

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1. PROJECT TITLE** Loboc River E-Con Project
(Loboc River Easement Conservation Road Construction)
- 2. PROJECT TYPE** Capital Forming for the construction of the river easement road and rental of equipments to be used
- 3. PROJECT COMPONENTS**
 - 3.1. Improvement or concreting of Easement Road
 - 3.2. Installation of Cross-drainage pipe culverts
 - 3.3. Replanting of trees or ornamental plants
- 4. PROJECT LOCATION** Loboc River E-Con Project will be implemented along the Loboc River covering 3 barangays namely Canlasid, Villaflor and Ugpong in Loboc

II. PROJECT STATUS

The project is proposed for implementation. Project idea is available for further study of interested funding agencies. A study on the easement road erosion was already conducted by LGU Loboc.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background

The municipality of Loboc is one of Bohol's most sought-after tourist spots because of its exciting river cruise diners, tarsier haven, native crafts and local delicacies. Around 500 local and foreign tourists visit the town daily. Most recently, a tourism complex was established on the other side of the Loboc River through the assistance of the World Bank.

However, Loboc's 28 component barangays earn through agriculture and craft making. The farm-to-market road is very important in the livelihood of the locals thus, this project proposal. The Canlasid-Ugpong-Villaflor earth and gravel road is important in the transport of agricultural products like coconut, banana, rice and nipa shingles. Moreover, it plays a major role in the delivery of basic services to the community. It is the most convenient route going to the Poblacion, the other is through crossing the river via small boats. Although the road is still passable to 4-wheel drive vehicles, erosion is expected to eventually become dangerous to transporters and destroy the river's ecosystem and scenic beauty.

As of date, there are very few trees standing along the riverbank, no street lighting was installed either. Over 1,300 residents of the 3 barangays, excluding traders, buyers and visitors traverse the road daily. Erosion and degradation will greatly affect the local industry and the livelihood of the affected local communities.

A research on soil erosion was conducted by the local government. The study showed that the easement road is already narrow due to gradual soil erosion.

2. PROJECT LINKAGES The project will be contributory to the success of the local economy. It will be in support to projects that aim to reduce poverty implemented by the MLGU, national and provincial government. Impacts of intervention on poverty reduction shall be closely monitored by the provincial government through its planning and development office. Prevention of the river from total erosion is linked with the province's program on environment protection, rehabilitation and conservation.

3. PROJECT OBJECTIVES Generally, the Loboc E-Con Project aims to contribute to the reduction of the ratio of poverty within the covered areas (Canlasid, Ugpong and Villaflor).

Specific objectives are:

1. To enhance greater mobility of people and delivery of basic services.
2. To boost socio-economic progress and agri-farm community
3. To promote easier and smoother transport of agricultural products to market

4. SECTORAL OBJECTIVES The 4.5 kilometer easement road project will alleviate the transport of agro-industrial products to market as well as of the organic and non-organic farm interventions like fertilizers to farmers. Basic health, sanitation and other government and non-government services will more regularly reach the covered barangays.

5. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES Boosting economy through better access will help the locals support their basic needs thereby contributing to the national and international campaigns against poverty.

The easement road will also help prevent soil erosion along the renowned Loboc River. Reforestation along the river will complement the Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran cleaning and greening program.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

1. FUNDS NEEDED A Total of P2 MILLION PESOS will be necessary to support both the infrastructure and reforestation project

1. Construction of 4.5 km. concrete road
2. Installation of cross-drainage pipe culverts
3. Construction of easement planters

2. PROJECT FINANCING Aside from funds that will be sourced out from interested national and international funding agencies, the project will be linked with existing and proposed programs of the national, and local government units; and, local agency implementers of agri-based infrastructure projects.

3. FUNDING SOURCE Project funding may be derived from the following:

1. Donation from the District Congressman
2. LGU-Loboc (10%)
3. DPWH-District I (5%)
4. Local Farmers' Organization (2%)
5. Interested Funding Agency (75%+)

DPWH_I and LGU-Loboc are expected to counterpart by providing technical assistance on engineering viability study and design. DENR-Bohol and BEMO, on the other hand, will be requested for support on tree planting activities. Local farmers' organizations will provide counterpart in terms of labor.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

1. BENEFICIARIES The 1,287 Loboc farmers and their families while indirect beneficiaries are LGU Loboc, the local tourism agencies and the local market.

2. SOCIAL BENEFITS Better access means better and more efficient basic services on health, education, employment opportunities and others .

3. ECONOMIC BENEFITS Agricultural farm production will be made more efficient by the project thereby it is expected to eventually increase the local government's income, lower the price of products due to increase in supply.

4. ECONOMIC COSTS The construction of the concrete road and drainage canals will require the removal of remaining trees standing along the river easement. However, tree seedlings will be planted for reforestation.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES The proposed project will be implemented by the following organizations / agencies:

1. Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU)
2. Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU)
Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

3. Bohol Environment Management Office (BEMO)
4. Municipal Engineering Office (MEO)
5. Coordinating Agencies – DPWH, Municipal Tourism Office and the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO)
6. Existing local Farmers' Organizations

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| 2. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE | The Loboc E-Con Project is expected to be completed within the three (3) month period. |
| 3. LEGAL AND POLITICAL FEASIBILITY | Oppositions from owners or claimants of the parcel of lands where the proposed road will pass. Such legal impediments through will be resolved by giving emphasis on environmental protection against soil erosion. |
| 4. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE | Application for environmental clearance from the DERN and other concerned agencies will be filed. |
| 5. SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY | No opposition from the community that will be affected by the project is expected. Lot owners are expected to agree after thorough public consultation. |