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DILG, GTZ lead agencies in sustainable sanitation

By ELENAL L. AHEN

In line with the celebration of the "International Year of Sanitation" which formally kicked off last Monday, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), along with other national government agencies, signed an accord with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) to strengthen programs on sustainable sanitation.

Studies show that 18 Filipinos die each day from water-borne diseases and annual economic losses amount to as much as \$67 billion due to poor sanitation.

Year 2008 has been proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year of Sanitation, which aims to put the global community on track to achieve the Millennium Development

Goals for Sanitation.

As part of the celebration, the DILG, together with representatives from the Department of Health, DPWH, DENR, House Committee on Ecology, the Local Water Utilities Administration, and Manila Water, signed a pledge of commitment to support programs on sustainable sanitation during an activity dubbed "Unang Bugso Para sa Kalusugan ng Kapuligiran."

DILG Undersecretary Austere Panadero said the commitment paper entitled "Pledge of Unity and Call to Action. — Breaking the Silent Crisis of Sanitation," signifies the department's unwavering support and commitment to promote, uphold and implement policies and programs geared towards sustainable sanitation.

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DILG, other agencies pledge support to sanitation program

By JOJO PEREZ
Correspondent

THE United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Sanitation, which aims to put the global community on track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals for sanitation.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and other national government agencies signed on Monday a pledge of commitment to support programs on sustainable sanitation dubbed as "Uniang Bugso para sa Kalusugan at Kalinisan sa Kapalitang [First Wave for Health and Cleanliness in Surroundings]."

DILG Undersecretary Austere

Panadero said the department's commitment signifies its unwavering support to promote, uphold and implement policies and programs geared toward sustainable sanitation.

"For the past years, the DILG through our Water Supply and Sanitation Program Management Office has always been supportive of sustainable water and sanitation programs. In partnership with local government units and other concerned institutions, we have been providing technical and advisory services in the areas of integrated water resources and wastewater management," Panadero said.

Panadero added that in the Philippines, almost 31 percent of the reported

illnesses from 1996-2000 are caused by unsafe water. Millions of people die each year due to diseases caused by poor water and the lack of sanitation facilities.

Meanwhile, in connection with the sanitation program, the DILG introduced its partner GTZ, a German-based agency that provides technical and advisory services to selected rural areas in the Philippines since 1998 in the areas of integrated water resources and wastewater management.

Engineer Hanns Raud Kuchta of GTZ has emphasized that sanitation involves both behaviors and facilities working together to form a hygienic environment.

"Sanitation is a foundation of health,

dignity and development. The family is one of the key institutions to address sanitation problems. Personal hygiene behavior and practices begin at home," Kuchta said.

Kuchta also explained that the Philippines today is facing a silent crisis of sanitation as there are 18 Filipinos each day who die from water-borne diseases, while half a million more get sick from polluted water and children suffer the most.

Other signatories to the pledge of commitment are representatives from the House Committee on Ecology, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Public Works, Health, Local Water Utilities Administration, and Manila Water.

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DILG pushes sanitation program

CITING a report from the United Nations Children's Fund that an estimated 1.5 million children die every year due to poor sanitation, the Department of Interior and Local Government has joined other government agencies in promoting programs on sustainable sanitation.

DILG Undersecretary for Local Government Austere Pahadero along with representatives of the Departments of Health, Public Work and Highways, Environment and Natural Resources, House Committee on Ecology, Local Water Utilities Administration and Manila Water and the German

Agency for Technical Cooperation yesterday signed a pledge of support to the sanitation program.

Pahadero emphasized the need for the local government units to give the program extra attention to address the alarming number of lost lives, particularly children under the age of five, due to hygiene and unsafe water.

He said the commitment paper entitled "Pledge of Unity and Call to Action - Breaking the Silent Crisis of Sanitation" signifies the DILG's unwavering support and commitment to promote, uphold and implement policies and programs geared towards a sustain-

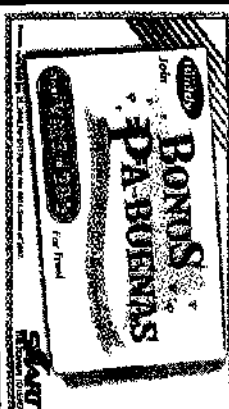
able sanitation.

