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## PCSO RECEIVES FOI CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

(By: Leila Valencia)

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) received its Freedom of Information (FOI) Certificate of Compliance from the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) for being fully compliant with the requirements set forth by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting Systems (AO TASK FORCE 25) through its Circular No. 2017-1, section 5. In the same way, a new requirement under the 2017 guidelines for the criteria and conditions for the grant of the Performance Based Bonus (PBB) to eligible government employees.

PCSO published the Freedom of Information (FOI) Peoples Manual to the Agency's Website Transparency Seal.

The purpose of the People's Freedom of Information



(FOI) Manual (Manual) is to provide the process to guide and assist the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) including its Extension and Branch Offices, in dealing with requests of information received under Executive Order (E.O.) No. 2.

On July 23, 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed the Executive Order No. 2 series of 2016 stated that, ***“OPERATIONALIZING IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THE PEOPLE’S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE STATE POLICIES TO FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES.”***

PCSO will remain steadfast and continuously find ways to improve public service delivery and bring PCSO closer to people.

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**Mandaluyong City:** Top Management headed by GM Alexander F. Balutan (not in photo) took a time out from their busy schedules to attend the Risk Identification, Evaluation and Control in ISO 9001:2015 seminar, held on March 14, 2018 which was facilitated by Mr. Romeo M. Ramirez. In photo (standing L-R) Mr. Bernard Caintic, Consultant Office of the General Manager, Aaron Sinsuat, Consultant, Office of Director Jesus Manuel Suntay, Raymondo C. Liwag, GM's Office Chief Of Staff, Mr. Ted P.A. Quano, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman, Romeo M. Ramirez, Facilitator, Ms. Karen Garcia, Office of Director Sandra Cam, Mr. Mario Balite, Consultant, Office of Director Marlon Balite, (seated L-R) Mr. Arnel



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## PCSO MEETS CEBU LOCAL MEDIA

(by: Jennifer B. Barillo/ Photos by Ericson Delos Reyes)



“What PCSO wants is for the illegal gambling to migrate to legal numbers game, and their generic name is STL...”, PCSO General Manager Alexander F. Balutan stated on the recent media forum of the agency.

It was another successful media forum of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office held in Summit Circle Hotel in Cebu City on Sunday, February 11, 2018. PCSO General Manager Alexander F. Balutan led the “Sama-samang Talakayan” which aims to reach the local media up close and personal. Together with the General Manager were PCSO Charity Assistance Department Manager Rubin Magno and Visayas Department Manager Federico Damole who answered the questions from Cebuano media regarding charity assistance

programs of the office.

In a short presentation, PCSO Visayas Department Manager Federico Damole reported before the local media, the well implementation of the charity services and programs in the Visayas Department. He also emphasized the continuous revenue increase of the expanded Small Town Lottery (STL) since it started sometime in September of last year.

It was CAD Manager Magno who answered the questions addressing Charity Assistance of the agency. He then mentioned that the daily Individual Medical Assistance Program (IMAP) allocation of Visayas rose up to P3.2 million. He even mentioned that this increase on the daily IMAP allocation was made as a result of the increase of the Small Town Lottery revenue.

The Philippine National Police Region 7 showed its all out support to PCSO in joining the 3rd leg of PCSO’s media forum. PNP Region 7 Regional

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PCSO GM Balutan (2nd from left), PS/Supt. Renato Dugan (2nd from right) PCSO Visayas Department Manager Federico Damole (left) and Charity Assistance Department Manager Rubin Magno (right), before the Cebu local media on February 11, 2018, at the Summit Circle Hotel, Cebu City.



PNP Region 7, PRO PS/Supt. Dugan, assures PCSO and the public on strict implementation of laws against illegal gambling.



PCSO GM Balutan proudly announces, the more than hundred percent increase of expanded STL sales for January compared to the same month last year.

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Director Roberto Quenery, represented by PS/Supt. Renato Dugan, expressed their overwhelming gratitude to PCSO on its unwavering support to the police office. He also assured the public of their full support to the Executive Order No. 13, ordering the law enforcement group to strengthen the fight against illegal gambling as this is also a war declared by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte along with the war on drugs and corruption.

PCSO General Manager Balutan revealed on the forum that the sales of the expanded Small Town Lottery (STL) on January alone of this year posted P1.87 billion, that is 103.96 percent increase from the sales of the same month last year. *“Charity is our business, we rely on the playing public to raise our revenues. We don’t get money from people’s taxes, through gaming only. That is why we are protecting our lottery patrons. If we lose their trust, then we will lose our business,”* GM Balutan said.

### **PCSO SHARES PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO UNITED KABALIKAT CIVICOM**

In continuing support to the program of the Office of Participatory Governance (OPG), Office of the President that aims to communicate the programs of the National government to community groups and Non-Government Organizations, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) once again attended the forum, this time with the United Kabalikat Civicon, held on February 23, 2018 at the MESLA Hall in Malacañang Compound, Manila.

