

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

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MICROINSURANCE TRAINING FOR RICE FARMERS IN LEYTE



The project “**Enhancement of Food Security in the Visayas Project (EFOS)**”, specifically the component 4 – Conventional and Parametric Crop Insurance, has introduced the microinsurance concept to the poor. EFOS chose to pilot the microinsurance awareness promotion in Leyte Island and identified the rice farmers to be the primary audience/participants.

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TUDLO MINDANAO IMPACT STUDY

- Finalized the Questionnaire for Elementary Teachers
- Closely Coordinated with Peace Corps team in terms of Impact Study Implementation

Economic Impact Evaluation of GEM Infrastructure Projects

Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiative got the Impact Study for the one largest and most diverse program being carried out in Mindanao by USAID is its Growth with Equity in Mindanao 3 (GEM-3) Program . GEM is an “umbrella-type” activity, under which USAID is carrying out a wide range of projects throughout Mindanao, but with particular focus on the conflict-affected areas. Essentially, the study aims to evaluate the economic impact of GEM’s infrastructure projects on the following levels:

1. Immediate transport benefits, such as:
 - a. Reductions in travel cost for passengers and vehicle maintenance cost for vehicle operators and freight shippers
 - b. Increase in the service level (demonstrated by the volume and size of vehicles)
2. Impact on household/community level, such as:
 - a. Presence of employment and livelihood opportunities
 - b. Level of salary/income of the households after construction of the project
3. Impact on industry level (e.g. agricultural and commerce), such as:
 - a. Increase in agricultural production and agricultural activities (expansion of cultivated area and reduction of post harvest losses)
 - b. Access to and changes in prices of agricultural inputs
 - c. Expansion of crops planted
 - d. Increases investment activities as evidenced by new businesses and expansion of existing ones
 - e. Observable physical spill-over effect such as appearance of new services and goods, migration and construction of new houses,
 - f. Increase in gross revenues of businesses due to improved economic activity

Activities for the month of April focus on series of meetings between GEM USAID and ISFI team on Leveling of activities and formulation of Questionnaires for Survey, Key Informant Interview and Focus Group Discussion. ISFI Submitted the Inception Report and Questionnaires last April 25, 2011.

Number of Trainings. For a five-week period which started from March 21 and ended April 29 (with break during Lenten period), a total of 57 one-day trainings (3 trainings merged) were conducted, spread across 16 municipalities in Leyte, Visayas Island.



Total Participants. For each training session, 100 people were expected to attend. With the help of the Local Government Units' Municipal Agriculture Office and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, actual registered participants reached 6,107. EFOS exceeded its target by 107 participants or 1.78%. In terms of gender, there were more males (3,420 or 56%) than females (2,687 or 44%).

Increase in Knowledge on Personal Finance. For a four-week period, excluding the Ormoc Trainings, the increase in knowledge on Personal Finance reached 7.8% while for increase in knowledge on Microinsurance reached 12.52% resulting to an overall average of 10.15%.

Initial Commitment from Participants. In a poll among 5,363 participants (not included in the count were the participants in Ormoc City during the first week of the training), 3,376 or 63% of the participants committed to support microinsurance; 1,880 or 35% were still undecided; and 107 or 1.9% did not give their commitment.

COMMUNITY EXTENSION

- 22 Marketing Students practicum to our selected Craft Villages beneficiaries to prepare Marketing Plan and Update their Business Plan
- Continued Tibungco SMSNAI activities through the AdDU student assistance



Most participants were interested to know more about microinsurance, based on exchanges during Open Forum. The structured learning exercises were also appropriate considering occupations/sources of income of the participants. Further, the exercises stressed the importance of team and team-owned decisions; and clarified the concept and coverage limitation of Microinsurance (MI).

The training was generally delivered in the vernacular, allowing people to express openly their views. The support given by the local officials and community leaders was instrumental for the good turnout of participants

Mindanao Rural Development Program – PRA-RSA

- Submitted 5 set of Final Report for each LGU
- 17 Thematic Maps in Mylar and 5 sets of hard copies in short bond paper for Municipality of Gov. Generoso.
- 16 Thematic Maps in Mylar and 5 sets of hard copies in short bond paper for Municipality of Malalag.
- 18 Thematic Maps in Mylar and 5 sets of hard copies in short bond paper for Municipality of Lamitan.
- 17 Thematic Maps in Mylar and 5 sets of hard copies in short bond paper for Municipality of Datu Blah