

YES TO CLIMATE JUSTICE

No to coal, dirty energy

AGRI-ECO TOURISM

More dynamic, competitive economies

GOING GLOBAL

Manggahan Fest in New York

FACE OF GOVERNANCE

New capitol building soon to rise



*Gaining
while
Greening*

AS OF DECEMBER 2018

STATWATCH



LAND AREA **604.57** sq km
MUNICIPALITIES **5**
BARANGAYS **98**

 **174,613**
POPULATION

PROJECTED POPULATION 2018: 181,673
PROJECTED # OF HHs 2018: 42,250

 **4** AVERAGE
HOUSEHOLD
SIZE

POPULATION
DENSITY: 288

POPULATION ANNUAL
GROWTH RATE **1.33%**

MAJOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES



PALAY COCONUT MANGO CASHEW



CALAMANSI CAMOTE LIVESTOCK POULTRY

AGRICULTURE





TOURISM



FISHING



LOCAL AND FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT

 **98**
NUMBER OF
BARANGAYS
ENERGIZED
41,047  **SAFE WATER**
NUMBER OF
HOUSEHOLD
WITH ACCESS
TO

ROAD CONDITION (2018)


TOTAL GUIMARAS ROAD NETWORK


1,209.8 km


PAVED	UNPAVED
496.665 km	713.155 km
(41%)	(59%)




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a special publication of the Provincial Government that puts together a digest of the present state of the island-province of Guimaras based on the different key development areas such as economic, social and infrastructure development, environmental management and development administration

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GUIMARAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STATUS OF COMPETITIVENESS OF MUNICIPALITIES

	2017	2018
JORDAN	22 nd Spot	22 nd Spot
NUEVA VALENCIA	43 rd Spot	30 th Spot
SAN LORENZO	372 nd Spot	48 th Spot
SIBUNAG	327 th Spot	59 th Spot
BUENAVISTA	229 th Spot	80 th Spot

These improvements on the economic standing of our province are based on poverty incidence, inflation rate, employment rate, increased investments, registered establishments and markets for MSMEs, among others.

These performances of our municipalities resulted to increase in our annual total capital investment from 1.6 Million in 2016 to 2.2 Million in 2017 and with our employment rate at 95% and inflation rate at only 1%.



ENERGIZATION OF THE 69KV SUB-TRANSMISSION LINE AND 10/12.5MVA SUBSTATION PROJECT OF THE GUIMARAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (GUIMELCO)

This project has been energized in October and with the new system, our loads are split to the four feeders. This prevents overloading of Zaldivar substation and occurrences of under voltages. This will eventually lead to the minimization of power interruptions and if there is, will occur by feeder only.

The Sitio Electrification Program for 2018 has been completed in 37 sitios with around 500 beneficiaries. This improved our consumer connections with 89% or 36,111 out of 40, 575 of the total households having electrical connections.

On economic development, the performance of our province can also be attributed to the performance of our municipalities. The leadership and good governance are contributory to our goal of becoming the agri-eco tourism capital of the region.

With our thrusts on strengthening our economic dynamism, government efficiency, infrastructure and resiliency, the Province of Guimaras was awarded the Most Competitive Province in the region for 2017. However, this year, our 27th spot dropped to 43rd.

68%

AVERAGE RATE OF INCREASE IN NEW BUSINESSES

Towards our desire to hit the goal of becoming the agri-eco tourism capital of the region, we have been focusing on capital expenditures that highly support agriculture and tourism products and services.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

MANGGAHAN TOURIST ARRIVALS



32% INCREASE

2018

28

DOT-ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS

2

DOT-ACCREDITED TOUR OPERATORS

21

DOT ACCREDITED TOURGUIDES

2017: 10

2017: 02

2017: 05

We were shortlisted as a national finalist for the World Costume Festival and Aliw Awards 2018 for Best Festival Practices and Performance and with our collaboration, Gov. Samuel T. Gumarin cited as Best Festival Catalyst and Organizer.