Ms. Divine Sta. Ines, Division Chief of Medical Assistance Division of the Charity Assistance Department discussed to the participants the charity programs and services of PCSO. She was assisted by Ms. Roselle S. Dela Umbria, Public Relations Officer III of Public Relations and Corporate Communication Division of the Corporate Planning Department.

During the forum, some of the members of the United Kabalikat Civicom expressed their interest to the programs of PCSO particularly the Ambulance Donation Program wherein, according to them, will be more beneficial in performing their mission to care and serve humanity. (Photos by: Arnold T. Ramos)



## Lotto winnings, TAX FREE No More – BIR

(by: Jennifer B. Barillo/ Photos by Ericson Delos Reyes)



BIR National Capital Region (NCR) Head Revenue Executive Assistant Marivic Acosta-Galban (wearing blue tops and black pants) clarifies the 20% tax in all lotto winnings under the TRAIN Law of Duterte's Administration before the PCSO Top Management and the Accounting Department key personnels.

National Capital Region (NCR) Head Revenue Executive Assistant Marivic Acosta-Galban, cautiously defined the 20% tax in all lotto winnings, starting January of 2018, under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law of Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), before the PCSO top management and the Accounting and Budget Department focal persons at the 9th floor of Sun Plaza Building, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, on March 9, 2018.

Under the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's (PCSO's) charter and the existing National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), PCSO lotto prizes are tax-exempt, "However, your Tax-Free winnings is gone, the PCSO charter has now been changed by the TRAIN law," Ms. Galban said.

The TRAIN law is the first package of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (CTRP) conceived by President Duterte's administration, which aims to correct a number of deficiencies in the tax system and simplify its scheme. On December 19, 2017, Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Republic Act RA 10963 or Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion or the TRAIN law which provides the increase in take-home pay of salaried Filipino by reducing income tax rates, while increasing and rationalizing tax rates in other goods and

services, one of which is PCSO's lotto prizes.

Starting 2018, all PCSO lotto prizes are taxed 20% if the amount of the prize or winnings is above ten thousand pesos (P10,000).

PCSO General Manager Alexander F. Balutan gladly appreciated the presentation of Ms. Galban, to make the newly tax system in the charity agency easier to understand, and strongly assured BIR, that PCSO will strictly observe what the TRAIN Law dictates. He also stated that PCSO will echo to its clients, about the Tax-Free, No More in Lotto Winnings.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Ms. Galban after the TRAIN Law Forum to acknowledged the Bureau's objective in making the TRAIN Law understandable to PCSO and its clients.



PCSO General Manager Alexander F. Balutan, assures BIR of the strict observance of the newly tax system in the agency, moreover, encourages everyone to support the TRAIN Law.



PCSO GM Balutan hands-over to Ms. Galban the Certificate of Appreciation, on the TRAIN Law Forum. Also in photo are (L-R) Atty. Lauro A. Patiag, AGM for Management Services Sector, Ms. Remeliza M. Gabuyo, AGM for Branch Operations Sector, Ms. Juliet F. Aseo, AGM for Administrative Sector and Dr. Larry R. Cedro, AGM for Charity Sector.

## PCSO helps nurse deal with nephropathy

(By: Liz Lagniton)

After four years of gathering local experience, nurse Ed Joy Mendiola was already armed with a plane ticket and raring to report for a nursing job in the Middle East when she learned four years ago that she had to deal with a bigger challenge.

Then only 29 years old, Ed Joy learned in March 2013 that she had Stage-2 nephropathy, a fairly-common kidney disease that may hamper the kidneys' ability to filter toxins in the blood.

Her doctor said she could not work overseas because she had to have regular dialysis to reduce the Immunoglobulin A (IgA) that is preventing her kidneys from functioning properly.

*"Sobrang frustrated talaga ako kasi dapat aalis nako for Dubai. Umiyak talaga ako nung nalaman ko [I was really frustrated because I was about to leave for Dubai. I really cried when I found out],"* Ed Joy said.

The first year was incredibly hard, Ed Joy admits, but she later realized that she underwent years of training precisely to deal with similar situations and she knew that her training would help her in the fight for her life.

Even her mother, Ligaya, eventually overcame the grief of learning about the condition of her only child, the only treasure her deceased husband left when he died.

*"Everytime na naririnig ko yung word na acceptance, naiiyak ako. Parang ang hirap tanggapin kasi [I weep whenever I hear the word acceptance because it seems so hard to accept],"* Ligaya said.

Ligaya resolved to become a pillar of support in her daughter's journey and found herself in a long queue at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office in Quezon City to seek help for Ed Joy's dialysis.

Ed Joy needs 5000 IU of Recormon three times a week to raise her blood cell production from her current hemoglobin of 9 grams per deciliter to the normal level of 12.0-15.5 grams per deciliter.

At P1,750.00 per injection, that amounts to P5,250 weekly, or 21,000 a month, an amount Ligaya cannot afford.

*"I really don't have words for the enormity of the hope the PCSO is giving my daughter. I couldn't earn in a day the amount they give us in assistance,"* Ligaya said in Filipino.

