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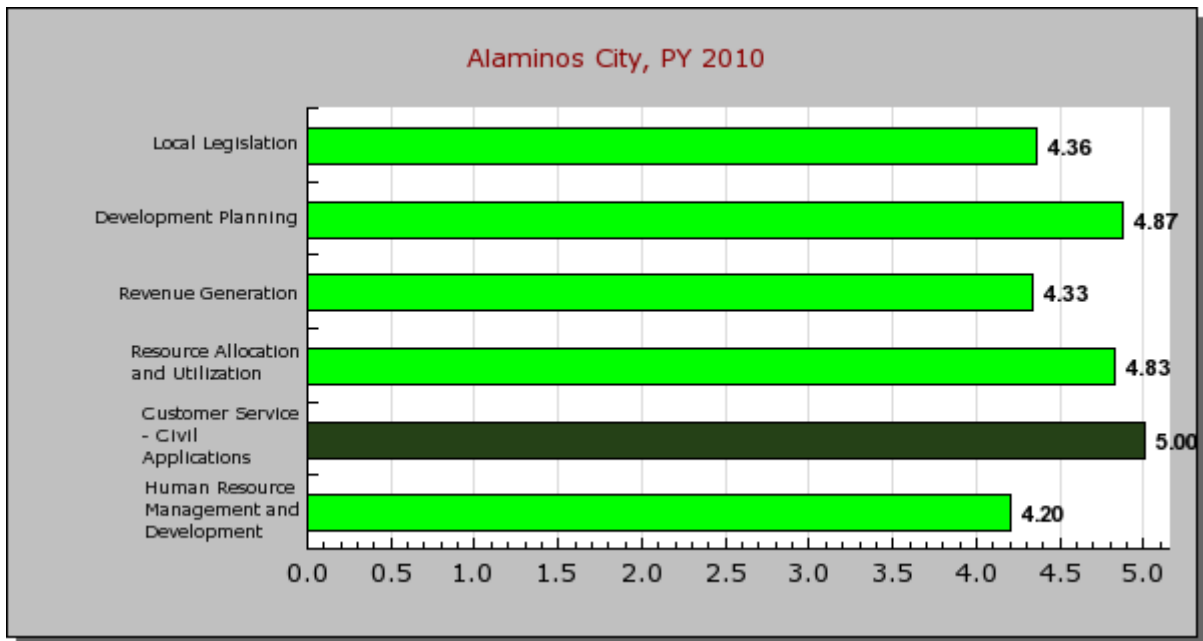
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On Administrative Governance

Administrative Governance looks into six areas: Local Legislation, Development Planning, Revenue Generation, Resource Allocation and Utilization, Customer Service and Human Resource Management and Development. Your LGU performance in each area of Administrative Governance is plotted in the graph below.



Area(s) with Excellent Performance

Your LGU is doing an excellent performance in 1 out of 6 sub-areas of *Administrative Governance*. Sustain Performance in this area:

Area(s) with Excellent Performance	Interpretation
Customer Service - Civil Applications	Seamless delivery and ease of obtaining frontline services are principal in civil registry and real property documents.

Area(s) for Improvement

The areas for improvement are listed by priority, starting from the area which gets the lowest performance scale followed by areas which get higher performance scales, respectively.

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Human Resource Management and Development	4.20 High but not Excellent	HRMD practices need to be improved. Transparency in recruitment and selection, valuing stability in employment, recognition of good performance, promotion of professional growth, and ease of being heard through a personnel grievance system are essential in organizational productivity.

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Revenue Generation	4.33 High but not Excellent	Existing measures in support of revenue generation need to be enhanced. This is an initial yet essential step in maximizing revenue generation potentials.

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Local Legislation	4.36 High but not Excellent	The imperatives of quality legislation have to be looked into. This might mean looking into legislative staff competence and the greater use of legislative tools such agenda development, legislative tracking, backstopping committee and legislative performance.

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Resource Allocation and Utilization	4.83 High but not Excellent	Management and coordination processes for budgeting and accounting are in place. However, these processes need to be revisited and improved. They are guarantees to an effective allocation and optimum utilization of financial resources.

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Development Planning	4.87 High but not Excellent	Improvements in the following areas are underscored: (a) organizational performance; (b) consultation process; and (c) management of planning database. These areas are instrumental in quality land use and development planning, or lack of it.



