

HINGATUNGAN Lupong Tagapamayapa (HILUTA) of Silago, Southern Leyte

Description:

HINGATUNGAN Lupong Tagapamayapa (HILUTA) is the award winning Katarungang Pambarangay (KP) of Brgy Hingatungan, Silago, Southern Leyte. It's unique approach to KP administration involving senior citizens sustained a 100% settlement of barangay disputes over a period of five (5) years, from 2012-2016. It has consistently bagged the top awards in the DILG LTIA and has been named Hall of Famer in 2016 for having won the awards in three consecutive years.

Implementation

The Hingatungan Lupong Tagapamayapa or popularly known in the barangay as "HILUTA team" is an all-senior citizen group of lupon members having their strong commitment and dedication to serve and help all the Hingatunganons resolve their conflicts amicably. They are guided with their vision and mission statements as presented below:

The Vision: *The Hingatungan Lupong Tagapamayapa will be a model of innovation and excellence in the administration and operation of the Katarungang Pambarangay in the entire country.*

The Mission: *The Lupong Tagapamayapa shall pursue the following:*

- 1. Proactive and sustainable strategies in settling barangay disputes;*
- 2. Maintain the highest standard of professionalism in the discharge of official duties and responsibilities as members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa;*
- 3. Uphold the spirit of time-honored traditions of pakikisama (community-spirit), utang na loob (debt of gratitude) and kinship.*

Strategies

Efficiency in Operations.

The Lupon adheres strictly to the settlement procedures in accordance with the KP Law. In times of confusions, the Lupon Chairman immediately coordinates with the DILG Officer for clarification, either by personal visit or via phone call. It likewise invites the DILG Officer for a Quarterly Assessment of Performance to continuously guide them for the proper process. Further, the Lupon meet regularly every month and have a systematic and updated record-keeping which is also utilizing a computer system for KP implementation.

Effectiveness in Securing KP Objectives

The Lupon of Hingatungan is proud to have achieved a 100% solution rate. Among the 34 cases

filed before the Lupon, two (2) were conciliated and 32 were mediated. Nevertheless, not a single case was repudiated and it has achieved a 100% compliance with the terms of settlement due to the conduct of post-settlement monitoring program.

Creativity and Resourcefulness of the Lupon Tagapamayapa

What is strong for this nominee-Lupon is the so-called SYNERGY created by the overwhelming support from the Lupon itself, the barangay government, the municipal government, the provincial government, the National Government Agencies, the Private Sector, CSOs, the constituents and the 2015's partnership with the Church in furtherance of a strong, effective and efficient KP implementation. For 2015, innovations include "Song for Peace", launching of HUSAY-BAK, and the installation of Wall of Peace (WOP).

Furthermore, part of being a creative lupon team includes the strategies in disseminating the merits of the program to the populace like the regular "Lupon Time" during Barangay assembly meetings, IECs in all puroks as well as mentoring other lupon of other barangays and municipalities. The Hingatungan Lupon Tagapamayapa (HILUTA) also initiates the so-called Regular "Food for the Brain Series" wherein knowledgeable individuals are invited to render orientation-briefing on specific laws and ordinances before the constituents and the members of the Lupon. The members of the Lupon team also continues to support KP trainings conducted by different offices by extending perfect attendance in those trainings.

Finally, the Air-conditioned Bulwagan ng Katarungang Pambarangay was maintained to ensure a stronger and smoother implementation of the KP program, together with the very strong support system from all of their stakeholders.

Results

- In a period of five years (2012-2016), out of 157 cases filed before the barangay, 100% were successfully settled which means that 157 disputants were able to save money, time and relationships;
- The government also benefited from their accomplishment because an estimated PhP 9,500.00 per case (or a total of 1,491,500.00) savings was achieved;
- The accomplishment of 157 amicably settled cases were able to save 157 relationships – being neighbors, friends, relatives or ka-barangay;
- Empowerment of the Senior Citizens (society-considered highly vulnerable sector) in the barangay

- Promotion of people support and participation;
- It has greatly helped in the attainment of a peaceful, orderly and united barangay. In fact, this can be observed during major barangay development activities like environmental activities (clean-up), social and even cultural activities that many visitors label this barangay as “Super Bibo”.
- The unity that was built and strengthened through this is also believed to be the reason behind successful implementation of other government programs – National awardee for Best Brigada Eskwela implementation through DepEd, Excellence in Health Program implementation through DOH and National awardee for the management of irrigation programs through NIA.