Ed Joy has been undergoing dialysis for almost five years

now, but the fight is far from over for mother and daughter.

According to the World Health Organization, kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the Philippines and kills nearly 16,000 Filipinos each year.

There is no cure for IgA nephropathy, but it can be managed through medication and a healthy lifestyle.

In 2016, the PCSO started to provide medicine assistance for dialysis patients when it learned that the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is only covering the treatment sessions and not the medicine.

Lilibeth Javier, one of the supervisors at the Charity Assistance Department of the PCSO said patients seeking medicine assistance for dialysis are increasing but the agency is doing its best to help them out depending on the medicine they require.

*"The agency assists 70-80 dialysis patients every day,"* Javier said. *"Aside from the injections, we also give assistance for hemodialysis up to a maximum of 14 sessions in addition to the 90 sessions covered by PhilHealth."*

She said PCSO has tried to hasten the processing of assistance, but the number of patients can be overwhelming on some days, so patients have to wait a little longer to get their guarantee letters.

*"PCSO understands that there are many patients today that require medicine for their dialysis, so we will try to provide them the assistance that they need,"* PCSO general manager Alexander Balutan said.

*"Maraming salamat sa PCSO kasi mula noon hanggang ngayon, patuloy pa rin ang assistance na binibigay sa amin, mapaospital man o gamot ng anak ko, nandiyan sila para magbigay ng tulong. [Thank you very much to PCSO because from then until now, the assistance they are giving to us is continuous, whether it is hospital bill or medicine of my daughter, they are there to help]"* Ligaya said.



Ed Joy receiving Guarantee Letter from PCSO

## PCSO helps Pinoys deal with the challenge of hemophilia

(By: Liz Lagniton)



Nine-year-old Miguel waits on a hospital gurney for his doctor to infuse him with blood factor VIII to prevent spontaneous bleeding. Miguel's knee is already deformed because of repetitive bleedings.

Eldie Llamas was only a 19-year-old mother in 1998 when she first encountered for herself the biggest challenge of her life, a rare inheritable condition that afflicted her father and an uncle.

Doctors diagnosed her son Christian, then only six months old, to be one of about 1,500 Filipinos afflicted with hemophilia, an incurable blood condition that requires meticulous care and lifelong medical attention

*“Ang hirap tanggapin nung una [It was hard to accept at first],”* said Eldie, who had hoped that, like her siblings, she would not be a carrier of the hemophilia gene that caused the death of her father.

But it turned out that the Pampanga native was a carrier and passed on the gene to two other sons. Her fourth child, a girl, has not displayed symptoms of the condition.

### An illness of royals

According to the Hemophilia Association of the Philippines for Love and Service Foundation Inc.

(HAPLOS), hemophilia afflicts mostly males, but females are known to be carriers of the gene, like the 19th century British Queen Victoria, who passed the gene to many royal houses of Europe.

The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) said hemophiliacs are prone to bleeding and bleed longer than normal because of the lack of proteins, called factors, that cause blood to clot. Thus, infusions are essential to prevent spontaneous bleeding.

*“Nakakapanghina nang loob sa tuwing nakikita ko silang nahihirapan [It's depressing when I see them suffer],”* said Eldie, whose three sons have hemophilia A.

According to HAPLOS, people with hemophilia A do not have enough factor VIII in their blood which has to be infused. Those with the less common hemophilia B, on the other hand, do not have enough factor IX which also has to be infused.

The inability of the blood to clot usually affects internal organs and causes great pain in joints and muscles. Even the slightest injury can become life-threatening if not properly treated, said Reynaldo Sarmenta of HAPLOS.

### A monarch's fortune

But unlike Queen Victoria who had a team of medical professionals around her hemophiliac son 24/7, Eldie and her husband Orlando do not have royal treasures and have had to borrow heavily over the years to raise a fortune for their children's medical needs.

There are times when they bleed twice a week, so the three boys have to get an infusion of factor VIII also called antihemophilic factor which costs P4,800 per vial. That amounts to at least 192,000 a week for maintenance alone.

If they bleed spontaneously, the younger boys, Miguel, 9 and Matthew, 5, each need at least two vials every 12 hours, or eight vials a day. The older Christian will need six vials every 12 hours, or 12 vials a day. If they all bleed at the same time, that amounts to P96,000 a day.

### 'Blood mommies'

So Eldie rushed to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office when she learned in 2016 that the agency extends help to hemophiliacs. She also met up with other “blood mommies” who also have to deal with hemophilia.

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The blood mummies meet up at the PCSO every month to compare notes on medical incidents that happened to their children over the past weeks and get financial aid from the agency.

*“Thankful po talaga ako sa PCSO kasi binigyan niya kami ng pag-asa. Nadudugtungan ang buhay ng mga anak ko dahil sa tulong na ipinagkakaloob nila sa amin [I am really thankful to the PCSO for giving us hope. They have extended the lives of my children because of the help they have given us],”* said Eldie, who has to travel from Pampanga to Quezon City every month to get their aid.

