

GAD ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT 2024 OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF LAOAG

BRIEF SUMMARY

The City Government of Laoag institutionalized the Gender and Development to provide and empower its constituents to have an equal right, adhere shared responsibilities and obtain equal chances and opportunities to women, men, children, PWDs, and LGBTQIA.

The GAD Budget of the city was P55,635,903.07 in 2024 more than the 5% of the total annual budget of the city in the amount of P1,112,698,374.52. This GAD fund was utilized through the following Programs, Projects and Activities of the city with an expenditure of P50,161,062.94 with an equivalent percentage of 90.16% accomplishments for FY 2024.

COOPERATIVE SERVICES

The City Government of Laoag recently conducted the **Distribution of Financial Assistance** to select primary cooperatives to address the gender issue of limited access to formal credit and capital for both male and female members of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) operating Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), particularly those classified as Micro and Small primary cooperatives. This initiative is aligned with Section 23 (a) of Republic Act No. 9710, also known as the *Magna Carta of Women*, which states: “Right to Livelihood, Credit, Capital, and Technology – The State shall ensure that women are provided with... Equal Access to formal sources of credit and capital.”

The Office of the City Mayor – Cooperative Services views the Primary Cooperatives as key partners in advancing the cooperative movement in Laoag City. Providing them with valuable assistance and meaningful interventions is not just an act of support but a strategic approach to:

- Strengthen cooperative organizations.
- Enhance the standard of living for their members.

The financial assistance distributed to the selected cooperatives is more than a monetary intervention; it is a testament to the City Government’s commitment to fostering gender equality, supporting MSMEs, and ensuring sustainable economic development. These efforts underscore the city’s dedication to building a stronger, more inclusive, and resilient cooperative movement, ultimately benefiting the broader community of Laoag City.

In line with Laoag City's Cooperative Month Celebration on October 18, 2024, a Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) between the Laoag City Government and the recipient cooperatives was conducted.



The distribution of the financial assistance was conducted on November 28, 2024, at the Office of the City Mayor.



To have an efficient delivery of services to the people especially pregnant women, PWDs and children, the city rehabilitated facilities especially at the market and slaughterhouse especially women's toilet, constructed concrete pavement in barangays 56B and slope protection in Barangay 52-B, Lataag and the construction of teen center where it catered adolescent issues.

LAOAG CITY PUBLIC MARKET AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX (LCPMCC)

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC COMFORT ROOMS

Damaged public restrooms at the Market, has been a long-time problem by the vendors, employee and market goers. This is the reason why it was budgeted last 2024 budget season a certain amount to fund this project. As a result of this project, vendors, employee and market goers will no longer experience getting delayed on the restroom.



CITY HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE (CHRMO)

a. CONDUCT OF ANNUAL MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The City Human Resource Management Office in coordination with Laoag City General Hospital conducted Employees' Annual Medical and Physical Examination from May 2024 to December 2024 to address the limited gender sensitive PPAs as regard to women's health. Regular employees were scheduled to undergo laboratory tests, X-ray test and electrocardiogram screening and physical examination at Laoag City General Hospital to check their physical fitness and get preventive care as well as gain a healthy outlook. Six hundred sixty-seven (667) employees were benefited from the program.

b. CONDUCT OF GENDER SENSITIVITY TRAINING TO EMPLOYEES

The City Human Resource Management Office in coordination with the Civil Service Commission Regional Office no. 1 conducted four batches of Gender Sensitivity Training on July 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2024 at the City Auditorium, Laoag City. Each batch was participated by fifty (50) employees. They were equipped with theoretical and practical knowledge on Gender and Development concepts and issues and have been enlightened with the provisions of Safe Spaces Act. Seventy (70) males and one hundred thirty (130) females were benefited from the training.



c. CONDUCT OF FAMILY DAY CUM TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

The City Human Resource Management Office conducted a Family Day Cum Team Building Activity at the City Multi-purpose Hall on December 20, 2024. It was attended by the officials and employees of the City Government of Laoag and the Bureau of Fire Protection with some of their family members. A learning session was conducted in the morning with the topic: "Nurturing Families by Managing Work Challenges amidst Multi-Generational Workforce and Gender Preference". The topic was discussed by Ms. Divina J. Sevilla, Counseling Professional and Psychological First Aider of the "Speak Up, I'm Here Mental Health Hotline and Center of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte.



