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LOCAL STATE OF CHILDREN'S REPORT 2022

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(INTRODUCTION)

"The true character of society is revealed in how it treats its children."
These were the words spoken by one of the most prominent world leaders
and champion for peace, Nelson Mandela.

Indeed, a society which cares for and gives importance to the welfare of
children is one that is truly civilized and progressive.

(GREETINGS)

To our local officials, the Sangguniang Bayan led by Vice Mayor Leah D.
Patan,

Our Punong Barangays and to the councils of the 14 barangays led by Liga
ng mga Barangay President, Hon. Larry G. Escutin,

To our SK Federation President, Hon. Marniel Dan G. Diegas,

Sa atong mga school administrators, both from the public and private
schools, nga gipanguluhan ni Dr. Joselito Manongas, District Supervisor,

Sa atong MLGOO, Ms. Jenita Ladres,

To the heads of offices and national-line agencies,

Our Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders,

Ug ilabi na gayod sa atong mga pinalanggang kabataan nga nia karon,

Maradjaw na adlaw kaninyong tanan!

World leaders have long pursued for the recognition of children as individuals who hold equal importance and contribution as that of adults, and that they have human rights too.

Leaders in the United Nations decided that "children needed a special convention just for them because people under 18 years old often need special care and protection that adults do not need. Thus, on November 20, 1989, "the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was ratified. The Philippines signed the UN CRC on January 26, 1990.

Our Constitution expressly provides that the State shall defend "the right of children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition, and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development".

Dinhi sa atong lungsod, atong gipanghingusgan ang paghatag ug prayoridad sa ato kabataan pinaagi sa gipanday na Local Code for Children. Gilangkuban niini ang mga polisiya, patakaran ug pamaagi alang sa kaayuhan sa atong mga kabataan ug ilang mga pamilya. Naglatag kita ug mga plano, programa, ug proyekto aron mahatagan ug katumanan ang tanang kaayuhan nga atong gitinguha alang sa mga kabataan.

The Local Government Unit of Claver is committed in protecting and promoting the rights of our children which are broadly categorized under four themes:

- The right to Survival
- The right to Development
- The right to Protection; and
- The right to Participation

(AVP PRESENTATION)

RIGHT TO SURVIVAL

Survival rights include a child's right to life and essential needs like food, shelter, living standards; as well as the right to health which means access to medical care, nutrition, protection from harmful habits, including drugs, and safe working environments.

Ang atong Rural Health Unit naghatag ug mga serbisyo aron masiguro nga maproteksyonan batok sa sakit ug magpabiling himsog ang atong mga kabataan, gikan sa pag-anak kanila hangtod nga sila magdako.

Una niini ang atong Immunization or Vaccination Program o Pagpamakuna.

Our immunization program is aimed at ensuring that infants, toddlers and school-age children receive proper care and protection against diseases such as measles, polio, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and hepatitis.

For the Routine Immunization for infants zero to twelve months old, as of October, 435 children were fully immunized while 59 are completely immunized.

We also conducted immunization against Human Papilloma Virus or HPV to a total of 994 female school children ages 9 to 14.

When authorities approved the COVID-19 vaccination for children or those below 18 years old, our Local Government Unit immediately and diligently urged the public to avail of the vaccines and protect themselves and their children against the deadly virus.

Recent data show that a total of 6,418 children ages 5 to 17 years old already received complete doses; 7,779 with first dose, and 158 had their booster shots.

LGU Claver did not only implement the programs of the Department of Health, but provided interventions to address malnutrition.

The Municipal Nutrition Action Office or MNAO with the Barangay Nutrition Committee conducted Operation Timbang Plus during the first quarter of the year. Our municipal nutritional status indicates prevalence rate for infants ages 0-59 months, where 98% are normal, while the remaining few percent are stunted, wasted, overweight and obese children.

Our Barangay Nutrition Scholars or BNS distributed micronutrient powder to be mixed in the daily food intake of these infants.

Under the Garantisadong Pambata program, we distributed Vitamin A supplementation to a total of 555 children, ages 6-11 months, and to 3,213 children, ages 12-59 months.

We attended to 2 severely acute malnourished children and conducted appetite test as well as IEC to the parents before giving them supplies of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food.

Naa ang atong Supplemental Feeding Program.

Gusto natong masiguro nga may igong sustansya ang mga bata para sa himsog nga panlawas ug lantip nga pangisip.

Pinaagi sa pundo nga gihatag sa Department of Social Welfare and Development o DSWD, atong gihimo ang Supplemental Feeding Program sa 1,020 ka pre-schoolers sa atong Child Development Centers.

