

## Mina Assessment Office adopts ASSYS2v2 Enhanced Tax Map System

by: Mrs. Laila Patriarca, Municipal Assessor's Office Staff



Mrs. Patriarca on hands on training on the new version of ASSYS2 version 2 with ICTMO, Engr. Dimaisip and Ms. Peralta as trainers.

The Mina Assessment Office adopts the use of ASSYS2v2 Enhanced Tax Map System, an in-house software developed by the Information and Communications Technology Management Office of the Iloilo Provincial Government (ICTMO). Engr. Sixthree Anthony Dimaisip (ITO II) and Ma. Melinda S. Peralta (Admin. Asst.) of the ICTMO conducted Hands-On Training on September 9-11, 2014 at the Office of the Municipal Assessor, Mina, Iloilo. In attendance are Ms. Dory Emelo (Municipal Assessor) and office personnel, Mrs. Laila Patriarca and Ms. Lida Magbanua who were trained on the details entry operations of Tax Maps.

The objectives of the training are specifically to teach the assessment personnel on how to create a sketch plan and vicinity maps with or without bearing and how to draw the boundaries of the maps created;

they will be able to learn how to scan the different tax maps and save them on the database; to know how to edit the scanned maps in Paint and other Graphics editor; and to be able to print the different format of the maps.

The ASSYS2v2 Enhance Tax Map System is designed to cater the needs of the Municipal Assessors for the issuance of sketch plan and vicinity map required in the assessment process and other related transactions of the real property owners and is incorporated in the Assys2v2, a computerization system already use in the assessment office, for easy identification on the needed property details. Moreover, using the system generates additional revenue to this municipality through payments of corresponding fees for issuance of sketch plan and vicinity maps of every lots.

### from page 1 CONGRESSIONAL MEET 2014

Education Coordinator, the Division personnel, heads of schools, teachers, PESS coordinators both from elementary and secondary levels came to witness the grand opening celebration.

The crowd were all amazed with the synchronized movements of the entire Mina stakeholders starting with the Mina LGU, DepEd elementary and secondary, the parents, the barangay officials and students as they all together sing the Mina Municipal Hymn entitled "Aim on High".

The dramatic lighting of the torch and the symbolic formal opening of the 3rd congressional meet awed the participants.

During the Fellowship Night, all participants presented a bombastic and energetic dance number with a "Cowboy" concept. The place showed the colorful parade of costumes of the sports enthusiasts and the DepEd and government officials.

The rest of the activities during the different sports events were successfully done without problems and concerns.

"So far, the hosting of the 3rd Congressional Meet here in the Municipality of Mina is the Most organized and the 'Most Bonggacios' in the entire Division of Iloilo. Congratulations Municipality of Mina for a great job." This was emphasized by Dr. Myrna S. Castillo in her speech during the formal declaration of the 3rd congressional meet 2014.

## Senior Citizens on Computer Literacy Training

by: Ms. Rosemarie Fano, MSWDO Staff



Mrs. Borra with other Senior Citizens during the Computer Literacy Training

On July 10-11, 2014, a group composed of 11 Senior citizens undergo a two-day Computer Literacy training at Mina Community eCenter. Leading their group is Mrs. Virginia P. Borra, Federation President of Senior Citizens, Mina Chapter. Age is indeed not a hindrance to these group of our elderly who wanted to be literate in the use of computer as evidenced by the eldest among them in the person of Mr. Ireneo Palisada who is 79 years old and the youngest one is 52 years old. Almost all of the

participants are new to computers.

The hands-on training under the tutelage of Mr. Joseph Torreverde, the CeC instructor covers lessons on the Basic hardware identification and office applications including internet application and use of social networks such as email and facebook. Along with Mrs. Borra and Mr. Palisada are Miss Corazon Polohan, Mrs. Nemia Cantara, Fernando Jungco, Estela Tomo, Estelita Montinola, Rebecca Brillo, Editha Peremne, Julianita Pastolero and Alejandro Gulmayo.

### Entry to the 3rd eGov Awards – Customer Empowerment (G2C) Category

### BRINGING GLOBALIZE DIGITAL LITERACY TO THE GRASSROOTS PROPONENT: MINA COMMUNITY ECENTER

#### Description:

The Mina Community eCenter is an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) facility of the Municipality of Mina which is manage by the Local Government Unit and operates as an economic enterprise. It is the latest innovation of this LGU to accelerate the technological advancement of its people and geared towards the transformation of this municipality into an e-knowledge-based developed one. The programs and services are focused on addressing the ICT needs of children, women, PWDs, barangay/municipal officials, out-of-school youths, students, professionals, senior citizens and all organizations in the community.

The eCenter is equipped with 42 units of computers and has become the center for free computer literacy trainings for the past three years and has been one of the sources of additional income for the municipality through the different ICT-enabled services rendered to all sectors of the community like internet use, computer rentals, printing, scanning and other computer-related activities such as photocopying and ID laminations. It is also the venue for several hands-on computer trainings of other government agencies; and has an e-Library for research works of students, teachers, and farmers. Recently, it was accredited by i-assess



as an authorized on-line assessment center in the Visayas. It is becoming to be Lakbay Aral Destinations of other LGUs and organizations not only from the Province of Iloilo but from other parts of the country as well.

