



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Eastern Samar
General MacArthur Eastern Samar

PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

3rd Quarter, 2026

September 3, 2026

	DETAILS
I. DATE AND VENUE	The meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee was held last September 3, 2026 at the Second Floor Lobby, Municipal Building, Gen. MacArthur E. Samar at 1:30 in the afternoon, presided by Joselito Amago, LPMC Chairperson.
II. PRESENTATION OF AGENDA	Upon quorum, Mr. Ilyich Nicolai Lenin L. Fabillar the minutes of previous meeting, followed by presentation of the agenda of the meeting which was listed below: a. Status Report on Physical Status of Project Implementation b. Status Report on the Financial Status of Projects c. Project Inspection report d. Other Matters The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Mr. Joselito Amago welcomed the committee members and asked for any motion regarding Maam Girlie Y. Glinio (MDC Member) moved for the discussion and approval of the proposed agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Hon. Glinda Baldo (MDC Member).
III. HIGHLIGHTS	
A. Status Report on Physical Status of Project Implementation	During the Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC) Quarterly Meeting on September 3, 2026, the Office of the Municipal Engineer delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the physical and financial progress of various infrastructure initiatives. The report covered both locally funded projects, such as the slope protection in Barangay Domrog and the drainage system in Barangay 05, alongside major national government allocations. The presentation outlined significant progress on national-funded projects, highlighting that multi-purpose child development centers in Barangays Alang-Alang and 04 are actively on-going at 82.00% and 35.00% completion rates, respectively. Meanwhile, newly allocated projects under the Local Government Support Fund, such as school buildings, barangay health stations, and rural electrification in Barangay Pingan, are currently moving



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	through the contract preparation, procurement, and technical documentation stages. Finally, the report addressed large-scale regional support initiatives under the 2026 Growth Equity Fund and Support to Barangay Development Program, including the construction of a Two-Storey Rural Health Unit building and various farm-to-market roads. These advanced projects are currently navigating preliminary compliance requirements, which involve securing lot ownership documents, NCIP clearance, MGB certification, and Certificates of Non-Coverage.
B. Status Report on the Financial Project Implementation	The financial status reports across various funding sources, including the DILG FY 2025 allocations and the 20% Economic Development Fund (EDF) for FY 2025 and FY 2026, demonstrate varying degrees of project execution, billing completion, and fund absorption for municipal developments in General MacArthur. Reports as of mid-to-late 2026 reflect intensive financial processing for social and infrastructure projects such as Child Development Centers (CDC), Rural Health Unit (RHU) renovations, flood controls, drainage systems, and access road rehabilitation. Projects like the construction of multiple CDCs under DILG FY 2025 (e.g., in Barangays Vigan and Laurel) show advanced or fully completed billing stages with high disbursement rates hovering between 89.90% and 89.92%. Similarly, the 20% EDF FY 2025 allocation for the RHU Phase 2 renovation achieved an active disbursement rate of 88.35% following sequential partial billings up to 100% completion by August 2026. Conversely, newer projects initiated under the 2026 fiscal cycle present lower initial utilization rates as they undergo early implementation phases, procurement, or mobilization. For instance, the 20% EDF FY 2026 allocation for the continuation of the river flood control at Barangay Domrog recorded a healthy 83.27% disbursement rate following its 100% billing in July 2026, while the drainage canal project at Barangay 05 Poblacion stood at an initial 17.98% disbursement rate following its mobilization fee payment. Furthermore, newly appropriated funds—such as the ₱6,880,078.98 allocation for the rehabilitation of the access road to the community fish landing center in Barangay 02 Poblacion—register a 0.00% disbursement rate as of September 2, 2026, pending initial project execution milestones. The table below shows the Financial Project Implementation Report:



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MUNICIPAL FUND UTILIZATION STATUS REPORT					
Summary and Tracking Comparison as of September 2026					
Project / Fund Source	As of Date	Total Cash Available /	Total Disbursement	Ending Balance	Disbursement Rate
DILG FY 2025 (CDC Brgy. 04)	Aug 20, 2026	₱4,000,000.00	₱1,348,072.32	₱2,651,927.68	33.70%
DILG FY 2025 (CDC Brgy. Vigan)	Jul 27, 2026	₱3,000,000.00	₱2,697,656.06	₱302,343.94	89.92%
DILG FY 2025 (CDC Brgy. Laurel)	Aug 03, 2026	₱3,000,000.00	₱2,697,117.65	₱302,882.35	89.90%
20% EDF FY 2025 (RHU Phase 2)	Aug 11, 2026	₱7,362,630.85	₱4,939,695.63	₱2,422,935.22	67.09%
20% EDF FY 2025 (RHU Phase 2 Alt.)	Aug 04, 2026	₱8,908,218.46	₱7,870,279.28	₱1,037,939.18	88.35%
20% EDF FY 2026 (Flood Control, Brgy. Domrog)	Jul 31, 2026	₱2,509,050.50	₱2,089,205.42	₱419,845.08	83.27%
20% EDF FY 2026 (Drainage Canal, Brgy. 05)	Jul 29, 2026	₱2,500,000.00	₱449,612.11	₱2,050,387.89	17.98%
20% EDF FY 2026 (Fish Landing Access Rd, Brgy. 02)	Sep 02, 2026	₱6,880,078.98	₱0.00	₱6,880,078.98	0.00%
Total / Overall		₱38,159,978.79	₱22,091,638.47	₱16,068,340.32	57.89%