Under the 2018 Philippine Sports Tourism Awards, Manggahan Bike Fest was nominated as Sports Tourism Event of the Year, Guimaras as Destination of the Year and Province of Guimaras as Organizer of the Year.

And, for the very first time on its 25th year as a full-fledged province, Guimaras Manggahan Festival performed in the 120th Philippine Independence Day Celebration in New York City, United States of America.

Our 29 Hubon Mangunguma performers were also privileged to have acultural exchange in Washington DC, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and New Jersey. It is one of the grandest historic and highly anticipated Filipino-American events in the United States East Coast jointly organized by the Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) and the Consulate General of the Philippines, gathering 100,000 Filipino and Filipino-Americans.

This year, we have celebrated the silver glory of Manggahan Festival. On its two-weeklong celebration, our tourist arrival has 32% increase from 68,550 in 2017 to 90,492 in 2018 while our tourism receipts doubled from 56.4 M pesos in 2017 to 85.4 M pesos in 2018 or (51.27% increase).

MANGGAHAN TOURISM RECEIPTS



51% INCREASE

Guimaras
MANGGAHAN FESTIVAL
in New York

HUBON MANGUNGUMA
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO

CHAMPION

KASADYAHAN
REGIONAL CULTURAL
COMPETITION 2018

2nd PLACE
ALIWAN FIESTA
2018

AGRICULTURE

The growing mango industry also led to the hosting of the 20th National Mango Congress and we will have a partnership with the Mendel University – Horticulture Department in Brno, Czech Republic through the Guimaras State College regarding our collaboration for fruits production, harvesting and research relative to the mango industry.



**RICE
SUFFICIENCY
145%
2017**

The increase in aquaculture fisheries is attributed to our interventions while the drop in marine fisheries is attributed to weather disturbances that brought strong winds and rough seas which resulted to lesser catch due to less fishing trips.

**AQUACULTURE
FISHERIES EXPANSION
23.89%
2017**

**↑ 14.63%
SEAWEED
PRODUCTION**

Some of our significant agri-fishery endeavors are the completion of 10 units seaweeds dryer cum storage amounting to 10.9 M pesos, a post harvest facility support to 210 seaweed growers in Sibunag and Nueva Valencia, the turn-over of Seaweed Production and Marketing Enterprise Project in Panobolon Island (2.7 M) and in Sibunag (5.7 M), the approved 18.7 M (funding support from the World Bank) for the Mango Production, Consolidation and Marketing Enterprise, Four Marine Protected Areas namely, Toyo Reef, Pamanculan, Tumulintinan and Lawi funded for rehabilitation (13.4 M). These are funded by the Province, World Bank, DA and proponents.

**↑ 25%
CORN**

**↑ 35.17%
CASHEW**



For the first time, we have successfully hosted the PEMSEA Network of Local Governments last November 29 which was attended by the 50 ICM sites in East Asia. During the said international forum, we have officially launched our second State of the Coasts making Guimaras the very first ICM sites in the PNLG to publish this paper.



PNLG FORUM



While ICM has been applied in dozens of sites across East Asia covering more than 31,000 kilometers of coastline and benefitting tens of millions of people living in coastal and watershed areas, we are glad that Guimaras has seriously pursued its commitment and already achieved its year 2021 target of 2,672 hectares as reported by PEMSEA.

CHAMPION
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
EXCELL AWARDS 2017

GUIMARAS ISLAND
100% COAL-FREE
DECLARED BY GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL

The Climate Reality Project PHILIPPINES
GOVERNOR SAMUEL T. GUMARIN
RECIPIENT OF CLIMATE REALITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Guimaras defies this ignorance and supports this green movement through local initiatives that gained national and international recognitions. We have been awarded the Champion on Environmental Governance of Excellence in Local Governance or EXCELL Awards of the Department of Interior and Local Government in 2017.

Sa aton pagtindog kontra coal, Guimaras became the very first province in the Visayas to be declared coal-free by Greenpeace International through the conferment of the Seal of Climate Leadership. This recognized our province by catalyzing a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action by embracing renewable energy and its commitment to promote climate justice, ecological integrity and sustainable development.