#### Impact/Outcome

True to the Mina Community eCenter's vision of empowering the beneficiaries to be globally competitive through effective and responsible use of Information and Communication Technology; it had indeed gone beyond expectations by reaching out to all the sectors of the community through free computer literacy trainings in which the beneficiaries can now join the ranks of the IT-informed segment. As computer literates, they can now communicate cheaply with everyone elsewhere in the world and they learned modern technologies in their approaches to farming and livelihood activities while others have found gainful employment here and abroad by visiting the different websites.



# MINERS Team in action during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Response Olympic

by: Ma. Lourdes M. Mancil, Miners Team Member



During the response Olympic, the Mina Responders Team as shown above is competing as the best in the different events.

The Mina Responders Team known as MINERS composed of eleven (11) members won several awards during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Response Olympic held on August 22, 2014, at Iloilo Provincial Capitol lobby & ground. The events includes CPR, Transfer/Carries, Bleeding Control, Vehicular Extraction & Bucket relay.

Mr. Lorenzo Engada, led the Team Together with Jessie Neil Violeta, Harold Christian Preche, Ma. Lourdes Mancil,

Al Saldares, John Ashly Aldamar, Gina Maderse, John Clement Grabato, Jimmyllie Jan Caalim, Rosemarie Fano, and Eduardo Peñaflorida, won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Five events out of 17 municipalities which participated in the Olympic.

The following are the awards of the Team;

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up for Transfer / carries
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up for Bleeding Control

## MINA TREASURER'S OFFICE BAGS PROVINCIAL AWARDS

by: Desiree Grace P. Gabasa



Mayor Grabato and OIC Municipal Treas. Romeo Tabarnilla receive several awards from the Iloilo Provincial government. Mrs. Janette Peremne was also recognized as RPT Focal Person

Kudos to the hardworking and dedicated workforce of Mina Municipal Treasurer's Office for their remarkable contribution to the economic development of the Local Government Unit of Mina and the Province of Iloilo, earning the office numerous awards last December 5, 2014 during the awarding ceremony for Top performers in Municipal Treasury and Assessment Services for CY 2013 and Top Performing Municipalities in the Implementation of the Real Property Tax Amnesty Program for CY 2014.

The awards received by the Municipal Treasurer's Office are

the following:

1. Excellence Award in Tax Records Management
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Top Performers in the Prompt Remittance of Provincial Tax Shares
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Top Ten RPT Focal Persons for CY 2013 (Mrs. Janet Peremne)
4. Top Twenty Most Supportive Municipalities in the Implementation of the Realty Tax Amnesty Program of the Province of Iloilo for CY 2014

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

## MINA'S RESPONSE TO DISASTER AND CALAMITY

by: Mr. Eden Pasuquin, MDRRMO designate



The Mina Elite Responders Team on training.

The geographic location and Physical environment of the Philippine Islands make it prone to all kinds of disasters. It is strategically located in the path of turbulent and destructive cyclones. The country's coastline of 17,461 kilometers makes it particularly vulnerable to tsunamis and storm surges that endanger coastal communities. It experiences an average of 20 typhoons per year, half of which are destructive seriously devastating.

The Municipality of Mina itself was not spared from experiencing disaster and calamity. The onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda has brought poignant memories to the Local Government and the community most especially. It was an eye-opening misfortune which brought forth the enactment of RA 10121 or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act and the NDCC Memo. Circular No. 30 series of 2004 (June 04, 2004) which direct all Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils to undertake

preparedness, mitigation, responses and rehabilitation measure to minimize the adverse impact of the calamities whether it is natural or man made.

The Municipal Disaster Responders Team was organized and aptly called, Mina Elite Responders Team, composed of municipal employees and recognized through Sangguniang Bayan resolution.

A training was conducted on October 15-19, 2014 to the 15 members of the Mina Elite Responders Team. A capability measure which provides the responders with proper knowledge, skills and attitude towards disaster emergency assistance and rescue was held at Mina Sports and Cultural Center & West Visayas State University Swimming Pool that was facilitated by the Philippine Navy Reservist. The training module comprises of Water Search and Rescue, Vehicular Extraction, Splinting & Bandaging, CPR and Proper Transport of Patients.

## Nutrition Month celebrates in Mina

by: Salvacion Patingo-RHU Staff



Culminating activities of the Nutrition Month Celebration headed by Dr. Janeatte Sobrevega

July is a Nutrition Month celebration in which the Local Government Unit headed by our result-oriented Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rey P. Grabato strongly supports. A one day activity about nutrition program was held at the Mina Sports and Cultural Center. Invited guests are SB Member, Chairman Committee on Health, Hon. Felipe Allaga; and Mrs. Ida Patriarca – District Nutrition Coordinator of Mina who are also our speakers.