In the afternoon, an awarding ceremony was held to recognize deserving offices and employees who have excelled this year in terms of the implementation of waste segregation and diversion, record of attendance, commitment to work notwithstanding an immediate peril and dedication towards work excellence. Afterwards, several team building activities were undertaken and at the end of the activity, a socialization was enjoyed by the attendees.

It was a great occasion because the employees have gained morale and have improved their mental health. Moreover, families had the chance to become more acquainted. Six hundred sixteen (616) male employees and five hundred eighty-eight (588) female employees were benefited from the activity.



SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Our collector's booth, located at Slaughterhouse, had experienced severe damage due to the impact of typhoons. The roofs of the collector's booth have been severely affected by the typhoon. Several sections are dilapidated, and some areas have visible holes that allow rainwater to leak inside. This has caused discomfort to both employees and clients, especially during adverse weather conditions.

One of the most pressing issues is the lack of a comfort room that can accommodate female clients. This has created a significant inconvenience for female clients, as they have no available facility to use during their visit.

The office environment has become increasingly uncomfortable for employees due to the extreme heat caused by direct sunlight. Without adequate insulation or shading, the sun strikes directly inside the office space, leading to unbearably hot conditions. This not only affects employee comfort but also reduces productivity levels.



The state of the booth and surrounding area makes it difficult to maintain a clean and comfortable working environment. Dust easily enters the office, especially with the dilapidated roof and walls, causing respiratory discomfort and creating an unsanitary environment. This further affects the health and well-being of the employees.



The working environment is also severely impacted by high levels of noise from external sources. The noise is continuous and disruptive, making it difficult for employees to concentrate and focus on their tasks. This has further contributed to a decrease in productivity and an increase in stress levels.



The damages and inadequate facilities have created several challenges for both employees and clients. The uncomfortable working environment and the lack of proper facilities for female clients have significantly affected the overall operational efficiency of the booth. Employee morale is low, as the working conditions are physically demanding and unpleasant. Additionally, the absence of proper sanitation facilities creates a negative experience for clients, potentially leading to dissatisfaction and a decline in service quality.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

One of the city's projects was the management of solid waste and control of solid waste management facilities to resolve the incidence and risk of hazard to health of the community.

Solid Waste Management – Livelihood Program amounted to Php200,000.00

a. Skills Training on Recycling Plastic Bottles

The Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer conducted Skills Training on Recycling Plastic Bottles as part of the Solid Waste Management-Livelihood Program on July 16, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Brgy. 22 barangay hall, Laoag City. There were 25 recipients composed of women and adults from the different barangays of Laoag City, who are able to perform and venture a new skill for their livelihood project as a part of the objectives of this activity. These 25



recipients were provided starter kits (1 starter box, scissor, cutter, glue gun, glue stick) for this activity.

Rug Making (using old clothes)

The Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer conducted Skills Training on Rug Making (using old clothes) as part of the Solid Waste Management-Livelihood Program. This is a program of the government designed to provide men and women in the barangay on what and how to recycle and how to gain profit from these recyclable materials.

The said skills training was conducted on November 28-29, 2024, 2024 at the barangay hall of Brgy. 22, San Andres. There were 25 participants composed of men and women from the different barangays of Laoag City, who are able to perform and venture new skills for their livelihood project as a part of the objectives of this activity.

Ms. Wilma M. Mamuad, from Brgy. 23, San Matias, Laoag City, accompanied by Ms. Edna P. Yapo, of the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer were the trainers of the said skills training . Through this skills training program, the recipients would be able to establish an integrated waste management system that will surely improve their livelihood. The 25 recipients were provided starter kits (rug making molder small, rug making molder big, thread, starter box) for this activity.





