



September 2013 Report

Institute for
Socio-Economic
Development
Initiatives

BALIK UMA

Improving Access to Water

The Sitios Letter V and S4/Bermuda in Compostela, Compostela Valley will finally have safe source of drinking water.

After identifying a source of water and computing the distance where most of the households are concentrated, the people in Letter V and S4/Bermuda did a “bayanihan”, helped the Project Officers of Balik Uma, in carrying the water hoses and other materials. They also assisted in hose-line installation, setting of the intake box, and fitting of the coupling and reducer. The task was completed in 9 days, from September 5 to 13, 2013. Now, about 175 households and other 250 individuals have accessed to safe drinking water, relieving women, girls and children of the

responsibility of fetching water from distant and unsafe sources.

Improving Farm Practices

Household in the project sites are starting to see the fruits of their own hard work, the corn and vegetables are growing well. The farmers and their household members are also learning new farming techniques that will maximize the fertility of the soil and prevent erosion.



COMMUNITY EXTENSION

SMSNAI

ISED I attended and witnessed the committee meeting held at the office of the committee chair on City Housing, Davao City last September 27, 2013. It was discussed and clarified in the meeting -the status of the replacers including the role of the association (SMSNAI) in the identification and consideration of replacers.

Ateneo Mass Communication Students took Video footages at the project sites which will be part of video documentary showing Ateneo’s community extension activities.

NETWORKING

SAVE OUR SCHOOL (SOS) campaign

ISED I was invited by BALS A Mindanao to the meeting for Save our School Program at Museo Dabaw last September 30, 2013. The meeting was attended by different private institutions like UP Mindanao, Assumption College, BALS A Mindanao, and ISED I among others.

The activity was a follow-thru of the conference held last July 8 – 10, 2013 with a title “Conference and Dialogue in Defense of Schools” under attack by military. Present during the conference were teachers, para-teachers, administrators, students, community leaders and other support organizations.

In this venue, the group decided to come up with an action in



some schools within Region XI. They humbly ask the support of Fr. Joel A. Tabora thru UCEAC as the DACCS Chairman in facilitating the conduct of stakeholders’ forum to address the issue.

DAVAO CITY CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE- TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (DCCI-TWG) & Forum for a Post- Conflict Philippines

Last September 13, 2013, Ms. Gloria N. Penera, ISED I Project Coordinator attended the Davao City Convergence Initiative- Technical Working Group (DCCI-TWG) meeting held at Loring’s , Matina, Davao City. Tackled during the meeting were : brief background of the DCCI-TWG, Action Plan for 2013 and Agri-Investment Proposals for submission to the Convergence Agri-Investment Forum on November 2013.

ISED I Staff also attended the Stakeholders’ Forum entitled “High Summit on Security Sector Transformation and Prospects for a Post-Conflict Philippines held last September 25, 2013 at 7th floor Finster Bldg., Ateneo de Davao University, Jacinto St., Davao City. The forum intends to build Peace Development mechanisms among stakeholders.



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

MRDP2 – AUSAID BASELINE STUDIES

ISED I implemented the Baseline Studies, collected all required data, analyzed the data and generated the baseline results. ISED I interviewed the RPCO, LGUs Province and Municipal Level and the Community Stakeholders eg. Contractors in MRDP sub-project sites in Mindanao and held Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews involving over 583 respondents to complete the study.

The draft report on MRDP- AusAID Baseline Studies results submitted to MRDP last September 30, 2013 consisted of 5 parts, the Main Report, Volume1-RI Component, Volume2-CFAD Component, Volume3-NRM Component and Volume4- Baseline on Levels of capacities of the MPMIU participating in the MRDP-2 in performing the devolved agri-fishery services and functions. The presentation of the draft report to MRDP happened on October 4, 2013.

“Process and Progress Monitoring of the ARCESS Project” of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Region 11 awarded to Ateneo de Davao University- Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISED I) the project contract for the “Process and Progress Monitoring of the Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) Project to strengthen the entrepreneurial aspect of the Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations (ARBOs) by providing them appropriate business development services (BDS), capacity building activities, agricultural technology and extension services, and common service facilities (CSFs). These four major supports will converge on organizationally-mature ARBOs. Each ARBO has an appointed Community-Based Enterprise Organizer (CBEO), who will be trained and later provide “customized”, if not demand-driven services to their individual members and non-members (the latter can benefit on the basis of geographical proximity or needs similarity).

The process and progress monitoring to be carried out under this engagement will be a **learning opportunity** for all involved: DAR- NAPCO and its local counterparts will be able to make corrective

actions to keep the project on track and use adaptive management to maximize its resources. Further, monitoring activities will serve to enhance the partnership and sharing of responsibility between DAR, ARBOs, and PSPs. The monitoring activities will also build accountability among the key players, as they can openly gauge how they perform based on the planned/agreed contribution to the project goal. Finally, the monitoring activities will provide information needed for ARCESS mid-project or end-of-project evaluations.

The ISED I team is expected to monitor the project performance in terms of:

- Cost effectiveness of results
- Relevance of results
- Sustainability of results
- Partnership approach
- Appropriateness of the design
- Appropriateness of utilization

FRMP

ISED I staff visited Bato Seaweeds Association (BASEAS) and Nagkahugpong Mananagat sa Tuban (NAGAMA), ISED I-assisted Peoples Organizations in Sta Cruz, Davao del Sur. Both POs are still operational and functional on their respective enterprises on seaweeds production and fish cage projects.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

ISED I reviewed the proposal of IPCDS (Indigenous People Center for Development Services, Inc.) on Communal Diversified Farming Systems and Rehabilitation of Community Farms. The NGO is registered with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

ISED I also submitted the additional requirement for its proposal with the Phil. Italy Development Swap

ISED I is also invited by Gerry Roxas Foundation for the launch and pre-bid conference of its PhilAm Fund;

ISED I expressed intent to participate in MRDP Mid-term Rapid Assessment.