A cooking contest was organized

by RHU with Miss Mae Sancada as one of the judges. The menus focused on foods cooked in the barangay with ingredients found in their own area. Other activities are: Baby, Lolo and Lola's Perfect Smile under Rural Health Dentist, Dr. Mae Lubaton; the Pinaka Contest and Tiangge Fair of the Municipal Agriculture Office; and Feeding Program of DSWD for children.

The celebration ended with the Awarding Ceremony and Closing Program in the afternoon.



# LGU Mina, National Finalist in the 3<sup>rd</sup> eGov Awards

by: Ms. Dory P. Emelo, CeC Manager Designate



Mayor Grabato with other finalists during the Awarding Ceremony at SMX Convention Center, Davao City

The Local Government Unit of Mina is one of the National Finalists in the 3rd eGov Awards. The Awarding Ceremony was held at SMX Convention Center, SM Lanang, Davao City on October 24, 2014. Mayor Rey P. Grabato received the award accompanied by Ms. Dory Emelo (CeC Manager) and Punong Barangay Juanito D. Grabato, Jr. of Mina West. The entry of the LGU in the the 2014 eGov Awards entitled, "Mina Community eCenter: Bringing Globalize Digital Literacy to the Grassroots" under the G2C Category for Government Customer Service.

The eGov Awards for LGU, now on its 3rd year,

is being undertaken the National ICT Confederation of the Philippines (NICP), in partnership with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). The eGov Awards is the first to be given by the ICT sector to LGUs with exemplary performance in empowering its public customers and business.

It was then the late DILG secretary Jessie Robredo who emphasized the need for institutional capability and sustainability as well as significant outcomes as a result of using ICT as a tool for local government processes and establishing a strategic approach to stimulate the country's good governance initiatives to enable LGUs to become

catalyst of change and index model of development anchored in the Philippine Digital Strategy (PDS) 2011-2016.

The eGov awards aimed to encourage the effective and efficient ICT in the delivery of services and performance of the duties and responsibilities by LGUs; and to commend, collate and document best practices of LGUs in integrating ICT in their processes to serve as example and benchmarks to other LGUs, to improve the business ecosystem of the LGUs and motivate the private and business sector to actively participate and/or invest in the growth of the LGUs, and to promote transparency in governance.

## 240 STEP and 210 TERRR Scholars undergo training at MSTC

by: Mrs. Josie C. Paparon, MSTC Registrar



The Mina Skills Training Center (MSTC), a TESDA-accredited training center and managed by the Local Government Unit of Mina, for Year 2014 has trained 240 scholars under the TESDA Special Training for Employment Program (STEP) of Congressman Arthur R. Defensor, Jr. and 210 scholars under the TESDA Emergency Relief, Rehabilitation and Recovery (TERRR) Program. The beneficiaries are from the 3rd district of the Province of Iloilo who are preferably victims of Typhoon Yolanda, Out-of-School youths and unemployed ones.

The scholars under these programs are entitled to a P60.00 per day allowance all throughout the duration of the training and are given toolkits upon graduation. The graduates have the option to go on self-employment or to apply for local employment and eventually work abroad. They undergo training on Carpentry NC II, Masonry NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II and SMAW NC I and they are entitled to National Certificates for their respective skills training completed at MSTC and upon passing the assessment test conducted by TESDA.

## Mina's MCR, No. 7 Best Performing Civil Registry Office

by: Mrs. Reyna Sobrevega, Registration Officer



The Municipal Civil Registrar's Office, Mina, Iloilo was awarded Rank No. 7 as the Best Performing Local Civil Registry Office in the Province of Iloilo for the year 2013.

The award was based on the 2013 nationwide

evaluation and ranking of submission of mandatory reports and conduct of over and above Civil Registration related activities.

The awarding ceremony was held at Punta Villa Training and Convention Center, Arevalo, Iloilo City during the Year-end Assessment and Planning Workshop for City/Municipal Civil Registrar and Staff last December 3-5, 2014, which was sponsored by PSA-NSO Region 6.

## Mina joins Ligtas sa Tigdas program

by: Mr. Christian Harold Preche, RHU Staff



"Ligtas sa Tigdas, Magkaisa Magpabakuna", nation wide program of the Department of Health is a solution for the number of reported cases of children having measles, rubella and polio. This activity was done whole month of September, 2014 in all barangays in the Municipality of Mina on

specific sites. Vaccines are given to all children ages 2 months to 5 years old. RHU Staff are assigned in group and are deployed daily in different barangays. The group is composed of 2 vaccinators and 1 encoder. After the vaccination conducted, reports are passed immediately to the Iloilo Provincial Health

Office to assess if the RHU has passed or failed to reach all children of required age. PHO personnel conduct site evaluation on the status of the program's implementation. As a result, the Municipality of Mina has passed and completed the target children for this kind of immunization.

## Budget Hearing



Budget Hearing for 2015 Annual Budget of the Municipality of Mina was conducted on August 28, 2015 at Conference Room at Mina Town Hall through the Municipal Budget Office headed by Mrs. Ma. Cecilia Caalim.



