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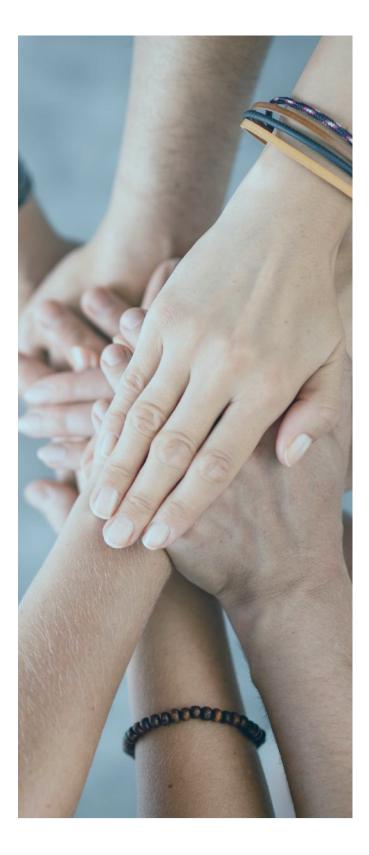
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The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) is the government agency mandated to promote and coordinate volunteer programs and services in the Philippines.

It was created as a committee in 1964 to concretize the Philippine Government's commitment to the agreement reached during the International Middle Level Manpower Conference held in Puerto Rico in 1962 adopting volunteerism as a tool for socio-economic development.

It became an office in 1973 and then an Agency on 12 December 1980 through Executive Order No. 635. PNVSCA is under the administrative supervision of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

PNVSCA works actively with other agencies, non-government government organizations, the academe, the corporate group, the media, and other partners in converging and linking the different volunteering efforts and resources so that they are aligned with national priorities and assist especially the marginalized sectors and communities. PNVSCA takes the lead advocating recognizing in and the contributions of volunteers to nationbuilding and international cooperation.



Vision

A leading institution coordinating and advocating volunteerism towards a selfreliant, empowered, and progressive society.

Mission

Promote and harness voluntary services and resources through relevant and responsive plans, policies, advocacy, technical assistance, and coordination services.

Values

To realize our Mission, we shall be guided and adhere to the following values:

- Integrity
- Dedication
- Competence
- Teamwork
- Innovativeness
- Responsiveness
- Respect

About PNVSCA

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Over the past year, PNVSCA strengthened its partnerships by extending collaborations with Local Government Units (LGUs), Academic Institutions, National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)/ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) through Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signings, meetinas and discussions. provision of technical assistance and that aimed capacity buildina at mainstreaming volunteerism as а development strategy. Consequently, these efforts create a positive impact on thousands of Filipinos all over the country.

The agency also experienced significant growth in international and Filipino volunteer deployment, achieving impactful community engagement and social responsibility with established overseas and local partner organizations. Along with these engagements are PNVSCA's commendable volunteer welfare checks through visits and monitoring.

Additionally, PNVSCA excelled in advocacy building through diverse channels such as forums, webinars, quad-media information dissemination, and development of IEC materials. The agency had prolifically reviewed, developed, and successfully lobbied for legislative and institutional policies enhancing volunteerism and community engagement in the Philippines.

The year 2023 proved successful in acknowledging and celebrating volunteer contributions through the successful conduct of the Search for Outstanding Volunteers and the first-ever Bayanihan Media Awards. Overall, PNVSCA embodied "Volunteerism as a Development Strategy": a true testament to the continuous achievement of the pinnacle of Philippine Volunteerism. Let us continue to create ripples of positive change until volunteerism becomes a way of life for every Filipino.

Mabuhay ang mga boluntir! Mabuhay ang bolunterismo! Maraming Salamat!

DONALD JAMES D. GAWE



Message of the Executive Director





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Partnership Activities Conducted and 22 New Partnerships established









2023 Highlights

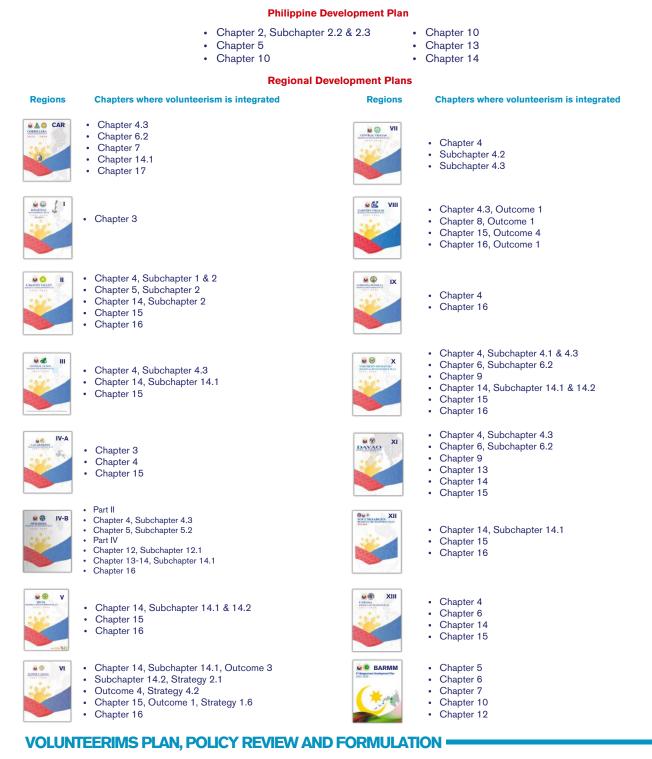
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VOLUNTEERISM PLAN, POLICY REVIEW AND FORMULATION

I. DEVELOPMENT/ENHANCEMENT OF PLANS, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ON VOLUNTEERISM

Review of the Philippine Development Plan and Regional Development Plans

Following PNVSCA's advocacy and coordination efforts to integrate volunteerism into the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and Regional Development Plans (RDPs) across various regions, the published documents reveal the inclusion of sections on volunteerism, volunteer activities, bayanihan, citizen participation, community participation, citizen engagement, and community engagement. The integration underscores the importance of these concepts in regional development and community building.



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II. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT TO THE MULTI-SECTORAL ADVISORY BODY



MSAB Members convene during the 1st Meeting of CY 2023

The PNVSCA Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body (MSAB) met twice during the year, presided over by the MSAB Chairperson and Undersecretary Carlos Bernardo O. Abad Santos of the NEDA Regional Development Group.

MSAB held its first regular meeting on March 30, with 92% attendance (11 out of 12 members were present). PNVSCA, as the Secretariat, presented the status of submission of nominations for the Private Sector Representative (PSR) for non-profit organizations and the academe, creation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Education, which will assist the Agency in advocating and working to integrate volunteerism in the education curriculum, and updates on the preparations for the 2023 Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) and the National Volunteer Month (NVM) celebration. Seven respondents rated the meeting as "Extremely Effective."

The second meeting was held on November 24, with 92% attendance (11 out of 12 members were present). The advisory body approved the selection of the Philippine Society of NSTP Educators and Implementers, Inc. (PSNEI) and Iloilo Business Club, Inc. as PSRs from the academe and corporate sector, respectively. The proposed comments and suggestions from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on updating the CSC Memo Circular (MC) No. 23 s. 2012: Volunteer Program in the Public Sector, were also presented and approved. Moreover, the Secretariat presented some visa and immigration concerns of IVSOs, and the activities lined up for the celebration of the NVM. Four (4) respondents rated the meeting as "outstanding".

VOLUNTEERIMS PLAN, POLICY REVIEW AND FORMULATION

III. VOLUNTEERISM AS A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Considering the extensive program and activities promoting volunteerism as a development strategy among NGAs, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), LGUs, and even CSOs through fora, campaigns, coordination meetings, and capacity building efforts, PNVSCA approached 15 Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to pass a resolution which aims to engage key stakeholders in institutionalizing volunteerism as a development strategy within their respective regions. The resolution seeks to expedite and solidify the establishment and integration of volunteer mechanisms within various agencies and institutions, thereby creating a conducive environment for volunteering and significantly contributing to the achievement of the Philippine Development Goals.

RDC MIMAROPA led the way by concretizing this initiative through a resolution issued on 1 September 2023. Following this, PNVSCA promoted this initiative as a best practice, encouraging other regions to adopt similar measures.

Below are the eight (8) RDCs who passed the requested resolution for 2023. Other RDCs are expected to follow in 2024.



MIMAROPA Region

Date Approved: September 1 Resolution No. 2023-083-1195, ""Enjoining the Local Government Units, Regional Line Agencies, and State Universities and Colleges to Institutionalize Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in the MIMAROPA Region".



Region VII Date Approved: November 16

Resolution No. 72, Series of 2023, Units, "Enjoining Local Government Regional Line Agencies, and State Colleges Universities and to Institutionalize Volunteerism as а



Region XIII

Date Approved: November 29 Resolution No. 67-C, Series of 2023, the Institutionalization "Approving of Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in CARAGA Region".



Region I

Date Approved: December 4 Resolution No. 85, Series of 2023, "Enjoining All Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) to Institutionalize Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in the llocos Region".



Region XII

Date Approved: December 4 Resolution No. 225, Series of 2023, "Enjoining All Regional Stakeholders to Institutionalize Volunteerism as Development Strategy in SOCCKSARGEN".



Region V

Date Approved: December 6

Resolution No. 4-75, Series of 2022, "Approving the Adoption of Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in the Bicol Region".



