

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1. Project Title** : Cattle Dispersal for Poor Households
- 2. Project Type** : This is both a capital-forming and technical assistance type of project involving capacity-building of beneficiaries on proper methods of cattle-raising and insemination, as well as the provision of female stocks of cattle and drugs and biologics.

3. Project Components :

The project has the following components:

- Community preparation and consultation
- Beneficiary selection
- Land Preparation / Forage Areas (73,000 sq. m. or 7.3 hectares)
- Procurement and distribution of planting materials of improved grasses
- Construction of 73 cattle sheds
- Capability-building for livestock farmers
- Procurement and distribution of 73 cattle (68 females & 5 bulls)
- Insemination of cattle
- Marketing initiatives

- 4. Project Location** : All 17 Barangays in the Municipality of Baclayon

II. PROJECT STATUS

The project is still at the proposal stage. A project profile is available and preliminary analysis/ project design in terms of location, technical and financial requirements have been made by the municipal agriculture personnel. This proposal is ready for funding by any local and foreign donor organizations. The Municipal Government of Baclayon is committed for the implementation of the project and will provide the necessary financial and manpower counterpart.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background

The Municipality of Baclayon is an agricultural area, located 7 kilometers from Tagbilaran City, Bohol's capital. This 5th class municipality, in terms of income classification, has agricultural and fishery resources, which have been the source of food and income for most of its people. However, approximately 54% of Baclayon's households depend on marginal lands (arable and non-arable soil) which they own or lease for subsistence farming. Fisherfolks, who are living in coastal areas and island barangays, are mostly involved in small-scale fishing only.

With these economic characteristics, the people of Baclayon have been experiencing levels of socio-economic hardships. As revealed in the initial poverty survey conducted in 2006, about 1,214 households in the municipality are living below the income threshold. The survey also showed that 1,389 working-age population are unemployed.

To address these poverty problems, the Municipal Government is embarking on initiating projects that would improve the income levels of poor households. An appropriate strategy for this is to enhance agricultural production on both crops and livestock, especially for the marginal farmers and livestock raisers.

It is on this context that this proposal is conceptualized. Through the technical and stock assistance of this project, it would provide the farmer-beneficiaries with the appropriate capacity to raise properly breeder and female cattle, as well as given the opportunity to have their own stock with very minimal financial burden. With this, beneficiaries can make use of the opportunity to increase or establish their stocks, establish markets and eventually increase their incomes. This will also facilitate in the upgrading of native livestock in all barangays of the municipality.

The project involves community preparation and consultation, to allow the people in the barangays to understand and appreciate the project. A total of 73 farmer beneficiaries will be selected from these barangays who will then be provided the necessary training and assistance to effectively perform their responsibilities in this dispersal project. 68 female cattle will be distributed to the 68 beneficiaries. Five (5) breeder bulls will also be given to another five (5) recipients. As part of the project, farmer-beneficiaries will have to plant improved grasses with a minimum area of 1,000 sq. meters per beneficiary. This will enhance the growth of the cattle. The Municipal Government thru the DA-LGU will provide the planting materials which will be taken from Ubay Stock Farm, Municipality of Ubay. The beneficiaries will also provide for the cattle sheds for their livestock.

For breeding purposes, the 68 female cattlets will be mated by the 5 bulls. These bulls will be deployed in one barangay for three months only, allowing all the female cattlets in the area to have 3 heat periods. These bulls will be utilized for breeding on all succeeding cattlets distributed from the project. Recipients of the breeder bulls will collect breeding fees which will be their financial gain from the project.

On the other hand, recipients of the 68 female cattlets can benefit from the project from the offspring that will be produced from these cattlets. These offspring will now be owned by the beneficiaries. Through pass-on schemes, the original 68 female cattle will then be given to another batch of beneficiaries for another cycle of breeding.

The project also covers the extension of assistance to sell the offspring cattle. Establishment of market linkages will be facilitated through agreements with local cattle buyers and livestock auction centers in other municipalities of the province.

This cattle dispersal program will provide opportunities to poor beneficiaries to engage in livestock activities that potentially offer them economic returns. This also builds livestock-raisers' capability to care and produce good quality cattle.

2. Project Linkages

The project complements existing livestock enhancement initiatives in the Municipality. Currently, the Municipal Government of Baclayon is implementing its goat dispersal project. Also, the Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA) Program is undertaking its hog dispersal in the municipality. These initiatives, which improve the livestock industry in the municipality, are implemented through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV), the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Municipal Government. Correspondingly, the Municipal Government is also pushing for the implementation of the Carabao dispersal program in Baclayon, which will also provide better economic opportunities to selected beneficiaries.

