

## **SOMA 2012 – Governance anchored on transparency and accountability**

To our Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer of the 7<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan Honorable Exuperio C. Lloren; to all the Members of this august body; to all the Department Heads and employees of the Local Government Unit; to our active partners, the Barangay Captains headed by our ABC President, Honorable Cirilo Acedo; MLGOO Lito Dajalos; our partner people's organizations and non-government organizations, national agencies; to the media; to all of you here at the Capt. Goyo Hall as well as those in the homes and offices, Maajong Buntag Kaninjong Tanan!

Today, I will deliver to all of you present and to all the people of Jagna my first State of the Municipality Address.

First of all, I am thankful to GOD for the opportunity to serve my beloved town. I thank the people of Jagna for the trust and confidence given to me when you elected me to become your chief executive. It is my great honor to serve you and steer our town towards continuous development.

I started my term on July 1, 2010 with the vision of development for Jagna and a crusade for clean and honest governance amidst issues of corruption engulfing the government. I have rallied the efforts of this administration towards sound fiscal management and accountable and transparent governance, two of the mandates of the Department of Interior and Local Government. It is my goal in this administration to not only steer the municipality towards development felt by Jagnaans in all walks of life but to make sure of the LGU's compliance to the mandates of the Anti-Red Tape Act as a believer that IT IS CORRUPTION in government that hinders the full utilization of government resources towards the direction of development.

This administration makes sure that your taxes are in full utilization in the implementation of projects. The projects are your projects. The Local Government Unit is only implementing these projects.

The past two years provided this administration to implement projects not only because it is envisioned to be implemented but more so because it has to be implemented immediately in response to events beyond human control.

### **First 100 days of office**

In the first 100 days of this administration, I started out with infrastructure projects that needed immediate attention.

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*Concreting of front of Jagna Public Market (July 2010-August 2010)*

*Reconstruction of canal linings with concrete cover (front side of the public market)*

The dust that is detrimental to the health of our people doing business at the Jagna Business Center prompted me to immediately instruct our Municipal Engineering Office to start concreting and cementing the arch fronting the Jagna Business Center and the intersection along the riverside. True enough our municipal engineering office worked on it non stop so that these projects were done in 2 months time from July 2010 to August 2010.

### **ON EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE**

#### *Adherence to the Citizens Charter*

Governance with transparency and accountability implements the citizen's charter. All offices at the LGU follow set standards in the Citizen's Charter. Each office is posted the specific steps on how to avail services with specific time allocations in the processing.

### *Special Governing Bodies*

Special Bodies and or functional councils are created to address specific concerns in governance. These specific bodies meet regularly to discuss projects and or find solutions to challenges. The special bodies adhere to transparency in that each is participated by representatives coming from the different sectors within the community.

The special bodies existing in our Municipality are Municipal Development Council, School Board, MDRRMC, Municipal Peace and Order Council, Municipal Council for the Protection of Children, Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council, Local Health Board, Local Finance Committee, JASMED unit and Sangguniang Kabataan.

### *Jagna Emergency Medical Rescue unit (JEMRU)*

Seeing the need for an emergency response team for the people of Jagna, I signed Executive Order No. 09 Series of 2010 on July 8, 2010. This Executive Order created the Jagna Emergency Medical and Rescue Unit (JEMRU) as well as defined its functions. The set-up/mechanism of JEMRU is in accordance to the Comprehensive Fire Code of 2008 of the Bureau of Fire Protection who also lobbied for the creation of an emergency response team.

The JEMRU personnel are equipped with knowledge and skills in accordance with the performance of their tasks. Trainings are provided under the budget of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC) to ensure proper handling of cases. Personnel undergo intensive trainings on medical i.e. administration of first aid, search and rescue.

As of July 2010 to December 2010, 54 emergency cases were responded;

From January 2011 to July 31, 2011, there were 109 cases responded and from August 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, 85 cases with a total of 194 cases in 2011

As of July 30, 2012, there is a total 143 cases recorded by the JEMRU.

According to the referred patients to JEMRU or their families, there is a concurrence among those interviewed that JEMRU is efficient and effective - in terms of response time as well as the handling of the case during the duration of the response/rescue until it arrives to its destination.

Clients revealed that the JEMRU is very beneficial to the underprivileged. Those in the far-flung barangays admitted that the presence of JEMRU provided them the opportunity to avail of free ambulance from the scene to its destination hospital within Jagna in times of emergency. According to the interviewees, the presence of JEMRU is very valuable to the underprivileged.

