



Kalinga municipalities join 20 poorest in 2003

Two municipalities of Kalinga Province were among the country's twenty poorest municipalities in 2003 based on the latest Small Area Poverty Estimates of the National Statistical Coordination Board. The Municipalities of Tanudan and Tinglayan were ranked 2nd and 12th nationwide for having the highest poverty incidences, with 88.06 percent and 82.14 percent respectively. Two more Kalinga municipalities, Pasil and Pinukpuk are among the twenty poorest in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

The Province of Abra had twelve out of a total of twenty-seven municipalities listed as the poorest in the region in 2003. The municipalities of Sadanga, Natonin and Paracelis in Mountain Province, and the municipality of Asipulo in Ifugao were also among the poorest in CAR (see Table 1).

Baguio City, with 2.8 percent, had the lowest poverty incidence in the region, and the 16th lowest nationwide in 2003. Eight of the twelve municipalities of Benguet belonged to the twenty least poor in the Cordilleras, with La Trinidad on top with 5.64 percent poverty incidence. The other top twenty in Benguet were Mankayan, (14.37%), Bokod (14.5%), Tuba (19.13%), Itogon (19.74%), Atok (20.83%), Buguias (21.16%) and Tublay (23.97%). Completing the twenty least poor cities/municipalities in the region were the following: Luna, Apayao (19.42%); Bangued, Abra (19.74%); Bontoc, Mt. Province (21.13%); Santa Marcela, Apayao (22.6%); Calanasan, Apayao (22.9%); Flora, Apayao (23.9%); Manabo, Abra (26.52%); and Tabuk City, Kalinga (28.11%)

TABLE 1: 20 Poorest City/Municipality in CAR based on Small Area Poverty Estimates, 2003 (Poverty Incidence in Percent)

Province	Municipality	2000 Poverty Incidence	2000 Regional Rank (Poorest=1)	2003 Poverty Incidence	2003 Regional Rank (Poorest=1)	2003 National Rank * (Poorest=1)
Kalinga	TANUDAN	62.10	18	88.06	1	2
Kalinga	TINGLAYAN	65.12	12	82.14	2	12
Abra	BOLINEY	66.79	8	73.52	3	47
Kalinga	PASIL	61.91	19	70.01	4	76
Abra	TINEG	79.44	1	68.96	5	86
Abra	SAN ISIDRO	50.37	38	65.52	6	116
Abra	LANGIDEN	52.46	33	63.81	7	138
Mt. Province	SADANGA	72.29	3	63.53	8	144
Abra	BUCLOC	63.71	15	62.68	9	161
Abra	LACUB	64.19	14	61.48	10	174
Mt. Province	NATONIN	69.47	5	60.56	11	189
Mt. Province	PARACELIS	70.26	4	59.91	12	196
Ifugao	ASIPULO	76.38	2	55.53	13	279
Abra	VILLAVICIOSA	45.79	48	54.79	14	294
Abra	MALIBCONG	65.36	10	53.46	15	325
Abra	LAGAYAN	62.61	16	52.54	16	347
Abra	LUBA	53.85	30	52.42	17	349
Kalinga	PINUKPUK	59.25	24	52.16	18	356
Abra	TUBO	60.04	22	51.04	19	374
Abra	LICUAN-BAAY	55.11	28	50.84	20	378

* Out of 1,622 cities and municipalities in the country

Note: There are 2 cities and 75 municipalities (Total=77) in CAR as of June 2008.

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

TABLE 2: Ten Most Improved Municipalities in CAR (In Percent)

Province	Municipality	2000 Poverty Incidence	2003 Poverty Incidence	Change in Incidences
Benguet	ATOK	54.35	20.83	-33.52
Apayao	CALANASAN	56.27	22.90	-33.37
Ifugao	MAYOYAO	67.77	35.40	-32.37
Benguet	BOKOD	46.44	14.50	-31.94
Mt. Province	BAUKO	60.30	29.74	-30.56
Ifugao	AGUINALDO	64.73	34.35	-30.38
Ifugao	TINOC	76.38	46.00	-30.38
Benguet	KABAYAN	68.55	38.98	-29.57
Benguet	MANKAYAN	42.53	14.37	-28.16
Benguet	BUGUIAS	48.91	21.16	-27.75

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board

The Municipality of Atok in Benguet was the most improved in 2003, cutting down poverty by 33.5 percentage points. Four more Benguet municipalities, three Ifugao municipalities, Calanasan in Apayao, and Bauko in Mt. Province were also among the most improved in the region (see Table 2).

Out of seventy-seven municipalities and cities in the region, ten had failed to reduce their poverty incidences since 2000 – the municipalities of Tanudan, Tinglayan and Pasil in Kalinga and San Isidro, Langiden, Villaviciosa, Boliney, Dolores, Pidigan and Danglas in the province of Abra.

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