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**MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER REGIONAL PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL (RPOC)  
MEETING FOR CY 2023 HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT THE BRENTWOOD SUITES,  
6 DR GARCIA ST. CORNER QUEZON AVENUE, QUEZON CITY.**

**Present:**

Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano	Governor of Occidental Mindoro/Chairperson
PBGEN Joel B Doria	RD, PRO MIMAROPA
BGEN Jose Augusto V Villareal	ADC, 2ID, Philippine Army
BGEN Antonio G Mangoroban Jr	WESCOM
Dir. Karl Caesar R. Rimando	RD, DILG MIMAROPA
LGOO IV Arlene G. Desoloc	LGOO IV, DILG MIMAROPA
Engr. Olive Jice P. Baluntong	ENGR III, DILG MIMAROPA
PDRMO Vinscent B. Gahol	Representative, Province of Oriental Mindoro
PCOL Gabriel C Lopez (Ret)	Representative, Province of Palawan
PDRMO Juan R. Fernandez Jr.	Representative, Province of Marinduque
Mayor Elegio A. Malaluan	LMP President, Oriental Mindoro
Mayor Lisette M. Arboleda	Representative of LMP President, Romblon
Atty. Reymund Al F. Ussam	Representative, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro
CGLT Pedmar A Maldora	Coast Guard District - Southern Tagalog
CG ENS John Paolo A Antiojo	Coast Guard District - Palawan
Dir. Ariel T. Perlado	RD, NICA MIMAROPA
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Dr. Grethel R. Loyola	MO III, NCIP MIMAROPA
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Dir. Brenda E. Canapi	RD, CHR MIMAROPA
Joel Lorenzo C. Guevara	Senior TIDS, DTI MIMAROPA
Dir. Luis T. Cueto	RD, PIA MIMAROPA
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JSSUPT Ruelito M Bobadilla	ARDA/ARDO, BJMP MIMAROPA
Romonito Martin	DOH MIMAROPA
Gracel D. Lano	CAO/RTL, PDEA MIMAROPA
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Richard T. Carandang	AO V, OCD MIMAROPA
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47	Arlay Casumpang	PGO – Occidental Mindoro
48	Jayson Tesada	PGO – Occidental Mindoro
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50	Ryan M. Montana	Municipality of Bongabong
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52	PLTCOL Ryan Devaras	AC, RID – PRO MIMAROPA
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54	PLT Shannen Balaba	PRO MIMAROPA
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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**A. Call to Order**

The RPOC Chairperson Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano presided over the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting of the council for CY 2023. The meeting was called to order at exactly 9:04 in the morning, followed by an invocation and singing of the national anthem.

The RPOC Chairperson Gov. Eduardo B. Gadiano gave his welcome message before the council.

**B. Roll Call**

The RPOC Secretariat called the roll and acknowledged all the member agencies who were present. With the majority of the members present, the secretariat certified to the presence of a quorum.

**C. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous RPOC Meeting**

The reading of the minutes of the meeting was dispensed since an advance copy was already disseminated to the present members. With no further objections, Mr. Juan R. Fernandez Jr. of Province of Marinduque moved for the approval of the previous minutes and Mr. Alvin Panaligan of Kabalikat Charity CIVICOM seconded the motion.

**D. Business for the Day**

The RPOC Member Head Secretariat, RD Karl Caesar R. Rimando, presented the Provisional Agenda based on the RTF-ELCAC model. With no further objections, Dir. Ariel T. Perlado, NICA MIMAROPA moved for the approval of the provisional agenda and ARD Donald P Rodriguez, BFP MIMAROPA seconded the motion.

The business of the day highlighted accomplishments of RTF ELCAC Clusters and law enforcement agencies primarily the PRO MIMAROPA, PDEA, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. Their presentations were delivered separately by their representatives to which they were able to address the concerns of the council members.

• **Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management Cluster.**

ARD Maria Cristina L. Rocillo of NICA MIMAROPA presented the synopsis of the SAKM-4B efforts, to wit:

- The most crucial efforts of the SAKM-4B is the sustained conduct of the NTF70 Call to Action (CTA) orientations to IP communities, youths and students, and government officials and employees in the region. From January to August this year, SAKM-4B facilitated the conduct of 170 NTF-CTA orientations to a total of 548,753 audience in the province.