This administration is now working for the institutionalization of the JEMRU. The purpose of which is for the JEMRU to still be in the service of the people of Jagna even when my time as a local chief executive is long gone. I would like to leave this as a legacy as I continue to work for the good of the people of our town.

#### *Business Permits and Licensing Office*

The Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) is another unit that this administration has given focus. In appreciation of the entities that brought our economy to life we have constructed a building to accommodate our business people and taxpayers – a place where they will be comfortable when waiting for the processing of their permits and licenses as well as in paying their taxes.

Streamlining in securing business permits and licenses from a 4-hour process to 1 hour and 30 minutes or less when all requirements are complied has been achieved. It is a goal for the BPLO to reduce processing time and with the institution of changes to the procedure reduced processing time to one hour and thirty minutes was achieved.

#### *Revision and Updating of Plans*

The members of our 7<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan have accomplished to date on top of the resolutions and ordinances, three important municipal plans were revised and updated. Our Comprehensive Land Use Plan has been revised and updated. The

Revenue Code which governs the collection of fees and revenues has been revised and updated. Our Gender and Development Code and its Implementing Rules and Regulations was also updated and revised. These accomplishments of our 7<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan are a feat. With these done, we are rest assured that our municipal plans are up to date and responsive to current demands and requirements.

#### *The Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS)*

The administration in adherence to President Aquino's "pagtatak sa landas na matuwid program" and "kung walang corrupt, walang mahirap" slogan, is employing the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) in the conduct of public procurement. PhilGEPS is a system designed in accordance with the Government Procurement Reform Act (GPRA) or Republic Act No. 9184 which espouses "transparency, competitiveness and accountability". This system opposes the perception that government procurement is characterized by fraud, inefficiency and lack of transparency.

This administration supports this advocacy. The LGU's procurement system is standardized thru the PhilGEPS system. This is free from corruption as bidding is done online and bidders are required to register in the PhilGEPS. I can assure the people of Jagna that in this administration no politician or any other entity can tamper the conduct of biddings of the Bids and Awards Committee at the Local Government Level. All bidding materials and bidders shall undergo the proper process according to the PhilGEPS.

#### *Ring Fencing of Jagna Waterworks System, Market Operations, Integrated Solid Waste Management*

Ring-fencing strategy was started during the incumbency as Mayor of now Vice Mayor Exuperio Lloren. This administration embraced this strategy. Ring fencing is an innovative reform strategy that is sure to enhance the delivery of public services to our people. I see this as an opportunity for our local government to institute needed internal reforms in the delivery of our services in the areas of

waterworks, market and waste management. The concept of ring fencing involves the separation of financial accounts of our waterworks, market and waste management from the general accounts of the LGU. This way, we can monitor separately the performance of these 3 public enterprises. Thru ring fencing, reports generated are reliable financial reports which will provide transparent basis for tariff-setting.

### *Municipal Management Team*

This administration introduced the Municipal Management Team (MMT) concept. This team makes up the leadership and operation of the whole LGU. The responsibilities of the Municipal Management Team include monitoring and evaluation on all areas of the LGUs performance. It makes sure that the whole LGU operates according to the vision and mission of the Executive - Legislative Agenda.

The MMT provides feedbacking of all issues in the LGU. It also provides for reporting of what has been accomplished, what is ongoing, what are the constraints that hinder smooth operations of each department for the month. Discussion is open within the department heads on concerns.

The MMT is conducted twice a month. Lead by me as the presiding officer. The department heads are free to air concerns and accomplishments for the body.

### *Conduct of Barangay Evaluation*

Spearheaded by the DILG, the conduct of barangay evaluation was an apt move so that our barangays will know what administrative requirements to maintain; it also monitored the performance of the barangays in terms of functionality of councils; it evaluated the posting of Municipal Ordinances, Barangay Ordinances, Resolutions; and checked on the implementation of Programs and linkages towards progress.

The conduct of the evaluation ensured that the barangays will be compliant with their mandates. After the conduct of the barangay evaluations, the 33 barangays

are expected to fully comply with the documentary requirements as well as actively perform their tasks.

### *Jagna Waterworks System*

This administration envisions is to expand the coverage of the Jagna Waterworks System. One of the moves toward this end is to increase water volume through the laying of new additional pipes from source to the reservoir.

Water potability is another goal of this administration. Huge amount is required for the JWS to purchase state of the art filtering facility. With a filtering facility, we are assured of potable and safe water conforming to DOH standards. The JWS is looking for ways to be able to acquire a filtering facility at a lower cost to the enterprise or an agency may sponsor it to us in the form of a loan.