Following this citation is another national recognition. The Climate Reality Leadership Award cited Guimaras pioneering for local sustainability by rejecting coal-related operations and promoting renewable energy.



“ Ignorance of the importance of environmental protection has taken its toll; not only locally, but all over the country. While there is a global revolution for the intensive integration of Sustainable Development Goals in local planning, challenges still exist which makes it difficult for local government units to translate this into reality. ”

GOVERNOR SAMUEL T. GUMARIN, MD, MPH

The 2006 oil spill incident was a defining moment for the Province of Guimaras on how and what are the means could we recover brought by this human induced disaster that led to losing our track to our direction.

The several immediate aids and assistance provided by various agencies during those times, most of them were uncoordinated and probably lost our opportunity on how could we possibly maximized those benefits.

This challenge in 2006 resulted into a positive outcome. Gradually, we were able to redirect into our path going into our vision as the agri-eco tourism capital of the region where ICM plays as the key development strategy.

Implementation of ICM Program in the Province had strengthened our inter-agency coordination. Through the ICM-Program Coordinating Committee, it had harmonized our overlapping responsibilities and avoided duplications of particular project or initiative where all are for the welfare of our constituents and for the Province, contributing to the global ocean agenda targets.

In fact, it is indicated in our Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan that ICM is our key island development strategy. We are the first Province in our country to have passed the ICM Ordinance where its provisions and articles are aligned with the ICM Bill being reviewed by the current 17th Congress.

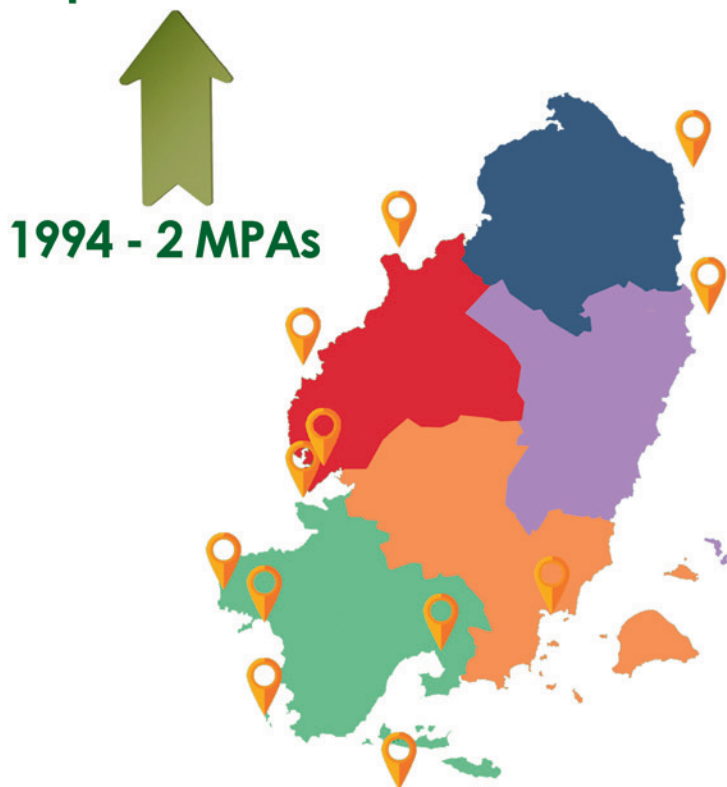


I am strongly encouraging all of you to do your fair share with the little things you do. The one plastic straw we use could lead to the death of one sea turtle. So, let us protect Guimaras. This is our island. This is our home.