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- Meanwhile, the orientations for government officials and employees were reinforced with the conduct of 13 Security Awareness Seminars (SAS) to the personnel of various LGUs in MIMAROPA, and regional/provincial offices of the DILG, TESDA, DepEd, and DAR.
  - Among the other significant efforts of the SAKM Cluster are the following: 1) intelligence support to the Legal Cooperation Cluster through the preparation for the proscription of the Regional Operational Command (ROC) of the Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee (STRPC); 2) support to information campaign of the STRATCOM cluster through radio broadcast; 3) support to sectoral organizing works of the SUCBEM Cluster; 4) intelligence support to PLEDS Cluster's focused military and law enforcement operations.
  - As a result of the PLEDS Clusters focused military and law enforcement operations—complemented by the legal efforts of the LCC, information campaign of the STRATCOM and SAKM Clusters, and socio-economic programs of all the clusters through the BDP and RCSP—three provinces in MIMAROPA, namely, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan, are now insurgency-free, leaving the Mindoro provinces as the remaining operational theater of the CPP-NPA's STRPC.
  - With the declaration of Palawan as insurgency-free, the focus of the JRTF-4B's ELCAC campaign is now in Mindoro Island, which is now believed to be the center of gravity of the STRPC.
  - The CTG continues to exploit the vulnerable IP communities in the far-flung areas of Mindoro as its mass bases and support system, allowing the CPP-NPA terrorists to evade government security forces and thrive in the boondocks.
  - In view of the CTG's collapse, particularly in Palawan, the regional and national governments may now also redirect their focus on other pressing security concerns such as external threats emanating from the Kalayaan Island Group in the West Philippine Sea, peace engagements with the MNLF south of Palawan, and the continued proliferation of crimes across MIMAROPA, among others.
- **Accomplishments of the MIMAROPA International Engagement Cluster.** ARD Maria Cristina L. Rocillon continued the presentation on the accomplishments of the International Engagement Cluster (IEC)-4B.
    - The MIMAROPA International Engagement Cluster (IEC)-4B continues to extend its support to the various programs of the JRTF-4B. Noting that "International Engagement" per se is being managed/handled by the National IEC, the DFA's regional consular offices are excused from the regular reporting of its accomplishments. Nonetheless, the IEC-4B has expressed its willingness to support the efforts and assist in its capacity in the execution of the programs of the JRTF-4B.
    - Notably, the IEC-4B held a meeting on 09 June 2023 in Puerto Princesa City to discuss primarily the cluster's mandate and agenda where the Cluster and its member agencies can extend its services to the ELCAC campaign.





