



## Charity on wheels

Certain situations in life require immediate medical responses and a fraction of a delay can drastically worsen a person's condition. The provision of immediate and effective medical care can save a life and prevent serious medical complications particularly in rural or remote communities. This is where ambulance services become immensely important. Ambulance services add functionality to the health system of the country by providing both emergency response and patient transfer. So much so, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) believes that ambulance services as first line in health care can significantly contribute to the health programs of the government.

Hence, during the administration of President Fidel V. Ramos, PCSO Ambulance Donation Program was institutionalized. It was a response to the call of the President to support the Social Reform Agenda which aimed to address the needs and problems of twenty priority provinces of the country. The allocation of ambulance units was based on approved guidelines of multi-agency team composed of representatives from PCSO, Department of Health, Presidential Council for Countryside Development and the Office of the President. Further, the program was a direct intervention of the government in responding to the need of health facilities such as medical centers, regional/provincial/district/city/municipal hospitals, local government units, and other government and private agencies performing health functions. In providing ambulance units to qualified beneficiaries in order to respond to emergency and transport indigent patients to the nearest hospital and/or health facility,

PCSO positively influenced and made a huge range of unmeasured contributions to government's health initiatives.

PCSO aims to donate ambulances to all local government units (LGUs), Provinces, municipalities and cities all over the Philippines. Based on data gathered and records of the Assets and Supply Management Department, PCSO donated 3,401 ambulance units to various beneficiaries from 1995-2000 which amounted to Php1,289,446,173.77. Additional 1,350 units were donated from 2005-2010; 532 from 2010 to April 2015. At present there are 485 pending requests for donation of ambulance units.

The PCSO Ambulance Donation Program continues to identify opportunities to contribute to the health care continuum. PCSO is building its organizational capacity to support organizations, hospitals, local government units, etc. in developing appropriate emergency response and bringing prompt medical care especially to those who are unable to access health care services. For the greater part, ambulances substantially contribute to the mobility and capacity of the health system of the country. The Agency upholds its commitment to provide equitable medical assistance particularly to people from poor areas. It strongly agrees that subsequent health outcomes can all be enhanced with continuous implementation of the noble program.

### How to become a beneficiary of the Ambulance Donation Program

Requesting parties such as local government units (LGUs) must submit a letter of request to PCSO Chairman Erineo "Ayong"

S. Maliksi or General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, 1507 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. A justification for availing of the ambulance donation should also be submitted. This includes a brief background of the requesting LGU, e.g., official name, title of the requesting party, name of the contact person, his official designation, and office and mailing address with contact numbers. Likewise, a letter from the head of the Municipal Health Center should also be prepared that details the name of local health center facility where the ambulance unit will be attached to.

There is also a need to submit a copy of the resolution coming from either the local Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Council), Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Council), Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council), or Barangay (Village) that expresses the LGU's intent to avail of the ambulance donation program.

A 60-40 percent Ambulance Cost Sharing Scheme applies to first, second, and third class municipalities. PCSO requires from them a Certification of Availability of Funds from the provincial/city/municipal/barangay treasurer for the cost sharing of 40 percent of the total cost of the ambulance unit. On the other hand, the fourth, fifth, and sixth class

municipalities are not included in the Cost Sharing Scheme.

National Government Agencies (NGA), Government Instrumentalities (GI) and Government Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC) may also request for Ambulance units provided they submit additional requirements such as profile of requesting party and location map of domicile/ place of operations and its contiguous areas.

As a supplementary requirement and to ensure efficient ambulance operations and seamless patient management from an initial incident to definitive care and recovery, the Agency also asks for the availability of Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) and driver from non-governmental organization, foundation, association and medical facilities. Ambulance units are equipped with basic equipment like monitors, ventilators, medication and stretchers. Apart from sufficient experience in emergency assessment, management, intervention and transport of patients, requesting parties are also required to submit financial statement that would state provision for the allocation of necessary funds for the utilization, operation and maintenance of donated ambulance units. This will guarantee proper utilization of the unit in a variety of uncontrolled and disaster environments. (Antoinette Escario and Lowel Lupisan)

### Data gathered regarding Ambulance Donation Program of the agency

YEAR	No. of Ambulance Units Distributed	Total Amount of Ambulance Units
1995-2000	3,401	1,289,446,173.77
2000-2004	No available data	No available data
2005-2010	1,350	No available data
2010-April 2015	532	489,542,000