Region II

Date Approved: December 7 Resolution No. 02-46, Series of 2023. the Local Government "Enjoining Units. Regional Line Agencie, and State Universities and Colleges to Institutionalize Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in the Cagayan Valley Region".



Region XI

Date Approved: December 15

Resolution No. 208, Series of 2023, Philippine "Supporting the National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) in Enjoining Local Government Units, Regional Line Agencies, and State Universities and Colleges to Institutionalize Volunteerism as a Development Strategy in Davao Region".

VOLUNTEERIMS PLAN, POLICY REVIEW AND FORMULATION

IV. VOLUNTEERISM RELATED POLICIES

In response to the proactive encouragement of the House of Representatives Committee on People's Participation, **PNVSCA** reviewed 12 proposed bills that hold significant implications for community and As volunteer engagement. а result. PNVSCA crafted four (4) policy statements to provide insights and recommendations on the following aggregated legislative proposals:

- Emergency Volunteer Protection Bill (House Bills Nos. 1007, 1439, 5191, and 5584);
- Good Samaritan Act (HBs 1391, 1949, 5145, and 9560);
- National Volunteers Month Act (HB 4405); and
- People Empowerment Act (HBs 385, 2727, and 4141).

The policy statements formulated by PNVSCA were shared with members through scheduled committee meetings.

Aligned with the agency's mandate and principles of RA 9418: Volunteer Act of 2007, PNVSCA affirms its endorsement of these proposed bills. The agency believes these bills significantly enhance volunteerism and community engagement in the Philippines. PNVSCA is committed to contributing valuable perspectives to the ongoing legislative discourse, ensuring adequate representation of the interests of volunteers and the broader community in the legislative process.

In pursuit of this commitment, the agency contributed insights to the administrative order issued by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the implementation of the Bayanihang Bayan Program (BBP). Additionally, PNVSCA served as resource person in formulating local policies for BBP in November 2023.

Furthermore, PNVSCA participated in technical working group sessions dedicated to reviewing and discussing the proposed guidelines for the Accreditation of Community Disaster Volunteers (ACDV) as issued by the Office of Civil Defense.

By contributing insights to policy formulation and discussions, PNVSCA plays a pivotal role in ensuring the representation of volunteers and communities in shaping impactful legislation.

V. DATABASE OF VOLUNTEERISM POLICIES DEVELOPED

PNVSCA continues to develop the database of Volunteerism Policies, which started in 2022. The agency continuously gathers data through research and coordination with various agencies and local government units.

The active participation of LGUs in the agency's Volunteerism Mainstreaming assessment led to the discovery and integration of new local volunteerism-related policies into the expanding database. PNVSCA continues to build on this collaboration, ensuring the database remains reflects current and positive the contributions of LGUs promoting in volunteerism nationwide.

ADVOCACY ON VOLUNTEERISM

PNVSCA continues to intensify its advocacy efforts and activities to reach out to more stakeholders and further promote volunteerism as a strategy for national development.

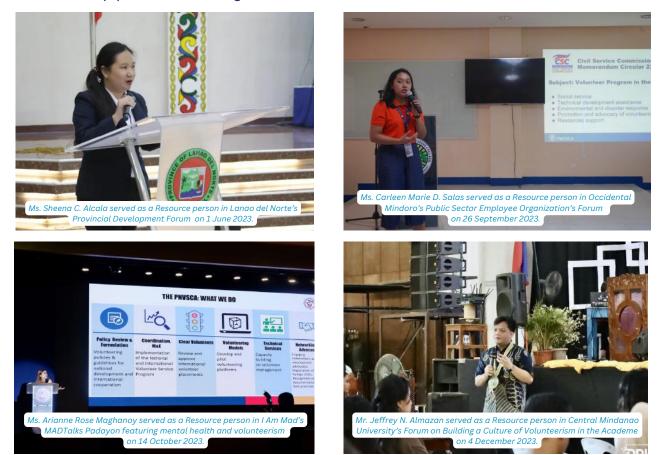
I. BRANDING MANUAL

PNVSCA released its Branding Manual in September 2023 which serves as reference and guidelines for the visual portrayal of the Agency's corporate identity. It guides the users on the proper use of the PNVSCA's logo, official colors, typefaces, and other visuals.

II. SPEAKERS BUREAU

In June 2023, the PNVSCA Speakers Bureau was created to address the growing number of requests for technical assistance and invitations for PNVSCA to talk about volunteerism in various events, including media guesting. The Agency's technical staff, designated as members of the Speakers Bureau who shall work closely with the National Volunteerism Resource Pool (NVRP), serve as resource persons in different events and activities, such as fora, training sessions, radio/TV guesting, press conferences, among others.

The Speakers Bureau held its first meeting and orientation on October 2, where the members, under the guidance of PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe, reviewed the agency's presentation on the Paradigms and Perspectives on Volunteerism and did a mock-up presentation using the said material.



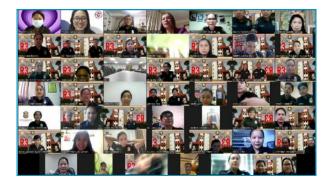
Members of Speakers Bureau served as Resource Persons in different activities of PNVSCA and its partners

III. ADVOCACY FORUMS/WEBINARS ON VOLUNTEERISM



Celebrating the Artistic Excellence of Filipinos through Volunteerism: Volunteering by and for the Arts Community (Online)

Partner Agency: National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Date Conducted: February 28 No. of Participants: 122



Women in Fire (online)

Partner Agency: Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Date Conducted: March 31 No. of Participants: 275



Forum on Gender and Development and Volunteerism (hybrid)

Partner Agency: Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU) & Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) in CALABARZON Date Conducted: March 8 No. of Participants: 110



Orientation cum Meeting on Volunteerism – Bulacan

Date Conducted: May 12 No. of Participants: 20

Bayanihan Day ng mga Lehitimong Asosasyon ng mga Manggagawa ng Pamahalaan (BD-LAMP)

Partner Agency: Municipal Government of Bongabong Date Conducted: September 30 No. of Participants: More than 1,000 representing 26 organizations



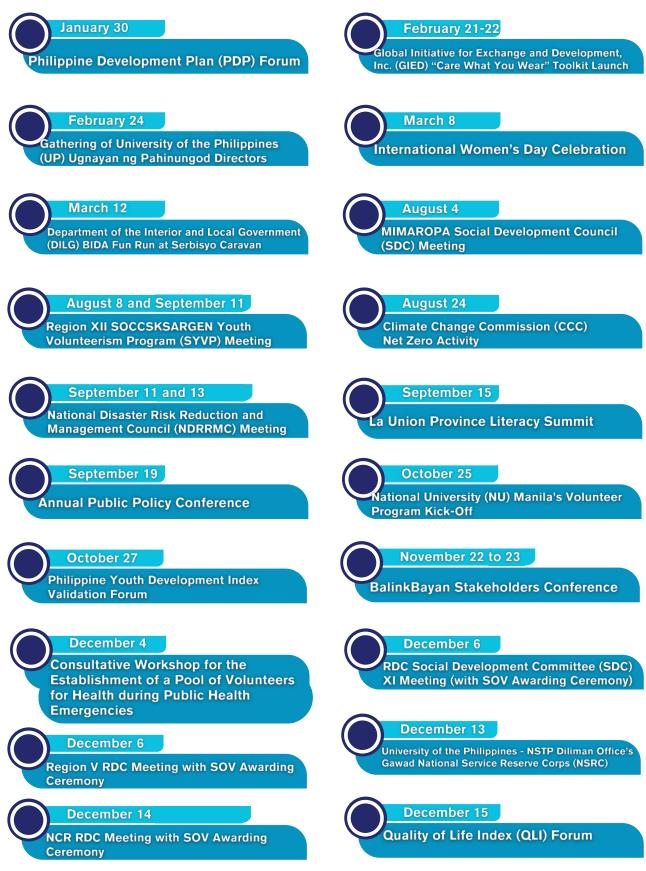
List of External Forums/Webinars on Volunteerism (online and on site) Attended by PNVSCA



The Agency attended 21 events (online and onsite) organized by its partners, where PNVSCA representatives served as participants or guests. These include participation in several Regional Development Council (RDC) meetings where PNVSCA presented its request for an RDC Resolution on mainstreaming volunteerism as a development strategy.

A total of 128 local partner institutions have been successfully oriented. This extensive engagement underscores our commitment to building strong, informed partnerships that are essential for advancing our mission.

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Conduct of Provincial Development Forum (PDF) and Regional Development Forum (RDF)

PNVSCA conducted Regional and Provincial Development Forums in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to bring together development actors from the government (LGUs and NGAs), private and civil society organizations, and academe to discuss how to harness the potential of volunteerism in helping achieve the national, regional, and provincial priorities to ensure self-reliant communities.

