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NEA CELEBRATES ITS 54TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY



The National Electrification Administration (NEA) celebrates its 54th Founding Anniversary and the 14th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM).

The anniversary program was held from 9-11 August 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City. Various stakeholders and guests from the government and private sector were invited to celebrate and acknowledge the agency's achievements, particularly its Rural Electrification Program. → page 4

GOVERNMENT HAS NEW TOOL TO FIND AREAS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY

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The National Electrification Administration (NEA) will soon be able to accurately map out areas without access to electricity after partnering with Cisco Philippines to develop a Digital Dashboard Command Center (DDCC).

According to NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda, Electric Cooperatives (ECs) with their own digital dashboards will have these connected to the agency's digital command center.

"We can identify households that are not within the 'gridable' areas, or those that will not be viable for us to put up a distribution line," Almeda told in an interview.

"We will be able to identify in one province what is already covered by a distribution line, and we can also see what is not yet covered. Without this kind of information, we will just be relying on information that electric cooperatives will be giving us from the ground," he added.

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ADMIN ALMEDA ATTENDS THE INAUGURATION OF THE REGION 8 JUANITO E. JORDA, JR. DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT CENTER



Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) attended the blessing and inauguration of the newly built Juanito E. Jorda, Jr. Development and Empowerment Center at the RENAGMEC Compound in Brgy. San Juan, Santa Rita, Samar.

The Development and Empowerment Center was named after the late general manager of Leyte V Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO V), who was one of the founders of Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives of Region 8 (FRECOR 8), and the first RENAGMEC president.

Further, to streamline the processes related to the purchase of power distribution equipment and facilities, NEA intends to set up the Regional Procurement Hub Project.

For this reason, the NEA chief believes Eastern Visayas is well-suited to host the first regional procurement hub for ECs in the country. NEA shall commence pilot testing as soon as the required groundwork is established.



Administrator Almada also expressed his appreciation for the continuing support of FRECOR 8 in rural electrification development. He encouraged unity among ECs and other key stakeholders in the energy sector to better serve and empower the member-consumer-owners.



In his remarks, Administrator Almada said he was impressed that the electrification reforms and plans he had in mind were already established in Eastern Visayas. He acknowledged that FRECOR 8, one of the largest EC associations in the country, played a key role in this development.



NEA AND DPWH CREATE UNIFIED POLE RELOCATION DATABASE

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) created a Unified Pole Relocation Database template to organize a comprehensive list of electric cooperative (EC) utility poles and facilities affected by road widening projects.



In a memorandum dated 21 September 2023, NEA instructed the ECs to coordinate with the implementing offices of DPWH covering their service areas to ensure that all power distribution line sections affected by public infrastructure projects, from 2017 onwards, are included in the unified database.

This developed following a 15 August 2023 meeting held between the two agencies in order to reconcile and consolidate their respective master lists. DPWH used Road Section/Station Limits while NEA utilized Line Segments.

“Accordingly, DPWH and NEA agreed to use a harmonized template for uniform identification of electric facilities to be relocated and to identify the exact locations of the Obstructing and Affected Electric Facilities,” stated in the DPWH memo dated 24 August 2023.

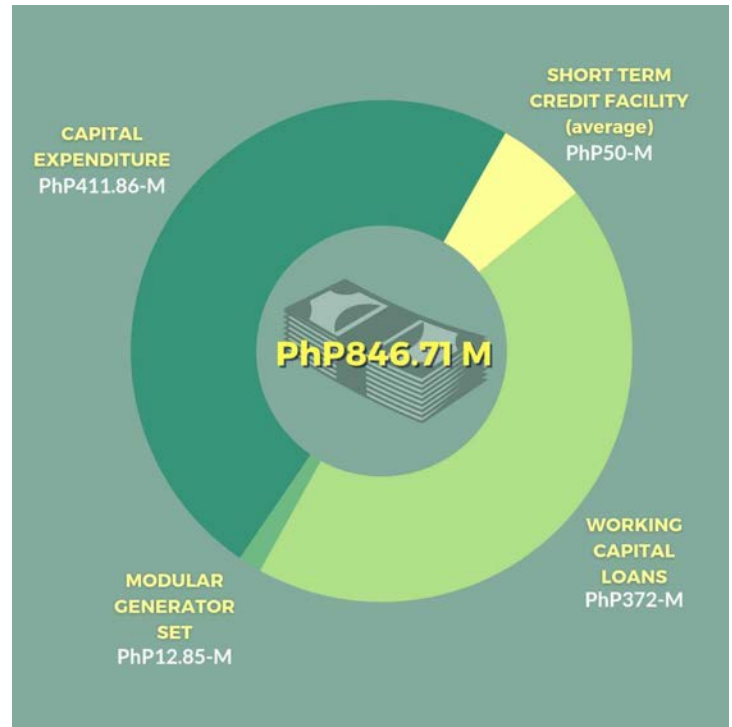
The unified database will serve as the basis for NEA's determination of funding requirements for completing all electric pole or facility relocation projects affected by DPWH's road expansion and construction activities.



