

State of the Municipality Address

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Exemplary Governance Springs from Political Unity

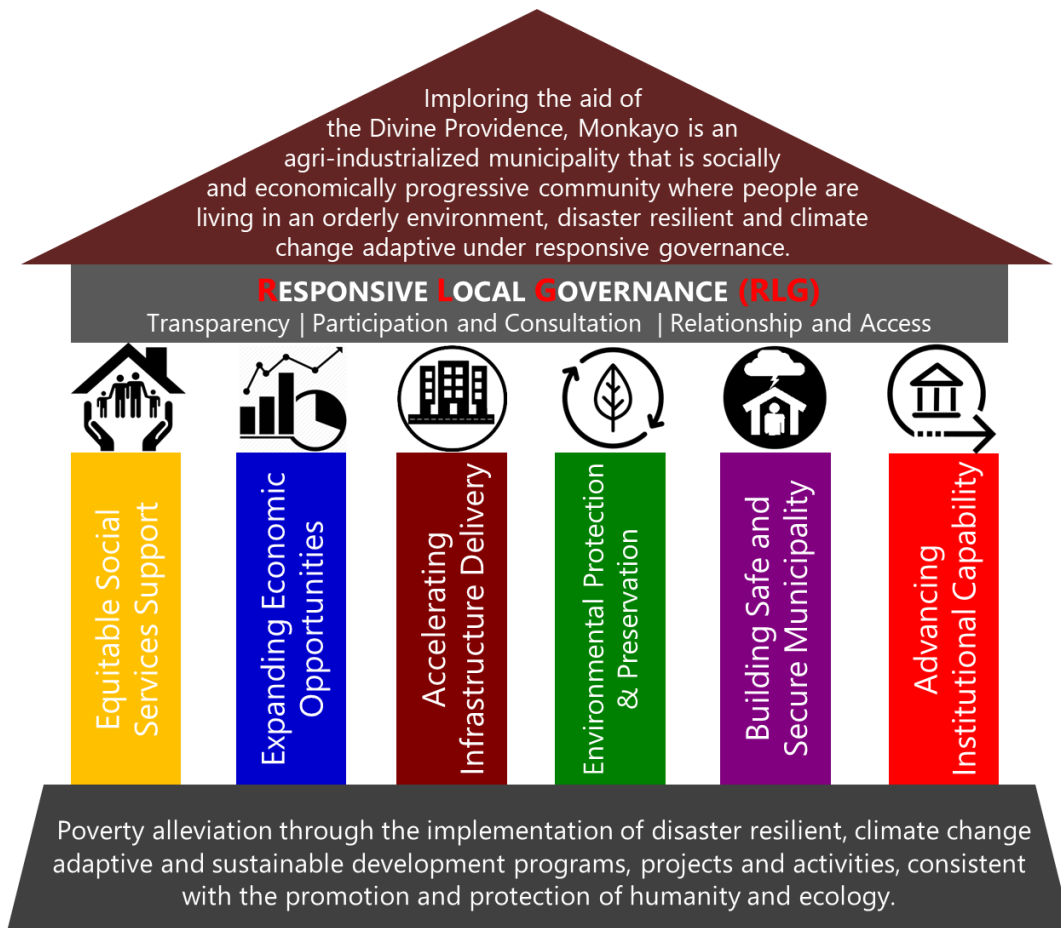
To my fellow Monkayoans...

The Presiding Officer, Hon. Joel Basañes II, Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Bayan, it is my honor to deliver before you, and before the people of Monkayo, my first State of the Municipality Address. I would like to thank the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan, for the wholehearted support that made this administration certainly effective in terms of implementing programs and projects necessary to promote the welfare and interest of our people.

First and foremost, our leadership has a simple but clear purpose, to reduce the alarming poverty incidence in Monkayo through the implementation of disaster resilient, climate change adaptive and sustainable development programs, projects and activities, consistent with the promotion and protection of humanity and ecology. This is operationalized to help ensure the main strategies of poverty alleviation, including Equitable Social Services Support, Expanding Economic Opportunities, Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery, Environmental Protection and Preservation, Building Safe and Secure Municipality, and Advancing Institutional Capability.

