



ISEDI and DAR-ARCCCESS  
ASSESSING THE PROGRESS OF  
AGRI-EXTENSION SERVICES IN DAVAO REGION

ISEDI Report to the President  
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# ISEDI leads the Assessment and Sustainability Planning for ARBO-Beneficiaries of DAR-ARCESS

With less than a quarter to go prior to the end-of-engagement of ISEDI as the Process and Progress Monitoring (PPM) service provider of Department of Agrarian Reform - Agrarian Reform Community Connectivity and Economic Support Services (ARCESS) Project, a week-long assessment and sustainability planning was held in Davao City from July 7 to 11.

The activity gathered the key DAR-ARCESS point persons at the regional and provincial levels and the representatives of Lead Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Organizations (ARBOs), Baba's Foundation, Inc. (BFI), Development Options and Social Entrepreneurship (DOSE), Sugar Regulatory Administration, and ISEDI.

Tackled in event were the following: progress of the agricultural technology and extension (AES) service providers in terms of delivering their targets, reasons for the variances between target and actual accomplishments, strategies for fast-tracking the deliverables, and barriers and other field concerns.

More significantly, the participants also discussed the scenario after the BFI, DOSE and SRA would complete their engagement. The ARBOs and the DAR identified the key action points as well as the policies, systems and practices that need to be sustained in order to maximize the agricultural technology that had been shared and promoted in these past months.

The ARBOs were given the opportunity to share what they learned, what they appreciated from the quality of engagement, and what practices they intended to nurture.

There was a general level of satisfaction openly expressed by the ARBOs on the services of the PSPs.

ISEDI, as the PPM service provider, also observed the positive changes in knowledge, skills and attitude of the ARBOs. This background will enable ISEDI continue its role as the PPM when the Business Development Services component follows the AES.



## DAR- ARCESS Progress and Process Monitoring Activities in Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental

DATE CONDUCTED	PROJECT AREA/ LOCATION	TRAINING/ACTIVITY	PARTICIPATING ARBOS
July 2 – 3, 2014	Davao del Norte: Panabo City, Carmen, Kapitalong and Sto.Tomas	Business Plan Development Workshop on Cavendish Banana Flour Production	Only 6 out of 9 Banana ARBOs – DARBMUPCO, SEARBEMCO, AM-SEFFPCO, BARC-MPC, CFARBEMCO and MARBCO
July 04, 2014	Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley	Business Plan Development Workshop on Common Service Facility (CSF)	Lead ARBOs were invited from the 3 Provinces
July 7 – 11, 2014	Apo View Hotel, Davao City	DAR ARCESS Assessment and Sustainability Planning Workshop The activity was conducted as the results of the next steps plan during the first (1st) assessment that took place last Feb. 24-25, 2014 held at Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City which was spearheaded by DAR RXI.	Participants of the activity were from: DAR regional and Provincial Offices, PSPs on AES (DOSE Inc., BFI and SRA) and PPM (ISEDII) and Lead ARBOs in each Provinces
July 15 , 16, 18, 25	Davao del Norte: New Corella, Asuncion, Tagum City and Talingod	Coaching and Mentoring on ToT on Rice Production Enhancement	NECOFARM, DAARB-MCO, DMPC, PAFIMCO , ASAWA-MPC and NECIDCO
July 16, 18, 19	Davao Oriental: Caraga, Mati City and San Isidro	Coaching and Mentoring on Rice and Coconut Production	CASIA, CAFARMCO, MARGREBCO, KARBENCO and LUFARBENCO
July 20, 2014	Davao del Norte Davao Oriental Compostela Valley	ARBO Profiling	All ARBOs
July 24, 2014	Davao del Norte	Delinquency Management and MIS Financial Management Training (Round 2)	CFARBEMCO, DAARBMCO, BARC-MPC, DARBCO – IFS and DARBMUPCO
July 25, 2014	Davao Oriental	Delinquency Management and MIS Financial Management Training (Round 2)	10 ARBOs
July 31, 2014	Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley	CSF Proper Maintenance and PSP Discussion Workshop	10 ARBOs

