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Welcoming #ZABIDAin2018!

ZABIDA welcomes the New Year through a 4-day Annual Operations Planning (AOP) Activity together with its member-organizations Nagdilaab Foundation Inc., Reach-Out to Others Foundation Inc., Katilingban Sa Kalambuan Organization, Inc., and Peace Advocates Zamboanga Foundation Inc., last January 9 to 12 of this year.

With the trends to development constantly changing and both natural and man-made disasters still unpredictable, the Regional Program Management Office of ZABIDA, through the President, Fr. Angel C. Calvo, CMF and Executive Director, Esperancita Hupida, the Program Coordinators and Staff were made to understand the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda to serve as a guide towards the future Project Implementations.



This year 2018, the Convenio Project, supported by the Spanish Cooperation (AECID) and Manos Unidas in Spain, is on its 4th year. The AOP is an opportunity for ZABIDA to re-evaluate and strengthen its strategies in addressing the 4 components under the project which are Participatory Governance, Peace Advocacy, Human Rights and Environment. (Deorenzie Frances Carreon/ZABIDA)

PHOTO FEATURE: Interreligious Solidarity for Peace (ISP-PAZ) first meeting for 2018



1st Interreligious Solidarity for Peace (ISP) Monthly Meeting for 2018 at Garden Orchid Function Room with around 20 attendees from the different religious groups. Present during the meeting are the 4 Conveners of ISP namely Fr. Angel Calvo, CMF - Catholic and the Lead Convener of ISP; Prof. Ali Yacub, Al-Hj - Muslim Convener; Atty. Paulino Ersando - Evangelical Convener; and Panglima Amilpasa Bandaying - Indigenous People Convener.

PHOTO FEATURE: DRRM Logistical Support turn-over in Brgy. Kasanyangan



“Oplan Ilaw” Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Logistical Support implementation and turn over ceremony was held at Asinan Day Care Center, Kasanyangan early this morning January 20, 2018. Present during the turn over are the different sectoral group members such as Children, Senior Citizen, Women, Youth, Fish-erfolks, Indigenous People leader and BLGU Representatives.

Mindanao Week of Peace on its 20th year

“We continue taking shared steps in our journey to peace. We make special mention of this year’s events highlighted by the violence in Marawi and the separate explosions in Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu and other places in Mindanao. This is also a year that gives place to the search for peaceful alternatives to local conflict such as the Enhanced Bangsamoro Basic Law, the issue of Federalism, and other approaches that mean to address our historical differences. Added to that is the on-going war on drugs, poverty, and corruption,” the Interreligious Solidarity for Peace stated as it officially opened the Mindanao Week of Peace 2017.



The observance of the Week of Peace started in 1997 as initiated by Peace Advocates Zamboanga (PAZ) and the SALAAM Foundation Inc., and later on by the Interreligious Solidarity Movement for Peace which turned into a Mindanao Wide-celebration then providentially declared through Presidential Proclamation No. 127, series of 2001 under the administration of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. This has been nationally celebrated through the Mindanao Peace Weaver Networks.

For 20 years now, the Mindanao Week of Peace celebration gathers diverse group of people beyond cultural and political differences participating in various activities such as a Grand Peace Parade (Opening Parade) and Grand Parade of Lights/Torch Parade (Closing Parade).

Majority of the activities of the Mindanao Week of Peace 2017 still brought together people from different sectors. From November 21 to 23, PAZ organized a Regional Peace Forum gathering around 65 Youth from Schools, Peace Clubs, Student Government, and Youth Sector Representatives from Barangays.

Part of the Mindanao Week of Peace 2017 Celebration is the recognition of the Peace Weavers Awardees wherein Peace Builders who has shown and/or given outstanding efforts towards the achieving Peace and Solidarity in Mindanao are nominated and are chosen from. For this year, Peace Weaver Awardees 2017 are Professor Noor Mohammad-Saada of the Academe, Lt. Gen. Carlito G Galvez, Jr. of the Security Sector, Dr. Aboulkhair Tarason of the Religious Sector, Mrs. Juanita M Cabugatan of the Women Sector and Mr. Nulhamdo Cegales of the Indigenous People Sector.

