Regional Operational Highlights

PDEA 1 Oplan BANTAY-KAMATIS Wipes Out Php12.6M worth of marijuana

In its effort to eradicate marijuana cultivation in its territory and adjacent boundaries, Operational Plan BANTAY-KAMATIS was launched by PDEA 1.

Personnel of PDEA 1 La Union Sector Special Enforcement Team (LUSSET) and Ilocos Sur Sector Special Enforcement Team (ISSET), Criminal Investigation and Detection Group RO1 (1-CIDG) and the Community Investigative Support (CIS) CIDG La Union and CIDG Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Sur Provincial Anti-Illlegal Drug Special Operations Task Group (ISPAIDSOTG, Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office – Provincial Police Safety Company (ISPPPO-PPSC), and PNP Regional Intelligence Unit 1 (RIU) and Sugpon Police Station joined forces to make the operation a success.

The composite eradicating team was subdivided into 3 teams (Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie). They were able to eradicate 6 different marijuana plantation sites at Brgy. Licungan, Sugpon, Ilocos Sur and along the boundaries of CAR, Ilocos Sur and La Union.

The total land area of the eradicated marijuana plantation sites covered 7,350 square meters of land planted with 63,100 fully grown marijuana. The total value of the eradicated marijuana plants is estimated to be Php12,620,000.00.
PDEA 2 Breaks Ground for New Office Site

In order to provide the citizenry with better and accessible services, the PDEA Regional Office 2 commenced the construction of its new office site located on a 3,300 square meters piece of property at the Regional Government Center, Carig, Tuguegarao City with a ground breaking ceremony.

The said ceremony was held on March 8, 2012 and was graced by Asec. Rene M. Orbe, PDEA’s Deputy Director General for Administration.

This initiative will also address the growing workforce for the Region. The augmented manpower complement is expected to bring about an intensified anti-drug operation in the Region.

PDEA 3 Seizes P20 Million Worth of Shabu

A shipment of shabu and pepironal worth Php20 million was intercepted by agents of PDEA RO3 during an operation in collaboration with Bureau of Customs on 30 January 2012 in Barangay Ugong Norte, Quezon City.

The operation stemmed from a tip from customs officials in Clark, Pampanga that packages from China, suspected to be containing shabu, entered the country using a courier service through the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport.

In all, 8 packages containing illegal drugs were confiscated through controlled delivery operation. Two of the packages were found positive for methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu weighing 2,010 grams, while the rest are positive for the presence of pepironal weighing 6,000 grams, a precursor used in the preparation of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) or ecstasy. The recipient of said packages was also arrested.
PDEA 4A on High-Value Targets

In line with the directive of the Director General, PDEA CALABARZON shifts its gear and goes after the high-value drug personalities.

One significant accomplishment under the new operational framework is the arrest of a leader of a drug group that operates with impunity in the second district of Batangas Province due to its affiliation with political armed group.

The neutralization of the above drug personality served as a warning to other drug personalities that sooner they will fall in the hands of PDEA. The PDEA 4A will take the necessary risks in nabbing the seemingly “untouchables” who are on illicit drug activities in the region.

PDEA 4B Besieges Coastal Paclasan with Multiple Raids

Equipped with courage, the operatives of the PDEA 4B launched the implementation of a multiple search warrants to various subjects in the coastal area of Paclasan, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

The coastal area of Paclasan had long been reported to be dominated with drug trafficking activities. But with its geographical location and presence of gun for hire elements, this area has been perceived to be “untouchable.” Joining forces with the Philippine Army and PNP, the PDEA simultaneously served multiple search warrants that resulted in pinning down 4 drug personalities. In addition to the arrest, was the seizure of 18 sachets of shabu weighing 5.129 grams, various paraphernalia for packaging and use of shabu, firearm and ammunitions and other non-drug evidence.

PDEA Regional Office IV-B’s campaign against the proliferation of illegal drugs remains unrelenting despite the geographical and peace and security hindrances of the different island provinces in the region.
Among the 65 buy-bust and 3 search and seizure operations of PDEA 6 for year 2012, the arrest of a drug personality in Negros Occidental is one of the most notable accomplishments of the office.

This arrest also resulted in a seizure of 2,719.36 grams of marijuana with a street value of Php23,114,560.00 and dismantling of a drug den. The arrested subject is included in the target listed personalities of the Agency and is believed to be the right hand leader of a very influential drug group in Region 6.