Provincial and Municipal Development Forum



Provincial Government of La Union Participants: 50 (27 F, 23 M) May 4



Provincial Government of Pangasinan Participants: 83 (35 F, 48 M) May 5



Provincial Government of Albay Participants: 50 (27 F, 23 M) **May 23**



Provincial Government of Sorsogon Participants: 50 (32 F, 18 M) **May 24**



Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur Participants: 80 (36 F, 44 M) June 16



Provincial Government of **Camarines Norte** Participants: 70 (38 F, 32 M) **May 26**



Municipal Government of San Pascual (Batangas) Participants: 35 (14 F, 32 M) September 18



Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte Participants: 29 (14 F, 15 M) **June 13**



Provincial Government of **Occidental Mindoro** Participants: 38 (15 F, 23 M) September 26



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Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro Participants: 80 (50 F, 30 M) **October 13**

Provincial Government of Lanao Del Norte Participants: 62 (30 F, 32 M) **October 13**

Regional Development Forum



Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority– Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Participants: 45 (19 F, 26 M) June 5



National Economic and Development Authority Region 8 Participants: 22 (12 F, 10 M) September 21



Group Photo of Participants in the Provincial Development forum in Lanao Del Norte







A and Benguet Development Forum participants p "Volunteers with a Heart" sign

IV. NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH



In celebration of the National Volunteer Month (NVM) this year, PNVSCA, in partnership with various organizations and agencies, conducted 18 activities. The NVM aims to build nationwide public awareness and appreciation of volunteerism, create the environment for voluntary action, and recognize volunteers as partners in development. The NVM is celebrated every December per Presidential Proclamation No. 55, series of 1998.

For 2023 to 2024, Civil Service Commission (CSC) Chairperson Karlo Alexei B. Nograles serves as the Honorary Chair of the NVM.



December 1: PNVSCA's National Volunteer Month Kick-off Event conducted in the City of Dapitan in partnership with the City Government of Dapitan



December 2: Bayanihan Day sa Zamboanga del Sur in partnership with the Provincial Government of Zamboanga Del Sur and Municipalities of Aurora and Dimataling attended by a total of 1305 participants



December 4: Building a Culture of Volunteerism in the Academe & Forum on Islamic & Indigenous Volunteering Practices in partnership with Central Mindanao University (CMU) attended by around 70 participants



December 5: Volunteer Service Organization (VSO) Civic Engagement in partnership with Voluntary Service Overseas Philippineswith around 30 participants



December 11: Sikhay Lingkod VI: Volunteer Fair in partnership with UP NSTP Diliman Office and Ugnayan ng Pahinungod System with around 200 participants



December 3: Forum on Volunteerism in Islamic Perspectives in partnership with BPDA-BARMM attended by around 40 participants



December 5-7: International Volunteer Day (IVD) Celebration in partnership with University of Mindanao (UM) and Davao Colleges and Universities Network, Inc. (DACUN) attended by 107 participants



December 8: Bayanihan Day in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro in partnership with the Municipal Government of Sablayan with around 500 participants



December 11: Volunteers' Appreciation Day in partnership with the National University Manila with around 50 participants



December 13: National Volunteer Focal Person (VFP) Convention with a total of 223 participants (44 onsite, 179 online)



December 13: Ignite! The Role of the Youth in Social Transformation through Volunteerism for Development in partnership with Philippine Coalition on Volunteerism, Inc. (PhilCV) with around 35 participants



V. ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES THROUGH QUAD MEDIA

VolunTalks

VolunTalks is an online talk show of PNVSCA which tackles different topics on volunteerism/volunteering. For 2023, PNVSCA aired three episodes.



oup Photo of Participants in the celebration of the international wom at Laguna State Polytechnic University

The first episode focused on the International Women's Month celebration and featured the highlights of the Gender and Development (GAD) and Volunteerism Forum held on March 8. Among the resource speakers include Ms. Jocelyn J. Uy from the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Ms. Maris Candelaria from the United States Peace Corps (USPC) Philippines, Mr. Adrien Bachelet from Life Project for Youth (LP4Y), Mr. Jose Limbay Lahi Espaldon from the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod of the University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB), and Dr. Ruby Brion from Polytechnic University Laguna State (LSPU).

The speakers highlighted the roles of women in volunteer programs as well as the extent and contributions of women volunteers in achieving the goals and objectives of various volunteering programs and activities. The episode aired on PNVSCA's Facebook page on March 31. For the second episode, PNVSCA joined forces with the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and highlighted the extraordinary journey of a Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) as a dedicated volunteer. Ms. Daisy S. Parido from Barangay Plainview in Mandaluyong City was the resource person, while Mr. Kioh C. Monato, a Training Specialist from NNC, served as guest cohost. The episode aired on July 31.



The third and last episode focused on Youth Volunteering. Ms. Kaireen Ramos represented Mr. Rod Charlie R. Delos Reves, the 2023 Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) Awardee-Individual Youth Category, Ms. Keren Joy Gantia, Manila Adventist College Head of Community Extensions Services, Ms. Cherrie Rose Ang. OIC for Volunteer Affairs of Tzu Chi Foundation, and Mr. Meynard Brian Reyes, Provincial Youth Development Officer of the Provincial Government of Bataan were the panelists invited. The panelists shared their personal and organizational volunteering experiences and programs.

The episode was aired on December 20 as one of the NVM celebration activities.



Radio Guesting

PNVSCA was featured in nine (9) radio programs during the year, with one program featuring PNVSCA updates for five consecutive weeks.

These nine programs include Serbisyong Tatak UP sa DZUP 1602 on May 8, DZEC's Breakfast on Board on June 25, DZEC's Kapitbahay Program on July 6, Radyo Pilipinas Otro Cinco on August 21, Radyo Pilipinas Layag MIMAROPA on August 23, Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Region 12 on September 22, DZXL on November 11, and DXMU on December 4. These programs tackled volunteerism, PNVSCA's mandates and services, and the NVM celebration.

DWBL's Balita at Opinyon featured PNVSCA services and updates on June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.



Press Conference

PNVSCA, with PIA as its major media partner, conducted four (4) press conferences in 2023, to wit:

- March 24, 2023 Volunteerism as a Development Strategy" in partnership with PIA Region VI, PIA Capiz, and Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), conducted at the Gerry Roxas Training and Convention Center in Roxas City livestreamed via PNVSCA's official Facebook page.
- June 15, 2023 SOV National Launch in Ilocos Sur in partnership with PIA Region I, with SOV awardees from the Ilocos Region: Ms. Maria Ang, 2017 Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Awardee (VLAA) and Mx. JC Finale Siazon, 2020 SOCV Awardee; and PNVSCA-PATSD OIC Mr. Kenneth C. Siruelo panelists. The press as conference was moderated by Ms. Joyah Mae Quimoyog, Information Center Manager of PIA llocos.
- August 4 Launch of the first-ever Bayanihan Media Awards in partnership with PIA Central Office. The panelists were led by Atty. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, CSC Chairperson, and NVM Chair. Honorary Other panelists included PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe, PIA Director General Jose A. Torres Jr., PASUC Vice-President for NCR and President of the Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA) Dr. Marwin M. Dela Cruz, and Director for Student Affairs and Services of Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) Dr. Jan Rich A. Guira. The event was moderated by PIA Deputy Director General for Regional Operations and Unified Messaging Kat De Castro, and around 20 representatives from different media agencies attended the event.



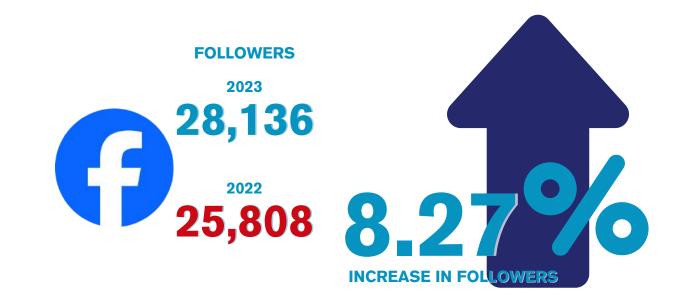




Website and Social Media

The Agency continues to maximize the power of social media and posted 66 articles, 15 art cards, 34 event announcements, and three (3) infographics on its website and Facebook page in 2023.

Furthermore, PNVSCA also shared volunteerism-related content posted by its partners on their official social media accounts. As of December 31st, PNVSCA's Facebook page has 28,136 followers, an increase of 8.27% from the previous year's count of 25,808 followers.



VI. INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) MATERIALS

PNVSCA released the updated version of its brochure in April 2023, which details the Agency mandates and services. The agency also produced tote bags, laptop sleeves, notebooks, and tumblers. Copies and several sets of the materials were distributed during PNVSCA events.

Moreover, the agency developed a souvenir calendar featuring the 2023 awardees of the SOV and BMA; with copies distributed to the said awardees, NEDA Regional Offices, Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and other partners.

ADVOCACY ON VOLUNTEERISM

VII. PUBLICATION MATERIALS

PNVSCA published and distributed copies of the Annual Report 2022 to its partners and stakeholders in the third quarter of 2023, which highlights the accomplishments of the Agency for the said year as well as the Agency's thrusts and direction for 2023.



VIII. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH STEERING COMMITEE

The National Volunteer Month Steering Committee (NVM-SC) conducted two (2) meetings during the year.

The first meeting was held on March 14, where PNVSCA presented the highlights of the 2022 NVM celebration and the SOV. The Committee also discussed the plans for the 2023 NVM Celebration, including the proposed NVM Theme, Honorary Chair, and the SOV Awarding Ceremony.

The second meeting was held on November 21, where the 2023 SOV and BMA Awardees were presented then confirmed by the National Screening Committee members. The proposed awardees were based on the results of the deliberations made by the SOV National Screening Committee (SOV-NSC) on November 14 to 15, and by the BMA National Screening Committee (BMA-NSC) on November 20. The NVM calendar of activities was also presented for the members' information.

The NVM-SC, composed of government agencies and NGOs, formulates the plan for the NVM celebration, disseminates the said plan at all levels of the government and the private sector, and monitors the implementation of the NVM activities. The Committee also leads the deliberation, selection, and confirmation of the national awardees for the SOV.





