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# Bataan hospital gets boost

DINALUPIHAN, BATAAN — The Jose Payumo Memorial District Hospital (JPMDH) has been eyed as the second hospital that will receive a grant from the German government that will protect the medical facility from flooding.

According to German Ambassador to the Philippines Anke Reiffenstuel, the JPMDH is the second hospital to be given a flood-proofing grant from the foreign government following the extension of Germany's similar assistance to the Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

The flood-protection project is in cooperation with the Flood Control Asia RS Corporation, and was unveiled by Reiffenstuel, Governor Albert Garcia and Dinalupihan Mayor Maria Angela Garcia.

Reiffenstuel said that the PGH flood-protection project was completed on 2 December last year.

Flood Control Asia RS Corp. president and CEO Dr. Andreas Klippe said that the JPMDH is one of the two coronavirus disease (Covid-19) referral hospitals in the country that needs protection from flooding.

Klippe said that the company conducted intensive studies on the flooding conditions of the two Covid-19 referral hospitals and noted that when flooding occurs in the area of these two hospitals, their basic health services are hindered.

The Jose Payumo Memorial Hospital is known to be submerged to 1.5 meters of floodwater during heavy rains, making it almost impossible for medical staff to provide the services needed by their patients.