For Basilan, on the other hand, Nagdilaab Foundation Inc., (NFI), a member-organization of ZABIDA, celebrated the Mindanao Week of Peace through a Walk-Marathon, a Zumba for Peace, and Mangrove Planting. Partner-Schools and Partner-Municipalities showed solidarity through their participation. (Deorenzie Frances Carreon/ZABIDA)

PHOTO FEATURE: Regional Youth Forum 2017 #MindanaoWeekOfPeace2017



Some 60 Christian and Muslim youth leaders from Zamboanga City and Basilan Province had a three-day journey during the Regional Youth Peace Forum conducted last November 21-23 at Our Lady of the Pilar Retreat House, Mercedes this city. (Albert F. Arcilla/Peace Advocates Zamboanga)

Children's Camp 2017 in Tairan, Basilan

In line with the 25th National Children's month celebration on November, Nagdilaab Foundation Inc. (NFI), in partnership with Zamboanga-Basilan Integrated Development Alliance (ZABIDA), Kinder Not Hilfe (KNH) and other organizations; Philippine Information Agency in Basilan, Red Cross of the Philippines, Isabela Water District, International Rotary Club, and Department of Education conducted a three (3) days Children's Peace Camp on November 24-26, 2017, held at Barangay Tairan, Lantawan Basilan, with the theme: "Bata, Iligtas sa Droga at Terrorista". There are 184 children, 15 youth facilitators and 26 teachers participants from three (3) municipalities of Basilan namely; Akbar, Lantawan and Maluso.



The activity focused on "Peace-Building Advocacy " which aims to strengthen awareness on environmental issues, enhance their skills and talent through arts and to deepen children's understanding on children's rights.

Mr. Rene V. Carbayas, Information Center Manager, PIA-Basilan served as resource speaker on ASEAN integration on the first day of the camp. He also challenged the children to listen and to open their minds and heart in realization happening nowadays.

Children were clustered into four (4) thematic sessions namely; Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Life support or First Aid Training, Arts and Crafts, Sing and Dance, and Stress Debriefing Sessions. Each thematic session were participated by pupils of different participating schools. The purpose of doing this is to make sure that each pupil will have the idea, additional skills, and knowledge of the thematic sessions and also used their talent and skills to advocate Peace. The children camp was also packed with team-building activities such as children amazing peace race in order to test and strengthen their camaraderie, communication, endurance and agility. During solidarity night the children showcased their hidden talents.

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Present during the Talent Presentation were Ms. Deddette L. Suacito, Executive Director of Nagdilaab Foundation Inc. (NFI), Ms. Aleli Almodovar, Manager of Isabela Water District, LT,Col. Andrew B. Bacala Jr.,Commander of 4th Special Forces Batalion, Capt. Ronald G. Odchimar, CMO officer 104 Brigade & Company, Hon. Carlito M. Suela,Barangay Chairman-Tairan, Lantawan, Hon. Ustadz Patta Lazaro, Municipal Councilor-Lantawan Municipality, Mr. Haber Bebio, Principal of Pamucalin Elementary School, and Mr. Protosendo Rago, Principal of Switch Yakal Elementary School. (Ayara Jaimin/Nagdilaab Foundation Inc.)

PHOTO FEATURE: Governance Logistical Support turn-over in Brgy. Upper Manggas, Lantawan, Basilan



Barangay Upper Manggas, Lantawan, the Women Sector Group and the Outpost (Security Sector Group) received Kitchen Utensils Logistical Support last December 16. Held at Upper Manggas, Barangay Hall, Lantawan Municipality. Present during turnover ceremony were Hon. Nasser Abubakar, Vice Mayor, Lantawan Municipality together with the Barangay Officials, members of Women Sector, and Security Sector, Ms. Deddette Suacito, NFI Executive Director and Mr. John Francisco, LGU Coordinator for Lantawan Municipality.

ROOF Logistical Support Turn-Over for December 2017

Through the support of the Spanish Cooperation (AECID) and Manos Unidas to ZABIDA, in the implementation of Convenio 2 Project, ROOF as a member-organization, conducted its last set of Logistical Support Turn-Over for year 2017.

Last December 26, ROOF turned-over its Logistical Support to Barangay Lamisahan for the Disaster Risk Reduction Manament (DRRM). Present during the turn-overceremony and MOA signing were Hon. Rodel Alvarez and the rest of the Barangay Councils. And Dr. Grace J. Rebollos ROOF President, Mr. Khamar Ismael Amsain, ROOF Program Coordinator and LGU -Coordinator assigned in Barangay Lamisahan Ms. Rahsa Alberto.



