

LRIs attend the Local Government Leadership Development Program



Sixty (60) participants composed of 12 training directors of the institute members of LOGOTRI for Asia and the Pacific, Local Resource Institutions, and 20 LGA Coordinators from the various regions attended the Coaches' Workshop last May 11 – 15, 2004 at the Waterfront Airport Hotel, Mactan, Cebu.

The coaches' workshop aimed to strengthen the coaching skills of the participants and the technical capabilities of their institutions in designing and implementing local government program using coaching techniques.

The emergence of the coaching strategy in developing the capacities of local government units (LGUs) contributed to a more convenient means of providing technical assistance to LGUs. The coaching technique as the core of the Local Government Leadership Program offered

by the Royal Roads University of Canada in partnership with the Local Government Leadership Institute (LGLI) was utilized during the said workshop. A group of Canadian mentors transferred the technology to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Local Government Academy (LGA) counterparts, which was first employed to other DILG and LGA training programs as well as to many local government operations and training.

Through structured learning exercises, lectures, group discussions or workshops, and role-playing, the workshop increased the technical capacities of training institutions in designing and implementing local government programs, and utilized the coaching technique as a sustainable means of providing technical assistance to local officials.

A group of Canadian and DILG-LGA mentors managed the 4-day program, which was highlighted with courses on personal mastery, facilitation, successful presentation, assessing teams and priorities, and program preparation and implementation.

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LoGoTRI PhilNet PRESIDENT'S CORNER



September 23, 2004, will mark another zenith for the Local Governance Training and Research Institutes – Philippine Network's milestones. On this date, the LoGoTRI Philnet will celebrate its first year of seemingly never-ending dealings and accomplishments.

Throughout the year, the Philnet as a new organization has proven itself to be a very potent partner to the local government units and its functionaries. It provided numerous training and research services with the end view of capacitating the localities, and institutions. It has also instituted mechanisms towards self-sustained, responsive, appropriate, transparent, accountable, and quality capacity-building interventions to the local governments.

In becoming the premier network of empowered and responsive local resource institutions it promotes excellence in governance to the highest potential. The LoGoTRI Philnet has also adhered to the principles of synergy through partnership and teamwork, collegiality in diversity, participation of stakeholders, respect to individuality of members, professionalism, and integrity. Through programs like technical advisory services, training, study tours, research studies, documentation, knowledge management, and staff exchange, the goals of the organization were never failed.

I therefore congratulate all the members for the yearlong effort and support to the organization. May the Philnet grow larger, and continue to be a fruitful organization of local resource institutions.


Marivel C. Sacendoncillo

LIST OF RESOLUTIONS (*PhilNet*)

TO BE SIGNED – Dated December 3, 2004

1. Identification of the Bank of the Network
2. Authorized Signatories
3. Making LGA as permanent member of the Board of Directors (Dated Nov 2003)
4. Establishing the Secretariat at the Local Government Academy (to provide personnel, office space, and conference room)
5. Designating an Assistant Secretary to the Network (Marlon Era)
6. Registering the Network to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for its legal status
7. Others

TO BE DRAFTED FOR DELIVERY (Next BOD Meeting May 15, 2004)

1. Creation of Committees
 - a. Membership Committees
 - b. Documentation Program Committee
 - c. Accreditation Committee
2. Use of PhilNet Fund to implement priority programs (Authorizing the President)
3. Authorizing Oliver Larion as Financial Officer for PhilNet
4. Others

PhilNet Plans 3rd Board of Director's Meeting

Pursuant to the internal guidelines of the Board that meetings be held on a quarterly basis to discuss and update the body on the developments relevant to the Network, the 3rd BOD meeting is scheduled on September 10, 2004, at the Villa Margarita Mountain Resort, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

The meeting aims to discuss the following matters:

- LoGoTRI-PhilNet programs;
- LoGoTRI-PhilNet Accreditation System;
- LoGoTRI-PhilNet Committees;
- LoGoTRI-PhilNet Documentation Program;
- Operations Manual;
- Mindanao PhilNet Secretariat;
- Financial reports;
- BOD resolutions;
- 10 to 10 Program;

All eleven (11) Directors of the LoGoTRI-PhilNet Board and four (4) representatives from the Network's Secretariat are expected to attend the meeting.

