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Annual Report of the  
City Government of Tacloban





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This report, prepared pursuant to Section 97 of the Local Government Code, covers the activities and accomplishments of the departments, offices, and attached agencies of the City Government of Tacloban in 2023.





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# Message of the Mayor



**2023** was a year of consolidation. It was a time when the City Government of Tacloban, under my administration, was able to take stock of its achievements in the three preceding years, to identify best practices that should be carried over, and to determine the gaps that have to be filled. We had limited time to do this because the people of Tacloban City, and its extension population comprising the rest of Eastern Visayas, have clearly already regained confidence to move towards a resurgence.

We were catapulted into the new normal with unparalleled economic vigor as reflected by the double-digit growth of our city gross domestic product. Our ability to retain the confidence of businesses, particularly those in the services industry, allowed people more venues and options for their revenge spending. The evidence also extends beyond statistics. Observing throughout the year, the city's landscape panned from guardedness to an upped version of our pre-pandemic posture.

The City Government of Tacloban was also recognized by the Department of Trade and Industry as fourth Most Improved Highly Urbanized City. This is another testament to our successful efforts in getting back on track.

Nonetheless, as demonstrated in the city's young history as an HUC, booms can easily be reversed. The pandemic has taught us that we cannot anticipate everything that will happen. While we do not know what to expect, we are expected to always be ready. In this quest, I rely on the entire complement of the City Government to provide not only direct interventions but also to cultivate a culture and institution of shared responsibility among all stakeholders and across all generations. Only when individual roles have been internalized can a broad front push to an even bigger and more dynamic Tacloban City be achieved.

As we pace ourselves towards that goal, I relish in what my administration has achieved thus far. I am comforted that even the smallest gains have contributed in multiplied terms to uplifting the lives of fellow Taclobanons.

## Keeping in touch with constituents

People's Day continued into 2023, giving me the chance to hear the concerns of constituents and giving them the opportunity to interface directly with concerned department and offices for a hasty resolution. The Mayor Alfred Social Action Center also provided assistance to individuals in dire need as a complementary activity of the People's Day.

In the aftermath of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections, I encourage our newly elected officials to adopt public consultation and participation as bases for the creation of policies and actions.

## Safeguarding the environment

A landmark legislation, the Plastic and Styrofoam Packaging Regulation Ordinance, was passed in 2023. This prohibits the use of non-biodegradable materials as secondary packaging and encourages consumers to bring their own baskets or cloth bags when shopping or buying products. Once implemented in 2024, this measure is expected to reduce waste generation by at least 15%, considering that the bulk of garbage in the city are plastics.





## Peace and order

As the Chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council for 2023 to 2025, I presided over four quarterly meetings, as well as other special meetings pertaining to ending communist armed conflict, preventing drug proliferation, and resolving other security concerns in Eastern Visayas. It is recognized that peace and order are important inputs towards social and economic development, hence the efforts to maintain it in the region.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supertyphoon Yolanda

Ten years since Supertyphoon Yolanda, approximately 12,000 individuals formerly residing in danger zones have been resettled to permanent housing areas in Tacloban North. While water utilities remain a concern, the City Government has continuously coordinated with the water district and other agencies to fast-track the repair of distribution pipes within subdivisions and to establish the water pipeline from the new source.

On its own, the LGU did not cease the regular delivery of water through the City General Services Office and has sustained the development of new water sources locally.

Looking back on the years, I am hopeful that we can capitalize on the inertia in order to leapfrog Tacloban City ahead of challenges and into a sustainable and more resilient future.

*Padayon paguswag, Tacloban!*

  
**ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ**  
 City Mayor

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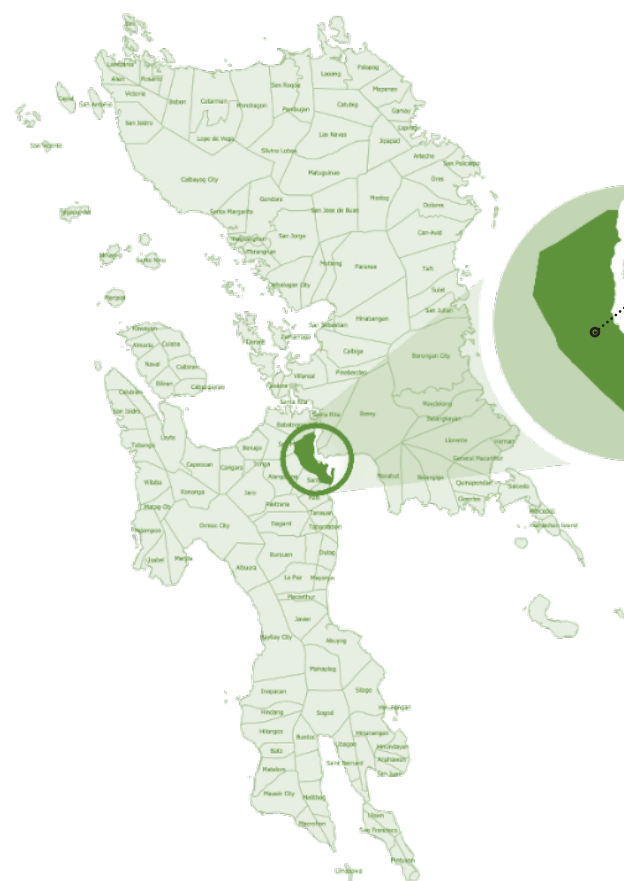
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**Tacloban City is the regional capital and sole highly urbanized city in Eastern Visayas.**

**Location**

**11° 14' 38.9" N**

**125° 0' 18.24"E**

**Approximately 580 km southeast of Manila**

Tacloban was first declared as the capital of Leyte in 1830, prior to being chartered as a component city in 1952, and being promulgated as HUC in 2008.



**20,172 ha.**  
total land area



**3.05 m.**  
mean elevation

## Political subdivision



**138**  
barangays



**121**  
urban



**17**  
rural



**45**  
coastal



**17**  
upland

## Demography (per 2020 CPH)



**251,881**  
population



**12 persons/ha.**  
population density



**0.84%**  
growth rate



**94.7%** simple literacy rate

**69** elementary schools

**38** junior high schools

**31** senior high schools

**16** tertiary schools

**79** child development centers

**7** hospitals

**25** barangay health stations

**7** district health centers

**9** emergency service vehicles



**1** airport

**2** transport terminals

**1** seaport

are located in the city, making it the transport hub of the region



Key communications providers are also situated in the city

**2,170** motorcabs for hire (MCH)

**1,692** public utility jeepneys

**2,037** Filcabs

**321** buses

**1,468** passenger vans

**50** taxis

**12** radio stations

**2** television stations

**2** Cable TV providers

**3** mobile service carriers

**8** internet service providers

**2** telephone service providers



# Development Goals

## Vision

A globally-competitive, green, and resilient city, propelled by God-loving, gender-responsive leaders, and empowered citizenry.

## Mission

To develop Tacloban into a resilient commercial and industrialized city with a fast-growing economy, ecological balance, and social equity to maintain its status as the strategic hub of Eastern Visayas.

## Goals

Achieve sustainable socioeconomic growth  
Attain equitable distribution of income and wealth

## Objectives

Generate employment opportunities and income  
Increase production of livestock, poultry, fruits, and vegetables  
Promote protection of urban and upland forests and coastal waters  
Provide resilient housing facilities especially among the low- and middle-income groups  
Improve/upgrade existing infrastructure facilities and utilities, supportive of both the economic and social sectors  
Institutionalize and mainstream climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and management in local governance

# Organizational Structure

*The Executive Department (as of December 2023)*

City Mayor	Alfred S. Romualdez
City Administrator's Office	Atty. Lila Czarina A. Aquitaña
Human Resource Management and Development Office	Atty. Annaliza A. Quiliope
City Planning and Development Office	EnP Janis Claire S. Canta
City Civil Registrar's Office	Imelda A. Roa
City General Services Office	Engr. Leoncio R. Parado II
City Budget Office	Vicente L. Dy III
City Accountant's Office	Elizalde A. Teo, CPA
City Treasurer's Office	Jennifer S. Guy
City Assessor's Office	Engr. Danilo G. Demillo, REA, REB
City Information Office	Atty. Anacleto Rei A. Lacanilao III
City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office	Ildebrando C. Bernadas
City Legal Office	Atty. Earl Caesar N. Rosario
Traffic Operations Management, Enforcement, and Control Office	Engr. Garry A. Soriano
City Cooperatives Development and Livelihood Assistance Office	Ruena M. Mate
City Health Office	Dr. Danilo G. Ecarma
Tacloban City Hospital	Dr. Joedina B. Gumagay
City Housing and Community Development Office	Maria Lourdes J. Lagman
City Social Welfare and Development Office	Fe Chona A. Bahin, RSW
City Agriculturist's Office	Romelo T. Anade, RA
City Veterinary Office	Dr. Eunice J. Alcantara
City Environment and Natural Resources Office	For. Jonathan R. Hijada
City Architect's Office	Ar. Ian Ray G. Perez
City Engineer's Office	Engr. Dionisio O. De Paz II
Management Information System Office	Randy B. Calahi
Public Employment Services Office	Atty. Annaliza A. Quiliope
City Tourism Operations Office	Ma. Lumen P. Tabao
Internal Audit Services Office	Marivic U. Adornado
City Nutrition Office	Ma. Lumen P. Tabao
City Population Office	Gemafiel R. Gaspay
City Youth Development Office	Carlos Dave L. Castello

**2,860**  
total complement of the  
City Government

**613**  
permanent/elective/  
temporary positions

**1,741**  
job order workers

**194**  
contract of service

**312**  
casual





**THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

**ATTY. EDWIN Y. CHUA**

Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

**DR. MARIA ELVIRA G. CASAL**

Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore

**BRIAN STEVE G. GRANADOS**

Floor Leader

**AURORA AIMEE D. GRAFIL**

Assistant Floor Leader

**ATTY. JERRY S. UY**

**EDWARD FREDERICK I. CHUA**

**EDSON R. MALAKI**

**LEO O. BAHIN**

**RACHELLE ERICA C. PINEDA**

**JERIC DANE G. GRANADOS**

**ENGR. CHRISTOPHER RANDY L. ESPERAS**

SP Members

**RAYMUND R. ROMUALDEZ**

Ex Officio - Liga ng mga Barangay President

**EMMANUEL DIRKO S. DE PAZ**

Ex Officio - SK Federation President

**ATTY. MAILA N. ANDRADE**

Secretary to the Sanggunian

*Attached Agencies*

DILG City Operations Office	Engr. Visitacion V. Giva
City Police Office	Col. Michael P. Palermo
City Fire Station	C/Insp. Anthony C. De Paz
City Jail Male Dorm	C/Insp. Gusser A. Gadong
City Jail Female Dorm	S/Insp. Reynalda A. Chan
City Schools Division	Dr. Sherlita A. Palma
City Auditor's Office	Atty. Mark Denniel J. Lojero

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# City Mayor's Office

The City Mayor's Office (CMO), under the leadership of Mayor Alfred Romualdez, served as the trailblazer in the City Government's drawdown following the successful fight against the coronavirus pandemic. Along with this are the enhancement of governance systems in keeping with the increasing demand for government intervention by the constituents and oversight bodies. In these goals, the local chief executive enabled all LGU departments and offices to maximize synergy towards a united front of a stronger, more resilient, and more dynamic Tacloban City.



