

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Project Title : Sustaining Promotion on Sustainable Development Initiatives in Garcia-Hernandez
2. Project Type : Promotion and Advancement of Environmental and Agricultural Programs
3. Project Components :
 - a. PO/Community Development
 - b. Information, Education and Communication
 - c. Promotion of Sustainable Environment and Agriculture
 - d. Community/Institutional Resource Mobilization
 - e. Marketing Support and Linkages
 - f. Monitoring and Evaluation
4. Project Location : Garcia-Hernandez is 54 kilometers east of Tagbilaran City, the capital of Bohol Province.
It has 30 barangays with a land area of 13,575 hectares and a population of 21,428 as of May 2000.

II. PROJECT STATUS

1. Proposed Project : The proposed project intends to promote sustainable environmental and agricultural practices and methodologies appropriate and feasible to the local communities and environment thereby improving community's standard of living and eventually conserve upland resources.
2. Status of Project Operation : Project Idea
3. Investment Programming : National and Foreign Funding

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background :

The municipality of Garcia-Hernandez is predominantly agricultural at the subsistence level. Despite its sloping terrain (except those narrow strips of level lands along rivers/creeks and along the coast) with the presence of several springs and

favorable climate, can make agriculture viable at the commercial level. Its major production areas when applied with appropriate farming technology will enable increase of income to the subsistent farmers, conserve the soil and preserve the environment.

Nevertheless the municipality's agriculture sector is beset with problems of inadequate agricultural extension support and linkages that may have resulted to the current predicament as follows: mono cropping instead of diversified farming to get more income from the limited land area; production below the potentials due to application of inappropriate farming technologies; predominantly short-season crops vis-à-vis permanent crops like fruit trees for stable income; improper soil conservation practices; costly farm inputs; limited market advisory for existing and potential crops/live stocks; weak community organizations; and prevalent use of exorbitant non-institutional credit for farming.

The data generated from the Poverty Data Monitoring System also showed that the municipality of Garcia-Hernandez has 3,064 households (70.39%) living below income threshold. These income deprivations largely came from households in upland barangays wherein revenues of these affected communities depend their livelihood so much on agriculture activities.

2. Project Linkages

This proposed project would complement implementation of the current environmental and agricultural program called DAEP of the municipality where in the corporate social functions of the Philippine Mining Sinter Corporation (PMSC) (a large-scale industry that operates mining and quarrying of limestone) and the developmental mandates of the municipal government are shared which envisioned to uplift the human, socio-economic and environmental conditions of Garcia-Hernandez.

Promotion of the sustainable agriculture will be particularly instituted by means of tapping local and external resources for technical and capacity building to increase community's awareness and pro-active response on the application of appropriate farming technologies.

3. Project Objectives

- To evaluate effectiveness of DAEP in barangays where incidence of low-income threshold is prevalent in order to address the underlying issues in the implementation of the program.
- To strengthen the people's organizations or community that benefits the program so as to improve the organizational management and project implementation especially in barangays with deprivation on income threshold.
- To extensively promote sustainable agriculture methodologies to prevent the pressure on improper soil utilization and enhance the existing environmentally sound farming practices introduced by DAEP.
- To improve the savings-based and credit delivery mechanism that will enable functional development of an organization and augment household income.

4. Sectoral Objectives

Since this project serves as a sustaining mechanism on operational development programs like DAEP, it intends to harmonize intervention of key sectors implementing the aforesaid program in the municipality. It will also promote community participation in the developmental undertakings of the project.

5. Regional/National Objectives

This project will contribute in addressing poverty reduction as embodied in Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and promote commitment on good governance.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

1. Funds Needed

P 1,500,000.00 (USD 30,000.00)

2. Funding Source

National and Foreign Funding Agencies

3. Counterpart Funding:

The LGU counterpart must be 10% of the project cost

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

1. Beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries of the proposed project are People's Organization and households in barangays with high incidence of income deprivation. These beneficiaries shall be responsible in the proper management of their farming activities where sustainable and appropriate technologies are employed.

2. Benefits

Increased income up to 20% to the beneficiaries with income deprivation. This benefit will have a domino effect on other deprivations since income is linked to other basic needs like availability of food in the table and employment. With successful implementation of sustainable agriculture practices, this will increase farm production and enhance soil conservation.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsible Agencies

The Local Government Unit of Garcia-Hernandez through the Municipal Agriculture Office in collaboration with Philippine Mining Sinter Corporation (PMSC), Non-government Organizations (NGOs), and the Provincial Government of Bohol.

2. Implementation Schedule

ACTIVITIES	1	2	3	FINANCING (US Dollar)
1. Program (DAEP) Assessment				
2. Capacity Building and Trainings for Pos/Households (beneficiaries)				
3. Establishment of Diversified Farm Models				

3. Administrative Feasibility

The Municipal Government of Garcia-Hernandez through its Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) in cooperation with the following agencies will be responsible in the project implementation:

- a.) Philippine Mining Sinter Corporation (PMSC)
- b.) Non-government Organizations (NGOs)
- c.) People's Organizations (POs)

4. Social Acceptability

With the felt need to enhance and improve the sustainable development initiatives implemented in the municipality, this project as a sustaining mechanism for the environmental and agricultural programs is expected to draw collective support and commitment from the LGU and the local communities in Garcia-Hernandez.