

GOAT RAISING LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

Pilar, Bohol

Comprehensive Project Profile

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Project Title : **Goat Raising Livelihood Project**
2. Project Type : **Dispersal of at least Two Packets of Goats (20 females and two males) per Barangay**
3. Project Components:
 - a. Training/Institutional Strengthening
 - b. Pasture Grasses Development for Soil and Water Management
 - c. Dispersal/Redispersal Scheme
 - d. Animal Health Care and Management Towards Sustainability
4. Project Location: **Municipality-wide implementation, involving all of the twenty-one (21) barangays**

II. PROJECT STATUS: Proposed Project

This proposed project will start with the conduct of an inventory of existing goats raisers and their management practices for future improvement. Information dissemination will be undertaken through the Sangguniang Barangay (SB), Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) and barangay council sessions and assemblies, and Farmers' Associations (FAs) or Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA) meetings.

It is proposed that four hundred twenty females and 42 male goats will be purchased (42 packets), to be dispersed to 20 cooperators per barangay. Payment shall be two gilts after the second farrowing, which will be redispersed to another set of farmer-beneficiaries. Seminars shall be conducted for the benefit of proposed beneficiaries. Sustainability plans will also be formulated for the continuity of project.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Project Background and Relevance to the Local Poverty Reduction Action Plan (LPRAP)/Poverty Database and Monitoring System (PDMS)

Over recent years, the number of farmers raising goats in the municipality has decreased. Data (2005) show that only two percent (2%) of all livestock raisers in the municipality are raising this type of animal. The population is very low (1,125 heads), especially when compared to the increasing demand for chevon meat. With its low cholesterol level, this meat is a preferred Boholano delicacy. The proposed area for implementation is feasible, with vast areas for pasture development, especially in the uplands.

A current goat raising project implemented by the Lundag Eskaya Tribe Multipurpose Cooperative (LETMULCO), assisted by the Soil and Water Conservation Foundation (SWCF) and the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV) in barangay Lundag, has shown early signs of success. The first batch of beneficiaries who availed of loans with the cooperative have already fully paid their accounts after one year. Goats can have 1-2 offspring per farrowing, twice a year. The first year of operations is expected to break even, but in the succeeding years, income is estimated at not less than P4,000 per head per year. They can be easily raised by family members in the household. Most farmers tether their goats. In this project, beneficiaries will provide housing/shed, plant pasture grasses and pay two gilts after one year. Breeders will be provided to upgrade the quality of goats, including the existing goat population in the locality.

The table below shows that, as of 2004, 68.90% of all households in the Municipality of Pilar were below the income threshold. Clearly, this situation calls for intervention in terms of income augmentation for households throughout the municipality.

Municipality of Pilar					
Rank	Barangay	Year	No. of Households	No. of Households below Income Threshold	Percentage of Households below Income Threshold
1	Bayong	2004	280	238	85.00 %
2	Inaghuban	2004	215	170	79.07 %
3	Del Pilar	2004	150	117	78.00 %
4	San Vicente	2004	147	109	74.15 %
5	Cagawasan	2004	151	111	73.51 %
6	Buenasuerte	2004	343	250	72.89 %
7	La Suerte	2004	125	91	72.80 %
8	Cansunagay	2004	149	108	72.48 %
9	San Isidro	2004	423	305	72.10 %
10	Rizal	2004	259	186	71.81 %
11	Bagacay	2004	168	119	70.83 %
12	Pamacsalan	2004	122	86	70.49 %
13	San Carlos	2004	166	117	70.48 %
14	Lumbay	2004	189	132	69.84 %
15	Catagdaan	2004	271	188	69.37 %
16	Estaca	2004	484	331	68.39 %
17	Ilaud	2004	179	121	67.60 %
18	Bagumbayan	2004	294	195	66.33 %
19	Aurora	2004	78	48	61.54 %
20	Poblacion	2004	483	253	52.38 %
21	Lundag	2004	151	51	33.77 %
	Total		4827	3326	68.90 %

Relevance to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

This proposed project also directly addresses Goal 1 of the MDGs, which aims to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Providing access to additional livelihoods throughout the municipality will increase household incomes and reduce overall levels of poverty and deprivation. The impact, of course, will be measured by the LPRAP/PDMS, the same software and database used to obtain the same deprivation indicators shown in the above table.