First quarter meeting of the Regional Peace and Order Council presided by Mayor Romualdez as Chairperson

Improving the connection with constituents was the theme of the City Government in 2023, which was enabled by the conduct of community outreach programs, specifically the flagship People's Day under the Mayor Alfred Social Action Center. A total of 297 of this activity was held throughout the year, wherein the City Mayor himself sat with visiting constituents to listen to concerns relating to the services of the LGU or other social needs. As a tandem initiative, 2,488 individuals were granted financial, medical, or burial assistance on the spot during the People's Day activity.

The Tacloban North Extension Office handled concerns of residents in the Northern barangays. Their accomplishments included the daily monitoring of water supply, the provision of assistance to beneficiaries of Gulayamanan farmers, and the conduct of meetings and consultations with the Homeowners' Associations of resettlement sites.

In terms of organizational management, CMO prepared and endorsed 32 requests for ordinances and 256 requests for Sangguniang Panlungsod resolutions. In addition, the Office spearheaded 10 Local School Board meetings, four Local Peace and Order Council meetings, 12 Local Health Board meetings, and two Local Development Council meetings. The Mayor, as chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC), chaired four quarterly meetings of the Council, one of which was done at the Batasang Pambansa. These reflected the the CMO's commitment to delivering effective and efficient public service towards the community in these sectors.



Local Peace and Order Council meeting



Mayor Romualdez speaks at the Philippine Leadership Forum

Apart from its core functions, the Office efficiently handled administrative tasks wherein various legal documents were signed. This included 36 Memorandum of Agreement, one Memorandum of Understanding, seven Deeds of Donation, and five Deeds of Sale. CMO also responded promptly in approving and signing 44 Executive Orders, 256 Resolutions, and 33 Ordinances.



The mayor speaks to constituents on a People's Day



On the tenth anniversary of ST Yolanda, Mayor Romualdez entertained interviews by national and international media on the city's recovery.



Interview by Rappler

Interview by Agence France Presse



# Sangguniang Panlungsod

For the second consecutive year, the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) saw partial reorganization following the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) 2023. Newly-elected presidents of federated barangay and SK officials, Hon. Raymund Romualdez and Hon. Emmanuel Dirko De Paz, replaced outgoing officials.

Notwithstanding, the legislative body was able to pass key ordinances, including the regulation of plastic and styrofoam packaging in the city. Under the ordinance, businesses are prohibited from using plastic and styrofoam as secondary packaging. Customers are also encouraged to bring reusable bags or alternative packaging materials when procuring goods and groceries, all in order to bring about a 15% reduction in residual plastic waste in the first year of implementation.

The council also influenced big-ticket infrastructure as it held consultations and issued resolutions on the DPWH-led construction of the cross-Cancabato causeway in response to the concerns of fisher folks and environmental advocates. This resulted in the temporary suspension of the project until a revised design incorporating public comments was committed.



The 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod pose with a resource person

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod passed 33 ordinances and 256 resolutions in 2023. The following are the most notable.

<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-04</b>	Bantay African Swine Flu Ordinance
<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-05</b>	Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Ordinance of the City of Tacloban
<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-06</b>	Plastic and Styrofoam Packaging Regulation Ordinance
<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-07</b>	Towing Ordinance
<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-27</b>	Creation of the City Youth Development Office
<b>Ordinance No. 2023-15-31</b>	Annual Budget for 2024 of the City of Tacloban



# City Administrator's Office

The City Administator's Office (CADMO), as mandated in the Local Government Code, assists in the coordination of all the work of the officials of the local government unit, and the development of plans and strategies which have to do with the implementation of management and administration-related programs and projects identified as priority by the local chief executive.

As part of this function, the CADMO reviewed and recommended for approval hundreds of resolutions, ordinances, and executives orders. To ensure the effective implementation of programs and projects, the Office conducted inspection of procured supplies, received pre- and post-inspection reports, and waste material reports. The City Administrator's Office likewise improved City Government processes by reviewing and implementing new internal guidelines, and conducting physical inventory of all departments, offices, and barangays.

The sound operations and management of development projects and economic enterprises were also under the purview of the CADMO.

## Market Operations Office

The Market Operations Office, which manages the Tacloban Supermarket and several satellite markets in the city, generated a total of Php 20,702,014.72 revenue from stall rentals, legal occupancy status, cash tickets, weights and measures, and other clearances, certifications, and fees. This amount marginally exceeded the 2023 target of Php 19,719,618.53. The Office also ensured cleanliness in the various market premises through the Limpyo Merkado Program, wherein garbage collection, flushing activities, and declogging of drainage were carried out.

**571**  
market clearances  
issued

**48**  
market certifications  
issued

**571**  
weighing scales  
calibrated and certified



Five additional Timbangan ng Bayan were installed in 2023

## Tacloban New Bus Terminal

Going beyond their revenue-generation function, the Tacloban New Bus Terminal aided the LGU's efforts in maintaining the efficient and orderly flow of public utility vehicles, and in the management of services offered to commuters in order to spur economic opportunities. In 2023, terminal operations netted the city Php 18,050,124.65 income, which will be directed towards improving terminal facilities to better cater to inter-LGU and inter-regional trips.

To promote passenger safety, the terminal office also enabled the safe loading and unloading of passengers at designated areas, monitored commuters and PUVs, inspected baggage items, and maintained proper waste disposal within the terminal premises.



Ongoing construction of Terminal Annex Building

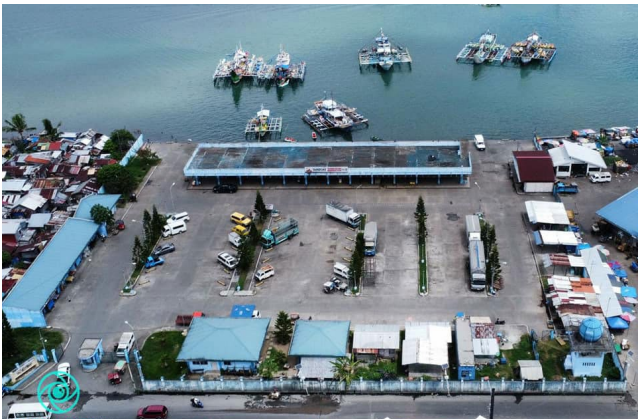
## Tacloban City Convention Center

The Tacloban City Convention Center (TCCC) remains as the largest indoor arena in the city with a total sitting capacity of 3,000. In addition to hosting major City Government, national government, and private events, the Astrodome, as it is commonly called, also offers various services and amenities through the stalls renting the first and second floors, ranging from restaurants to souvenir shops.

The facility earned a total revenue of Php 3,160,045.38 from events revenue and rental collection in the reporting year. This represents a steady climb in earnings since the pandemic. Free use of the Convention Center to government agencies worth Php 3,946,500.00 was also allowed by the administration, reflective of the city's positioning as the MICE capital of Eastern Visayas.

## Tacloban City Fish Port Management Office

The Tacloban City Fish Port Management Office is responsible for the operational and technical activities integral in the organization and efficiency of port functions, services, maintenance, and the provision of port safety and security. The Office provided facilities required by the fishing and fish processing industries. For the year in review, the office accomplished the following:



Tacloban City Fish Port

**413**  
fishing vessels  
berthed

**24,095**  
goods loaded and  
unloaded

**1,603**  
fish unloading  
receipts

Fish Products Unloaded in the City	
Commercial fishing	686,157 kilos
Municipal fishing	74,989 kilos
Overland transport	3,339,371 kilos



# City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

As Tacloban City’s main proponent in the direction, development, and implementation of disaster risk management programs, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) remained committed in its advocacy of promoting and practicing resiliency to the constituency.

## Disaster Prevention and Mitigation

To meet the goal of making Tacloban a disaster-resilient city, the CDRRMO conducted DRRM trainings and drills, serving 12 schools, five barangays, and 19 government and private organizations and offices. In preparation for the rainy season and as a mitigation to the possible spike of dengue cases, the Office assisted in the declogging of 25 drainage and waterways and conducted fogging activities to 15 schools and barangays within the city.

## Disaster and Emergency Response

The monitoring and response team operated 24/7 year-round, responding to various emergencies. The CDRRMO responded to four incidents, conducting rescue operations ensuring the safety of those affected. Moreover, the Office also provided financial assistance to 54 families affected by fire incidents throughout the year. Similarly, it offered assistance to families displaced by Typhoon Odette, and prepared and distributed food packs to families in areas flood by the heavy rains.

## General Services

The CDRRMO served various stakeholders in the observance of the Holy Week and other religious activities within the city. It was on Blue Alert status during the 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, the city’s Fiesta celebration, and during extreme weather conditions which required the immediate mobilization of emergency services.

## Logistical Support

CDRRMO also offered extended services, aside from their regular functions, and served the different component barangays of the city through the provision of tents, tables, chairs, sound system, and portable toilets.

Equipment provided by CDRRMO	
Tents	1,626
Tables	3,226
Chairs	64,459
Sound system	485
Portable toilets	80

## Emergencies responded to by CDRRMO

27	773
falling incidents	vehicular accidents
11	1,045
psychiatric response	medical emergencies
1,131	70
medical transport assistance	maternity
9	52
self-harm	sports and work incidents
	10
	stabbing incidents



The Tacloban City Rescue Unit (TACRU) demonstrates rescue of trapped individuals during the Q4 Nationwide Earthquake Drill.



Mayor Alfred Romualdez, joined by DOST Sec. Renato Solidum, observes BFP personnel practice chemical decontamination.



# City General Services Office

The City General Services Office (CGSO) oversees the acquisition, maintenance, safekeeping, utilization, and disposal of City Government properties, ensuring the delivery of cost-effective services to constituents.

## General Support Services

The CGSO acts as a major support department for city government offices, departments, and barangays by providing cost-effective general services in support of various programs, projects, and activities. In 2023, the Office provided water delivery services to police stations, evacuation centers, health centers, and the Tacloban Supermarket. Potable drinking water was delivered to 144 resettlement sites and offices, with 78 receiving water connections, and 32 undergoing repairs.



Declogging of drainage in the Downtown area



Repair of the Astrodome playground facilities

## Property and Supply Management Program

In accordance with R.A. 7160, the CGSO managed all properties, equipment, supplies, and materials of the City Government. This includes enforcing policies on the maintenance and disposal of unserviceable equipment and providing a systematic archival system for public documents and records. In 2023, the Office facilitated the issuance of 1,045 supplies, equipment, and materials to requesting offices and departments. The CGSO ensured the completeness of delivered items from suppliers, monitored commonly-used supplies for accountability, and maintained a systematic archival system.