On the same day, Barangay Dulian received its Logistical Support on Gender and Development and sectoral/ Poverty Alleviation to the Multi-sectoral Group in the said Barangay. Present during the turn over and MOA signing Hon. Leon Tabuena, Barangay Chairman and the rest of the Barangay Council and the sectoral groups and Dr. Grace Rebollos ROOF President, Khamar Ismael Amsain ROOF Program Coordinator and Ms. Rahsa Alberto LGU Coordinator.

Then, on December 23, turned-over 52 sacks of Rice for Rice Retailing as Logistical Support to Barangay Divisoria for the Gender and Development & Sectoral/Poverty Alleviation to the Women's Association of the Barangay Pamucutan. Present during the Turn-Over, the MOA signing and Induction of Officers were Hon. Marissa Saavedra and Hon. Carlos Guerrero and the Sectoral Groups of Barangay Divisoria. Also present were Dr. Grace Rebollos, ROOF President, Khamar Ismael Amsain, ROOF Program Coordinator, Mr. Dennis Albert, LGU Coordinator assigned to Barangay Divisoria and Asthon Suico, LGU Coordinator.

Photo: Barangay Pamucutan received Logistical Support for Gender and Development Sectoral/Poverty Alleviation and Disaster Risk Reduction Management on December 28. Present during the Turn-Over ceremony were the Barangay Council of Barangay Pamucutan, the Women Association of Pamucutan and the Youth Sector, Dr. Rufina Cruz, ROOF Vice President, Khamar Ismael Amsain, ROOF Program Coordinator, Dennis Alberto and Asthon Suico, LGU Coordinators.

PHOTO FEATURE: 1st Youth Advocate Encampment 2017



Before the 2017 year ends, a 1st Youth Advocate Encampment was conducted in Barangay Limpapa last Decmber 26-28. This was in partnership with Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) of Barangay Labuana, Limpapa

and BLGU of Limpapa and in coordination with Institute of Autonomy and Governance (IAG).

The Youth participants were oriented on issue and concerns of the Youth Sector and Lectured on Violence in Extremism and Terrorism, Youth Initiatives and Tools for Advocacy. One of the Highlight of the camp is the Search of Outstanding Youth Advocates (OYA 2017) who will be responsible in organizing Advocacy campaigns and programs that will strengthen youth and other sectors in the community.

About 50 Youth leaders selected in barangay Labuan and Limpapa participated. (Leo Christopher Gaspar/ZABIDA)

New Homes for 80 Families in Kinaiyahan Eco-Village

Kinaiyahan Eco-Village, a housing project of ZABIDA through the Katilingban Sa Kalambuan, Inc. supported by the Convenio 2 Project of the Spanish Cooperation (AECID), is now the new home of 80 families from the various Urban Poor Associations in Zamboanga City.

ZABIDA through Katilingban Sa Kalambuan Inc. (KKI) inaugurates its 4th Housing Project which is



supported by the Spanish Cooperation (AECID) through Manos Unidas. The village will be housed by 80 families coming from different Urban Poor Associations and that are members of PAKAZA in Zamboanga City.

These 80 Families worked together to build their new homes that solely promotes Community Empowerment. Mr. Eliseo Taub, President of the Kinaiyahan Eco-village Home Owners Association expressed in his message that they are very grateful for the opportunity given to them to work for their now new homes and he as president is looking forward to creating a better community with its fellow members. He also said that he is beyond happy that all of the 80 families of the village is starting year 2018 with a new beginning in their new homes.

Barangay Chairperson Hon. Pilarica Ledesma, in her message, expressed that as Barangay Sinunuc is getting bigger in population, she reminded the new members to be cooperate and participate in Barangay activities such as that of the Solid Waste Management. She also invited the home owners to process their record in the Barangay to avail benefits and easier request of documentation in the future.

Also present during the event was Manos Unidas Country Coordinator to the Philippines, Ms. Jessica del Olmo, ROOF President, Dr. Grace J Rebollos, ZABIDA Executive Director, Ms. Esperancita Hupida and ZABIDA President, Fr. Angel C. Calvo, Commission on Human Rights, Task Force Zamboanga and the Philippine National Police.

Fr. Angel C. Calvo, in his talk, put emphasis on the responsibility as individuals and as members of the community. He also expressed how he is looking forward to see the development of every family in the Kinaiyahan Eco-Village in the future.