The Jagna Waterworks System as a public utility has adopted ring fencing to better improve its services and in the future be self sustaining. Ring fencing as a strategy will isolate the income of the JWS from the general fund thereby it can monitor its financial performance. This is very important because as an economic enterprise it has to be able to operate autonomously using its own resources.

The Jagna Waterworks system has introduced in the last 2 years the stubout system. The clustering of water meters is for easy and quick reading of water meters and for the safety of our meter readers; easy to track leaking and other problems. We are done in barangay Canjulao and we have begun our work in Looc and Pagina. We received funding from Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri for our JWS revamp.

Our billing system has improved from manual computation to computerized billing system; we are implementing rehabilitation of transmission lines and have extended our technical support to the barangay waterworks systems.

As one of the development agenda in this administration, this public utility is given priority.

## ON ENVIRONMENT

The Municipality is one with the nation in the implementation of programs for the environment. We are closely following the mandates of the new Republic Act 10121 "***Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010***" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management is given much focus. In a year's time, we were able to lay in place the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC) and the respective Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (BDRRMC) an accomplishment we share with our partners-the 33 barangay councils.

The BDRRM plans for the 33 barangays are already in place. It was come up thru workshops done to determine appropriate actions according to risks per barangay.

The construction and completion of the MDRRMC office beside the Bureau of Fire Protection is a collective effort within the local government unit. It is a timely and relevant accomplishment of this administration.

The MDRRMC has purchased pre-disaster equipment. These pre-disaster equipment range from boots to chain saws used to respond to disasters.

Under the MDRRMC are programs in line with the mandate of the national government to implement programs toward the management and protection of the environment.

We have implemented tree growing programs in three areas – in Pangdan, Canupao and Tubod Monte. We are also looking at sustainability thus we hired on project basis persons to care for the planted trees to ensure its growth.

We implemented coastal clean-up programs thru the effort of the Bantay Dagat team, BIDEF, Inc. and Mr. Jeremy Horowitz.



We conducted creek and river clean-ups in partnership with the barangays and educational institutions.

These collaborated efforts are appreciated by this administration. Without our partners, the local government unit or any other institution working alone will not accomplish so much as these collaborations have achieved. Let us do more of these collaborations. These kinds foster camaraderie amongst us. Our tasks are much lighter if we know that we have people working together towards a common goal.

The LGU spearheaded by our Municipal Development and Planning Office has installed the Jagna Active Link Emergency Response Transponder (ALERT) System. This is a 24/7 information retrieval and forecaster system that will update us of any weather disturbance within the Philippine Area of Responsibility. It gives us information on tsunami warnings issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. All registered user of the system will be updated as to weather information and other relevant information that may affect us.

#### *TUV SUD Accreditation*

Four offices of the Local Government Unit are ISO 14001:2004 certified for compliance to Environmental Management System. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> LGU in the entire Philippines to have been awarded by the certification body of *Technischer Uberwachungs Vereine Suddeutschland* (TUV SUD) Asia Pacific Group because LGU Jagna fulfilled the requirements for an Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2004.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Manifested in this administration's accomplishment for the first 100 days is its focus on infrastructure projects.

*The Concreting and cementing of intersection of Canjulao-Pagina-Looc road leading to Jagna wharf (riverside) started on July 2010; Concreting of front of Jagna Public Market (July 2010-August 2010) and Reconstruction of canal linings*

*with concrete cover (front side of the public market)* are the projects accomplished in the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 days in office. These initial projects ushered in more infrastructure projects.

The *Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office* was constructed in compliance to RA 10120. We are a pioneer in the establishment of our MDRRMC Office;

*Beautification of Rizal Park;*

The *Business Permits and Licensing Office* completed in December 2010 was constructed to provide an area for applicants of permits and licenses;

Construction of *stall divisions* at the second floor of the Jagna Business Center;

Installation of *roll up doors* at the second floor of the Jagna Business Center;

*Revamp of electrical wirings* at the Jagna Business Center;

Construction of *Police Dangpanan;*

Initial Construction of *Vehicle Terminal;*

Rehabilitation of Siling, Balili irrigation;

Construction of *temporary bridge* to replace the destroyed Quezon Bridge II;

*Purchase of service vehicles* for the Municipal Engineering Office and Jagna Waterworks System;

Opening of *access roads* to Sanitary Landfill;

Phase 1 on the construction of *waste water treatment facility* at the slaughterhouse;

*Concreting of the road* in front of the gym;

*Canalling works* around the Municipal Plaza;

*Rehabilitation* of the Capt. Gregorio Casenas Hall;

*Construction of guard house at Cantagay*

*Construction of the Common Service Facility* with funding coming from Cong. Arthur Yap, Performance Challenge Fund of the Seal of Good Housekeeping and 20% Local Development Fund.