I. Solid Waste Management-Distribution of 250 Composting Kits

OCENRO provided 250 household composting kits amounting to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (Php250,000.00) from GAD Fund to the different urban (población) barangays and schools of Laoag City at the City Multipurpose Center, Laoag City on September 10, 2024. Each barangays received 8 units of composting kits and 4 units per school for their biodegradable wastes. Through this activity, it will help lessen unmanaged biodegradable waste in households and in schools and to avoid health issues.

The kits were distributed by Honorable City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon together with the Chairman of the Committee on Environment, Hon. John Michael V. Fariñas and OCENRO Staff.



II. Environmental Protection Management Program - Conduct of Information Education Campaign (IEC) on RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and other Environmental Protection, Production and Distribution of IEC Materials

The Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer (OCENRO) conducted the following Information and Education Campaign (IEC) on RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and distributed IEC materials like tarpaulins, flyers and leaflets amounting to One Hundred Thousand (Php100,000.00) from the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund.

The conduct of IEC has attained its goal which is to inform men and women the do's and don'ts on waste segregation and educate them the importance of segregating waste and make sure that everyone has equal opportunity when it comes to access to natural resources, healthy environment, environmental risk reduction and participation in green economy.

1. Health Workers of RHU-3, at Brgy. Cabungaan North, Laoag City on January 15, 2024.



2. All KALUPI President of the different barangays of Laoag City on January 24, 2024 at Laoag City Conference Room.



3. New Contract of Service Employees of the City Government of Laoag on March 13, 2024 at Laoag City Conference Room.



4. Brgy. Officials of Brgy. 31 Talingaan, Laoag City including BHW, BNS, BSPOs, and Tanods on March 19, 2024.



5. To all 52 Child Development Workers and 92 Child Development Centers of Laoag City and this was conducted by district.

DATE	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE
March 19, 2024, 8:00-11:00 AM	Poblacion 1 Child Development Centers	Laoag City Central Terminal
March 19, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM	Poblacion 2 Child Development Centers	Laoag City Central Terminal
March 20, 2024, 2:00-4:00 PM	East District Child Development Centers	Brgy. Hall, Brgy. 54-B, Camangaan,
March 20, 2024, 2:00-4:00 AM	Northwest District Child Development Centers	Brgy. Hall, Brgy. 57, Pila
March 21, 2024, 9:00-11:00 AM	South District Child Development Centers	Brgy. Hall, Brgy. 46, Nalbo



6. To business/establishment owners of Brgy. 47 Bengcag, Laoag City with the barangay officials on April 19, 2024 the barangay hall of Brgy. 47, Bengcag, Laoag City.



- To all Barangay Health Workers of Brgy 13 to 29 and Eastern Barangays (Rural Health Unit II) on May 7, 2024.



- To all 4-H Club members during their 12th City Youth Camp and Leadership Training held at Brgy. 48-A Cabungaan, Laoag City on July 5, 2024.



- IEC on Environmental Awareness Program to DepEd, Teachers, pupils and students at Northview Hotel on September 20, 2024.



CITY MAYORS OFFICE (CMO)

Laoag City College Scholarship Program- Education is more than a privilege; it is a necessity. It is the most lasting inheritance that every parent can give. However, for many aspiring students, the path to education is littered with social constraints, systematic challenges and most common is financial barriers.

Given these challenges, the city provides a scholarship program for less fortunate but deserving students through the Laoag City College Scholarship Program. The program is designed to extend financial assistance to deserving, poor and underprivileged high school graduates.

The program is implemented on a continuing basis since it started, 10 months for every academic year, likewise with the provision of funds therefore.

The grant shall be in the form of monthly stipend in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred pesos (Php 1,500.00) for each of the deserving scholars.

Total Beneficiaries/Scholars	433
Male	131
Female	302

CITY AGRICULTURE OFFICE

The Rural Based Organizations (RBOs) assisted by the Office of the City Agriculturist Office such as City Agricultural and Fishery Council (farmers), City Fishery and Aquatic Resources Management Council (fisherfolks), Rural Improvement Club (rural women), and 4-H (rural youth) are considered partners in Agricultural development in Laoag City. Providing assistance and interventions to the members of these organization contributes to the upliftment on their standard of living and helps in the attainment of food security in the community. With the continuous support of the City Government, the organization will come to realize that they play a vital role in the economic development particularly the Agriculture Sector in the City.