# CeC holds 3<sup>rd</sup> Essay Typing Contest

by: Lida Magbanua, MCEC Staff



The Mina Community eCenter holds its 3rd Essay Typing Contest on December 15, 2014 with 7 finalists from the professional sector of the locality.

The topic is about the "Role of Computers in Everyday Life" and won by Ms. Azenith Rosal, Project Development Officer II of DSWD. Other winners are Kate Lyamar Sarabia, KALAHI-CIDSS worker as 2nd placer and Mr. Darwin Alfin from the Office of the Municipal Agriculture as 3rd placer.

Essay Typing Contest, is

the annual activity of Mina Community eCenter which encourages the participation of every sector in the locality and which allow them to express their ideas about the importance of computers. This activity is also in line with the annual celebration of the Tourism Event of the locality "Paskwa Halad sa Banwa"

The winners were presented with a Certificate of Recognition and the Ms. Rosal, being the top winner is entitled to free use of internet services at the eCenter for 40 hours.

# MINA'S PASKWA HALAD SA BANWA 2014-A Success!

by: Desiree Grace P. Gabasa



The highlight of Paskwa Halad sa Banwa-Christmas presentation and awarding ceremony

Another triumphant evening was witnessed by the Minanhons when the Municipality of Mina staged the culminating presentation of the Paskwa Halad sa Banwa 2014. It was jumpstarted with a raffle draw for the indigent members of our community.

At 7:00 in the evening the program proper for the Christmas Presentation was started through an opening prayer by Rev. Fr. Henrietto Losaria, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish. A welcome message was heartily given by Former Mayor Lydia E. Grabato. It was followed by various Christmas presentations by the Liga ng mga Barangay, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program members, Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic School, Mina Town Hall Officials and Employees, DepEd Elementary District of Mina, MNHS Faculty and Staff and the Mina PNP. The

spectators all enjoyed the unique and entertaining performances of the participating groups. Intermission numbers were given by Joseph Alfaras, the Vocal Solo Grand Winner, and the D&D SB Office Mini Dancers.

Mina's beloved Mayor, Hon. Rey P. Grabato gave his heartwarming Christmas message right after the program.

The Top 3 Real Property Taxpayers and Business Taxpayers were given certificates of recognition for their prompt payment of taxes. Outstanding Minanhon Achievers were also awarded for their notable contributions to the Municipality of Mina.

Before the night came to a close, the last batch of door prizes for the raffle draw was drawn. Not one barangay came home empty-handed. The event was hosted by Ms. Dory P. Emelo and Mr. Christian Harold Preche.

# Role of Computer in everyday life

by: Azenith C. Rosal, Project Development Officer II, DSWD  
(First Place, Mina CeC's Essay Typing Contest)

If Charles Babbage would still alive he would be amazed on how computer evolved through time. Most people would agree with me that Computer is the greatest invention in recorded history. It's just like bread of salt since computer application has made life easier everyday. From banking to simple project in School, we owe it to computer. Sometimes, computer enhances the creativity of humans.

Nowadays, stock exchange which is the centre of economic equilibrium relies deeply on computer. Financial institutions line banks, insurance companies and other multi national companies depend on computer on its data base. Linkages and several internet domains help interconnect millions of people around the world.

How could Social Media sites like facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, worked without computer? Certainly Computer played a vital role. It's just like bread without butter. It's just like eating without flavor. So to say, computer is a name for every household.

Government agencies adhered so much to computer from files to

output data. Income generating agencies and social delivery departments relied solely on computer. Educational institutions trust its records in its computer data base.

Records of birth, death, any event affecting status of a person was stored in computer. Gaming and entrepreneurial business could not be made without the computer.

Political governance could not be well effective without the use of computer. Computer applications like Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point have been the first hand tool of every student, employees, and businessman and among others who made use the same.

Verily, computer has been the offshoot of creativity and versatility of men as the time evolved. However, like a doze of medicine, it has a side effects and it is the comfort that made the people nasty and idle. Some people tend to greatly relied on the computer. Worthy to mention students nowadays, has leave the gruesome research in the School library and instead use computer application to do research for them.

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# Social Services, one of LGUs top priority concerns

by: Mrs. Perla Parreño, MSWDO

Social services is among its top priority concerns of the Local Government Unit. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office under the

leadership of Mrs. Perla P. Parreño, MSWDO continues to implement various programs, projects and activities relative to social services such as:

## 1. Distribution of Relief Goods to Typhoon Yolanda Victims



Victims of Typhoon Yolanda during the Distribution of Relief Goods

Among the priority concerns of this office are the victims of Typhoon Yolanda. Through DSWD Field Office VI, the LGU was able to receive relief goods for the 446 household victims of Typhoon Yolanda. The food packs

were distributed on November 14, 2014 during the Program held at Mina Sports and Cultural Center and were handed over to them by Mina's Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rey P. Grabato together with the Sangguniang Bayan Members.

## 2. Children's Month Celebration



Different activities during the children's month celebration

The different Day Care Centers celebrated the Children's Month last October 2014. One of the activities was the holding of the Children's Congress-Municipal Level at Mina Sports and Cultural Center.

