel continuously helped the COVID-19 Task Force in operating and putting order at the different checkpoint areas and decontamination of incoming motorists.

Firefighters on duty helped declodge and flush canals and drainages in the Poblacion. With the onset of heavy rains, the cleaning helped prevent more flooding at the center. Photo credits to BFP



PESO IN ACTION. LGU-Banaue Public Employment Service Office (PESO) implemented the Tulong Panghanapbuhay Para Sa Ating Mga Displaced/Disadvantaged Workers Program #Barangay Ko, Bahay Ko (TUPAD #BKBK) Disinfection/Sanitation Project. Around 78 beneficiaries from Ibayong and Poblacion worked for 10 days from May 8-18 with a rate of PhP 350.00 per day. Photo credits to PESO.

by Loribelle Grace M. Baguilat



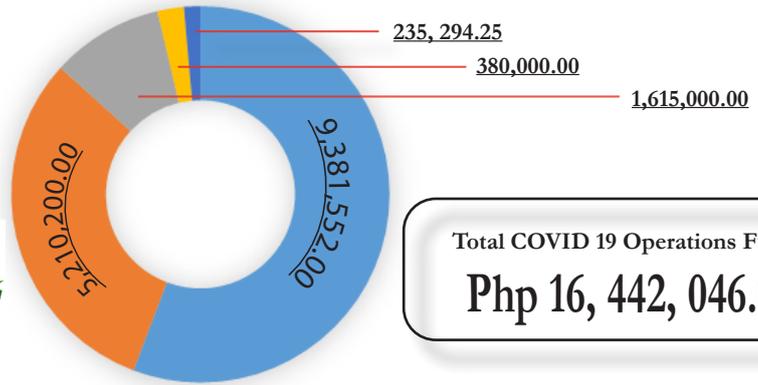
GREEN IS IN. LGU-Banaue through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) distributed shirts from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to sanitary workers who are implementing proper solid waste management in our municipality. Photo credits to PESO.

by Loribelle Grace M. Baguilat



Source of funds

- Bayanihan Grant
- Supplemental Budget (Budget Realignment/Re-appropriation from Imbayah, 20% Development Fund & 2019 Savings)
- 2019 DRRM Quick Response Fund
- Donations
- 2020 DRRM Quick Response Fund



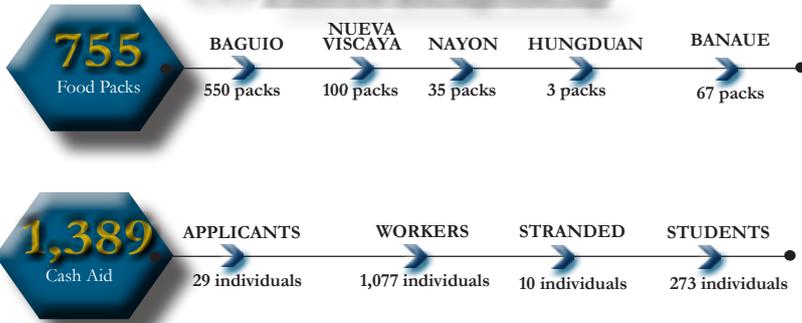
Total COVID 19 Operations Fund
Php 16, 442, 046.00

Expenses

Establishment of checkpoints	518,171.00
COVID-19 Taskforce operations	222,123.25
Food assistance and relief goods	4,143,023.40
Financial Assistance	1,577,700.00
COVID-19 test kits, PPEs, etc.	1,722,614.00
Medicine, supplies and vitamins	1,440,189.00
Quarantine Area food and supplies	376,616.75

Total Expenses as of June 30, 2020
Php 10,000,437.40

ASSISTED INDIVIDUALS
COVID19 ECQ/GCQ



■ ROMEO LICAYAO JR

- PNA - IFUGAO
- CINDY CUMAHLING
- ST LOUIS GIRLS HIGH BATCH 1984 BAGUIO (through DR. RAQUEL REBOLLEDO)
- MICO FAMILY
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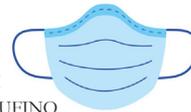


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Banaue LGU Battles Wastes

by Jonas P. Bustamante

The unfortunate reality of Banaue: improper waste disposal, reckless littering, unsegregated waste and an overflowing residual containment area or lack of appropriate disposal facility. The Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) with national government agencies and other concerned community groups have endeavored to address the municipality's issues on waste management. But where is Banaue now with its battle towards a cleaner environment?

