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Lugar	Petsa	Lugar sang miembro nga pwede makatambong
Cauayan Arts Center, Cauayan, Negros Occidental	Marso 29, 2025	Cauayan, Candoni, Sipalay City, kag Hinoba- an
NOCECO Multi-purpose Gym NOCECO Main Office, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental	April 5, 2025	Kabankalan City, Ilog, Himamaylan City, Binalbagan, Hinigaran Isabela, Moises Padilla, La Castellana, kag La Carlota City
Pontavedra Municipal Gym Pontevedra, Negros Occidental	April 12, 2025	Pontevedra, San Enrique, Valladolid, Kag Pulupandan

Sa adlaw sang assembly, ang pagpangrehistro magasugod alas 8:00 tubtub alas 10:00 sang aga. Ang miembro nga ara sa Masterlist of Members amo ang pwede ka tambong. Dapat nga miembro guid ang magtambong bangud indi mabaton ang proxy ukon substitute sa ti-on sang assembly. Magadala sang isa (1) sa mga valid IDs pareho sang:

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NOCECO Secures New Power Supply Agreement with KSPC



n a significant step towards ensuring a reliable and sustainable power supply for its consumers, Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative (NOCECO) has successfully finalized a Power Supply Agreement (PSA) with KEPCO Salcon Power Corporation (KSPC). This achievement marks the culmination of a rigorous and transparent Competitive Selection Process (CSP).

The journey to secure this crucial power source began in 2022, driven by NOCECO's commitment to meeting the steadily growing energy demands of its franchise area. Adhering to Department of Energy Circular No. DC2018-02-0003, as amended under Department of Energy Circular 2021-09-0030, NOCECO initiated its first CSP. However, despite attracting potential bidders, the initial round proved unsuccessful as no viable proposals were submitted. were submitted.

Undeterred, NOCECO's Technical Working Group undertook a thorough revision of the Terms of Reference, aiming to create a more attractive environment for potential bidders. This strategic adjustment proved fruitful, leading to the successful second round of the CSP on billy 10, 2023 the CSP on July 10, 2023.

Among the two participants who submitted bid proposals, KSPC emerged as the winning bidder, offering a competitive rate of Php 6.7654/kWh, subject to actual fuel cost adjustments. Following the issuance of the Notice of Award, the proposed contract underwent meticulous review processes, culminating in the signing of the PSA between NOCECO and KSPC on February 2, 2024, after receiving the necessary approval from the National Electrification Administration (NFA)

Recognizing the urgency of bolstering NOCECO's power supply, the cooperative immediately processed the application for approval of the PSA before the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). This crucial step was essential for KSPC to commence power delivery.

On November 14, 2024, NOCECO received a milestone Notice from the ERC, granting interim relief to implement the PSA, subject to specific conditions. This pivotal approval paved the way for KSPC to begin supplying 10MW of baseload power to NOCECO on December 7, 2024.

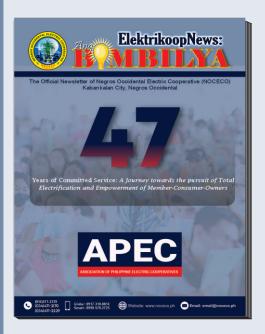
This new PSA with KSPC is a significant win for NOCECO's consumers. It provides a much-needed boost to the cooperative's power capacity, complementing the existing 10MW baseload contract with PCPC. This increased capacity will contribute to a more stable and reliable power supply, mitigating potential disruptions and fostering economic growth within the region.

Looking ahead, NOCECO recognizes the importance of continuous improvement in its power sourcing strategy. With energy demands projected to rise, the cooperative is committed to conducting further CSPs, particularly in 2025, to ensure a secure and sustainable energy future for its valued customers. This proactive approach underscores NOCECO's dedication to providing efficient and reliable electricity services to the communities it serves.