The contests in the different categories are Draw and Tell, Singing, Tula and Folk Dance. The winners in the municipal level represented Mina in the 3rd District Contest held at Lambunao Sports Complex, Lambunao, Iloilo last November 12, 2014.

## 3. One-Day Cash For Work Orientation



Participants of the Cash For Work Orientation

The personnel of DSWD FO VI and the MSWD Office conduct a one-day Orientation

Program of the Cash for Work Program for Typhoon Yolanda beneficiaries.

## 4. Celebration of National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week



Last July 2014, the Association of Person with Disabilities- Mina Chapter celebrated the 37th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation week with the theme: "Talino At Panindigan Ng Taong May Kapansanan, Pasaporte Sa Kaunlaran". The association conducted a symposium on Updated Laws

on the Rights of PWDs and was attended by PWD members from the 22 barangays of the municipality. The resource speaker is Mr. Leo G. Santana, an Investigator from the Commission on Human Rights Field Office 6. He discussed to the participants the importance of disseminating information regarding the Updated Laws on the rights of PWDs.

## 5. Cash for Work Program



On October 13, 2014 the Cash for Work Program for the victims of Typhoon Yolanda started and lasted for 15 days. The victims rendered work in their respective barangays and were paid for P280.00 per day. They were under the supervision of the MSWD personnel who also

checked their Daily Time Record submitted and monitored their works accomplished. The victims were involved in some projects like communal garden, canal digging, clearing and cleaning of farm to market road and beautification of the surroundings.

## 6. General Assembly of the Officers of Sectoral Groups



Different Sectoral Groups from 22 barangays were organized under the Bulig sa Kabuhi Program through the efforts of Prof. Feli Sustento and Former Mayor Lydia Grabato

## BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

#### SUMMARY OF FUND/CASH BALANCE

LGU: MINA, ILOILO

December 31, 2014

Particulars	GF	SEF	Trust Fund	Total
Fund/Cash Balance, End (should be reconciled w/cash flow statement)	19,814,589.95	5,248,041.75	3,734,284.27	28,796,915.97
Amount set aside to finance projects with appropriations provided in the previous years (Continuing appropriations)	1,061,156.10	1,816,056.82	0.00	2,877,212.92
Amount set aside for payment of Accounts Payable	1,913,892.66	0.00	0.00	1,913,892.66
Amount set aside for Obligation not yet Due and Demandable	12,039,541.19	2,489,405.56	3,734,284.27	18,263,231.02
Amount Available for appropriations/operations	4,800,000.00	942,579.37	0.00	5,742,579.37
Cash Balance, Beginning	14,128,759.56	2,106,010.50	5,788,219.44	22,022,989.50
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>141,544,119.18</b>			

Data on fund/cash balance composition will be sourced from LGU Accounting Office and will be filled-up at year-end.

“Total assets is net of depreciation and will be sourced from the year end Balance Sheet prepared and submitted by the Accounting Office to COA. This data will be used for the computation of the Debt Asset Ratio (DAR).”

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## LGU-Mina conducts twice Bloodletting Activities

by: Christian Harold Preche, RHU Staff



The Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Mina in coordination with the Philippine Red Cross – Iloilo Chapter jointly conducted a whole day humanitarian act in collecting blood to several volunteers who are willing to donate blood to those in need. It was held last July 25, 2014 and December 18, 2014.

However, donors should comply with the requirements of at least eight hours of sleep the night prior to donating blood; must have not taken alcoholic drinks or illegal drugs for the past 24 hours; must have not taken any medicines and are not suffering from any illness. An interview is conducted to the donors to get the necessary required information and after which, vital signs are taken. This

is to ensure that donors should have normal blood pressure and they must have weight of at least 50 kilograms. Upon passing the required standards, the personnel of the Philippine Red Cross took blood from the donors.

Through the encouragement of Mayor Grabato, more donors came and willingly donated blood. It is his advocacy that more blood will be donated by the Minanhons in the Philippine Red Cross so that during the time when they need blood for themselves or their relatives, they won't encounter problem with this agency.

The municipal employees, PNP personnel and the RHU employees shared their blood to show support to the activity.

### from page 1 DILG Sec. Mar Roxas excites Mina's fiesta celebration

Arthur R. Defensor, Jr. and SP Member Manny Gallar.

Among the highlights of the program are the Presentation of the Muses led by Mina's Fiesta Queen 2014, Her Majesty Janine Angela Preche and members of Her Royal Court; and Field Demonstration participated by DepEd Elementary-District of Mina, Liga ng Mga Barangay, Mina National High School, Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic School, Mina Municipal Officials and Employees and 4Ps Beneficiaries.

DepEd Elementary under the leadership of Mr. Edwin Labordo, District Supervisor of Mina, sponsored this year's Fiesta Celebration. The Coronation Program had an Egyptian-inspired motif. Governor Arthur D. Defensor, Sr. and Congressman Arthur D. Defensor, Jr. were the night's guests of honor.

The Preche family from which Queen Janine Angela came from presently resides in the country of Aruba. Their patriarch, Jimmy is a native of Mina.