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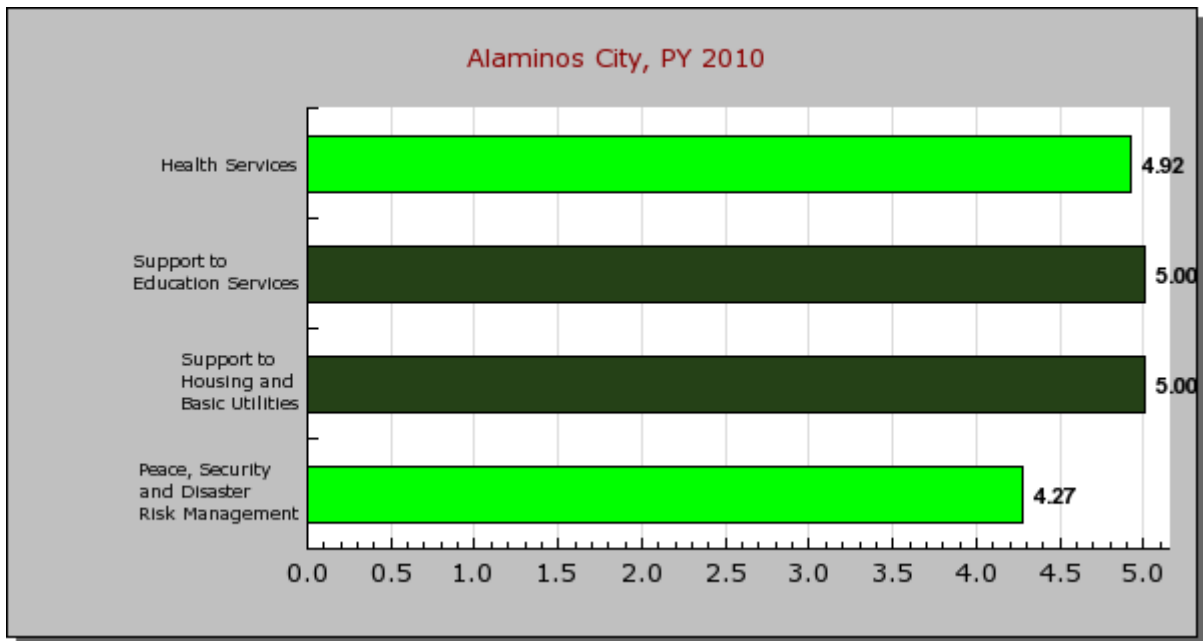
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On Social Governance

Social Governance looks into four areas: Health Services, Support to Education Services, Support to Housing and Basic Utilities, and Peace, Security and Disaster Risk Management. Your LGU performance in each area of Social Governance is plotted in the graph below.



Area(s) with Excellent Performance

Your LGU is doing an excellent performance in 2 out of 4 sub-areas of *Social Governance*. Sustain Performance in this area:

Area(s) with Excellent Performance	Interpretation
Support to Housing and Basic Utilities	An administrative mechanism dedicated to addressing the multiple requirements of housing services is in place. Mass housing project and donation of lots for socialized housing are twin-response to the housing backlog.
Support to Education Services	Truly effective support to basic education. The LSB is functional. Principally, the SEF is used where it should be utilized in the first place - school facilities, educational research, additional classrooms and teachers, scholarship program. Supplementary allocation from the General Fund is an added value in favor of the education sector.

Area(s) for Improvement

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Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Peace, Security and Disaster Risk Management	4.27 High but not Excellent	Efforts are made to ensure Peace, Security and Disaster Risk Management. But much more need to be done. Factors that have the ability to improve performance in this area have to be considered.
Suggested Action(s) to Take		
<p>- Strengthen the Peace and Order Council and the Local Council for the Protection of Children. There a lot of creative ways to achieve such status. For a start, ensure the provision of annual financial support to peace and order, and public safety initiatives</p> <p>- Ensure an annual financial allocation to the Katarungang Pambarangay. The Local Government Code mandates it. Let us be reminded that this village justice system is principal in the promotion of community peace, harmony and solidarity.</p>		

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Health Services	4.92 High but not Excellent	The overall quality of the local health system deserves a second look. This is so because performance falls short in certain aspects. The principal support system on this matter is the Local Health Board. It might have to do more.
Suggested Action(s) to Take		
- Mobilize the Local Health Board		