2021 GAD Project was the Provision of Livelihood Projects to Increase the Income of Farmers, Fishermen, Rural Women and Rural Youth:

- a) Rice Trading Project- (RIC)
- b) Provision of Drying Net- (CAFC)
- c) Cattle Fattening Project- (4-H)

d) Fingerlings and Fish Feed Project- (CFARMC)



**BRIEF DISCRPTION UNDER GAD FUND PROJECT
YEAR 2024**

1. LOW INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS OF MEN AND WOMEN FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS

5 Modules of Ready to lay Chicken for coastal Barangays and knapsack Sprayers for farmers were distributed that will serve as Livelihood Project for our men and women fisherfolks.



2. Limited Capability Building of the Rural youth Organization

The entrepreneurial skills development and leadership training coupled with the City 4H Achievement Day cum 4H summer youth camp is meticulously designed to empower the 4H members. The 4H Youth camp was held last July 4-6, 2024 At the CDRR Compound.



3. Lack of awareness about gender sensitivity for the rural women and rural youth

Benchmarking for rural youth and rural women was held last November 27-29, 2024 in Pampanga and Pangasinan. Best practices of the said provinces were introduced to them.

CITY POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Women's Month Celebration - Many women experience discrimination almost in all forms. They are viewed weaker or lesser person on the eyes of man. However, we eloquently respond this stressing time for their protection, prevention, define their rights from all forms of violence and concern against their sexuality.

The City Government of Laoag joins the activities on the promotion of women's welfare and awareness of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte on its Celebration of Women's Month through Usapang Juana during the GAD Congress to 124 BSPOs and kinni-kinni parade.



Mass Wedding 2024 evolved with the collaborative efforts of the City Mayor's Office, City Civil Registrar, City Population and Development Office and Communication and Media Office joined by 27 couples on September 20, 2024 during the 70th birthday of Mayor Michael Marcos Keon at the City Multi-Purpose Hall.





Cervical Cancer Screening and Breast Examination was conducted in cooperation with
MMMCH, PDOH, LCGH AND CHO

At least 85 patients voluntarily submitted themselves for testing



Youth for You (U4U)

A teen trail bringing young people to their fullest potentials and bringing them to better health and improved protection from all forms of abuse and violence on October 10-11, 2024.



Parent Teen Talk 2024

Dialogue among teens and their parents on the journey of adolescents. This was done at St. Joseph High School, Inc. on October 18, 2024



Continuous monitoring and evaluation of GAD PPAs every GFPS Functionality Meeting which resulted to 90% of GAD expenditures.



The 124 Barangay Service Point Officers (BSPO) are appointive officials who helped in the implementation of population programs in their own barangays. This training activity enhanced their knowledge and skills become more effective arm of the City of Laoag on the engagement of gender sensitive population program in their line of works.



AHD AND YOUTH CENTER in Barangay 23, Laoag City



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) is an initiative by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) designed to provide meaningful employment opportunities to students during their summer and Christmas breaks. This program specifically targets students from low-income families, offering them a chance to earn income to support their education while gaining valuable work experience.

In collaboration with the DOLE, the city successfully employed 409 students under the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES), consisting of 144 male and 265 female participants. Each participant worked for up to 20 days, gaining valuable experience in local government.



During the summer job, a total of 300 students were employed. Of these, 270 students, 89 male and 181 female participants received 100% of their salary from the city government. The remaining 30 students, including 12 male and 18 female, received 60% of their salary from the city government, while

the remaining 40% was provided by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) as their counterpart. All students worked for 20 days, earning a daily wage of ₱531.82. During the Christmas job, 109 students (43 male, and 66 female) were employed for 10 days, providing service in their respective barangays. They received the same daily wage of ₱531.82, with the full salary funded by the city government.