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COVER STORY



"47 Years of Committed Service: A Journey towards the pursuit of Total Electrification and Empowerment of Member-Consumer-Owners"

For many years, the service dedicated to electrification has changed many lives. As we mark 47 years of service, we reflect on our journey aimed at attaining our goal of total electrification and empowering our Member-Consumer-Owners (MCOs). This milestone signifies unwavering commitment of aiding communities through accessible electricity and active participation in the energy landscape, making it a true celebration of progress.

However, the path to total electrification is not easy. There were many challenges that we have faced yet we continue to rise and find creative solutions – driven by our mission to ensure that every community enjoys reliable and sustainable energy.

Our Cooperative's efforts extend beyond simply providing electricity; we are dedicated to uplifting communities, fostering economic development, enhancing the standard of living for countless individuals, and forging strong partnerships with our MCOs who have played an important role in this journey.

As we continue to move forward, our objective still remains clear: to further empower our MCOs while advancing the drive towards the quest for total electrification.

We are deeply grateful to each and every one of our MCOs for being a vital part of NOCECO's journey. The Cooperative continues to stay committed to this very mission, ensuring we not only illuminate homes but also light the way to a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

-TMY

NEA NEWS

Nearly P2-Billion Worth of Loans Granted to 36 Electric Cooperatives in 2024-NEA



The National Electrification Administration (NEA) facilitated a total of P1.8-billion state-funded loans, benefiting at least 36 electric cooperatives (ECs) in 2024, data released by the Accounts Management and Guarantee Department (AMGD) showed.

Bulk of the funds worth P1.19-billion went to the capital expenditure (CapEx) projects of 30 ECs in Bataan, Bohol, Bukidnon, Camarines Sur, Capiz, Cebu, Davao del Sur, Iloilo, Leyte, Masbate, Misamis Oriental, Negros Oriental, Northern Samar, Nueva Ecija, Romblon, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sulu, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Tarlac and Zamboanga del Norte.

The NEA-AMGD also processed working capital loans worth P607-million distributed to eleven (11) ECs serving electricity consumers in Capiz, Camarines Sur, Camotes Island, Davao del Norte, Guimaras, Kalinga Apayao, Marinduque, Negros Oriental, Sultan Kudarat and Ticao Island.

Bohol I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO I) borrowed P13.33-million as calamity loan to finance the rehabilitation of the Janopol Mini-Hydro Power Plant, which was damaged by super typhoon 'Odette' in 2021.

The NEA under the incumbent administration provides financial assistance to its partner ECs through the Enhanced Lending Program. The mechanism aims to ensure their operations will continue for the benefit of their member-consumer-owners.

Source: https://www.nea.gov.ph/

Celebrating 47 Years of Service and Unity: A Look at Our Foundation Anniversary Activities



By: Neizel V. Borja

ebruary 25, 2025, we stand on the threshold of a significant milestone-the 47th foundation anniversary of the Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative (NOCECO). This year's theme "47 Years of Service: Energizing Lives, Empowering Generations "is a celebration of years of commitment, growth and community spirit.

Employees, Member-Consumer-Owners, and other stakeholders were enjoined in commemorating the shared journey.

The activities kicked off with a heartfelt celebration of a Holy Mass at the NOCECO Multi-Purpose gym. A grand motorcade through the streets of Kabankalan City to NOCECO headquarters created a sense of excitement and pride. The motorcade was followed by fun activities like the giant volleyball and bingo sessions that keep the crowd engaged.

As the days progressed, the anniversary celebrations continued with exciting sports events. The basketball games and volleyball matches brought strong competition and incredible teamwork. The event also embraced the digital age with e-sports like Mobile Legends tournaments. Participants showcased their gaming skills in a friendly yet competitive environment. These activities not only promoted physical fitness but also allowed employees and the community to bond over shared interests.

"Pusuan Mo Ako" on February 14 was coined as a special Valentine's Day celebration for select single ladies and men. This heart-warming program allowed participants to mingle and enjoy each other's company while spectators were thrilled with the match-making event. The atmosphere was filled with joy, laughter and connections, making it an unforgettable part of the anniversary festivities.