## Beautification and Cleanliness Program

Throughout the year, the Office conducted daily maintenance of six parks, open spaces, and plazas, along with daily garbage monitoring and collection in the 138 barangays. Additionally, 41 citation tickets were imposed for violations of City Ordinance 2007-10-31 (Anti-littering Ordinance) and City Ordinance 2007-13-27 (Solid Waste Management Program).

## Electrification Program

The CGSO oversaw the maintenance, monitoring, and installation of additional streetlights as requested by each barangay in the city. Over the reporting year, the Office repaired 137 streetlights, removed and transferred 60 streetlights, installed an additional 150 posts in various barangays, established 77 electrical connections, and conducted seven post and wire inspections.

# Management Information System Office

The Management Information System Office (MISO) persistently delivered digital systems crucial for the seamless provision of public services, and kept the City Government abreast with current technological trends in governance. In 2023, the Office launched and maintained, both through in-house development and contracted services, eight systems aimed at streamlining governance and improving access to services.

## Online Cashless Ticketing System

The MISO introduced the Online Cashless Ticketing System to streamline cash ticket collections for market vendors, in coordination with the Operations of Market and City Treasurer's Office, upon proper consultation with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

## BPLS/CTO Reporting System

The in-house created Business Permits and Licensing System (BPLS) included a reporting system for inter-office/department/agency use that ensures accuracy of the data.

## One-Stop-Shop Construction Permitting and Tracking System

The system digitalized processes related to permits and licenses, enabling individuals to track their applications for Building Permits from the Office of the Building Official and City Engineer's Office.

## Barangay Accounting System/ GSIS Remittance System

Another system developed by the MISO is the Barangay Accounting System/GSIS Remittance System for accounting-related documents such as employee records, remittance on contributions and deductions, payroll processing, and GSIS Remittance tracking.



Training of end-users for a new system

## Online Payment (Health)

The Online Payment (Health) System provided an additional payment option through GCash, Maya, ShopeePay, and GrabPay, for the processing of the Health Card for use of public and private individuals and establishments.

## Tacloban Social Services System

Launched in 2022, the Tacloban Social Services Sytem was maintained and upgraded to accommodate the evolving needs of the city. The database has since expanded into a targetting system for the provision of assistance by the City Social Welfare and Development Office and City Health Office.

## Digital Document Signing and Verification System

The system allows the seamless adoption of digital signatures in documents and can be securely utilized by departments and offices via an online email system.

## Geographic Information System

This integrated the rendering and computerization of parcellary mapping with the GIS systems of CASSO, CPDO, BPLD, CDRMO, and TOMEKO in order to create a cohesive map of the city, which contains information on hazards, traffic, and lot ownership.

## Server and Network Maintenance

Server maintenance and updates were also done by the Office to ensure smooth and uninterrupted operation of systems and programs being used by the City Government, and upgrading the safety of said servers with the addition of software called Antivirus Suite-Server Level, with specialization on the security of data.



# City Planning and Development Office

The City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), as the planning and coordination arm of the City Government, engaged in various activities that mapped out the direction of LGU initiatives in the medium and long terms. A particular example is the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) for 2023-2028 which programmed the allocation of resources across five sectoral priorities: social, economic, environmental, institutional, and infrastructure policies. The formulation of the successor Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) also commenced in 2023 through the conduct of geodetic surveys that determined the exact boundaries between barangays and the contour of waterways. Regular activities along four functional areas were also implemented as programmed.

## Development of Plans and Programs

In support to the updating of the CLUP, geotagging of barangays for onsite validation of mandatory facilities, along with the survey and mapping for technical descriptions, were successfully conducted in the first semester. The resulting partial plan was submitted and presented to the City Mayor. In addition, the CDP was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) on July 6, 2023, following two final sectoral calibrations on June 22 and 23, 2023.



Pre- and post-inspection of construction projects in the city were intensified along with the issuance of notices for violations

Further, the division fulfilled its function of creating sectoral plans through the preparation of the Annual Investment Program (AIP), which outlines the priority programs, projects, and activities of the LGU. Similarly, eight supplemental AIPs were submitted to the City Mayor's Office for endorsement to the SP. Additionally, the division crafted the Gender and Development Plan for 2024, which aimed to strengthen gender-responsive programs in the city, and the State of the Children Report for 2022, which is a review and evaluation of the city's programs towards the young demographic.

The division likewise led the implementation of the Zoning Ordinance, resulting in the generation of Php 12,810,079.83 in revenue, surpassing the annual target by 28%, from timely-processed locational clearances and zoning certifications.

Zoning Clearances Issued by CPDO	
Locational clearance	541
Zoning certification for business	467
Zoning certification for office	140

## Special Projects

Apart from tracking the progress of the implementation of plans, the CPDO played a vital role in organizing and evaluating the planning and implementation of special projects. In 2023, the CPDO conducted collaboration activities necessary to the monitoring of special projects. The Special Projects Division continued to monitor the development of the Tacloban North Memorial Park, as well as the PAGCOR Multipurpose Evacuation Center.

The Technical Assistance Agreement with the Cities Development Initiative for Asia for the preparation of a project study on wastewater and septage management was completed in July 2023. Another technical assistance measures likewise commenced, this time with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the Cities for Enhanced Governance and Engagement (CHANGE) Project and Urban Connect Project.



The Steering Committee for the CDIA PPS project

## Research, Evaluation, and Statistics Program

The Research, Evaluation, and Statistics Division (RESD) serves as the think tank of the Office, which conducts gathering and processing of these data in the form of reports that are instrumental in the updating and formulation of developmental plans. In 2023, these reports included the 2022 Annual Report, 2022 Ecological Profile, Report on the 2022 Income and Expenditure Patterns of Tacloban LGU, and the Barangay Profiles.

The division was also instrumental in the collation, processing, and packaging of data for assessment bodies. The RESD gathered, packaged, and submitted the documents for the Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index, for which the city garnered distinction as 4<sup>th</sup> Most Improved HUC in the country.

As the repository of localized data and statistics, the division provided research and statistical data requested by clients and national government agencies such as the Philippine Statistics Authority and the National Economic and Development Authority for the generation of Provincial Product Accounts and Regional Economic Situationer, respectively.

Lastly, the division ensured compliance to the Full Disclosure Policy through the timely posting of fiscal reports at various conspicuous areas and the online portal.



Updating of documents on the FDP Board at MASA Center



The CPDC delivers the LGU's statement on the 13.8% GDP growth of Tacloban City at a PSA forum





Cross-Cancabato causeway project presented by DPWH Region 8 to the City Development Council

### Support to Operations

The CPDO, as the coordination department, assisted the operations of local special bodies, particularly on the provision of secretariat support. As mandated in the Local Government Code, the CPDO served as secretariat to the City Development Council, providing technical inputs to policies being formulated. In the enforcement of zoning laws, nine Local Zoning Board of Appeals and one Local Zoning Review Committee meetings were held to address concerns regarding the issuance of zoning clearances.



LZBA meeting



Meeting with USAID for the continuation of the CHANGE Project

The Office also serves as secretariat to the Local Housing Board and the Economic Enterprise Management Ad Hoc Committee, which met two and four times throughout the year, respectively. Technical and administrative support were also allotted to the Performance Management Team in the conduct of Agency-Wide Performance Review and Evaluation and the calibration of department and office Performance and Commitment Review forms.

Moreover, the Office, as concurrent CSO Desk Office, participated in external events that had the goal of increasing civil society participation, accreditation, and representation in local government affairs.

# Human Resource Management and Development Office

The mandate of the Human Resource Management and Development Office (HRMDO) to conceptualize, develop, coordinate, implement, monitor, and evaluate programs and projects for improved employee and LGU performance is placed along four major functional areas:

### Recruitment, Selection, and Placement

The HRMDO published 56 vacant positions throughout the year, which were posted at six conspicuous places and on the website of the Civil Service Commission. These resulted in 652 applications being received and pre-evaluated by the Office. Of these, 40 were granted permanent appointment by the City Mayor upon recommendatino by the Personnel Selection Board.

In response to the increasing demand on the City Government, the Office also facilitated the finalization and endorsement of the Organizational Development Ordinance.

### Learning and Development

Thirty-six learning sessions were conducted for City Government of Tacloban employees. These touched on mental health management, basic customer service, supervisory management, cyberawareness, basic seminars for security personnel, drivers, and DRRM practitioners, and the four core HR areas.

### Performance Management

Under this was the monitoring and evaluation of submitted Performance and Commitment Review forms both by individual employees and by departments and offices. The HRMDO recorded 100% collection of both IPCR 2023 Targets and Accomplishment Forms, with the Summary of Ratings submitted to the CSC.

### Rewards and Recognition

Two retirement and loyalty recognition events were organized for retirees or for those who have been in the LGU for at least 10 years. A Pasidungog event, where top performing employees were given recognition, was also held in line with the PRAISE Program.

**882**  
office orders

**948**  
leave records updated

**442**  
travel orders

**158**  
service records issued



Mayor Romualdez addresses the Pasidungog 2023 awardees



## City Civil Registrar's Office

The City Civil Registrar's Office (CCRO) is responsible for the registration of birth, death, and marriage certificates as well as the preparation of legal instruments and relevant documents for endorsement to courts and the Philippine Statistics Authority. For the year 2023, the CCRO registered and endorsed a total of 9,375 documents. In partnership with Plan International, an international non-government organization, the Office issued Certificates of Live Birth to a total of 300 Taclobanons, especially those living in the northern barangays. It also offered services to 351 individuals through the program of the City Government.

CCRO also coordinated with the City Mayor's Office in spearheading the Civil Mass Wedding, wherein the marriage of 74 couples from different barangays were solemnized by the City Mayor.



Mayor Alfred solemnized the wedding of Persons Deprived of Liberty on the Kasalan sa Piitan event

## City Information Office

City Information Office, the official communication arm of the City Government of Tacloban, is responsible for ensuring the timely release of relevant information to the public, including the plans and programs of the administration. Throughout the reporting year, the Office was consistent with their mandate as they disseminated information gathered from various offices and external sources, and were shared through different traditional and social media platforms.

The Office published 804 news articles and captioned pictures featured in four local newspapers, while radio programs were aired daily on four local radio stations. It also delivered information and entertainment on its social media accounts.

CIO ensured a tighter engagement between the LGU and its constituents through its coverage of the five press conferences called by the City Mayor. The Office also supported and helped in circulating details on the Waray/Binisaya culture, literature, and its performing arts.

## City Legal Office

The City Legal Office (CLO) is the chief legal counsel of the City Government, ensuring clean governance through the strict monitoring of compliance with local and national laws, and representing the LGU in various court proceedings.

The CLO represented the City Government in 70 hearings for 16 cases throughout the year. Thirty-eight motions and replies were also submitted in relation to these cases. Upon request of City Government offices and private entities, CLO rendered 111 legal opinions, mostly on the legality of proposed memoranda of agreement/understanding and legal deeds.