The total expenditure for this initiative, which included wages and other program-related costs, amounted to ₱3,644,566.04, reflecting the city's commitment to supporting its youth and providing them with opportunities to earn and develop skills while contributing to the community.



CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

18 DAY CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN November 25-December 12, 2024

The 18 Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children supports the Philippine Government's Goal of protecting the human rights of women and girls by upholding its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. It is then an opportunity to revitalize commitments and call for accountability and action for decision-makers, as the world approaches the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action-2025- a visionary blueprint for achieving Gender Equality, and women's and girl's rights.

Republic Act 10398 or the Act declaring November 25 of every year as the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of VAWC, government agencies are mandated to raise awareness on the problem of violence and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls. Proclamation 1172 S. 2006-Declaring November 25 to December 12 as the 18-Day campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW). This year's Campaign with the Theme: "United for a VAW-free Philippines" with the sub-theme "VAW Bigyang-Wakas, Ngayon na ang Oras"

highlights the achievements, raising awareness, empowering survivors and Launching the National Action Plan to End VAW (NAPEVAW) which will outline a roadmap to eliminate VAW in the country.

LAKAD PARA BIGYAN WAKAS ANG VAWC CUM ZUMBA AND POSTER MAKING CONTEST



The City Government of Laoag, through the the Local Committee Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women & their Children (LCAT-VAWC), under the initiative and leadership of the Hon. City Mayor, Michael Marcos Keon, has initiated various activities to celebrate the said campaign.

The "Lakad Para Wakasan ang VAWC cum Zumba and Poster Making Contest" was spearheaded by the Zonta Club of Ilocos Norte as a kick-off activity on November 25, 2024. There were about a thousand citizens from the different Government Agencies like City Government Officials and employees, the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, the Bureau of Fire Protection; and Non-Government Organizations like the Zonta Club

of Ilocos Norte, Katipunan Ng Liping Pilipina (KALIPINA), Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS), Rural Improvement Club (RIC), Samahang Kababaihan sa Barangay (SKB), Ilocos Norte United Muslim Association (INUMA), Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps); Federated Day Care Workers Association, Federated Day Care Parents Association and the Barangay Service Point Officer (BSPO). There were two categorical awards; Barangay Health Workers bagged Biggest Delegation, while the Barangay Nutrition Council garnered the Most Artistic delegation, receiving Five Thousand Pesos and a Certificate of Recognition respectively. The “Lakad Para Wakasan ang VAW” has strengthened collaboration, camaraderie, solidarity, and cooperation among stakeholders. This further increased the awareness level of the community knowing that this fight to end Violence against women is a National issue, thereby it is a National concern.

On the other hand, The Poster- making contest depicting the theme: “ United for a VAW-free Philippines” with the sub-theme “ VAW Bigyan-Wakas, Ngayon na ang Oras” hastened the creativity and innovativeness of the women's sector. The Katipunan Ng Mga Liping Pilipina (KALIPI) of Barangay Bacsil South, garnered first place and third place, receiving Three Thousand and One Thousand Cash prize respectively, and a certificate of recognition; Barangay Vira KALIPI as the second placer, receiving Two Thousand Cash Prize and a certificate.



Climate Change and Gender Training (Nov. 29, 2024)

The Climate Change and Gender Training held at Laoag City Auditorium were attended by 300 beneficiaries from the Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program, Federated Day Care Parents, and the Local Council of Women. This is in collaboration with the Zonta Club of Ilocos Norte. The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Ms Mylene Isabel Pascual serves as the Resource Speaker. This training capacitated the beneficiaries on the proper waste disposal and segregation and its impact on climate change. It further harnessed their understanding that women play a vital role in climate change, considering that women are always at the forefront of waste segregation and disposal as well as recycling of materials.