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- 168 - Among these areas are: 1) the monitoring of NGOs and foreign funding agencies that  
169 are possibly providing support to CTG front and allied organizations in MIMAROPA  
170 and 2) endorsing ELCAC-organized groups to funding institutions in these groups'  
171 transition to becoming non-government organizations. Moreover, the International  
172 Engagement Cluster led by the DFA in MIMAROPA is always on a ready state to  
173 serve as a platform for disseminating the truth about the CTG's criminal and terrorist  
174 activities to their unwitting sponsors abroad.  
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- 176 • **Internal Security Update in MIMARO.** COL Bienvenido R Hindang Jr of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry  
177 Division, presented Internal Security Operations in MIMAROPA, to wit:
- 178 - On Key Leaders Neutralized, 2ID neutralized two (2) Key Leaders. First is the  
179 surrender of Niño Natividad Luzande @Nylon, Platoon Leader of ICM (remnants),  
180 SRMA4D, STRPC and former CO of ROC, STRPC-PSRL, 1st Quarter 2023 on 11  
181 July 2023; and arrest of Lucila Guilas Liabres @Yvonne/Sam/Ayang, former Alternate  
182 KT member, ISLACOM MINDORO with CN: Lucio De Guzman Command), STRPC  
183 on 18 September 2023.
  - 184 - On Reducing Armed Command, conducted 47 various combat operations and 2, 514  
185 small units' operations in MIMARO that resulted to the neutralization of six (6) regular  
186 fighters, one (1) sangay sa Partido sa lokalidad, Four (4) Milisyang Bayan and 17  
187 Mass base surrenderers.
  - 188 - On enemy encampments in Mindoro Island during, one is discovered in Sitio Ablagon,  
189 Brgy Lisap, Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro while another one is in So Alipondo, Brgy  
190 Tanyag, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro.
  - 191 - On Guerilla Front Dismantled, the remaining weakened Guerilla Front MAV in  
192 Mindoro Island is already subject for dismantling, the Area Clearing Evaluation Board  
193 will convene in October 2023.
  - 194 - On United Front Building, disrupted a total of 591 Information drive & Symposia  
195 Awareness conducted with 2,609 participants and 1 Youth Leadership Summit with  
196 200 youth participants.
  - 197 - On Support to Law Enforcement Operation, on 20 September 2023, one (1) Fireteam  
198 of PB Calangigan led by Ssg Danilo Escala (Inf) PA together with one (1) team PCG  
199 Mamburao responding to the report of alleged illegal fishing in the seawaters of So  
200 Ignunok, Brgy Harison, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro. The seaborne operation resulted  
201 to the death of one (1) suspect named Mr Bernie L Padilla, wounding of Mr Juacho C  
202 Belen Jr, and apprehension of five (5) another illegal fishermen.
  - 203 - On Critical Infrastructure Investment Security Operations, the Command is  
204 continuously securing 12 Private and Government owned Infrastructure Projects  
205 manned by 162 PA personnel that prevented the CTGs in conducting resource  
206 generation activities and significantly contributed to the economic growth in MIMARO.  
207 Among these significant flagship projects are the construction of Road Opening  
208 Project which connects Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro and Abra De Ilog, Occidental  
209 Mindoro; and the ongoing construction of AMNAY SABLAYAN-VICTORIA ROAD





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OPENING PROJECT which links the municipalities of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro and Victoria, Oriental Mindoro, and the continuous security assistance in Balogo Port in Sta Cruz, Marinduque.

- Shown is the Security Deployment in MIMARO Region with a total of 14 Officers, 182 Enlisted Personnel and 212 CAA.
- The members of the PLEDS Cluster will continue with the collaboration and coordination to sustain the gains to all cleared affected areas in order to prevent the resurgence of the CTGs thru: 1) schedule of Area Clearing Validation Board for the dismantling of the weakened KLG MAV, SRMA 4D, STRPC; 2) continue to dismantle SRMA 4D and MRGU; 3) continue to dismantle the already weakened KLG MAV, SRMA 4D, STRPC; 4) continue the collaboration with concerned agencies for the implementation of the remaining barangays for RCSP and subsequent implementation of the BDP and 5) sustainment of joint ISO operations in MIMARO.

- **Anti-Illegal Drugs Operation/Activities Updates.** Ms. Gracel D. Lano of PDEA MIMAROPA presented the accomplishments of PDEA as of September 2023, to wit:
  - In 2017, the Region's drug affectation is at 76.78% or 1,121 out of 1,460 barangays are affected by illegal drugs. As of September 2023, the drug affectation is down to 0.82%. A total of 1,112 drug-affected barangays were cleared since 2017.
  - All previously affected barangays in Marinduque and Romblon were already declared drug-cleared. Marinduque was declared a drug-cleared Province in 2020. Validation of drug-cleared barangays and verification of drug-free barangays are being conducted in Romblon to facilitate its declaration as Drug-cleared Province. The other provinces and HUC now have drug affectation of less than 10%.
  - The sources of shabu coming into the Region are NCR and CALABARZON Regions. The source of Marijuana is the Cordillera Region and also passes through NCR and CALABARZON. Drugs going to Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro and Romblon passes through the Batangas Port and enter the AOR through the ports in Abra de Ilog, Calapan City, Puerto Galera, and Odiongan. Drugs in Palawan enter the province through the Puerto Princesa International Airport, Port of Puerto Princesa and Port of Coron.
  - On Supply Reduction Accomplishment, 221 positive anti-drug operations were conducted resulting to the arrest 687 drug personalities with 724,4699 g Meth/Shabu and 3748,8046 g of Marijuana seized.
  - On other operational activities, 16 compliance inspections were conducted to registered entities and 2,221 K9 Sweeping/Inspection/Profiling conducted by AIU and SIUs.
  - On empowerment of advocates activities, a Training of Trainers on BDCP, DFWP and Advocacy was conducted in the Province of Palawan and Occidental Mindoro.
  - On Balay Silangan Reformation Center, a total of 426 clients have undergone Balay Silangan and there were 17 graduates in August and September 2023.