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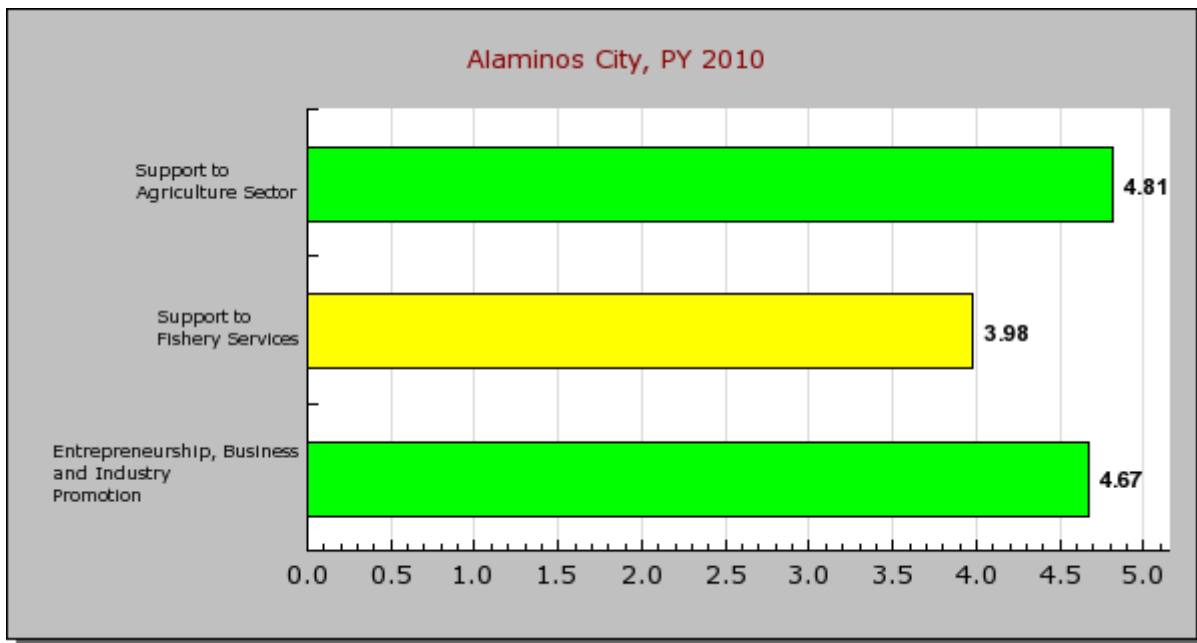
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On Economic Governance

Economic Governance looks into three areas: Support to Agriculture Sector, Support to Fishery Services, and Enterprise, Business and Industry Promotion. The report varies according to the nature of economic activities in the locality. Support to agriculture or fishery services are filtered out if not applicable. Your LGU performance in this area is plotted in the graph below.



Area(s) with Excellent Performance

None of the 3 areas in *Economic Governance* marked "excellent performance" so far. Meantime, dedicate more time and effort on the areas for improvement.

Area(s) for Improvement

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Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Support to Fishery Services	3.98 Fair	Support is extended to Fishery Services. However, more focused intervention and sustained engagement are important.
Suggested Action(s) to Take		

- Mobilize the Fisheries and Resource Aquatic Council to help protect and manage municipal waters, and see to it that it does its mandated tasks.
- Improve infrastructure support for the fishery sector, e.g., mariculture parks, fish ports, seaweeds village ecozones, sea cages, among others.
- Improve credit facilitation services to the fisherfolks
- Extend adequate production support services, e.g. fingerlings
- Provide assistance to research and development services, e.g., techno-demo cooperators
- Improve market development services for the fishery sector
- Reach more fishing-household beneficiaries

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Entrepreneurship, Business and Industry Promotion	4.67 High but not Excellent	More need to be done to institutionalize a business-friendly environment. Factors such as the following need to be looked into:
Suggested Action(s) to Take		
- Provide, or cause the provision of, direct support services to business, particularly those categorized as micro, small and medium enterprises. Support services may come in the form of tax incentives, product labeling, product packaging, training, job fairs and trade fairs		