SANA ALL SPACES SAFE KA ERPAT (R.A 11313, R.A 9208 AS AMENDED, HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/HIV) Training (December 10, 2024)



The “Sana all Spaces Safe Ka Erpat training” was held on December 2, 2024 at the Senior Citizens Center, Laoag City. It was participated in by 150 Chief Tanods, TODA Heads, and members from the LGBTQ+ community. The topics on Republic Act 11313, otherwise known as the Anti-Bastos law; the Republic Act 9262, otherwise known as the Anti Violence Against Women and their Children; and Republic Act 9208 as Amended by R.A 11862, were discussed by

Atty. Kristine F. Badua-Alejandro from the Public Attorney’s Office, Laoag City. On the other hand, Atty. Cherrie Bareng-Asistin discussed the comprehensive Human Rights Law in the Philippines. Mr. Denver Major, Medical Technologist from the City Health office shared his expertise on the preventive and mitigating measures for HIV cases and the stigma attached to the victims. These protective laws enhanced the knowledge, abilities, and skills of the Barangay Tanods and TODA heads, making them more effective and efficient in the discharge of their respective duties and responsibilities. Hence, they could be our prolific partners in advocating and ensuring safety, peace, and violence-free communities.



Capacity Training on the Salient Provisions of Social Welfare and Social protection Laws and Process of Filing Criminal Cases

The Capacity Training on the Salient Provisions of Social Welfare and Social Protection Laws and Process in Filing Criminal Cases was attended by 160 Punong Barangays and VAWC-TIP Desk Officers of the 80 Barangays of Laoag City. It was held at Laoag City Auditorium on December 9, 2024. Atty. Myles Gonsales-Esquivel, the Executive Director of Childs Right Advocacy Center (CRAC), Manila, served as the sole Resource Speaker. This Training capacitated the Punong Barangays and VAWC-TIP Desk Officers on the provisions of the different Protective (RA 11930; RA 9208 as Amended by RA. 11862; RA 7610; RA 7877; RA 11313; RA 8353 as Amended by RA 11648; RA 9262, RA 9344) Laws for women and Children, the process flows in

filing criminal cases, and abreast on the new Laws. Republic Act 11930 otherwise known as the Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) is a new Law that addresses the new cases of Digital Child Sexual Abuse, where the Barangay officials need to be informed.



The Training was graced by the presence of the Hon. City Vice Mayor Rey Carlos Fariñas and the Committee Chair on Social Services, Hon. John Michael V. Fariñas, by their inspiring and motivating messages to the different Punong Barangays and VAWC-TIP Desk Officers of Laoag City. As an advocate and front liner in protecting women and children, it is imperative to enhance their knowledge and skills to be more effective and efficient public servants in their respective barangays.



MAGKAISA, MAGTULUNGAN PARA SA KABUHAYAN (Showcasing and promoting empowered women product) cum skills training/advocacy forum (December 12, 2024).



This Culminating Program of the 18- Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women focused on the Skills Training and Livelihood program of the women's sector in Laoag City. Financial Literacy Training and Food processing delivered by Mr. Erickson Pambid of Mariano Marcos State University and Ms. Justin Cyrille Balinong of the TESDA Bangui Institute Technology respectively, further enhance the Skills and technical know-how of the 150 women on how to manage their small business thereby making them to become self-reliant and more responsible partner in nation building.



LCAT-VAWC BENCHMARKING

December 15-18, 2024

Republic Act No. 9262, otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Act of 2002, and Republic Act No. 9208 provide mandates and direction to government agencies and stakeholders to immediately address human trafficking and VAWC by organizing Inter-Agency Councils (IACs) for trafficking (Section 20 of RA 9208) and VAWC (Section 39 of RA 9262). These Councils are composed of government agencies and selected non-government organizations whose mandates are relevant to VAWC and trafficking. These national inter-agency councils are primarily envisioned as coordinating and monitoring bodies on anti-VAWC and -trafficking initiatives, respectively. Their other functions include the development of comprehensive and integrated programs to harmonize all initiatives in addressing these problems and the creation of enabling mechanisms that shall ensure the full implementation of RAs 9262 and 9208 at the sub-national and local levels.

