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All good harvests start with sprouts of uncertainty. It is in these uncertainties where we learn to believe and keep the faith growing. As we embark on a renewed journey, let us always be reminded that greener pastures were once idle lands... toiled, tilled, and nurtured.



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# MGA KWENTO NG PagSibol

The Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) aligns its communication strategy to the Sustainable Livelihood Framework (SLF) and focuses on affirming the growth of SLP participant's capabilities and bridging livelihood opportunities towards inclusive economic development.

To further celebrate the early wins and the big impact of SLP in the lives of our program participants, the "Mga Kwento ng PagSibol" (MKP) creates an enabling and empowering platform so as to spark up the hope that the marginalized and vulnerable sectors do have a great chance in life. From humble beginnings to rewarding transformations.

'Mula sa isang pangarap, hanggang sa PagSibol'

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# Message from THE SECRETARY

Widespread poverty causes divisiveness and chaos among our nation. We may not completely eradicate it, but we may alleviate the lives of our countrymen through the implementation of Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP). Our Theme “Innovative and Inclusive Change through DSWD’s Efforts on Bridging Opportunities for Livelihood” clearly depicts our vision of enabling the vulnerable, under privileged and marginalized sectors to develop a dignified source of living and thus protect them from potential management abuse.

The following “Mga Kwento ng PagSibol” demonstrates the effect of our community-based capacity building program and the difference that it made in the lives of our fellow Filipinos.

By allowing them to learn entrepreneurial and labor skills for self-sufficiency, we are opening the doors of opportunity for the development and management of resources viable for micro-enterprises and employment facilitation. This is in line with the State’s policy to promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

To the SLP Cluster, to the Head of Operations Undersecretary Aimee Neri, to Assistant Secretary Rhea Penaflor, to the National Program Manager Dir. Restituto Macuto, and to all those who compose the SLP Cluster, I salute you for a job well done. Your astounding performance has greatly helped our agency as well as the SLP Beneficiaries. Thank you for fulfilling the DSWD’s mission of providing social protection to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized sector. The government cannot do it alone without your pro-active participation, needless to say, we must have a participative governance with the end goal of promoting an improved quality of life for all.



Sec. Rolando Joselito D. Bautista  
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May these stories be a source of inspiration to all of us, as we unite in the fulfillment of a better society and a better nation. Sa mga mumunting tinig ng ating mga kababayan, sisibol ang matibay na ugnayan ng gobyerno at ng mga mamamayan.

# Stories of Change & Growth



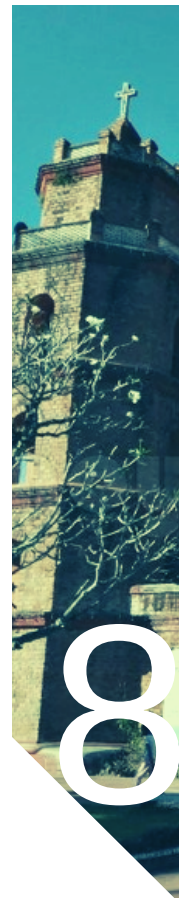
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The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) envisions self-reliant communities who are economically-active and are contributing to local economic development through various livelihood initiatives and other income-generating projects.

While it is true the SLP provides different modalities and resources for the development of microenterprises of its program participants, the main challenge lies on the continuity and the sustainability of the projects through efficient mainstreaming efforts and effective collaboration and partnerships. 

# BAYAMBANG'S “REBOLUSYON LABAN SA KAHIRAPAN”

*\*National Winner- PANATA GAPAS Awards 2019 for Best LGU Implementing Outstanding SLP - Microenterprise Development*

Bayambang is a bustling first-class municipality in the southern part of Central Pangasinan (3rd District) with a population of 118,205 as of 2015.

On the same year when the second round household assessment of Listahanan / National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR) was conducted, 5,913 were identified poor from the 22,649 assessed households.

The major sources of livelihood in Bayambang are farming and freshwater catch raising. The town is a part of the great Central Luzon plain where the Agno River drains, making the 12,225 hectares of arable land very fertile and conducive to farming.