THE 10-POINT AGENDA OF PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL – ARROYO

- 1) Creation of six million jobs in six years via more opportunities given to entrepreneurs, tripling of the amount of loans for lending to small and medium enterprises and the development of one to two million hectares of land for agricultural business.
- 2) The construction of new buildings, classrooms, provision of desks and chairs, and books for students and scholarships to poor families.
- 3) The balancing of the budget.
- 4) The *decentralization* of progress around the nation through the use of transportation networks like the *roll-on, roll-off* (RORO) and the digital infrastructure.
- 5) The provision of electricity and water supply to *barangays* nationwide.
- 6) The decongestion of Metro Manila by forming new cores of government and housing centers in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.
- 7) The development of Clark and Subic as the best international service and logistics centers in the region.
- 8) The automation of the electoral process.
- 9) A just end to the peace process; and
- 10) A fair closure to the divisiveness among the EDSA 1, 2, and 3 forces.

GO-NGO Collaboration in Mainstreaming GAD through Local Legislation

The Angeles City Experience

By: Susan T. Pineda

Angeles City, first a town of Pampanga, was chartered in January 1, 1964 by virtue of Republic Act 3700. A year before the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in June 1991 and the pullout of American troops following the rejection of the extension of the 1947 Military Bases Agreement in September 1991, the service sector comprised the bulk of employed persons. This included some 18,000 prostituted women and some 5,000 others in the restaurant and hotel business. The service sector also included direct and indirect hired base workers who counted nearly 35,000. Half of these were women, employed as office workers, domestic helpers or maintenance workers. The agricultural sector covering less than 2,000 hectares, were mostly planted first with sugarcane, then with rice, and lastly, with root crops by lowland farmers and Aetas.

The attempt by various women's groups to mainstream the women's agenda was evident in its strong lobbying for a base conversion. While the agenda was high up on the Abueva Commission's final base conversion plan, the actual conversion processes were not undertaken. Former base workers, including women, were again relegated to maintenance work as their skills hardly suited the labor requirement of garments and electronics firms in what is now the Clark Special Economic Zone (CSEZ). Still, the city had not weaned itself from its *Sin City* image. Prior to Mt. Pinatubo's eruption in 1991, there were 160 bars. Four years later, the number even rose to 170. Sex Tourism and Internet ads on prostitution aggravate the commodification of women. Violence committed against women and children ranged from wife battering, rape, incest, child support, and sexual harassment.

Amidst this grim reality of development failure, grassroots and professional women pioneered in advancing women's rights and well being in the city. In 1994, these women, spearheaded by the Kapisanan para sa Kagalingan ng Kababaihan sa Angeles (KKKA), a grassroots women organization, successfully lobbied for the creation of the Angeles City Center for Women's Affairs and Concerns (ACCWAC). It was created under the City Mayor's Office through Executive Order No. 17 Series 1994. While it indicated the potential of the city government to respond and work with women's grassroots organizations, it was still a government creation lacking in support and funding. So IMA Foundation, a regional feminist organization, developed a comprehensive women's development program and continued the efforts started by ACCWAC. It positioned itself as the core of the Women's Development and Resource Center (WDRC), raising funds mainly from national legislators and from the city local government. On the other hand, the Angeles City Women's Coordinating Council (ACWCC) began by being at the core of the women's month committee, and IMA as its convener. It transformed the city's commemoration of the women's month into an activity for forging unity among women and highlighting the sector's issues. Likewise, as part

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MINUTES OF BOD MEETING
Waterfront Hotel, Mactan, Cebu City
15 May 2004

Present

All members of the Board of Directors were represented except the University of Northern Philippines (UNP).