IX. VOLUNTEER AWARD

Search for Outstanding Volunteers

The Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) serves as the centerpiece event of the annual NVM celebration. The Search aims to identify and recognize outstanding Filipino volunteers and volunteer organizations for their exemplary performance and achievements in empowering communities. It is conducted in partnership with NEDA Regional Offices, MMDA for National Capital Region (NCR), and Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The Agency organized a pre-launch meeting with representatives from the NVM-SC, NROs, MMDA, and BPDA on June 9 and presented the SOV guidelines and project timeline of activities subject to the participants' inputs.

Soon after, the SOV Launch was held on June 15 in Ilocos Sur through a hybrid set-up. Former SOV awardees and some partners in the Region attended the event, while more than 250 participants from various agencies and organizations joined via Zoom and Facebook Live. All the promotional materials and SOV-related documents were presented and made available to the public after the event. PNVSCA posted announcements on its website and Facebook page and sent invitations to participate or nominate to its partners and stakeholders.

Furthermore, the SOV Awarding Ceremony was held on December 12 at the Century Park Hotel in Malate, Manila. This year' awardees include the following:

National Outstanding Volunteer Awardees



ROD CHARLIE R. DELOS REYES Individual - Youth



DR. ZAIDA K. SADAIN-URAO Individual – Adult



GERALDO B. JUMAWAN Individual – Adult



DR. ANTON MARI H. LIM, DVM Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award



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Bayanihan Media Awards (BMA)

Understanding that the media remains essential in promoting good governance and ensuring sustainable development and nation-building, PNVSCA believes that the media can be a strong ally in promoting volunteerism further. With the media's primary role to inform, educate, and entertain, it can influence individual beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors, thus contributing significantly to values formation.

In this regard, PNVSCA, in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), and Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), launched the first-ever Bayanihan Media Awards (BMA) this year.

The award seeks to identify and recognize media practitioners and organizations for their significant role and contribution in promoting volunteerism and its importance to national development through their work, thus encouraging the public to make volunteerism a way of life. PIA Provincial and Regional Offices, Bangsamoro Information Office, NEDA Regional Offices, MMDA, and several state universities and colleges in different provinces assisted PNVSCA in implementing the Awards.

Bayanihan Media Awards was launched on August 4, and the Awarding Ceremony was held on December 12, together with the SOV Awarding Ceremony. This year's BMA awardees were as follows:



MA. APRIL MIER MANJARES Print Media - Individual



BAGUIO MIDLAND COURIER Print Media - Organization



LOURD JOHN DIAZ Radio - Individual







THONY D. ARCENAL Online Media - Individual



PAMPANGA NEWS NOW Online Media - Organization



X. CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY 2023

In collaboration with the Australian Volunteers Program (AVP), University of Mindanao (UM), and Davao Colleges and Universities Network, Inc. (DACUN), PNVSCA successfully held a two- day International Volunteer (IV) Symposium and Volunteer Fair on December 6 to 7 at the University of Mindanao – Matina Campus, Davao City to celebrate the 2023 International Volunteer Day (IVD).

The IV Symposium, attended by 107 participants from HEIs, NGAs, NGOs, and CSOs, was a venue for international and local volunteers for knowledge sharing

and network building – highlighting the role and contributions of volunteers in fostering international cooperation and as a means towards achieving the country's sustainable development goals. It featured topics and discussions on Volunteerism Paradigms, Practices, as well as trends and opportunities. It also centered around the power of collective action and how individual contributions can create a significant positive change in society.

XI. NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FOCAL PERSONS CONVENTION



With 223 participants (44 onsite and 179 online) from various NGAs, LGUs, HEIs, SUCs, and CSOs across the country, PNVSCA organized and facilitated the conduct of the first-ever blended National Volunteerism Focal Persons (VFP) Convention on December 13 at B Hotel in Quezon City.

The NVFP Convention aimed to increase the appreciation and understanding of participants on the importance of volunteerism as a cross-cutting strategy and as a tool to achieve local and national

development goals through the sharing of good or best practices, challenges, and strategies on volunteer program implementation and volunteer management/coordination. Also, it was intended to enhance networking between and among the agencies/offices/institutions; and cultivate relationships that can foster collaboration and future partnerships.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

I. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ON VOLUNTEERISM MAINSTREAMING WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

PNVSCA continued the conduct of capacity building activities on Volunteerism Mainstreaming among LGUs. These activities aim to improve the knowledge and management skills of the LGUs and create an enabling environment supporting meaningful volunteer participation at the local level. The activities also strive to train the designated Volunteerism Focal Persons (VFPs) and other LGU employees on mainstreaming volunteerism into their policies, programs, projects and activities.

In partnership with the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Philippines, PNVSCA conducted a four-day training workshop entitled "Training on Mainstreaming Volunteerism in Local Governance- Western Visayas Region" on 20-24 March 2023, at the Gerry Roxas Foundation Training and Convention Center, City of Roxas, Capiz. This is the seventh leg of PNVSCA's effort to capacitate LGUs in integrating volunteerism into their local development plans and in preparing local legislation on volunteerism. Fifteen (15) local government units of the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Guimaras; the cities of Roxas, Bacolod, and Iloilo; and municipalities from the provinces of Aklan (Ibajay and Malay) and Capiz (Dumarao, Jamindan, Maayon, Mambusao, Panay and Pilar) participated in the training. Three national government agencies such as the National Economic and Development Authority VI, Office of the Civil Defense VI, Department of the Interior and Local Government VI, and Capiz State University also participated in the training workshop as participants and/or resource persons.

From March 28 to 30, PNVSCA provided resource persons and facilitators for the Volunteerism Mainstreaming training given to the City Government of Valenzuela which was attended by 26 participants from various offices of the LGU, and representatives from the MMDA and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) NCR.



II. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY STAKEHOLDERS

A total of 28 organizations benefitted from PNVSCA's technical assistance, which include serving as resource person on volunteerism-related topics, and/or providing inputs on draft plans/policies.

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Title/ Type of Event	Date & Place of Activity	Participants
Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Philippines	Volunteering Program Development and Management (VPDM) Launch	January 25 Cotabato City	City Government of Cotabato, Ministry of Labor and Employment-BARMM, Bangsamoro Youth Commission, NGOs and CSOs based in BARMM
Municipality of Carmona	World NGO Day Celebration and Launching of Volunteerism and Citizenship Desk	February 27 Carmona, Cavite	Officials and staffs from the Municipality of Carmona and CSOs
Office of Civil Defense (OCD)	Gawad Kalasag Orientation	March 6 to 9 Online	OCD Regional Focal Persons and Regional Validation Selection Committee (RVSC)
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	Study on Volunteerism	March 10 Online interview	Employees of the company
Civil Service Commission (CSC)	Flag Ceremony Convocation (Patriotism as topic)	March 20 CSC Compound	Officials and staff of CSC
House Committee on People's Participation	Discussion/ Hearing Committee on People's Participation	March 21 and December 5	House Committee on People's Participation, Other Government Agencies
Sorsogon State University (SorSU)	Basic Concepts on Volunteerism	April 11 Online	Faculty and students of SorSU
Asian Social Institute (ASI)	Basic Concepts on Volunteerism	April 22 Online	Masteral Students
Department of Health, Health Policy Development and Planning Bureau (HPDPB)	Volunteerism as an Act of Kindness	April 24 Madison 101 Hotel, Quezon City	Officers and staff of the HPDPB
Grand Villamor Eagles Club	General Membership Meeting (Volunteerism and brotherhood as topic of the keynote speech)	May 20 Villamor Air Base, Pasay City	Members of the Grand Villamor Eagles Club
DSWD FO1	Basic Concepts on Volunteerism and the Bayanihang Bayan Program	May 24 La Union City	LGUs in Region 1

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Title/ Type of Event	Date & Place of Activity	Participants
National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC)	Writeshop on the Philippine Plan of Action for Senior Citizens	June 5 to 7 Tagaytay	Different government agencies
University of San Agustin Iloilo	Orientation on Volunteerism	June 17 Online	University faculty, staff, and students
Provincial Government of Bataan	Orientation on Volunteerism	June 20 Balanga, Bataan	Employees of the Provincial Government of Bataan
City Government of Bayawan, Negros Oriental	Orientation on Volunteerism	June 21 Online	12 staff of CGO Bayawan
Junior Chamber International (JCI) Baliwag	JCI Youth Leadership Excellence Award (YLEA) (topic: Youth Excellence and Volunteerism)	July 1 Baliwag City, Bulacan	JCI Baliwag members
CSC Regional Office IV	2023 Pulong ng mga Lehitimong Asosasyon ng mga Mangagawa ng Pamahalaan (Volunteerism as the Heart of Public Sector Employees Organization)	July 4	Associations of workers in the government
National Commission of Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)	Cultural Communities Week (keynote message includes volunteering by and for indigenous peoples)	July 10 Online	Open to the public (online)
Cordillera Career Development College	Cordillera Career Development College Faculty Development Seminar (Topic: Developing a Culture of Volunteerism in the Academe)	July 28 Online via Google meet	More than 100 faculty and staff of CCDC
Department of Education (DepEd)	Learners Convergence 2023 (Topic: Volunteerism, a Work of Heart or a Work that Hurts?")	July 31 Marist School of Marikina	Around 80 High school student leaders from different regions
Coral Bay Nickel Corporation (CBNC)	Strength in Service: Introducing Impactful Volunteering for Working Professionals and Young Achievers	August 1 Bataraza, Palawan	Around 100 employees and scholars of CBNC