Annually, the Local Government of Bayambang allots Php1.5 million for livelihood programs under its Annual Investment Program (AIP). This is mainly utilized for the skills and technical trainings of unemployed constituents to develop and hasten their skills on sustainable livelihood projects in the promotion of employment opportunities.



*[Photo taken from Bayambang, Pangasinan Facebook Page]*

For 2018, the Local Government Unit (LGU) has allocated an additional Php30 million for its livelihood program for the implementation of gender-responsive sustainable income-generating projects and social protection programs for farmers, fisherfolks, and out-of-school youths.

Thus, strengthening the ideals of the Bayambang Poverty Reduction Plan 2018-2028 which is the love-child of Bayambang's "Rebolusyon Laban sa Kahirapan".





The Bayambang Poverty Reduction Plan (BPRP) 2018-2028 of Bayambang, Pangasinan is a long-term strategic plan anchored on the Regional and the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022. Both of which are geared towards the Ambisyon Natin 2040 which articulates the Filipino people's collective vision of a matatag, maginhawa, at panatag na buhay para sa lahat. It also takes into account the country's international commitments to the 2030 "Sustainable Development Goals." With the BPRP duly approved by local policymakers and higher authorities, Bayambang can together run the cross of poverty into an inspiration.

Within the scope of the BPRP 2018-2028, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Bayambang through key LGU departments (e.g. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, Public Employment Service Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Cooperative Development Council, among others) spearheaded the proactive coordination with DSWD SLP in its implementation. Through its course, the LGU was able to assist in the accreditation of the Masagana SLP Association under the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), thus bringing the Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative into life.

Through promotion of an enabling environment and an ease of doing business practice, the LGU of Bayambang created the Municipal Cooperative Development Council (MCDC) by virtue of Executive Order No. 24 s. 2018. The MCDC facilitated various orientations, trainings and seminars, and other technical assistance provision to thriving businesses, especially the Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative, which resulted to the registration of seven (7) cooperatives, with Masagana SLP as the first and the only SLPA turned cooperative in the whole Region.

The Masagana SLP Producers cooperative, with twenty-three (23) out of ninety (90) registered participants have pursued the mainstreaming efforts of the SLPA through the technical assistance of the LGU. The SLPA is now registered under the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) as well. through the assistance of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office led by Lerma Padagas.

Likewise, through the MCDC, a total of eleven (11) SLP Associations were facilitated for registration under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in 2018. The SLP Associations included Hermoza Farmers SLPA; Aangat Tayo SLPA; Manambong Norte Workers Association; Masaganang Maigpa Workers SLPA; Warding Farming SLPA; San Vicente Rice Retailers SLPA; Managos Farming SLPA; Pangdel Rice Retailers SLPA; Manambong Sur Farmers SLPA; Mangabol Workers SLPA; and Bani Delicious Ice Cream SLPA.



\*From L-R: Regional Director Nicomedes Castillo; DSWD Sec. Rolando Bautista; Mayor Cezario Quiambao; Usec. Luzviminda Ilagan; Usec. Aimee Torrefranca- Neri; Asec. Rhea Penafior

**Bayambang Municipal Mayor, Hon. Cezario T. Quiambao, receives the plaque of recognition as the "Best LGU Implementing Outstanding SLP - Microenterprise Development (National Level)" during the PANATA-GAPAS Awards held on February 15, 2019 at the Landbank of the Philippines Auditorium, Malate, Manila.**







“With all my heart, mind, and strength, my people of Bayambang, never again shall you be poor because you have it in you, the capacity to prosper”

- Mayor Cezario T. Quiambao  
Bayambang, Pangasinan

With the operationalization of the LGU Ordinance No. 10 s. 2017 “Regulating the use of plastic cellophanes, sando bags, and polysterene” the Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative was able to benefit as producers and suppliers of eco-bags which were produced to address the need for plastic consumption.

Furthermore, LGU Ordinance No. 79 s. 2018 “Designation of a Cooperative Mini-Factory Including Separate Electric Lines in Barangay Manambong Sur and Pantol”, complemented by Barangay Manambong Sur Resolution No. 01 s. 2018, concretely provided support to production and organizational development for the Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative. Thus, providing two (2) separate and strategically located mini-factories for the SLP producers cooperative. Whereas, an additional fifteen (15) sewing machines and garments were included as starter kits.