Ongoing construction of *birthing facility* with a funding amounting to Php 800,000 and an additional Php 500,000 secured by our RHU2 from the DOH.

These infrastructure projects are implemented by our Municipal Engineering Office.

#### *Projects to barangays*

We have exerted efforts at following up projects to the barangays. Our Congressman Arthur Yap has done so much in providing us Farm to Market roads that will help our farmers deliver their produce to the market. These funds are downloaded directly to the barangays so that implementation will be in accordance to barangay specifications. He has also provided health insurances to the barangays.

The Honorable Governor Edgar Chatto has his hands full in granting our town and the barangays with projects that range from infrastructure, disaster assistance to health care. These projects we have seen have greatly impacted our people.

Akbayan Partylist provided aid to barangays thru the provision of PV pipes for barangay waterworks.

#### **DEVELOPMENT FUND**

The Development Fund of the Local Chief Executive goes to the following:

- 1) Loan amortization payment. This forms the biggest chunk of our development fund.
- 2) Waterworks projects – among other projects the rehabilitation of the Jagna Waterworks System is given priority. This is most important. Water is

needed every day. We strive to satisfy the requirements of each consumer. We plan to tap water sources to expand our water distribution.

3) Processing Center – The Municipal Agriculture Office now has a processing center for ube powder, banana chips, salabat, tableya, maize café. The building is at Carmole, Tubod Monte.

4) Concreting of the road at the Municipal Plaza

5) Provision of a canal surrounding the Municipal Plaza

6) Initial preparation of the Sanitary Landfill – The road towards the required sanitary landfill has been prepared using our development fund.

7) Aid to barangay – Municipal aid to the barangays are taken from the Development Fund.

8) Birthing facility – this project has initially started and is located at the RHU 2 in Mayana. The building of this birthing facility came from a grant of the Department of Health.

9) Police Dangpanan - Police visibility in the market is seen to deter unwholesome beings to perform destructive actions within the area. It is also a good starting point for roving around town as the location has access to roads leading to the upper barangays and coastal barangays.

10) Building of 2 municipal patrol boat – This is for municipal water patrolling of the our bantay dagat task force.

11) Upgrading of the slaughterhouse has initially started thru the 20% development fund.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The following programs/projects are in support of the municipality's economic development. These are:

1) The creation of a common service facility for calamay, processing center for ube powder, salabat, banana chips, tableya and mais kape.

The common service facility and processing center's purposes are to standardize products, ensure the availability of raw materials for production, improve operational management systems, enhance product development and develop new and innovative products and strengthen the capability to satisfy market needs with on-time delivery and best quality products.

The creation of a common service facility serves as an avenue to integrate gender responsive principles into the production area.

The building of the common service facility thru the Performance Challenge fund, development fund of Cong. Yap and the local development fund is ongoing. We have purchased equipment for the production of our calamay.

2) The interrelation in the principles of agriculture and economics bring agriculture under economic activities. Our Municipal Agriculture Office is a very dynamic section in the LGU adopting and instituting innovative projects for the enhancement of agricultural production, development of livestock and advancement in fisheries and coastal management. There are three divisions within the Municipal Agriculture Office to cater specifically to the requirement of each program implemented - Crops Division that includes rice and corn enhancement and development program as well as high valued commercial crops development program; Fishery and coastal resource management program; Livestock development and enhancement program. These three divisions work hard to implement and accomplish the following:

2.1) Conduct of hybrid rice technology demonstration project which started in 2009 and continuously implemented until the present. This project introduced to our farmers innovations in rice farming. They introduced high yielding rice varieties that has been proven to increase yield. This project was instituted to the farmers who adopted it in Brgy. Lonoy and Balili. If all farmers will be able to adopt this technology, we are on our way to self-sufficiency in rice.

2.2) Soil Analysis using Minus-One Element Technique or MOET is an innovation that will help farmers determine soil element deficiencies. Seeing the significance of this method in production, the LGU purchased MOET Kits to analyze 60 hectares of prime production lots within the town to help our farmers. This is implemented in barangays Balili and Lonoy.

2.3) Conduct of varietal trial on Inbred Rice Varieties is another important program that we are implementing. This will help our technicians identify the right rice varieties to be planted in specific locations as rice cultivars is location specific. We may be able to increase yield if the rice variety planted is suited to the location.