## Municipal Officials and Employees hold Christmas Party

by: Myla Patriarca, Mayor's Office Staff



On the evening of December 17, 2014, the municipal officials and employees hold a Christmas Party at Mina Sports and Cultural Center.

Christmas Party is a yearly activity which everyone is longing for where they can gather and enjoy the festive dinner and they can go home with lots of prizes and surprises.

Among the activities are the holding of Parlor Games, Raffle Draw and Group Presentation.

The municipal officials and employees are divided in 6 groups identified through different colors such as Red, Green, Gold, Magenta, Pink and Blue.

The winner for Group Christmas Presentation is Gold in which they won cash prize of P8,000.00

Every attendees went home with a prize from the Raffle Draw. The grand prize was a flat screen tv set and won by a job hired employee, Mr. Darwin Alfin.

The party was graced by the presence of Mayor Rey P. Grabato while Former Mayor Lydia E. Grabato, Mrs. Elena Justiniani-City LGOO of Passi City, and Atty. John Michael Defensor of the Iloilo Provincial Legal Office served as judges during the Group Christmas Presentation.



## BAW on Computer Literacy Training

by: Lorne Palorma, AT



The BAWs on Hands-on Training with Mr. Tomas Bibangco as lecturer and trainer

The Barangay Agriculture Workers (BAW) from the different barangays of the Municipality of Mina attended Computer Literacy Training conducted by the LGU at Mina Community eCenter on June 2-10, 2014.

The training focused on the familiarization and use of the Municipal Agriculture Information System (MAIS) in which BAWs play an important role in data gathering. The continuous training of BAWs ensure the correctness and reliability of the information generated from the Municipal Agriculture Information

System (MAIS).

MAIS is a computer-based information system that provides a mass storage of agricultural data in the locality. Data is gathered and encoded regularly so that an up to date status report is available at real time.

Mr. Tomas Bibangco, the programmer of MAIS from the Iloilo Provincial Planning Development Office, was the trainer with the technical assistance of Mina Community eCenter personnel, Mr. Joseph Torreverde and Miss Lida Magbanua.

## Mina launches its Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Center

by: Engr. Xykster Pelaez, OIC-MAO

The Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Center is a program under the Agricultural Training Institute in coordination with the West Visayas State University was launched in Mina on July 11, 2014.

FITS center is an information hub for agriculture that offer

modern technologies to farmers and provide services such as access to global information with the use of internet and technical advisory. It is located on the second floor of Mina Community eCenter and managed by its FITS Manager, Engr. Xykster C. Pelaez.



Pictures taken during the launching of FITS Center with guests headed by Dr. Noemi S. Nepomuceno of WVSU, Dir. Eden Bautista ATI-Reg.VI Vice Mayor Bernardino Chichirita, SB Members - Hon. Ariel Novo, Hon. Ernesto Parreño, Sr. & Hon. Ireneo Pecina, Ms. Dory Emelo (Mina CeC Manager), Engr. Xykster Pelaez (FITS Manager) and Municipal Agriculture Office personnel

## LGU holds Nutrition Month Culminating Activity

by: Lorne Palorma, AT



The PINAKA Contest, Tiangge Fair and the Well-Baby Contest during the Culminating Activity of the Nutrition Month

In line with this year's Nutrition Month Celebration center with the theme "Gutom At Malnutrition, Sama-Sama Nating Wakasan", the Local Government Unit of Mina, Iloilo held its Culminating Activity on July 28, 2014. It was participated

by the different government agencies.

July as Nutrition Month culminated with different activities LGU held at Mina Sports and Cultural Center such as the "Pinaka-Contest", tiangge fair and the well-baby.

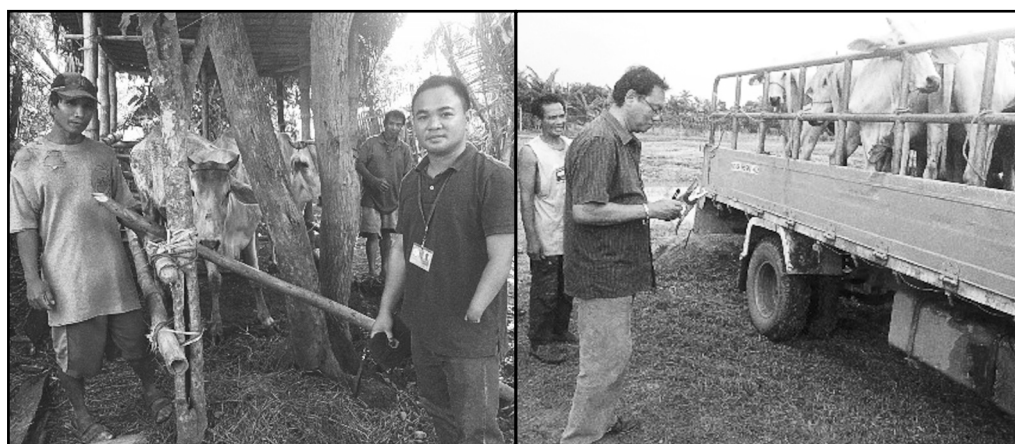
## Breeder Cattles for Mina under DA's Dispersal Program

by: Engr. Xykster Pelaez, OIC-MAO

On September 22, 2014, the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Unit Office 6 delivered ten (10) heads of breeder cattle for the Municipality of Mina under its Livestock Dispersal project. The Municipal Agriculture

Office under Mr. Xykster Pelaez identified 10 beneficiaries who are cattle breeders in the locality.