We committed ourselves to articulate this system deliberately through our new brand of public service, the Responsive Local Governance (RLG). This is materialized through these interlinked guideposts as I've promised during my inaugural speech. These are: (a) Transparency (Dayag na Pagdumala); (b) Participation and Consultation (Pakiglambigit ug Konsultasyon), and, (c) Relationship and Access (Pakig-relasyon ug ang Agi-anan sa mga Ayuda).

This clear direction will help realize Monkayo's vision in becoming an agri-industrialized municipality that is socially and economically progressive community where people are living in an orderly environment, disaster resilient and climate change adaptive under responsive governance.



In accordance with my mandate, I have already submitted a comprehensive written accomplishment report to the Sangguniang Bayan, and the delivery of this address shall inform our people of the steps that our administration had undertaken as far as the attainment of our goals is concerned.

As I present these accomplishments, I acknowledge the partnership with Congresswoman Maria Carmen Zamora, the Provincial Government headed by Governor Jayvee Tyron Uy and Provincial officials, my very supportive wife Board Member Joanna Aileen Gentugaya and collaboration of our barangay officials and functionaries, the National Government Agencies with their respective heads, and all stakeholders in Monkayo.

When I assumed office on June 30, 2016, the municipal government was in disarray. We hit the ground running from where our predecessors have left. A colossal problem confronted us where poverty hit 59% according to our Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS). This figure is very alarming given that we are a first class municipality.

With a sense of urgency, we were determined to reverse the situation by articulating a commitment to deliver projects, programs and activities for the people's well-being at the end of my term. To effect this, we formulated, reviewed and approved several plans afresh such as the Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA); Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP); Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP); Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP); Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment among others.

Looking back at our performance for less than two years and the annual data releases, I am happy to say that we have indeed improved.



Equitable Social Services Support

To protect our people from becoming trapped in poverty, we have sustained our programs and development of new social protection mechanisms were taken into consideration. We ensured the empowerment and protection of the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals from all types of risks. We have attained significant successes on education, health, social welfare, women and children, protective services and housing. Our total expenditure for social services has reached P63.4 million in 2017.

a. Education

Our administration consistently supported the Brigada Eskwela efforts of the Department of Education. We increased the per school allotment from P5,000 in 2015 to P10,000.00 worth of construction supplies and materials amounting to P550,000.00 in the special education fund annually. With our initiative, we rendered clearing operations at our schools to protect our pupils and students from the dangers of dirty surroundings.

Now, we have turned MonCAST from an ordinary institution to a leading local college in the region fully funded by the Local Government of Monkayo. The Association of Local Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation

(ALCUCOA) awarded the Level 1 for Bachelor of Secondary Education major in English. MonCAST offers Bachelor of Agricultural Technology (BAT) and Senior High School - ABM and GAS tracks. In Academic Year 2017- 2018, MonCAST received scholarship grant from CHED's Tulong Dunong program amounting to Php7.5 million which greatly help around 1,200 students for them to access quality and affordable tertiary education. For Academic Year 2018-2019, MonCAST was granted FREE TUITION for all students through Republic Act No. 10931 also known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act".

As of 2017, MonCAST has catered 1,315 students and is expecting the influx of more students due to the free Tuition Fee program of the government this year.

With the increasing demand and student population, we were able to construct the following: Two new classrooms for Technical and Vocational Program; Two-storey building (Mandabon Building) for Library and Audio-Visual Room; MonCAST gym extension; covered pathway all over the campus; and on-going construction of two-storey building with six classrooms.

This administration took pride as MonCAST continuously performed well in the Licensure Examination for Teachers. In 2017-2018, it produced 51 LET Passers.

b. Social Welfare

We have repositioned our social welfare system in providing assistance to needy individuals and families in all development undertakings.

We were able to provide Day Care Service and supplementary feeding to 3,365 pre-schoolers in 2017, a 61% increase from 2015.

For emergency assistance such as financial and medical assistance, emergency shelter assistance and death benefit assistance, we already extended P2.2 million afforded to more than 16,000 beneficiaries since I assumed office.