Market linkage and forward support were also provided to Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative by establishing an entrepreneurial relationship between the LGU and the SLP producers’ cooperative. Whereas, the KASAMA KITA SA BARANGAY FOUNDATION, INC. (KKSBEI), a local private corporation and LGU partner, acted as business mediator and partner for the Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative.

To date, the SLP producers cooperative was able to transact at least three (3) times with KKSBEI with a total sales/ income of P100,300.00, based on validated copies of official receipts.

Lastly, the LGU of Bayambang strengthens the capacity and awareness building of the SLP participants by inviting two (2) SLPAs (Masaganang Maigpa SLPA and Masagana SLP Producers Cooperative) in the LGU-sponsored and organized Negosyo Summit in 2018, with the theme: “Gabay sa Pagnenegosyo, Buhay ay Aasenso”.

Among the speakers on the said event were Ms. Deborah Beltran Castillo (DBC Management and Consultancy Services); Mr. Archie Florendo (National MSME Development Council); Mr. Ben Aquino (Orix Metro Leasing and Finance Corporation); Mr. Marlo Carag (Intellectual Property Office DTI); Ms. Natalia Dalaten (Business Development Division DTI); Mr. Paul Anthony de Guzman (GO NEGOSYO); Dr. Raquel C. Pambid (Food Innovations Corporation). Likewise, the LGU also provided meals and transportation assistance to selected SLPAs for their participation in the SLPA Congress held in Vigan in 2018. 🌱





*One of the popular landmarks of Real, Quezon, as popularized in numerous travel blogs and websites, situated at Real Coast Resort.  
[Photo taken from The Pinoy Traveler]*

# QUEZON'S BRIGHT REALIZATION

*\*National Finalist- PANATA GAPAS Awards 2019 for Best LGU Implementing Outstanding SLP - Microenterprise Development*

The Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) 2013-2016 of Real, Quezon defined the vision and mission of the municipality focusing on achieving a globally competitive economy and efficient delivery of basic services with much emphasis on economic governance through entrepreneurship, business, and industry promotion.

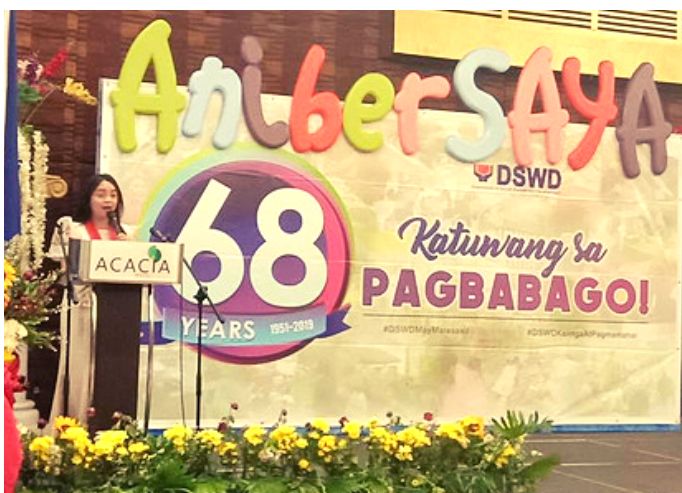
Furthermore, ELA 2013-2016 described the need for promotion of livelihood activities to different organization which in effect created an enabling environment for the emergence of various support to the implementation of the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

Based on the need for sustenance of efforts and strengthening of the initial steps done in the furtherance of the ELA 2013-2016, the LGU of Real through the leadership of Hon. Abigail D. Aquino (Municipal Mayor) crafted the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) 2018-2024 and Enhanced-Comprehensive Land Use Plan (E-CLUP) 2018-2028, wherein the focus for Social and Economic Development were highlighted.