- PhilNet may request CyberBarangay to give details of its program (Secretariat to facilitate this)

Agenda

- I. Review of Previous Minutes
- II. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - A. Update on the Proposals and Programs
 - B. Creation of Membership Committee
 - C. Update on the Accreditation System
- III. New Business
 - A. Management of the Documentation Program
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Proposed Operations Manual
- IV. Other Matters
 - A. Setting up of the Mindanao Secretariat
 - B. Establishment of Consortia
 - C. Signing of Resolutions

B. ON TRAINING

- PhilNet training activities were reviewed (refer to the training calendar of the Network)
- Secretariat to write GEODATA to follow up on their activities
- It was suggested that **impact research** may be done to evaluate the training activities conducted (e.g. polling, documentation, coaches, etc.)
- The following upcoming training activities were identified with respective lead/coordinator that shall submit respective training designs within the first week of June 2004:
 - a. Project Development and Management (Investment promotion)
SOPREX June 2004
 - b. Computer-Based Codification in lieu of of relational skills training (e.g. GAD Code)
CCLG July 2004
 - c. Advance Community Organizing "Participatory Governance"
NVSIT September

Minutes

A. ON CYBERBARANGAY PROGRAMS

- LRIs requesting for computers shall course it through to their respective vice-presidents
- The Secretariat shall develop a "Request Form" facilitate interest to receive computers
- The flow of request may look like below:
 1. Completion of the "Request Form"
 2. Submit it concerned Vice-President
 3. Endorse to Secretariat for BOD's information
 4. BOD referendum (with concurrence of CCLG and CyberBarangay)
 5. Approval or Disapproval of Request

-As regards Coaches Workshop materials, suggestions were:

- a. Simplification of the Manual for the LRIs (reconcile differences of the two manuals)
- b. LRIs to be the Leadership Centers (LGLI shall be established under the Network) or the Consortium for Leadership

C. ON RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION PROGRAMS

- Documentation of Best Practices to include:

- a. Maternal and Child Health (in cities and municipalities)
- b. Nutrition (e.g. CROWM)
- c. Other MDG targets, where there are limited information

- Documentation may be classified as:

- PhilNet and CyberBarangay shall engage in this cooperation (through MOA)
- Member institutions, particularly the BOD may be given priority
- Siquijor State College (Assembling Computers, — Computer Technical Assistance) already expressed its request:

- a. for use of students
- b. for use of office personnel

GOFAR Areas

Refer to list of BLGD concerns

PhilNet Themes

Refer to PhilNet thematic

- PhilNet, through the Secretariat, will issue a “call for proposals” for the documentation
- POSTNET will submit research design on “poverty mapping project”

D. CREATION OF COMMITTEES

The following committees were created by the Board of Directors, where the committee members are directed to draft the committees’ respective roles and responsibilities.

- Membership Committee:

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| a. Luzon | UNP | |
| b. NCR | | POSTNet |
| c. Visayas | | CCLG, Chair |
| d. Mindanao | | SOPREX |

- Accreditation Committee:

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| a. NCR | | DLSU |
| b. Luzon | NVSIT | |
| c. Visayas | | LIT |
| d. Mindanao | | NDMU, Chair |

- Documentation Program Screening Committee

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| a. Luzon | NVSIT | |
| b. Visayas | | SSC, Chair |
| c. Mindanao | | SOPREX |
| d. NCR | DLSU | |

E. MINDANAO SECRETARIAT

- Between SOPREX and NDMU, SOPREX was chosen as the seat of Mindanao Secretariat]
- The Secretariat provides space, staff, and facilitates activities in Mindanao
- Fund for establishing the Mindanao Secretariat shall be provided (MOOE)
- Memorandum of Understanding between SOPREX and LGA shall be drafted and signed to facilitate release of funds

F. FINANCIAL CONCERN

- Secretariat to write BIR regarding operations of PhilNet and specify it as non-profit organization (non-vat)
- Secretariat to request assistance from CCLG-USP in drafting the letter

G. OTHER MATTERS

- CCLG-USP to submit concept paper on “LOGOTRI Ambassadors of Goodwill”, where the Network shall broker engagements with other international organizations
- Update on translation proposal of the SSC (MDG Brochures and Targets)

- Consortia to offer courses online (SOPREX to submit proposal) “GLOBAL ONLINE EDUCATION”

H. ADMINISTRATIVE CONCERNS

- Next BOD Meeting in September at NVSIT on occasion of Advance Community Organizing Training
- Secretariat to Prepare Budget for 2004-2006 of PhilNet

Meeting adjourned 12:20 pm.