The anniversary also featured the "LakTak 2025: Power Love on the Run," a nationwide event organized by the electric cooperatives. The run/walk activity promoted health and wellness, as well as symbolized the cooperative's commitment to sustainability and the collective spirit of its member-consumerowners and other stakeholders.

The month-long celebration culminated on February 28, 2025, with the Foundation Anniversary program. Employee milestones were recognized through the "Gawad Parangal" segment. A total of 45 employees, who have served for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years, received their well-deserved plaques. Six retirees were honored with a token of gratitude for their years of hard work and dedication to contribute to the cooperative growth and fulfilment of its mission. The program included a spectacular dance performance by various groups showcasing their talents that amplified the festive atmosphere. The raffle prizes also added an element of surprise and excitement to the attendees.

As the 47th Foundation Anniversary celebration concluded, the cooperative reflected on its achievements, growth and steadfast commitment since the beginning. This celebration is a reminder of the power of unity, dedication and the enduring spirit of NOCECO and its employees to serve the community through rural electrification.

Cooperative Collaborates with Barangay Caliling for Environmental Initiatives

n December 16, 2024, the Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative (NOCECO) partnered with the Barangay Caliling Council, health workers, tanod, Bantay Dagat and the Caliling-Pasalan Farmers and Fisherfolk Association (CAPAFFA) to conduct a coastal clean-up and mangrove planting activity.

The initiative was held at the 3-hectare Mangrove Reforestation Area in Sitio Pasalan, Municipality of Cauayan.



By: Christine Pia S. Sia

Barangay Kagawad Joery J. Magdasal led an orientation before the activity, teaching participants the proper methods of planting mangrove seedlings and highlighting their vital role in environmental conservation.

This collaboration is part of NOCECO's broader environmental advocacy in partnership with various local government units (LGUs) within its coverage area. Such efforts demonstrate the Cooperative's commitment to environmental stewardship while fostering greater involvement from its members.

In recognition of their efforts, fifty (50) MCOs from CAPAFFA received 5-kilo sacks of rice as Christmas tokens of appreciation from the Coop.

NOCECO headed by its Project Supervisor and Acting General Manager, Domingo S. Santiago, Jr. extended its gratitude to the LGU of Caliling, headed by Punong Barangay Josel D. Popioco, for their continuous support. The Cooperative anticipates further strengthening partnerships and fostering meaningful community initiatives in the days to come.

It can be recalled that prior to these environmental efforts, the Coop organized the launch and endorsement of this project on November 20, 2024, which was witnessed by the barangay council, members of CAPAFFA, and its MCOs. Alongside this, a 3-hectare upland area was also adopted by NOCECO as part of its sustainability program. The council's plaque of recognition and tokens were also presented during this event held at the People's Hall.



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47th Foundation Anniversary Month-long Activities



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In the Pursuit of Excellence

"We Serve Because We Care"

This perhaps is NOCECO's perpetual commitment to provide quality electric distribution services. In its pursuit of excellent service, the Cooperative once again received numerous awards & recognitions from the National Electrification Administration (NEA), Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA) and the Philippine Federation of Electric Cooperatives (PHILFECO). For four successive years, NOCECO has been a testament of unwavering and steadfast commitment to the rural electrification program.

By: Kissa C. Orcena

The NEA 2024 Lumens Awards and the PHILRECA Awards from the Wires 2024 were respectively held last August 31, 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City.

The 2024 Lumens awarding ceremony conferred by NEA was conducted during the celebration of its 55th Founding Anniversary and with that, NOCECO was able to receive:

• EC WITH FULLY LIQUIDATED SUBSIDY FUND - for timely submission of complete documentary requirements in the liquidation of government subsidy funds thereby ensuring compliance to good governance and sound fiscal management.