*“I understand that hemophilia treatment is costly, so we at PCSO will work out to give them the assistance that they need for their treatment,”* PCSO General Manager Alexander Balutan said.

### The pain remains

*“We are thankful to PCSO over these past many years for*

*giving financial support to our patients. We rely on the support of PCSO as cost of factor replacement products are not affordable and very costly,”* Sarmenta said, adding that hemophiliacs can also lead productive lives.

Christian, for example, is now a handsome 21-year-old who has found a job to help his parents although the painful reality of hemophilia remains. Eldie can only suffer in silence when he moans in pain, *“why did it have to be me?”*

Sarmenta said that while the PCSO has done much for sufferers of the disorder, the country’s healthcare system is still way behind that of other countries.

*“We hope that PCSO and HAPLOS can come up with a cooperative agreement for coordination with regards to PCSO assistance to persons with hemophilia in the Philippines,”* Sarmenta said.

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# Medical and Dental Mission

## PCSO HOLDS MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN BRGY. BOTOCAN, QUEZON CITY

(By: Roselle S. Dela Umbria / Photos by: Edwin Lovino)

On March 6, 2018, about 500 families were affected by the fire that hit the residential area in Barangay Botocan in Quezon City.

To minimize the trauma of the victims caused by the fire, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)

through the effort of PCSO Director Atty. Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, conducted a medical and dental mission for the residents of Area 6 of Barangay Botocan in Quezon City.

The PCSO medical and dental team headed by Medical Services Department Manager Dr. Jose Bernardo H. Gochoco Jr. served a total of 275 patients, 238 for medical and 37 for dental. Medicines were also distributed to patients.

In an interview with Mrs. Zeny Delos Reyes, one of the patients and a fire victim who benefitted



in the activity, she's very glad that PCSO is there for this activity. "Malaking bagay po na nandito ang PCSO para magbigay ng serbisyo sa mga gaya namin na dumaan sa isang trahedyo." said Delos Reyes. "Imbes na ibibili namin ng gamot o ibabayad sa pagpapacheck up sa doktor at sa pagpapabunot ng ngipin, maidadagdag na lang namin sa pagpapagawa ng aming bahay na nasunog." she added.

Chairman Vincent Saab of the nearby barangay is also very thankful to PCSO for sending the team to help the residents of their neighbor barangay through

their medical and dental mission. "Sana po ipagpatuloy ng PCSO ang mga ganitong programa sa pagkakatmarami po itong natutulungan, gaya na lamang ng aming mga kapitbarangay na naapektuhan ng isang malaking sunog. Maraming

maraming salamat PCSO," said Saab.

The Medical and Dental Mission Program is one of PCSO's answer to President Duterte's Universal Health Care coverage. It involves the provision of medical consultation and treatment, medicines for primary health care, dental consultation and treatment including tooth extraction and preventive dental health education, referral to hospitals for diagnostic procedures and further management and referral to the Charity Assistance Department for availment of IMAP.

## “KILUSANG PAGBABAGO” AND JCI-CAINTA ASK PCSO’S ASSISTANCE TO GIVE HEALTH CARE IN CAINTA, RIZAL

(By: Jennifer Barillo / Photos by: Edwin Lovino)



PCSO Medical Services Team Dr. Maria Isabel Vinteres (3rd from left), KP Chairman Nazh Berganio (4th from left), Brgy. Chairperson Janice Tacsagon (4th from right) and JCI-Cainta President Louvette Salangsang (3rd from right), together with the PCSO Medical Services Team who conducted the joint medical and dental mission in Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the Covered Court of Marick Subdivision in Barangay Sto. Domingo, Cainta, Rizal the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) joined “Kilusang Pagbabago” (KP) and JCI-Cainta in reaching out to the residents of the said municipality.

“Kilusang Pagbabago” is a grassroots-based movement envisioned to be the vanguard of the Duterte administration in ensuring that the delivery of government programs trickles down to the benefit of the masses. While JCI-Cainta is the Chapter of Jaycees International formally chartered in June 12, 1971.

PCSO Medical Services Team headed by Dr. Maria Isabel Vinteres, KP Chairman Nazh Berganio, JCI-Cainta President Louvette Salangsang and Brgy. Sto. Domingo Chairperson Janice Tacsagon managed the (4) four-hour medical and dental mission which served 135 medical patients, 80 ophthal cases and 56 dental extractions.

KP Chairman Berganio expressed their gratitude to PCSO, stating “First time naming humingi ng assistance sa PCSO and hindi kami nabigo maraming salamat kay Chairman Pinili at GM Balutan.”

“Nagpapasalamat po kami sa PCSO dahil mabilis ang naging pagtugon ng ahensiya sa aming request kaya ang

medical mission na ito ay naging matagumpay,” Ms. Salangsang said.

“This medical and dental mission is a part of the “Biyayang Pagbabago”, which is the anti poverty program of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, organized by KP” Berganio added.