Nagpahigayon ang atong MNAO sa supplementary feeding nga nagsugod niadtong July 12, sa 185 ka under-nourished nga mga bata nag edad ug 6-59 months. Human ang 14 weeks or 70 days sa maong supplemental feeding, 20% kanila ang nag-improve. Sa kasamtangan, aduna na lamang kita'y 148 ka mga bata nga gihatagan ug supplemental feeding.

Sa niaging Nutrition Month, nagpahigayon kita nan unified supplemental feeding para sa 180 kabuok nga mga bata nga under-nourished o kuyang sa angay nga timbang.

Padajon ang supplemental feeding ug paghatag ug micronutrient powder sa nagpabiling 148 undernourished children, lakip na ang 34 nutritionally-at-risk pregnant women, isip pag-implementar sa "First 100 days ni Baby" program aron malikayan ang low birth weight sa mga bag-ong natawo na mga bata.

Aduna poy supplemental feeding nga gihatag ang Department of Education kun DepEd para sa wasted ug severely wasted nga learners sa elementarya. Kini ang mga bata nga nakasinati ug grabeng malnutrition hinungdan nga ang ilang timbang dili na haum sa ilang katas-on.

Nitabang usab ang atong partner nga faith-based organization, ang The Valley Cathedral Christian Church, kung diin mipahigayon sila sa feeding activity ngadto sa 50 ka mga bata sa Barangay Urbiztondo.

We are addressing food security in relation to children's malnutrition.

The Municipal Agriculture Office distributed seeds to 1,302 households, 16 schools, 38 farmers or farmer associations in the different barangays and to community gardening through CRS from Brgy. Magallanes, Brgy. Cabugo, Brgy. Daywan and Brgy. Bagakay. This distribution of seeds is a whole-year activity to support the needs of the children especially on food security and nutrition.

LGU Claver also put up demo farms and supports local farmers in the operation and maintenance of their gardens or farms which grow various vegetables and crops.

All of our schools also implement the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program pursuant to government mandate on food security.

Atong gi-aprubahan ang gitawag nga “Water Bell Ordinance”

Gimando niini ang paghatag ug waterbreak sa tanang eskuylahan public man o private. Patingugon ang water bell kaduha sa isa ka adlaw, timailhan nga ang mga bata kinahanglan moinom ug tubig.

Ang pag-anad sa mga bata nga moinom ug tubig makahatag ug benepisyo sa lawas ug malikayan ang daghang mga sakit nga kasagaran maoy hinungdan nga sila maka-absent sa klase.

Ug kahapon lamang, didto ako sa Taganito National High School ug Claver National High School aron sa pagpang-apud-apod ug mga water tumblers sa mga estudyante.

Kini ang akong kampanya nga gitawag ug “Project Hydrate” isip pagsugod sa implementasyon sa Water Bell Ordinance.

Naa kitay Oral Health nga serbisyo para sa atong mga kabataan.

Atong gikampanya ang proper toothbrushing ug oral hygiene. Ang RHU miadto sa mga eskuylahan aron matudloan ang mga bata sa sakto nga pag-toothbrush ug pag-atiman sa kalimpyo sa ilang lawas.

1,268 ka mga bata ang nahatagan ug basic oral health care sa RHU.

Sa atong LGU Claver Dental ug Medical Mission niadtong bulan sa Marso ug Setyembre, 443 ka mga batang lalaki ang nakahatagan ug serbisyo sa atong Operation Tuli.

RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Children have the right to education, play and leisure, access to cultural activities, information, as well as freedom to express their minds, conscience and choose their religion. Through education, children will be able to maintain discipline and enhance life skills while finding a safe and healthy environment to nurture physiological development.

Uno man ang gihimo sa atong Local Government Unit ug partner agencies aron matabangan kamong mga kabataan nga maka-eskuyla, maka-duwa, mahasa ang inyong talento, ug magdako nga disiplinado ug may kompyansa sa inyong kaugalingon?

Naa ang ato Child Development Centers o Day Care Centers.

Naa kitay dise-nuybe ka Child Development Centers o CDC kung diin dise-otso niini ang accredited sa DSWD. Ang isa ka CDC nga na-a sa Brgy. Cabugo, gi-ila nga National Child Development Center.

1,039 ka mga bata ang naka-enroll sa atong CDCs sa nagkalain-laing barangay, ug sila gimatuto sa atong baynte-singko ka Child Development Workers.

Last June, we saw 626 pupils from school year 2021-2022 graduate from Day Care.

Naghatag kita ug capacity development activities ngadto sa mga Child Development Workers.