2.4) Conduct of varietal trial on Glutinous Rice is a project implemented in consideration of our calamay. This is implemented to produce the glutinous variety that is needed by our calamaderas.

2.5) Conduct of Rice Area Calculation using GPS is important to be able to recommend the exact amount of rice seeds to be planted in order that our farmers may save money, energy and time.

2.6) Establishment of Trichograma Laboratory is a project we see will be beneficial to our farmers in the long run. We are the first municipality to establish a Trichograma Laboratory. This is a grant project from the Department of Agriculture. Farmers will be benefited as our laboratory will produce the organic way the agent which will fight against pests attacking our rice, corn and vegetables thereby enhancing our yield in rice and corn as well as our vegetable produce.

2.7) Creation of Jagna Rice Seed Producer's Association and Barangay Agricultural Extension Workers to help the agriculture office in bringing the new and innovative techniques in agricultural to the barangays.

2.8) The conduct of Farmers Field School in corn started in 2010. This is a municipal initiative to introduce new corn technology to farmers in barangay

Buyog. Thru the implementation of this project we were granted a village-type corn mill by the Department of Agriculture.

2.9) Implementation of Municipal Nutrition Council Garden, Barangay Nutrition Garden, Gulayan sa Paaralan in support to nutrition program showcases the proper and appropriate organic technology on vegetable production.

2.10) Coco Seedling Nursery (Golden King Variety) for dispersal to coconut farmers to ensure sustainable supply of coconut shells for the packaging of calamay.

2.11) Establishment of Banana Packing Center in Mayana to ensure that our Bongan Banana farmers will have a place to package their produce preventing damages to the banana to be exported to Japan. The packing center will give employment and provide income to the locales of Mayana.

2.12) Establishment of Agricultural Trumline for vegetables, coconut, rice and other crops was granted to the Municipality in recognition of Mayana as a vegetable producing barangay. Funding of the trumline was granted by the Department of Agriculture.

2.13) Marine Protected Areas Networking with Adjacent Municipalities (Duero, Guindulman and Jagna) is a partnership beneficial to parties in the protection of our coastal areas. The networking provides a unified coastal law enforcement and harmonization of municipal ordinances among cluster LGUs for effective law enforcement.

2.14) Municipal Coastal Resource Management (MCRM) Program provides for the creation of a Bantay Dagat Task Force composed of fish wardens. The fish wardens together with police officers apprehend violators of the rules and regulations governing marine protected areas. The LGU built two patrol boats for monitoring of our coastal waters. To date, we have apprehended 13 violators confiscating their tools and equipment and issuing fines to specific violations.

A guardhouse was established in barangay Cantagay.

2.15) The LGU thru the Municipal Agriculture Office implements the Tilapia Dispersal Program. We have established a municipal fishpond for tilapia fingerlings production to support freshwater fish production in Mayana, Lonoy and Balili.

2.16) In support to enhancement of livestock production, we are implementing Livestock Upgrading Program thru artificial insemination, vaccination and other veterinary services. We have a swine breeding center and goat breeding center for dispersal to barangays.

3) Jagna Waterworks System as an Enterprise - On March 22, 2011 we attended a "Symposium on Best Practices on Water" one of the activities of the celebration of World Water Day 2011 to present "Ring-fencing Water Utility Accounts: Paving the Way for Utility Reform". As mentioned, the JWS has been ring fenced. Only more than a year old, the ring-fencing strategy has already delivered beneficial results to the Jagna Waterworks System. Key performance indicators were monitored and the bottom lines are: specific areas have been identified to need reforms and improvement; a 34% increase in revenue generation; shortened collection period; improved working ratio; increased return on assets; decreased average cost per cubic meter and a 33.22% decrease in subsidy level.

We have in place a 5-year Business Plan of the Jagna Waterworks System. In this we have projected the demand for waterworks service to increase. Potability is one important factor that is considered in the business plan.

Currently, the LGU-run JWS is still facing challenges in its operation. But with constant monitoring of its performance the LGU will be able to further institute required reforms towards an efficient delivery of water service to our constituents.

4) Thru funding from Senator Chiz Escudero, we upgraded the electrical capacity of our **Jagna Business Center**. We have completed our stalls as well as installed roll up doors at the second floor.



Our Jagna Market Vendors Association has been revived – a partner in the management of the Jagna Business Center.

Through the Market Board we are continuously implementing rules and regulations governing the market.

5) The ordinance creating the **Jagna Sustainable Micro Enterprise Development Unit (JaSMED)** of the LGU was approved in 2011. JaSMED is a sustainable, competent and committed unit dedicated to the provision of quality and gender-responsive services for improved quality of life of Jagna’s micro entrepreneurs.

