

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
Municipality of Corella

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Project Title

CONSTRUCTION OF FARM TO MARKET ROAD

2. Project Type

The project is a Capital Forming type of project involving opening and rehabilitation of farm to market roads in Barangay Cancatac, Corella, Bohol Province

3. Project Components

The farm to market road project, which the Municipality of Corella and the Barangay Government of Cancatac is imploring for financial assistance, is comprise of two major components, namely road opening and road rehabilitation works. The road opening will cover 300 meters of new road development while the rehabilitation will involve improvement of 1.5 kilometers existing road.

4. Project Location:

The proposed project is located in Cancatac, Corella, Bohol Province, Philippines.

II. PROJECT STATUS

The project is currently at the proposal stage and is recommended for funding and assistance from local and foreign donor agencies. The project is an integral element of the Municipal Government's Corella Agri Park Tourism Program where a number of its components have already been incorporated in the municipality's development plan. The Local Chief Executive of Corella

conceptualized this proposed project through his vision to make Corella the center of agricultural development knowing the fact that the town's major industry is farming. Though there have been no formal studies made prior to the conception of the project, this proposal was inspired thru the poverty alleviation program of the Provincial Government which encourages municipalities to direct their efforts to reducing levels of deprivation of their constituents. It has been known through a survey that almost half of Corella's households are living below the income thresholds. This farm to market road is foreseen to facilitate the generation of much needed economic opportunities for the people in the area.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background:

The Municipality of Corella is among the 5th class municipalities of Bohol. It is located in the western part of the province, about 10 kilometers from Tagbilaran City, Bohol's capital. It is composed of 8 barangays with a total population of 6,048 (2000 census). The municipality is generally agricultural, with farming as the main source of livelihood for most of its residents. Rice, corn and rootcrops are the primary produce of the area, while green leafy vegetables are the secondary commodities.

With the municipality geographically suitable for agriculture, the Municipal Government has considered agriculture development as a key strategy to promote economic growth in the area. Corella essentially is in need for economic drivers considering that most of its constituents have significant levels of deprivation.

Based on the ranking provided by the Poverty Database Monitoring System (PDMS) in 2005, 680 households in Corella are living below the income threshold level. This figure is almost half of the total number of households of the town at 46.8%. The PDMS also showed that 32.55% of the total number of its households is living below the minimum food threshold. Also, 10.82% of the total number of working age persons are unemployed.

More specifically, the survey showed that Barangay Cancatac has 104 households who are living below the income threshold levels. This alarmingly comprise 58.10% of the total 179 households in the barangay. About 9.39% of the working age population of the barangay are unemployed. Furthermore, the number of households who are below the food threshold level is 64 out of 179 or 35.75%.

The above-stated figures of PDMS only points out that there has got to be interventions in order to address the above-stated deprivations. It is timely that

a project such as a farm-to-market road project would be opened for it will be an essential undertaking in offsetting the predicament of the barangay and the municipality in terms of income and food deprivations.

The proposed project is also one of the important components of the Corella Agri Park Tourism Program, which is the core initiative in making the municipality one of the centers for agriculture development in the province. This big Agri-Park Program is composed of, among others, the development of inland fish production, banana production, coconut production, contour farming, farm production for high-value fruit trees, nursery development, and goat production. Although still in the making, this proposed farm-to-market road, if implemented, creates an environment that would facilitate the development of other components of the Agri Park Program.

The proposed farm-to-market road construction and rehabilitation, which will start from the Cancatac Provincial Road, will lead to a newly purchased agricultural lot procured by the Municipal Government of Corella. The lot is worth P374,337.86 with an area of four and one tenth hectares (4.1 has.) This area will be used for the Agri Tourist Park, where tourist facilities as well as the planting area for agriculture production will be located. This agri park has the mix features of a theme park, a tourism attraction and an agriculture center.

This farm-to-market project will essentially build the networks and linkages for trade and agriculture development in the area. This would facilitate the development of an untapped or underutilized area to a major production point and growth center. Ultimately, this road rehabilitation and construction will lead to better opportunities for the residents of Barangay Cancatac as well as in neighboring areas. It would facilitate the easy transport of farm inputs and outputs to and from markets. It would also open opportunities for the establishment of micro-enterprises along the road network.