Later on that afternoon, a launching of the book entitled “Scissors, Papers, Water, Stones”, written by Maria Frenchie Carreon, which evolves around stories of migrants to Zamboanga City for the past 2-3 decades and that of the Home Owners of all the Katilingban Housing. The Inauguration took place at the Kinaiyahan Eco-village, Barangay Sinunuc Zamboanga City, 20 December 2017. (Deorenzie Frances/ZABIDA)



Katilingban sa Kalambuan Org., Inc. turn-over Logistical Support of 10 units of Hand Held Radio to the council, sectoral group representative and purok leaders of Cawit.

This is in line with the KKI implementation of Logistical Support in CONVENIO program addressing DRRM and Peace and Security of the Barangay. (Sosimo Eyas Jr./KKI)

Annual International Human Rights Day 2017 Celebration with Sector Groups

Zamboanga-Basilan Integrated Development Alliance, Inc. (ZABIDA) in partnership with the City Commission on Human Rights, the Federation of Zamboanga City Civil Society Organization (FZCCSO) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) gathered the various sectors from different ZABIDA-Convenio Project Partner-Barangays and Partner Institutions to celebrate the International Human Rights Day 2017 on December 14, 2017.



Sector Representatives from the Youth, PWD, Women, Farmers, Indigenous People, and the Informal Settlers, were given the opportunity to share their accomplishments in their socio-civic involvements and initiatives for year 2017.

Partner Government Institutions provided affirmation on the programs and projects initiated by the sector groups. Affirmations were given by the City Social Welfare Development (CSWD) Office through its Head, Ms. Socorro A. Rojas, the Office of the City Agriculturist (OCA) through the City Agriculturist, Mr. Diosdado Palacat, the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) through Engr. George Jucotan, Officer-in-Charge of NCIP-Zamboanga, the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) through Mr. Christopher Jessie Lapinid, CBMS Focal Person, CPDO, and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) through Dir. Mohammad Taha Arakama, City Director.

The Federation of Zamboanga City Civil Society Organizations Inc., (FZCCSOI) announced that they are looking forward to meeting again for the CSO Assembly on February 2018. (Frances Carreon/ZABIDA)

Farmers Assembly 2017 in Bunguiao, Zamboanga City

Gathering around 100 Farmers from different Farmers Associations in the City, Reach-Out to Others Foundation Inc., organized the 2017 Farmers Assembly at Bunguiao Eco-Farm Training Center, Barangay Bunguiao, Zamboanga City last December 27, 2017.

The Assembly serves as an avenue for respective Farmers Associations to provide updates on their annual accomplishments highlighting socio-civic project implementations/involvement.



The concern on the Ginger Dispersal under the Bottom-Up Budgeting was also discussed through the latter part of the assembly amongst the Farmers. It was concluded that ZABIDA will provide assistance in reaching the Department of Agriculture and that of the City Agriculturist Office of Zamboanga City.

Also present are Fr. Angel C. Calvo, CMF, ZABIDA President, Dr. Grace Rebollos, ROOF President, Ms. Esperancita Hupida, ZABIDA Executive Director, Khamar Amsain, ROOF Program Coordinator and its BLGU Coordinators Dennis and Rahsa Alberto. (Frances Carreon/ZABIDA)

Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning Orientation for the PWD Sector in Basilan

There are thirty (30) participants who attended the Human Rights Advocacy on Responsible Parenthood and family planning Orientation for Persons with Disability. Held at Querexeta Formation Center, Isabela City Basilan., last November 28, 2017. It was initiated by Nagdilaab Foundation Inc. in coordination with the City Government of Isabela and Commission On Population (POPCOM)-Region IX.



Ms. Jesielyn O. Puno, City population and Management Development Officer (CPMDO) rendered her warmed welcome message and provided the rationale of the program with the objectives: to provide Responsible Parenthood- Family Planning, Adolescent Health and Development and other program information to parents of adolescent, children and directly to differently-able adolescents and to elicit vital inputs from PWDs and Senior Citizens participating in the different activities in the identification of their specific reproductive health needs in order to recommend effective measures and interventions in meeting them.

Mr. Ferwin S. Sanchez, Persons with Disability (PWD) President-Isabela City, Basilan. Discussed the Law on Republic Act No. 9442- An act providing for the Rehabilitation, Self-Development and Self-Reliance of Disabled Person and their Integration. He stated his reason why he need to discussed the Republic Act No. 9442 for the people with disability. First, he want an openness and awareness to the Rights of PWD. Second to encouraged PWD for their Self-Development and Self-Reliance.