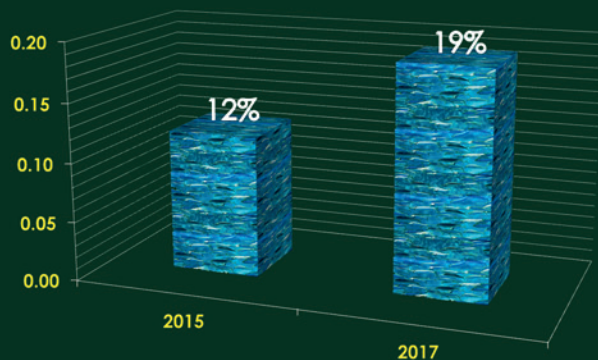
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INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

At present- **12 MPAs**



With the improvement in the management and operations of our MPAs, fishers in the province observed increase in their fish catch. Poachers were reduced and fish stocks increased inside the core zone.



CORAL COVERS INSIDE THE CORE ZONE

Coral covers inside the core zone likewise increased from 12% in 2015 to 19% in 2017.



FISH DENSITY RANGE 204-213 %



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Economic gains without improvements in well-being and living conditions to fully transcend poverty is not the development we dream of. We want an inclusive opportunity for all. We want a Guimarães that is competitive but with citizens that are free from hunger and enabled with fair, and just society. We want a Guimarães that is smart, safe and resilient.

Thus, on this mission we are focused on dynamically pushing and collaborating for social programs. As a result, we are successful in alleviating poverty in the province for the past years.

4.8%
DECREASE
IN POVERTY INCIDENCE
IN 2015

95%
EMPLOYMENT
RATE

HEALTH



ON ADMISSION
1,385 CASES

While on admission, influenza and pneumonia followed by intestinal infectious diseases and infections specific to the perinatal period.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

37% PNEUMONIA

14% HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE

11% DIABETES MELLITUS

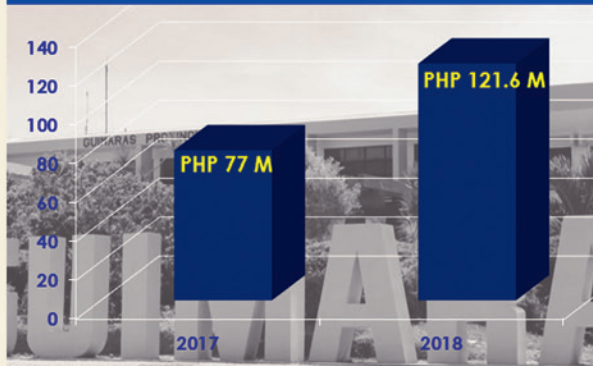
5 YEARS

RABIES-FREE STATUS

AS RECOGNIZED BY
BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

While we may have had issues on our local policy about the elimination of stray dogs, rest assured that we are doing this for the betterment of our people in general and to protect our growing tourism industry.

DCGNPH BUDGET



The 2018 DCGNPH budget amounting to 121.6 million pesos shows 36% increase over 2017 budget of 77 million pesos. The increase includes SSL4 third tranche in 2018.

The actual generated income in 2017 decreased by 5%.

This is the very reason why the provincial government is embarking on a program called Provincial Leadership Governance Program (PLGP) in partnership with the Department of Health and other major stakeholders in the health sector such as the Zuellig Family Foundation and the Makati Medical Center Foundation.

It aims for the improvement of health system so that it may effectively address inequities among the people of Guimaras through training and coaching programs geared towards capability development as well as improvement of systems and procedures especially of the three hospitals in the province. This is intently to strengthen hospital operations and services not just of DCGNPH but also including the two smaller hospitals, the Nueva Valencia District Hospital and the Buenavista Emergency Hospital.



Peace & Security

TOTAL CRIME VOLUME IN GUIMARAS

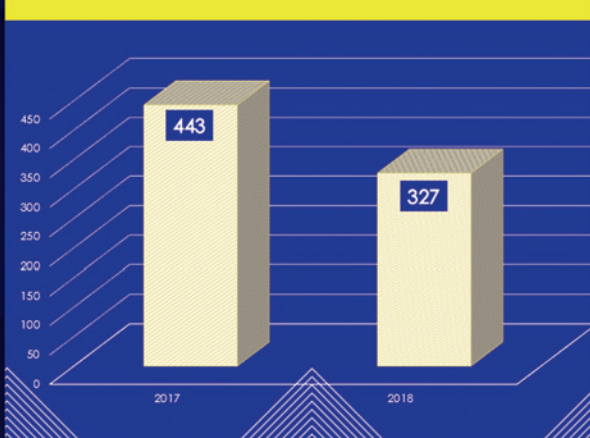
17.67% DECREASE

from 1,494 in 2017 to 1,230 in 2018.