2. Project Linkages:

The project supports the infrastructure development initiatives of the Municipal Government, particularly the development and improvement of municipal and barangay roads, which the government yearly allocates funds for implementation. It also enhances the agricultural development program in the municipality improving farmers' access farm inputs, markets and agriculture support facilities. Likewise, it contributes to the implementation of Food Security Program of the Provincial and Municipal Government, improving linkages in terms of farmers' outputs and food requirements of constituents. It also pushes the municipality's drive towards tourism development. On the overall, it supports the economic growth of the municipality.

3. Project Objectives:

- a. To provide access in transporting farm products to the market
- b. To generate employment opportunities
- c. Increase income for the Municipality
- d. To facilitate the establishment of the Corella Tourism Agri-Park

4. Regional and National Objective:

The National Government's thrust down to the Local Government Units is to reduce poverty throughout the archipelago. Programs and projects have been put in place to address the different faces of poverty.

Farm-to-market road projects are projects essential for building up networks for trade and industry development of any area abounding with rich agricultural attributes. These undertakings will spur economic progress to far-flung areas once considered autonomous. This will enhance rural and urban area linkages, enhancing exchange of goods and services.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING:

1. Funds needed

The total project cost is P 3,000,000.00, to cover all the project components and activities identified.

2. Project financing

The project will be funded from local or foreign donor agencies with counterpart funding from the Municipal Government. Funds generated and its utilization will be managed by the Municipal Government.

3. Funding source

The project is proposed for funding from local or foreign donor agencies. National and Provincial Governments can also participate in this project through contribution in terms of machineries or financial assistance. Non-government organizations (NGOs) are also expected to support this project.

4. Counterpart funding

The Municipal Government of Corella will provide a counterpart fund of

P 300,000.00 to be taken from its 20% Development Fund for Calendar Year 2007. Technical assistance in the form of detailed engineering studies, manpower, and equipment utilization shall be rendered by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) or the Provincial Engineer's Office (PEO). Support from NGOs is also expected to flow as the project commences.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COST

1. Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the proposed project are the farmer households in the Cancatac area, who will benefit from the new road network that improves their access to markets and support facilities. The project will also provide them with the opportunity to venture into economic activities never possible without the road access. Tourist will also benefit from this project in the long run, as soon as the Corella Agri Tourism Park will be completed.

2. Social and Economic Benefits

The project will provide employment opportunities for the inhabitants, affording them with greater chances of becoming self-entrepreneurs. It will allow people, especially the unemployed, to be productive, with the opportunities the project may create. It will also boost self-esteem for the local folks knowing for the fact that the tourist destination belongs to them.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsible Agencies

The Municipal Government of Corella, through the Municipal Engineer's Office (MEO), will be responsible for the implementation of the project. Technical and mechanical assistance will be provided by the DPWH, PEO or interested Non-Government Organizations.

2. Implementation Schedule

Project Component	Project Cost (Php)	Time Frame	Counterparting Scheme		
			Corella LGU	Donor Agencies/N GOs	DPWH/ PEO
1. Fund Sourcing	3,000,000.00	Oct - Dec 2006	300,000.00	2,700,000.00 Financial And Technical Assistance	
2. Finalization of assistance	3,000,000.00	Jan. 2007	300,000.00	2,700,000.00 Financial And Technical Assistance	Planning and Detailed Engineering
3. Road Construction	3,000,000.00	Jan – Dec. 2007	300,000.00	2,700,000.00 Technical Assistance	Technical and Mechanical Assistance
4. Road Maintenance		Completion date onwards	To be conducted by MEO		Technical and Mechanical Assistance
5. Monitoring and Evaluation			To be conducted by MPDC		Technical and Mechanical Assistance

2. Administrative Feasibility

The Office of the Mayor will be responsible for the overall supervision and implementation of the project. The Municipal Engineer's Office will implement the project, in coordination with the DPWH or PEO. Monitoring and evaluation will be conducted by the Municipal Planning and Development Office or any office that would make sure that the project is within the program of work and on schedule.

3. Legal and Political Feasibility

There are no possible legal and political opposition to the project.

5. Environmental Clearance

Certificate of non-coverage will be secured.

4. Social Acceptability

There is no opposition on the project from the community. People, especially farmers, are looking forward for the implementation of this project.