Records showed that 31 percent of the reported illnesses from 1996-2000 are caused by unsafe water, and 18 Filipinos die each day from water-borne diseases.

Water from deep wells, according to Pahadero, is no longer potable because it is contaminated by wastes coming from illegal diggings of septic tank and by other means of water contamination.

Pahadero called on the LGUs to adopt the program by initiating dialogues and public awareness to encourage the people to take action on the silent crisis of sanitation.

Joel dela Torre



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DILG event highlights environment

THE 2008 International Year of Sanitation will hold "Unang Ingos para sa Kalusugan at Kalinisang Kapatigiran" on January 21, 2008 at the SB Plaza Hall, Quezon City Hall.

The event, sponsored by the Department of the Interior and Local Government with the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GATC) will feature an art exhibit, the announcement of the Regional Sanitation Summit and the judging of the entries for the painting and slogan-making contests and a free concert. Inspired by the theme

"Building a Strong Nation through Sustainable Sanitation", Unang Ingos marks the first series of activities to culminate in the VisMin regional Sanitation Summit scheduled on April 2 and 3, 2008 in Dasmaguete City, Negros Oriental.

The 2008 International Year of Sanitation, proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2006, has "learn, raise awareness, and take effective action" as its rallying call. Its objective is to put the global community on track to achieve the Millennium development Goal for sanitation.



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Kalusugan, ekonomiya at turismo, appektado ng problema sa sanitasyon

Mi Jun Fabon

Kaugay ng pagkakahala sa lunabas na ulat hinggil sa mga sakit na nakakaba sa maraming tubig at kapaligiran, inhensad ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) at German Agency for Technical Cooperation-Water Sanitation (GATWATER) ang programang "Unang Bugso Para sa Kalusugan at Kaligtasan ng Kapaligiran".

Ayon kay DILG Undersecretary Asisteng Pansidero, layunin ng programa na malubid sa sanhiyangan ang impormasyon at mamuktang mga llo sa kanilang responsibilidad sa paglilinis sa paligid upang maresolba ang suliranin sa mga sakit na nakakaba

sa maraming tubig at kapaligiran. Ayon, lumitaw sa ulat na maraming lugar, partikular sa mga lalawigan, ang may problema sa sewerage at drainage system, at hindi maayos na water ways na nagiging dahilan upang ma-pekto ang ground waters, mga ilog, lawa, na umaabot hanggang sa karagatan.

Dahil dito, nanunumpa ang mga opisyal ng bawat ahensiya ng gobyerno na maginitalang-tulong sa paghahati ng mga impormasyon para sa agatang kaligtasan ng suliranin at makapagtiyag ng mga pasilidad sa mga lugar na malaki ang pangamihang maapektuhan ng problema.

Sa huling ulat ng United Nations International Children's Economic Fund (UNICEF), nalyun-alyong katoto ang namamamang bayat taon bumaga ng maraming tubig at kakulangan ng mga pasilidad para sa sanitasyon at kadalasang kabataan ang maapektuhan nito.

Sa Pilipinas, 18 manamamang araw-araw ang umaraw y dhataraan ng sakit galing sa maraming tubig at halos 500,000 taong nagkalesid, lalo na ang kabataan, dahil sa maraming tubig at nalubog ang basang may Pilipyon sa produksiyon ng mga lamang-dagat at hiniyang 7457 bilyon taon ang nawawala sa burodo.

Ipaget ng programa na matipuan ng sanitation facilities ang maraming probinsya sa iba't ibang rehiyon sa Visayas at Mindanao malapog ang Regional Sanitation Summit sa Abril 2 hanggang 3, 2008 sa Dumaguete City, Negros Occidental.