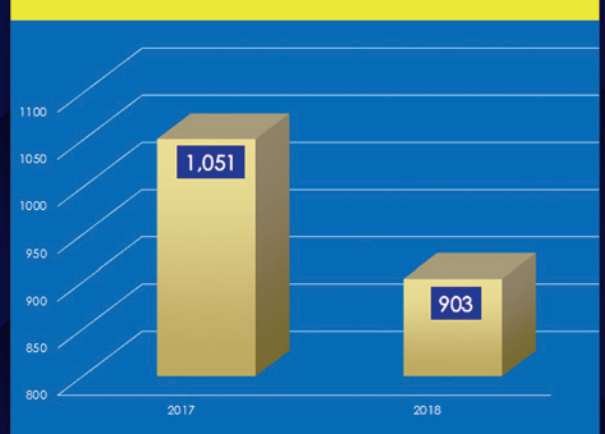
On a comparative report covering January to October (2017 and 2018)

Index crimes or those crimes which are serious in nature likewise plummeted from 443 in 2017 to 327 in 2018 reflecting a 26.18% decrease. Non-index crimes reduced by 14.08% from 1,051 in 2017 to 903 in 2018.

INDEX CRIMES



NON- INDEX CRIMES



➤ 77% PHYSICAL INJURY ➤ 14% THEFT ➤ 5% ROBBERY
 ➤ 3% RAPE ➤ 1% MURDER

Quality Life

FOR JUAN AND ALL

JOSE GANDECELA OLDEST ALS PASSER

WHAT IS ALS?

ALS is a parallel learning system that provides a practical option to the existing formal instruction.

DepEd says if one does not have or cannot access formal education in schools, ALS is an alternate or substitute.

It includes both the non-formal and informal sources of knowledge and skills.

A 90-year-old Guimarasnon set the record for being the oldest passer of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) of the Department of Education (DepEd). Jose Gandecela of Barangay Dolores, Nueva Valencia finished a 10-month ALS curriculum in October 2017 and passed the examination given on March 11, 2018.

Sitting comfortably in his living room, the nonagenarian felt he achieved what he had not done during his younger years, and that was to finish his high school studies. He would like to continue to have a bachelor's degree if only he has the physical strength.

Gandecela said it was his children, grandchildren and now deceased wife Francesca Gandecela that encouraged him to study under the alternative learning system. He took this as an opportunity to learn more because for him, there was no age limit in gaining more knowledge.

"Challenge man to. Siling bala nila nga ang edukasyon wala sang limit. Ang limit lang kun patay na ang isa ka tawo. Amo na ang ginasiling nila nga 'education begins in the cradle and ends in the grave'. Kun patay na ang isa ka tawo wala na. Pero mientras buhi, wala naga-untat ang kinaalam nga mahibalan," Gandecela said.

Engulfed with emotions, Tatay Jose as he is fondly called shared that while he was preparing to take the exam, his wife who died of colon cancer was being laid in state. But this did not stop him from taking the ALS exam, according to Gandecela, and even deferred the burial of his loved one.

One thing he was sure of, according to Tatay Jose, was that his wife was proud of what he had achieved. Beaming with pride, Gandecela said he would frame his certificate and hang it on the wall as a testament of his hardships.



For decades, the Guimaras Capitol has been part of the historic years of the Province of Guimaras as a full-fledged province.

The New Governance Center will soon rise and a renewed brand of governance and infrastructure, compliant to all national laws and governing policies will eventually improve the image and quality of public services in the Province of Guimaras.