**1,800**  
pabahay forms  
notarized

**98**  
free legal advice  
rendered

**18**  
administrative cases  
monitored

**4**  
preliminary  
investigations  
conducted

## Internal Audit Services Office

The Internal Audit Services Office (IASO) is responsible for the evaluation of the management control and operations performance of Tacloban City. It determines the city's degree of compliance with existing laws and regulations, policies, and accountability measures by providing guidance to the different departments. Management, operations, and compliance audits were conducted to the different offices and recommended courses of actions aligned for each office.

### Management Audit

Management and compliance audits were conducted to four departments of the LGU. The Business Permits and Licensing Division was audited to ascertain its compliance with the provisions of DILG-ARTA JMC No. 2021-01 and R.A. 11032. The same audit was conducted to the City Civil Registrar's Office and proposed steps to check the effectiveness of the Office's internal control systems.

Similar audits were performed to the City Agriculturist's Office and Tacloban City Hospital's Outpatient Department.

### Operations Audit

The division conducted audits and recommended courses of actions for the effective, efficient, ethical, and economical operations of various offices. An audit was conducted to the City Social Welfare and Development Office on the transactions and operations of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation program for 2022-2023. The same was conducted to the City Housing and Development Office on the existing internal controls for the implementation of Yolanda Permanent Housing Program, as well as the CENRO for the Solid Waste Management Program and BEESPEE Project.



Exit conference on the operations audit of the Yolanda Permanent Housing Program implementation



# City Assessor's Office

The City Assessor's Office (CASSO) is tasked with initiating real property appraisal and assessment within the political jurisdiction of Tacloban City, whether taxable or exempt, using the current and fair schedule of market values for taxation purposes. The collections from the office contribute to the funding of City Government programs, projects, and activities, as well as the Special Education Fund.

## Appraisal and Assessment of Real Property

Real Property Inventory Operations dominated CASSO activities in 2023, appraising and assessing a total of 2,466 real property units in line with the General Revision 10. This operation, managed and implemented as a special project by the City Assessor's Office, is a strategic initiative to guarantee the comprehensive inclusion of all properties in the assessment roll.

Moreover, the CASSO conducted the annotation and cancellation of encumbrance on tax declarations. Annotation and cancellation of real estate mortgages were performed upon the request of involved parties, subject to payment of regulatory fees as outlined in City Ordinance 2005-09-063.

## Assessment Records Management

A total of 15,917 certified copies of tax declarations for the BIR, indigent clients, or court requests were issued throughout the year. The Office also issued various certifications, including property holdings, improvement status, electrical connection, property history, and research.

Documents Issued by CASSO	
Tax declarations	8,566
Certifications on property holdings	1,236
Certificate of no improvement	1,784
Certificate for electrical connection	232
Certification on property history	373



Delivery of Notices of Assessment to property owners



Continuation of Real Property Inventory Operations

## Tax Mapping Operations

The Office updated the tax map, generating 49,625 parcels across 138 barangays. Approximately 5,966 properties underwent research and verification using the ArcGIS map to validate records in the PATAS System. Additionally, the CASSO identified, recorded, and listed 115 idle lands.

Quarterly reports on the General Revision were submitted by the Office to DILG in compliance with DILG-DOF JMC No. 2010-01. The Report of Real Property Assessment, which contains a summary of all assessment transactions, were also submitted to the Bureau of Local Government Finance.

# Traffic Operations Management, Enforcement, and Control Office

The Traffic Operations, Management, Enforcement, and Control Office (TOMECO) continued to perform its role of ensuring the mobility of both motorists and passengers through unhampered flow of traffic and removal of impediments in the city's roads.

Notably, with the passage of the Towing Ordinance, the Office commenced the issuance of notices to vehicles stalled on the side of roads as precursor to being impounded. Road clearing was also intensified through the issuance of citation tickets to vehicles and stalls illegally parked along sidewalks.

As mandated in the Traffic Code, 129 enforcers of the Office were deployed to various thoroughfares within the city to carry out functions relative to traffic management. For the year in review, the TOMECO successfully accomplished the following:

<b>21,031</b> traffic citations	<b>184</b> installed signboards
<b>4,483</b> clearances	<b>275</b> traffic signals repaired
<b>1,015</b> complaints filed	<b>155</b> traffic signals replaced



Clearing operation along city roads



Towing of abandoned vehicle

# Fishery Law Enforcement Team

The Fishery Law Enforcement Team (FLET) upholds the mandate of enforcing laws and regulations for the conservation and management of fishery resources, aligning with R.A. 10654 and City Ordinance No. 2003-8-138. Through 24/7 seaborne patrol operations, FLET monitored San Pedro Bay, Cancabato Bay, Anibong Bay, Panalaron Bay, and San Juanico Strait. For the year 2023, the team successfully confiscated 40 illegal fishing gears, demonstrating the team's commitment to maintaining the integrity of marine resources.



Seized fine hole fishing net

For its efforts in combatting illegal fishing, the FLET earned a Plaque of Appreciation from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office VIII.



Mayor Romualdez personally oversaw the management of traffic in view of the high influx of vehicles.





# Barangay Affairs Office

The Barangay Affairs Office (BAO) is responsible for overseeing the programs, projects, and activities of the 138 barangays in Tacloban City. Implementation of the I Love Tacloban Barangayan continued in 2023, during which various services were dispensed to communities. The BAO was likewise pivotal in the smooth transition of barangay councils following the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

For the year 2023, the Office facilitated the efficient coordination between the City Government and its component barangays by forwarding 4,200 barangay requests to accountable offices and receiving 130 Program of Works for various infrastructure projects. It also implemented community aide programs through the provision of jetmatic pumps and wheelchairs.

BAO also assisted in the governance processes of barangays by conducting meetings and inspections regarding various concerns and complaints. All 138 barangays were likewise monitored to ensure that the mandatory number of barangay assemblies were held, as well as the biannual meeting of the Liga ng mga Barangay.



Frontline services are offered in the Barangayan activities



# DILG City Operations Office

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Tacloban City Operations Office is responsible in strengthening local government capability towards effective basic services of its constituents. It assists the President in the exercise of general provision over the local government unit of Tacloban. The Office works side-by-side with the LGU in ensuring continuity of service to the citizenry with focus on excellent public governance as its main goal.

## Accountable, Transparent, Participative, and Effective Local Governance

The City DILG consistently monitored the city government of Tacloban and its component barangays on their compliance with Full Disclosure Policy (FDP) by conducting on-site inspection on FDP boards, coaching and mentoring FDPP, and providing technical assistance to concerned LGUs. The office also spearheaded the conduct of assessments for the activities related to the Support for Local Governance Program (SLGP), BNEO for GREAT Barangays Program, Barangay and City Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG), Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA), and provided assistance on the Citizen Satisfaction Index Survey (CSIS).

## Peaceful, Orderly, and Safe LGUs

The Office provided technical assistance to the members of Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Planning TWG in formulating the Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan, which was eventually approved by the city. As the secretariat of the City Peace and Order Council, it also assisted in the conduct of /CPOC-CADAC-CTF ELCAC. Tacloban City remained as a white area and the Office regularly conducted activities and meetings to discuss initiatives and strategies to sustain this status. The city has also sustained its Drug Cleared status by strengthening its coordination with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).



Oath taking of newly elected SK Federation officials

## Socially Protective LGUs

Aligned with the city's advocacy of protecting its citizens, especially women and children, the City DILG conducted activities which aimed to consistently monitor and improve programs promoting their rights and well-being. The City DILG conducted a Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) assessment, enhanced Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC), institutionalized a Gender Responsive Local Governance, and formulated a functional Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC).

Tacloban City maintained its status as a National Passer of the Child-Friendly Local Governance Audit (CFLGA) and was also one of the recipients of the 2023 SubayBAYANI Awards.

## Strengthening of Internal Capacity

Aiming to continuously strengthen Tacloban City's internal governance capacity, the City DILG, together with the Local Governance Regional Resource Center, conducted various activities on knowledge management, convergence, and multi-stakeholders' participation. The team also consistently conducted planning, programming, and reporting of their target activities.





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# City Social Welfare and Development Office

The City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) is the primary arm of the City Government in delivering essential social welfare programs and services designed to empower and improve the quality of life of disadvantaged communities.



Day care pupils perform on the Children's Month opening program

## Family and Community Welfare

The CSWDO conducted several advocacy and awareness activities with a total of 1,509 attendees for events, such as the Parent Effectiveness Service, the Empowerment and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities Program, Orientation on the Solo Parents Welfare Act, and Family Drug Abuse Prevention Program, among others. Pre-marriage counselling was also carried out to 190 would-be couples. The Office also furnished reports and documents for the assistance of disadvantaged individuals.

## Early Childhood Care and Development Program

A total of 4,505 children received early childhood care and development services through a series of activities conducted under programs such as the National Children's Month Celebration, Christmas Cheers for Day Care Children, and Supplementary Feeding Program.



Poster making contest in line with the Children's Month

## Protection Services to Senior Citizens

A comprehensive orientation on the Social Pension implementation, in accordance with the Senior Citizens Act, was attended by a total of 2,300 senior citizens. This was followed by a year-long initiative which included the disbursement of social pension, as well as the distribution of other monetary and in-kind assistance.

During this period, 7,023 senior citizens received their social pension, 1,510 more availed financial assistance, and 1,500 claimed gifts from the Office of the Vice President. Additionally, three senior citizens who reached the age of 100 were able to receive a cash incentive of Php 100,000.00. Rescue operations were also conducted to twelve abandoned and ten neglected senior citizens through coordinated effort involving various agencies, healthcare professionals, and community members.



Social pension paid out to a senior citizen

## Women Welfare Program

Counseling, financial aid, medical support, and modular sessions focusing on Maternal and Child Care Development were among the services extended to 79 children and 10 women under the Women Welfare Program. There were a combined total of 116 walk-in VAWC cases reported at the community level. Advocacy campaigns were conducted at different barangays through the orientation of special laws for the protection of women and children.

## Child and Youth Welfare Program

During the Social Preparation for People's Participation, 1,175 youths actively participated in targeted activities designed to prepare them in endeavors for their holistic development. The CSWDO also hosted forums covering diverse topics such as Rejecting Premarital Sex and Teenage Pregnancy, Mental Health Awareness, Social Responsibility Enhancement and Volunteerism, and Advocacy for HIV and AIDS Awareness.

In total, 1,245 youths actively participated in these activities. The Office also administered the Government Internship Program, wherein 35 youths were hired to engage in government work and short-term employment. Meanwhile, in the Family Drug Abuse Prevention Program, 235 parents and youths learned about their roles and responsibilities to prevent family disintegration caused by drug abuse.

## Sustainable Livelihood Program

Beneficiaries of the Sustainable Livelihood Program underwent comprehensive capability building, equipping them with essential business management skills, including financial management, recording, bookkeeping, and values restoration. These services were received by a total of 335 individuals. Financial assistance in the form of Seed Capital Fund, Cash to Build Livelihood Assistance, and Financial Assistance for Skills Training and Employment Facilitation was also provided to a combined total of 250 individuals.