Taliba

Diyaryo ng Makabagong Pamilya

18 Pinoy namamatay araw-araw sa maruming tubig

UMAABOT sa 18 Pinoy kada araw ang namamatay sanhi ng water-borne diseases habang kalahating milyon naman ang nagkakasakit dahil sa kontaminadong tubig kung saan malaking bilang nito ay mga bata.

Dahil sa nakakaalamang pagtaas ng bilang ng mga kaso ng water-borne disease, nagkasundo ang iba't ibang ahensiya ng pamahalaan upang maresolbahan ang tumatalang suliranin.

Sa nilagdaang kasunduan kahapon sa pangunanguna ng Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) kasama ng DPWH, DENR, MWSS, at ang German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) nagkasundo sila para ipatupad ang programang "Unang Bugso para sa Kalusugan at Kalinisan sa Kapaligiran" na layong resolbahan ang krisis sa sanitasyon.

Ayon kay DILG Usec Austere Panadero, nahaharap ngayon ang milyong Pinoy sa kawalan ng malinis na sanitation facilities kung saan 3% household sa buong bansa ang may maayos na sewerage system. Habang 8% lamang households sa Metro Manila ay may access sa maayos na septic tanks.

Nagresulta din umano ito sa pagkalugi ng P17B fisheries production at aabot sa P47B sa turismo.

Kabilang sa mga itinuturong dahilan ng kontaminasyon ng sewerage system ay ang mga pabrika at iba't ibang establimento na nagtatapon ng mga hazardous kemikal.

Wagundin ang kawalan ng maayos na washing area sa mga public school at ang walang humpay na pagtatapon ng basura sa daluyan ng tubig ng mga residente.

Upang maresolba ang tinaguriang silent krisis, nakatakdang magtayo ang pamahalaan ng sewerage system facility na isasagawa ng GTZ Water and Sanitation Program.

Ayon kay Engr. Hanns-Bernd Kuchta, hindi lamang umano dapat pagtuunan ang maayos na supply ng tubig kundi dapat pagtuunan din ng pansin ang pagkakaroon ng safe drinking water.

Sinabi pa ni Panadero na aatasan nila ang local government unit (LGUs) para magsusog ng mas mahigpit na ordinansa sa pagpapatupad ng water waste management system.

Arlene Rivera

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papatuloy ng iba't-ibang programa ukol sa kalinisang kapaligiran. *Ipinaliwanag* pa nito, "For the past years the DILG through our Water Supply and Sanitation Program Management Office (WSSPMO) has always been supportive of sustainable water and sanitation programs. In partnership with local government units and other concerned institutions, we have been providing technical and advisory services in the areas of integrated water resources and waste water management." *Unang bahagi* ng kasunduan na nagaganap sa

House Committee on Ecology, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Public Works, and Health, Local Water Utilities Administration and Manila Water. *Ugat* nito sa Davao City ang *Vizava Sanitation Summit* na naglalayong ipaalam sa publiko at hikayatin silang makibahagi sa tinawag na "silent crisis of sanitation". *Magkakaroon* din ng art exhibit, painting at slogan-making contests, at free concert ang *sanitary program* na pinangalanang ng DILG at German Agency for Technical Cooperation. *IMJ, DIZON*

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Ipinangalanang panito, "For the past years the DILG through our Water Supply and Sanitation Program Management Office (WSSPMO) has always been supportive of sustainable water and sanitation programs. In partnership with local government units and other concerned institutions, we have been providing technical and advisory services in the areas of integrated water resources and waste water management."

Lumagda rin sa kasunduan ang mga representatives mula sa House Committee on Ecology, Departments of Environment and Natural Resources, Public Works, and Health, Local Water Utilities Administration and Manila Water.

Uumpisahan sa Abril sa Davao City ang Vizin Sanitation Summit na naglalayong ipakita sa publiko at hikayatin silang makilahagi sa tinawag na "silent crisis of sanitation".

Magkakaroon din ng art exhibit, painting at slogan-making contests, at free concert ang natatagang programa at pinangunahan ng DILG at German Agency for Technical Cooperation.

IMEE DIZON

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