

Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISED)



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Community Extension & Internship

*Three (3) practicum-students from the Mass Communication Division are assigned to ISEDI. They will help produce a video documentation for Balik Uma Campaign Project.

*ISED also hosts one (1) AIESEC international student in the person of Ms. Fenzhi Chen from South China Agricultural University. She will make a research on the Chinese People's situation in Davao.

*ISED assisted the Officers of SMSNAI (Smokey Mountain Scavengers

Neighborhood Association Inc.), its adopted community in Tibungco Relocation Area in the preparation and submission of Letter-request to the Office of Vice President Binay and DSWD Sec. Soliman to address issues related to their housing program.



Balik Uma Campaign

is a Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Rain forestation for Food Security & Community Resilience

For the 1st month of project implementation, the Ateneo-ISED Team and BALSAMindanao made courtesy calls to the new set of officials in LGU Monkayo and Compostela. The areas covered by the project are within these 2 MLGUs. The courtesy calls were appreciated by the MLGUs who expressed their support to this campaign.

Apart from the courtesy calls, a Trainer's Training

was likewise conducted with the joint efforts of BALSAMindanao, Masipag and the Ateneo de Davao University. A 2-day Training was conducted on the component of Community-Based Sustainable Agriculture on Climate Change Adaptation at Sitio Bermuda, Brgy. Mangayon last July 3-4 with 31 participants and at Sitio Bango, Brgy. Ngan last July 10-11 with 26 participants. The training program was a combined lecture and application of actual farm practice. After the training, the community was able to identify at least three (3) pilot farm areas. Monitoring of farm activities was also

facilitated by the farmer trainees and they developed a checklist that will be the basis for documentation of farm production.

This program covers Five (5) Peoples Organizations in Five (5) project sites and as of July 2013 all these projects sites were visited and monitored.



Balik Uma –
Community Based
Training

Conduct of AusAid Baseline Studies

ISED I won the project bid for Mindanao Rural Development Program (MRDP)- AusAid Baseline Studies for P2.8M.

As proposed, the data for the baseline study will be generated through three methods:

Desk review of relevant secondary data from MRDP, DA, LGUs and other sources – to analyze the information already available so that these are not duplicated in the instruments or would only require updating; and to finalize and trim down the

most significant questions to be asked from the respondents;

Key informant interviews – to obtain not only the “numerical rating” of the level of satisfaction, but also to elicit the explanation behind the numbers (as perception and experience can be highly subjective)

Focus group discussion – to map out the processes in agri-fishery service delivery by the RPCOs and LGUs and seek their collective recommendations for process improvement

The project will run for 3 months which started last July 12 with a Team Meeting. The ISEDI Team will have three (3) core members: Team Leader/Economist, Governance Specialist, and Rural Infrastructure Specialist. A team of 6 ISEDI supervisors will compose the field team. ISEDI Executive Director will closely coordinate project activities and progress with MRDP-PSO.



Meeting with MRDP

Exploratory Meeting on Calamansi

Last July 25, 2013, Gloria N Penera and Ma. Cristy D. Yuson attended a meeting with Soyuz Food International Inc. and Ateneo de Davao University offices -ISEDI, SBG and Al Kham. The meeting was about production of calamansi where Soyuz International’s Ms. Helen del Rosario wanted to explore possibilities to partner with ADDU in the development of Pilot Organic Calamansi Production Farm (applying good agri-production technology) using the property of ADDU located in Catigan. The objectives of the exploratory meeting include : 1) to address

required by the market; 2) to be assured of continuous supply of calamansi (Soyuz alone need about 2,000 to 3,000 tons a day; and: 3) to work closely with IP’s (PO’s & coops) in the production of calamansi particularly in Davao City.

Mr. Jessie Delgado, Ateneo SBG faculty expressed that a project collaboration like this with ADDU is welcome. Mr. Delgado suggested to Ms. Del Rosario to submit a project proposal to Fr. Joel Tabora, President of ADDU. Another meeting in September 2013 has been requested as a follow-through to this meeting.

CVEDS Monitoring

(Craft Village Enterprise Development and Strengthening)

Apo ni Lola Durian Delicacies

Mr. Arnel Raakin, Proprietor of Apo ni Lola acquired a 3M loan from a bank where out of 3M, P500,000.00 has already been released for the renovation of his factory.

He also acquired a stall at the Insular/Waterfront and Pinnacle Hotel where he is displaying his products. He is also currently negotiating with Apo View Hotel to have an outlet there.