3. Project Objectives

This cattle dispersal initiative aims to:

- Build appropriate capacities and know-how of poor livestock raisers on proper methods of cattle –raising;
- Provide avenues for poor households to raise and own their cattle through affordable and inexpensive scheme;
- Improve and upgrade native livestock in the municipality and neighboring areas;
- Increase household incomes through better livestock production, well-established market linkages, and better opportunities for entrepreneurial activities

4. Sectoral Objectives

The project will contribute to the attainment of the Municipality's goal of enhancing agricultural and livestock production. It provides opportunities to poor livestock farmers to empower and capacitate themselves in proper cattle-raising methodologies. It supports the achievement of food sufficiency in the municipality as well as the growth of complementary livestock based enterprises.

5. National Objectives

The project supports the attainment of the country's ultimate goal of reducing poverty. It is also in line with the National Government's thrust for food security.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

1. Funds Needed

The project is estimated to cost **₱ 696,130.00**. This financial requirement will be utilized for the following:

ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1. Procurement of Stock (4Female/ Brgy) x 17 – 68 Female Hds. <u>5 Bull Hds.</u> 73 Heads	P8,000.00/Head P10,000.00/Head.	P 544,000.00 50,000.00
2. Drugs and Biologics	P300.00/hd	21,900.00
3. Training/Seminar: a) Materials	P15.00/hd.	1,095.00
b) Meals (Participants)73 hds. Snacks (P15.00/snack or P30.00/hd.	P50,000/hd. P30,00/hd.	3,750.00 2,190.00
c) Incentive for 3 speakers at 1 hour each	P100.00/hr	300.00
d) Meals for 3 speakers plus driver & 4 DA personnel. Snacks for the same persons.	50.00/hd 20.00/hd	400.00 160.00
4. Incentive for one A.I. Technician from the OPV for the palpation of female cattle. (68 heads)	50.00/hd	3,400.00

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5. Transportation expenses (Procurement of planting materials at USF, Ubay, Bohol. (50 liters Crude Oil)	42.00/ liter	2,100.00
6. Labor & meals for cutting grasses at USF 4 persons plus 1 driver	250.00/hd 250.00	1,000.00 250.00
7. Insurance for 73 heads cattle: PCIC = 68 Females 5 males	470.00/hd 646.50/hd	31,960.00 32,325.00
8. Miscellaneous: Purchase of Office Supplies for the dispersal contracts.		800.00
9. Contingencies.		500.00
TOTAL		P 696,130.00

Farmer-Beneficiaries will provide for their own cattle sheds as well as the required 7.3 hectares forage area. Technical assistance for the operation and management of the project will be provided by the Municipal Agriculture Office/ DA-LGU staff.

2. Funding Source

The financial requirements for the project will be sourced from the financial assistance provided by donor organizations, the Municipal Government, Provincial Government, Congressmen, NGOs and National Government Agencies.

3. Counter Funding

The Municipal Government of Baclayon is committed to provide counterpart funds for the project in the amount equivalent to 10% of the project cost or P69,613.00. Manpower and technical assistance will also be extended in the management and supervision of the dispersal, during and after the project life.

4. Financial Viability

The project is expected to provide financial opportunities to beneficiaries at a very minimal cost/ cash outflows. No repayment for the cattle is required with the pass-on/ roll-over scheme of the project. For the initial cycle of the project, it is projected that within 2 years time, beneficiaries can have their own cattle with the offspring/ calf given to them. The mother cattle/ original cattle will then be transferred to another beneficiary for another cycle of insemination and breeding. The project will also provide assistance to beneficiaries in establishment of market linkages within the municipality and in external setting such as in Catigbian Livestock Auction Center. The project is financially viable in the sense that it can be sustained at less cost but at greater returns for the beneficiary livestock-raisers.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

1. Beneficiaries

The project will directly benefit the 73 farmer/ livestock raisers and their families in 17 barangays of the municipality. This is at least for the initial operation of the project. It can be emphasized that more poor livestock farmers will be benefited from this project through its pass-on/ roll-over scheme. Other livestock-raisers, even those non-beneficiaries, can still benefit from the project, by availing the breeder bulls for improved and better quality livestock.