The beneficiaries will repay one stock upon giving birth of the breeder through a roll-over scheme.



Engr. Xykster Pelaez with the beneficiaries of Livestock Dispersal Project.

The recipients of Cattle Dispersal Project are:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Antonio Proilan       | - Brgy. Abat             |
| 2. Ronie Martinez        | - Brgy. Capul-an         |
| 3. Candelaria Perez      | - Brgy. Capul-an         |
| 4. Cornelio Soquinta     | - Brgy. Amiroy           |
| 5. Efren Redondo         | - Brgy. Amiroy           |
| 6. Superiano Soquinta    | - Brgy. Amiroy           |
| 7. Nelson Supida         | - Brgy. Janipaan West    |
| 8. Jose Almar Tabares    | - Brgy. Janipaan West    |
| 9. Prudencio Quitor, Jr. | - Brgy. Tumay            |
| 10. Marina Semeniego     | - Brgy. Talibong Pequeño |





# MAYOR GRABATO CREATES TASK FORCE "ANTI-LANGAW"

by: Emilyn P. Fontanilla, Licensing Officer II



The Task Force Anti Langaw headed by SB Justado and SB Allaga during the conduct of ocular inspection to the different poultry houses.

Mayor Rey P. Grabato creates Task Force "Anti-Langaw" through an Executive Order which is in response to the complaints of the residents in areas where poultry and piggery farms are situated. The task force is headed by Hon. Felipe Allaga, SB Chairman, Committee on Health with members: Hon. Celso Justado, SB Chairman, Committee on Environmental Protection; Emilyn P. Fontanilla, Licensing Officer II; Ma. Liza Brillo Nofuente, PNP Chief; Alanea Quitar, Sanitary Health Inspector; and Raymund Chris Cantara, representative of

Municipal Treasurer are responsible for the conduct of monthly inspection to all poultry and piggery farms in the locality. They particularly focused their inspection on cleanliness and proper sanitation of these farms. As a result of this undertaking, the spread and breeding of flies were minimized and eventually eradicated. It also eventually developed the awareness of the poultry and piggery farms owners to maintain cleanliness and sanitation of their respective working areas. Flies or locally known as "langaw" lay their eggs

on decomposing matter such as feces, garbage and animal corpses. It takes only a matter of seconds for them to transfer bacteria and other pathogens to foods and touched surfaces. These insects brought communicable diseases like typhoid, cholera dysentery and a lot more. The Permits and Licensing Office headed by Mrs. Emilyn Fontanilla is in the forefront in ensuring the conduct of regular inspection and in the preparation of their inspection reports including their recommendation to be submitted to the Mayor.

# MINA HOLDS FESTIVE OPENING OF PASKWA HALAD SA BANWA

By: Desiree Grace P. Gabasa



Congressman Defensor as guest speaker during the Opening Program which highlighted by the Fireworks display

Last December 15, 2014, the Municipality of Mina held the opening ceremony for the Paskwa Halad sa Banwa 2014. The event was started off with a street dancing / parade participated by the DepEd Elementary District of Mina Faculty and Staff, Mina Municipal Officials and Employees, Our Lady of the Pillar Catholic School, Mina Skills Training Center, 4Ps, Mina National High School Faculty and Staff, Liga ng mga Barangay, MCS Drum and Lyre Corps, and Mina National High School Drum and Bugle Corp. At 6:00 in the evening, the program proper took place, which was opened with a prayer by Rev. Fr. Henrietto H. Losaria, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Pillar Parish. The event was graced by various guests,

including Mr. Gilbert Marin, Provincial Tourism Officer of the Province of Iloilo, Hon. Emmanuel Gallar, Board Member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Iloilo, Hon. Tomas Peñaflorida, Mayor, Municipality of Pototan, and Hon. Arthur R. Defensor, Jr., Congressman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Iloilo. A special presentation by various selected groups was also witnessed by the Minanhons, who were overwhelmed with the night's activities. Right after the closing remarks, our beloved Mayor, Hon. Rey P. Grabato declared the opening of the Paskwa Halad sa Banwa 2014 and the Food Festival 2014. It was followed by an enchanting fireworks display enjoyed by the spectators.