Under this particular social and economic goal, the LGU of Real explicitly stated in its CDP to "Intensify the Comprehensive Welfare Development Program including the Enhancement of Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Welfare Program Implementation and Improvement of Facilities" specifically monitoring and evaluation of social welfare programs and projects with the partner agencies and stakeholders; enhancement of the comprehensive program for indigent families and intensification of the Sustainable Livelihood Program for 4Ps beneficiaries; provision for incentives to top SLP performers including enhanced skills training and capitalization; conduct alternative livelihood training programs; acquisition of raw materials from the barangay as counterpart of household or partnership with MSWD- cash for work; formulation of training module to conduct SLP; and conduct SLP to 17 barangays (skills training, seed capital assistance).







**Real Mayor, Hon. Abigal D. Aquino, gives out her acceptance speech as Regional Winner for the PANATA-GAPAS Awards during the 68th DSWD Anniversary (CALABARZON) on February 19, 2019 held at Acacia Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City**

The LGU of Real in close coordination with the MSWD Office, led by Leo James Portales, and SLP envisioned and realized the formation of its first SLP federation, in the name of Realenios Sustainable Livelihood Federation Inc., composed of twenty-two (22) SLPAs with a collective number of 663 active program participants, as of July 2018.

Through the efforts of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development and the officers of the Realenios Sustainable Livelihood Federation Inc. (RSLFI), the RSLFI was able to translate its business operations into a legal entity by virtue of its registration to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) detailing a certificate of incorporation (company reg no. CN201842706) in January 8, 2019.

The RSLFI became the LGU's adopted Microenterprise Model (MD) which received a confluence of support to logistics and organizational development. With proper technical assistance on the value of decision-making, RSLFI was capable of translating organizational requirements into resolutions.

In addition, the LGU of Real aimed to involve it various local sectors in the local economic development initiatives through Executive Order No. 002 s. 2019 entitled as -

“ PANATA- GAPAS inspires us to continue with our commitment, together with DSWD. To strengthen and support SLP Associations and its Federation by consistently making them partners in building self-reliant and progressive communities in our municipality

- Mayor Abigail D. Aquino  
Real, Quezon

“Providing for the reconstitution/ reorganization of the Municipal Development Council, its executive committee, its sectoral committee, and secretariat” whereas RSLFI, through Ms. Babylyn C. Almonte, became a regular representative of the Municipal Development Council (MDC). Hence, strengthening mainstreaming efforts of the LGU toward convergence actions and empowerment of basic sectors as part of LGU's governance goals.

Through the LGU of Real's creation of enabling environment for market linkage, the RSFLI was able to gain a net income of P184,096.66 through their sold products and services within six (6) months of business operations and a total accounts receivable of P390,998.81 wherein a bulk of P278,815.61 is accounted for sold assorted goods for Supplementary Feeding Program.

As part of the LGU of Real's monitoring cum positive reinforcement efforts to recognize the value of work exerted by the various associations of the SLP, the LGU proposed, funded, and conducted the activity on the provision of incentive, total of P200,000.00, for SLP Association Top 5 Performers, in July 2018.

It is worthy to note that the LGU of Real's total investment to the programs, activities, and projects (PAP) from 2016-2018 amount to P7,328,250.00 (aggregated based on Annual Investment Plans 2016-2018), wherein out of the total investment, a total of P5,918,250.00 (80.75%) was appropriated; and a P4,844,766.37 reflected as actual utilization.



# THE STRENGTH OF 82 IN ORMOC CITY

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*Commemorative monument as tribute to Western Leyte Guerilla Warfare Forces located at Veterans Park, Ormoc City, Leyte  
[Photo taken from TripZilla Philippines]*

The LGU of Ormoc City proactively provides various forms of support to the DSWD Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) as evidenced by its initiative in including livelihood budget allocation in its Annual Investment Plans (AIP). The said appropriations served as the main fund sources for the implementation of some SLP-related activities and projects. In like manner, the LGU provides assistance and counterparts for logistics, technical assistance, which were sourced-out from the LGU allocation as reflected in the approved AIPs..

Through the technical assistance provided by the LGU of Ormoc City and its CSWDO, the mainstreaming efforts of the Ormoc Federation of Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (OFSLPA) were made possible. The OFSLPA is now duly accredited in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and have secured its own Federation profile, organizational structure, and logical framework. The LGU also organized its Hog Raisers' Association composed of at least twenty-one (21) barangays as an affiliate of the OFSLPA.