Skills Training and Livelihood Opportunities for OSY and Women with TESDA

Last July 15, 2013 Janice Lopez and Beatriz Reponte of ISEDI explored with TESDA skills training and livelihood opportunities for out-of-school youth (OSY) and women in ISEDI's assisted-communities/POs. Ms. Amparo A. Tulo head of planning said that TESDA has skills training like baking, food processing, dress making which are regularly offered. It has a pool of trainers who can provide these training. ISEDI and TESDA may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for this undertaking. Furthermore, TESDA will also issue certificate of completion to the

participants once they have completed the skills training program.

In order to avail the training program she asked ISEDI to write a formal letter of request addressed to the Regional Director of TESDA, Mr. Gaspar.



JICA ASSISTED PROJECTS' MONITORING

1. Assistance for LIP ARMM on BDS:

From LGU Upi's Petro S. Gersalino, it was learned that the LGU has already 1,600 hectares planted with rubber under their ongoing project "Rubber for PEACE". Out of 1,600 hectares, 273.2 hectares are tappable. LGU Upi was also able to get assistance of 8,000 ready to plant rubber seedling from the Provincial Government of Maguindanao.

In funding the rubber processing plant which is to be established in 2016, the LGU is eyeing for the financing support of MRDP/ PRDP. Mr. Gersalino said that Mr. Stanley Kang of DTI Maguindanao is preparing a 15M project proposal to help UPI in sourcing out funds for the processing plant. The LGU will also provide equity for this proposed project.

In a visit to Dr. Abubakar Datumanong, Assistant Regional Secretary of DTI ARMM in Cotabato City he said that for Parang's Seaweed Industry Cluster, the seaweeds stilt drier construction (for the seaweeds farmers in Parang) is already completed. The drier however is yet to be established. DTI Maguindanao will procure services to construct the drier. Dr. Datumanong also said that AICCEP in ARMM has already been approved by JICA.

2. Regional Science and Testing Laboratory of DOST ARMM

According to Dr. Hadja Norma A. Dalamban, Chief Science Research Specialist & Chief of

Technical Division, the O&M Plan has done so many good results, among them:

- Power connection for the laboratory has been realized which costed P131,000.00.
- Equipments which were part of JICA's commitments were already made available in the laboratory which costed 7.4M.
- Building defects were already re-worked by the contractor.
- Minor repairs of the building have budget allocation.

Aside from the existing equipments provided by JICA, DTI ARMM was also able to provide equipment for halal services operation for food and water testing, oil testing and chemical analysis. According to Dr. Dalamban, now that the equipments are already made available, there is no reason why the DOST ARMM Laboratory can't be operational/functional this August 2013 in providing services to its clients

Dr. Dalamban was happy to share that during the latest visit of JICA in the laboratory building of DOST ARMM, they said the building is one of the best quality that it funded. The laboratory can extend for another floor to make 4th floor in the future since the laboratory was built with a very strong foundation. DOST ARMM already practiced a yearly budget allocation for the operation and maintenance of the building & facility.

3. ARMMIAC Agricultural Training Center of DAF

ARMM

Through Ms. Jalica Mangacup who was assigned before as director of the training center, it was learned that the training center undergone repair from the contractor as "back job order". Mr. Mohmin Sulaik is now the the new Center Manager of the training center. Under his leadership, the operation and maintenance of the training center is already in full swing.



ISEDI staff involved in MRDP-PADCC's Baseline Assessment on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Agriculture for Local Government Units

For the whole month of July 2013, four (4) of ISEDI staff were involved in assisting Orient Integrated Development Consultants, Inc. (OIDCI) in the conduct of Baseline Assessment on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in Agriculture for Local Government Units, a study implemented by Mindanao Rural Development Program (MRDP) and Philippine Agricultural Development and Commercial Corporation (PADCC) to 10 Provinces (Davao del Norte, South Cotabato, Davao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat, Agusan del Norte, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, North Cotabato and Zamboanga Sibugay and 10 Cities/Municipalities (General Santos City, Davao City,

Tacurong City, Butuan City, Cotabato City, Malaybalay City, Oroquieta City, Zamboanga City, Municipalities of Carmen, Surallah and Kiamba including National Government Agencies: DA, DTI and Chamber of Commerce in different regions. The team did key informant interviews (KIIs) and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) to respective PGLUs'/LGUs' Local Chief Executives and department heads in the Local Government Units and interviewed Regional Directors and focal personnel for NGAs.

The study looked into the current problems and issues related to PPP project development and implementation processes in Mindanao province;

evaluate the PPP implementation and explore options on how to integrate PPP scheme in the local development framework. The baseline assessment is expected to: (a) profile awareness and capacity of the LGUs on Agribusiness on PPPs; (b) enhanced the PPP Manual for LGUs to make it suitable for the requirements of agribusiness projects; (c) develop of awareness and advocacy strategy on agribusiness PPPs for LGUs and lastly, (d) formulate a capacity-building strategy on agribusiness PPPs for the Provincial LGUs.