Priority Area for Improvement	Performance Description	Interpretation
Support to Agriculture Sector	4.81 High but not Excellent	Local government support is extended to the Agriculture Sector. But greater intervention is necessary.
Suggested Action(s) to Take		
- Improve infrastructure support, e.g., communal irrigation system, farm-to-market roads, post-harvest facilities - Improve credit facilitation services to farmers - Extend adequate production support, e.g., planting materials, fertilizers, and laboratory services such as soil testing		



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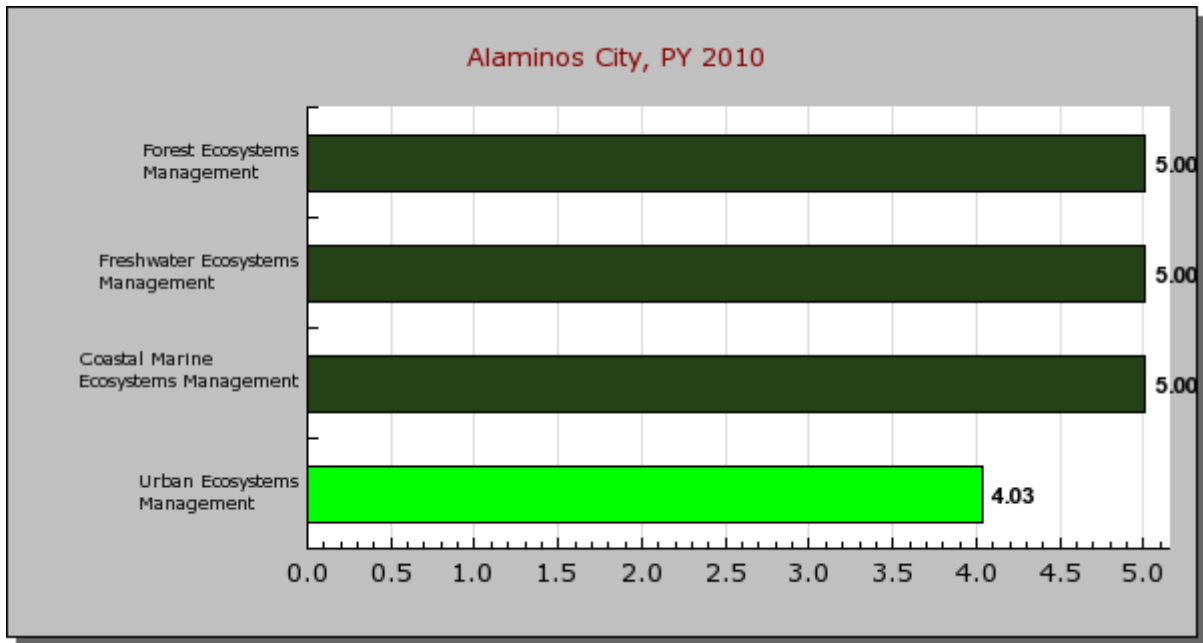
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On Environmental Governance

Environmental Governance looks into four areas: Forest Ecosystem Management, Freshwater Ecosystem Management, Coastal Marine Ecosystem Management, and Urban Ecosystem Management. The report varies according to local ecosystems. Ecosystems which are not related to the LGU are filtered out. Your LGU performance in this area is plotted in the graph below.



Area(s) with Excellent Performance

Your LGU is doing an excellent performance in 3 out of 4 sub-areas of *Environmental Governance*. Sustain Performance in this area:

Area(s) with Excellent Performance	Interpretation
Coastal Marine Ecosystems Management	Coastal marine ecosystem management is a core concern of the LGU. Long-term planning is practiced. CSOs and citizens are engaged in coastal marine protection and rehabilitation. Areas for rehabilitation and protection are set, and that target areas for rehabilitation and protection are met.
Freshwater Ecosystems Management	Freshwater ecosystem management is of importance to the LGU. Long-term planning is valued. CSO and citizen participation are recognized and are mobilized in fresh water protection and rehabilitation. Areas for rehabilitation and protection are set, and that target areas for rehabilitation and protection are met.
Forest Ecosystems Management	Forest ecosystem management is central to the concerns of the LGU. Long-term planning is paramount. CSOs and citizens are mobilized in forest protection. Areas for reforestation and protection are set, and that target areas for reforestation and protection are met.