“We are not promoting the dole-out mentality. Instead, make the people realize their dignity through providing them with something of value as part of their daily lives. They are able to produce something; they are able to make money out of it.”

- Mayor Richard I. Gomez  
Ormoc City, Leyte

Moreover, the LGU proactively shares transparency and accountability, by designating Ms. Nenita C. Ceniza (SWA/ Project Evaluation Officer/ Livelihood Focal) as representative of the LGU so as to reinforce monitoring efforts and provision of technical assistance to at least eighty-two (82) SLPAs of Ormoc, composing the OFSLPA.

**Ormoc City Social Welfare and Development Office, led by Delia D. Corbo,, in coordination with the Sustainable Livelihood Program ensure transparency and consistent monitoring mechanisms through their Enterprise Capital Assistance Monitoring Bulletin. The said bulletin, which shows the latest status of 82 SLP Associations (OFSLPA), is conspicuously displayed in Ormoc City's Productivity Skills Capability Building.**



**Mayor Richard Gomez poses with the program participants after an assembly| Photo taken from MKP December 2018 Issue**

In addition, the LGU also hired nine (9) job orders with three (3) individuals destined as livelihood office staff namely: Maria Teresa Arbiso; Ana Liza Arcilla; and Noel Maralit, since 2016 up to present 2019, whose main responsibilities include LGU-led monitoring efforts and mechanisms for livelihood initiatives of the locality, including SLP-initiated projects.

The other six (6) job orders were designated as district livelihood implementers. It may be worthy to note that Rebecca Prayos (a SLP participant) was hired by the LGU for a plantilla position, dedicated for LGU livelihood programs.

The OFSLPA, then tagged as beneficiaries of the Enterprise Capital Assistance (ECA), are consistently being monitored by the LGU. The said monitoring reports for the sustainability efforts of the OFSLPA are shared in a conspicuous area in the LGU premises through a bulletin / dashboard.

It may also be worthy to note that the LGU of Ormoc City conducted socio-economic profiling of Pantawid Familyang Pilipino Program and Sustainable Livelihood Program participants (total of at least 1,982 participants corresponding to the 82 SLP Associations of the Ormoc Federation of SLP Associations- OFSLPA) serving as a baseline for the planning of interventions and initiatives.



# NUEVA VIZCAYA: IDOL NG MGA ENTREPRENYUR

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The Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, a 2nd class province in Region II- Cagayan Valley, provides numerous opportunities and points for collaboration within and among the departments, units, offices, and external stakeholders in the whole province, in terms of livelihood development.

In 2013, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya created a platform to concretely address various gaps and concerns in the context of economic development through its 13-point agenda program dubbed as “PRAYERS N FAITH” which stands for Protecting the Environment; Reforming the Provincial Government; Agriculture and Food Safety; Youth and Sports; Education and Skills Training; Rural Development and Electrification; Social Services, Safety, and Security; Networking for Development; Farm-to-Market Roads and Infrastructures; Arts and Culture; Indigenous People; Tourism; and Health and Housing Services.



*Michelle D. Tinapay, SLP participant and one of the finalist in the 2017 "Idol kong Entreprenyur" search initiated by the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya| Photo taken from MKP July-August 2018 Issue*

It is with PRAYERS N FAITH where the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya was able to anchor certain projects, programs, and initiatives specifically focusing on Agricultural and Food Safety; Education and Skills Training; Rural Development and Electrification; Social Services, Safety, and Security; Networking for Development; Farm-to-Market Roads and Infrastructures; and Tourism- all in confluence towards the enrichment of the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) implementation of Microenterprise Development projects.

In the interest of providing an innovative and effective strategy for monitoring of SLP projects in the province, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya launched and operationalized its “IDOL KONG ENTREPRENYUR (IKE)”,

IKE is a search for notable and outstanding microenterprise development initiatives in the province. The IKE is complemented with similar searches such as the “IDOL KONG PAMILYA” and “Child-Friendly Barangays”.

Moreover, the conceptualization of the IKE started in 2013 and took full swing of implementation in 2014 until the current year 2019. Emphasizing that the said monitoring cum incentive (positive reinforcement) strategy have been consistently implemented for more or less six (6) years.