NEA LOANS TO ECS HIT PHP846.71 MILLION AS OF AUGUST 2023

Based on data from the National Electrification Administration (NEA) Accounts Management and Guarantee Department (AMGD), the agency extended PhP846.71 Million worth of loans to 22 electric cooperatives (ECs) as of 31 August 2023.

According to AMGD, PhP411.86 Million was utilized for the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) loans of 16 ECs: First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FLECO), Quezon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO I), Sorsogon I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SORECO I), Iloilo III Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ILECO III), Northern Negros Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NONECO), Camotes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CELCO), Bohol II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BOHECO II), Leyte V Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO V), Zamboanga del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZANECO), Misamis Oriental I Rural Electric Service Cooperative, Inc. (MORESCO I), Bukidnon Second Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BUSECO), Davao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (DASURECO), Siasi Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIASELCO), Basilan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BASELCO), Siargao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SIARELCO) and Surigao del Sur I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SURSECO I).



Meanwhile, PhP372 Million was borrowed by 7 ECs as working capital. These are Central Pangasinan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CENPELCO), Aurora Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AURELCO), FLECO, Antique Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ANTECO), Zamboanga del Sur II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZAMSURECO II), Lanao del Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LANECO), and Misamis Oriental II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MORESCO II).

MORESCO I borrowed PhP12.85 Million for its modular generator set, while LANECO availed a PhP50 Million Short-Term Credit Facility (STCF) loan.

The disbursed funds are part of the Enhanced Lending Program of the NEA, which consists of regular, calamity and concessional loans, stand-by and short-term credit loans, single-digit system loss, renewable energy and modular generator set loans.

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Guided by President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.'s electrification goal, NEA's 54th anniversary was celebrated with the theme "Total Electrification by 2028."

NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda, in his welcome remarks, said the agency together with the 121 electric cooperatives, and its partners in government and the private sector can achieve the President's vision of a fully electrified Philippines.

"Samahan niyo akong pailawin ang tahanan ng bawat Pilipino. Mabuhay ang National Electrification Administration. Mabuhay ang Rural Electrification Program. Mabuhay ang bagong Pilipinas," Admin Almeda concluded.

NEA also conducted a ceremonial switch-on for the 15.66 millionth consumer connection in 12 barangays in Nunungan, Lanao del Norte.

A Power Forum was also held wherein various resource speakers, including foreign delegates, shared their expertise on matters regarding rural electrification.

The celebration highlights 54 years of collaborative work between NEA and its partner ECs in achieving sustainable rural development and remarkable contributions of the electrification program towards nation-building.



NEA-ECs SIMULTANEOUS TREE PLANTING AND LINE CLEARING

In celebration of the National Electrification Administration's (NEA) 54th Founding Anniversary and the 14th National Electrification Awareness Month (NEAM), the Agency, together with the Electric Cooperatives (ECs) nationwide, held simultaneous Line Clearing and Tree Planting activities on 24 August 2023.



On behalf of Administrator Antonio Mariano Almada, NEA's Engineering Department Manager, Engr. Federico Villar, Jr. led the Tree Planting activity with Batangas II Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s (BATELEC II) General Manager, Engr. Octavious Mendoza, and Board President, Ruperto Manalo, Malitlit Brgy. Captain, Freddie Villapanto and Lipa City CENRO, Criselda Ramirez. 133 NEA officials and employees participated in the activity held at Malarayat Forest Reserve, Brgy. Malitlit, Lipa City.



While NEA's Deputy Administrator for EC Management Services, Atty. Omar Mayo, led the line clearing activity with the BATELEC II lineworkers. 120 ECs nationwide also participated in the National Line Clearing Day.

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The DDCC project is part of technology firm Cisco's Ugnayan 2030 country digital acceleration program that aims to provide near-time data on the performance of ECs in rural areas.

Cisco will donate the dashboard system to NEA and place it inside the agency's office in Quezon City by the latter part of the year.

Once the ECs' dashboards are connected to the main NEA system, a technical team will be able to remotely monitor whether there are any service interruptions or other discrepancies within the cooperative's service area.

This way, NEA's quick response team will be able to immediately address incidents while assisting in crucial decision-making, said Zaza Soriano-Nicart, Cisco Philippines country managing director.