The Philippines' Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (R.A. 9003) provides for a systematic, comprehensive and ecological waste management program. In response, Banaue passed several ordinances "Prohibiting Littering and Improper Disposal of Waste Matters" and the "Banaue Plastic Ordinance." These ordinances all seeks to strengthen Banaue's solid waste management. To enforce these ordinances, the MLGU hired additional garbage collectors, waste segregators and street sweepers. Shredder machines were repaired and a massive information-education campaign on proper waste management was conducted.

At present, Banaue is only using a Temporary Residual Containment Area (TRCA) located in Sitio Awan-igid in

barangay Viewpoint. After almost 15 years in operation, the TRCA can no longer accommodate the increasing volume of garbage being dumped. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources had also ordered that operations in the TRCA be stopped.

Acting on this chronic problem that has beset the municipality for years, the MLGU sought the help of Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya LGU to allow their sanitary landfill to host Banaue's mixed residual garbage. The Municipality agreed to temporarily accept the waste. From September to October 2019, at least eighteen (18) truckloads of residual waste from the Awan-igid TRCA were disposed in the Bagabag Sanitary Landfill.

This costly transport of waste had given the TRCA a chance to recover. But to simply recover is not our long-term goal. Recently, the MLGU purchased two (2) new garbage dumptrucks and conducted a survey for a possible sanitary landfill to address our garbage concerns. The MLGU will continue its battle towards having a municipality with people who work hand in hand with the government, and be advocates of a cleaner environment.



LGU Banaue – SN Aboitiz Power Group Team Up for Restoration and Reforestation

by Andres Ordillo

On February 6, the SN-Aboitiz Power Group and the MLGU launched a PhP1.3 million restoration and reforestation project. The restoration of the Poitan Rice Terraces continues despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Ricefield owners and other wage earners work

in the abandoned fields to bring back agricultural productivity and the magnificence of these stairway-like terraces which once lured tourists.



REQUIREMENTS FOR MORTUARY AID ASSISTANCE for deceased senior citizens

- Certificate of Residency *(signed by Barangay Captain)*
- Certificate of Membership *(signed by the SC President)*
- Death Certificate *(2 copies authenticated)*

REQUIREMENTS FOR CASH ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS 90 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE

- Birth Certificate of SC *(PSA/LCR original copy)*
- Birth Certificate of eldest child *(LCR 1 copy)*
- Photocopy of OSCA ID
- Certificate of Residency *(signed by Barangay Captain)*

REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLO PARENT ID

- Birth Certificate of children below 18 years old
- Barangay Certificate of Residency
- 2 pcs 2x2 ID picture

REQUIREMENTS FOR PWD ID

- Medical Certificate of Certificate of Disability
- 2 pcs 1x1 ID picture

REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMER'S REGISTRATION FOR BASIC SECTORS IN AGRICULTURE

- 2 pcs 2x2 ID picture
- Government ID
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SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES ADOPTED & ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BANAUE, IFUGAO
FROM JULY 2019 to JUNE 2020 IN SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT'S PLANS AND PROGRAMS
FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

