

PURSUING PGMA'S VISION OF WATER FOR ALL (ESPECIALLY THE WATERLESS)

The nine years of the PGMA Administration have seen dramatic, profound and steady gains in the government's provincial water supply development program. These gains have become even more intensified and pronounced following the inclusion of potable water supply among the PGMA administration's priority legacy development programs with the vision of providing water to all, especially the waterless.

As the lead national government agency for provincial water supply development, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) has been at the forefront of helping realize the President's vision and legacy program on water. Significantly, much of LWUA's accomplishments have been attained and the reforms and innovations instituted with the appointment as Chairman of the LWUA Board of Trustees of former Congressman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. in September 2008.

In CY 2009, under the dynamic and inspiring stewardship of Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr., LWUA registered its highest single year accomplishments in many of its key results target areas, namely:



PGMA, PICHAY LEADS POTABLE WATER PROJECT IN PORAC. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo assisted by Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. (2nd from right) lowers the time capsule during the groundbreaking of P20-million potable water supply project to benefit some 22,000 residents of six depressed barangays in Porac, Pampanga funded by a grant from the Office of the President. The project is part of LWUA's "Tubig na Malinis at Mura sa Bawa't Tahanan" program in support of PGMA administration's vision of safe drinking water for all barangays with particular emphasis on the so-called waterless communities.



schemes that offer reduced interest rates and longer repayment periods for project loans and the proper mix of financial assistance to the beneficiary water districts consisting of loans and outright grants.

ATTENDED TO THE NEEDS OF THE WATERLESS COMMUNITIES

In CY 2009, LWUA intensified its institutional, financial and technical development assistance to finally provide greater access to safe potable water supply to the residents of the so-called still waterless communities under its area of responsibility. LWUA has completed the construction of water supply systems in 51 erstwhile waterless communities while projects for 64 others are still ongoing as of the end of last year.

PROVIDED ACCESS TO SAFE WATER TO AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE...



P400-M FOR CAGAYAN WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo thanked LWUA Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. (seated, right) for allocating some P420 million for the improvement and expansion of water supply systems in Tuguegarao City and various towns of Cagayan province in support of her priority program of providing adequate and affordable drinking water to every Filipino home.

With adequate funding secured through the initiative and efforts of Chairman Pichay which resulted to the completion by LWUA of 120 water supply infrastructure improvement and expansion projects in 2009, an additional five (5) million people living in the countryside were given access to safe potable water supply. As of yearend CY 2009, the number of Filipinos in the provinces who are directly served with piped potable water totaled more than twenty (20) million

AND COUNTING...

With 162 more water supply projects yet for completion as of the end of 2009 and still more on the pipeline, the number of people benefiting from safe, potable and affordable water will definitely continue to rise in the coming years.



PICHAY WITH THE YOUTH of the country who, through the tireless efforts of the government, are enjoying the benefits of potable water today and for future generations of Filipinos.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE WATER DISTRICTS FOR EXPANDED WATER SUPPLY COVERAGE

Institution-building being the key to the successful development, proper management as well as sustained operation and maintenance of potable water supply systems in the provincial areas, LWUA in CY 2009 was able to establish an additional 177 new water districts covering as many cities and municipalities in the countryside.

On top of this, LWUA last year also managed to reactivate or finally put into operation a total of 269 formerly non-operational water districts bringing the total number of operational water districts in the country to 800 covering 921 cities and municipalities.

improved/expanded water service for the already established water districts and providing access to safe drinking water for the still waterless communities covered by water districts.

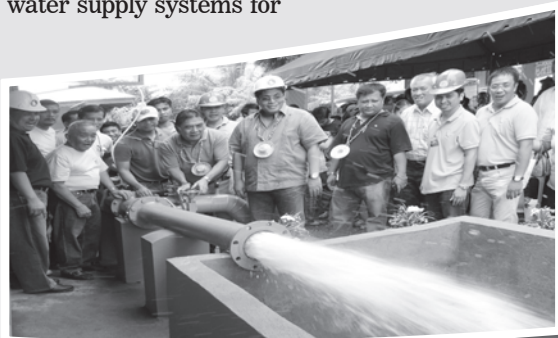
Towards this end in CY 2009, through the astute resourcefulness of Chairman Prospero A. Pichay in securing and sourcing funds, LWUA was able to make available a total of P10 Billion including P7.368 Billion in soft loans and grants coming from the national government to fund water supply projects especially targeting the small water districts and the poor, waterless communities.

INTRODUCED NOVEL FUNDING SCHEME FOR POOR COMMUNITIES

To make the water supply project undertaking a viable proposition and at the same time the corresponding water service and water rates affordable to the poor communities, LWUA in CY 2009, through the initiative of Chairman Pichay has introduced financing

MADE AVAILABLE P10 BILLION FUND FOR IMPROVED SERVICE, EXPANDED ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER

Increased public investment is crucial in the development of provincial water supply systems for



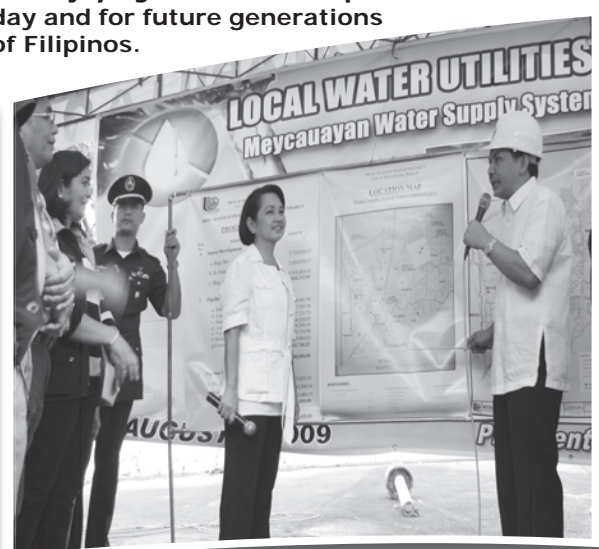
WATER GUSHES FORTH from a pipe during the inauguration of a LWUA-assisted water supply improvement and expansion project in Tiaong, Quezon.



MODERN WATER TREATMENT PLANT. LWUA Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. and acting Deputy Administrator Engr. Bernardito de Jesus inspecting a remote control console inside the modern water treatment plant of the Metro Roxas Water District in Capiz.



SWEET, FRESH WATER. LWUA Chairman Prospero A. Pichay, Jr. with acting Administrator Daniel I. Landingin sampling the sweet taste of fresh water during the inauguration of another LWUA-assisted water project in Quezon Province.



MEYCAUAYAN WATER PROJECT. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo beams as she is briefed about the details and the benefits of a LWUA-financed major water supply improvement project in Meycauayan City, Bulacan.