A set of recognition awarded to NOCECO was spearheaded by PHILRECA during its Awards from the Wires 2024 alongside its 45th Annual General Membership Meeting. The Cooperative was able to bag the following:

- MCO CHAMPION AWARD for having organized its member-consumer-owners at the barangay level and for empowering the MCOs of NOCECO to become advocates of the rural electrification movement
- STATE OF THE ART WORKPLACE AWARD for maintaining a model workplace conducive for the optimal performance of its staff and personnel as they pursue the goals of the rural electrification movement.
- OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH EXCELLENCE AWARD for achieving operation and services without incurring occupational casualties and for observing and strictly implementing effective safety measures in its operations.
- OUTSTANDING RADIO PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD in recognition of the efforts to establish a radio program that exemplifies commitment to community service, genuine and accurate news and information.
- OUTSTANDING TV PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD in recognition of the efforts to establish a TV program that exemplifies commitment to community service, genuine and accurate news and information.
- DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AWARD for establishing a mobile application for EC Services and for being an outstanding member-EC of PHILRECA notwithstanding all difficulties confronting the rural electrification movement.
- PROMPT PAYOR AWARD for committing itself to timely and
 efficient settlement of its annual dues as a member EC of
 PHILRECA. Its determination to settle its financial obligations as
 a member EC has contributed to PHILRECA's outstanding
 collection efficiency.
- PLATINUM STELLAR AWARD for attaining an exemplary high collection efficiency despite constraints and restrictions. This achievement was reached with determination, perseverance, and diligence, and resulted to the financial stability and sustainability of the electric cooperative.
- MODEL MEMBER EC AWARD for fulfilling all its financial obligations and for settling all payments for webinars, trainings and other events and services of PHILRECA.
- INFORMATION EMPOWERMENT CATALYST AWARD for its extensive conduct of information, education, communication campaign and drive to promote awareness and improve the knowledge base of the member-consumer-owners of the electric cooperative sector.



The NEA Lumens Awards, PHILRECA Awards from the Wires, and PHILFECO Recognition 2024

The Philippine Federation of Electric Cooperatives (PHILFECO) has also recognized NOCECO as one of its ORIGINAL INCORPORATORS - in recognition of its pioneering efforts as an ORIGINAL INCORPORATOR of PHILFECO, trailblazing and paving the way for the formation of the Federation and its eventual organization and establishment as a duly registered cooperative institution. This was received by Project Supervisor / Acting General Manager Domingo S. Santiago, Jr. last April 12, 2024 during the 17th PHILFECO Annual General Assembly Meeting held at Henann Resort, Alona Beach, Panglao, Bohol.

Undoubtedly, this set of awards & recognitions is a manifestation of NOCECO's unyielding efforts in the name of quality service and in the pursuit of excellence. The Cooperative will surely continue to do its best in order to magnify the Coop's tagline; "WE SERVE BECAUSE WE CARE."







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HON. SERGIO C. DAGO-OC **APEC REPRESENTATIVE &**

HOUSE OF

CONGRESS, ASSISTANT MINORITY LEADER

Honorable Dagooc started in the electrification sector as a lineman. Through his passion and determination towards bettering his career; he would juggle as an employee by day and being a student by night. Driven by his courage to pursue further studies; he rose from the ranks and defied limits as he became the General Manager of SIARELCO & DIELCO. Fuelled by his unwavering commitment for the rural electrification movement, he became the Representative of APEC Partylist in the 18th Congress.

Now on his second term on the 19th Congress, he was elected as the Assistant Minority Leader for his outstanding performance as a legislator. He is also a proud member of different key committees in the House of Representatives:

- **Appropriations**
- Cooperative Development Legislative Franchises
- Dangerous Drugs
- Ecology
- Energy
- Foreign Affairs

- Justice

- Land Use
- Mindanao Affairs
- Nuclear Energy
- Public Accounts
- Public Information
- Government Reorganization Public Order and Safety
 - Public Works and Highways
- Rural Development
- Senior Citizens
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Veterans Affairs and Welfare
- Ways and Means
- Rules

As a true defender of the Rural Electrification Movement, Honorable Dagooc vows to protect the interests of the general electricity consumers and to prioritize the energy sector in all his endeavour and legislative agenda.