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Urban Ecosystems Management	4.03 High but not Excellent	Pollution control and proper solid waste management are essential in preserving the integrity of the environment. More need to be done. To gain better performance in this area, consider the following:
Suggested Action(s) to Take		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare, if none has been formulated, or improve the quality of, the Solid Waste Management Plan - Ensure that every barangay has a material recovery facility - Move from Open Dumpsite Facility to Controlled Dumpsite Facility to a Sanitary Landfill as the final disposal facility. It makes sense. At the very least, inaction has legal implications. But more telling are the health and environmental imperatives 		



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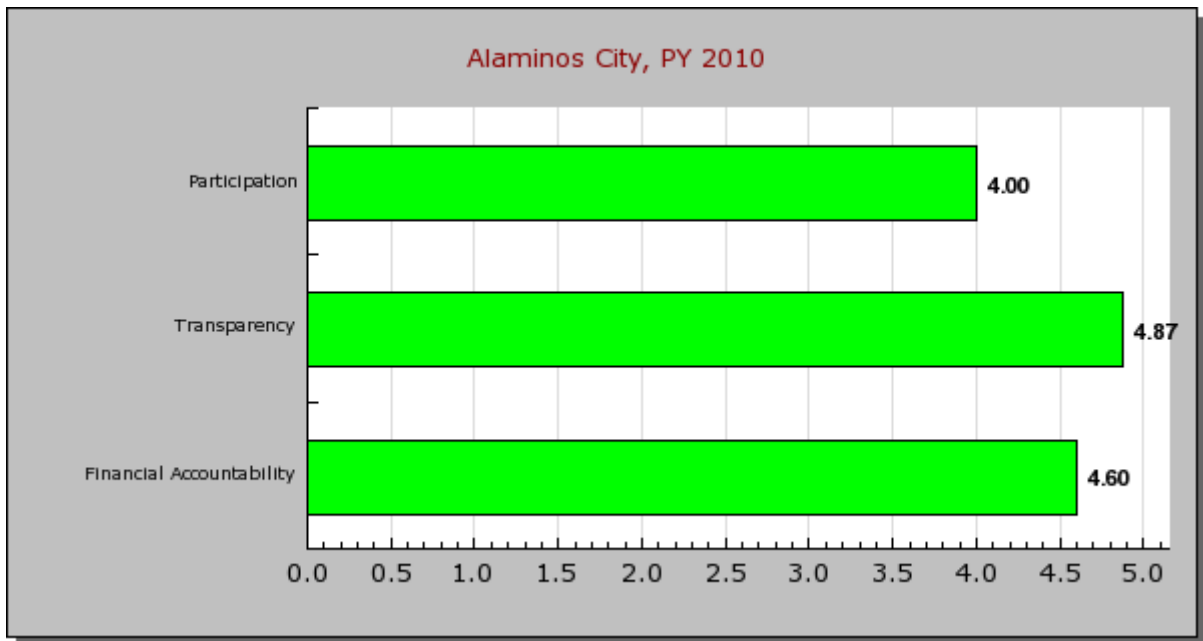
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On Valuing Fundamentals of Governance

This section of the report describes how your LGU values and maintains good governance in the context of Transparency, Participation, and Financial Accountability.



Area(s) with Excellent Performance

None of the 3 areas in *Valuing Fundamentals of Governance* marked "excellent performance" so far. Meantime, dedicate more time and effort on the areas for improvement.

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Participation	4.00 High but not Excellent	Strengthening CSO participation in Local Special Bodies and the Citizen Feedback system, including the maximization of CSO engagement in development projects is a MUST action. There are merits to it. In addition to the principal of participation, other desirable governance values like transparency, accountability and consensus-influenced decisions are reinforced.

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Financial Accountability	4.60 High but not Excellent	Efforts to improve financial accountability are acknowledged. However, administrative capacity to ensure observance of guidelines relative to accounting, internal control, procurement and financial transactions need to be strengthened.
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Transparency	4.87 High but not Excellent	Promoting transparency in governmental transactions and practicing it require a certain degree of urgency. Communicating information which the public should know or should be aware of such as plans, programs, services and special events is a step in the right direction. Maximizing communication channels like a Bulletin Board, a Public Information Office or Desk, the print or broadcast media, a website and public forum is desired. After all, good local governance is synonymous to transparent governance.