Gipahigayon nato ang Seminar-Workshop on National Learning Curriculum ug ang Roll-out Training for Prevention, Early Identification, Referral and Intervention of children with Delays, Disorders and Disabilities in Early Childhood.

Alang sa mga ginikanan, naa kitay gitawag nga Parent Effectiveness Service Program.

Ubos niini, ato taghimo ang ERMAT ug ERPAT Seminar - Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Maternal/Paternal Abilities, nga gitambungan sa 1,039 ka mga ginikanan.

Naa usab ang atong tinuig nga Christmas Caravan for Children aron sa pagpang-apod-papod ug school supplies ug food packs sa tanang elementary pupils.

We provided support to the Department of Education's Brigada Eskwela, Oplan Balik Eskwela, and Brigada Pagbasa, in line with our literacy program.

LGU Claver extended support through financial assistance and participation in the conduct of these DepEd programs at the start of the school year.

Based on the report from DepEd Claver District, 100% or 16 Elementary and 3 Secondary schools conducted Reading Activities participated by the different stakeholders.

Personal ako nga nibisita sa Sabang Elementary School ug nipartisipar sa pagpabasa sa atong mga estudyante, kaiban si Vice Mayor Leah Patan ug personnel gikan sa PNP Claver MPS.

Through our partner, TVCC, 30 children and 15 teacher-leaders participated in their balik eskwela initiative to assist the children in reading and numeracy skills.

LGU Claver subsidized all school contributions for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Surigao del Norte Athletic Association, Red Cross, and Journalism.

Dili na problemahon pa sa atong mga ginikanan ang gasto sa kontribusyon, ug waya nay rason na dili maka-eskuyla ang atong mga bata.

Naghatag kita ug pahalipay pinaagi sa cash assistance nga 2,000 pesos sa matag graduate nan Claver Central Elementary School ug Sabang Elementary School.

Kini ang atong simple nga tabang para sa mga estudyante ug ilang ginikanan aron makadugang sa pagpalit ug school supplies.

Ang atong mga pupils sa tanang elementary schools dinhi sa Claver makadawat ug school bags ug mga gamit pang -eskuyla.

Gisugdan nato kini sa Magallanes Elementary School ug ipadajon sa iban pang mga eskuylahan sa umaabot na mga adlaw.

We put up Claver Children's Park.

This is a space we provided so that our children can play and enjoy freely, develop motor skills, and interact with their fellow children.

Atong gisuportahan ang pagtukod sa pinaka-unang surfing club dinhi sa Claver, kung diin ang ilang mga myembro mga kabataan.

Ang LGU Claver mihatag sa mga libreng surfboards sa mga myembro sa Bayod Surfing Club ug padajon nga naghatag ug financial assistance isip suporta sa ilang training ug pagsalmot sa mga competition.

Pinaagi sa atong Public Employment Services Office o PESO, atong gi-implementar ang Special Program for Employment of Students kun SPES, subay sa Republic Act No. 7323.

157 ka mga batan-on ang nadawat sa summer job karong tuiga ug nahatagan sila ug oportunidad nga mokita sa panahon sa school break. Prayoridad sa maong programa ang gikan sa indigent families.

Dugang nga kalihukan sa atong PESO ang pagpahigayon sa Career Guidance and Employment Coaching.

Tinguha niini ang pagtabang sa mga estudyante sa ilang pagpili sa kurso sa kolehiyo ug propesyon nga haum sa ilang abilidad ug kapasidad.

RIGHT TO PROTECTION

We must safeguard our children against abuse, neglect and exploitation. They must be protected from ill-treatment, and sexual or physical violence, including prostitution and pornography.

Children must be protected from armed conflict, and governments must protect children from participating in armed struggle, and even from working in difficult or dangerous conditions that compromise their health, or access to education or play.

Aron ang mga kabataan maproteksyonan batok sa tanang matang sa pag-abuso ug eksploytasyon, nagbutang kita ug mga VAWC Desk.

Ubos sa Municipal Ordinance No. 2015-11, ang tanang barangay mag-establisar sa ilang Barangay Violence Against Women and their Children kun VAWC Desk ug ipatuman ang recording and reporting system, usa ka mekanismo sa pagsanong sa mga reklamo ug kaso sa pag-abuso sa mga kababaihan ug mga bata.

Ang VAWC desk naa usab sa atong PNP Claver MPS kung diin sila mopahigayon sa interview sa mga inahan ug anak nga biktima sa pang-abuso.

We likewise established the Anti-Human Trafficking Help Desk and Referral Pathway thru an ordinance, to effectively eliminate human trafficking and any form of exploitation that violates Human Rights and Children's Rights as enshrined in the Bill of Rights and other existing laws.

