



## Community Extension

### Balik Uma Campaign: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Reforestation for Food Security & Community Resilience

*“ISEDI received a plaque of recognition during the Thanksgiving Ceremony “Pasasalamat” initiated by UCEAC. The ceremony was held last June 28, 2013 at the Finster Auditorium, ADDU Jacinto Campus.*



### Mindanao Trust Fund – Reconstruction and Development Program (MTF-RDP) Assessment contracted to OIDCI by World Bank

ISEDI staff Janice Lopez, Bea Reponte, Ma. Theresa Mates, Glo Penera and Cristy Yuson were tapped to assist in the data gathering activities and documentation. They covered Maguindanao, ComVal and Sarangani Provinces.

This initiative supported by Ateneo de Davao University through UCEAC and implemented by BALS Mindanao, ISEDI and POs in 5 communities is intended to provide alternative means of livelihood to small scale mining communities in typhoon Pablo affected areas in ComVal Province. It is also intended to achieve food security as an immediate concern and ultimately ensure self-sufficiency in food production; improve the farmers’ knowledge, skills and attitude in adopting improved and appropriate agri-technology; and develop resilience from onslaughts by corporate logging and expanding foreign mineral concessions in Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley Province.

The month of June 2013 marked the beginning of the implementation period which is highlighted by the following activities and results:

- June 11 & 12 Trainors’ Training for 20 participants from 5 small scale mining communities of Diwalwal (Sitio Letter V and Bermuda) and Brgy.Ngan, Compostela( Bongkilaton, Mambusao & Bango);
- Distribution of school supplies to the schoolchildren of POs;
- Deployment and immersion of ISEDI field staff Rolando Monteroyo in the project sites for community scanning and meetings with beneficiaries/partners;
- MOA signing last June 28 with UCEAC Chair Atty. Romeo Cabarde, Jr., BALS Mindanao Executive Director Mr. Francis Morales and ADDU President Fr. Joel E. Tabora and witnessed by Ms. Joy E. Cabo, ISEDI Executive Director & Ms. Mae Vargas, BALS Mindanao representative.



## Provincial Road Management Facility (PRMF-

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ISEDI's engagement commenced last April 9, 2013 with the conduct of the needs assessment and scoping exercise and ended last June 10, 2013.

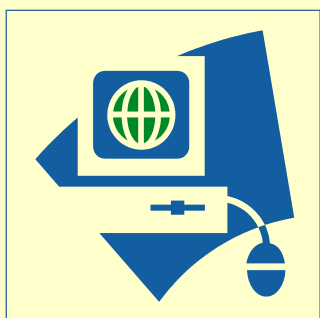
ISEDI has already submitted its Final Report to PRMF.

The nature of engagement of ISEDI in this activity can be classified in the following: (1) Pre-System Development; (2) System Development; and (3) System Review and Enhancement. Pre-system Development was essentially the conduct of Training on Monitoring and Evaluation, with the enhancement of M&E Framework as the critical milestone. It consisted of the following six components: (1) Needs Assessment and Scoping Activity; (2) Inventory and Assessment of Existing Information Systems and Data Capture Tools; (3) Enhancement of the M&E Framework; (4) Designing the MIS for M&E; and (5) Forward Planning for the Development of MIS for Provincial M&E.

System development was the conduct of coaching activity to the Provincial Information, Communication, and Technology Unit (PICTU) with the end view of developing the MIS for Provincial M&E. This entailed on-site and off-site coaching to the PICTU staff in coordination with the selected representatives from the different departments. Development of templates for data entry purposes through focus group discussions (FGDs) was a critical component under this phase. Also, the conduct of pre-testing/stress testing of the initial version of the system was required under this phase.

System Review and Enhancement Phase consisted of a series of feedback and outreach sessions with the end-users to ensure both functionality and utilization of the MIS. This phase aimed at designing a mechanism to institutionalize system review and enhancement, spell out institutional arrangements, and determine the required policy and other enabling environments to ensure sustainability.

In general, the nature of engagement of ISEDI on this activity is guided by four (4) main principles. These are the following: (1) Building on Existing Gains; (2) Recognizing Existing Competencies in the Provincial Government; (3) Mindful of Emerging Challenges; (4) Charting their Own Course.



## LED - Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Development

During Glo Penea and Bea Reponte's monitoring visit to ISEDI-assisted PO Malakiba Peoples Improvement Cooperative (MAPICO) in Brgy. Bantol last June 8, 2013, they found out that MAPICO provides work/employment to 7 BOD as added role and functions, 3 full time staff for the Kantina/ Consumers Stores (sales clerk & purchaser & assistant to the sales clerk, 2 on call drivers, 10 carpenters on an output basis and 5 full time laborers (cut across all operations). MAPICO continues to deploy 4 coop members as bantay gubat in their CBFM area.