Kilusang Pagbabago or KP is a mass movement under the leadership of President Rodrigo Duterte pursuing real change through participatory governance.

This medical and dental mission is an evident commitment of PCSO to the Administration’s Universal Health Care Program as well as to the President’s movement in giving every Filipino the most possible quality health care in the most accessible way.

If you wish to request for a medical and dental mission from PCSO, here are the requirements:

- Letter of Request – Addressed to the PCSO Chairman/General Manager
- Provide manpower to assist in the Medical & Dental Mission
- Consumption Reports from previous request (if any).
- Project Proposal with the following items:
  - o Project Rationale
  - o Project Objectives
  - o Project Clientele/Area coverage



## PCSO CONDUCTS MEDICAL MISSION AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, LAGUNA

(by: Justin Santos/Photos by Eugenio Darcy Geronimo)



**Majayjay, Laguna:** The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) through the Medical Services Department Satellite Division, in cooperation with Mayor Carlo Invinzor “Jojo” B. Caldo, conducted a medical and dental outreach on March 23, 2018 held at the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Majayjay, Laguna. A total of 293 patients were served during the mission from 8am to 12pm noon.

Mrs. Angela T. Eliseo a resident of a nearby barangay expressed her gratitude for her 1 year old daughter Gel Eliseo who received free check up and medicines said, *“Napaka swerte namin sa araw ng Byernes na ito at kaming mga taga Majayjay ay naka kuha ng ibat ibang atensyong pang medical lalo na ang anak kong may ubo at sipon na si Gel, alam namin na malayo pa ang pinanggalingan ng mga taga PCSO upang kami ay pagbigyan sa aming hiling ng libreng tulong pang medical. Maraming salamat po!”*

Mayor Jojo Caldo awarded a plaque of appreciation to the Medical Team from PCSO and its partners from Chinese General Hospital who lent two (2) surgeons to facilitate the locals who wish to be operated free of charge during the medical mission. Mayor Caldo expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the teams who collaborated during the medical mission said: *“There is no perfect world but if good people do good things for a good cause, the world will become a better place, Maraming Salamat PCSO and*

*to everyone who gave their time and effort in making this event truly memorable.”*

The PCSO Medical and Dental Mission Program aims to provide equitable, efficient and effective health care services to indigents in partnership with LGUs, NGOs, civic groups, religious organizations and other government agencies.



## PCSO MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION AT TAYABAS CITY, QUEZON

(by: Roselle S. Dela Umbria / Photos by: Eugenio Darcy M. Geronimo)

To extend its Medical and Dental Services, a team from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) have travelled all the way from Manila to deliver free consultation, dental services and free medicines to the residents of Tayabas City, Quezon.

Through the effort of St. John Bosco Academy

Alumni Association, Inc. lead by City Councilor Manuel Victorino “Manny” T. Maraig, the PCSO team with the help of a dental team from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and some of the local doctors and nurses, conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on March 7, 2018 at the Basilica Menor of St. Michael de Archangel in Tayabas City, Quezon.

A total of 289 patients were catered during the said activity (95 for dental and 194 for medical).

As a former employee of PCSO, Mr. Maraig is very happy that he had partnered with his past employer for 25 years in serving the people of his hometown. “Sa PCSO na pinamumunuuan ngayon ng kanilang General Manager na si “Kuyang” Alexander F. Balutan,



*maraming maraming salamat po sa pagpapadala sa inyong Medical and Dental team para maibahagi ang inyong serbisyo at libreng gamot sa aking mga kababayan dito sa Tayabas City, Quezon,”* said Mr. Maraig. “Masaya ako na muli akong naging bahagi ng PCSO at muli kong nakasama ang aking dating mga katrabaho.” he added.

The PCSO Medical and Dental Mission Program aims to provide equitable, efficient and effective health care services to indigents in partnership with LGUs, NGOs, civic groups, religious organizations and other government agencies. This program is PCSO’s answer to President Duterte’s Universal Health Care coverage.

To avail of the program, the requestor must comply with the

following requirements: (1) letter of request addressed to the PCSO Chairman/ General Manager, (2) provide manpower to assist in the Medical and Dental Mission, (3) consumption reports from previous request (if any) and (4) project proposal with rationale, objectives and clientele/ area coverage.

The Medical and Dental Mission Program involves the provision of medical consultation and treatment, medicines for primary health care, dental consultation and treatment including tooth extraction and preventive dental health education, referral to hospitals for diagnostic procedures and further management and referral to the Charity Assistance Department for availment of IMAP.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN BARANGAY PINUGAY, BARAS, RIZAL**

(By: Roselle S. Dela Umbria / Photos by: Arnold T. Ramos)

Relevant to the launching of the Health Capability Building Program in Barangay Pinugay Rodriguez, Rizal held on March 13, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) conducted a Medical and Dental Mission that catered a total of 100 patients, 35 for dental and 64 for medical, who were all residents of the said barangay. Free medicines were also distributed during the activity.