2. Social Benefits

The project will be implemented in such a way that poor households will be given the opportunity to own cattle at the least cost as possible. The selection of beneficiaries shall prioritized those heavily deprived families but who can sustain and act on the responsibilities expected of them, like being committed to properly raise the cattle. In the long run, these beneficiaries shall have to chance to improve their living conditions with the expected economic benefits that their livestock can provide. Increase in income of the family would improve their ability to buy and maintain proper food and diet, access to better education and health facilities.

3. Economic Benefits

Basically, the project would provide livestock farmers with better economic gains as the dispersal matures and operates on its own pass-on cycles. This will provide direct and indirect beneficiaries more stable cash inflows as the exchange/ transfer of livestock becomes self-sustaining. Increase in incomes would stimulate economic growth in the municipality as this will lead to increased consumption and purchases of goods and services. The project will also support in expanding the supply –base of cattle in Baclayon, with greater opportunity for internal and external markets.

4. Social and Economic Costs

There are no actual or foreseen negative social or economic effects of the project to the community, economy or to the environment. It conversely enhances social equity, promotes better welfare to the people and stimulates economic development in the municipality.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsible Agencies

The Municipal Government of Baclayon will be responsible in implementing this project, through the Municipal Agriculture Office/ DA-LGU staff. The organization will supervise as well as coordinate efforts with other concern government offices particularly in the provision of technical assistance to beneficiaries. Essential to these efforts are the support of the Provincial Veterinarian Office (OPV), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), the Barangay Councils and local communities.

2. Implementation Schedule

ACTIVITIES	TIME FRAME	PERSONS/AGENCY. DEPT. RESPOBSIBLE
1. Fund-Sourcing	Oct. – Dec. 2006	DA LGU Staff/MAO, MPDC, Office of the Mun. Mayor
2. Finalization of Funding Agreement	Jan. 2007	Funding/ Donor Agencies, Mun. Mayor, Sangguniang Panglungsod, DA-LGU, Barangay Councils
3. Community consultation and preparation in 17 Barangays	Feb. 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, MPDC, Office of the Mun. Mayor, Barangay Councils
4. Selection of qualified beneficiaries/ recipients	Feb. – March 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, MPDC, Office of the Mun. Mayor, Barangay Councils
5. Land preparation for the required lot	March-April, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, Livestock farmers beneficiaries, Barangay Council
6. Procurement of planting materials	March, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, OPV
7. Distribution and planting of improved grasses	April, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, Livestock farmers beneficiaries
8. Construction of cattle shed	March – April, 2007	Livestock farmers beneficiaries
9. Seminar/ training for beneficiaries	March, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, OPV, DA, Livestock farmers beneficiaries
10. Preparation of livestock dispersal contract	April, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, Livestock farmers beneficiaries
11. Procurement of female cattle and bulls	April-May, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, OPV, Supplier
12. Palpation of female cattle of the reproductive organ	May-June	DA LGU Staff/MAO, OPV
13. Issuance of the insurance policy from the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC)	May-June	DA LGU Staff/MAO, PCIC
14. Branding, earnotching and issuance of Certificate of Ownership of large cattle	June-July, 2007	MTO-Baclayon/ DA LGU staff
15. Procurement of drugs and biologics	April-May, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, OPV, Supplier
16. Signing and distribution of dispersal contracts	April- May, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, Mun. Mayor, Beneficiaries
17. Distribution of animals to each recipient	April- May, 2007	DA LGU Staff/MAO, Mun. Mayor, Beneficiaries
18. Artificial insemination	May – all year round	OPV/ DA-LGU Staff/ Recipients
19. Inspection, monitoring, evaluation, reporting	From start of project – to beyond project life	DA-LGU Staff/ MAO/ MPDC

3. Administrative Feasibility

The Office of the Mayor will provide the overall supervision of the project. The Municipal Agriculture Office/ DA-LGU Staff will implement the project in coordination with the OPV, DA the barangay councils and the beneficiaries. During the implementation of the project, the MAO/ DA-LGU will be responsible in ensuring that the terms and arrangements of the assistance are followed, especially the pass-on scheme of the project. Technical support will also be provided to the livestock-raisers to help them raise and market their cattle.

4. Legal and Political Feasibility

The proposed project has neither legal and political impediments nor opposition from the community. The municipal leadership supports for the implementation of this livestock dispersal initiative.

5. Environmental Clearance

The project does not need an environmental clearance

6. Social Acceptability

The community supports the project. They have clear understanding and appreciation of the benefits that this project brings to the people, especially the poor.