

## CHARITY ON WHEELS (Culture of charitable giving)

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The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) has made significant contributions to the government's health initiatives. It has strongly influenced the health mobility and capacity of the health system of the country by providing ambulance units to qualified beneficiaries. This program has been responding to the needs of indigent patients for more than twenty years now. Over the years, it has expanded its reach to various health facilities such as medical centers, regional, provincial, district, city or municipal hospitals, local government units, government agencies and private agencies performing health functions.



Undoubtedly, ambulances have a positive impact in developing a community's health care system. A life saving rapid response emergency service in rural and isolated locations can certainly save people's lives. Hence, PCSO unceasingly performs its responsibility to make valuable contributions to the health care continuum by providing the underprivileged patients from poverty-stricken areas in the country with emergency transport and equitable access to health care.

*How to become a beneficiary of the Ambulance Donation Program*

The provision of emergency response and patient transfer continues to alleviate the quality of medical care in the country. Based on the report submitted by the Assets and Supply Management Department, PCSO donated a total of 678 ambulance units to beneficiaries from all regions for the period January to December 2015. Out of 678 ambulance units, 229 were donated through the 60%-40% donation scheme, 413 were donated without the beneficiary counterpart and the remaining 36 units were lent to Department of Health.

**FAST FACTS**

- Total No. of ambulance units donated:** 678
- Total No. of recipient provinces:** 70 (86% of the total number of provinces)
- Total No. of recipient cities from NCR:** 4 (Manila, Pasay City, Quezon City, Taguig City)
- Region which received the most number of ambulance units:** Region 4A
- Province which received the most number of ambulance units:** Batangas

Requesting parties such as local government units (LGUs) must submit a letter of request to PCSO Chairman Erineo "Ayong" S. Maliksi or Vice Chairman/General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, 1507 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City.

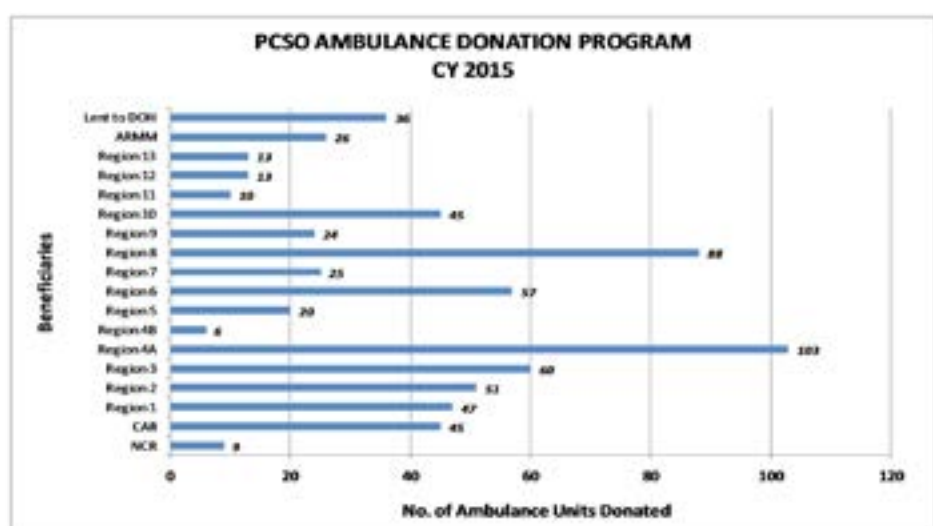
A justification for availing of the ambulance donation should also be submitted. This includes a brief background of the requesting LGU, e.g., official name, title of the requesting party, name of the contact person, his official designation, and office and mailing address with contact numbers. Likewise, a letter from the head of the Municipal Health Center should also be prepared that specifies the name of local health center facility where the ambulance unit will be attached to.

There is also a need to submit a copy of the resolution coming from either the local Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Council), Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council), Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council), or Barangay (Village) that expresses the LGU's intent to avail of the ambulance donation program.

A 60-40 percent Ambulance Cost Sharing Scheme applies to first, second, and third class municipalities. PCSO requires from them a Certification of Availability of Funds from the provincial/ city/municipal/barangay treasurer for the cost sharing of 40 percent of the total cost of the ambulance unit. On the other hand, the fourth, fifth, and sixth class municipalities are not included in the Cost Sharing Scheme.

National Government Agencies (NGA), Government Instrumentalities (GI) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC) may also request for Ambulance units provided they submit additional requirements such as profile of requesting party and location map of domicile/ place of operations and its contiguous areas.

As a supplementary requirement and to ensure efficient ambulance operations and seamless patient management from an initial incident to definitive care and recovery, the Agency also asks for the availability of



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emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) and driver from non-governmental organization, foundation, association and medical facilities.