Other residents who didn't make it on the said mission can still avail of PCSO's free medical and dental services every Tuesday at their health station that will last for six (6) months or until the management of the facility is turned over to their barangay social workers.

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During the launching of the Health Capability Building Program in Southville 8B Housing Project - Phase 1 in Barangay San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal held on March 15, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) team with the help of the Municipal and Barangay health workers conducted a Medical and Dental Mission at Barangay San Isidro covered court. A total of 100 patients were served during the activity, 65 for medical and 35 for dental. Free medicines were also given to the patients.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL**

(By: Roselle S. Dela Umbria / Photos by: Arnold T. Ramos)

The medical and dental services of the PCSO team in the said barangay will continue for six (6) months or until the management of the facility is turned over to their barangay social workers. It will be held every Thursday at their barangay health center.



# Medicine Donation

## PCSO MAKES A STAGGERING P1.79M WORTH OF MEDICINES DONATED TO VARIOUS BENEFICIARIES IN 2017

(by: Justin Santos/Photos by Arnold T. Ramos)

In line with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's call for Universal Health Care Coverage, PCSO's Medicine Donation Program has provided free medicines to (Eighty-seven (87) qualified recipients of Government and Non-Government Agencies (NGAs) nationwide amounting to P1,794,742.58 in 2017



PCSO, through the Medical Services Department, donated P1.7M worth of medicines from January to December 2017. The month of March has the largest number of recipients at twenty two (22) agencies nationwide with a total of P425,021.24; while the month of May has the biggest total amount at P454,060.80



The Medicine Donation Program comes in the form of actual medicines and dental supplies. The amount of assistance varies depending on the classification of the requesting party and upon the evaluation of the Board.

To avail of the PCSO Medicine Donation Program interested parties must comply with the following requirements:

- Letter Request addressed to the PCSO Chairperson/General Manager
- Consumption Reports from previous requests (if any)
- Project Proposal which should include the following information:
  1. Project Rationale
  2. Project Objectives
  3. Project clientele /area of coverage



4. For NGO's (as the need arises)
5. SEC Registration
6. endorsement letter from LGUs

## ***Sujahatra Marketing Cooperative receives free medicines from PCSO***

*(by: Justin Santos/Photo by Ericson Delos Reyes)*



**Quezon City:** Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) represented by Ms. Denise Manio (*right*) and Mr. Loren Christopher Dean V. Gilbas (*left*) from the Medical Services Department turned over **Php20,000.00 worth of medicines** to Datu saidalih “Alex” S. Tudon (*center*), Chairman of Sujahatra Marketing Cooperative. Tulanan, North Cotabato at the PCSO Extension Office located at the Lung Center of the Philippines in Quezon City.

Sujahatra Marketing Cooperative will use the donated medicines during their medical missions to the different nearby barangays in the province.

PCSO’s Medicine Donation Program provides augmentation of the needed medicines in kind to qualified Government and non-government agencies enabling them to efficient and effective health care services. This program is one of PCSO’s answer to President Duterte’s Universal Health Care Program.

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) once again supported a health care project of the Northwestern University.

The Northwestern University in Laoag City, proposed an activity for the Community Extension Program of the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) which is a Health Education with Medical and Dental Mission to be conducted in four (4) barangays of Laoag City, ( Gawad Kalinga Namnama Village, Brgy. 31 Talingaan, Brgy. 35 Gabu Sur, Brgy. Lagui-Sail, and Brgy. Caoacan), Ilocos Norte.

At the PCSO Satellite Clinic in Lung Center of the Philippines, Medical Services Department Manager Dr. Jose Bernardo Gochoco facilitated the medicine donation to Ms. Elizabeth Sahagun Isip, representative of Atty. Ferdinand S. Nicolas of Northwestern University.

Ms. Sahagun gladly expressed their gratitude to PCSO and stated that, ***“While the Health Education of the University will provide the community to develop itself to be socially upright, the medicines donated by PCSO will address health problems of the underprivileged of the four (4) barangays.”***

## ***An aid of medicine donation supports a University’s outreach program***

*(By: Jennifer Barillo / Photo by Edwin B. Lovino)*



NPCSO Medical Services Department Manager Dr. Jose Bernardo Gochoco, facilitated the medicines donated to the Northwestern University on February 13, 2018 at the PCSO Satellite Clinic in Lung Center of the Philippines, for their medical and dental mission in four (4) barangays of Laoag City.

## PCSO donates medicines to Alpha Phi Omega, Central Bicol State University of Agriculture

(By: Leila Valencia/ Photo by Arnold Ramos)



Medical Mission Organizer, APO Maria Luisa Gabriel- Cernero (center) receives the medicines worth Php 12,000.00 from PCSO Medical Services Department (MSD) personnel Joanne Alonzo (left) and Denise Maine Manio (right).

On March 2, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), through the PCSO Medicine Donation Program, donated medicines to **ALPHA PHI OMEGA (APO), CENTRAL BICOL STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE** at the PCSO Extension Office at Lung Center of the Philippines, Quezon City.