## DAR- ARCESS Progress and Process Monitoring Activities in Davao City and Davao del Sur

DATE CONDUCTED	PROJECT AREA/ LOCATION	TRAINING/ACTIVITY	PARTICIPATING ARBOS
July 12, 2014	Brgy. Callawa, Buhangin District, Davao City	Updating of Cacao Techno Guide and Presentation on Business Plans on Cassava Flour Mill and Flatbed Dryer	Callawa-Bonggan Employees Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (CABEARBCO)
July 14, 2014	Magsaysay, Davao del Sur	Attendance to the presentation of DOSE on the CSF Business Plan	St. Michael Multi-Purpose Cooperative
July 20, 2014	Brgy. Biao, Talandang, Tugbok District, Davao City	Updating of Cacao Techno Guide and Presentation on Business Plans on Trucking Services	Biao Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (BARBCO) formerly BMPC
July 23, 2014	Digos City	Leveling-Off Activity re: DAR-ARCESS Program	DARPO, PSPs ,PARO & CARPO
July 28, 2014	Digos City	Attendance to BDS Orientation	All ARBOS and DARPO – Davao del Sur
July 30, 2014	World Palace, Davao City	AES Sustainability Plan Presentation and BDS Project Orientation	DARPO representative of Davao City, MARO's and DF's (Tugbok, Baguio, Marilog and Buhangin District in Davao City); 8 ARBO's involved in AES and BDS; PSP on PPM of ISEDI and BDS of OIDCI

### DAR- ARCESS PPM Outdoor Activities





## Diversified Farming System - Rehabilitation of Community Farms

The rehabilitation of community farms, comprising of 12 hectares in Brgy. Prosperidad and 8 hectares in Brgy. Casson had already been achieved through the partnership of ISEDI-ADDU and IPCDSI in the span of six (6) months since the project take off last January, 2014. Planted in these farms were mainly banana of latundan and lakatan varieties. Below is the status of the activities for the month of July, 2014:

PROJECT AREA	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	NO. OF SURVEY FORMS ADMINISTERED FOR BASELINE DATA GATHERING	NO. OF HECTARES ON HOUR WEEDING/ CLEAR BRUSHING	NO. SUCKERS REPLACED	NO. OF HECTARES INTERCROPPED WITH CORN	NO. OF HECTARES ON CORN HARVESTED
Brgy. Prosperidad	195	141 beneficiaries	In Farm 1 (Maneha) 2.4 hectares was round weeded	200	1.4 ha.	1 ha.
			In Farm 2 (Maeng) 8 hectares was round weeded	350	8 ha. and intercrop with vegetables	none
			In Farm 3 (Roger) 1.6 hectares was round weeded	50	none	none
Brgy. Casson	125	125 beneficiaries	In Farm 1 (Pastor Barra) has 2.4 has (1 hectares was round weeded & 2.4 hectare was clear brushed)	150	3.4 ha.	none
			In Farm 2 (Daniel) 2 hectares was clear brushed and maintained	75	.5 ha.	none
			In Farm 3 (Leoncio) 1.6 hectares was round weeded	50	None yet	none

# Conduct of the End-of-Project Evaluation for the WB-AusAID Technical Assistance Grant to MRDP2

The Mindanao Rural Development Program (MRDP) – Adaptable Program Loan Phase 2 (APL2) is a recipient of a Technical Assistance Grant (TA) from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). This grant is entitled “Technical Assistance for Governance Reforms Supporting Frontline Agricultural Services Investment Delivery”.

Based on the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Project Completion Report, TA grant co-financed the capacity-building activities to “strengthen the institutional capacity of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the participating local government units (LGUs) in the thrust to operationalize a

decentralized agricultural service delivery, planning and development and agricultural research and extension, and technical assistance and operational support”.

