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PhilDHRRA launches “Consolidating CSO Networking for Citizen’s Engagement toward Participatory and Accountable Governance (CCE-PAG)” Project

In January 12, 2016, PhilDHRRA CSO partners together with representatives and officers from the DILG, EU, NAPC, ANSA-EAP gathered to formally launch the project entitled **“Consolidating CSO Networking for Citizen’s Engagement toward Participatory and Accountable Governance”** or CCE-PAG held at the DILG-Compound, cor EDSA and Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Dr. Francisco “Kiko” Magno, Executive Director of the DLSU-Jesse Robredo Institute for Governance (JRIG) TFPLG and serving as one of the guest speakers pointed out that the project is a much-awaited endeavor to ensure “people’s participation that can bring the level of involvement from the low – token level towards a more active, meaningful level combining both “sipag” (hard work) and “galing” (competence) as main ingredients”. In effect, this means making the LGC mandates of citizens’ participation in the various LSBs as well as the joint memo-circular (JMC) on citizens’-based project monitoring operational therefore guaranteeing improvement in the much needed delivery of basic services especially in the provinces and municipalities. The project launch was also graced by the presence of Mr. Achim Tillesen, EU

The CCCE-PAG project is a 3-year set of actions envisioning a strengthened civil society capacitated in mobilizing effective citizens’ demand for transparency and accountability in local governance for improved service delivery (SD) and ultimately, in pursuit of poverty reduction in selected poor communities. To accomplish this, identified CSO partners will embark on the following:

- 1) Consolidate a critical mass of CSOs in 27 municipalities for transparency and accountability;
- 2) Strengthen the capacity of local CSOs knowledge and skills in development planning, budgeting and M&E
- 3) Mobilize CSOs to advocate for a needs-based, poverty-focused (or disaster responsive) plan and budget
- 4) Mobilize CSOs in monitoring government programs and projects aimed at addressing poverty, and,
- 5) Contribute to enhancing further national government policies and programs that seek to promote and sustain transparent, accountable and participatory local governance.

CCCE-PAG is an EU-funded project and is directly managed by the



“This project is particularly promising because it addresses a number of issues that most stakeholders have identified as key challenges in their work of advancing participatory and accountable governance.” – Achim Tillesen, EU -Head of Cooperation



“This project, the CCCE-PAG takes further our commitment to support activities that are geared toward capacitating CSOs for PLG...the inputs of this project may yet offer opportunities that will enhance or even bring about new policies, plans and programs for DILG and also to LGUs...” - ASEC Josie Castilla - Go

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Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PHILDHRRRA) together with the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), the latter being PhilDHRRA’s implementing partner.

At PhilDHRRA National Secretariat (PNS) Office, the Project Management Team (PMT) is composed of two senior program officers - Monitoring & Evaluation and Capacity Development and the Project Manager. For each of the island-regions, three Project Regional Training and Coordinating officers (RTCOs) providing technical assistance to the municipalities included in the project.

At the provincial level, a member NGO anchors the project activities through the Provincial Project Coordinators (PPC) designated for each of the 9 provincial sites.

Region	Province	Municipalities	INP
LUZON	Benguet	Itogon, Kapangan, Aklan	NorLu – CeDec
	Camarines Sur	Ocampo, Canaman, Magarao	Caritas-Caceres
	Sorsogon	Donsol, Gubat, Sta. Magdalena	LikaS
VISAYAS	Bohol	Dagohoy, Corilla, Tagbilaran City	BIDEF
	Cebu	Tabogon, Medilin, Daanbantayan	PVS
MINDANAO	Negros Oriental	Bindoy, Dauin, Dumaguete City	St. Catherine
	South Cotabato	Surallah, Tantaran, Koronadal City	SCFI
	Surigao del Norte	Tubod, Alegria, Malimono	PMS
	Zamboanga Del Norte	Siayan, Sindangan, Polanco	CESCON/ XAES



In attendance: (Sitting L-R) Ms. Jing Lopez (CCCE-PAG Project manager), Dr. Kiko Magno (TFPLG), USEC Oyen Dorotan (NAPC), Mr. Achim Tillesen (EU-Head of Delegate), Ms. Alma dela Paz (KAPWA), Mr. Eric Galvin (EU Program Manager); (2nd row, L-R) Ms. Belen Fecundo (SCFI), Gemma Guyos (SCFI), Mr. Rafael Gayaso (Norlu-CEDEC), Ramon Padilla (QCPC), Sally Pernito (LIKAS), Caring Corridor (PhilDHRRA-NC), Theresa Medina (Caritas-Caceres), Ronald Muroda (Caritas-Caceres), Damins Francisco (LIKAS), Francis Batoy, (BIDEF) (3rd row, L-R) Allyn Lopez (DILG), Joel Pagsanghan (Consultant), Haley Atienza (PhilDHRRA-Vis), Glenn Bais (PhilDHRRA-Mindanao), Dino Soliman (Code-NGO), Albert Aquino (St. Catherine), Germaine de Runa (PhilDHRRA-Luzon)