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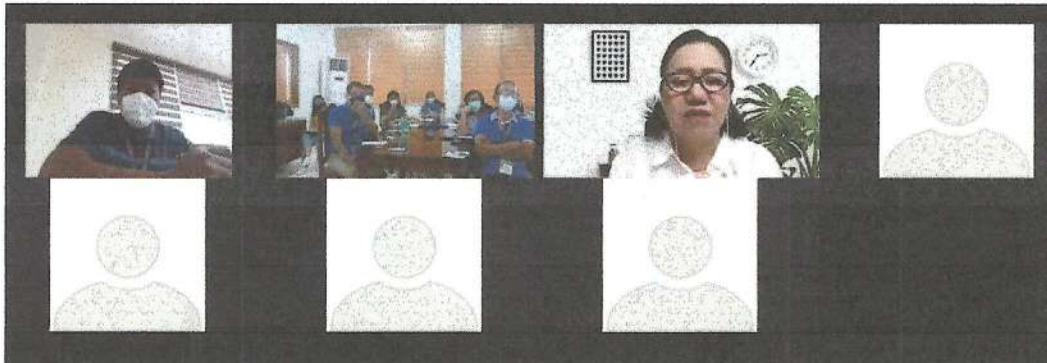
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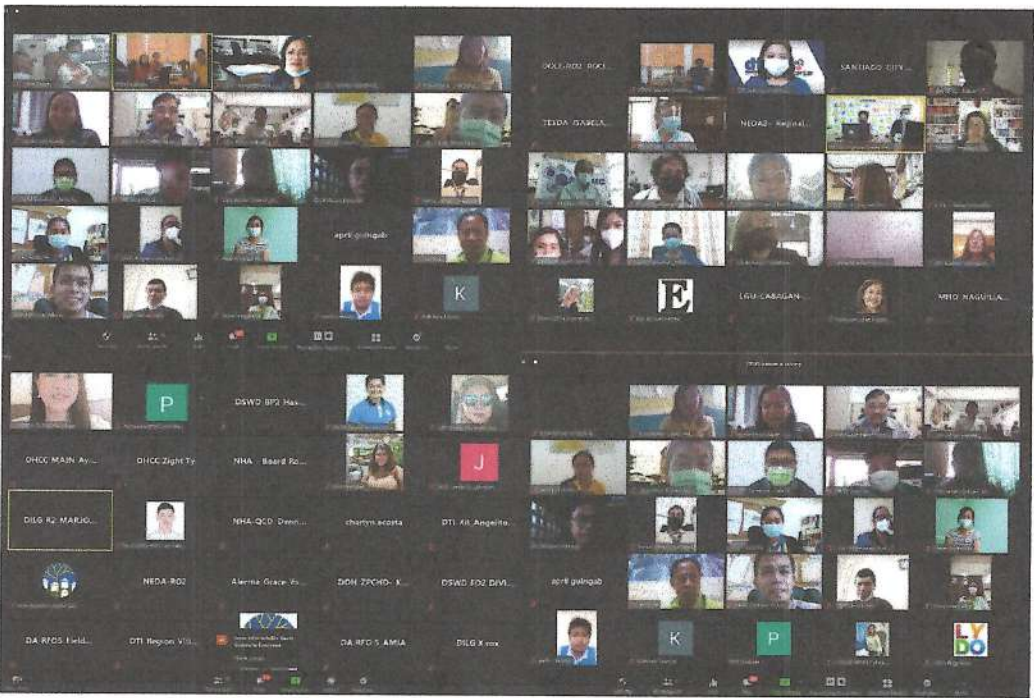
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This governance reform targets form part of the province’s Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR), a six-year plan which will end this 2022. The provincial government implements the plan by culling out its annual slice dubbed as the Annual Reform Action Plan.

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The ARAP contains the plan of activities, objectives and deliverables, timelines, responsible offices/persons, budgets, and support agencies for the year 2022 for the operationalization of the Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR).

As the lead office in the PGRR Technical Working Group, the PPDO is responsible for the formulation of the annual ARAP. As preparatory activity for the workshop, the Office requested inputs from concerned departments/offices in the formulation of the plan. Inputs were consolidated to formulated the draft plan.

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The PPAs in the AIP are subdivided into the following services – Economic, Social, General, and Other Services.

TECHNICAL BUDGET HEARING

The Annual Budget shall be prepared on the basis of the Annual Investment Plan.

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