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- For the assessment: There is a possibility of resurgence of illegal drug activity in some drug-cleared barangays; Coastline is vulnerable to shipside smuggling; Nautical highway as a transshipment point/route of drugs from NCR/CALABARZON to other regions in the south; Security measures at the ports are insufficient/limited to prevent smuggling of drugs; and Mail and parcel are the preferred methods of drug smuggling.
  - As to forecast, MIMAROPA will remain to be a drug consuming region as indicated by the absence of clandestine drug laboratory and large-scale marijuana plantation; Street level pushing will remain to be the most common trend.
  - On ways forward, the following shall be conducted: Continue to Conduct anti-drug operations and demand reduction activities in drug-cleared barangays with resurgence of illegal drug activity to retain the drug-cleared status; Establish additional Seaport Interdiction Units; Enhance cooperation and intelligence sharing with other PDEA ROs and OLEAs; Coordinate with port authorities to discuss ways to improve security at the ports; and Coordinate with commercial forwarding companies, trucking companies and door-to-door transport services for the conduct of regular K9 sweeping of parcels.
- **Peace and Order Situation Update and Status of Issuance of Security Clearance of CSOs as POC Members and Peace, Law Enforcement and Development Support Cluster.** PCOL Hordan T Pacatiw of PRO MIMAROPA presented the accomplishments of PLEDS Cluster and provided updates on the Issuance of Security Clearance, to wit:
    - On the Peace and Order Situation of the region, from 1047 crimes committed last quarter, the crime volume significantly decreased to 719 (31.33% decrease) as the result of collaboration of the stakeholders, the AFP, LGU, and community. The peace and order indicator is the totality of the crime being committed in the region.
    - As to the resolution of cases, there is a decrease of 31.33% compared to the previous quarter while the Crime Clearance Efficiency Rating is down by 4.73%. For the 8-focus crime in the region, from 299 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, there is a decrease of 41.14% or 176 in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, a good indication of the results of peace and order activities and collaboration with stakeholders.
    - In Oriental Mindoro, all of the focus crimes decreased except for robbery and theft, from 6 to 8 in robbery and 14 to 20 in theft. The local police are doing its best to address the increasing crime trend in the said Province. In Occidental Mindoro, the number of crimes decreased except for motor napping. This is also true with Marinduque and Romblon. In Palawan, robbery, and theft slightly increased. In Puerto Princesa City crime decreased by 27.27%.
    - On PLEDS cluster accomplishment, in collaboration with the counterpart in the AFP, 3 personalities were arrested in April to June (2nd Quarter) in relation to surrendered CTG from 55 to 48.
    - On joint PNP and AFP ISO operation, the number increased from 3 in the previous quarter to 6 in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Major and Minor operations went down. As to the critical infrastructure protection and security operations, continuous monitoring activities





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were conducted to maintain 4 infrastructures. Continuous feeding programs with 431, 684 community immersions, 3817 distribution of ISO IEC materials, and 5306 ambush site clearing operations were conducted.

- Another accomplishment is Puerto Princesa declaring the Sub-Regional Military Area-4E dismantled. It was adopted thru a resolution of the City Peace and Order Council which was a result of the declaration of Palawan and Puerto Princesa as ISO cleared.
- As to the status of the issuance of security clearance to CSOs as members of the POCs, for the quarter, 3 requests were received. All request with no derogatory records in the PNP were released as of July 3, 2023, waiting for the clearances from AFP and NICA.
- For the BSKE security and deployment, a total of 5,199 PNP personnel will be deployed in the region to ensure the maintenance of peace and order. Further, 118 strategic checkpoints were established to monitor election areas of concern. A total of 15 persons were arrested in violation of the gun ban. Through the proactive measures and approaches being undertaken by the concerned security sectors and stakeholders led by the COMELEC, and with the enhanced coordination with the LGUs, the conduct of 2023 BSKE in the region will be orderly and peaceful.
- On ways forward, PRO MIMAROPA shall: 1) Intensify on the conduct of COMELEC checkpoints; 2) Conduct continuous monitoring of any possible threats among candidates; 3) Conduct Intelligence-driven operations against Loose Firearms through Search Warrants; 4) Monitor the possible employment of CGs, CTGs, and Criminal Individuals as armed groups by unscrupulous candidates; 5) Conduct major and minor ISO, and prophylactic patrols; and 6) Obtain the support of all the security sector counterparts, community, and LGUs in all peacekeeping and promotion of security efforts in the area of responsibility.