## Social Development Center for Children

At the Social Development Center for Children, the CSWDO conducted capacity-building and social enhancement activities for children, along with counseling services. The Office prepared 57 Home Study Reports for admitting children to the center, and 98 Social Case Study Reports for their referral to other agencies.



# City Health Office

For 2023, the City Health Office (CHO) was able to provide primary healthcare services to Taclobanons through the seven District Health Centers, 25 Barangay Health Stations, and six birthing facilities.

## Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health, and Nutrition Program

The CHO was the frontline agency in ensuring the safety of pregnant mothers and the safe delivery of infants through the provision of maternal healthcare services to communities. Child immunization, child care, nutrition, and maternal care --- prenatal, postnatal, and family planning services --- are included in this functional area. Through the Office's efforts, one hundred percent skilled birth attendance was assured to relevant constituents.

Accomplishment under the MNCHN Program		
Skilled birth attendance	5,829 deliveries	100%
Facility-based deliveries	5,828 deliveries	99.98%
Normal spontaneous vaginal deliveries	5,289 deliveries	91%
Pregnant women who gave birth with 4 prenatal	5,418	92.9%
Post-partum women who completed at least 2 check-ups	5,606	96%

## Substance Abuse Program

The New Beginnings Program marked the collaboration of stakeholders at all levels not only to reinforce the law against the use of illegal drugs but also to provide holistic interventions to persons who used drugs. Under the broader Substance Abuse Program, 33 sessions of Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program were conducted. Five orientation seminars on alcohol, smoking, substance involvement screening test, and brief intervention were also held with barangay officials and technical personnel as participants.

## Mental Health Program

To address the growing number of mental health patients, the CHO spearheaded three sessions of mental health advocacies in the workplace with the total of 76 participants. The program also took in 151 new clients, provided free drugs to 733 patients, and administered treatment to 142 individuals.

## Nutrition Program

Almost one hundred percent of infants in the city were given Vitamin A supplementation under the Nutrition Program of the CHO, which targets the immediate causes of maternal and child malnutrition such as micronutrient deficiency, underweight, stunting, wasting, and obesity. A further 9,216 children 12-59 months old were provided the same supplementation, while 60,097 children were given two doses of deworming drugs.

## National Immunization Program

The Expanded Program on Immunization implementation of the City Health Office was able to cover 63.02% of the target child population with full immunization against common vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination services were also provided to other sectors of the city.

<b>15,493</b>	<b>1,300</b>
measles rubella vaccine	HPV vaccine
<b>18,637</b>	<b>5,000</b>
oral polio vaccine	influenza vaccine



*The City Health Officer receives a third COVID-19 booster dose*

## Adolescent Health Program

Guided by DOH Administrative Order No. 34-A, s. 2000, the Adolescent Health Program is envisioned to inform and empower adolescents to become healthy and responsible. Particular to this is the prevention of the spread of teenage pregnancies, sexually-transmitted diseases, and suicide, which recorded the following number of occurrence, respectively: 327, three, and five.

Accomplishments under the other programs of the CHO are summarized:

Tuberculosis Control Program	<b>183% TB Case Detection Rate</b> <b>92% TB Treatment Success Rate</b>
Schistosomiasis Prevention and Control Program	<b>715 suspected cases given treatment</b>
Dengue Fever Prevention and Control Program	<b>116 barangays conducted larval survey</b> <b>12 fogging services</b>
STI/HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Program	<b>397 clients examined and counselled</b> <b>36 seminars conducted</b> <b>1,076 clients screened or tested for HIV</b>
Non-Communicable Disease Prevention and Control	<b>1,579 women screened for breast mass</b> <b>13% women with suspicious breast mass identified</b>
Oral Health Care Services	<b>3,315 provided with oral care services</b>
Environmental Health and Sanitation Services	<b>3,887 sanitary permits issued</b> <b>30,416 health certificates issued</b>

In total, throughout the year, the Office catered to 9,959 patients during the daily consultations, issued 4,606 medical certifications and 772 death certifications, and performed 7,665 laboratory examinations. Thirty-two unmanageable cases were referred to hospitals.



# Tacloban City Hospital

Aside from delivering accessible and effective primary care to the public, the Tacloban City Hospital (TCH) also led various programs in observance of national health laws mandated by the Department of Health (DOH). The hospital won fifth place out of ten contenders on implementing the Infection Prevention and Control Program by the DOH Eastern Visayas. Under its National Voluntary Blood Services Program, a total of 63 bags of blood were collected and stored at the EVMC Blood Bank.

Meanwhile, the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program catered to a total of 4,580 animal bite victims. Through the Newborn Screening Program, there was a total of 509 screening of newborn babies in order to determine potentially serious medical conditions. Lastly, the Family Planning Program provided 33 clients with different family planning commodities.

## Outpatient Services

For the Outpatient Department, there was a total of 42,623 consultations rendered in 2023. The leading cause of consultation was pneumonia with 2,293 consultations, followed by Urinary Tract Infection and Upper Respiratory Tract Infection.

Types of consultations rendered

<b>4,428</b>	<b>20,428</b>
physical examination	general medical
<b>2,207</b>	<b>15,560</b>
OB prenatal	pediatric



Blood donation drive

Ten Leading Causes of OPD Consultation	
Pneumonia	2,293
Urinary Tract Infection	2,170
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	2,016
Diabetes Mellitus	1,792
Acute Gastroenteritis	1,634
Bronchial Asthma	1,576
Hypertension	1,440
Acute Gastritis	1,249
Intestinal Amoebiasis	1,082
Dengue Fever with warning signs	1,056

## Nursing Services

In the TCH Emergency Room, there were a total of 8,739 consultations and 2,941 admissions recorded. Data showed that incoming referrals were lower compared to outgoing referrals. Meanwhile, in the Delivery Room, Normal Spontaneous Vaginal Deliveries were significantly higher, with a total number of 509 deliveries, compared to Caesarian Sections. The Operating Room served a total of 174 operations of which 56 were minor, 81 medium, and only 12 categorized as major.



TCH received a certificate of recognition from the DOH for its implementation of the Wellness Movement Program

## Dental Services

The Dental Section of TCH was able to collect a total of Php 56,950 from the 1,553 consultations and 193 extractions conducted.

## Laboratory Services

A total of 186,301 laboratory examinations were performed for both in-patient and out-patient clients.

## Radiologic Services

The Radiologic Department performed a total of 9,219 x-ray services, 3,140 electrocardiogram services, and 582 ultrasound services.

# City Nutrition Office

The City Nutrition Office (CNO) works to improve community health by planning and implementing nutrition programs and policies, focusing on preventing malnutrition and addressing nutritional needs. For the year 2023, the CNO effectively carried out various programs targeting vulnerable sectors of the city, including women, children, and low-income families.

The *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* was held in 34 barangays with the goal of educating mothers and caregivers about the significance of good nutrition. Pregnant women in 54 barangays participated in the Breastfeeding Counselling. In another six barangays, Breastfeeding Support Group Assemblies were conducted. Meanwhile, the Operation Timbang was implemented across 134 barangays of the City to monitor the status of 0 to 59-month-old children. Feeding programs were also carried out to preschool children in selected barangays.

Thirty-five new Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) underwent the BNS Basic Course Training. There was also a celebration for the Nutrition Culmination Program and the BNS Day.

Nutrition Program Management Training	<b>60 barangays</b>
Home, School, and Communal Gardening Programs	<b>24 barangays</b>
Livelihood Assistance	<b>21 barangays</b>
Distribution of Hygiene Kits	<b>23 barangays</b>
Barangay Nutrition Action Plan Orientation	<b>26 barangays</b>



Undernourished children receive complete meals under the Special Feeding Program



Pabasa sa Nutrisyon for pregnant and lactating mothers



## Persons with Disability Affairs Office

The Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO) functions as the developer and implementer of programs and projects in accordance with R.A. 7277 or the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons.

The Office celebrated the 45th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It also conducted advocacy and social awareness activities, such as an orientation on the rights and privileges of PWDs as well as reorganization of barangay PWD associations.

**995**  
PWD IDs issued

**829**  
medicine booklets issued

**829**  
commodities booklets issued

## City Population Office

The shift in the program focus of R.A. 10354 or the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012 towards demographic indicators gave an opportunity for the City Population Office (CPO) to gear its activities towards more capability-building activities to enhance the knowledge and skills of personnel, program volunteers, and support groups.

As the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point, the CPO continued to maintain the GAD Resource Center, which monitored the implementation of the GAD Program, provided technical assistance to the Barangay Councils, conducted GAD trainings and meetings, and facilitated the submission of the 2022 Annual GAD Accomplishment Report and the 2024 City GAD Plan and Budget.

The initiatives of the CPO to sustain program advocacy and information awareness activities continued through the Tacloban City Population Office Facebook Page. Tacloban City Gender and Development Program Counseling and other technical assistance were also made possible online.

Pre-marriage Orientation	<b>148</b>
Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning seminars	<b>31</b>
KATROPA classes	<b>41</b>
Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health classes	<b>49</b>



Councilor Aimee Grafil addresses the 2023 GAD Summit



Plaque recognizing the CPO in the PopDev awards

## City Youth Development Office

The year 2023 was a rewarding one for the City Youth Development Office (CYDO) as they continued to champion their mandate of implementing programs and policies that are geared towards the development of skills and talents of the youth in Tacloban City.

The Office held 16 symposia to provide awareness, and empower and mobilize the youths. From February to March, six symposia were conducted for the HIV and AIDS Awareness Campaign that were participated by a total of 310 participants. Meanwhile, under the Anti-Drug and Other Substance Abuse Campaign, CYDO facilitated five symposia that were participated by 235 participants. They also conducted five symposia for the Advocacy and Information Program on Youth Health Issues that were participated by 235 participants.

For environmental cause, *Padyak para ha Kalibungan* and *Sibot* Coastal Clean-Up Drive Activity were initiatives to promote societal awareness to climate change. For the overall development of the youth, programs and trainings were conducted such as Standard First Aid and Basic Life Support, Strengthening Values Formation Program, Strengthening Youth Peer Mentor and Life Coaching Program, Youth Development and Livelihood Program, and Youth Leadership and Development Program.



Youth Congress 2023

## Office of Senior Citizen Affairs

The Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) serves to advocate for the welfare and rights of senior citizens through the implementation of R.A. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010. The OSCA continued to facilitate access to benefits and services of senior citizens by the issuance of IDs and booklets that grant additional privileges. It also updated the Senior Citizens Registration Information System (SCRIS) to include all new registered senior citizens. In addition, OSCA promoted community engagement and social activities by hosting events such as the Elderly Filipino Week Celebration from October 1 to 7 wherein more than 600 senior citizens participated in fun games and contests.

The Office also conducted a Health and Wellness Program that helped senior citizens recover from various forms of abuse. Help desks were also established in each of the ten areas of the City to provide assistance and counseling for issues and concerns related to abuse.



## City Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office

Sports programs and other related fitness activities were administered by the City Physical Fitness and Sports Development Office (CPFSDO). The City Government centered on the policy "Sports for all and fitness for all" to not only bring out discipline but also physical well-being.