Project Linkages

This proposed project will complement the soil and water conservation technologies project, under Land Care Technologies, as implemented by the International Centre for Research on Agro Forestry (ICRAF) in the municipality. In addition to this, it will also complement the Establishment of Farmer Managed Trials on Contour Farming by the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM). Pasture development shall enhance the projects initiated by the Soil and Water Conservation Foundation (SWCF). Lastly, this project will also assist efforts by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian to increase the population and improve the quality of livestock.

Project Objectives:

- To establish at least 10 hectares of pasture grasses to facilitate cut-and-carry feeding system while rehabilitating infertile lands and promoting soil and water conservation technologies;
- To produce good-quality gilts/offspring, with the provision of the necessary breeders; and
- To provide an alternative source of household income to farmer-cooperators.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

Funds Needed

The project will disperse 22 heads (20 females and 2 males) or 2 packets per barangay. One head costs P2,000.00. There will be 462 heads for the whole municipality. **The total proposed budget, including training and mobility, costs P1,000,000.00.**

Counterpart Funding

The conduct of training and the selection of farmer-beneficiaries, as well as care and maintenance, will be provided by the Local Government Unit (LGU) together with the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian. The procurement of stocks will be facilitated by line agencies like the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and NGOs such as the Soil and Water Conservation Foundation (SWCF), which both have a long history of partnership with the LGU. The Ubay Stock Farm can also provide pasture grasses and breeders to the project through the so-called Buck Loan Program.

Monthly updates can be facilitated by the Farmers Association (FA)/Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA) presidents during their regular monthly meetings. Farmer-cooperators will have access to housing and insurance through the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

Beneficiaries:

Farmer-cooperators of the project must be members of the existing FA in the barangay. With the project, the idle time of household members will be utilized to earn additional income. Every year, the number of beneficiaries is expected to double.

Benefits:

With the project, upgrading of goat stocks can be attained. Planting of pasture grasses in the uplands will minimize soil erosion and contribute to water conservation. The FA will also be strengthened as the project proponent. The Integrated Farming System will be implemented, while feces/waste can be used as organic fertilizer.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Responsible Agencies

The Municipal Government through the Municipal Agriculturist's Office shall be responsible for project implementation, in collaboration with the OPV, USF, DAR and non-government organizations like ICRAF and SWCF. Animal health care will be handled by OPV and the Municipal LGU. Artificial breeding can be carried out in collaboration with the OPV to promote breeding.

Implementation Schedule

ACTIVITIES	1 st Qtr.	2 nd Qtr.	3 rd Qtr.	4 th Qtr.	Financing
1. Training/ Institutional Strengthening	x				20,000.00
2. Pasture grasses Development and Establishment	x				20,000.00
3. Procurement of Stocks for Dispersal	x	x	x	x	920,000.00
4. Animal Health Care and Management	x	x	x	x	40,000.00
Total					P 1,000,000.00

Administrative Feasibility

The Local Government Unit of Pilar through the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) in cooperation with the following agencies will be responsible for project implementation, in collaboration with the following agencies and NGOs:

- a. Office of the Provincial Veterinarian
- b. Ubay Stock Farm
- c. Non-government Organizations like ICRAF and SWCF
- d. Bureau of Soils and Water Management
- e. Farmers Associations (FAs)/Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA)

Social Acceptability

It is intended that the project will go through all the proper channels of information dissemination, ensuring the proper explication of roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders and the highlighting of benefits to the people. Thus, the project will be readily accepted by the beneficiaries. It shall be taken care of by the Farmers Association at the barangay level. In the process, the said organization will also be strengthened.

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