5) Implementation of **Integrated Solid Waste Management Program** is ongoing. In 2011, we have purchased a new garbage compactor to service our constituents. Our **Eco-Savers Club** is continuously implemented to encourage young pupils the proper segregation of wastes. We have established a Residual Containment Area in Barangay Can-ipol. The RCA is a temporary facility pending the establishment of a sanitary landfill.

6) For the first time, a commercial bank, **Metrobank**, has established a branch in the town. This is a dream of any Local Chief Executive. The establishment of a commercial bank will push further the development of our town. This goes to show that our town is moving progressively as its mere presence increases business confidence.

## **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Local Government Unit is continuously implementing mandated programs on social services thru our Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office. The MSWD, a hardworking unit of the LGU is implementing the following programs.

1) Day Care Services – we have a total of 34 day care centers in operation

2) We have assisted an estimated 200 plus individuals affected by typhoons, floods, whirlwind. We received assistance from different agencies during the recent disaster affecting 4 barangays.

- 3) We also have 1,000 Philhealth beneficiaries sponsored by the LGU
- 4) There are 127 beneficiaries of the Socialized Pension coming from the National DSWD
- 5) We give pre-marriage counselling seminars
- 6) We give Assistance to Indigents thru our AICS program
- 7) We give scholarship grants funded by our Alay Lakad fund.
- 8) A livelihood training for the Jagna Association of Differently-Abled Persons was made possible thru the DOLE-TULAY Project in coordination with TESDA, LGU Jagna and BFDI. 17 PWDs received training on t-shirt printing to help them become financially independent.
- 9) Nutrition services/supplemental feeding – In close coordination with the National DSWD we were implementing this program in early 2012 to day care centers.
- 10) Implementation on Social Welfare and Development concerns of RA 9344 Juvenile Justice Welfare (CICL); RA 9262 Violence Against Women and Children; RA 9208 Human Trafficking.
- 11) Continuously implement Rehabilitation and Therapeutic centers for children aged 0-14
- 12) Rice Subsidy Programs for Small Scale Farmers & Fishermen
- 13) Magna Carta (Persons with Disability)
- 14) Magna Carta of Women
- 15) Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program of 4Ps is here in our town. The objective of the 4Ps is “to keep children healthy and in school”. This will be implemented this year with a total of 1,199 beneficiaries covered.
- 16) The Office of Senior Citizens Affairs is catering to the needs of our elderly.

17) The MSWD is the Focal Unit in the implementation of Gender and Development principles according to the GAD Code.

18) We have continuously supported the GREAT WOMEN Project with funding coming from the Philippine Council of Women and the LGU. We conducted the

1. GST ++ capability building activities, gender analysis tools are introduced to mainstream gender sensitive plans, projects and activities;
2. We made sure that our Comprehensive Development Plan/Comprehensive Land Use Plan is gender responsive; we enhanced the Gender And Development Code and IRR;
3. We have established and managed a sustainable common service facility – Calamay as one of the model projects through convergence of different line agencies like DTI,DOST, APC, PAO, PCA, ATI,etc.;
4. We have institutionalized the Jagna Small and Medium Enterprise Development (JaSMED)
5. Thru the active participation of key persons in the LGU, we have implemented programs toward the enhancement of awareness of women’s rights in the barangays. We have also implemented trainings on Gender Sensitivity (GST++) within the LGU and some barangays. This is ongoing with a target of completing the training to all 33 barangays.

## **HEALTH CARE & NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT**

The presence of 2 Rural Health Units in the town increased the coverage of the delivery of services to our constituents. Programs are continuously implemented that caters to:

- 1) Maternal and Child Health Program that covers nutrition, family planning, expanded program on Immunization;

- 2) National Tuberculosis Program
- 3) National Leprosy Control Program
- 4) Control of Diarrheal Diseases
- 5) Dental Program
- 6) Control of Acute Respiratory Tract Infection
- 7) Environmental Sanitation Program
- 8) Cancer Prevention Control Program
- 9) Cardiovascular Disease Control Program
- 10) Renal Disease Control Program

Aside from the general program of the health units, our Rural Health Unit 2 has flagship projects in response to the needs of the communities it is serving. These flagship programs include:

- IEC campaigns to schools on dengue; safe motherhood to pregnant women; putting up of basic emergency, obstetrics and neo-natal care facility. Funding of which comes from the DOH in partnership with our LGU; provision of supply on family planning commodities catering to both natural and artificial family planning methods.