300-M PHP LOAN

The Land Bank of the Philippines has approved the 300 million pesos loan for the construction and establishment of the said building including the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment and the first phase of the construction will start this year.

NEW FACE OF GOVERNANCE



The New Governance Center is designed and inspired by a Neo Classical Architecture that began in the 18th century. Aside from the influence of the United States Capitol, The White House and Buckingham Palace, Green Architecture is applied in this building. The design can help improve air quality inside through the open garden including the landscape and hardscape.



The provision of wide windows and entrances, as energy-efficient, natural daylight design reduces a building electricity needs and improves people's health and productivity. As to water management, it minimizes the use of water through the installation of grey water and rainwater catchment systems that recycle water for irrigation or toilet flushing, gardening and will help flooding in the capitol area and its surrounding residential areas.



160-M DCGNPH ANNEX BLDG

As commissioned by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Phases I to III have already been completed 100% of the physical structures and the Emergency Room complex commenced last September 2018. The last phase of the construction is undergoing the bidding process.

At present, the DCGNPH has additional hospital equipments such as 75 hospital beds, 4 ICU, 4 infant cribs, dental chairs and equipment, heavy duty autoclave, shimadzu X-ray machine, 16 Slice Hitachi CT Scan machine, gurneys, anesthesia machine, cardiac monitor-defibrillators, delivery table and OR light.

85.23 KM OR

70.55% PROVINCIAL ROAD PAVED

funds from the Conditional Matching Grant to Province (CMGP) under the DILG, DOT and DPWH Convergence Program and other local funds.

The remaining 35.6 kilometers is expected to be completed by year 2020. By then, our central spine will become more interconnected and our people will be more linked to paved progress.

Through our 93.4 Million Peso 20% Development Fund, 10-kilometer concrete road is expected to be finished before the year ends.

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018

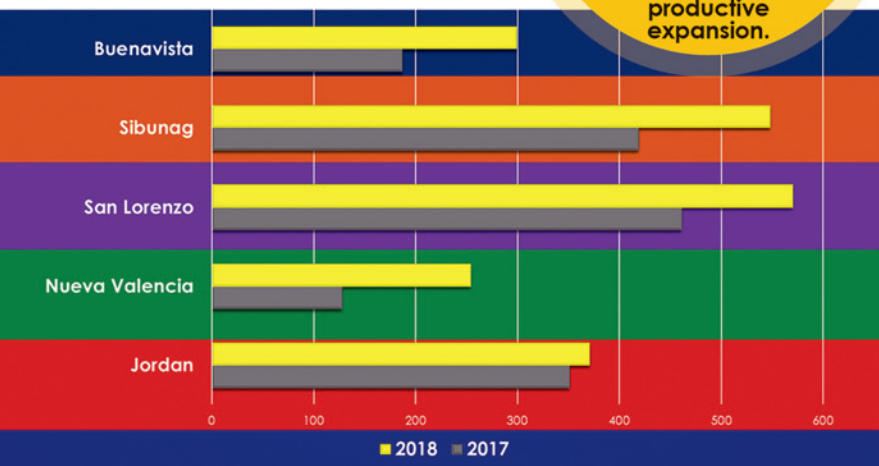
Padayon ang aton pagpasanyog sang imprastraktura sa probinsiya sang Guimaras. With a reliable infrastructure, our economy will be interconnected, from our households to higher quality opportunities for employment, healthcare, education, production, marketing and other services.

GOVERNOR SAMUEL T. GUMARIN, MD, MPH

Their ranks are based on their performance based on the transparency and economic governance score in Local Governance Performance Management System, ratio of LGU-collected tax to LGU revenues, LGU competition-related awards, business registration efficiency, investment promotion, compliance to national directives for LGUs, security, health and education, among others.

On Development Administration, this is the level of "government efficiency" of our five municipalities.

This refers to the quality and reliability of government services and support for effective and sustainable productive expansion.