"We will be providing the network infrastructure to enable [ECs] to get connected from the NEA headquarters and back... We will also work with ecosystem partners to help us get the different data streams from the ECs," Nicart said.

"When we started discussing with Administrator [Almada] about this, when he shared his vision and objectives, it's totally aligned with Cisco's purpose of powering an inclusive future for everybody," she added.

Phase one

The first phase of the project will begin in the latter part of the year with the Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO), which covers Baguio City.

Almada explained that BENECO was already utilizing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Geographic Information System (GIS)—meaning they already had their own digital dashboards—and thus made it a suitable pilot area.

Another 60 ECs with existing SCADA and GIS systems will be connected to the main dashboard in the second phase slated for the second quarter of 2024.

The remaining 60 ECs, some of which are island ECs and small power utility group areas, will be part of the third phase in 2025.

Almada did not disclose the investment needed for the entire project, but noted that it would be done in phases, given that installing SCADA and GIS systems cost around PHP20 Million.

For now, the NEA chief said they wanted to start utilizing Cisco's dashboard to achieve 100-percent electrification by the end of President Marcos' term in 2028.

At present, NEA said only 89 percent of Filipino homes had access to power. President Bongbong Marcos wants electricity to be available for all households by the end of his term.

News Around the ECs

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT SIGNING FOR TASK FORCE METRO IN BARMM



National Electrification Administration (NEA) Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda signed a Tripartite Agreement for Task Force Metro with the beneficiary electric cooperatives (ECs) and representatives of various regional EC associations at the HES Auditorium, NEA Building, Quezon City on 05 July 2023.

The objective of the agreement is to resolve the metering issues plaguing the ECs of Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Under the agreement, a number of EC regional organizations will provide a total of 67,300 units of kilowatt hour (kWh) meters to the Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LASURECO), Maguindanao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MAGELCO), Sulu Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SULECO), Tawi-Tawi Electric Cooperative, Inc. (TAWELCO), and Basilan Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BASELCO).

LASURECO will receive a total of 42,300 meters from the Association of Southern Tagalog Electric Cooperatives IV-A (ASTECC), Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA),

Central Visayas Electric Cooperatives Association (CEVECA), Caraga Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (CRECA), and Electric Cooperatives Association of Region VI (ECAR VI).

Meanwhile, MAGELCO will acquire 19,000 meters from CEVECA and the Federation of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Region 8 (FRECOR 8). SULECO, TAWELCO, and BASELCO, on the other hand, will each receive 2,000 units from CEVECA.

"Masayang-masaya ako na dito sa napuntahan kong industriya, bukas ang kalooban ng bawat electric cooperative na tumulong sa mga nangangailangan," the Administrator said, thanking the EC donors for providing a helping hand to those in need and witnessed the proof of brotherhood within the electrification industry.

The Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (PHILRECA) and National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives (NAGMEC) were also present during the agreement signing. They gave their full support to the NEA Administrator and the agency's objective of total electrification.



News Around the ECs

NEA APPROVES 96 SITIOS AND PUROKS IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR FOR SITIO ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM

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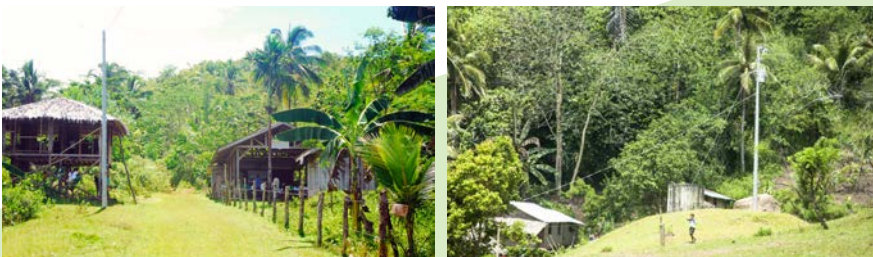
The National Electrification Administration (NEA) approves the request of the Agusan del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ASELCO) for the electrification of 96 sitios and puroks in the province of Agusan del Sur through the Sitio Electrification Program (SEP). This is funded by the government through the 2023 SEP GAA Subsidy, with a total allocation of PhP226 Million.

Of the 96 sitios and puroks listed, they are distributed across the province of Agusan del Sur as follows: 7 in Bunawan, 3 in Sta. Josefa, 4 in Trento, 3 in Veruela, 10 in La Paz, 3 in Loreto, 11 in San Luis, 8 in Talacogon, 12 in Bayugan City, 2 in Esperanza, 4 in Sibagat, 16 in Prosperidad, 12 in San Francisco, and 1 in Rosario.