Nutrition programs are in full implementation that have significantly decreased malnutrition rate in our municipality. Continuous implementation of such programs will lead to completely eradicate malnutrition amongst our school age children. These programs include:

- 1) Home, Community & School food production;
- 2) Food assistance
- 3) Micronutrient Supplementation

- 4) Nutrition Information, Communication and Education
- 5) Food fortification
- 6) Livelihood Assistance
- 7) Water and Sanitation
- 8) Essential Mother and Child Health Services

The provision of healthcare and nutrition programs to the people of Jagna is enhanced thru the partnership with Philos Health. This partnership with Philos Health started during the previous administration. It has greatly benefited the people of Jagna with its quarterly medical missions. The provision of maintenance medicines to diabetic and hypertensive patients is a task taken on by Philos Health. Supplemental feeding with the Manna Pack and monitoring of school children's nutritional status is another program Philos Helath is providing. We are very grateful to Philos Health for this opportunity.

The unwavering efforts of our health workers and our partnership with NGOs have greatly improved the delivery of health care services to the people.

## **SUPPORT TO EDUCATION**

The Municipality is always in support of programs and projects related to education. We have donated books and school materials to some of the schools in the town. We have supported salaries of our 9 teachers in some schools thru the general fund. We have also supported athletic meets through providing assistance to our contingent. Through the funds of the Alay Lakad scholarships were granted to students. This is implemented by our Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

## **SUPPORT TO EMPLOYMENT**

We are continuously making efforts at providing employment to our constituents. Our PESO Office thru our PESO Officer is continuously providing employment opportunities thru the conduct of interviews to prospective applicants by employment agencies. We are making sure that these employment agencies are registered with the POEA to avoid unnecessary challenges in the applications.

A company, Phil Nippon is continuously following up applicants from our town as they are in need of personnel to work for companies in Japan. We urge our graduates to come to the mayor's office to inquire to these opportunities.

## **PEACE AND ORDER**

The town is generally peaceful in the last 2 years. With the help of the Philippine National Police, crimes are manageable. We have been constantly requesting our regional Philippine National Police to allocate more police officers to the town to reach the ratio of 1 police officer per 1,000 people. As of now, we only have 22 police officers but our population is pegged at 34,000. Rest assured that this administration will continue to tap the doors of our PNP to add more police personnel to the town.

Let us not forget the contribution of our barangay tanods in maintaining a peaceful and orderly barangay environment. We shall continue to be vigilant at the barangay level. With the participation of all people in Jagna, we will do our best to continue suppressing lawless elements.

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All the above-mentioned projects cannot be done if a unit in the Local Government is not doing its job. These accomplishments I attribute to the collective efforts of the different units to form a system of effectively accomplishing tasks.

- Working hand in hand with the Executive is our Legislative by passing ordinances and resolutions relevant to the current and future needs of the municipality;
- To the special bodies that form the councils participated by National Government Agencies, PO's, NGO's and our Parish – without their active involvement, we cannot truly respond to relevant concerns;
- The different departments - Municipal Planning and Development Office headed by Engr. Gerry Araneta; Municipal Engineering Office headed by Engr. Josefina Ranoa; Municipal Treasurer's Office with Mr. Raymund Emmanuel Cuadra; Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office with Ms. Marcionila Reyes; Municipal Assessor's Office with Mr. Eli Doria; Municipal Agriculture Office with Mr. Camilo Rizano; Local Civil Registrar with Ms. Lovella Acebes; Municipal Health Office with Dr. Arnold Cagulada; Rural Health Unit 2 with Dr. ER Claudio; Market with Engr. Peter Jamero; Municipal Accounting Office with Ms. Zenaida Galorio; Municipal Budget Office with Ms. Brigida Acheron; Human Resource Management Office headed by Ms. Efrena Buenafe; all the employees.

Are the core departments that do the tasks of the Local Government Unit. Without their hard works, this administration will not be able to accomplish tasks as well as deliver services to the people of Jagna.

- I am also in grateful recognition of the linkages we have formed with People's Organizations, NGOs and foreign organizations that have contributed in the smooth implementation of our projects. Our partnerships with Philos Health, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Bohol Integrated Development Foundation, Inc., DUGJAN, our local people's organizations are very instrumental in the smooth performances of our tasks;
- I am thanking the barangays and the barangay officials, BNS, BHWs and all officers for your continuous labors for the good of each of your barangays.

- Lest I forget, I am thankful to the DILG with Lito Dajalos for being active in guiding our municipality and barangays to perform our best.