A total of 10 tournaments were conducted and facilitated by the Office in 2023, which included the inaugural Tacloban Badminton Tournament and Smash Cup National Invitational Table Tennis Sangyaw Tournament.



*Incentives were awarded to EVRAA medal winners*

Notably, an ordinance was passed granting cash incentives to athletes who excel in government sponsored tournaments. The law was first implemented after the EVRAA Meet, wherein rewards were presented to successful sports competitors from the Tacloban City Schools Division.

In recognition of its active role in the promotion of sports, Tacloban City was invited by the Philippine Sports Commission to participate in the 2024 Batang Pinoy National Finals and the Philippine National Games.

## City Housing and Community Development Office

The City Housing and Community Development Office (CHCDO) is charged with ensuring that housing needs in Tacloban City are met while also providing shelter options for families affected by natural calamities. In line with this, 208 permanent housing units in Tacloban North were raffled to qualified beneficiaries, composed of families living along danger zones, from March to December 2023. Concurrent with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Supertyphoon Yolanda 1,490 Certificates of Award were also issued to beneficiaries.

In addition, CHCDO was tasked to monitor the clearing operations to secure specific areas from the repopulation of informal settlements. A total of 111 structures were demolished in Anibong District from January to July, plus 187 structures in Barangay 37 from the August to December.



*Continuation of clearing operation at Brgy. 68 Anibong*





## DepEd City Schools Division

As mandated by law, the Department of Education (DepED) Tacloban City Schools Division ensured the provision of quality education to children and young people for both public and private schools in the city. It also handled school administration across three levels of education namely, Kindergarten, Elementary, and Secondary.

Learners under the DepEd City Schools Division were able to showcase their excellence through the 2023 National Schools Press Conference. A total of four participants bagged awards from the said competition: 5<sup>th</sup> place Feature Writing (English) for STEFTI, 5<sup>th</sup> place Collaborative Desktop Publishing for Leyte National High School, a student from the Sto. Niño SPED Center was hailed as Most Outstanding Elementary Campus Journalist of the Philippines for Region VIII, and from Sagkahan National High School, the Most Outstanding Secondary School Paper Adviser of the Philippines for Region VIII.



National Schools Press Conference winners from Tacloban

## Tacloban City Jail

The primary function of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) is to detain Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL). Along with this function, the bureau is also responsible with providing PDLs with basic needs, conducting activities for PDL development, and improving jail facilities and security.



Confiscated materials during greyhound operation



Tacloban City Jail retained drug-free certification by PDEA

The BJMP Tacloban City Jail conducted semestral joint greyhound operations with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and Philippine National Police to flush out contrabands such as improvised deadly weapons, illegal drugs, and their precursors, in order to prevent proliferation. Apart from this, drug testing was done to maintain the drug-free status of the jail facility.

The TCJ management was certified in 2023 as ISO 9001:2015 QMS compliant, and also received the BJMP Grey Dove Award, and two Gawad Penolohiya Awards for Best City Jail Warden and Best City Jail for the Female Dorm.

## Tacloban City Fire Station

Ensuring public safety through the prevention and suppression of all kinds of destructive fires in Tacloban City is the main duty of the BFP City Fire Station. Their duty also extends to the investigation of all causes of fires and file complaints if deemed necessary.

### Fire Safety

In terms of fire safety and suppression, the BFP boasted an 81% decrease in the estimated damage to fire incidents in 2023 versus 2022 with credit to the enhanced fire safety awareness of city residents and business. Along this front, fire personnel engaged in information dissemination campaign such as the Bandilyo sa Barangay and Bandilyo sa Eskwelahan. BFP also laid out hose maps for 54 high risk barangays, as well as the updated the inventory of standby fire trucks and fire hydrants.

### Fire Prevention

A total of 205 fire drills were conducted in establishments as a requirement for the issuance of Fire Safety Inspection Certificate

### Emergency and Crisis Management

The BFP Tacloban City emergency medical services team responded to 210 incidents of medical and vehicular nature, participated in seven rescue activities, and delivered 26 lectures on basic first aid and basic life support.

## Tacloban City Police Office

The Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO) of the Philippine National Police was awarded for its outstanding performance in safeguarding peace and security within the city in 2023. It was recognized as the top performer, in the city level category, in its campaigns against illegal drugs, most wanted person, and loose firearms by the Police Regional Office 8.

In the fight against crime, the TCPO conducted the following number of operations in 2023.

Anti-illegal drugs	<b>118 (162 arrested)</b>
Against most wanted persons	<b>348 (354 arrested)</b>
Against loose firearms	<b>21 (22 arrested)</b>
Against illegal fishing	<b>5</b>

### Other TCPO extension activities accomplishments

<b>15,228</b> IEC materials distributed	<b>96</b> physical fitness activities
<b>132</b> joint TCPO-CDRRMO activities	<b>27</b> environment protection activities
<b>300</b> BPATs trained	

Apart from its crime prevention and safeguarding operations, the TCPO also offered Community Safety Awareness through Community-Oriented and Human Rights-based Policy by conducting 2,043 seminars and lectures, benefiting 55,598 participants.



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# City Agriculturist's Office

The City Agriculturist's Office (CAgriO) plays a crucial role in formulating measures and providing assistance to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic agricultural services in the city. Its mandates include the development of plans and programs related to agricultural development, as well as ensuring that assistance and access to resources in the production and processing of agricultural, fisheries, and marine products are extended to farmers and fisherfolks.

## Crop Production and Development

**Rice Seed Assistance.** The Department of Agriculture (DA) contributed a total of 267 bags of both certified and hybrid rice seeds during the first cropping season covering 208.5 hectares and benefiting 168 local farmers. In the second cropping season, approximately 390 bags of certified rice seeds were provided, leading to a total planted area of 195 hectares and benefiting 198 farmers.



Fruit trees planted by teachers and pupils

**Farming Input/Materials and Financial and Structural Assistance.** Free seeds and seedlings were distributed to Tacloban constituents to encourage vegetable cultivation in their yards, helping them mitigate the effects of inflation and enhance the nutritional status of their families. Approximately 16,529 assorted vegetable seeds were repacked, and 9,677 seedlings were grown in trays. These vegetable seeds were distributed randomly to communal gardens. They were also grown in communal and individual gardens of farmers associations. A total of 96,020 kilograms of vegetable seeds and 9,677 seedlings were distributed.

**Php 1,473,300**

fertilizer discount vouchers provided



Bee culture demonstration

**Capability Building Activities.** Two orientation-seminars on bee culture were conducted in collaboration with the Department of Education, University of the Philippines Tacloban College, and farmer groups in February and May 2023. The program "Hapag kay PBBM" was launched in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior and Local Government. The initiative aimed to promote food production in the barangays.

Additional capacity development activities covered various topics, including hybrid rice technology, vegetable production, rice production, cultural management of sweet pepper, squash and cassava utilization, malunggay processing, urban gardening, basic gardening, and climate change in agriculture.

**Provision of Technical Assistance.** Twenty-three schools received technical support for their Gulayan sa Paaralan projects. Several farm associations sought assistance on topics such as plant pest and disease monitoring, planting distance, the importance of crop rotation, communal garden establishment, and the propagation of specific fruits and vegetables like avocado, lanzones, cucumber, and jackfruit.

**Marketing Assistance of Farm Associations through Local Agri-Fair and KADIWA Outlets.** The CAgriO actively supported Farm Associations (FA) by facilitating marketing opportunities through Local Agri-Fairs and KADIWA outlets. The New Kawayan FA and Sta. Elena Integrated FA consistently participated in the local Agri-Fair, held at the Robinsons as well as the Kadiwa Outlet at PCA and at Rizal Park. During the fiesta celebration, five FAs participated at the Agri-Fair Trade at the Leyte Park Hotel and Resort.



Agri-Coop Trade Fair at the Leyte Park

**Collection and Distribution of Agri-related Techno-Guides.** The Office engaged in the collection and distribution of agri-related techno-guides. These guides functioned as valuable references and reading materials, offering guidance and enhancing the knowledge of farmers and other clients on the intricacies of crop production. In the reporting period, approximately 198 copies of techno-guides were distributed, covering various topics such as Gabay sa Makabagong Pagpapalayan, PhilRice Hand-out Series, Pagpatubo hin Langka, and Hybrid Rice Production, among others.

## Fisheries

**Regulatory Services.** Annual registration of fisherfolks and fishing vessels was done in 44 coastal barangays, with registration fees integrated into the collection of special fishing permits. Ensuring the safety of the consuming public, fish inspection extended to the Tacloban Supermarket, Kadiwa, and San Jose Public Market. A total of 580 inspection certificates were issued to fish vendors, covering an array of fishery products amounting to 116 metric tons. Moreover, weekly price monitoring of fishery products was conducted in adherence to Department of Trade and Industry and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources standards.



Confiscated fishing net

**3,276**

metric tons of landed shipments

**726**

metric tons of outgoing shipments

**3,966**

auxiliary invoices issued

**Php 537,976**

inspection fees collected

**Fishery Production.** The establishment of fish cages at Tacloban Mariculture Park, strategically positioned in Barangays Tagpuro, Old Kawayan, Bagacay, and San Jose, were productive in 2023. A substantial fish production of 205.282 metric tons was achieved, significantly contributing to the local supply of fish in the city.



*Mayor Romualdez poses with uniformed personnel as RPOC Chairperson on the opening of the 29th National Crime Prevention Week.*





# City Veterinary Office

Primary services offered by the City Veterinary Office (CVO) pertained to improving animal welfare, promoting a population of healthy animals as a source of food, as well as the prevention, control, and eradication of pests and diseases throughout the city.

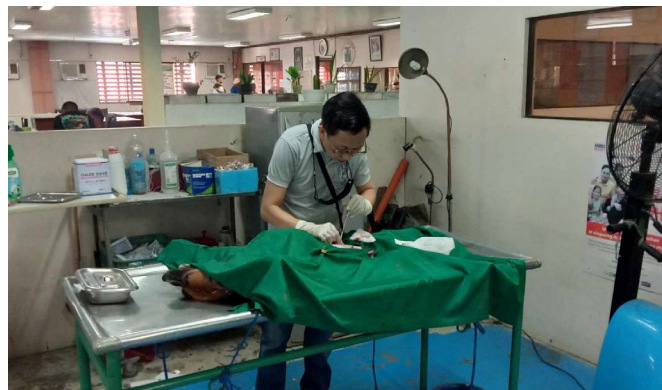
## Veterinary Health Permits and Community Services

**Rabies Elimination and Control.** In 2023, a total of 15,781 pets were vaccinated against rabies. Complementing this with information and education campaign, CVO made two television appearances and fifteen radio interviews. Ten film showings were conducted by the Office in the MASA building and public schools in Tacloban City to an audience of 855.

**Disease Prevention and Control.** This program ensured a healthy animal population through the prevention of zoonotic diseases while increasing performance and productivity. Deworming, treatment of animal disease, and disease monitoring and surveillance were part of this wherein 1,275 animals were dewormed, 634 animals treated, and 71 blood swine samples monitored.