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### Regional distribution of ambulance units from 2010 - April 2015

Region	No. of Ambulance Units
ARMM	30
CAR	41
NCR	29
Region 1 - Ilocos Region	29
Region 2 - Cagayan Valley	47
Region 3 - Central Luzon	43
Region 4A - Calabarzon	53
Region 4B - Mimaropa	25
Region 5 - Bicol Region	29
Region 6 - Western Visayas	44
Region 7 - Central Visayas	25
Region 8 - Eastern Visayas	51
Region 9 - Zamboanga Peninsula	13
Region 10 - Northern Mindanao	21
Region 11 - Davao Region or Southern Mindanao	15
Region 12 - Socsgargen	16
Region 13 - CARAGA	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>532</b>

### Regional distribution of ambulance units CY 2010 - April 2015



## PCSO donates ambulances during the inaugural opening of its Ozamiz City branch office



offices in different priority areas to make medical services accessible to the populace in the area.



The following are the recipients of the said program: S.M. Lao City Memorial General Hospital; Municipality of Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Clarin, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Concepcion, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Lopez Jaena, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Panaon, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Sapang, Misamis Occidental; Municipality of Claveria, Misamis Oriental; Municipality of Libertad, Misamis Oriental; Municipality of Naawan, Misamis Oriental; Municipality of Talisayan, Misamis Oriental; Municipality of Villanueva, Misamis Oriental; J.R. Borja General Hospital; Municipality of Cabanglasan, Bukidnon; and City of Valencia, Bukidnon. (Laura Jacinto / Roselle Dela Umbria)

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) opened a branch in Ozamiz City on June 22, 2015. Present during the event were PCSO General Manager Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, PCSO Directors Francisco Joaquin III, Betty Nantes and Mabel V. Mamba; and Assets and Supply Management OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina Yason. The inaugural opening was followed by the distribution of 15 ambulances to different municipalities of Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon. Also present during the ambulance turnover was Misamis Occidental Governor Herminia Ramiro. The newly-opened branch office will be headed by Ms. Pilarcita C. Florentes.

The Ambulance Donation Program of PCSO provides ambulance to hospitals, health institutions, municipalities/provinces and city health



## PCSO donates ambulances to three LGUs in Luzon

June 29, 2015 — PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) Vice-Chairman and General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II and Assets and Supply Management Department OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason graced the turn-over of one ambulance unit each to three municipalities in Luzon at the PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, Mandaluyong City. The three LGUs which were given ambulances are Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Burgos, Ilocos Sur, and Sasmuan, Pampanga.

The brand new ambulances were distributed to the following Local Government Units (LGU) in Luzon, represented by their respective heads and staff:



**Sto. Tomas, Batangas** with Mayor Edna P. Sanchez (2nd from left) and Municipal Health Officer Dr. Pedrito G. Mayuga (left)



**Burgos, Ilocos Sur** with Mayor Riolita R. Balbalan (2nd from left) and Municipal Health Officer Edgardo C. Rante (left)



**Sasmuan, Pampanga** with Mayor Nardo M. Velasco (2nd from left) and Municipal Health Officer Merlyn M. Limpin (left)

The PCSO Ambulance Donation Program grants ambulances to government institutions and agencies all over the country for the immediate transport of patients especially during emergencies. (Queenie Balita / Ericson Delos Reyes)

## PCSO turns over 8 ambulances to the Provincial Government of Bulacan



The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office Chairman “Ayong” S. Maliksi, Vice Chairman and General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II, Members, Board of Directors Atty. Mabel Mamba, Atty Francisco G. Joaquin III and Dir. Betty B. Nantes and ASMD OIC- Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason led the turnover of eight (8) Ambulance units to the Provincial Government of Bulacan last June 10, 2015 at the Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Malolos Bulacan. Also present during the momentous event were the officials from Local government units from different provinces of Bulacan and Barangay Health Workers.

Provincial officials headed by Governor Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado and Vice Governor Daniel Fernando thanked President Benigno S. Aquino III and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) for their unwavering help and assistance to the people of Bulacan who once again received a “saving lives unit” from the agency.