## ON-GOING AND IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS JUNE TO DECEMBER, 2014

by: Mr. Licerio Patingo, OIC Municipal Engineer

NAME of PROJECT	LOCATION	AMOUNT	SOURCE OF FUND	STATUS/% COMPLETION	DATE STARTED	DATE COMPLETED
Cons. of Crack Oval	Brgy. Bangac, Mina, Iloilo	PHASE I P500,000.00	Prov'l Aid	100%	July 03, 2014	13-Nov-14
Cons. of Evacuation Center	Patarata St., Mina, Iloilo	1,000,000.00	ECF	On-going	Sept. 08, 2014	7-Mar-15
Completion of Birthing Facilities	Mina, Iloilo	1,500,000.00	HFEP	100%	Sept. 22, 2014	17-Nov-14
Cons. of RC Pipe Drainage System	Brgy. Tolarucan, Mina, Iloilo	250,000.00	MDRRMF	On-going	Sept. 29, 2014	-
Cons. of Crack Oval	Brgy. Bangac, Mina, Iloilo	30,000,00 Brgy. Count. PHASE II 300,000.00	BDRRMF	37.67%	Oct. 09, 2014	13-Nov-14
Cons. of Crack Oval	Brgy. Bangac, Mina, Iloilo	PHASE III 300,000,00	Prov'l Aid	100%	Nov. 06, 2014	13-Nov-14



## Demo-Farm for Organic Vegetable Production in Municipal Eco-Park



The participants and guests during the Graduation of the Season – long Training on Organic Vegetable Production

A Demo-farm for the Season-long Training on Organic Vegetable Production was established at the Municipal Eco-park in Bangac, Mina, Iloilo. A joint activity of the LGU through its Municipal Agriculture Office in partnership with the Provincial Agriculture

Office with a duration of four months.

The objective of this activity is to promote technology for organic farming and to advocate safe and healthy food production. The training was conducted August 5, 2014 to December 12, 2014.



Actual training at the Eco-park

## 46 graduates of ECSFFS Training in Mina



Shown are the pictures their actual training of ECSFFS and during the Graduation Ceremony

Enhanced Climate Smart Farmers Field School (ECSFFS) training was successfully held in Brgy. Mina East, Mina, Iloilo on May – November, 2014 with 46 graduates. A five-year World Bank funded program that promotes

use of climate change adaptation techniques in farming. This training enhances the knowledge of farmers in seed selection, nutrient and disease management and other areas of management in line to rice production.

## VIEVA conducts Pulong-Pulong sa Kaunlaran



During the Pulong-pulong at Mina Sports and Cultural Center

The Vegetable Importer - Exporter Vendors Association (VIEVA) in collaboration with the DA-Regional Office, Provincial Agriculture Office, and other private partners conducted Pulong-Pulong

sa Kaunlaran last October 27, 2014. It was held at the Mina Sports and Cultural Center and attended by the farmers associations and cooperatives from the different barangays of this municipality.

## The growth of Barangay communal gardens

by: Lorne Palorma, AT

The different barangays in Mina are encouraged by the Municipal Agriculture Office under the LGU's flagship program "Bulig sa Kabuhi" to look for vacant lots to put up Barangay Communal Gardens. Every barangays are provided by the LGU with free vegetable seedlings.

Communal Gardens are now becoming an attraction



in every barangays with variety of vegetables planted on them.

Aside from giving income to the barangays, it also encouraged the

bayanihan system and cooperation among the residents as they jointly worked from the preparation of the garden to the harvesting of vegetables.

## Farmers in Mina are into Garlic Production

There are identified farmers in Mina who are into garlic plantation. Garlic Production is a project of LGU-Mina through the Municipal Agriculture Office in partnership with Vegetables Importers & Exporters Vendors Association (VIEVA), Philippines. The technicians from VEIVA supervises the garlic plantation and imparted on the farmers the methods and techniques in the propagation of garlic in the locality.

The recipients of this



Shown are the Garlic Plantation located at Brgys. Tolarucan, Amiroy and Tumay.

project are:

- Mrs. Gina Felomina Provideo with an area of .5161 hectares located in Brgy. Tolarucan
- Mr. Hermilo Pendon with an area of .2100 has. and Mr. Prudencio Quitor with an area of .4250 located in Brgy. Tumay
- Mrs. Lydia Grabato with an area of .3194 has., and Hon. Ariel Novo with an area of .1500 has. located in Brgy. Amiroy

## MAO continues to promote different programs

The Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) under Engr. Xykster Pelaez continues to promote the Hybridization Program, Organic Black Rice Production & Vermi Composting.

The Hybridization Program is one of the programs of the Department of Agriculture



Hybrid Rice planted in demo farms

which assist farmers to obtain high yields in rice production. This program is tied up with the Philippine Crop Insurance

Corporation (PCIC) which will provide crop insurance to possible loss or damage on both the farmers and the crops.

The **Organic Black Rice Production** is another program which the Municipal Agriculturists are promoting to the farmers by planting black rice. Specifically, the organic black rice production is encouraged by using natural farming system, humus,



Organic Black Rice

and microbial inoculants in accordance with the Organic

Agriculture Program of the Department of Agriculture.

The **Vermi Composting** is another program promoted by the Department of Agriculture. It was tried during the season long training on organic vegetable production, the Provincial Agriculture Office counterparted two kilos of vermi - worms for the vermi-composting



demo. Vermi cast is the type of organic fertilizer identified by DA as being the most ideal for crops. It is also the major component in making vermi-tea which can be used as foliar fertilizer and for controlling pests.