NOCECO RETRO YEAR - END THANKSGIVING PARTY



The solid team of the Transmission & Distribution Department (TDD) pose altogether during their photo opportunity

2024

By: Alexandrea Krista V. Matulac

A night of nostalgia and hearts full of gratitude – this combination sums up this year's NOCECO Year-End Thanksgiving Party. Blending in the theme were vintage decors, timeless tunes and the spirit of thanksgiving and togetherness among employees. This year's theme is: "Reminiscing the Past. Grateful for the Present. Hopeful for the Future."

The event started with the celebration of the holy mass in the morning at the NOCECO activity area, in the main office last December 20, 2024. It was attended by office employees and was aired via zoom for area offices. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Jude Garceniego who emphasized the importance of looking back to NOCECO's humble beginnings and milestones. He added that as employees we should be grateful for being presently employed and to be hopeful that better things are promised for our Cooperative.

The evening was a colourful tribute to the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's eras. Employees came in vibrant get-up inspired by these years. Some opted to wear vintage dresses while men showcased their retro flairs, fedoras and suspenders channelling the 60's vibe. Other were inspired by the groovy 70's wearing colourful disco suits, bell-bottom pants, psychedelic prints and flowy bohemian tops while the rest chose to embrace the bold neon colors of the 80's and with their preppy varsity jackets. Everyone brought their own twist to the retro theme making this year's party a unique time-travel occasion.

Employees, spouses and guests were treated to a delectable dinner prepared by different departments and areas while listening to the band. The band's performance brought the retro theme alive with an energetic mix of the timeless music of the past decades from disco, swing, rock n' roll and classic ballads. A standout moment was when everyone danced with the tune of the iconic disco sounds.



GRAND CHAMPION

The tandem of the ESD & CCSD was the dance
presentation's highlight as the team was announced as the grand champion

The dance presentation was one of the highlights of the said event. It was a showcase of NOCECO employees' talents in retro-themed dances. Employees took the stage bringing the energy of the past generations to life with their nostalgic choreography. The team of the Engineering Services Department (ESD) and Communication & Customer Service Department (CCSD) bagged this year's first place. The tandem of the Corporate Planning Department (CorPlan) and the Human Resource Management & Development Department (HRMDD) won the 2nd place while employees from Area 1 secured the 3rd spot.

Excitement filled the night as the much-awaited raffle winners were announced. Employees paid attention to the screen as the host announced the lucky winners while the crowd cheered in anticipation. Whether they won big or small, the spirit of fun made the raffle segment one of the most exciting moments of the night.

This year's retro year-end thanksgiving party was more than just an event. It was a tribute to the past, a celebration of milestones and a toast to the future. The event served as a reminder of the joys we have experienced in coming together and the unforgettable memories of good old-fashioned fun.



The corporate Planning Department (CORPLAN) & Human Resource Management & Development Department (HRMDD) during the finale of their dance performance



Area 1 employees were in full swing as they grooved to the beat of their retro-inspired music and bagged the third place award

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By: Alexandrea Krista V. Matulac

NOCECO KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

The holiday season is the great time to bring joy and excitement to children. NOCECO once again held the NOCECO Kids' Christmas Party last December 23, 2024 to bring holiday cheers to the employees' children ages 10 years old and below.



NOCECO KIDS were all smiles as they posed together with the mascots during the NOCECO kids Christmas Party

The cartoon-themed Christmas party made the celebration even more fun as the kids came dressed in their cartoon character inspired get-up. From fairytale princesses to superheros, cartoon movie to book character inspired costumes, the kids lived-up to this year's party theme.