Chairman Ayong Maliksi during his speech reiterated that Bulacan has a soft spot in his heart because he started his government service with Bulacan governor Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado. He said that they have been together serving the government for a long time and he believes that Cavite and Bulacan are exactly the same when it comes to these provinces’ storied past. The PCSO General Manager and the Board of Directors encouraged the people of Bulacan to patronize the Agency’s innovative games to be able to help generate funds for its charitable program and services dedicated to the improvement and nurturing of the health and welfare of every Filipino.

The eight brand new ambulances were distributed to the following municipal hospitals in the Province of Bulacan with their respective LGU officials and representatives: Emilio Perez District Hospital, Calumpit District Hospital, San Miguel District Hospital, Roganciano Mercado Memorial Hospital, Baliwag District Hospital, Bulacan Medical Center, Bulacan Medical Center (Annex) and the Bulacan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction. (Leila Valencia/ Jaime Jacinto)

## PCSO donates ambulances to six municipalities in Mindanao

June 29, 2015—PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) Vice-Chairman and General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II together with Assets and Supply Management Department OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason led the turn-over of one ambulance unit each to six municipalities in Mindanao at the PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, Mandaluyong City.

The brand new ambulances were distributed to the following Local Government Units (LGU) in Mindanao, represented by their respective heads and staff:



*Municipality of Piaggio, Lanao del Sur with Mayor Ali L. Sumandar (2nd from left) and Municipal Health Officer Dra. Rasmia M. Lawi (left)*



*Municipality of Maigo, Lanao del Norte with Lanao del Norte Congresswoman Emilda Dimaporo (center), Municipal Mayor Rafael Rizalda (2nd from left), and Municipal Health Officer Emmylou Jane Diaz (left)*



*Municipality of Maguing, Lanao del Sur with Mayor Mamaulan Abinal Molok (center), Municipal Administrator Engr. Mike Atil (2nd from left), and driver Muhammad Delna (left)*



*Municipality of Culabugan, Lanao del Norte with Lanao del Norte Congresswoman Emilda Dimaporo (center), Mayor Lorenzo Mañegos (2nd from left), and Municipal Health Officer Emmanuel Estavas (left)*



*Municipality of Binidayan, Lanao del Sur with Mayor Abdullah D. Datumulok (2nd from left) and driver Lucman L. Imam (left)*



*Municipality of President Roxas, North Cotabato with Mayor Jaime H. Mahimpit (left)*

The PCSO Ambulance Donation Program provides ambulances to various government agencies and institutions in priority areas throughout the country. This will enable the agencies and institutions to provide immediate medical assistance to their respective communities during emergencies. (Queenie Balita/Ericson Delos Reyes)

## PCSO donates 39 ambulance units to the Yolanda-sticken areas in Eastern Visayas Region



June 19, 2015—June 19, 2015—the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) lent a helping hand to Region 8 through giving ambulance units to various local government units (LGUs) at the Leyte Provincial Capitol, Tacloban City. Under its Ambulance Donation Program, the PCSO gave 39 ambulances to various LGUs in the region which were massively devastated by typhoon Yolanda in November 2013.

Despite the rainy weather, PCSO Director Bem G. Noel and Leyte Provincial Governor Dominico Petilla graced the turn-over ceremony, along with PCSO officials, Region 8 Municipal Mayors, Municipal Health Officers (MHOs), and government employees.

During the ceremony, PCSO Director Noel delivered his opening remarks. He reminded the municipal mayors to maximize the use of ambulances for their respective communities and adhere to the conditions stated in the agreement between the LGUs and PCSO. He also urged all attendees to continue patronizing PCSO games so that the agency will be able to continue providing medical- and health-related assistance for Filipinos nationwide.



**Rev. Fr. Castillo blesses the ambulances with PCSO Director Bem G. Noel (wearing white polo) and Leyte Provincial Governor Dominico Petilla (wearing blue long sleeves)**

Gov. Petilla also gave a speech and extended his gratitude for granting 39 ambulances to 37 municipalities, one city, and one association, in their region, since ambulances are essential to immediately transport people during calamities and times of emergencies. He assured PCSO

that the ambulances will be used solely for the needs of the community.

The twenty-nine ambulances were blessed by Rev. Fr. Ramil Castillo,

followed by the official turn-over led by PCSO Director Noel and Leyte Governor Petilla.