The project involves the construction of distribution line extensions to connect the 96 sitios and puroks to the power grid. Additionally, kWh meters and house wiring materials will be installed in 2,530 beneficiary Agsurnons. The NEA has evaluated the cost of these projects, amounting to PhP205,660,900.90 and PhP21,271,622.85, respectively.

This is the outcome of the close coordination of ASELCO to the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur and Team Eddiebong that led doors for the potential inclusion of additional sitios and puroks in this year's SEP. The significance of this electrification initiative cannot be overstated, as it addresses a long-standing need and sets the stage for comprehensive development and enhanced living standards in these areas.

On 22 September 2023, a coordination meeting was conducted among the area offices of ASELCO to ensure a smooth implementation of the electrification project. The meeting also serves as a platform to brainstorm solutions that expedite the electrification process, learning from challenges encountered during the recently finished SEP project. This includes determining local government units (LGUs) that waived fees associated with obtaining mayors' permits for the electrification of households, benefiting the recipients.



The NEA's approval of the SEP 96 in Agusan del Sur is a significant development that will have a positive impact on the lives of countless people. ASELCO is committed to ensuring the smooth implementation of the project and is working closely with different Government Agencies to ensure that all beneficiary Agsurnons have access to electricity as soon as possible.

The SEP is a testament to the government's commitment to rural electrification and to improving the lives of people in all parts of the country. It is a beacon of hope for the future, promising to bring about positive change and development to the 95 sitios and puroks of Agusan del Sur. This significantly contributes to NEA's goal of achieving "Total Electrification by 2028."

NEW ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF INEC OFFICIALLY INSTALLED

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In a significant and momentous occasion for the Ilocos Norte Electric Cooperative, Inc. (INEC), Mr. Cipriano "Perry" E. Martinez, III has officially assumed the role of Acting General Manager (AGM) on 08 September 2023.

This crucial appointment was marked by an installation ceremony by Atty. Vic P. Alvaro, Legal Services Office Manager of the National Electrification Administration. Joining Atty. Alvaro is Engr. Ernesto O. Silvano, Jr., NEA Deputy Administrator for Technical Services together with INEC Board of Directors, headed by Atty. Rex Vincent C. Rivala (President), Atty. Nick N. Malasig II (Vice-President), Dir. Gregson E. Yoro (Secretary), Engr. Elmer B. Ressureccion (Treasurer), Engr. Rodrigo R. Agliam (Auditor), (Members) Dir. Ely L. Laguatan, Dir. Jarius Mark D. Nalupta, Dir. Jose M. Atchuela, Dir. Julius C. Santos, Atty. Athena Nicolette A. Pilar (NEA Representative to the Board) and Management Staff.



This transition in leadership is expected to bring fresh insights, dedication, and renewed vigor to INEC, one of the vital pillars of the Ilocos Norte Community's daily life.

Employees Corner

PROMOTION / HIRING

Congratulations to the following 23 NEA employees, comprising 13 promotions, 9 hires and 1 transfer for the third quarter of 2023:

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Electric Cooperative Audit Department



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SIRADJ M.**
Senior Accounts Management Specialist
Accounts Management and Guarantee
Department



MOZO, MAYE DIVINE C.
Supervising Electric Cooperative
Development Officer
Electric Cooperative Audit Department



NONAS, LORENA D.
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Internal Audit and Quality Standards
Management Office

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NEA-SAMAKAREN OUTREACH

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) and *Samahan ng mga Kawang Makareporma ng NEA* (SAMAKAREN) with the Zambales II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (ZAMECO II) held a joint outreach program at Mabato Elementary School in Sitio Lubong, Brgy. Paite, San Narciso, Zambales.



Despite the inclement weather in Zambales, NEA-SAMAKAREN and ZAMECO II were warmly welcomed by the students, parents, and teachers at their school.

NEA Deputy Administrator for Legal Services, Atty. Rossan Rosero-Lee said that while the Sitio Electrification Program is the Agency's primary project, activities such as the outreach program also play an important role in providing a positive impact on rural communities.

NEA Deputy Administrator for Corporate Resources and Financial Services Leila Bonifacio also emphasized to the children the value of education and the necessity of prioritizing their studies.

NEA-SAMAKAREN President Virginia Cabonce, ZAMECO II Board President Luther Agasa and General Manager Engr. Romwil De Jesus were also present in the event.

They donated school supplies, tables and chairs, TV and laptop for the school, grocery items for the families, and seedlings for community livelihood projects along with representatives from the Central Luzon Electric Cooperatives Association (CLECA).