APO Fraternity and Sorority is a duly recognized organization in Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA). In collaboration with APO-Karavan, the said medicines will be used during their medical and dental mission set on March 18, 2018. The beneficiaries of the service program will be the indigent community members of Barangay San Jose and adjacent communities.

Ms. Cernero expressed gratefulness to PCSO and stated that *“Maraming salamat sa pagsuporta ng PCSO sa aming harangin at sana maramin pa kayong matulungang communities, organizations at para sa maraming nangangailangan. Maraming maraming salamat po PCSO.”*



## PCSO's Medicine Donation Program assists medical mission of Suntrust Properties

(By: Jennifer Barillo / Photo by Edwin B. Lovino)



(In photo)PCSO Medical Services Department Manager Dr. Jose Bernardo Gochoco, hands-over the medicines donated by PCSO to Suntrust Properties Inc., represented by Ms. Charito Daseco Balutan.

On March 2, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) reached out to Suntrust

Properties Inc. on their “Alagang SPI” medical mission.

Suntrust Properties Inc. (SPI), is a 100% wholly-owned company of property giant Megaworld Corporation and has a history of providing assistance to educational institutions and calamity-stricken areas with successful missions conducted in various schools and municipalities in the past and recent times through its Suntrust Cares Programs.

In a situation where an institution, private company, Non-Governmental Organization, Local Government Unit or government office find that their work alone is not enough to meet the needs in conducting medical missions to serve the Filipino people, PCSO is humbly willing to assist the goal in reaching out to poor communities.

PCSO, thru Medical Services Department Manager Dr. Jose Bernardo Gochoco, handed-over the donated medicines to Suntrust Properties Inc. representative Ms. Charito Daseco Balutan at the PCSO Satellite Clinic in Lung Center of the Philippines, Quezon City.

Ms. Balutan warmly thanked PCSO for the assistance they have received from the agency and stated that their medical missions’ success will also be PCSO’s achievement.

## PCSO's donates medicines to various recipients

(By: Leila Valencia / Photo by Edwin B. Lovino)

Through its Medicine Donation Program, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) donated medicines to local government units (LGUs) and a civic organization in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's Universal Health Care Coverage Program.

On March 14, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), through its Medical Services Department, donated various medicines to the **Kiwanis Club of Antipolo, Barangay Lolomboy, Bayan ng Bocaue, Bulacan and Senior Citizens Expanded New Association and Coalition of the Philippines, Inc.** at the PCSO Extension Office, Lung Center of the Philippines in Quezon City. The medicines donated by PCSO will be used to uplift and save lives especially those in need of immediate

*naming medical and dental mission. In behalf of our Barangay Chairwoman Irene dela Cruz, kami po ay taos pusong nagpapasalamat sa inyong tanggapan.*



Photo shows, **Senior Citizens Expanded New Association and Coalition of the Philippine, Inc.**, Chairman -President Norberto A. Agravo receives the medicines worth P20,000.00 from PCSO Medical Services Department (MSD) personnel Denise Maine Manio (left) and Loren Christopher Dean Gilbas (right).

*Maraming salamat po at God bless."*

Mr. Agravo is very thankful to PCSO, "Ako po ay lumapit sa PCSO para po makahingi ng mga gamot para sa remote barangay ng Tanza, Cavite. Kami po ay may medical at dental mission sa March 21, 2018, aming pagsisilbihan ang anim na barangay ng Tanza, Cavite. Maraming salamat po sa inyo."

In an interview, Mrs. Clavo said, "Ako po ay nagpapasalamat sa PCSO para sa mga gamot na pinagkaloob po sa amin, ito po ay makakatulong sa indigent community sa Barangay Mayamot, Antipolo City. Kami po ay magkakaroon ng medical and dental mission sa susunod na buwan, bago po magpasukan. Ito ay pangalawang request na namin, noong una po ay para sa Senior Citizen at ngayon naman ay para sa kabataan. Maraming maraming salamat po sa PCSO."



Photo shows: PCSO Medical Services Department (MSD) personnel Joanne Alonzo (left) and Denise Maine Manio (right) turn over the medicines worth Php 10,000.00 to Irene Dela Cruz, Barangay Chairwoman, **Brgy. Lolomboy, Bayan ng Bocaue, Bulacan** (2nd from right) and Councilors Ferdinand G. Mendoza and Thelma de Guzman.

medical attention.

Barangay Kagawad Ferdinand G. Mendoza gladly expressed gratitude to PCSO, "Kami po na bumubuo ng Sanggunian ng pamahalaang Lolomboy ay taos-pusong nagpapasalamat sa PCSO. Ang mga gamot na hinandog ninyo sa aming barangay ay napakalaking bagay sa aming mamamayan at sa paparating

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Photo shows, PCSO Medical Services Department (MSD) personnel Denise Maine Mano (center) and Loren Christopher Dean Gilbas (right) facilitates the turnover of medicines worth P10,000.00 to Antonieta F. Clavo (left), Club Secretary of **Kiwanis Club-Antipolo**.