This event is the perfect occasion to bring together families therefore we designed activities in a way where our employees and their kids could enjoy. A photo booth was set-up for families to pose together. The one-hundred seven (107) attendees this year reveled in joy as the NOCECO employees greeted them with fun games, lots of prizes and Christmas treats. They were treated with ice cream, cotton candy and popcorn from the food cart stations. They were also given happy meals and toys from McDonald's and Christmas bags of goodies from the Cooperative.

Added to the fun-filled afternoon were the singing, dancing and some entertainment facilitated by our friends from McDonald's Kabankalan. The kids and their parents were fascinated by the games, interaction and picture-taking with the mascots Grimace and Birdie.

The highlight of the event was the bubble show. The venue was filled with bubbles floating in the air while the kids run around and cheered joyfully catching the bubbles as they slowly disappear. They also experienced the magic of going inside the giant bubble. Their eyes glowed in amazement as they step into the soft, translucent and delicate bubble walls. It's as though time has slowed down and they were in a dreamlike moment, indeed a one for the books experience.

The NOCECO Kids Christmas Party was more than just fun and games; it's an opportunity to bring little hearts together and make them head back to their homes with strengthened bonds with their hard-working parents. This activity is part of NOCECO'S Family Welfare Program and our way of making good holiday stories and memories that our employees and their families will cherish and treasure forever.





BEYOND THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY



By: Trisha M. Yangan

egros Occidental has faced unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing volcanic activities of Mount Kanlaon. It was June 3, 2024 when an eruption spewed ash plume over the parts of Bago, La Carlota City, La Castellana and Canlaon City. This impacted local communities- most especially in La Castellana which was the worst-hit area by the eruption. This phreatic eruption was followed by heavy rainfall that triggered lahars, severely affecting roads and waterways-disrupting daily life for many residents.

The situation escalated with the volcano's second eruption on December 9, which again unleashed ash plume and pyroclastic flows. The ongoing emissions of sulfur dioxide, recorded at alarming levels, signified that the volcanic unrest was far from over. Residents experienced devastation as the eruptions not only disrupted their way

of life but also put many families in dire financial straits.

With primary sources of income lost, families found themselves unable to meet their financial obligations, leading local government units (LGUs)

to urgently call for support and assistance. Many have been forced to reside in evacuation centers, as safety concerns leave little choice but to prioritize security over comfort, often for extended periods—up to six months, as indicated by the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD).

In this time of crisis, NOCECO stepped in to assist. The cooperative distributed 200 sacks of rice, 200 containers of purified drinking water, and 200 boxes of face masks to residents of La Castellana. This gesture brought much-needed relief to families struggling to cope with the situation. These actions by the cooperative embody a commitment beyond mere delivery of electricity; it serves as an assurance that in times



of need, the cooperative is willing to give its support to its community in its survival to recovery efforts. As the affected community navigate this upheaval, any kind of support is crucial in fostering resilience. Our tagline "We serve because We care" resonates through these actions, reminding everyone that in the face of challenges, empathy and compassion are paramount.

2024 ENERGIZATION BOARD			
Location	Description	Date of Energization	
Sitio Lag-it, Barangay 3, Himamaylan City	Construction of 2-wire secondary line	3/3/2024	
Jocelyne Subdivision, Barangay 6, Kabankalan City	Construction of 3-phase, vee-phase, 1-phase & 2-wire secondary line and installation of 4-25kVa distribution transformer	3/30/2024	
Akina Village Phase 3, Barangay Binicuil, Kabankalan City	Construction of 2-wire secondary line	4/2/2024	
Purok Colambo & Andoy, Brgy. Oringao, Kabankalan City	Construction of 1-phase & 2-wire secondary line and installation of 1-25kVa transformer & accessories	4/20/2024	
Dela Cruz Subdivision, Barangay Anahaw, Hinigaran	Construction of 1-phase & 2-wire secondary line and installation of 2-25kVa transformer & accessories	7/16/2024	
Sitio Bajay & Patol, Brgy. Caliling, Cauayan (Agrarian Reform Coop)	Construction of 1-phase line and installation of 1- 37.5kVa transformer & accessories and secondary metering	11/19/2024	
Frontier Tower, Barangay Antipolo, Pontevedra	Construction of 1-phase line and installation of 1- 50kVa transformer & accessories with CT rated secondary metering for Globe Telecom	11/23/2024	
Southgrove Residences, Barangay Gargato, Hinigaran	Construction of 3-phase, 1-phase & secondary lines and installation of 2-37.5kVa and 3-25kVa transformer & accessories	12/15/2024	