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Title/ Type of Event	Date & Place of Activity	Participants
Gawad Kalasag	23 rd Gawad Kalasag Validation	August 29 to October 30 Office of Civil Defense	Gawad Kalasag Members
LGU Pozorrubio	LGU Pozorrubio Forum (topic: Paradigms and Perspectives on Volunteerism)	August 10 Pozorrubio Pangasinan	Employees from LGU Pozorrubio
VSO Philippines	Volunteering Program Development and Management (VPDM)Training	September 5 Valenzuela City	Employees from LGU Valenzuela and partners from different sectors
University of Mindanao	Volunteerism 101	September 9 and 16 Davao City	Faculty and students
City Government of Bayawan, Negros Oriental	Volunteerism Training Workshop	September 20 to 21	33 participants from its internal and external stakeholders
I am MAD	MAD Talks: Sa Ngayon, Padayon! Repeat (Topic: Basic concept of volunteerism)	October 14 Jose Rizal University	Approximately 400 participants including delegates and representatives from various school organizations, youth leaders, and young professionals
Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig	PLPasiGabay Kaagapay: "Strengthening Volunteerism to Promote Community Welfare ["]	October 20 and November 17 Pasig City	October 20 teaching staff; November 17 non-teaching staff and student leaders
National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC)	Writeshop on Senior Citizens Action for Development and Nation-Building (SECADNA)	October 22 to 23 Quezon City	Senior citizen representatives from different groups, NGAs, LGUs
University of Rizal System (URS)	Volunteering Works within the Educational Setting to Advance Diversity and Social Inclusion	October 26 URS Morong Campus	402 faculty and staff (231 female, 171 male)
Manila Adventist College	NVM celebration: Igniting Volunteer-led Innovation for Deep Economic and Social Transformation	November 24 Manila Adventist College	Around 350 students

Requesting Agency/ Organization	Title/ Type of Event	Date & Place of Activity	Participants
DSWD Kalahi CIDDS	DSWD CDD Congress (Topic: Paradigms and Perspectives on Volunteerism)	November 28 Pasay City	Around 100 community volunteers, facilitators, area coordinators, community development officers
Love Yourself	CHAMPION General Assembly (Topic: Paradigms and Perspectives on Volunteerism)	November 30 Pasig City	CHAMPION members
DSWD NCR	Crafting of Policies for LSWDOs (Presented an Overview on Volunteerism)	November 29 to December 1 City of Manila	NCR LGUs
RDC 12- SOCCSKARGEN Youth Volunteerism Program Taskforce	SOCCSKSARGEN Youth Volunteerism Forum	December 11 Isulan, Sultan Kudarat	More than 400 youth leaders /volunteers
Land Bank of the Philippines	Orientation on SDGs and Volunteerism	December 13 City of Manila	More than 100 employees

III. PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AND REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

A total of 164 individuals (112 females; 52 males), 12 of which are foreign nationals and 152 are Filipinos, and 25 organizations were provided technical advice and assistance on the process and procedure for securing clearance for international volunteer service including deploying foreign volunteers in the Philippines and Filipinos intending to volunteer overseas as well as registration as a volunteer service organization with the Agency.



Institutional Orientation with KOICA

Volunteering Program Development and Management (VPDM) Training Workshop in Davao

IV. ASSISTANCE TO PARTNER-INITIATED CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TOWARD VOLUNTEERING FOR DEVELOPMENT

VSO-Volunteer Program Development and Management Training

In the 1st quarter of the year, PNVSCA joined the VSO and launched the volunteering Programme Development and Management (VPDM) under the USAID Opportunity 2.0 Project in Davao City, Valenzuela City, General Santos City, Cebu City, and Cotabato City. In the 2nd quarter, the Agency provided technical support to the rollout of the Training conducted in Davao City from May 31 to June 20, Cotabato City on June 7 to 9, and from June 20 to 22 in General Santos City.



Peace Corps Philippines Volunteer Management System Training

On June 20, PNVSCA served as a resource person for the "Introduction to Volunteerism and Volunteering for Development" session during the Volunteer Management System (VMS) Training organized by US Peace Corps Philippines as part of the Youth Volunteer Service Initiative (Youth VSI) Project.

The Youth VSI Project aims to organize a core group of Youth Volunteer Facilitators in the various communities where Peace Corps Volunteers are deployed. Nine (9) pairs of Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) volunteers and their local counterparts were trained from June 20 to 23. These Volunteers and Counterparts will lead in enlisting youth volunteers to mainstream volunteerism and advance general health and well-being.

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The training aimed to aid the government, business/organizations, private civic organizations, and the academe who are interested in developing/improving their volunteering program; increase awareness and support for volunteerism and its relevance to sustainable development; and gain support to increase advocacy for youth volunteering in the workplace. The three (3) sessions were attended by 128 (64 female; 64 male) participants from the LGUs, youth academe. organizations, NGOs. CSOs, and RLAs.





PARTNERSHIPS

I. PARTNERSHIP MAPPING

To upscale its advocacy efforts and ensure better coordination with other government agencies, PNVSCA reached out to the following regional/field offices of the various NGAs and requested the directory of their counterpart offices in the provinces, cities, and municipalities in their region:





PNVSCA, through the assistance of its student interns from Batangas State University, developed an online directory/database based on the data gathered.

II. CONSULTATION MEETINGS AND MOU SIGNINGS

Exploratory and consultation meetings were held with 51 LGUs, 19 NGAs, 35 HEls, and eleven (11) CSOs to determine areas for collaboration and the requesting parties' requirements for technical assistance. Moreover, PNVSCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with six (6) LGUs, two (2) NGAs, eight (8) HEls, and three (3) CSOs, and conducted an action planning with two (2) LGUs, San Pascual on August 9 and GMA, Cavite on August 17.



PNVSCA and Quirino State University MOU Signing Ceremony



PNVSCA Courtesy visit to the LGU Muntinlupa

PARTNERSHIPS

List of Agencies and Organizations (visited and have signed MOU/MOA with PNVSCA)

NO.	NAME OF AGENCY/HEI/CSO	DATE OF MEETING	DATE OF MOU SIGNING
	Local Government Units		
1	City Government of Quezon City	January 18	
2	City Government of Cotabato		January 25
3	Municipal Government of Midsayap		January 26
L.	Municipal Government of Lake Sebu		January 26
	Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat		January 26
5	Provincial Government of South Cotabato		January 26
	City Government of General Santos	January 26	
6.	Provincial Government of Sarangani	January 26	
)	City Government of Muntinlupa	February 14	
0	Municipal Government of Carmona	February 16	
1	Provincial Government of Cavite (PDRRMO and PPDO)	February 17	
2	City Government of Dasmariñas, Cavite	February 22	
3	Provincial Government of Rizal	April 13	
4	Municipal Government of San Mateo	April 13	
5	Municipal Government of Limay	April 24	
6	Provincial Government of Bataan	April 24	
7	City Government of Balanga	April 24	
8	Municipal Government of Camiling	April 25	
9	Municipal Government of San Rafael	April 26	
20	Provincial Government of Benguet	April 27	
21	Municipal Government of La Trinidad	April 27	
22	City Government of Baguio		April 27
23	City Government of Batangas	May 3	
24	Municipal Government of Bauan	May 3	
25	Provincial Government of Batangas - Provincial Social Welfare Development Office (PSWDO)	May 3	
26	Municipal Government of Lemery	May 4	
27	Municipal Government of Calatagan	May 4	
28	City Government of Calaca	May 4	
9	Municipal Government of Taal	May 4	
0	Municipal Government of Balayan	May 5	
31	Provincial Government of Pangasinan	May 5	
32	City Government of Mandaluyong	May 17	
33	Municipal Government of Oas	May 25	
4	Provincial Government of Camarines Norte	May 27	
5	Provincial Government of Antique	May 29	
6	Municipal Government of Gitagum	May 30	
7	City Government of Davao	May 30	
8	Provincial Government of Lanao del Norte	June 1	
9	City Government of Cagayan de Oro	June 2	
10	City Government of Iligan	June 2	
41	Provincial Government of Abra	June13	
12	Municipal Government of Peñarrubia	June 13	
13	Municipal Government of Manabo	June 13	
40 14	Municipal Government of Morong, Rizal	July 12	
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46	Municipal Government of Pozorrubio	July 14	
47	Municipal Government of Pililla	July 17	
48	Municipal Government of Alfonso	August 10	
49	Provincial Government of Pampanga	September 7	
50	City Government of Makati- Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRRMO)	November 20	
51	Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Sur	November 29	
	National Government Agen		
1	Philippine Air Force – Tactical Operations Group 12	January 24	
2 3	Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority	January 24	
3	Public-Private Partnership Center	January 24 February 13	
4	Bangsamoro Youth Commission	January 25	
5	Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)	February 21	
6	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		March 17
7	Land Bank of the Philippines	March 17	
8	Board of Investments	April 3	
10	TESDA-Korea Philippines IT Training Center – Bulacan	April 26	
11	Commission on Higher Education (CHED) NCR	May 9	
12	Climate Change Commission		May 11
	National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)	May 15	
	Intramuros Administration (IA)		y 18
	CHED – Region V	May 22	
	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)		e 13
17	Department of Migrant Workers (DMW)	August 16	
	Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino (KWF)	October 23	
19	Philippine Fiber Industry and Development Authority (PhilFIDA)	November 9	
	Higher Education Instituti		
	Notre Dame University	January 5	
2	Emilio Aguinaldo College Cavite		February 17
3	UP Pahinungod, OVCAA	February 21	
4	University of the Philippines Diliman NSTP		February 21
5	National College of Science and Technology (NCST)		March 15
6	Rizal Technological University (RTU)	March 15	March 29
7	Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)	March 17	
8	National University (NU) Dasmariñas		April 3
9	National University (NU) Manila		April 17
10	Bataan Peninsula State University	April 24	
11	Tarlac State University	April 25	
12	Tarlac Agricultural University	April 25	
13	Benguet State University	April 26	
14	Asian Social Institute		May 9
15	Bulacan State University (BulSU)	May 12	
16	University of Santo Tomas (UST) – Legazpi	May 22	
17	Bicol University	May 22	
18	Sorsogon College of Criminology, Inc.	May 24	
19	Ateneo de Davao University	May 30	
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NO.	NAME OF AGENCY/HEI/CSO	DATE OF MEETING	DATE OF MOU SIGNING		
20	Mindanao State University (MSU) Iligan	June 2	SIGNING		
21	Mindanao State University–Maguindanao	June 6			
22	Cotabato State University (CSU)	June 6			
23	University of Rizal System (URS) Morong	July 12			
24	Batangas State University (BatSU)	July 25			
25	Central Mindanao University (CMU)	July 27 October 2			
26	Cavite State University, Indang	August 10			
27	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig	August 18			
28	University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG)	August 23			
29	University of Mindanao	September 16			
30	Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU)	October 5			
31	Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA)	November 16			
32	Pampanga State Agricultural University (PSAU)	October 5			
33	Ifugao State University		November 17		
34	Provincial Government College of Zamboanga del Sur	November 29			
35	University of San Agustin, Iloilo		December 14		
Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)					
1	Kudlis (a cloud-based digital platform for Filipino comics, novels and artworks that is created by Filipinos and for Filipinos)	January 5			
2	United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Asia-Pacific Region	May 10			
3	Australian Volunteers Program (AVP)		June 27		
4	Tzu Chi Foundation		July 10		
5	iVolunteer	July 21			
6	Philippine Society of NSTP Educators and Implementers (PSNEI)	July 27			
7	World Vision Development Foundation, Inc. (Brigada Pagbasa)	August 17			
8	Learning Community Organizations of PEACE (LCOoP)		September 7		
9	ABC+: Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines	October 3			
10	League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)	November 10			
11	Island Living Channel	November 22			

III. STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

Two (2) meetings with the Philippine Coalition on Volunteerism (PhilCV) were held on March 24 and August 16 to review the partnership targets between the two institutions and discuss the proposed activities for collaboration. Director Gawe also graced PhilCV's Annual Membership Meeting on October 11, where he served as the keynote speaker.

In addition, PNVSCA and the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Asia-Pacific Region Officers met on May 10 to discuss the revitalization of partnerships towards volunteering for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), more specifically on possibilities and opportunities for international volunteering as a mechanism to strengthen local volunteering, especially in the areas of policy formulation, research, and generation of volunteer statistics.

Moreover, PNVSCA and the Australian Volunteers Program (AVP) signed an MOU at One Pacific Place, Makati City, on June 27. The MOU signing signifies the commitment of both parties to work together in accelerating national volunteering in the Philippines. The partnership started with a two (2) day Action Planning Workshop that aims to identify the areas of cooperation and establish clear guidelines for implementing the MOU. Officials and staff from PNVSCA, AVP, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Australian Embassy, and Habitat for Humanity International attended the workshop.

Over the course of our partnership, a total of 150 activities have been successfully conducted. Through these diverse initiatives, we have reached countless individuals, made a lasting impact on communities, and reinforced our commitment to promoting volunteerism and service.



PARTNERSHIPS

I. INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

International Volunteer Deployment

PNVSCA coordinated the deployment of 137 (74 female, 63 male) international volunteers to the country who assist and support the implementation of development programs, projects, and activities of local partner institutions in priority areas and sectors identified in the National Volunteer Deployment Framework (NVDF) anchored on the Philippine Development Plan (PDP). They are among the 244 in-country volunteers, and an additional seven (7) volunteers served remotely.

A total of 189 new international volunteers and 128 local partner institutions (LPIs) were also given institutional orientation on their roles and responsibilities in implementing the projects assisted by volunteers.

Furthermore, PNVSCA has also coordinated the deployment of 55 Filipinos volunteering overseas. They are among the 69 in-service volunteers (56 female, 13 male) during the period.





PROGRAM COORDINATION

International Volunteer Service Bilateral, Co-Management and Coordination Meetings

Eight (8) bilateral programming meetings were conducted with international volunteer service organization partners such as GIZ, FV, JICA, USPC-PCRV, AVP, GIED, KOICA, and ForumZFD during the year. Bilateral Programming meetings are held annually with partner International Volunteer Service Organizations (IVSOs) to review and agree on the volunteer deployment plan for the year, clarify potential implementation issues, and ascertain the validity of target volunteer placements.

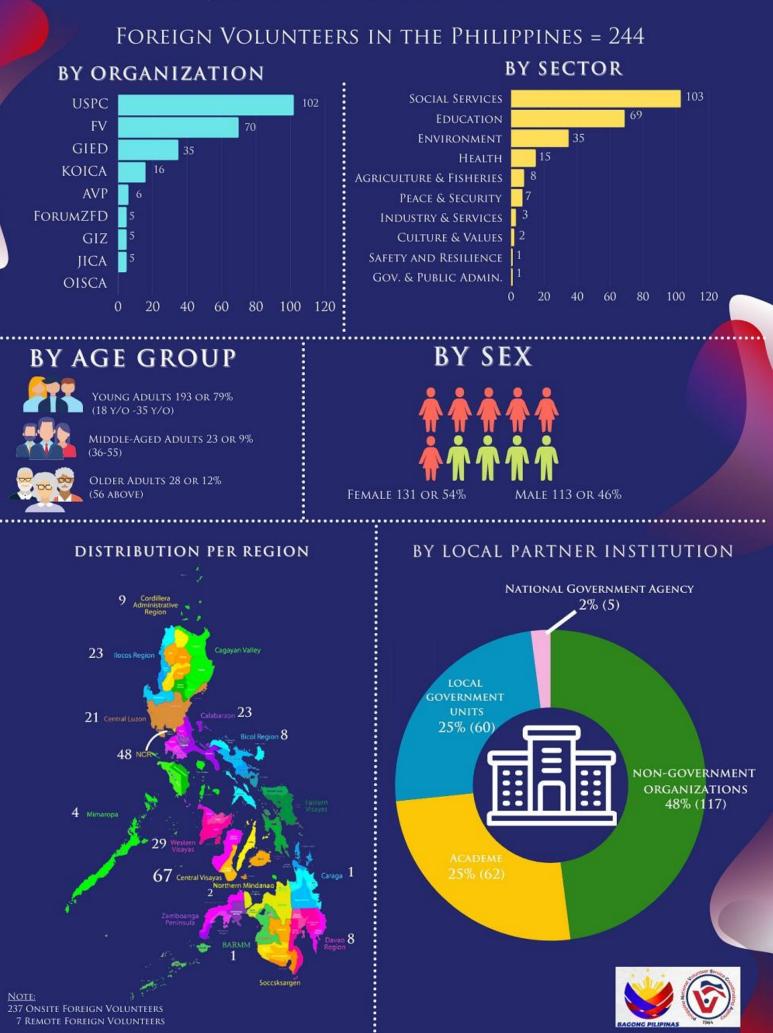


Site Validation/Assessment

PNVSCA conducted 35 onsite and virtual site validations to assess the readiness of the local institutions requesting assistance and ensure the impactful engagement of volunteers. These are 15 NGOs, 11 academic institutions, and eight (8) LGUs who are either new to the IVS or have worked with an international volunteer in the last five (5) years.



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE (IVS) IN NUMBERS January to december 2023



II. LOCAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Be a Volunteer

In 2023, 147 individuals (85 males and 62 females) signed up to volunteer through the "Be a Volunteer" portal. They were referred to organizations that engage volunteers for their work in environment, agriculture and food, safety and security, and social impact and were referred to appropriate organizations or groups.



III. REGIONAL VOLUNTEERISM FOCAL PERSONS LINK

The Regional Volunteerism Focal Persons Link (RVFPL) serves as the subnational counterpart to the PNVSCA and primarily coordinates and supports the volunteering activities of the agency in regions where local volunteerism efforts can be related to and integrated with regional and national development activities.

For 2023, PNVSCA conducted two (2) RVFPL meetings on March 2 and June 9. The meetings focused on the 2022 SOV evaluation guidelines and pre-launch activity.



2nd Regional Volunteerism Focal Person Link meeting

PROGRAM COORDINATION

PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION

I. INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Monitoring of Volunteers and Volunteer-Assisted Projects

For the year, PNVSCA monitored 35 volunteer-assisted projects, either on-site or virtually.



PNVSCA during the monitoring visit with GIZ Volunteer Dr. Karsten Schroeder (middle) at AgriCOOPh - Cagayan de Oro City.