**Livestock Production.** A total of 2,498 animals were dispersed and re-dispersed by the Office. The service aimed at increasing livestock and poultry inventory in support of the drive towards self-sufficiency. Additionally, 148 extension requests were fulfilled, which comprised of the delivery of veterinary services to areas and individuals unable to personally avail them at the CVO.

**Animal Control and Dog Impounding.** Spaying and neutering render pets unable to breed while still allowing them to live normally. This is the most accepted practice of controlling animal population. Under this, 786 pets were sterilized, 3,504 were impounded, and 3,465 were euthanized after the lapse of the holding period.



Neutering of pets



Impounded stray dogs

## Meat Regulation

The Office conducted post-abbatoir inspection of 103 meat-selling establishments. From these services, CVO generated Php 5,865,679.99 revenue from fees and other collectibles.

Inspected Meat and Poultry Products	
Hog heads	30,065
Cattle heads	2,048
Carabao heads	890
Chicken heads	4,680,680

# Business Permits and Licenses Division

The Business Permits and Licenses Division (BPLD) contributed to the continued reinvigoration of the city's economic dynamism through its provision of quality and prompt service to prospective and renewing business entities. Balancing this out is the enhanced regulation and monitoring of key sectors to ensure compliance with city ordinances.

<b>5,473</b> business plates issued	<b>7,755</b> renewed businesses	<b>1,269</b> new businesses
<b>145</b> business certifications	<b>4,845</b> special permits issued	<b>3,485</b> PUVs registered



BPLD shuts down illegal van terminal in Downtown

Revenue generated from BPLD activities in 2023 amounted to Php 282,390,517.83.

# City Cooperatives Development and Livelihood Assistance Office

The City Cooperatives Development and Livelihood Assistance Office (CCDLAO) garnered numerous recognitions for services towards cooperatives and organizations in 2023. The Office was again recognized by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) with a Cooperative Collaboration Award for its unwavering support to programs for the cooperative sector.

Together with this, linkages with national government agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and Eastern Visayas State University, in addition to CDA, were maintained in support of more comprehensive accreditation, monitoring, and assistance to cooperatives, as well as the provision of necessary skills and livelihood training to target beneficiaries.

The Office likewise collaborated with the City Agriculturist's Office for the Agri-Coop Fair in time for the fiesta celebration which showcased locally made products in the region and agricultural products of local farmers.



CCDLAO receives a Cooperative Collaboration Award from CDA



Launch of the USAID Urban Connect Activity, a technical assistance project focused on building up economic dynamism.



# Community Livelihood and Extension Program

The Community Livelihood and Extension Program (CLEP) produced countless skilled Taclobanons through livelihood capability building services since its inception more than a decade ago. CLEP, in its advocacy of providing opportunities and employments to individuals, offered livelihood skills trainings to 1,187 beneficiaries. The CLEP also provided livelihood kits to selected training graduates who pursued their livelihood upon course completion.

CLEP also offered free haircutting services benefitting 38 schools, 13 barangays, 14 offices and agencies, and three organizations for which the team received certificates of appreciation, participation, and recognition for the services rendered. A total of 1,910 clients were serviced, 1,146 of which were female and 764 were male.

Training Beneficiaries of CLEP	
Food Processing and Baking	567
Haircutting	79
Cosmetology	270
Dressmaking and Tailoring	92
Reflexology	81
Food and Beverage	71



Free haircutting services offered at Barangayan

# Public Employment Services Office

As mandated by R.A. 8759, the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) is tasked to ensure the prompt, timely, and efficient delivery of employment service and provision of information on the other programs of the Department of Labor and Employment. Among its core functions is the regular posting of job vacancies from various establishments/offices to inform and assist job seekers in their employment pursuits. It also provides employment and occupational counseling/guidance, job orientation, mass motivation activities, referrals, among others.

## Employment Generation Services

There were 16,641 jobseekers provided with labor market information on job openings and probable prospects for 2023. Moreover, 431 employers were provided information on the recorded pool of job applicants. Further, PESO continuously conducted job solicitations --- an activity centered on the collection of job vacancies from employers which are then offered to prospect active job applicants.

In terms of referral and placement, around 8,266 job applicants were registered. From this, 1,574 were referred for job placement. This meant assessing the applicants' employment qualifications and referring them to specific employers with matching vacancies. PESO was able to place 994 applicants to various companies and agencies.





Aside from providing job postings and job referrals, the PESO, through its Career Guidance Advocate (CGA) conducted career counseling to graduating high school students to disseminate information on ways of choosing their respective tertiary courses. In 2023, 2,155 participants were coached, with 1,870 students coming from 11 schools. Moreover, employment coaching activities were conducted to graduating college and technical-vocational students to learn how to craft cover letters and resumé, with 1,411 walk-in applicants availing of the service.



Mega Job Fair at the Tacloban City Convention Center - almost 4,000 jobs were offered

### Local and Special Recruitment Activities

The PESO assisted local employers and overseas recruitment agencies in the conduct of their recruitment pursuits. Of the 1,571 total interviewed job applicants, 348 were hired on the spot.

### Job Fairs

Two job fairs were organized by PESO in 2023, to gather different employers, local and overseas, and jobseekers in one venue for immediate job matching, referral, and placement. Around 107 establishments and employers participated, with 1,891 applicants registered. There were also 16,522 job vacancies solicited and reported, with 2,374 applicants referred and 113 hired immediately.



Payout to TUPAD workers



Graduation of 100 JobStart beneficiaries

## City Tourism Operations Office

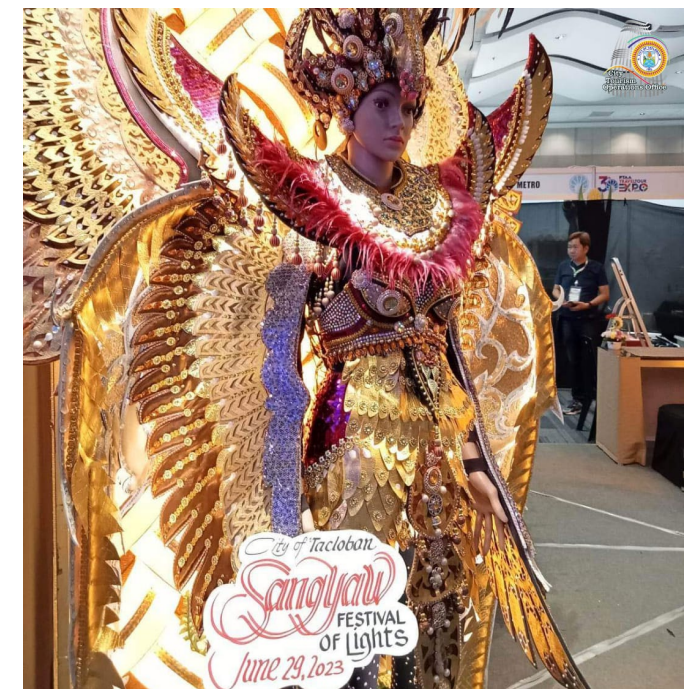
The City Tourism Operations Office (CTOO) played a pivotal role in promoting, managing, and enhancing cultural and arts-related activities, marketing, events, and infrastructure within the city. For the year 2023, the Office continued to ensure a positive visitor experience and actively collaborated with stakeholders to elevate the city as a premier culture and heritage tourist destination.



Mayor Alfred Romualdez and Raymund Romualdez lead the LGU delegates at the Sangyaw Parade

In coordination with the Sto. Niño Parish, the CTOO decorated the Sto. Niño Church and floats for the motorcade during the 134<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Celebration. It also assisted in organizing the Miss Tacloban 2023 and facilitated the screening process, sponsor visits, and candidate rehearsals. For the 10<sup>th</sup> Yolanda Commemoration, it conducted a solemn mass at the Anibong Shipwreck and the main program at the Tacloban City Convention Center. The CTOO also conceptualized designs for the decorations of the different events of the City, such as the Appreciation Night 2023 and the 127<sup>th</sup> Rizal Day Commemoration.

Under its Regulatory Services, the CTOO generated a revenue of Php 299,043.36 from tourism fees and other certificates. The Office conducted 115 inspections and eight site visitations to tourism-related spots and establishments. It also provided assistance, tour guiding, and ushering services to VIP guests of the city.



Tacloban festival costume featured at the Philippine Travel Tour Expo





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# City Engineer’s Office

The City Engineer’s Office (CEO) managed 127 infrastructure projects in 2023. Of these, 101 were classified as completed, 23 are still ongoing, while three are on hold. The Office also prepared 120 Program of Works (POW) for various barangay projects.

Completed projects

Improvement of Livelihood Building at Magsaysay Boulevard
Road concreting at Villa de Tacloban Road
Road concreting at Kawayan Road to SM Village
Repair/improvement of City Hospital
Construction of toll gate at New Bus Terminal
Proposed installation of water line for Salvacion Heights at Barangay 104 Salvacion
Road reblocking at Zamora Street
Road reblocking at Barangay 94-A Sitio Puro Proper
Construction of flood control structure along Bypass Road to Mangonbangon
Road rehabilitation leading to Villa Cinco Subdivision at Barangay 88 San Jose
Consolidated projects rehabilitation and improvement of evacuation center at Barangay 92 and Marasbaras
Road reblocking at Barangay 109 V&G Subdivision Waling-waling Street
Road reblocking and road repair at Barangay 109 Phase 2 and 3
Road reblocking at T. Claudio St.
Road reblocking at Juan Luna St.
Consolidated projects construction of school gate and concreting of school grounds at North Hill Arbours Integrated
Repair of pathology waste vault at Tacloban City Hospital
Concrete flooring of covered court at Barangay 77
Construction of basketball court at Barangay 93
Improvement of basketball court at Barangay 109-A V&G Subdivision
Rehabilitation of steel railings and installation of jetmatic pump at Barangay 83
Improvement of sidewalk and pathwalk at Barangay 35 Esperas Avenue
Improvement of barangay hall at Barangay 35 Esperas Avenue
Renovation of barangay hall at Barangay 51
Rehabilitation/improvement of multipurpose hall at Barangay 50

Construction of drainage at Barangay 77 Fatima Village
Road concreting and repainting of barangay hall at Barangay 95
Improvement of barangay multipurpose hall at Barangay 98
Declogging of drainage/repair of drainage and manhole at Barangay 57
Construction of concrete pathway and drainage system at Barangay 71
Construction of drainage system at Barangay 71 Solahis St.
Road concreting at Barangay 87
Repair of barangay hall at San Jose
Construction of drainage system at Barangay 75
Improvement of drainage system at Barangay 83-B
Construction of concrete pathway and drainage at Barangay 83
Construction of pathways and riprap at Barangay 50-B
Roofling installation of overpass at Barangay 68
Road shouldering at Barangay 94-A
Improvement of basketball court at Purok 5 and 7 V&G Subdivision at Barangay 109-A
Construction of two-storey multipurpose hall building (Phase 3) at Barangay 6-A
Road reblocking at Barangay 101
Rehabilitation/improvement of multipurpose hall at BLISS Sagkahan
Cubicle for the Lupong Tagapamayapa and road construction at Barangay 95
Construction of Tanod post at Barangay 103-A
Road concreting at Barangay 84
Construction of drainage canal at Barangay 95
Construction of elevated pathway at Barangay 84
Construction of flood control system at RJD Home Subdivision at Barangay 84
Construction of Tanot post (Phase 3) at Barangay 98
Road concreting at Barangay 81
Construction of concrete pathway at Barangay 105
Road construction and drainage system at Barangay 78
Road opening and road filling at Barangay 110
Road concreting at Lane 6 at Barangay 81
Construction of basketball court at Barangay 35-A