SNO	ORDINANCES	Jul- Dec 2019	Jan.-Jun. 2020
1	Adopted Ordinances to systematize the smooth operation of the new administration *IRP, Tax Code, 2020 Annual Budget, Supplemental Budgets	6	3
2	Budget Realignments to fit the municipal thrust & programs of the new administration	11	3
3	Review & Amendment of Ordinances:	3	5
4	Creation of new positions *General Service Officer, Registration Officer III, Executive Assistant I, Municipal Administrator, Local Assessment Operations Officer II *Registrar II	5	1
5	Creation of new office * General Service Office, Municipal Administrator's Office	2	
6	Ordinances in support to Sports Development *Institutionalizing the granting of cash incentive to medalist in the provincial, regional, national and international sports competition	1	
7	Ordinances in support to Peace & Order Programs *Anti-Modified Muffler Ordinance of the municipality of Banaue *Speed Limit in the Municipality of Banaue		2
8	Ordinances in support to Health & Sanitation Programs *Institutionalizing the Search for the cleanest and greenest barangay ordinance of 2019	1	24
9	Ordinances for the prevention of COVID-19 entry in the municipality *An ordinance requiring the use of facemasks or face covering in public places and imposing penalties thereof *An ordinance prescribing strict physical distancing and penalizing the dishonesty or untruth declaration of any patient during this pandemic times, and provide penalties thereof *An ordinance prohibiting any form of discrimination against medical and non-medical frontliners and persons classified as suspect, probable or confirmed cases due to COVID-19 situation and imposing penalties thereof. *An ordinance establishing regulations an protective measures against the spread of COVID -19 in the municipality of Banaue and providing penalties for violation thereof.		4
SNO	RESOLUTIONS	Jul.- Dec. 2019	Jan.- Jun. 2020
1	Resolutions declaring Barangay Ordinances as valid and operative	26	13
2	Request to other government agencies	9	16
3	Resolutions declaring Barangay Annual /SK/Supplemental Budgets as valid and operative	13	45
4	Resolutions approving accreditation of Organizations	9	3
5	Resolutions authorizing the LCE to enter into MOA with other agencies	3	5
6	Declaring Barangays under state of calamity	1	2
7	Resolutions on Office Standard Operating Procedures	9	8
8	Resolutions on Social Development	1	6
9	Resolutions as explanatory notes to ordinances enacted	2	1
10	Resolution of endorsements	2	2
11	Resolutions in support to Sports Development	1	
12	Resolutions supporting the Peace and Order Programs in the Municipality		1
13	Resolution to prevent entry of COVID-19 in the Municipality		1
14	A resolution stating the Sangguniang Bayan's outmost support for the separation of the Banaue National High School Main-Ducligan and conversion/renaming of Banaue National High School annex and Kinakin Elementary School to Kinakin Integrated School		1
15	Resolution concurring for appointment * Municipal Health Officer- Dra. Raquel Rebolledo *Municipal Administrator I- Atty. Kendall Pung-ao T. Immoliap		2
16	Resolution signifying the support of the Municipal Local Gov't Unit of Banaue, Ifugao on House Bill 5687, an act establishing the autonomous region of the Cordillera.		1



Vice Mayor's Message

DONALD L. MONGOLNON
Municipal Vice Mayor



Sound of my GAVEL

IN THE NEW ERA ADMINISTRATION

On July 1, 2019, the new sound of a gavel began to be heard in the municipality of Banaue with a new set of legislative elected officials. The Oath of Office has exhibited our pledges and loyalty to serve the municipality and the people within the jurisdiction. The start of office from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 reflected a year of non-stop service within the bounds of our duties and functions that resulted in the adoption and amendment of numerous ordinances and resolutions, setting of standard guidelines and policies, and reviewing and approving barangay ordinances transmitted by the different barangays. These legislation are practical and applicable in the current contexts, supporting the municipal thrust and programs of the administration to expedite development programs.

THE PERIOD OF COVID-19 INVASION

Ibanawors were enjoying the progress and growing economy of Banaue when suddenly, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, totally changing circumstances in the entire country. Nobody expected the outbreak that caught the country unaware. The MLGU was immediately confronted with the situation, and meticulously screened any entry to the municipality.

The Sangguniang Bayan (SB), through this leadership, enacted ordinances and adopted resolutions to immediately respond to the national health emergency. There were at least two ordinances enacted to allot supplemental budget with a total amount of PhP14, 591,752 added to the 2019 Quick Response Fund amounting to PhP1,615,000.00. This gave Banaue a total of PhP16, 206, 752 to procure Personal Protective Equipment, medicine and relief goods to safeguard the infiltration of COVID-19 pandemic in the municipality. Other COVID-19-related ordinances, regulation and protective measures against the spread of the virus were passed and adopted such as enforcing the use of face masks; prohibition of discrimination against medical and non-medical frontliners, suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Apart from enacted ordinances, resolutions were adopted to temporarily close the four entry points and boundaries at Mt. Polis, Ducligan, Uhaj and Amganad to screen those without travel authority from entering the municipality. Legislation was also adopted authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Office, CAR for the delivery of basic social services and amelioration programs which includes assistance to individuals in crisis situation, social pension for indigent senior citizens, and distribution of food and non-food items.

Our SB visited the four entry points in the municipality to show moral support and motivation to frontliners, and encourage them to stay firm and steadfast in fighting the invasion of COVID -19 for the sake of the people in Banaue.

Our SB also extends gratitude to all those who gave time and resources to help in the search and rescue of kabobleyans in the Sumigar tragedy. Our SB shall endeavor to look after the general welfare of the people of Banaue in terms of safety, good health and economic progress.



"Voluntourists make time, effort and investment to assist host communities during travel, creating great opportunities (for) friendship and cultural exchange."

- Black Pencil

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