

ISEDI Report

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ISEDI staff conducting Focus Group Discussion during MinPACT Baseline Survey



ISEDI staff conducting Key Informant Interview

Mindanao Productivity for Agriculture Commerce and Trade Baseline Study Presentation

ISEDI team submitted the MinPACT Baseline Study report after the survey was completed in February 2015. On March 18, 2015, Ms. Deanna Bandayanan, economist and study Team Leader presented the result of the Baseline Survey to the representatives of ACDI/VOCA, a US-based non-governmental organization, and to the representatives of United States Department of Agriculture.

Though brief, the report was very comprehensive, describing the situation of the coffee, cacao, and coconut farmers today. As highlighted in the report, the increasing demand for these products makes them the “in” commodities in today’s market. Prices of these products, however, are affected by local and international factors. For this reason, government agencies are

further encouraged to provide safety nets for these farmers and to assist them in lessening their input costs, becoming more productive, and establishing linkages.

The MinPACT project collaboration between ISEDI and ACDI/VOCA was concluded with the presentation of the highlights of the study to the Mindanao Stakeholders.



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Geographic Information System Project Presentation

Geographic Information System (GIS) Training

The Tropical Institute for Climate Studies (TropICS) of Ateneo de Davao University organized a training on Basic Geographical Information System (GIS) on March 9 to 14, 2015 at Ateneo de Davao University Conference Room. For the said training, three ISEDI staff – Krizza Mahinay, Dale Canezal and Geoffrey Carl Mariano - participated the activity along with other participants from other organizations such as Kapwa Foundation, Philippine Eagle Foundation, DOLE Philippines, and Foundation for the Philippine Environment.

Dr. Al Tongco, a DOST balik-scientist and founding director of the Philippine GIS Data Clearinghouse, facilitated the

training. On the first day, he gave an orientation on the significance of Geographical Information System and its integration in all areas of discipline. Then, he provided all participants with GIS software, software guides, and workshop handouts. For the following days, Dr. Tongco prepared exercises in order for the participants to get familiar with the GIS system which they could use in planning and implementing their project.

Ongoing and completed projects were presented by the teams at the last day of training. After the presentation, Dr. Lourdes R. Simpol, Director of TropICS, together with Dr. Tongco, awarded the participants with certificates of participation.

Department of Agrarian Reform: ARCESS PPM Project

Progress and Process Monitoring:

ISEDI is currently undergoing Progress and Process Monitoring activities in Region 7, Region 10 (Misamis Oriental), Region 11 and Region 13. Major activities conducted for the month of March were field work, Interim report writing and coordination meetings with the Department of Agrarian Reform Regional and Provincial personnel.

Particularly for DAR ARCESS Region 11, the ISEDI staff attended the BDS Midterm Report Review, Validation and Assessment at Metropolis Hotel last March 5-6, 2015. It was participated by all DARPOs in Region XI, service providers (OIDCI, ISEDI, DOSE Inc, and BFI) and DARR0 11 personnel. The objective was to level off the activities and to make some necessary adjustments on what has been written vis-à-vis the actual results in the field.



Dr. Al Tongco and the participants during project presentation on March 14, 2014

Department of Agrarian Reform: ARCESS BDS Project

Region 9

For the final month of ARCESS BDS project implementation in Region 9, the ISEDI local staff presented during the General Assembly the Enterprise Development Plan for adoption. Moreover, phase-out plan and business plans were finalized. Presentation of the one-year accomplishments was also conducted.



General Assembly of KABOPOB IA in Zamboanga del Sur

Region 10

ISEDI staff conducted a Business Plan review to the Cabanglasan Networking Community Association Board of Directors and representatives of the ten member-ARBOs last March 11, 2015. The output of the business plan crafted in January was thoroughly reviewed. Furthermore, the participants contributed their ideas for the formulation of their Enterprise Development Plan, and development of their organization's policy, system and procedures.

Region 12

ARBOs under the BDS Project in Region 12 were assisted by ISEDI staff in establishing market linkages. ISEDI team also facilitated the expansion of the ARBOs enterprises and drafting of marketing agreement. In addition, a training on Enterprise Development Management Planning and Risk Management was conducted to the ARBOs.



Review of Business Plans, and Policy Systems and Procedures in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon



Coordination Meeting in Region 12