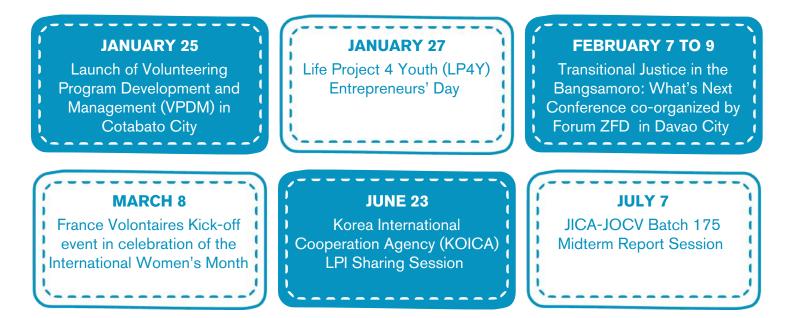


PNVSCA during the monitoring visit with USPC Volunteer Ms. Courtney Eileen Buecher (middle) at Tayug National High School, Tayug, Pangasinan.

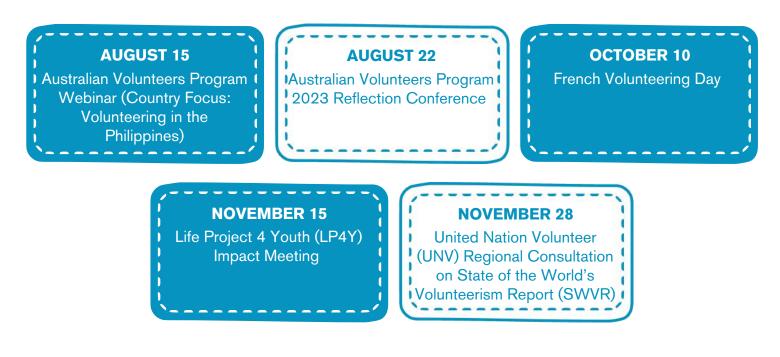
These monitoring activities aim to gather feedback on the volunteer assistance and its contribution to the achievement of the program/project objectives, to validate reported data on the status of volunteer assignment and volunteer assistance, and to generate data on the management and implementation of volunteer engagement.

Attendance to IVSO-Initiated Activities

To gather further information on the programs and projects being assisted by the international volunteers, the Agency also participated in various activities organized by partner IVSOs.



PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION



II. LOCAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

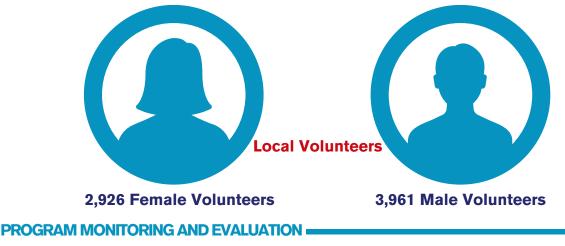
Volunteer Engagement in the Public Sector (VEPS) Reporting Portal and Quarterly Volunteerism Statistics (QVS)

Sixteen (16) government institutions have registered in PNVSCA's Volunteer Engagement in the Public Sector (VEPS) reporting portal while only two (2) have used the system to report their volunteer engagement. VEPS is an online platform to capture the extent of volunteering efforts and volunteer engagement in the public sector. Comprehensive sessions on the said reporting portal will be conducted next year for LGUs that have promising volunteering initiatives.

PNVSCA has also developed a Quarterly Volunteer Statistics (QVS) form to collect volunteering data. As of end of 2023, 15 government institutions are participating and submitting their quarterly volunteer statistics targets and accomplishments.

The VEPS and QVS are PNVSCA's means to a more sustainable collection of relevant volunteerism data and information toward evidence-based recognition of the volunteer's contribution to achieving local, national, and global development goals.

Based on the reports submitted by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Intramuros Administration, Parole and Probation Administration, and MMDA, there are around 6,887 local volunteers (2,926 female; 3,961 male) engaged in implementing their programs, plans, and activities.



VOLUNTEERISM STATISTICS BUILD-UP

I. BUILDING STATISTICS ON VOLUNTEERISM



Orientation cum Workshop on Building Statistics held on November 23 at Quezon City

On March 1, PNVSCA conducted an online meeting workshop titled "Building Statistics on Volunteerism", attended by 11 participants (7 female; 4 male) from 11 government institutions. The activity aimed to validate with sector agencies the status of volunteerism in the country as reflected in the draft Philippine Volunteerism Agenda and Framework Plan (PVAFP), identify data gaps, and recommend possible sources of data; identify volunteer-related statistics that will be collected regularly by agencies and determine means or strategies that will ensure the sustainable collection of the identified statistics; and explore ways on how to better harness the potential of volunteerism as a strategy to achieve sector and agency outcomes.

Another orientation cum-workshop to build volunteer statistics was held on November 22, bringing together 18 representatives from various sectors to share experiences in implementing volunteer programs and projects and explore ways to improve and sustain volunteer-related data collection. As each agency and office explained their data-gathering procedures, the ensuing breakout groups allowed participants to learn from each other's volunteering programs and projects. During a session, attendees compared and contrasted their performance indicators or volunteerism-related data with that collected by PNVSCA using the Quarterly Volunteer Statistics report form and its Volunteer Engagement in the Public Sector (VEPS) reporting system.



Orientation cum Workshop on Building Statistics held on November 23 at Quezon City

VOLUNTEERISM STATISTICS BUILD-UP

II. GENERATING VOLUNTEERING STATISTICS THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SYSTEM AND LABOR FORCE SURVEY STATISTICS ON VOLUNTEERISM

Given its mandate. PNVSCA aims to strengthen its capacity to provide relevant and up-to-date volunteering data. Such data will help guide various government agencies at the national and subnational levels in policies, crafting procedures. and mechanisms for implementing volunteering programs, projects, and activities (PPAs). The Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) and the Labor Force Survey (LFS) were identified as opportunities to integrate volunteerism-related questions, thereby generating credible data from the local and national communities.

PNVSCA, in partnership with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), has included the volunteer work module in the CBMS used by LGUs in the 2022 rollout. During the first semester, the Agency closely coordinated with PSA for the availability and use of the full volunteerism-related microdata from the 2022 CBMS rollout and similar volunteerism data collected from past labor force surveys for data processing training.

The Agency, in partnership with the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI), conducted two (2) trainings on Data Processing and Analysis of Volunteer Data from the CBMS and LFS on August 21 to 25 and October 16 to 20, respectively, at the PSRTI's Training Hall in Quezon City. Around 75 representatives from 46 NGAs, HEIs, LGUs, and PNVSCA staff were trained in data processing and analysis of volunteerism data.

The Agency also submitted a proposal for the implementation of the Volunteer Work Survey through the LFS which was approved and endorsed by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) and the Department of Budget and Management for implementation in 2024.



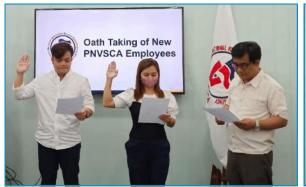


VOLUNTEERISM STATISTICS BUILD-UP

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

I. RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, AND PLACEMENT

PNVSCA's workforce has undergone growth and transition, with PNVSCA officials and employees serving as members of the Human Resource Merit Promotion and Selection Board (HRMPSB). The Agency welcomed four new employees: Ms. Maria Dana Joselito B. Lim, Senior VSO assigned at the Office of the Executive Director; Mr. Jeffrey N. Almazan, VSO II assigned at the Policy, Advocacy, and Technical Services Division (PATSD); Ms. Mhiouki Glyeh C. Esquivel, Admin. Asst. II and Ms. Ma. Sophia B. Navarro, Administrative Officer I who are both assigned to the Administration, Finance, and Management Division (AFMD).



Mr. Almazan and Ms. Esquivel (left) Oath Taking with Executive Director Gawe (right)



Executive Director Gawe (left) with newly appointed AO I, Ms. Navarro (middle) and AFMD Chief, Mr. Carlos

II. LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

As part of the Agency's thrust in improving and upskilling its human resources, 32 training courses were attended by PNVSCA employees.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC)

- Participation to the Forum on Public Service Excellence
- Government Online Career Fair (GOCF)
- 2023 PCSA Plant Run (Activity)
- CSC Online Zumba and Film Showing (Activity)

STAKEHOLDER'S CHAMBER (SC) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

- 2023 3rd Quarter HRM Fellowship Meeting and Learning Session
- Workshop on the Conceptualization and Development of Space Web Application

PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (PSRTI)

- Training Course on Data
 Processing and Analysis of
 Volunteer Data from the
 Community-Based Monitoring
 System (CBMS)
- Data Visualization Tips and Tricks
- Training Course on Labor Force Survey (LFS)

GAD Fora Consulting

- Gender-Based Violence
- GAD Legal Mandates
- The Basics of Gender Analysis
- GAD Agenda Orientation
- Gender-Fair Language: Principles and Practice

COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA)

- Webinar on Appraisal and Disposal of Government Property (ADGP)
- Webinar on Cash Management and Control System (CMCS)

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

- Training Program on Designing Citizen-Centered Public Service (DCCPS)
- Webinar Series on Human Capital Development as a Driver in Improving Public Sector Productivity
- Training Program on Designing Citizen-Centered Public Service (DCCPS)

