

DSWD celebrates 10th year of livelihood program

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)'s Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) will commemorate its 10th year of facilitating livelihood opportunities to poor, vulnerable, and marginalized Filipino families today, July 7, 2021.

With the theme, *"Isang Dekada ng PagSibol,"* the celebration will highlight SLP's milestones as a capability-building program that improves the level of well-being of its beneficiary participants.

The online anniversary event will commence with a video showcasing the decade-long accomplishments of the program, including its successes under its former name, the Self-Employment Assistance – Kaunlaran (SEA-K) Program.

The SLP was formally adopted as the enhanced version of the SEA-K Program on June 28, 2011 by virtue of Administrative Order No. 11, S. 2011 or the Guidelines on the Implementation of Sustainable Livelihood Program was signed.

Likewise, the SLP will also recognize Top Performing DSWD Field Offices as to Fund Utilization for 2020. Among the categories that will be awarded are: Gawad Sibol for Non-Mega Category and Mega Category; Gawad Sibol Overall Best Implementer; Gawad Usbong Second Overall Best Implementer; and, Best Implementer for SLP Regular.

Meanwhile the program will launch the SLP, Padayon Graduation Approach which will target pilot Regions VI, X, and XII. It aims to gather evidence-based information on how to advance the delivery of SLP interventions towards ensuring improved socio-economic conditions of its program participants.

Another highlight of the activity is the virtual gallery which will showcase the different products made by SLP participants around the country such as handwoven bags and baskets, indigenous handicrafts, locally-made ground coffee, and dried food products.

The program will also launch the PUNLA: SLP e-Learning which will promote the use of asynchronous learning development methodologies and mechanisms to stimulate awareness, knowledge, skills, and support competency building and capability enhancements regarding SLP process and stages, SLP Gender and Development, and other thematic learning areas, among others.

Through the SLP, the Department hopes to reach more milestones by improving the capabilities and enhancing the livelihood assets of poor and marginalized individuals, families, and communities around the country, in coordination with partner local government units and private entities. ###