Despite the challenges brought about by the drug trade in the region, PDEA Regional Office 6 has so far stood and held its ground in the war against illegal drugs.

**PDEA 8 Arrests a Member of a Drug Syndicate**

With the arrest on March 11, 2012 of a verified member of the Sacay Drug Group, mainly operating within the City of Ormoc and other neighboring municipalities such as Isabel and Albuera, Leyte, PDEA 8 created a huge impact in the fight against illegal drugs in the region. Through the implementation of a search warrant, PDEA RO 8 seized sachets of shabu weighing 1.232 grams and drug paraphernalia.

The operation was documented by the local media and was aired in the program “Bitag” of TV 5 hosted by Ben Tulfo.
The PDEA 9 is actively taking its part in combating the drug menace in the country, particularly in the chartered City of Zamboanga.

The PDEA 9 was able to neutralize a prominent drug group with the arrest of its leader who is also listed Number 3 in the Agency’s Wanted List. Significantly, members of the said drug group, composed of serial killers/gunmen for hire and CAFGU members, were also arrested.

Said neutralization downgraded the classification of Brgy. Recodo, Zamboanga City on the list of drug affected barangays in the region.

Davao City Vice Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte congratulated the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Regional Office 11 together with the Davao City Police Office (DCPO), Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) Davao Region Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao (NFEM) during the Davao City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) conference for successfully busting the drug dens in Tibungco, Davao City in July 2012.

The operation also resulted in the arrest of 17 drug personalities, including a woman.

The PDEA 12 continues its mission as the lead agency in the implementation of anti-drug law in the region with its best accomplishment for the year 2012.

PDEA 12 conducted three marijuana eradications in Sultan Kudarat which resulted in the arrest of two marijuana cultivators and seizure of Php4.8 million worth of marijuana.

PDEA 12 destroyed 4.8M worth of dangerous drugs in the region.

The seized 8,245 pieces of full grown marijuana, 7 kilos of marijuana seeds, and 250 pieces of marijuana seedling were burned on-site.

Duterte Commends PDEA 11 for Busting Drug Dens

Recovered from the suspects were 31 transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu, 25 transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu residue, weighing scales, cash, and assorted drug paraphernalia.

Also recovered were one caliber .45 pistol with one magazine, one caliber .38 revolver, two caliber .22 revolvers, and one fragmentation grenade.

Watch Listed Couple Arrested by PDEA – ARMM

The most remarkable achievement of PDEA-ARMM for 2012 is the arrest of a couple who are Watch-Listed drug pushers of PDEA-ARMM on October 12, 2012 at Shariff Kabunsuan Blvd., Mother Barangay Bagua, Cotabato City.

Seized from their possession were 23 pieces of plastic transparent sachets of shabu and various drug paraphernalia.

Working for a drug-free community, PDEA ARMM is incessantly conducting intensified anti-drug law operations amidst peace and security situation in the region.
PDEA-CAR Wipes Out 51 Marijuana Plantations in Benguet

To search and destroy deeply concealed marijuana plantations and unreachable by foot patrol is almost next to impossible; yet, the PDEA-CAR is not at all discouraged by this drawback.

With the assistance of the Philippine Air Force, PDEA-CAR was able to locate and eradicate 51 marijuana cultivation sites which has an aggregate land area of 2.56 hectares and one marijuana brick processing site in the province of Benguet under an operation dubbed as “Oplan Cliffhanger 2” conducted on April 16-20, 2012.

These sites had been mostly untouched since the 1980s and its product represents 30-40% of the marijuana supply at the national and international level.

A total of Php260,972,800.00 worth of marijuana were uprooted and seized during the five-day massive eradication operation.

*Members of the nine-team regiments of anti-drug units from PDEA, PNP, AFP and NBI during the 5-day eradication operation.*
PDEA NCR dismantled mega clandestine laboratories

In January 2012, the joint elements of the PDEA Regional Office-National Capital Region and other law enforcers were able to dismantle 3 clandestine laboratories through a series of operations at Ayala, Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

The operations resulted in the arrest of 5 Chinese nationals and the seizure and confiscation of voluminous amount of chemical precursors and essential chemicals; several pieces of clandestine laboratory equipment, instrument, and apparatus used for dangerous drugs; and dangerous drugs which give positive result for Methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu estimated to be worth Php53 million.

Dangerous drugs, CPECs and laboratory apparatus seized at Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City.