The Local Committee Against Trafficking (LCAT) and Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC) Council was created pursuant to the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-1 1 of the Department of Interior and Local Government(DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Justice(DOJ). The Committee Against Trafficking and Violence Against Women, and Children (CCAT-VAWC) shall; 1) Institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are victims of trafficking and violence (formulate local ordinances and resolutions); 2) Create and establish systems on surveillance, investigate on and rescue to ensure effective and efficient coordination; 3) Undertake information, education, and advocacy campaigns against trafficking in persons and VAWC; and to Monitor and oversee, the strict implementation of RA 9208, RA 9262 and other related laws for the protection of women and children and of the Inter-Agency Councils against Trafficking and Inter Agency Councils on Violence Against Women national plans of action.

In our effort to continuously strengthen our mechanisms and initiatives for women and children in Laoag City, the 13 members and case managers of the LCAT-VAWC of Laoag City visited the different initiatives and mechanisms (Best Practices) of the LCAT-VAWC of Davao City on December 16-18, 2024. The focal person and secretariat of Davao City LCAT VAWC is the City Social Welfare and Development office which is closely coordinating with the LGU-GAD office and other stakeholders advocating to the protection and welfare of women and girls.



The Quick Response Center (QRC) for children’s concern of Davao City, is a 24/7 non-residential facility that serves as an assessment and processing center for children at Risk (CAR), Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) and other individuals and families who are in crisis situation. It provides temporary care and appropriate interventions to clients for several days not more than two (2) weeks. The LCAT-VAWC and the LGU GAD continuously fulfilled its GAD mandate by establishing the Office of the Special Counsel (OSC) on VAWC through the Executive Order No. 49. The Office of the Special Counsel (OSC) on VAWC composed of City-paid lawyers who has the primary objective to address violence committed against women and children by way of providing support services specifically on legal matters for the protection of their rights. Through the OSC on VAW, survivors seeking free legal services can work with the five (5) OSC lawyers, who then initiate complaints and represent them before judicial, quasi- judicial, and administrative courts. The OSC is considered as a trailblazing initiative by the City Government of Davao because it has responded to the needs of women and children in addressing all forms of gender-based violence through free legal assistance.



Another best practice/ initiatives of the LCATVAWC is the establishment of “ Davao City Female Jail” or popularly known as the “Ray of Hope Village” . This is recognized as the first detention facility of Philippine Penology Management catering exclusively to the well-being of female inmates. It is not providing “Punitive Program”, instead, the focus is on reformation and rehabilitation of women in Especially Difficult Circumstance (WEDC), specifically women in detention, to prepare them for reintegration in the society. This facility was set up by the City Government in 2008 to provide a separate detention for female inmates. Gawad Kalinga (an NGO), the New Commercial Corporation (a private corporation), and the Bureau of jail Management and Penology helped establish this “Home-type Jail” inside the City Jail Compound. While, the

City Government and its institutional partners provide skills training and livelihood activities. Livelihood products of female inmates are sold to visiting individuals and organizations, as well as in different trade fairs with support from the City government., To date, there are 12 cottages housing 282 women inmates.



The City Government of Davao also establish “Special Office for Children’s Concern” (SOCC). This Office serve as the special coordinating arm of the Local Government of Davao City Local Council for the protection of Children (LCPC) functions to focus on specific programs and projects on children apart from the services rendered by the Davao City Social Welfare and Development office. This is created through the City Ordinance No. 0292-06, Series of 2006, otherwise known as the “The Comprehensive Children and Family Support System in Davao as Amended, which first mentioned the creation of a Davao City Special Office for children’s concern. This is located at the Davao International Airport where they are mandated to look into the permits of minors travelling to safeguard cases of Child trafficking in Davao City.



Barangay Sasa is the 4th Biggest and most populous Barangay in Davao City, with 15,862 population (2020 census) making up 3.9% of the City’s total population. It has a history that includes the Sasa Landing Field, the Sasa International Seaport, and the Francisco Bangoy International Airport.. Barangay Sasa is one of the model barangay when it comes to the

functionality of Barangay Council Against Trafficking-Violence Against Women and Children (BCAT-VAWC) addressing to the different Gender-Based violence and issues. Barangay Sasa GAD Office includes the different sector like Women and Children Desk, LGBTQ+ Desk, Solo parent , Senior Citizens Desk which render services from Monday- Friday to address issues and complaints from their respective Desk.