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PCSO gives priority to LGUs, government agencies/ organizations and Government Health Institutions/ Centers, non-stock, non-profit organizations or associations, socio-civic and other charitable institutions engaged in health and welfare-related programs and services.

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Representative of Hon. Gus S. Tambunting, Congressman, City of Paranaque, 2nd district Kenny Macabantoc (center) received the medicines from PCSO Medical Services Department (MSD) personnel Joanne Alonzo (left) and Denise Maine Mano (right).

**PCSO donates medicines.** On March 20, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), through the PCSO Medicine Donation Program, donated medicines to the City of Paranaque, 2nd district through the effort of Congressman Gus S. Tambunting at the PCSO Extension Office, Lung Center of the Philippines, Quezon City.

The medicines will be used for the conduct of the district wide medical and dental mission on April 25, 2018. The said activity will benefit the underprivileged constituents of Paranaque.

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) donated medicines to local government units (LGUs) and a civic organization in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's Universal Health Care Coverage Program.

The Medicine Donation Program comes in the form of actual medicines and dental supplies. The amount of assistance varies depending on the classification of the requesting party.

Kenny Macabantoc said, "Sa ngalan po ni Congressman Gus S. Tambunting, kami po ay buong pusong nagpapasalamat sa PCSO sa gamot na inyong ipinagkaloob sa amin." (by: Leila Valencia/ Photo by: Eric delos Reyes)

## ***Vanguard Anti Crime and Corruption Task Force, Inc. receives free medicines from PCSO***

*(By: Justin Santos/Photo by: Arnold T. Ramos)*

On March 2, 2018, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Quezon City: The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) represented by Ms. Joanne Alonzo (left) and Mr. Loren Christopher Dean Gilbas (right) from the Medical Services Department turned over Php10,000.00 worth of medicines to Ms. Emily D. Badiana (Center), representative of Vanguard Anti-Crime and Corruption Task Force, Inc, on March 21, 2018 at the PCSO Extension Office located at the Lung Center of the Philippine in Quezon City.

Vanguard Anti Crime and Corruption Task Force, Inc. will use the donated medicines during their medical missions to the different nearby barangays in Talon Uno, Las Piñas.

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## ***Barangay DABARKADS of Mandaluyong receives free medicines from PCSO***

*(By: Justin Santos/Photo by: Arnold T. Ramos)*

Quezon City: The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) represented by Ms. Joanne Alonzo (left) and Mr. Loren Christopher Dean Gilbas (right) from the Medical Services Department turned over Php10,000.00 worth of medicines to Mr. Raul Dominguez (Center), representative of Barangay Dabarkads, on March 21, 2018 at the PCSO Extension Office located at the Lung Center of the Philippine in Quezon City.

“Barangay Dabarkads”. will use the donated medicines during their medical missions to the different nearby barangays in Mandaluyong.

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## PCSO SUPPORTS THE “1ST CHIEF PNP RUN: TAKBO KONTRA DROGA”

((by: Roselle S. Dela Umbria / Photos by: Ericson Delos Reyes))

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) is not only supporting President Duterte’s Universal Health Care coverage, PCSO is also one with the President and the Philippine National Police (PNP) in their campaign against illegal drugs.

As a way of support, PCSO participated in the “1st Chief PNP Run: Takbo Kontra Droga” as one of their sponsors, which was held on March 11, 2018 at the Quirino Parade Grounds in Manila.

The activity is also in support to the PNP’s Wellness and recovery Program that aims to promote health awareness, empower individuals and communities



to be responsible for their great health thru running, test physical endurance and create vibrant camaraderie and interconnect with different communities to promote a harmonious environment.

As one of the patrons in the “1st Chief PNP Run: Takbo Kontra Droga”, PCSO’s logo was emblazoned in the 21K Finisher’s shirt and in the banners posted in strategic locations. Registration and singlet for 30 runners from PCSO who joined the 21K, 12K and 5K race categories were also given for free.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## PCSO DRAW SCHEDULE FOR THE LENTEN SEASON CY2018

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, in observance of the Lenten Season, shall have the traditional Holy Week schedule in the selling and draws for the PCSO Games, namely: Lotto, Keno, and Small Town Lottery. The said selling/draw schedule is as follows:

DATE	SELLING/DRAW SCHEDULE
March 26, 2018 - Holy Monday	Regular Selling / Draws
March 27, 2018 - Holy Tuesday	Regular Selling / Draws
March 28, 2018 - Holy Wednesday	Regular Selling / Draws
March 29, 2018 - Maundy Thursday	NO SELLING / NO DRAWS
March 30, 2018 - Good Friday	NO SELLING / NO DRAWS
March 31, 2018 - Black Saturday	NO SELLING / NO DRAWS
April 01, 2018 - Easter Sunday	NO SELLING / NO DRAWS
April 02, 2018 - Monday	Resumption of Regular Selling / Draws

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Bagong Pag-asa,  
Tungo sa Maginhawang  
Buhay.**

**Serbisyo, Trabaho, Laro... Yan ang PCSO.**