This ordinance is enforced in conjunction with Municipal Ordinance No. 25-2019 which enforces the provisions of the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012.

We prohibited the selling of liquor and cigarettes to and by minors.

Municipal Ordinance No. 06-2018 penalizes establishments who sell these banned items, as well as the parents of minors who are found selling them, or parents or guardians who encourage or permit their children to buy liquor or cigarettes.

We imposed curfew hours to all persons below 18 years old.

This is to make sure that our children are safe at our own homes every night and are not exposed to forms of malefaction or illegal behavior usually perpetrated at night time.

We intensified our IEC Program to disseminate information and awareness on the rights of children and how they can be protected from any form of crime.

LGU Claver's Municipal Peace and Order Council, along with DepEd Claver District and PNP Claver, conducted various lectures and symposiums including:

- The Crime Prevention Week Activities last September;
- Lectures on The Anti Bullying Act of 2013, the Expanded Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012; and the Anti Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004 to pupils, students, and Sangguniang Kabataan Members.

Our RHU also initiated the IEC on Teenage Pregnancy and Good Parenting attended by 50 Grade Six Pupils from Cagdianao Elementary School and 30 Highschool Students from Cagdianao National High School with their parents.

Our Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children or LCAT-VAWC conducted advocacy activities about children protection laws to students, parents, and members of transport groups for mass awareness and to prevent and minimize the vulnerability of children to any form of abuse and exploitation.

Nagpahigayon kita ug mga earthquake drills sa mga eskuylahan.

Ang Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office mipatuman sa National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill kaiban ang DepEd Claver District ug Bureau of Fire Protection, ug gitudluan ang mga estudyante unsa ang angay buhaton panahon sa linog.

RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

These rights address a child's freedom to express opinions and speak on matters affecting their own lives, to join associations, and assemble peacefully and to participate in social activities, as they grow older.

Children deserve the right to exercise these rights and have their voices heard without any fear of contempt.

The Local Government Unit of Claver convened all youth-related and youth-serving organizations and came up with the Local Youth Development Plan.

This plan encapsulates the municipality's development programs, projects, and activities for the benefit of the youth sector. It is a manifestation of our youth's role and participation in planning and decision-making.

We observed and joined in the celebration of National Children's Month.

A total of 1,039 children participated in 30th National Children's Month Celebration Program with the theme: 'Kalusugan, Kaisipan at Kapakanan ng Bawat Bata ating Tutukan' conducted to continue to promote children's rights.

Ug kabahin gihapon niining selebrasyon, ang bag-o lang gayod natong gihimo nga Children's Assembly, aron sa pagpili sa atong mga kabataan nan ila representate ngadto sa Local Council for the Protection of Children kun LCPC.

Gipahigayon nato ang Linggo ng Kabataan.

Niadtong Agosto, atong gipahigayon ang selebrasyon sa Linggo ng Kabataan sa matag barangay, nga gitambungan sa mga kabataan ug opisiales sa ilang tagsa-tagsa ka Sangguniang Kabataan.

Kauban ang mga personahe sa PNP Claver, mihatag kita ug lectures aron sa pagpakaylap sa sakto ug igong impormasyon mahitungod sa mga balaud nga nagprotektar sa ilang katungod.

Students from all elementary and high schools participated in various contests during the Crime Prevention Week celebration, facilitated by LGU Claver thru its Municipal Peace and Order Council.

Through song and dance performances, spoken poetry and poster and slogan making, the children were able to demonstrate their awareness on crime prevention and the role of the community in helping the authorities suppress criminality.

Atong giselebrar ang pinaka-unang Aldaw ka mga Mamanwa sa ato lungsod.

Kabahin sa maong selebrasyon ang mga kabatan-onang Mamanwa nga mapasigarbohon nga mipasundayag sa ilang kultura, mga ritwal, ug ilang mga talento sa pagsayaw ug pag-awit.

Our learners participated in the celebration of the United Nations Week, including those under the Special Education Class.

Our children engaged in community service activities such as coastal clean-up.

50 kids and youth actively participated in the coastal clean-up drive in Sitio Sabang, in Barangay Tayaga, last September.

We initiated social activities to actively engage our children.

Recently, the Municipal Tourism, Culture and Information Office held the Costume Party which encouraged wide participation from our children. This allowed them to participate in leisure activities and at the same time express themselves freely through costume playing.

(BUDGET)

Akong giplastar ang tinuig nga budget aron masiguro nga adunay igong pundo para sa tanan natong programa ug proyekto alang sa mga kabataan.