C. Project Inspection Report	Based on the LPMC's inspection of the ongoing the Rehabilitation of Canal with Pavement (Pambujan St., and Sumeguín St., Brgy. 5), it was observed that the project is being implemented in accordance with the approved plans and design.
D. Open Forum and Other Matters	The Chairperson opened the floor for the open forum, directing the committee's attention to pressing implementation challenges, institutional roadblocks, and project monitoring concerns. On Regulatory Requirement and IPs Clearances: Mr. Joselito Amago raised critical concerns regarding procedural friction with national regulatory requirements, noting that the Local Government Unit (LGU) must formally engage and apprise the provincial level regarding burdensome technical document demands, particularly the requirement for Indigenous People (IP) certifications. Mrs. Girlie Glino concurred, emphasizing that these stringent prerequisites severely impede timely project execution and place an undue administrative burden on the LGU. Hon. Glinda Baldo pointed out the paradoxical nature of current project administration: while funds are readily available, increasingly technical regulatory demands have transformed into major operational bottlenecks compared to previous years, making seamless execution difficult. Dr. Rodolfo Acosta expressed profound bewilderment regarding the necessity of IP-related compliance, highlighting that General MacArthur—and the Province of Eastern Samar as a whole—does not have an indigenous population footprint or a provincial office dedicated to IPs, rendering the requirement extraneous and counterproductive.



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Mrs. Girlie Glinio subsequently proposed elevating this systemic issue to the upcoming Executive Meeting of Mayors in Eastern Samar for collective policy representation.

On Engineering Updates:

Engr. Isruel Lou Magno reported that the Municipal Engineering Office is maximizing favorable weather conditions to push forward infrastructure work, stating, *"We really are doing our best in the office because this is the right time to implement infrastructure projects since we have fine weather."*

Engr. Magno further updated the committee that the Permit to Construct for the Construction of the 2-Storey RHU Building has been fully secured and cleared.

Addressing the Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) project in Brgy. Limbujan, Engr. Magno explained that his office is awaiting formal turnover documents from the provincial level, which has caused hesitation in prematurely entering the site to spearhead completion. He underscored the critical importance of localized stakeholder engagement, emphasizing the need to conduct community dialogues with barangay residents to resolve right-of-way (ROW) and pathway disputes for smoother implementation.

On the 20% Utilization of Development Projects and Strategic Solutions:

Mrs. Maria Rowena M. Estor raised serious concerns regarding the absorption and utilization rates of 20% development projects, highlighting that ₱9.2 million in reprogrammed funds must be expedited immediately. She questioned whether the scheduled projects realistically face completion within the current fiscal year.

Engr. Magno responded that the implementation timeline remains highly critical and warned that meeting all target deliverables may face delays. He cited persistent implementation snags, including right-of-way issues and equipment procurement lags.

Prompted by the discussion, Mrs. Estor called for proactive problem-solving, asking, *"What can we do to solve this matter?"* She strongly recommended that the committee formulate a formal resolution addressed to the Local Chief Executive to fast-track the procurement process and Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) workflows.

Mrs. Glinio seconded the proposal and advocated for the institutional appointment of a dedicated project focal person to closely monitor 20% development projects, thereby accelerating fund utilization and execution.



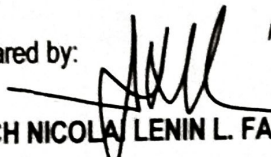
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	Mrs. Estor further recommended that Engr. Magno be structurally unloaded from overlapping administrative tasks to allow laser-focused supervision over 20% project implementation. Additionally, she suggested that future groundbreaking ceremonies properly coordinate and invite provincial representatives to maintain institutional courtesy and protocol. On Committee's Proposal and Endorsement: Following the presentation of the physical and financial status, it was reported that the Flood Control Project has achieved 100% completion. To enhance administrative tracking, Mrs. Estor suggested instituting separate, granular reports distinguishing 20% development projects from 5% local fund projects. The Municipal Accounting Office (MAO) representative was advised to submit comprehensive summary reports directly to the Office of the Mayor. This ensures streamlined monitoring, early problem identification, and prompt executive intervention well in advance.
E. Adjournment	A motion to adjourn the meeting was put forward by Hon. Eduardo Guiterrez (MDC Member) to take effect immediately after the conclusion of the Agenda Item 4 inspection. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Rodolfo E. Acosta (Municipal Administrator). The meeting adjourned officially after the physical site inspections.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Minutes for the Third Quarter of CY 2026 of the Local Project Monitoring Committee.

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Attested:


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