PROFILE OF A LOCAL RESOURCE INSTITUTION

Name of Institution: Capitol Institute of Research and Extension CINREX

Address : Capitol University
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Mission Objectives :

As the institute for research and extension of Capitol University, CINREX aims to provide assistance for the research and extension needs of the University and the society at large. It sees itself in the future as a premier institute for research and extension contributing to the development of the nation, particularly in Mindanao.

The main objectives of the research unit are:

- Generate information required for planning, decision and policy-making of the University and other sectors of the society.
- Develop research methodology and techniques to aid in the planning, decision and policy-making of the University and other sectors of the society.
- Generate information needed for the development and implementation of various programs and projects.
- Provide a venue for honing talents and capabilities in research.
- Disseminate research outputs through journals, monographs and other forms of publication as well as through other forms of media.

The extension unit aims to:

- Oversee the extension programs of the University.
- Address specific felt-needs of its adopted communities.
- Assist groups of people and/or communities in livelihood and other projects.
- Help organize groups for specific legitimate purposes.

Programs: Research, Extension, Consultancy, and Seminars

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of its consciousness raising activities among the coalition members and other women's groups, it conducted a women's month education festival. ACWCC and IMA were able to conduct an orientation on the different women's frameworks. A compendium of the Women And Development (WAD), Women In Development (WID) and Gender And Development (GAD) frameworks were provided as input for the network to understand women and gender perspective.

By 1997, IMA in partnership with ACWCC held two women's summits focused on prostitution and sectoral women's issues. By the end of the year, the summits produced the Women's Agenda and Action Plan. Likewise, organizational strides were made. ACWCC became a regular body with 32 organizations from the government and non-government sectors. It co-drafted, edited and held public hearings on the GAD ordinance. At the forefront of this policy advocacy campaign at the City Council is the city's lone woman councilor, who was also IMA Executive Director.

On March 17, 1998, the GAD ordinance was passed. Its passage pioneered local legislation on GAD throughout the Philippines. Through this, the city government set aside the mandated minimum 5 percent GAD fund from its general fund for gender responsive programs, ending the vacuum left by the General Appropriations Act, which do not directly mandate LGUs to implement the GAD budget policy. This was founded on the right of LGUs to enact local laws that support and strengthen national laws.

The women's movement in the city has produced valuable victories. Aside from the recognition gained, it has concretely delivered various services for women who have been deprived before. Likewise, the Angeles City Council adopted through Council Resolutions the Women's Agenda and Action Plan of the Women's Summits as part of its Medium Term Development Program. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) encouraged the replication of the experience in all cities and municipalities of the country.

The strength of the GAD Legislative advocacy lies on the active women's movement and involvement on the affairs of the city. Broad coalition of women and the "show of force" of women through attendance to public hearings, pickets, rally and other forms of mobilization have influenced the passage of ordinance. The number of people supporting a particular agenda often and easily convinces politicians.

Strategies

Being a pioneering experience, Angeles City adopted homegrown strategies. The following are not steps to be followed in linear order but points to consider when engaging in legislative advocacy at the LGU level:

- A strong organization to serve as the voice for the women's agenda
- Consultative mechanism and people's participation to develop stakeholderhood and sense of ownership
- A common framework must guide key advocates in advancing the legislative advocacy and action
- Women advocates directly working in the local government units (LGU) or local officials may serve as key players in legislative advocacy
- Continuous consciousness raising, organizing, mobilization and advocacy for women's issues in all social sphere

Feedback

The LoGoTRI-PhilNet is a duly accredited institution by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) since February 13, 2004 with registration number CN 200402026. PhilNet also holds account number 0672107172 at Land Bank, Capitol Branch, Pasig City.

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