The grant commenced in 2010 and completed in June 2014. The MRDP2 has engaged the Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISEDI) of the Ateneo de Davao University to undertake the Project Completion Report (PCR). In a meeting with MRDP last July 23, 2014, it was agreed that the PCR will retain the same LGUs/ project sites that were the focused of the baseline study. These partner LGUs, and the control (not MRDP partners) LGUs, are the following:

REGION	PROVINCE	PARTNER LGU-MUNICIPALITIES	CONTROL LGU-MUNICIPALITIES
Region 9	Zamboanga Sibugay	1. R.T. Lim 2. Ipil 3. Tungawan	1. Naga 2. Kabansalan
Region 10	Lanao del Norte	4. Baroy 5. Lala 6. Salvador 7. Linamon	3. Kauswagan 4. Magsaysay
Region 11	Davao del Sur	8. Malalag 9. Sulop 10. Sta. Cruz 11. Bansalan	5. Malita 6. Sta. Maria 7. Jose Abad Santos
Region 12	Sarangani	12. Alabel 13. Kiamba 14. Maasim 15. Maitum	8. Glan
Region 13	Agusan del Norte	16. Nasipit 17. Carmen 18. Kitcharao 19. Buenavista	9. Tubay 10. Remedios Romualdez
ARMM	Maguindanao	20. Ampatuan 21. Datu Odin Sinsuat 22. Parang 23. North Upi	11. Datu Unsay 12. Matanog

# Balik Uma Campaign: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Rainforestation for Food Security and Community Resilience - Phase 2

## A. Nursery Seed Germination

- Planted around 2,000 fruit trees in Side 4
- Planted 1,200 fruit trees in Letter V
- Planted 400 fruit trees in Bango
- Nursery repairs were needed in Bongkilton, Mambosao and Bango.

## B. Rice and Corn Planting

- Distributed rice and corn seeds to BALIK UMA areas for 1st cycle planting.
- Distributed corresponding rice subsidy to community partners who were able to do farm clearing and planting;
- Communities like Side 4 planted both crops and opened 15 hectares
- Letter V planted 10 hectares in communal farms
- Mambosao opened 9 hectares of individual farms and 3 hectares communal farms

## • Farm Implements Distribution:

- a. Distributed 5 sprayers and 5 drums to be used for organic fertilizer and pesticides.
- b. Vegetable Seeds Distribution: The following vegetable seeds were distributed in all Balik Uma Areas: Squash, Okra, Soybeans, Adlay, Tomato, String beans, Eggplant and Bell pepper

## C. Training

Re-echo activity was conducted on diversified farming technology transfer wherein actual demonstration on the making of organic foliar, pesticides and organic fertilizer as the BALIK UMA communities prepare in anticipation of black bugs and other infestations.

## D. Monitoring Activities (see table below)

ACTIVITIES	LETTER V	SIDE 4	MAMBUSAO	BANGO	PUTING BATO
1 Monitoring of organic composting	Compost are ready to used after 1 month. for demo farm used only	Ready to used for demo farm only	Available for demo farm only	Available for demo farm used only	Available for demo farm used only
2 2nd cycle of corn /rice planting	Out of 20 farmers , 8 were already harvested their corn (average of 8 sacks per farmer) and 12 at the maturing stage (individual farm)	15 hectares were planted with rice, communal type. 2 weeks old already	11 hectares were planted with corn at 1 week old and 7 hectares available for planting (individual), 2 hectares of demo farm were planted	For individual farm 10 hectares total planted and 3 hectares of demo farm (1 week old)	17 individual farms were planted (1 week old) and 1 hectare demo farm ready for planting.
3 renovation of nursery	old	old	old	Renovated with new seedlings available. 100 rambutan and 100 durian. Able to bag 400 pcs. plastic bag	None

## AIESEC

Last July 26 and 28, ISEDI-AIESEC interns, Mr. Syed Waqar Alam and Mr. Hironari Fujita presented their output on “SME Sector : A Cross – Sectional View” and on “SME Analysis : “An industrial Engineer’s Perspective”, respectively. Both have satisfactorily completed their internship program with ISEDI.

Another AIESEC intern, Ms. Mariz Laurson has been assigned to ISEDI on July 9, 2014. Like

other interns, she also did exposures/ visits to ISEDI-assisted organizations within and outside Davao City accompanied by ISEDI Staff. Ms. Laurson will be engaged for 3 weeks and her expected output is crafting/formulating a farmer-friendly monitoring and evaluation tool utilizing DAR’s existing monitoring tool and ARCOCA as reference. Ms. Laurson is expected to present her output on August 14, 2014 before she will go back to Estonia on August 17, 2014.