Construction of waiting shed and concrete pathway at Barangay 99
Road concreting at Barangay 74
Installation of solar street lights at Barangay 16
Improvement of drainage system at Barangay 83-B
Construction of pathway at Barangay 83-B
Declogging of drainage at Lumbang I at Barangay 96
Construction of covered walk at Barangay 31
Construction of covered walk at Barangay 78
Construction and rehabilitation of drainage system at Barangay 94
Construction of bleachers of the covered court (Phase 2) at Barangay 94
Rehabilitation of barangay day care center at Barangay 109-A V&G Subdivision
Rehabilitation of multipurpose hall at Barangay 94
Road concreting at Barangay 96
Rehabilitation/construction of pathways and replacement of concrete canal at Barangay 52
Rehabilitation of drainage system at Barangay 51-A
Cleaning and recondition of drainage system at Barangay 18
Construction/extension of concrete pathway at Barangay 57
Rehabilitation of drainage system at Barangay 16
Road concreting at Zone 2 Camparasan Street at Barangay 84
Rehabilitation of basketball court at RJD Homes at Barangay 84
Construction of drainage at Barangay 83-B
Improvement of day care center at Barangay 105
Rehabilitation of barangay day care center (Phase 2) at Barangay 109-A
Construction of drainage system at Barangay 48
Construction of covered walk (Phase 1) at Barangay 49
Improvement of GMAC Office and Tanod Outpost at Barangay 59-B
Construction of covered walk and rehabilitation of drainage system at Barangay 22
Construction of footbridge and concrete pathway at Barangay 105
Construction of perimeter fence canal and step pathways at Barangay 37-A
Construction of concrete road, streetlights, and drainage at Barangay 59-A
Fabrication/installation of tents, solar streetlights, and door at Barangay 54

Construction of multipurpose hall (Phase 1) at Barangay 58
Improvement of barangay facilities at Barangay 61
Construction of guard house at Barangay 109-A V&G Subdivision
Declogging and repair of drainage cover at Barangay 26
Repair of old barangay hall and construction of fence at Barangay 95
Improvement of park and playground at Barangay 71
Construction of concrete pathway and repair of comfort rooms at Barangay 39
Rehabilitation of road shoulder along T. Claudio and Del Pilar Street at Barangay 8
Improvement of drainage canal with cover and construction of pathway and railings at Barangay 50-B
Construction of Tanod outposts at Barangay 104
Improvement of multipurpose hall (Phase 3) at Barangay 88
Construction of basketball court extension and concrete pavement of playground and welcome sign at Barangay 25
Repair of basketball covered court (Phase 2) at Barangay 3





# City Architect’s Office



Clearing operation along Lopez Jaena street

### Infrastructure Maintenance

The CEO performed declogging in 33 barangays, one establishment (Tacloban Supermarket), and one school. Clearing operations were also done in 16 barangays, four offices, and two establishments. In support to the enforcement of the No-Build Zones, 12 barangays were covered in demolition activities.

### Regulatory Services

As concurrent Office of the Building Official, the CEO evaluated, processed, and released nine types of permits in line with the National Building Code. These services gained the Office Php 8,345,781.73 revenue.

Routinary inspections were conducted across the whole city for possible illegal constructions and violations of national and local construction laws. A total of 982 notices of violation were issued by the Office.

### Approved regulatory permits issued by CEO

Building permit	542
Occupancy permit	262
Fencing permit	75
Electrical connection permit	603
Water connection permit	41
Demolition permit	0
Mechanical permit	0
Excavation and ground permit	7
Electronics permit	0

The City Architect’s Office (CArchO) worked side-by-side with the CEO in all phases of planning and construction of City Government infrastructure projects. The Office took responsibility on the design and compliance to building standards and other related laws in creating people-centered public spaces throughout the local government units.

For the year in review, the office managed to prepare the complete set of technical drawings of the following projects, as prioritized by the City Mayor:

- Construction of the City Dog Pound/Rabies Observation Facility (Phase I)
- Improvement of Tacloban Bus Terminal
- Renovation and Expansion of the Laundry and Dietary Sections
- Construction of Solid Waste Facility with Toxic Waste Holding Area and Shredder
- Construction of Waiting Sheds at Resettlement Sites
- Construction of Park with Fence at St. Francis Village
- Improvement of the CEO Gym (City Sports Multipurpose Hall)
- Construction of Drop-Off Area at the Tacloban City Hall

CArchO also provided detailed architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing drawings with Program of Works and detailed estimates to various City Government and congressional/regional offices for the following projects:

- Construction of Treasurer Office Building
- Rehabilitation of Yolanda Memorial Monuments and Marker (Tacloban City Convention Center)
- Improvement of Astrodome Bay Walk/Park
- Yolanda Museum and Learning Center
- Proposed Tacloban City Hospital Master Plan
- Rehabilitation of Leyte Park Hotel and Resort
- Rehabilitation of Tacloban 21 CUMD Capacity Septage Treatment (Brgy. 101, New Kawayan, Tacloban City, Leyte)
- Construction of Tacloban City Youth Hubs “Learning is Fun” Classroom
- Improvement of Business One-Stop Shop (B.O.S.S.)



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# City Environment and Natural Resources Office

The City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) assumes a crucial role in maintaining the city's ecological balance. The office's multifaceted approach encompasses policies on solid waste management, pollution control, environmental conservation, regulation of resource-extraction, information campaigns, and provision of technical assistance.



*IEC on the Plastic and Styrofoam Regulation Ordinance*

## Ecological Solid Waste Management Program

CENRO pursued three avenues tailored to the types of garbage collected. This included: (1) sanitary landfill operation and management, (2) infectious waste collection, transport, treatment, disposal, and (3) biowaste composting. There was a 16% reduction of waste compared to the previous year.

Two composting facilities located in the Tacloban Supermarket and Barangay 106 Sto. Niño were used to process and convert 3,800 tons of biodegradable waste. The resulting compost were distributed to interested local farmers for free.

### Waste Collection

Domestic waste (total)	46,512 tons
Domestic waste (daily average)	128 tons
Infectious waste (total)	10 tons

## Ecological Solid Waste Management Program

Around 10 *estero* cleaners from January to June and nine street sweepers from July to December were dispatched within barangays along Mangonbangon Creek to ensure the cleanliness of creeks and waterways.

## Ecological Development Program

Beyond waste management and *estero* maintenance, CENRO implemented the Ecological Development Program. This initiative monitored the mangrove and beach forest development project, seedling maintenance, nurturing, and the establishment of a 30-hectare plantation under the Upland Reforestation Project. CENRO conducted periodic monitoring and evaluation of the 11.5-hectare mangrove and beach forest plantation, to ensure survival rates of 99% and 90%. Additionally, 42,450 assorted seedlings were produced and utilized during tree planting activities, with a total of 37,000 seedlings planted, involving various agencies and organizations.

## Regulation of Quarrying Activities

The CENRO monitored quarrying operations in the city with or without permits, in compliance to City Ordinance No. 2011-11-36. The office issued notices of violation to three illegitimate quarry operators. They assisted six applications for quarry permits with four applications endorsed to the Tacloban City Mining Regulatory Board, all of which were endorsed to the City Mayor's Office for approval.



*Mangrove planting at Barangay 99*

# 2023

in review

# Financial Highlights

Report of the  
**Local Finance Committee**



## Transparent and Accountable Financial Management

Tacloban City continued its streak of garnering the Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping, an testament to the City Government's transparent and accountable use of public funds in accordance with the standards set forth by the Commission on Audit.

### 2023 Revenue (from the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures)

The City Treasurer's Office recorded Php 2,411,196,721.62 total operating income from local and national sources.

#### Local revenue sources

Source	Collection
<i>Tax Revenue</i>	
Real Property Tax	141,810,786.90
Business Tax	282,390,517.43
Other Taxes	21,778,347.14
<i>Non-Tax Revenue</i>	
Regulatory Fees	81,310,110.88
Service Income	99,731,185.66
Other Receipts	3,605,903.54

#### Shares from national collection

Source	Collection
National Tax Allotment	1,094,516,832.00
Other Shares from National Collections	1,921,872.37
Inter-Local Transfers	29,235,144.56
Other Receipts	654,896,021.14

### 2023 Appropriations (from the Annual Budget Report)

The Annual Budget for 2023 amounted to Php 1,759,990,076.00, divided among the following major expense classes:

Expense Class	Appropriation
Debt Service	58,297,831.00
Development Funds	220,000,000.00
Calamity Fund	87,999,504.00
Aid to Barangays	138,000.00
Personal Services	566,711,413.00
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	778,495,730.00
Capital Outlay	27,252,094.00
Financial Expenses	21,095,504.00

### 2023 Expenditures (from the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures)

Actual expenditures logged by the City Treasurer's Office is Php 2,198,671,197.71. Taking into account other receipts of the City Government throughout the year, the final balance tallied positively at Php 1,046,358,222.76.

#### General Fund and Special Education Fund

Expenditure Area	Amount
<i>Current Operating Expenditures</i>	
General Public Services	926,210,135.67
Education, Culture, and Sports	56,292,613.26
Health, Nutrition, and Population	117,339,420.44
Labor and Employment	5,329,709.23
Housing and Community Development	8,202,767.71
Social Services and Social Welfare	63,512,935.34
Economic Services	170,056,171.18
Debt Service - Interest	33,373,147.40
<i>Capital Investment Expenditures</i>	
Purchase of Property, Plant, and Equipment	302,470,981.89
<i>Debt Service - Principal</i>	
Payment of Loan Amortization	70,327,685.14
<i>Other Non-Operating Expenditures</i>	
Payment for Prior Years Accounts Payable	243,552,042.28
	202,003,588.17

#### Special Education Fund disaggregated

Expenditure Area	Amount
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	42,471,136.76
Brigada Eskwela	4,601,000.00
Capital Outlay	2,000,000.00

### Financial Reporting (from the year-end report of the City Accountant's Office)

Financial statements submitted during the year were composed of: Trial Balances, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operation, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Government Equity, Notes to Combined Financial Statements, and Statement of Comparison of Actual and Estimates in Budget, together with supporting documents such as Disbursement Voucher.

Ten remaining 2021 Barangay Financial Statements and one hundred twelve 2022 Barangay Financial Statements were completed during the year and were submitted to COA.







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