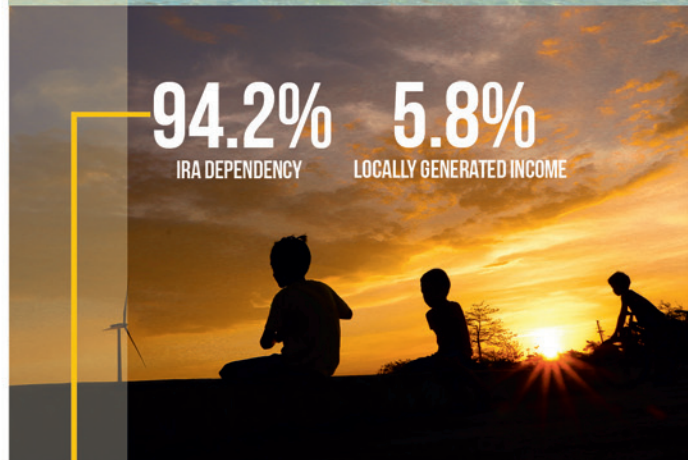
Generally, the government efficiency ranking of our five municipalities all went down. For first to second class, Buenavista dropped from rank 187 in 2017 to 299 in 2018.

For third to six class category, Jordan likewise dropped from 351 in 2017 to 371 in 2018 while Nueva Valencia went down from 128 in 2017 to 254 in 2018. San Lorenzo also fell from 461 in 2017 to 570 in 2018 and Sibunag from 419 in 2017 to 548 this year.

This a challenge for our municipalities to improve the quality and reliability of government services and government support for effective and sustainable productive expansion.

Comparatively, this indicates that our revenue sources remain basically the same for the past two years. The only major increase that can be pointed out comes from our IRA bringing a sizable amount from Php 557,561,967.00 to Php 613,749,742.00 or an increase of Php 56,187,775.00 or 10.07%.

Local taxes comprise of the real property taxes (basic) at 2.3 % or Php 15,000,000.00 and Special Education Fund (SEF) at 1.5% or Php 10,000,000.00, and other local tax imposed by the province at 0.1% or Php 1,168,000.00 and non-tax revenue coming from hospital fees at 0.84 % or Php 5,500,000.00.



For 2019, we specifically aim to enhance effective delivery of holistic health care services, provide accessibility to all basic needs and services, increase agricultural productivity of high value crops in support to farm tourism, make available more employment opportunities through convergent efforts on improving tourism, agriculture, fishery, livelihood, technical-vocational programs and other support mechanism to increase family income.



“
Aton na makit-an ang aton mga
nalab-ot sa sulod sang sobra duwa
ka dekada. Nabatian na ninyo ang
istorya sang kada Guimarasnon nga
kaya magbangon kag
magpangabuhi sang matalunsay
sa ini nga isla. And this is just a start.
”

GOVERNOR SAMUEL T. GUMARIN, MD, MPH

MORE THAN HALF OF THE 20% FUND

for some 20 road sections
improvements including
hospital facilities and the
viewing deck in San Lorenzo

POLICY SUPPORT

we have conducted the first
phase of the creation of our
Code of General Ordinances,
buot silingon mas
comprehensibo kag mas
plastado na ang aton mga
ordinansa kag local nga mga
polisiya.



Sa pamaagi sang sini nga Code,
gina establisyar naton ang legal,
political, economic kag
socio-cultural nga framework
for local policies.

Our comprehensive tourism ordinance is almost complete while our forest land use plan has already been enacted and the environment and investment codes were amended.

We will also be institutionalizing the Bottom-Up Participatory Process engagement of CSOs, update the revenue code, finalize the Health and Sanitation Code and other policies particularly on HIV-AIDS, Road Safety and Traffic Prevention and Cultural Heritage.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

and projects that will provide the basic needs of our
people such as, among others:

ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER IMPOUNDING AND MECHANICAL POST RAINWATER HARVESTING FACILITIES

strengthened preservation of our coastal areas in
support to marine protected areas

FOR FOOD SUPPLY

more water systems, and development of the

PROVINCIAL TREE PARK FOR BIKE TRAIL



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