In addition, the IKE has its own set of criteria, operational procedure, funding allocation, municipal evaluation teams, legislative support, among others.







Gov. Carlos M. Padilla delivering his inspirational message in one of the Province's occasions | Photo taken from Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya official website

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*The Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya continuously supports the endeavors of the Sustainable Livelihood program. We are working hand-in-hand with DSWD and we also align our thrusts and priorities for the continued generation of livelihood opportunities for our disadvantaged constituents*

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- Governor Carlos M. Padilla  
Nueva Vizcaya

The Province of Nueva Vizcaya also provides opportunities for agriculture education and skills training through the Provincial Agricultural Office conduct of Skills Training on “Method Demonstration in the Preparation of Effective Microorganism Activated Solution and its Utilization” wherein two (2) SLP participants were served.

Likewise, two (2) SLP participants were served through the conduct of the Skills Training on “Organic Agriculture”; and a total of forty-seven (47) SLP participants were served under conduct of Skills Training on “Tomato Processing and Marketing Enterprise”.

Through Resolution No. 2016-2209: “A Resolution Authorizing the Honorable Carlos M. Padilla, Governor, this Province, to enter into and sign an implementation management agreement, for and in behalf of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, with the Department of Agriculture for the implementation of the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) funded projects in the Province”, the implementation of the Aritao Tomato Processing and Marketing Enterprise was operationalized

As additional value in the implementation of the funded skills training / sub project on the Aritao Tomato Processing and Marketing Enterprise, the PLGU Nueva Vizcaya through the management of the Nueva Vizcaya Government Employees Multipurpose Cooperative, provided market support for tomato processed products (e.g. tomato candies, etc) to the Federation of Aritao Rural Improvement Club, Inc. (FARIC, Inc.) wherein the said products are displayed for sale at the Nueva Vizcaya Livelihood and Pasalubong Center through the support and interventions of the PSWDO led by Flordelina C. Granada.

Furthermore, for the PLGU’s Rural Development: Livelihood and Enterprise Development, Nueva Vizcaya provided sixty-eight (68) SLP participants with a total of P680,000.00 accounting to P10,000.00 per participant, in 2015 as certified by Jonathan M. Dela Cruz (SLP FO II Monitoring and Evaluation Officer)



The Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Nueva Vizcaya through its Tourism division under the Office of the Governor, played an essential role in the realization of the Naturalist Guiding project of the Ansipsip Pathfinders Sustainable Livelihood Program Association (SLPA). Prior to actual organization of the 14 members of the SLPA, series of social preparation activities were conducted in coordination with the PLGU. After finalization of the identified project, a proposal was prepared with the technical assistance of PLGU and other partners.

To equip the participants with the technical skills and know-how, a Skills Training on Naturalist Guiding Seminar on Eco-Tourism, Product Development cum Basic Life Support were conducted through the PLGU and Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Kayapa in partnership with Extreme Outdoor Experience Inc.

The PLGU recommended to the Municipal Local Government Unit of Kayapa to allocate funds for the reinforcement to the eco-tourism initiatives on the Skills Training on Naturalist Guiding Seminar on

Eco-Tourism, Product Development cum Basic Life Support. The MLGU of Kayapa proposed for the construction of the Mt. Ugo Ranger Station to be situated in Barangay Ansipsip as stipulated in the municipality's Supplemental Investment Plan under resolution No. 2016-45 with appropriation cost of P1,000,000.00. However, it may be mentioned that the said proposed project still awaits for implementation due to boundary disputes/unavailability of land title for the construction of the Mt. Ugo Ranger Station.

In addition, it may be worthy to mention that the PLGU through its Tourism division under the Office of the Governor, conducted a series of tourism arrival monitoring and coordination meeting with external stakeholders, program participants, and concerned Local Government Units, in the effort to operationalize tourism-related livelihood projects, including the project of the fourteen (14) SLP families of the Ansipsip Pathfinders SLPA. 🌱

*Panoramic view of the Mt. Ugo landscape in Kayapa wherein the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya poured out its resources to provide for tourism and microenterprise development of SLP participants* | Photo taken from TripZilla Philippines







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