• **Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster.** Marissa D Vargas of DA MIMAROPA presented the accomplishments of their cluster, to wit:

- For FY 2023, SAAD MIMAROPA covers 3 provinces and 10 municipalities under ELCAC areas (medium priority areas). SAAD MIMAROPA allocates 40% of its total GAA to cover SAAD beneficiaries in ELCAC areas. Out of PhP 19.399M allocation, the program has initiated projects and trainings worth PhP 10.261M or 52% as of August 31, 2023.
- For social preparation, 19 groups were provided with Capability Building Enhancement (Training on Organizational Management) with project cost of 1,325,580.00;
- For food production and Livelihood, 2 projects were provided for lowland rice production benefiting 2 groups of farmer beneficiaries, 1 project for corn production with 25 beneficiaries, 5 projects for vegetable production with 125 beneficiaries, 2 projects for Free-range Chicken Production with 50 beneficiaries, 1 project for rice production with 25 farmer beneficiaries, 3 projects for Improved/ Native Goat Production with 60 beneficiaries, 1 project for Cattle Production with 20 beneficiaries,





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- 1 project for Root crops Production with 25 beneficiaries, 1 project for Coconut Production Intercropping with Fruit Trees and other Planting Materials with 25 beneficiaries, 1 project for swine production with 20 beneficiaries, and 2 projects for Ready-to Lay Chicken (Egg) Production with 40 beneficiaries.
- The 4K Program aims to develop the Ancestral Domains of the ICCs/IPs in order to improve its productivity by developing sustainable agricultural enterprises and profitability by increasing their income in consideration with their customs, traditions, values, beliefs and interests. For FY 2023, 4K Program covers 3 provinces and 28 municipalities under ELCAC areas. 4Ks MIMAROPA allocates 66% of its total GAA to cover 4Ks beneficiaries in ELCAC areas.
  - For social preparation, Capability Building Enhancement (Training on Organizational Management, Financial literacy & budget preparation) were provided to 5,141 beneficiaries. For food production and livelihood, the following are accomplishments: 1) 1 project for ube production, 2) vegetable production, 3) fruit trees production, 4) corn production and 5) Provision of weighing scales to support to vegetable production.
- **Local Government Empowerment and Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building and Empowerment Cluster.** DILG showed an AVP highlighting the LGE and SUCBEM accomplishments for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter which include the implementation of the CUCPD for the capacitating urban communities for peace and development. The CUCPD is the program which aims to identify and resolve issues from the various sectors from the community. The targeted sectors for CUCPD are members of the youth sector, and labor sector which includes transport, urban poor and women. The CapDev activities are being conducted in 6 LGUs namely: Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Mamburao and San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, Coron and Balabac, Palawan and Victoria, Oriental Mindoro.
  - **Basic Services Cluster.** Engr. Olive Jice P. Baluntong presented the status of the SBDP implementation, to wit.
    - For FY 2021 implementation, there were 25 barangay beneficiaries of SBDP. 106 projects are completed, 2 on-going (Concreting of Road at Bugtong na Tuog, Status: Not yet started worth P14,000,000.00 in Bugtong na Tuog Socorro, Oriental Mindoro and Construction of School Building at Bugtong na Tuog, Status: 40% Physical Accomplishment, P6,000,000.00, Bugtong na Tuog Socorro, Oriental Mindoro) and 1 project cancelled (Road Concreting of 820 meters from Purok Bagong Silang to Purok Ugnayan, P16,400,000.00 in Villa Fria San Vicente, Palawan- UPDATE: For reversion of unutilized funds)
    - For FY 2022 implementation, there were 19 barangay beneficiaries of SBDP. A total of 136 projects were completed, 62 on-going and 18 projects are not yet started on procurement stage. Some of the issues and concerns encountered in the FY 2022 SBDP implementation are: 1) Late release of funds – NADAI release to implementing LGUs of Palawan on January 4, 2023; 2) Delayed Preparation of the Detailed