In connection to the Human Rights for the PWD, Ms. Gemma Casas-Paculio, the PWD Sector-Vice President, Isabela City, Basilan also discussed and explained briefly the Law on Republic Act No. 10754- An act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability. She quoted that “in reality and in other eyes, PWD like us our useless and incapable of everything” some people tend to discriminating us anywhere, but don’t take it as the balk to developed our self, instead take it as a challenge perhaps we have the Rights and privileged in this world. Although were incapable in some part but were still capable in different way, wherein able person cannot, nothing possible if GOD permit (sic)”

Ms. Jesielyn O. Puno, also imparted the topic entitled “Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning Orientation”. She expressed that nurturing and caring for PWD was not an easy task, but parents must be forbearance, patience and responsible to provide good future.

Afterwards, the participants came into realizations to stand firmly for their rights and strengthen and develop their self-esteem and self development. Ms. Zabala thanked the three speakers for their wholehearted inputs on the Rights of PWD. At the end of the program, PWDs received toiletries and energy drinks. (Ayara Jaimin/Nagdilaab Foundation Inc.)



Youth DRRM Training by: Karel B. Mellanes

On December 27, 2017, selected youth volunteers from Youth Solidarity for Peace (YSP), Mindanao Youth for Development (MYDev) and Tau Gamma Phi members participated the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Orientation cum Basic First Aid and Mobilization Training organized by Zamboanga-Basilan Integrated Development Alliance, Inc. (ZABIDA). Mr. Felipe David Malcampo, main facilitator, discussed to the participants the commonly used terms and their definitions such as hazards, disaster, preparedness, climate change and many other things that some people misguidedly use.

Nagdilaab Logistical Support Turn-Over in Basilan for December 2017

On December 26, 2017, Farmer Tools and Equipment were turned-over to the Farmers Organization of Switch Yakal which also inducted the officers for the Switch Yakal Farmers Organization.. The ceremony took place at the Barangay Hall, Switch Yakal, Lantawan Municipality. This was headed by Ms. Dedette Suacito together with Mr. John Francisco, NFI-LGU Coordinator for Lantawan Municipality.

Another Logistical Support addressing Poverty Reduction, Gender-Responsive and DRRM were turned-over to Barangay Upper Port Holland in Maluso, Basilan. December 17, NFI through its Executive Director, Ms. Suacito and the LGU Coordinator for Maluso Municipality, Mr. Paulo Lataba, officially turned-over the Barangay's proposed logistical support. Also present during the ceremony were the different Sector Groups and its members, Hon. Hja Basma Sahak Jimlani, Barangay Chairwoman of Upper Port Holland along with her Barangay Kagawads and sectoral representatives.

Same day, Barangay Shipyard Tabuk, in Maluso, Basilan received Logistical Support addressing Poverty Reduction, Gender-Responsive and Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM). Headed by Ms. Dedette Suacito, Executive Director and Paulo Lataba, LGU Coordinator for Maluso Municipality also there to witness the turnover were Hon. Rosnie T. Hadjirul, Brgy. Chairwoman of Shipyard Tabuk, Ms. Consolacion Martin, Asst. MSWDO, Hji. Salahuddin Musa, TIC of Shipyard Elementary School and all sectors of the community.

Thereafter, still on the same day, a Turn Over Ceremony for Logistical Support (CVO Outpost and Water Pipes) of Convenio 2 Project (Governance Component) took place in Barangay Lower Bañas, Lantawan Basilan. Present during the turn over ceremony were: Ms. Dedette Suacito, Executive Director of Nagdilaab Foundation, Inc. Ms. Erica Angelique P. Fernandez, LGU Coordinator, assigned in Lantawan Municipality, Barangay Council headed by the Barangay Chairman Hon. Nelson Virtucio and the different Sector Groups.

Lastly, 3 Units Sewing Machine, Garment Materials & Supplies, 30 pcs. Plastic Chairs, and 6 pcs. Plastic Tables Logistical Support were turned-over in Barangay Calayan, Lantawan Basilan. Still addressing the above-mentioned components. Present during the turn over ceremony were Mr. John Francisco, LGU Coordinator assigned in Lantawan Municipality, Barangay Council headed by the Barangay Chairman Hon. Raja Bungso Edris and the different Sector Groups. (Ayara Jaimin/NFI)



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