Ambulance units are equipped with basic equipment like monitors, ventilators, medication and stretchers. Apart from sufficient experience in emergency assessment, management, intervention and transport of patients, requesting parties are also required to submit financial statement that would state provision for the allocation of necessary funds for the utilization, operation and maintenance of donated ambulance units. This will guarantee proper utilization of the unit in a variety of uncontrolled and disaster environments.



#### Ambulance nationwide distribution

RECIPIENT (Province)	Donation Scheme		TOTAL
	100%	60% - 40%	
<b>A. LUZON</b>			
National Capital Region (NCR)	9	0	9
1. Metro Manila	9	0	9
Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR)	34	11	45
1. Abra	5	0	5
2. Apayao	3	4	7
3. Benguet	9	4	13
4. Ifugao	10	1	11
5. Kalinga	3	1	4
6. Mountain Province	4	1	5
Region 1	19	28	47
1. Ilocos Norte	5	5	10
2. Ilocos Sur	9	3	12
3. La Union	1	7	8
4. Pangasinan	4	13	17
Region 2	18	33	51
1. Cagayan	5	12	17
2. Isabela	7	8	15
3. Nueva Vizcaya	4	10	14
4. Quirino	2	3	5
Region 3	43	17	60
1. Bataan	2	1	3
2. Bulacan	9	5	14
3. Nueva Ecija	16	7	23
4. Pampanga	12	4	16
5. Tarlac	4	0	4
Region 4A	51	52	103
1. Batangas	19	18	37
2. Cavite	10	14	24
3. Laguna	5	7	12
4. Quezon	17	9	26
5. Rizal	0	4	4
Region 4B	5	1	6
1. Marinduque	1	0	1
2. Occidental Mindoro	2	1	3
3. Palawan	2	0	2
Region 5	11	9	20
1. Albay	2	4	6

	2. Camarines Norte	5	2	7
	3. Camarines Sur	2	1	3
	4. Catanduanes	1	0	1
	5. Masbate	0	1	1
	6. Sorsogon	1	1	2
<b>B. VISAYAS</b>				
Region 6		41	16	57
	1. Aklan	9	2	11
	2. Antique	5	4	9
	3. Capiz	8	0	8
	4. Guimaras	2	2	4
	5. Iloilo	17	8	25
Region 7		18	7	25
	1. Bohol	7	0	7
	2. Cebu	7	5	12
	3. Negros Oriental	0	2	2
	4. Siquijor	4	0	4
Region 8		88	0	88
	1. Biliran	8	0	8
	2. Eastern Samar	13	0	13
	3. Leyte	29	0	29
	4. Northern Samar	9	0	9
	5. Samar	14	0	14
	6. Southern Leyte	15	0	15
<b>C. MINDANAO</b>				
Region 9		12	12	24
	1. Zamboanga del Norte	6	8	14
	2. Zamboanga del Sur	6	2	8
	3. Zamboanga Sibugay	0	2	2
Region 10		34	11	45
	1. Bukidnon	3	3	6
	2. Camiguin	0	1	1
	3. Lanao del Norte	9	2	11
	4. Misamis Occidental	11	1	12
	5. Misamis Oriental	11	4	15
Region 11		4	6	10
	1. Compostela Valley	1	0	1
	2. Davao del Norte	1	0	1
	3. Davao Oriental	1	4	5
	4. Davao del Sur	1	2	3
Region 12		2	11	13
	1. North Cotabato	2	4	6
	2. South Cotabato	0	4	4
	3. Sultan Kudarat	0	3	3
Region 13		5	8	13
	1. Agusan del Norte	2	3	5
	2. Agusan del Sur	0	5	5
Autonomous Region Muslim Mindanao		19	7	26
	1. Lanao del Sur	10	6	16
	2. Maguindanao	6	1	7
	3. Basilan	1	0	1
	4. Sulu	2	0	2
D. Department of Helath (DOH)		36	0	36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>449</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>678</b>

## PCSO IN ACTION

### PCSO distributes 24 ambulances to various municipalities and hospitals in Batangas Province



The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) led by Chairman Ayong S. Maliksi formally turned over 24 Ambulances to the different Municipalities and Hospitals in Batangas City held at the Auditorium of the Provincial Capitol on September 7, 2015. Present during the ceremonial turnover were Vice Chairman and General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, Directors Francisco Joaquin III, Mabel V. Mamba, Betty Nantes, Provincial Governor Vilma Santos-Recto, Vice Governor Mark Leviste, the Municipal Mayors of Batangas and representatives from Batangas District Hospitals.