In coordination with the DSWD, we increased the number of social pensioners from 1,101 senior citizens in 2015 to 5,266 senior citizens in 2018. Also, under the Sustainable Livelihood Program we have facilitated the implementation of various vocational trainings and seed capital fund worth P8.2 million.

c. Health

It is our mission to enhance and protect the health and well-being of all Monkayoans. We fulfill this mission by improving the health status through the prevention of diseases, promotion of healthy lifestyles and health care delivery system by focusing on access, equity, efficiency, quality and sustainability. Our LGU, through our Rural Health Unit, ensures the availability and accessibility of these health care services and medicines.

The significant reduction of infant mortality is the result of our commitment in improving birth outcomes by working together with barangay health workers and other partners in Monkayo.

A significant reduction of child malnutrition has been observed from 648 to 440 children. We also partnered with the Provincial Government in the implementation of Kusina ng Kalinga Program to feed our learners with nutritious food to be delivered on a daily basis in 29 elementary schools in Monkayo. This initiative sustained our action to end malnutrition in this municipality.

We have also strengthened family planning, assuring universal access to methods of contraception, fertility control, sexual education, and maternal care.

On our Smoking Cessation Clinic, we addressed the critical need to disseminate effective and appropriate cessation program. With our firm implementation, we bagged the National Red Orchid Hall of Fame Award.

In addition, the Department of Health has declared Monkayo as Malaria-Free municipality.

We are also a recipient of the Regional Sandugo Award for Outstanding Implementers of the National Voluntary Blood Services Program.

Furthermore, the PhilHealth issued the re-accreditation on TB-DOTS Outpatient Benefit Package and accreditation for our Maternal Care Package (MCP). Likewise, DOH already issued the License to Operate for our Birthing Facility. Since it started operation in August 2017, we have already performed more than 200 normal spontaneous vaginal deliveries.

To strengthen the health service delivery in Monkayo, we have done innovative, even bold steps, to improve the scaling up of outreach program and

barangay health services. One is the procurement of additional outreach vehicle for a prompt community outreach program and medical mission.

d. Housing and Settlement

We realized the approval of individual titling of BLISS Housing Project benefitting 50 households. We facilitated the on-going documentation of Amakan benefitting 83 households and Habitat Housing benefitting 140 households.

As of today, we facilitated the turn-over of 4,250 housing units under the 11 offsite housing projects implemented by the National Housing Authority (NHA) since July 2016. Another 1,564 housing units were distributed under the Modified/On-site Shelter Assistance Program of DSWD.

e. Peace and Order

We maintained our close coordination with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, and Bureau of Fire Protection in ensuring security, public order and safety.

It has been observed that the crime incidents committed in our municipality had reduced by 23% from 2015 as compared to 2017.

To show our support, we donated five units' baby armalite and 4 units of 0.45 pistols to PNP-Monkayo.

Another breakthrough we facilitated with the AFP is the significant voluntary clearance of more than 2,000 persons who were perceived sympathizers and affiliated with the New People's Army. They were debriefed in preparation for their active participation in the peace and development program.

We had organized the Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council to focus our efforts in curbing illegal drug activities. There were four (4) barangays declared drug-free by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) XI. These barangays were: Mamunga, Salvacion, Banlag and Haguimitan. We are still on the process of clearing drug-affected barangays and aiming for a drug-free Monkayo.

In coordination with the Provincial Government, we initiated a voluntary and compulsory drug treatment and rehabilitation program through Oplan Liwanag. As of today, there are over 2,600 Voluntary Surrenderers for Reform who underwent

this two-month rehabilitation and reformation program in support to President Duterte's War on Drugs.

One of the manifestations of our close relationship with the national agencies is the implementation of Serbisyo Caravan by the Association of Regional Executives of National Agencies (ARENA XI) in Brgy. Upper-ulip and Bayanihan para sa Sambayanan of the Provincial Government of Compostela Valley in barangays Mt. Diwata and Casoon. This initiative provided effective convergence and public service delivery directly to the people in these barangays to foster security, justice and peace.



Expanding Economic Opportunities

Our economic development strategy is anchored on the strengthening of agricultural production and promotion of small and medium enterprises. Our administration had allocated P89.5 million in 2017 to stimulate economic activities.

a. Agriculture

Our administration viewed the agriculture sector as an important contributor in the general economic development of the municipality. It remains a key driver for development as it maintains its contribution to total output over the years.