With all these accomplishments, this administration thanks the following donors, partners and benefactors: Cong. Arthur Yap and Governor Edgar M. Chatto; Senator Chiz Escudero; Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri; Philippine Council of Women; Akbayan Partylist.

The hard work of the LGU with the cooperation of all concerned PO's and NGO's for the past 2 years have earned awards and recognitions that have given inspiration to all of us. These awards and recognitions are:

**Outstanding Pabasa sa Nutrisyon** – a national award conferred to the Municipality by the Philippine Association of Nutrition, Inc./National Nutrition Council for 2 consecutive years already for the years 2010 to 2011;

**Regional Outstanding Municipality** - for 2 consecutive years given by the National Nutrition Council 7;

**Green Banner Award for Outstanding Municipality in the Region (for "Sustainable Programs for Malnutrition Reduction")** – conferred in 2011 and 2012 by the National Nutrition Council 7. We are an awardee for 2 consecutive years;

**Rank No. 2 in Local Revenue Generation Program for 2010 and 2011** – conferred by the Provincial Government of Bohol;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Search for Best Practices in Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM)** – conferred by the Provincial Government of Bohol;

**Most Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Council in the Province** - conferred by the Provincial Government of Bohol. We have been constantly topping this search for 2 years;

**Seal of Good Housekeeping** – an award conferred to the Municipality of Jagna by the Department of Interior and Local Government last year. The marker unveiled



earlier is the SEAL that signifies our municipality has adhered to the mandates specified in the Seal of Good Housekeeping (SGH) for Local Governments. The SGH is a mechanism comprising a set of criteria aimed at recognizing local government units (LGUs) with good performance in internal housekeeping. The two criteria set are sound fiscal management and accountable and transparent governance.

Among the key components of the SGH criteria are compliance to the mandates of the Anti-Red Tape Act as well as to the Full Disclosure Policy of the DILG. Further, LGUs stamped with SGH should have “no adverse” report from the Commission on Audit, which means that they should have complied with all the requirements of the government’s auditing agency. Emphasis is also given to the LGU’s compliance to the mandates of the Anti-Red Tape Act.

The LGUs that receive seals of good housekeeping are eligible for a Performance Challenge Fund (PCF) project cost sharing scheme with the national government in a total of 1.8 M pesos.

We received a monetary award of 1.8 million pesos for projects specifically implemented at the Common Service Facility (for the building) in Can-upao and additional pipes for our waterworks project.

This award is a legacy of the late Secretary Jesse Robredo.

**Seal of Good Housekeeping Silver Award** – for maintaining to achieve the criteria set forth by the Seal of Good Housekeeping from 2011 to 2012.

**Gawad Pamana ng Lahi Regional Award** – The municipality will receive the Pamana ng Lahi Award for continuously adhering to the guidelines of the Anti Red Tape Act and garnering the Seal of Good Housekeeping Silver Award. Only LGUs conferred with the Seal of Good Housekeeping Silver Award are qualified for the Pamana ng Lahi award. Our LGU beat 2 other LGUs in Cebu to win this regional award. The municipality will be awarded 2 million pesos (1M from the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi and 1M from the Performance Challenge Fund for winning the Seal of Good Housekeeping Silver Award for 2011 and 2012) and this will be directly implemented to projects.

## **2012 DEVELOPMENT DIRECTIONS**

This year 2012, we have set priorities with our projects:

1. Continue the program on the rehabilitation of the waterworks system towards achieving the desired potability of our water;
2. Rehabilitate/Upgrade of the slaughterhouse towards Class A Slaughterhouse that meets the requirements of National Meat Inspection Services;
3. Continue in the implementation of the sanitary landfill in accordance with RA 9003 “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000;
4. Continue in the implementation of the Jagna Terminal project.
5. Vigorously provide support to micro entrepreneurs and group enterprises in each barangays through collaboration with the Municipal Agriculture Office and JaSMED, in order to increase their income and uplift their living standards.

We face challenges in governance every day. There are still many things to be done. If we count each one of them we will be overwhelmed. Let us join hands in looking for solutions to challenges. With the cooperation of everyone – Everyone meaning not only the Local Government Unit but each local citizen of Jagna, we will be able to achieve much more than what we had accomplished for the past two years. Let us continue to work together. I appeal to each citizen of Jagna to cooperate. The LGU cannot do it alone. We need your cooperation. But rest assured that we at the LGU will continue to do more for Jagna in accordance with the Daang Matuwid Program specifically governance anchored on transparency and accountability.

ARRIBA JAGNA!

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