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Health is the Corporate's Greatest Wealth

By: Rowena B. Lagahit

ealth is wealth is a common proverb which reveals a very simple meaning by comparing the value of health with wealth.

Thus, we are fortunate to be working in an environment where employee's health and well-being is a priority. NOCECO is committed in enhancing and maintaining its workforce's good health and welfare.

Every year, the Cooperative conducts a physical examination that included laboratory blood

tests and other diagnostic procedures such as ECG and X-ray followed by consultation from our retainer physicians to evaluate and monitor an employee's medical condition.



NOCECO also provides flu and Pneumonia vaccines to all workers who are interested to avail. The Coop is also actively participating on various bloodletting activities conducted by several LGUs like Kabankalan City and Municipality of Ilog to name a few.

For the 2024 Annual Physical Examination, a total of three-hundred twenty eight (328) employees were served from March 5-12 at the main office and area sub-offices, on the other hand, consultation with our Coop Physician was done afterwards, and two-hundred fifty (250) employees signed up and availed the flu and pneumonia vaccines respectively.

Relative to our bloodletting activity participation, the Coop was able to send twenty-five (25) blood donors who participated with Kabankalan City Health Office as conducted by the Negros First Foundation last November 26, 2024 held at the Barangay Binicuil covered court.

NOCECO is indeed true to its commitment in providing and ensuring that the face, the voice and the heart of the Cooperative -its employees, are happy, healthy and well taken care of.

CSR CORNER

Balik Eskwela Program: A Proactive Approach to Bridging Educational Gaps

As each school year approaches, many students face the daunting challenge of preparing for another year of learning. However, for some, the excitement of going back to school is overshadowed by the harsh realities of poverty and limited access to educational resources.



By: Grace C. Medes

This is where the NOCECO
Balik Eskwela Program comes in—an advocacy initiative aimed at supporting marginalized students by ensuring they have the necessary tools and resources to succeed in their academic journey.



The program provides essential educational materials, including: School supplies (backpacks, notebooks, crayons, ballpoint pens, and pencils); Hygiene kit essentials (hand towels, toothpaste, soap, combs, and nail cutters) and; umbrellas, raincoats, lunchboxes, and water containers

From August 28 to September 18, seventeen (17) schools from the coop's coverage area benefited from the program.

The impact of the Balik Eskwela Program is both tangible and far-reaching. By providing students with the necessary tools and resources, the program helps level the playing field, ensuring that every student has an equal opportunity to succeed.



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THE MOUNTAIN AWAKENS

The recent explosive eruption of Kanlaon Volcano on December 9, 2024, which created a volcanic plume that forced thousands of nearby residents to evacuate, its ongoing degassing and sporadic ash emissions, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council's (NDRRMC) numerous emergency alerts have brought fear and anxiety to all Negrosanons, particularly those who reside in the surrounding cities and municipalities.

Here are some survival guides for what to do prior to, during, and following a volcanic eruption. BEFORE

- Understand the risk of a volcanic eruption in your location.
- Prepare evacuation kits in advance, including nonperishable foods, medicines, cleaning supplies, power banks, flashlights, masks, and water for several days, in case you need to evacuate immediately or if services are disrupted. If you have pets, remember to include their foods too.
- Identify a meeting point to contact family members in the event that warnings are issued when everyone is apart, such as during the day when adults are at work and children are at school.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers, including those for the local government unit, the police, fire department, hospital, rescuers, and the local disaster management office.
- Never ignore emergency notifications about the Volcano's alert level. Pay attention.