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ESKWELABS EVENTS TEAM Training on Democratizing Data Literacy in the Workplace	PNVSCABuilding Statistics on Volunteerism WorkshopMicrosoft 365 and Teams	CIVIL SERVICE INSTITUTE (CSI) Competency-Based Behavioral Event Interview Course
BIZMAKER TAX AND ACCOUNTING CONSULTANCY SERVICES Comprehensive Income Taxation; Value-Added Tax; Expanded Withholding Tax	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION (CCC) CCC Net Zero Challenge (Activity)	PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE (PCO) 2023 Hangouts for FOI Receiving Officers (FROs) Batch 2
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) GSIS AAO Orientation and Re-training ASSOCIATION OF	COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF FILIPINO VALUES (CRFV) Values Restoration Program (VRP) Capacity Building IX	ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT INTERNAL AUDITORS (AGIA) Training on Government Procurement Reform Act (R.A. 9184) and its Revised IRR and Updates
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (AGAP) AGAP Annual Convention- Seminar	MIRIAM COLLEGE WOMEN AND GENDER INSTITUTE (MC-WAGI) MC-WAGI Mid-year Training on Migration and Development Program	COMMISSION ON FILIPINO OVERSEAS (CFO) BaLinkBayan Stakeholders Conference

III. GENERAL ADMIN AND SUPPORT

Participation in the National Women's Month and International Women's Day Celebration

As part of the National Women's Month and International Women's Day celebration, PNVSCA, Laguna State Polytechnic University (LSPU), and the CALABARZON Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) conducted a Forum on GAD and Volunteerism on March 8 that gathered more than 110 participants (96 female; 14 male). The forum highlighted various volunteerism efforts and stories of partners anchored on gender-responsive projects, programs, and activities contributing to inclusive development.



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IV. LOYALTY AND SPECIAL AWARDS RECOGNITION

The Agency also held its Annual Performance Recognition Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Ceremony to recognize the exemplary service rendered by its employees. The following staff received PNVSCA Service Loyalty Awards: Ms. Diosita P. Mendoza (35 years), Ms. Marites S. Dela Fuente (30 years), Ms. Fely M. Baday (5 years), and Ms. Arianne Rose C. Maghanoy (5 years). Additionally, Mr. Iñigo B. Lazar, Jr. was awarded Best in Attendance, and Mr. Kenneth C. Siruelo received the Most Punctual Employee award. These recognitions were presented by Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe and Deputy Executive Director Ms. Ela Victoria F. Sarmago.



V. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In recognition of the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of PNVSCA's FY 2022 financial reports and financial performance for the year, PNVSCA was awarded as one of the Outstanding Accounting Offices in Calendar Year 2022. Executive Director Donald James D. Gawe, and Ms. Joymarie M. Estonilo, Accountant III, Ms. Diosita P. Mendoza, Administrative Assistant III, and Ms. Trexie T. Bautista, Administrative Officer I, received the plaque of recognition awarded by the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP), Inc. on

October 18, 2023, at the SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City. For FY 2023, PNVSCA was able to obligate 97.41% or P37,772,899.32 of its P38,775,353.33 total allotment with an actual disbursement amounting to P35,853,903.01 or 94.92% of the total obligations.

PNVSCA was able to achieve and has exceeded its FY2023 performance targets through the strategic and dynamic stewardship of Director Gawe. As a result of networking, Agency's systematic the successful collaborations with partners and potential partners, continuous mainstreaming of volunteerism, and monitoring of volunteer assisted-projects, to name a few, PNVSCA's expected outputs and outcomes as indicated FY2023 in the General Appropriations Act (R.A. 11936) were surpassed.



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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE COORDINATING AGENCY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of 31 December 2023 In Philippine Peso

ASSETS

Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equiv	valents	50,000.00			
Receivables		3,111,857.75			
Inventories		168,925.81			
Other Current Assets		968,071.17			
Total Current Assets	5		4,298,854.73		
Non-Current Assets					
Property, Plant and E	quipment	5,666,512.20			
Intangible Assets		2,403,111.00			
Other Non-Current A		636,819.84			
Total Non-Current A	ssets		8,706,443.04		
Total Assets			13,005,297.77		
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Financial Liabilities		1,965,921.58			
Inter-Agency Payable	S	234,155.72			
Total Current Liabili	ies		2,200,077.30		
Total Liabilities			2,200,077.30		
NET ASSETS/EQUITY					
Accumulated Surplus	s/(Deficit)		10,805,220.47		
Total Net Assets/Equ	iity		13,005,297.77		
Revenue					
Shares, Grants and I	Donations				
Shares, Grants and D	onations	-			
Service and Business	Income	-			
Total Revenue			-		
Less: Current Operating Exp	oenses				
Personnel Services		20,913,100.95			
Maintenance and Oth Non-Cash Expenses	er Operating Expenses	11,072,984.68 732,016.70			
Total Current Operat	ing Expenses		32,718,102.33		
Surplus/(Deficit) from Curre	ent Operations		(32,718,102.33)		
Net Financial Assistance/So Sale of Assets	ubsidy		36,026,963.29 3,376.89		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the per	iod		3,312,237.85		
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PNVSCA EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN ACTION: PNVSCA EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION'S (PEA) COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

In a display of solidarity and commitment to volunteer service, PEA actively engaged in various community initiatives for 2023. PEA's involvement in voluntary blood donation, clean-up drives, and Bayanihan Day in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, reflected the spirit of volunteerism and underscored the employee's dedication to public service and community development.



I. PEA SUPPORTS VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION

PEA, together with the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) IV-A, and Bureau of Agricultural and Fisheries Engineering (BAFE) supported the Department of Health (DOH) – Philippine Blood Center (PBC)'s voluntary blood donation initiative last May 4, held at the SRA Social Hall, Diliman, Quezon City.

A total of 111 individuals from the SRA compound-based agencies, Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI), Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System Office (MWSSO), Tariff Commission, and Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) participated in the event.

Republic Act No. 7719, also known as the National Blood Services Act of 1994, promotes voluntary blood donation to provide a sufficient supply of safe blood and to regulate blood banks. This act aims to inculcate public awareness that blood donation is a humanitarian act.



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II. PEA JOINS INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION'S "CLEANTRAMUROS"

More than 300 volunteers from the public and the private sectors, academic institutions, and PNVSCA employees joined the Intramuros Administration's launch of 'Cleantramuros' on March 17.

In a conversation with PEA officers, Intramuros Administration Officer-in-Charge of Urban Planning and Community Development Mr. Jeffrey P. Yap, mentioned that Cleantramuros will engage schools and universities around Intramuros, especially since the schools have an NSTP program. PNVSCA Executive Director Donald James Gawe also talked to IA Administrator Joan Padilla and gave his insights on ways to sustain the Cleantramuros volunteering activity. IA's commitment to regular clean-up drives reflects a broader mission to educate and reveal the true beauty of Intramuros, fostering a sense of responsibility for the community's well-being.



III. PEA CELEBRATES BAYANIHAN DAY IN BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO

PNVSCA organized the first ever Bayanihan Day ng mga Lehitimong Asosasyon ng mga Manggagawa ng Pamahalaan (BDLAMP) on September 30, hosted by the Municipal Government of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro. The event involved simultaneous volunteering activities conducted in 12 barangays, with more than a thousand volunteers from 21 organizations, including 15 government agencies and six (6) civil society organizations (CSOs). The activities benefited over 5,000 individuals in the Municipality of Bongabong.

The BDLAMP aims to ignite the spirit of volunteerism among government workers with support from their management, highlighting the need for unity in addressing socio-economic issues through a whole-of-government/society approach. This also celebrates the commitment of government employees to public service excellence and nation-building through volunteerism.



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IV. YEAR-END THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

PNVSCA's Year-end Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration was filled with camaraderie and entertainment creating joyous memories for the staff on December 13 at B Hotel. Ms. Arianne Maghanoy of PATSD opened the program with a doxology, followed by a warm welcome and a brief message from Deputy Executive Director Ms. Ela Victoria Sarmago.

The program included parlor games and intermission dance numbers, featuring performances from PNVSCA officials and employees. Raffle draws offering cash prizes and tokens, added to the festive spirit. PEA President, Mr. Raymart Maruquez expressed gratitude to all the staff and announced the distribution of goodie items funded by PEA. Executive Director Donald James Gawe capped off the event with a heartwarming message of gratitude to the employees of PNVSCA. He also shared some key takeaways and ways forward for the upcoming year marking a delightful conclusion to the event.



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THRUST AND DIRECTION FOR 2024



- Intensify advocacy on volunteerism as a development strategy and upscale technical assistance on mainstreaming volunteerism through the conduct of similar activities;
- Effective placement of inbound international and outbound Filipino volunteers aligned with the priorities identified in the National Volunteer Deployment Framework anchored on the PDP and the SDGs;
- Improvement of knowledge management and setting up mechanisms for gathering volunteerism statistics towards an evidence-based policy formulation and effective program/project implementation (volunteer management);
- Expand and strengthen linkages, partnerships, and networking with other government agencies, the private sector, and the international volunteer community to effectively harness volunteer services for local and national development and international cooperation and understanding;
- Provide technical assistance to NGAs, LGUs, private and not-for-profit organizations on mainstreaming volunteerism in their operations and volunteerism management;
- Complete and adopt the Philippine Volunteerism Agenda and Framework Plan;
- Intensify M&E, conduct problem-solving and sharing sessions and coordination meetings with partners; and
- Maintenance of the 'Be a Volunteer' Portal.

MULTI-SECTORAL ADVISORY BODY

MEMBERS

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