We were able to sustain and strengthen our agricultural extension efforts by providing readily available information and locally verified technology to our farmers. We conducted a barangay-based Agriculture and Fisheries Techno-Caravan, bringing modern and cost-effective technologies directly to the farmers.

With our harmonious relationship with the Department of Agriculture and farmer –associations, we intensified the production of some important crops, such as, rubber, cacao, abaca, rice and corn. Also, in two years alone, we were given P15.6

million worth of machineries and equipment as part of our agricultural mechanization. These include:

- Combine Rice Harvester at Tinago Irrigators and Marketing Cooperative (TIMARCO)
- Two (2) units farm tractor for SACARBEMCO AND SABECO
- Multi-Crop Harvester for corn
- Hauling truck, farm tractor with implement, mechanical corn sheller and corn mill at Babag Farmers Association
- 12- ton recirculating dryer for corn

We are also one of the three municipalities in the province identified for the implementation of Special Areas for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program that aims to provide livelihood opportunities for farmers anchored on three major components which are social preparation, food production and livelihood.

For our irrigation support, a Small Water Impounding Project (SWIP) worth P9,000,000.00 at Cambilawa, Inambatan funded under the Department of Agriculture is nearing completion.

For other agricultural support, we facilitated with the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation as they distributed indemnity checks worth P340,000.00 to our 28 farmers.

At this moment, I would like to congratulate Mr. Isabelo Candilado of Brgy. Babag as this year's provincial and regional Gawad Saka Outstanding Corn Farmer.

b. Commerce, Trade and Industry

Our administration actively sustained and facilitated the Business One Stop Shop to simplify procedure in acquiring business permits. Under the BOSS system, all offices involved in business registration and renewal process will be housed in one place for the convenience and comfort of business operators.

With this system in place, it resulted to an increase in revenues and faster issuances of new and renewal of business permits.

We are reaping remarkable success in local revenue generation. Total revenue of our LGU has significantly increased. The biggest contributor among the local sources is the real property tax which is attributed to the increase in the

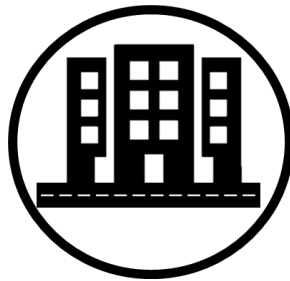
number of assessed real property units which is 26% higher than the 2015's assessed valuation.

This accomplishment shows our revenue-generation powers and improvement of our tax collection efficiency. Because of this, we are awarded for our outstanding performance on fees and charges collection target in 2016 and outstanding performance in real property tax (RPT) collection in 2017 by the Bureau of Local Government Finance.

Under our administration, we re-introduced the Night Market and stimulated Monkayo's dynamic nighttime experience. Our night market now features over 60 food and retail stalls bringing huge crowds of local patrons dedicated for budget shopping and eating.

Also, our collective efforts gradually gained traction as we improved our national competitiveness standing from 441st place in 2016 to 337th place in 2017 among 1st to 2nd class municipalities in the Philippines.

Our effort to stimulate and flourish our economy was further operationalized through the passage of the 2018 Tax Code of the Municipality of Monkayo, and the Local Investment and Incentive Code of the municipality.



Accelerating Infrastructure Delivery

One of our boldest undertakings is the acceleration of infrastructure development in the municipality because infrastructure is vital to our local economic growth as it spurs and sustains economic activity.

Our concreting of barangay and municipal roads has grown in collaboration with DILG worth P18.4 million. The length of our barangay concrete-paved roads had increased by 36% and municipal concrete-paved roads had increased by 41% as of today.

These paved roads are at:

- Brgy. Naboc
- Brgy. Mt. Diwata
- Brgy. Inambatan
- Brgy. Tubo-tubo
- Brgy. Macopa
- Brgy. Babag
- Brgy. Poblacion
- Brgy. Pasian, and,
- Brgy. Banlag

For our information, there will be many road projects to be implemented and to be funded by the local government as well as projects carried out by DILG that are set for implementation this year worth P11.4 million.