The brand new ambulances were distributed to the following LGUs in Region 8, represented by their respective heads: Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte; Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte; Municipality of San Miguel, Leyte; Municipality of Mayorga, Leyte; Municipality of Carigara, Leyte; Municipality of Dulag, Leyte; Municipality of Palompon, Leyte; Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte; Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte; Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte; Municipality of Tunga, Leyte; Municipality of Leyte, Leyte; Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Hernani, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Marabut, Samar; Municipality of Can-Avid, Eastern, Samar; Municipality of Taft, Eastern, Samar; Municipality of Julita, Leyte; Municipality of Calbiga, Samar; Municipality of San Juan, Southern, Leyte; Municipality of San Francisco, Southern, Leyte; Municipality of Pintuyan, Southern Leyte; Municipality of Naval, Biliran; Municipality of Giporlos, Eastern Samar; Borongan City, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Basey, Samar; Municipality of Palo, Leyte; Municipality of Barugo, Leyte; Municipality of Isabel, Leyte; Municipality of Rosario, Northern Samar; Municipality of Pambujan, Northern Samar; Municipality of Balangkayan, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Jipapad, Eastern Samar; Municipality of Talalora, Samar; Municipality of San Sebastian, Samar; Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte; and the Municipality of Alang-Alang, Leyte; and the Tacloban Chamber Volunteer Fire Brigade Association, Inc.

Along with Director Noel, PCSO Assets and Supply Management Department OIC-Manager Atty. Reena Yumina M. Yason, General Services Department Manager Atty. John Derek Porciuncula, and staff also attended the event.

The turn-over ceremony was a success as LGUs in Region 8 were grateful to PCSO's assistance. Certainly, the ambulances given to these LGUs will make them more responsive to their respective communities especially in times of emergency such as earthquakes and typhoons. (Agnes Ibera and Queenie Balita)

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**PCSO PROVIDES 36 UNITS OF AMBULANCES TO BE USED FOR THE APEC SUMMIT 2015.** Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Chairman "Ayong " S. Maliksi (Center) together with Vice Chairman/ General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II (3rd from right) lends thirty six (36) ambulances to be used for the upcoming APEC Summit 2015 to Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Secretary Dr. Gerardo V. Bayugo. With them are Directors Atty. Francisco G. Joaquin III (farthest left), Atty. Mabel V. Mamba (2nd to the right) and Betty B. Nantes (farthest right). *(Justin Santos/ Ericson Delos Reyes)*

**PCSO GIVES AMBULANCE TO QUEZON CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL.** Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Chairman Ayong S. Maliksi (4th from left) leads the turnover of a new ambulance unit from the PCSO Ambulance Donation Program to Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH) Director Dra. Josephine Sabando (2nd from right) on June 8, 2015 at the PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, Mandaluyong City. With them are (from left) PCSO Directors Atty. Francisco G. Joaquin III and Atty. Mabel V. Mamba, Quezon City 1st District Congressman Francisco Calalay, Jr., and QCGH Assistant Director for Administration Dr. Ruben Arevalo. The new ambulance unit will be used to serve the community in Quezon City's six districts especially during emergencies. *(Queenie Balita/ Jaime Jacinto)*



**PCSO GIVES AMBULANCE TO MUNICIPALITY OF TANTANGAN, SOUTH COTABATO.** Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Chairman "Ayong " S. Maliksi (4th from right) with Vice Chairman/General Manager Atty. Jose Ferdinand M. Rojas II (3rd from right) leads the turnover of a new ambulance unit from the PCSO Ambulance Donation Program to Municipal Mayor of Tantangan, South Cotabato, Benjamin Figueroa (Center with blue polo shirt) on June 16, 2015 at the PCSO Main Office, Sun Plaza Building, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. With them are Directors Betty B. Nantes (4th from left), Atty. Mabel V. Mamba (2nd from right) & Atty. Francisco G. Joaquin III (farthest right) & Ms. Remeliza Gabuyo, Assistant General Manager for Branch Operations Sector (third from left). The PCSO Ambulance Donation Program provides ambulances to hospitals, health institutions, municipalities/provinces and city health offices nationwide. Mayor Figueroa expressed his gratitude by donating a parcel of land to PCSO in the event of an establishment of a branch in their area. *(Justin Santos/ Ericson Delos Reyes)*