DURING

- STAY CALM.
- Follow the directions given by the authorities. During a volcanic eruption, the NDRRMC and your local government are the only official sources of information.
- Leave the area promptly if told to do so.
- STAY INDOORS. Close all windows and doors.
- Wear your masks.
- If possible, don't forget about your pets or other animals.
- · Beware of lahar flows or mudflows.
- Avoid the areas that the authorities have designated as highhazard. DO NOT try to approach the exploding volcano to have a
- Help those who might need extra support, such as young children, the elderly, the pregnant or people with disabilities, if you can.

AFTER

- · After an eruption, pay attention to the authorities to determine when it is safe to return. Wait until the authorities declare it safe to go outside.
- · Watch out for mudflows or lahars and deposits of volcanic
- Wear appropriate attire when you're outside, such as longsleeved shirts and slacks, to protect yourself.
- Wear protective masks
- Contact friends and relatives via social media or text messages to inform them that you are safe

In the face of volcanic eruption, knowledge and preparedness are ou greatest allies. By heeding these tips, taking proactive measures, and staying alert, we can reduce the impact of such disasters and protect our loved ones. Remember, vigilance and prompt action can be the difference between life and death. Always choose to stay safe. BY: PEARL PIDO - ALBETO

COMPLIANCE & DIRECTIVES OF REGULATORY BODIES



NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION



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MEMORANDUM No. 2 0 2 5 - 0 8

ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

ENSURE ADEQUATE AND RELIABLE POWER SUPPLY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE MAY 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS SUBJECT :

In preparation for the forthcoming National and Local Election on 12 May 2025, all Electric Cooperatives (ECs) are enjoined to undertake the necessary activities to ensure the continuous and stable supply of electricity throughout the country before, during and after the election.

The Distribution Maintenance Program shall be implemented **no later than the end** of March 2025 to have sufficient time before the election.

- Prepare and implement Distribution Maintenance Program of the distribution
- Conduct preventive maintenance services of the substation, to detect the looses connection and monitor the condition of the power transformer, equipment and protective devices;
- Conduct preventive maintenance of other critical network and non-network assets such as but not limited to sub-transmission lines, distribution transformers, reclosers, load break switches, SCADA and communication systems, computers, vehicles, boom trucks and offices
- Conduct visual and thermal scanning inspection of the entire electric distribution system and perform line clearing, maintenance and replacement of the feet help detailed companying companying. defective/deteriorating components;
- 5. Determine inventory of supplies and make necessary procurement of critical
- Coordinate with the school officials for the proper inspection of the polling center/election precinct's electrical wirings, switches and convenient outlets as well as protective devices of the school buildings which will serve as Polling Center; and
- Submit the Maintenance Program of the System or Equipment to NEA for reference with the following information:

NEA Building, 57 NIA Road, Barangay Pinyahan

(02)8-929-1909

Identification of Equipment and MVA Capacity
Reasons for Maintenance
Expected Duration of Maintenance Work
Preferred Start Date and Target Completion Date for the Maintenance

B. ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES:

- Organize skeletal force/personnel on a 24-hour basis as a quick response team for any incidents related to the supply of electricity;
- Request assistance from the military/police to safeguard critical facilities on a round-the-clock basis to ensure continuous power supply such as substations against possible sabotage especially on high-risk areas to be determined by the Commission On Election;
- Establish close coordination with local authorities to avert any untoward incident that may occur in case of distribution system failure;
- Maintain back-up power supply/generator, if necessary, to supply power on Polling Centers in the event of distribution system failure; and
- 5. Report and/or coordinate all significant incidents of power outages to NEA.

C. POST-ELECTION ACTIVITIES:

Assess the overall power supply situation during the election period and submit the status report to NEA.

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