Under our administration we were able to construct the following:

- Completed barangay gymnasiums in Brgy. San Jose, Brgy. Rizal, Brgy. Olaycon, Brgy. Baylo, Brgy. Casoon and Brgy. Mamunga;
- On-going construction of gymnasiums in Awao National High School, Pasian Elementary School and New Kapatagan, Casoon;
- Brgy. Hall in Brgy. Tubo-tubo;
- Improvement of Brgy. Macopa gym;
- Extension of Social Hall of Naboc Elementary School;
- Freedom Stage of Brgy. Banlag;
- Improvement of drainage system for flood management;
- Fencing of government center;
- Monkayo Dome;
- Commercial Stalls and Integrated Motorcycle Terminal;
- Government offices and Women Activity center;
- Municipal Warehouse;
- Municipal Motorpool Main Building;
- Motorpool Heavy Equipment Shed; and,
- Completion of the Municipal Infirmery building.

Alongside with these, we were able to implement KALAHI-CIDSS Tier 2 subprojects in coordination with DSWD-XI worth P21.3 million with our counterpart of P5.6 million. Most of the 21 subprojects across the municipality are now at 94% completion rate. These subprojects include:

- Construction of day care centers in Baylo, Pasian and Poblacion
- Construction of elementary school-buildings in Macopa and Olaycon
- Construction of multi-purpose buildings in Salvacion and San Isidro
- Construction and upgrading of potable water systems in Inambatan, Babag, Tubo-tubo and Union
- Construction of tribal hall in Awao
- Installation of 26 units solar LED street lights in Haguimitan, Naboc, San Jose, Mamunga and Banlag
- Improvement of barangay roads in Mt. Diwata, Rizal and Casoon, and,
- Construction of Hanging Bridge in Upper-ulip

Other key infrastructure projects that are set to be inaugurated that were funded in collaboration with other agencies, includes:

- New Municipal Hall Building funded under the leadership of Cong. Maria Carmen Zamora;
- Improvement of Public Wet Market funded under the leadership of Gov. Jayvee Tyron Uy; and,
- Construction of Main Health Center funded by DOH.

These infra-developmental projects in Monkayo are a bid to translate into action the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).



Environmental Protection and Preservation

This administration pledged to promote a clean, green and resilient municipality in managing the environment sustainably to complement with our development efforts in consonance with our vision and mission. With this, we created the Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office (MENRO) to ensure the management, conservation, preservation and protection of our environment and natural resources.

We continuously support the small-scale mining industry as it continues to provide sustainable livelihoods for thousands of families in the municipality. We have to recognize

small-scale mining as both highly productive and as a legitimate part of the mining sector in Monkayo. We need a better knowledge and understanding of the sector by creating incentives for small-scale miners in order to make their operations legal and help them access financial support and appropriate technology. We are glad to inform you and to our guests that we released a manifesto opposing the entry of any large-scale mining in the municipality of Monkayo.

For the collection and recovery of waste materials, we maintained our Eco-Park and Central Material Recovery Facility for alternative processing and bio-composting. This includes the paper briquettes making and vermiculture composting.

Our Sanitary Landfill Level 1 is currently established and was already issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate. With these efforts, we are consistently awarded the Best Solid Waste Management implementer in the entire Province.



Building Safe and Secure Municipality

We all know that Monkayo is vulnerable to natural and human-induced hazards such as floods, storms, and landslides. Floods pose the greatest threat to the municipality which a larger proportion of the population is severely affected. Our local government is now equipped with skills, tools and systems primarily for close monitoring and preparation for disasters, thereby, reducing their impact.

One of the innovations brought by this administration in disaster monitoring and assessment is the utilization of personalized drones as aerial technique in providing real-time information during natural calamities especially flash floods. We procured and donated drones to AFP, PNP and MDRRMO.

On disaster response, we provided immediate assistance to more than 2,000 patients with transportation and distributed relief services to households affected by armed conflict and fire incident. To further intensify our emergency response, we have acquired additional rescue vehicle.