Ang atong Local Council for the Protection of Children naay 2.4 million pesos nga alokasyon para sa:

- Capacity enhancement sa mga municipal ug barangay service providers;
- School supplies distribution sa tanang eskuylahan; ug
- Fund support for the protection of children

Nag-gahin sab kita ug dugang pundo gikan sa Gender and Development o GAD Fund sa kantidad nga 850,000 pesos para sa mga panginahanglanon sa atong mga CDCs, ubos sa programa sa Early Childhood Care and Development.

Under the Special Education Fund or SEF, we have funds allocated for construction and repair of school buildings and facilities, for purchase of school equipment and for capacity development of our students and teachers.

We have allocations from the General Fund for the implementation of various program, projects and activities of various offices, for the benefit of our children.

(AWARDS)

Ang tanang nga akong gilitok nahimo tungod sa paningkamot sa LGU Claver, sa akong kaabag nga mga Sangguniang Bayan Members pinanguluhan ni Vice Mayor Leah D. Patan, ilabi na kay sila man ang nagpanday sa mga ordinansa alang sa atong kabataan, sa atong Local Council for the Protection of Children, ang mga opisina nga may kalambigitan sa pagpatuman sa mga program alang sa atong kabataan, ang atong mga barangay, ang DILG, PNP, ug DepEd, sa atong public schools ug lakip na ang atong mga equally-effective private schools, ang Sangguniang Kabataan, ang Local Youth development Council, ang atong partners nga Civil Society Organizations, private agencies, ug ilabi na gajod ang atong children and youth sector.

Ang atong panaghiusa ug pagtinabangay maoy hinungdan ang lungsod sa Claver nagmadaugon ug nagmalampuson sa **2019 & 2021 Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit o CFLGA**, ug atong naangkon ang **Seal of Child-Friendly Local Governance**.

Dugang pa niini, ang Claver usab ang nakadawat sa pinakataas nga marka sa tibuok Surigao del Norte alang sa Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and their Children o **LCAT-VAWC Assessment**.

Ang atong paningkamot ug marajaw na pagdumaya sa mga programa nahimo usab nga sumbanan sa laing LGUs. Gani ang LGU sa Sapad Lanao del Norte mianhi alang sa ilang benchmarking activity on best practices on Early Childhood Care and Development.

(FUTURE PLANS FOR CHILDREN)

Children and the youth, being part of the vulnerable sector will be given priority under the 7 major agenda of my administration, coined as GEORGIA:

People-Centered, Clean and Efficient Governance

Ensuring Ecological Integrity, Clean and Healthy Environment

Ensuring Public Order, Security and Safety

Reducing Vulnerability of Individuals and Families

Increasing Growth Potential and Human Capital Development

Increase Economic Opportunities in Agriculture and Fisheries; and

Accelerating Infrastructure Development

Atong panghingusgan ug mas palapdan ang suporta sa gitawag natong vulnerable sector – ang mga kabataan, kababaihan, katigulangan, ug kadtong adunay special needs.

Sa atong mga kabataan, magdugang kita ug pasilidad, sama sa construction of additional children development center didto sa Sitio Pangi, Brgy. Daywan, ug ang improvement ug repair sa iban na mga centers.

Dugangan sab nato ang mga pasilidad sa atong playground.

Of course, all our existing programs will be enhanced to become more responsive and suitable to the needs of our children.

We will strengthen advocacy and awareness on protection among children and the youth, and even involve the community.

We will conduct reformation activities to mold the characters, behaviors, and Filipino values of our children.

We will initiate activities for them to hone their talents and skills, such as sports and the arts, and keep them away from illegal drug use, teenage pregnancy and delinquency.

Our aim is not only to protect and promote their welfare and rights, but also to nurture them so that they will grow to become capable and empowered adults. Ug sila mamamihong produktibo nga myembro sa atong komunidad.

(CLOSING)

As a mother, nothing is more important than seeing my children live comfortable and happy lives. No child deserves to be alone nor be deprived of his or her rights.

Atong ipakita ang panaghiusa sa pag-atiman sa atong kabataan, sa pagpakabana sa ilang kaayuhan, pagpanalipod kanila batok sa pang-abuso, ug pag-ila sa ilang katungod.

To you, our children - Kami inyong mga ginikanan, kami nga mga opisyaes, mga magtutudlo, kami mohatag sa among hugot nga suporta aron kamo magpuyo nga himsog, luwas, edukado ug disiplinado.

You are our future, kamo maoy kaugmaon nan ato mahal na lungsod. Puhon, kamo na usab ang magdaya nan tinuod na Garbo nan Clavernon.

Daghang salamat ug marajaw na hapon!