In addition to the Marketing of Agri-Farm Products such as Tangan-Tangan, peanuts, corn, cacao, coffee, banana (latundan, binangay & cardava), Kantina/Consumer Store operation, Banana Production and selling of raha (firewood) & charcoal, the cooperative is now into livestock production (goat-20, Carabao-6 & Swine) from City Cooperative, seedlings (cacao, rubber, lawaan & others) production and furniture business.

MAPICO's total assets as of December 2012 is P4,434,186.31 based on financial statement audited by Ms. Thelma Credo, CPA. It has more or less 150 members and continuously complies its Forest Protection commitment being a CBFMA holder.

MAPICO was able to purchase an additional one elf truck from the income generated for selling seedlings from the coop nursery. To date, MAPICO has 2 elf trucks which they use to haul furnitures & agri-products direct o their contact buyers and for transporting goods for their Kantina/Consumer Store in Bantol.

Last April 2013, MAPICO has received again plaque of appreciation from City Cooperative Office for being one of the best cooperative in Davao City

## Staff Development

- Ms. Gloria Peñera attended a forum on the FAB or Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro for Davao-based civil society organizations last June 5, 2013 held at Lispher Inn, Matina, Davao City. The Learning Session aimed to inform and update CSOs on the GPH-MILF peace process and the implementation of the FAB. This FAR Learning Session was initiated by MINCODE, an NGO network.
- Ms. Maria Theresa Maters attended the launching of Ateneo's Natural Family Planning (NFP) Center held at Finster Auditorium, AdDU last June 25, 2013. The Guest speaker of the launching was Rev. Fr. Antonio Ledesma, S.J. – Archbishop of Cagayan de Oro City. The NFP Center's main objective is to promote knowledge about the truth and meaning of human sexuality and to disseminate accurate scientific knowledge about the different methods of NFP based on the ethical framework and teachings of the church. It is also meant provide assistance to couples who wish to do parenthood roles in a truly responsible way. The center is headed by Fr. Manuel Perez, MD, S.J. together with the College of Nursing.
- Gloria N. Penea, ISEDI Project Coordinator (representing the PHILSSA Network) participated the Mindanao Coalition of NGO Networks (MINCODE) 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly with a theme: "Reclaiming The Mindanao Promise" with a sub-theme: CSO's on Peace and Development: Increasing Capabilities and Reducing Vulnerabilities of Mindanao Communities. A back to back activity was also undertaken on Climate Change Adaption and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (CCA-DRRM) Conference where Sec. Nereus "Neric" O. Acosta, Presidential Adviser for Environmental Protection and

General Manager, Laguna Lake Development Authority was the Keynote Speaker. This was held last June 27 to 28, 2013 at Brokenshire Convention Center, Davao City. Highlights of day 1 activity were presentation of related topics on: CCA and DRRM; Theology on CCA and DRRM, Presentation of Findings from MINCODE Survey on CCA and DRRM Baseline Report and Local Actions on CCA and DRRM on Strengthening Resilience through Informed DRRM-CCA: Insights and Lessons; Building Community-Based Action on CCA and DRRM; Adopting a Community: Barangay Ban-ao in Baganga, Davao Oriental and Caravan of Hope: Kasilak Collaborative Humanitarian Response-The Typhoon Pablo Experience. Day 2 activity was focused on the business meeting of the coalition participated by 12 member networks.

#### **PROJECT GENERATION ACTIVITIES:**

- Submitted Expression of Interest and Pre-qualification Documents to the:
  - a. Department of Agriculture Region 13 for the Conduct of Capability Building for the Recipient of SELAP2 (Support to Emergency and Livelihood Assistance Project2) Livelihood Projects in Caraga Region.
  - b. Department of Agrarian Reform for Business Development Services – Financial and Market Management of the Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) Project specifically for the following areas: Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, North Cotabato, Bukidnon and Sultan Kudarat.
- We also submitted a proposal entitled “Progress and Process Monitoring for Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) covering the entire Region XI”. We have been told that ISEDI won the bid. We are awaiting for the Contract and Notice to Proceed for these 2 proposals.
- Last June 03, 2013, ISEDI responded to the call for Proposal on Conduct of Baseline Studies under the AusAID – WB Technical Grant to MRDP. The proposal has been approved, the contracts and notice to proceed have already been signed.