LCAT-VAWC Quarterly Meeting

Laoag City Anti-Trafficking and Anti Violence Against Women Council (LCAT-VAWC) conducted regular quarterly meeting to thresh-out and address issues and concern pertaining to

Gender-based violence in Laoag City. The meeting is presided by the Focal Person Mrs. Mary Joan R. Pasigui, of the City Social Welfare and Development Office.



Student assistance for education resilience to Learners at risk of dropping - out (SAFERLARDO) is a newly institutionalized program of the City Government aims to address the increasing drop- out rates in Elementary and High schools. This is to encourage Learners who have stopped participating in school activities to re-engage by offering financial support to prevent them from dropping-out. A Budget of 1.5 million is allotted for 2024 and, Nine hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five (Php 942,195.00) pesos were given to 37-Male and 22-Female students from different schools in Laoag City. This will be a continuing initiative of the City Government to help and encourage Learners of not dropping out but to actively engage and participate more.



CITY HEALTH OFFICE

The training for health workers was conducted last May 27-28, 2024 for the first batch and May 30-31, 2024 for the second batch at the Laoag City Auditorium. Participants of the activity were Barangay Health Workers. City Health Office Staff served as members of the technical team and DOH Nurse Christian Felix Ignacio served as the emcee/moderator for the activity.



WORLD AID'S DAY

World AIDS Day, stands as a global initiative uniting people worldwide to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the epidemic. The day serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing challenges posed by HIV/AIDS and underscores the need for sustained collective action. It raises awareness about HIV/AIDS, honors those who have died, encourages progress in prevention, treatment, and care.

The upholding of everyone's human rights is an essential underpinning of an effective HIV response. This World AIDS Day is a call to action to protect everyone's health by protecting everyone's rights. Leaders need to take the *rights* path.

FAMILY PLANNING

The City Health Office was tasked to implement the Family Planning Program for the City of Laoag populace. Family Planning commodities such as a) Clear Cassette Type Pregnancy Test b) Ethinyl Estradiolevonorgestrel Pills c) Ethinyl Estradiol Levonorgestrel Pills d) Lynestrenol Pills e) Cyproterone Acetate Ethinylestradiol Pills f) Condoms Natural g) Condoms Strawberry h) Lubricant Jelly 5grams i) Lubricant jelly 10 grams j) Lubricant Jelly Bubble Gum Scent 5grams k) Condoms Bubble Gum l) Condoms Ultra-thin Shower Fresh, this commodities were distributed to the 3 Rural health Centers, subsequently the 3 RHU's dispensed these Family Planning commodities to Women of Reproductive Age by consulting at the Rural Health Clinics and conducts home visitations. Those couple who wishes to accept the program are given proper information on how to use the method of their choice, benefits and the risk if not properly manage.

Lastly, these humble accomplishments are attributed to the commitment and dedication of the City Health Office Staff.





ASENSO LAOAGUEÑO in the different barangays of Laoag. A community services aim to provide basic services to the people on health, livelihood, agricultural inputs and many others.

Key Activities

- a. **Distribution of Nutri Food Pack:**
Supplementation was provided regularly through community health centers. Micronutrient powders (MNPs) and Nutri food packs were distributed to children.
- b. **Educational Campaigns:**
Barangay Nutrition Scholars conducted educational sessions with parents and caregivers to explain the benefits of supplementation and how to administer supplements. This was reinforced through home visits and community events.
- c. **Monitoring and Follow-up:**
Children receiving supplementation were monitored for changes in

growth indicators such as weight-for-age and height-for-age. Follow-up visits helped ensure adherence to supplementation protocols.

Photo Documentation:

Photos were taken during the distribution of supplementary food packs by the Barangay Nutrition Scholars in their respective barangays.



SLOPE PROTECTION
Barangay 52-B, Lataag, Laoag City



ROAD NETWORK
Barangay 56-B, Bacsil South, Laoag City