The Provincial government of Batangas prepared a short program before the turnover ceremony of the symbolic key of a New Ambulance to its recipients. Governor Vilma Santos-Recto incessantly expressed gratitude to PCSO for such donation as she explained that health is important and the priority of her government. In her speech, Governor Vi as she is fondly called by Batanguenos reiterated the urgency for more ambulances so every Municipality in the province will have a better response to the medical needs of the people especially emergency cases. General Manager Rojas III assured her that all medical requests coursed through the Office of the Governor will be given priority by the PCSO Branch in Lipa City.

At the closing of the program, Governor Vilma Santos-Recto presented a token of appreciation to PCSO Chairman Ayong S. Maliksi as a gesture of gratitude for the support given to the province of Batangas.



The following are recipients of Ambulance Units for 12 Municipalities and 12 District Hospitals: Batangas Provincial Hospital, Lipa City District Hospital, Don Manuel Lopez Memorial District Hospital, San Jose District Hospital, San Juan District Hospital, MVM Sto. Rosario Memorial District Hospital, Municipality of Lobo, Municipality of Mabini, Municipality of Malvar, Municipality of San Juan, Municipality of Ibaan, Municipality of Lian, Apacible Memorial Hospital, Martin Marasigan Memorial Hospital, Laurel Memorial District Hospital and Laurel Municipal Hospital, Municipality of Agoncillo, Municipality of San Luis, Municipality of San Pascual, Municipality of Rosario and Municipality of Alitagtag. (Laura Jacinto)

### PCSO donates 19 ambulances in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon



Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office Directors Atty. Mabel V. Mamba and Atty. Francisco G. Joaquin III, Assistant General Manager for Branch Operations Remeliza Jovita M. Gabuyo, OIC Department Manager for the Assets and Supply Management Department Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason led the turnover of nineteen (19) ambulances to different beneficiaries on November 6, 2015 held at the Provincial Capitol Compound, PCSO Bukidnon Branch in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon. The new ambulances were distributed to their respective officials and staff. These recipients thanked the PCSO for their unwavering assistance as

the ambulances will be of great help during emergency cases. The Ambulance Donation Program of PCSO grants ambulances to hospitals, health institutions, municipalities/provinces and city health offices in different priority areas in pursuit of its mandate of providing charitable services countrywide. (Justin Santos/Ericson Delos Reyes)

### PCSO donates 39 ambulance units to the Yolanda-stricken areas in the Eastern Visayas Region



June 19, 2015—The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) lent a helping hand to Region 8 through giving ambulance units to various local government units (LGUs) at the Leyte Provincial Capitol, Tacloban City. Under its Ambulance Donation Program,

the PCSO gave 39 ambulances to various LGUs in the region which were massively devastated by typhoon Yolanda in November 2013.

Despite the rainy weather, PCSO Director Bem G. Noel and Leyte Provincial Governor Dominico Petilla graced the turn-over ceremony, along with PCSO officials, Region 8 Municipal Mayors, Municipal Health Officers (MHOs), and government employees.

During the ceremony, PCSO Director Noel delivered his opening remarks. He reminded the municipal mayors to maximize the use of ambulances for their respective communities and adhere to the conditions stated on the agreement between the LGUs and PCSO. He also urged all attendees to continue patronizing PCSO games so that the agency will be able to continue providing medical- and health-related assistance for Filipinos nationwide.



Gov. Petilla also gave a speech and extended his gratitude for granting 39 ambulances to 37 municipalities, one city, and one association, in their region, since ambulances are essential to immediately transport people during calamities and times of emergencies. He assured PCSO that the ambulances will be used solely for the needs of the community.



Rev. Fr. Castillo blesses the ambulances with PCSO Director Bem G. Noel (wearing white polo) and Leyte Provincial Governor Dominico Petilla (wearing blue long sleeves)

The twenty-nine ambulances were blessed by Rev. Fr. Ramil Castillo, followed by the official turn-over led by PCSO Director Noel and Leyte Governor Petilla.

The brand new ambulances were distributed to the following LGUs in Region 8, represented by their respective heads: Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte; Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte; Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte; Municipality of Mayorga, Leyte; Municipality of Carigara, Leyte; Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte; Municipality of Dulag, Leyte; Municipality of Palompon, Leyte; Municipality of Tunga, Leyte; Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte; Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte; Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte; Municipality of Leyte, Leyte; Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Hernani, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Marabut, Samar; Municipality of Can-Avid, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Taft, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Julita, Leyte; Municipality of Calbiga, Samar; Municipality of San Juan, Southern Leyte; Municipality of San Francisco, Southern Leyte; Municipality of Pintuyan, Southern Leyte; Municipality of Naval, Biliran; and Tacloban Chamber Volunteer Fire Brigade Association, Inc.