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- 377 Engineering Design (Design Plan, Program of Works); 3) Right of Way Issue/Land  
378 ownership of the proposed project site; 4) Failure of Bidding –no bidder/s, ineligible  
379 bidder/s; and 5) Projects located in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas  
380 (GIDAs).
- 381 - DILG recommended the following: 1) LGU to request technical assistance from the  
382 agency with expertise in the preparation of the Detailed Engineering Design (DED)  
383 and other technical documents. If necessary, LGUs to hire additional technical  
384 personnel/staff (Engineer, Architect); 2) LGUs to coordinate to the lot owner or  
385 transfer the project to another site with no ROW issue; and 3) Mandatory review of  
386 bidding documents specifically the project costing.
  - 387 - FY 2023 implementation, there are 12 barangay beneficiaries of the SBDP. A total of  
388 50 projects are already completed, 16 on-going and 32 not yet started on pre-  
389 implementation stage and procurement stage. Funds were released to implementing  
390 LGUs dated June 6, 2023 (NADAI no. ADA-2023-Tr4B-0036). 24 out of 25 projects  
391 with an approved Detailed Engineering Design (DED) and 1 project are still ongoing  
392 DED preparation/finalization.
  - 393 - SBDP ways forward include: 1) Continuous coordination with the implementing LGUs,  
394 DILG Provincial Offices, and focal persons relative to the submission of the required  
395 reports (physical and financial) and other relevant technical documents; and 2)  
396 Conduct field Monitoring and Evaluation of projects and provide technical assistance  
397 to the implementing LGUs
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  - 399 • **Localized Peace Engagement Cluster.** LGOO V Riznette Kathleen S. Sales of DILG  
400 MIMAROPA presented the accomplishments of the LPE, to wit:
    - 401 - The MIMAROPA LPE reached out to communities for the conduct of community  
402 consultations and problem-solving sessions with the Retooled Community Support  
403 Program (RCSP) as a platform for immersion and engagement in ELCAC-target  
404 areas.
    - 405 - On March 10, 2022, the LPE conducted a Localized Peace Engagement Forum  
406 between the government (LPE and E-CLIP and Amnesty Clusters) and the members  
407 of the CTGs (prospective surrenderers) in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.
    - 408 - On April 20, 2022, the LPE proceeded with the conduct of the Second Two Party LPE  
409 Dialogue where key CPP-NPA leaders appeared to the peace panel to negotiate.  
410 Among the peace panel members are the DILG, DSWD, key officials from the  
411 provincial government of Occidental Mindoro and Oriental Mindoro.
    - 412 - 3 Pulong Pulong Sessions were conducted in Barangay Jolo and Barangay Tinitian,  
413 Roxas, Palawan and Sitio Balani, Barangay, Ligaya, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro
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  - 415 • **E-CLIP and Amnesty Program Cluster.** LGOO IV Arlene G. Desoloc presented the  
416 accomplishment in E-CLIP Cluster, to wit:





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- As of September 2023, a total of 102 FR request were processed amounting to 7.95 Million and 32 claims of FRs were released amounting to 2.302 Million. To date, 70 FR requests are still waiting for funds with a total amount of 5.65 Million.
- On March 20, 2023, the province of Occidental Mindoro awarded the immediate and livelihood assistance amounting to PHP 65,000.00 to each of the seven (7) former rebels. On May 8, 2023, the province of Oriental Mindoro awarded the immediate and livelihood assistance amounting to PHP 65,000.00 to one (1) former rebel.
- On May 31, 2023, the province of Palawan awarded the immediate and livelihood assistance amounting to PHP 65,000.00 each to 18 former rebels and immediate assistance amounting to PHP 15,000.00 each to 7 members of Militia ng Bayan.
- Other activities included quarterly E-CLIP meetings in Occidental Mindoro and Palawan; Task Force Balik Loob (TFBL) and ECLIP Amnesty Cluster Meetings; Presentation of ECLIP Accomplishments and Validation of ECLIP Data; Demilitarization of 19 assorted firearms from former rebels; The activity was conducted at Police Regional Office MIMAROPA RHQ, Camp BGen E figencio C Navarro, Brgy. Suqui, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on September 11, 2023.
- **Legal Cooperation Cluster.** An audio-visual presentation was played from DOJ to provide updates on the Legal Cluster, to wit:
  - Issuance of DOJ Department Circular No. 20. Changes In Preliminary Investigation Process; Quant Of Proof Requires Prima Facie Case Against Respondent, Reasonable Certainty Of Conviction, Close Coordination And Cooperation With Law Enforcement Agencies, Evaluation, Case Build Up And Preliminary /Investigation, Requiring And Assisting The Complainant Through Case Build Up and Submit Additional Evidence If Necessary.
  - For Case Build Up: Carry Out Investigation (On Site-Investigation) At The Reported Scene of Incidents With AFP and PNP Counterparts, Continuous Coordination With Key Law Enforcement Agents (AFP/PP/NICA Etc), Regular Legal Consultation Between The Law Enforcement Agencies and the DOJ Conducting Legal Orientation On How To Handle And Preserve Evidences Recovered From The Scene Until Presented To The Court, Continuous Liaising With The Prosecutor's Office Of The Status Of Cases Endorsed For Investigation And Religious Monitoring Of Cases Filed In Court.
  - Some of the challenges encountered: All 5 Provinces of MIMAROPA are island provinces. Hence, travel and communication and coordination always pose a challenge. For example, distance between the area where the person was arrested or surrendered to and the place where case will be filed becomes a challenge to the arresting officers, resulting in delay in preparation of legal documents needed to file case.
- **Strategic Communication Cluster.** Dir. Luis T. Cueto of PIA MIMAROPA presented their updates for StratCom Cluster, to wit:





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- From the target of 5 ELCAC-related news articles per month x 9 months (45), produced a total of 99 articles or 220% of the target accomplished;
  - From the target of 2 social media cards re ELCAC per month x 9 months (18), produced a total of 27 social media cards or 150% of the target accomplished;
  - Produced a total of 9 news in video posted in PIA MIMAROPA FB page;
  - Produced a total of 81 sitreps submitted to PIA viber coordination group and cascaded for broadcast releases. Situationer Reports are submitted by the Philippine Information Agency Central Office and News Monitoring Desk to the Presidential Communications Office (PCO).
- **Infrastructure Resource Management and Employment Cluster.** Atty. Aubrey Maris A. Dumol of DPWH MIMAROPA presented the cluster's accomplishment, to wit:
    - A total of 37 projects are being implemented under the cluster with an amount of Php 831,000,000.00 including 1 on-going farm-to-market road, 11 other completed road projects, and 4 on-going, 7 on-going bridges, 2 completed flood control and 8 on-going, and 1 completed other infrastructure projects and 3 on-going.
  - **Presentation of the 2022 POC Performance Audit.** LGOO V Sales, POC Regional Focal Person, presented the summary of results of the 2022 POC Performance Audit in the region. The RPOC ranked 7<sup>th</sup> nation-wide as functional POCs. For Provinces, all PPOCs are rated functional except for the PPOC of Oriental Mindoro with Non-functional rating for Performance Year 2022.

**E. COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

- On the presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, PDRMO Juan Fernandez, Jr. representative from the Provincial Government of Marinduque commented on the importance of prioritizing farm-to-market roads on ELCAC-affected areas. He proposed for a resolution requesting the Regional Development Council to prioritize infrastructure development projects in insurgency affected areas. The Chairperson, Gov. Gadiano, acknowledged the motion and it was duly seconded by Mayor Elegio A. Malaluan of Municipality of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro. Further, Mayor Malaluan attested to the burning of construction equipment in his municipality due to his strong support to ELCAC activities and his efforts that enabled 64 FRs to surrender. He also shared to the body his letter request to SILG Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr. to support his proposed project called "Bahay Kabalo" that will provide decent house to FRs with available community facilities. The Chairperson acknowledged the proposal of Mayor Malaluan.
- PCOL Gabriel C Lopez (Ret), representative of the Provincial Government of Palawan, suggested to make the resolution of the body for the whole region and not just for Mindoro Provinces to make it inclusive. The Chair acknowledged the proposal and provided clarification that ELCAC areas are mainly in Palawan and Mindoro Provinces. Ret. PCOL Lopez also requested for the schedule of Serbisyo Caravans





