

# ISEDI Report

June 2016

## ISEDI takes on active role in capacitating ARBOs in Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental on CCA-DRR

ISEDI was tapped by DARPO Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental to facilitate in the provision of CCA-DRR capability building activities to its assisted ARBOs in Davao del Norte and Davao Oriental. ISEDI is expected to deliver the following to DAR and ARBOs: Climate Proofing Strategy Guide, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Practices Guide, Top-Down and Bottom-Up Methods and Approaches. ISEDI is partnering with CCA-DRR experts to beef up its in-house resource persons to deliver adult-learning CCA-DRR inputs that include: Basic Climate Change Science, Climate Change Scenarios, Responses to Climate Change-Mitigation Adaptation, Understanding the impacts, vulnerability and linkage between Climate Change and Disaster, Impacts of Climate Change, Linkage between CCA and DRR, Methods and Tools: Impact, Vulnerability and Adaptation, and Designing a community based adaptation project.

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## Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development Project (MINSAAD) Baseline Survey

ISEDI along with 5 other firms/organizations participated in the call for proposals for the conduct of Baseline Survey for the Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development Project (MINSAAD). MINSAAD is a project of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), funded by a loan from the Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). DPWH, NIA, DILG,

DENR, DBM, OPAPP, NEDA, NCIP and MINDA are also involved in the project's implementation. The Baseline Survey aims to: generate updated information on key socio-economic indicators on households, their organizations, and other relevant factors affecting their conditions. The baseline survey will cover 7 provinces in 3 regions and within the 7 provinces, 14 settlements, 14

municipalities, 65 barangays with about 30,168 households. The target survey participants is 2,000 households, and control group of 200.

As of this report, ISEDI has been ranked number 1 and negotiations is scheduled to take place within the first 2 weeks of July.



## Upscaling the Balik-Uma Project: A Sustainable Agriculture Production Program and Rainforestation for Food and Community Resilience



The implementation of the Upscaling Balik Uma Project is already in its 11<sup>th</sup> month. One of the project's major successes is the increase in the number of beneficiaries which has also encouraged many of the IPs to go back to farming. Working and training with the community partners and beneficiaries and the additional knowledge that they have gained through trainings will be this project's legacy.

After the trainings on Setting Up Trial farm and Plant propagation, each area was tasked to prepare their trial farm areas.

The project delivered 70 sacks of rice as food for work and distributed the following farm tools last June 11, 2016:

- 175 syth
- 25 digging bars
- 30 shovel
- 50 pick mattock
- 10 sprayers

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## ARCESS Batch3 Updates – Province of Compostela Valley

June 14, 2016 - A coordination meeting was conducted with DAR, DOSE and Babas Foundation Inc. In the morning, the ISEDI's PPM staff gave CARPO Gualberto Ellordo a quick update regarding the activities of the two PSPs.

The coordination meeting proper started in the afternoon, with representatives from all the PSPs and the DARPO. DOSE as the AES implementor was represented by Project Team Leader Mr. Romy Ticon with his Agriculturist Staff. BFI sent Mr. Jay Navarro and Loijun Epe, while the DARPO was led by CARPO Ellordo and Mr. Heracleo Bato as ARCESS point person. During the meeting, both PSPs presented their accomplishment from Jan to May 2016. CARPO stressed the need for the BDS to double their efforts to catch up on their required deliverables. DARPO also suggested that some BDS activities, like Business Planning, should not be conducted. Instead, the PSP should focus on enhancing the Business Plans already available. DARPO also instructed BFI to help the ARBOs in their APCP requirements as part of the BDS engagements.

Before the meeting ended, agreements such as BFI submitting their catch up plan, and ISEDI closely monitoring BFI and DOSE's activities, were made.



*The DARPO ComVal and the PSPs convened to discuss the status of ARCESS implementation*

## ARCESS Batch3 Updates – Province of Davao del Norte

On June 13, ISEDI attended the 1<sup>st</sup> regular Coordination Meeting for ARCESS Batch 3. Representatives from BFI and DOSE, along with Ms. Juliana Maceren from the DARPO were in attendance. During the meeting the PSPs presented their accomplishments vis-a-vis the deliverables stated in PSPs' workplan. As a result, the following agreements were reached:

- For DOSE on AES:
  - Clarify with the DARRO if all of the functional CSFs will be included in the preparation of the drafts of the CSF Management Plan.
  - Technology that will be introduced by AES on Cacao Production will be focused on the processing aspect which is the fermentation of beans.
- For BFI on BDS:
  - Business Plan for vermi-culture will be crafted since the ARBOs have undergone training on this technology and some materials like African Night Crawler (ANC) was provided by DOSE.
  - Clarify with the DARPO regarding which specific product from cacao will undergo the market/value chain system.

For both AES and BDS, OD/TNA results were presented on the 20th of June.

Aside from the Coordination Meeting, TNAs were also conducted for the identified four (4) livelihood projects, namely: the Cacao Production, Banana (Cardava) Production, Organic Swine Production and Vermi – Culture Production at DUFFAMCO (Dujali Free Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative) located in Municipality of Dujali and DMPC (Dagohoy Multi-Purpose Cooperative) in the Municipality of Talingod. The TNAs were conducted in preparation for the implementation of Capacity Building on Climate Change Piloting Program since part of the mitigation measure was provision of livelihood component.

The actual trainings were held last June 24 – 25 with 24 participants for DUFAMCO. It was then followed by the trainings for DMPC last June 26 – 27 with 21 participants.

## ARCESS Coordination Meeting among PSPs and DARPO of Davao City

The ARCESS Coordination Meeting between the PSPs and the DARPO of Davao city was conducted on June 7, 2016 at the Abreeza Mall. It was participated by Gloria N. Penera (PPM RA), Nancy R. Roxas and Philip M. Tagab (BFI representatives), and Ruel Larosa (CARPO) and Cleza Datoy (ARCESS Point Person in Davao City). The objectives of the activity were to level off the workplan of BFI and to inform CARPO Larosa that the Business Plan of the assisted PHMPC ARBO was not on cacao commodity. Instead, the business plan focused on the existing enterprise of the ARBO which was Squash Pancit Canton.

Both ISEDI and BFI presented their activities from January to April 2016 based on their workplans. CARPO Larosa expressed his confidence that all of the deliverables of DOSE and BFI will be accomplished according to schedule as stipulated in the workplan of the two service providers on AES (DOSE Inc.) and BDS (BFI).



### **DAR-ARMM Agrarian Reform Sectoral Consultation on the Regional Development Plan 2016-2019**

Last June 22, 2016, Gloria N. Penera, Project Coordinator of ISEDI-ADDU attended a 1-day DAR ARMM Agrarian Reform Sectoral Consultation on the Regional Development Plan 2016-2019 held at the Pagano Restaurant, Sinsuat Avenue, Cotabato City. The main objective of the consultation as presented by RD Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Regional Secretary of the DAR-ARMM was to come up on June 2016 with an ARMM road map that is drawn from a broad-based consultation of communities, LGUs, private sectors, CSOs and other partners. According to the RD Sangcopan, before the consultation ends it is expected that the participants have already: 1) validated the draft ARMM Roadmap by generating insights and recommendation from the community, implementers and partners; 2) identified best practices at the community level that can be replicated in other communities in order to improve their living condition and; 3) encouraged communities to take part in shaping the development of their respective communities. During the consultation's workshop, ISEDI assisted in the Socio Economic Agenda/Sector of the DAR-ARMM that focused on *halal*, investments, eco-tourism, agriculture & fisheries, agrarian reform and environmental protection.

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