Other LGUs provided with ambulance units but were not present during the ceremony are the following: Municipality of Giporlos, Eastern Samar; Borongan City, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Basey, Samar; Municipality of Palo, Leyte; Municipality of Barugo, Leyte; Municipality of Isabel, Leyte; Municipality of Rosario, Northern Samar; Municipality of Pambujan, Northern Samar; Municipality of Balangkayan, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Jipapad, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Talalora, Samar; Municipality of San Sebastian, Samar; Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte; and the Municipality of Alang-Alang, Leyte.

Along with Director Noel, PCSO Assets and Supply Management Department OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason, General Services Department Manager Atty. John Derek Porciuncula, and staff also attended the event.

The turn-over ceremony was a success as LGUs in Region 8 were grateful to PCSO's assistance. Certainly, the ambulances given to these LGUs will make them more responsive to their respective communities especially in times of emergency such as earthquakes and typhoons. (Agnes Ibera and Queenie Rose Balita)

## PCSO IN ACTION

### PCSO donates 53 ambulances to Western Visayas



July 20-22, 2015. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) donated 53 ambulances to various municipalities and hospitals in the provinces of **Aklan** (Altavas, Balete, Nabas, Madalag, Libacao, New Washington, Malay, Ibajay, Numancia, Dr. Rafael

Tumbokon Memorial Hospital), **Capiz** (Ivisan, Pres Roxas, Cuartero, Panay, Maayon, Panitan, Roxas, Camp Peralta Station Hospital Division), **Antique** (Anini-y, Barbaza, Laua-an, Bugasong, Patnongon, San Remigio, San Jose De Buenavista, Sebaste Community Hospital, Angel Salaza Memorial General Hospital), Iloilo (Western Visayas Medical Center, Federico Tirador Sr. Medical District Hospital, Aleosan District Hospital, Dr. Ricardo V. Landrino Memorial District Hospital, Western Visayas Sanitarium, San Joaquin Mother and Child Hospital, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Iloilo Doctors College, Bingawan, Badiangan, Anilao, Lemery, Balasan, Masin, Igbaras, Dingle, Estancia, Carles, Oton San Rafael, Passi, Duenas) and Guimaras (San Lorenzo, Sibunag, Nueva Valencia, Buenavista).



PCSO officials led by General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, Director Francisco G. Joaquin and Assets and Supply Management Department OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason led the turnover of ambulances to the Local Government Units (LGUs) and hospitals of Panay Island.

PCSO General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II reiterated that ambulance turnover is part of the agency's "Ambulance Donation Program" (ADP) to benefit more Filipinos. He also encouraged the people of Panay Island to patronize PCSO innovative games so that they can help the underprivileged sector of our society. Meanwhile, Director Joaquin talked about the advocacy of President Aquino on Good Governance and "Tuwid na daan", he also gave emphasis that after 2010, PCSO has undergone a big transformation. The PCSO Board was able to donate ambulances all over the Philippines especially to far flung areas. Furthermore, 47 Branches of PCSO have been opened in pursuit of its commitment to promote equitable medical assistance particularly to people from poor areas.

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After the turnover, blessing of ambulances were done by their respective parish priest in the Capitol grounds.

### PCSO donates 24 ambulances to the Province of Quezon



The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) formally turned over 24 ambulances to recipients from the Province of Quezon. The turnover ceremony was held last July 13, 2015 at Kalilayan Hall in Lucena City. PCSO Vice Chairman and General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II together with PCSO Directors Mabel V. Mamba and Betty B. Nantes led the turnover ceremony. They were assisted by Quezon Province Governor David C. Suarez, Vice Governor Samuel B. Nantes and 4th District Board Member Rhodora B. Tan.



The ambulances were distributed to the following local government units and hospitals: Municipality of Mauban, Quezon; Municipality of Sampaloc, Quezon; Municipality of Lucban, Quezon; Municipality of Infanta, Quezon; Municipality of Dolores, Quezon; Municipality of Padre Burgos, Quezon; Municipality of Agdangan, Quezon; Municipality of Unisan, Quezon; Municipality of Pitogo, Quezon; Municipality of Macalelon, Quezon; Municipality of General Luna, Quezon; Municipality of Catanauan, Quezon; Municipality of Mulanay, Quezon; Municipality of Buenavista, Quezon; Municipality of Guinayangan, Quezon; Municipality of Calauag, Quezon; Municipality of Perez, Quezon; Polillo Medicare Hospital; Quezon Medical Center; United Candelaria Doctors, Inc.; Magsaysay Memorial District Hospital; and Alabat District Hospital.

Other recipients of ambulances who were not present during the ceremony were: Municipality of Pagbilao, Quezon, and Municipality of Real, Quezon.

The municipal mayors and chief of hospitals who received the ambulances were grateful for PCSO's assistance. According to them, the vehicles will be a big help in providing emergency assistance to their constituents and patients who need to be transported to its nearest hospital. (Roselle Dela Umbria/ Arnold Ramos)

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