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- being conducted in the region. The Chair replied that Serbisyo Caravans are initiated by priority ELCAC areas through the conduct of RCSP wherein convergence of various government agencies takes place.
- On the presentation of PDEA, PDRRMO Juan Fernandez, Jr. proposed to give certificate of recognition to the law enforcement agency such as PDEA for their efforts in curbing the proliferation of illegal drugs in the region. The Chair, acknowledged the proposal and added that the DILG also conducts performance audit of the Anti-Drug Abuse Councils to assess their functionality. The motion was duly seconded by RD Karl Caesar R. Rimando.
  - On the presentation of DA Led Cluster, PDRRMO Vinscent B. Gahol, representative from the Province of Oriental Mindoro, inquired as to the reason why Oriental Mindoro was not included in the SAAD Program on its initial run. Marissa D. Vargas of DA responded that the province was not included because the priority targets of the SAAD Program are 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class municipalities only or the 1/3 poorest municipalities in the Philippines. PDRRMO Gahol further suggested to include the province in the priority areas of DA intervention program for insurgency. Ms. Vargas responded that 13 out of 14 municipalities of Oriental Mindoro are already included in the 4K program of DA except for Socorro. The 4K Program prioritize IP beneficiaries. The Chair acknowledged the concerns and suggested that the council will look into the various programs of agencies pertaining to ELCAC in order to consolidate the programs for 2024 and provide proper intervention to ELCAC priority areas.
  - On the status of SBDP implementation, it was observed that only a portion of one particular farm-to-market road was completed, needing continuous programming to complete the entire FMR. Dir. Rimando explained that this is due to the short funding of SBDP to ELCAC areas. From 20 million in 2021, the fund was cut to 5 million in 2022, 6.5 million this year, but hopefully, the SBDP fund will increase to 10 million in 2024. The decrease in funding was the result of the findings of low utilization rate from the first year of implementation of the SBDP. That is why the DILG is constantly monitoring the SBDP projects to abide with the timeline of the SBDP and ensure that all projects are implemented accordingly. There were also some changes as to the implementing level at LGU, now it is the concerned municipality which will implement the project. The Chair recommended that the SBDP should be returned to 20 million funding and should be part of the Regional LMP resolution as well as the RPOC. Dir. Rimando also mentioned that one of the reasons for the LGUs delayed implementation of the SBDP is the submission of incomplete requirements. PDRRMO Fernandez also added that the regional agencies can also provide technical assistance in the preparation of requirements for the SBDP Projects.
  - On the presentation of the LPE Cluster, the Chair emphasized the importance of LPE activities and dialogue in ELCAC areas to promote peace and encourage them to surrender. Mr. Paul E. Escobar of OPAPRU mentioned that they will be conducting a joint activity with LPE Cluster and E-CLIP Amnesty cluster in coordination with DILG on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November in Oriental Mindoro. The said activity is a pre-work



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planning workshop based on the 3-year roadmap of the Province of Oriental Mindoro which aims to mainstream and transform former rebels in the area. The same activity will also be conducted in Occidental Mindoro.

- Other members also raised the issue on the distribution of lot from DAR to the FRs which the Chair suggested DAR to conduct a dialogue to elaborately discuss the matter.
- The Chair requested the AFP and NICA to fast track the issuance of security clearance for the CSOs as POC members.
- Some concerns of Mayor Malaluan were directly referred to the OPAPRU for proper intervention.
- A resolution was adopted by the body appealing to the Senate to retain the 20 million funds for ELCAC priority projects. The motion was duly seconded by Dir. Rimando.
- The Chairperson, Gov. Gadiano recommended that in the next meeting, the agencies or cluster should be able to present priority programs for 2024 intended for ELCAC areas.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

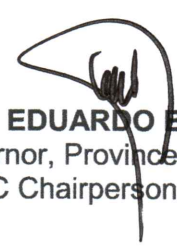
There being no other matters to discuss, PDRMO Vinscent B. Gahol, representative from the Province of Oriental Mindoro moved for the adjournment of the meeting, duly seconded by the NBI MIMAROPA Dir. Gelacio D. Bongngat. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 in the afternoon.

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