On disaster preparedness, we conducted advocacy on *Listong Pamilyang Pilipino* and *Talamdan sa Emerhensiya* on over 6,000 4Ps beneficiaries, 2,000 Community Disaster Volunteers, 160 SPES grantees and 6,000 business operators and proprietors. Also, together with BM Joanna Gentugaya, we provided community education on *Listong Kababaehan* on disaster preparedness to women in the entire Barangay Poblacion alongside with Nutrition Feeding.

Moreover, we assisted flood and earthquake drills, conducted First Aid, Basic CPR and Rescue Trainings. With this, we were awarded the following:

- Commendation to MDRRMC Monkayo for the “Proud of My Purok” project success
- Recognition to Monkayo Search and Rescue Team (MOSART) for being one of Davao Region’s Outstanding Volunteers in the 2017 Search for Outstanding Volunteers
- 3rd Place, Regional Search for Gawad Kalasag 2017, and,
- 1st Place, for Brgy. Poblacion as Regional Gawad Kalasag 2018



Advancing Institutional Capability

Our objective to increase efficiency in government service is always on top of our priorities. At present all of our departments focus at crafting on their work procedures and align them to conform to the required national standards in order to provide convenience and client satisfaction. In 2017, our local government received ACCEPTABLE rating on ARTA Report Card.

One of the major innovations initiated by this administration is the establishment of our website, www.monkayo.gov.ph and our Facebook page Local Government Unit of Monkayo which has more than 11,000 followers.

Moreover, the programs related to Gender and Development is also the main interest of our administration. This is being materialized through the Women Development Council under the leadership of BM Joanna Gentugaya. The MWDC were able to facilitate and organize seminars, women's day celebration in all of the 21 barangays with a financial assistance of P10,000 per barangay, conducted livelihood programs and skills-training among its members. The members of the council have now reached to 15,000 empowered women-members.

Challenges and Future Directions

What's to be done next? We look forward to more opportunities and future partnerships. Infrastructure is, again, a major item on our agenda.

We acknowledge some of the challenges our administration has faced so far in two years. This includes the inadequate water supply in the municipality. Also, most of our water systems cannot provide enough water 24/7. With this, it is our firm resolve to address current water problems to avert a crisis in the future. We initiated several dialogues with the private sector to invest in the water infrastructure projects to meet these tremendous needs in expanding and improving the efficiency of our water systems.

We will sustain the concreting of access roads, and construction and maintenance of public buildings.

The construction of Monkayo Microtel and additional commercial stalls are priorities to increase local income and boost tourism industry.

Improvement/rehabilitation of evacuation centers, public market and overland transport terminal are also on top of our priorities.

The new Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance are now currently reviewed by the HLURB to expand commercial, residential, institutional and industrial zones.

We promise to continue to deliver our regular programs on social and economic services, and to intensify our support to PNP and PDEA in curbing the proliferation of illegal drugs and criminality in the municipality.

In closing, I would like to let my fellow Monkayoan's know, as mayor, I am within your reach and we will continue to plan for our future in arresting mass poverty and securing economic prosperity and that our accomplishments should be felt by many, by everyone. The growth must be inclusive, shared by and benefited by our people.

Monkayo has much to improve upon, and real change cannot happen overnight, but I assure you Monkayoans, we will get better. Monkayo needs these changes and initiatives, and everything should be done to let these good beginnings prosper. The speed may vary, but the direction will always be forward.

Before I'll end this address, let me acknowledge the following special people who have contributed and extended their efforts in the realization of our accomplishments;

- The Local Government Unit of Monkayo officials, employees and staff;
- Barangay officials and functionaries
- Provincial Government of Compostela Valley headed by Gov. Jayvee Tyron Uy;
- Congressional Office of District I headed by Cong. Maria Carmen Zamora
- Various national government agencies and other stakeholders
- To my loving parents, brother and sisters, my lovely and supportive wife Hon. Joanna Gentugaya and to our two beautiful children, Anjelika and Anika;
- And, above all, I am grateful to the Lord Almighty for His never-ending love, enlightenment, protection and blessings and for the opportunity to serve the great people of Monkayo.

Tomorrow will definitely be better than today.

Good morning everyone and Mabuhay!!!