

OCTOBER 2013 REPORT

Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives



COMMUNITY EXTENSION

ISED joined the SMSNAI community in celebrating its' 16th year founding anniversary with fun activities such as dance contest , search for little Ms. SMSNAI 2013 and a contest on "Community Clean up Drive" where residents competed per block in cleaning up their surroundings and decorated them with flowering plants . The contests declared two (2) winners per block and were awarded with prizes in the form of grocery items.



This year's anniversary was participated in by more residents who expressed that they felt more inspired in knowing that they were the ones planning for the activity.

BALIK UMA: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Rainforestation for Food Security & Community Resilience



Almost six (6) months in the project implementation, ISED and Balsa reported the following major accomplishments as follows:

1. Conducted training and Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture Community – based
2. Distributed Farm tools, farm implements and seedlings
3. Distributed Rice Subsidy
4. Nursery Establishment
5. Water System (Side4 and Letter V)
6. First cycle farming for individual farms and communal farms for *Corn Production* (Multi - cropping (corn, rice, root crops)
7. Advocacy and education for climate justice and environmental protection
8. Coaching and Mentoring of the beneficiaries
9. Baseline Survey of the beneficiaries
10. Monthly monitoring by ISED even though there is assigned staff in the Field.

Some of the challenges posed to the project were the infestation of pangyaw, leaf rollers and black bugs affecting about 45 hectares of corn and rice fields in Sitio Side 4/Bermuda, Compostela and the infestation of monkeys in Sitio Letter V, Monkayo.

MRDP2- AUSAID BASELINE STUDY

ISED I already submitted to MRDP Program Support Office (PSO) the draft report. A series of meeting took place between ISEDI team and MRDP heads of the three (3) components - Rural Infrastructure (RI), Community Fund for Agricultural Development (CFAD) and Natural Resource Management (NRM) to discuss the report and contract amendments. Right now, ISEDI is awaiting for the kick off activity to pursue the MRDP2-AusAid Baseline Study 2.



IPCDS PROJECT PROPOSAL ON COMMUNAL DIVERSIFIED FARMING SYSTEM

ISED I was tasked by UCEAC to conduct an assessment of IPCDS Proposal. The assessment focused on: 1) Proposal review on both the Technical and Financial Aspects; and: 2) Background check through site visits. There were also series of meetings conducted between ISEDI and IPCDS representative with the objective to fine tune the proposal based on the actual situation. The results of the assessment were already submitted to UCEAC Office through Atty. Romeo T. Cabarde, Jr.

DAR ARCESS

ISED I was commissioned by the Department of Agrarian Reform Region XI (DAR RXI) to implement the project - Progress and Process Monitoring of the Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) Project for Lot A covering Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley Province with 6 Subprojects and Lot B covering Davao del Sur and Davao City with 5 Sub-projects . The notice to proceed from DAR RXI was awarded to ISED I last October 2, 2013 which signaled the start of the various activities lined up for one (1) year project implementation. As a protocol, ISED I conducted courtesy calls cum meeting to hit the ground running and formalize the partnership. The courtesy calls and project orientation at DARRO and DARPO in Davao City were conducted last October 9, 2013 while DARPOs in ComVal was held last-October 10, 2013; Davao del Norte – October 11, 2013; Davao del Sur-October 17, 2013 and Davao Oriental -October 18, 2013.



DAVAO CITY CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE-TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (DCCI-TWG)

Last October 25, 2013, Ms Jocelyn E. Cabo, ISED I- Executive Director and Ms. Gloria N. Penera, ISED I Project Coordinator attended the Davao Convergence Initiative-Technical Working Group (DCCI-TWG) meeting held at World Palace, Juna Subdivision, Matina, Davao City. Tackled during the meeting were: 1) Status of Agri-Investment Proposals for Davao River Watershed for Submission to the National Convergence Agri-Investment Forum on November 2013 on White Copra Production of Malagos-Cawayan Small Farmers Association and Cacao Processing of MTBKA. These proposals will be packaged by MASICAP and will be presented for review on November 7-8, 2013; 2) Cross Visit to Region 10 and Region 13; and : 3) Updates/

Status Reporting per Committee. Likewise, during the meeting ISED I was chosen by the body to chair the Agro Enterprise Cluster and Agribusiness Development of the convergence initiative next year.

ISED I JOINED NAPCO'S INVITATION TO THE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF AGRI-EXTENSION SERVICES (AES) AND PROGRESS AND PROCESS MONITORING (PPM) UNDER THE ARCESS PROJECT

On October 29, 2013, ISEDI team headed by Ms. Jocelyn E. Cabo, Executive Director and Team Leader of the PPM of DAR-ARCESS project in Region XI attended the activity, "Review and Assessment of Agri-Extension (AES and Progress and Process Monitoring (PPM) held at the N Hotel, Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City.

ISED I, as one of the PPM service providers for ARCESS was invited by the National ARCESS Program Coordinating Office (NAPCO) under the Support Services Office (SSO). The participants were from DAR, AES and PPM service providers of ARCESS in Regions 6, 7, 8 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and ARMM. The said activity aimed to assess the status of implementing agri-extension and PPM services and to identify recommendations and

course of actions for issues and challenges identified.

The 1-day activity was facilitated by no less than the Undersecretary of DAR, Jerry E. Pacturan, SSO who presented the ARCESS Overview and updates and rejoined issues and concerns during the plenary/ open forum session. There were also presentation and detailed discussion of AES and PPM TOR, report templates and monitoring tools. In the afternoon, the AES and PPM groups did a workshop on AES and PPM implementation issues and concerns and presentation of the workshop outputs (PINCs and proposed recommendations/ solutions on AES/PPM implementation).

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

For the month of October 2013, ISEDI:

- Submitted concept paper to GRF-PHILAM Fund entitled " Building and Increasing Income Through Ecologically-Friendly Enterprises".
- Submitted bidding documents on "Progress and Process Monitoring of the Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) Project" in DAR ARMM for the Province of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur.