

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The municipality of Sagbayan is one of the most deprived municipalities in the province. Hereunder is the ranking based on poverty status derived from the 2004 LPRAP data:

Rank	Location	Survey Year	Total Deprivation	Total Unemployed
1	Katipunan	2004	19.404	3.977
2	Canmano	2004	18.05	10.445
3	San Ramon	2004	17.334	7.456
4	Santa Cruz	2004	16.261	7.494
5	Mantalongon	2004	15.773	14.790
6	Canmaya Centro	2004	14.683	13.126
7	San Vicente	2004	14.522	1.325
8	San Antonio	2004	13.984	8.407
9	San Roque	2004	13.897	0.599
10	San Isidro	2004	13.279	3.204
11	Langtad	2004	13.048	4.594
12	Calangahan	2004	12.791	3.383
13	Canmaya Diot	2004	12.791	6.169
14	San Agustin	2004	11.943	10.526
15	Kagawasan	2004	11.655	7.075

The level of deprivation covers poverty indicators on health, sanitation, employment, income and food threshold, education, waste management, meals, crime, and water. The 2004 survey revealed that in the 15 poorest barangays, there is a total of 92 unemployed persons of various age levels. The target beneficiaries are 50% of the total unemployed belong to the youth group.

Other issues and concerns identified in the three project areas are the following:

1. There are lands found suitable for agriculture that remained uncultivated for a period of time
2. Majority of local farmers in the area rely on commercial fertilizers for greater profit.
3. Limited opportunities for employment due to lack of education needs immediate resolution.

To resolve these major issues simultaneously, unemployed youth will be linked with vacant lots ideal for sustainable agriculture.

This LY ProSPeR project still requires project pre-feasibility study for the conduct of preliminary studies on economic and technical viability.

2.PROJECT LINKAGES

The project is in support to the Poverty Reduction Program of the Provincial Government of Bohol. Based on the LPRAP or PDMS household data, the status of the LUYSAPA Project (as intervention to address poverty) will continuously be monitored to check its contribution to poverty reduction. Poverty Reduction effort in the Province of Bohol , on the other hand, contributes to the attainment of international strategy of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by year 2015.

The project will also be in line with the national project under Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran that focuses on cleaning and greening of both rural and urban areas.

It can also be considered as an extension site of the BLDF's PROFarms Project in barangay San Antonio of the same town.

3.PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To identify, organize and capacitate (in SusAg) the unemployed youth in the area
2. To conduct an inventory of the vacant lands appropriate for agriculture and obtain permission to cultivate from their respective owners
3. To utilize identified idle lands for organic agriculture production.
4. To produce organically-grown vegetables and other crops in support to local and regional markets
5. To link the young farmer's organization with viable markets.
6. To contribute to the reduction of the ratio of poverty within the covered areas.

4. SECTORAL OBJECTIVES

The project is aimed at developing socially-relevant and self-reliant young members of the society by providing them skills on agriculture, planning, marketing and organizational management. Application of these developed skills will respond to the shortage of farmers or agricultural manpower and reintroduction of organic farming nationwide.

5. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The project is in response to the government's effort on eradicating extreme poverty in the country in complement to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations (targeting the reduction of all forms of poverty by year 2015).

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

- 1. FUNDS NEEDED** The project needs **THREE MILLION PESOS (PHP3,000,000)**
Proposed schedule for release is:
First year of implementation (PhP1,500,000)
Second year of implementation (PhP1,000,000)
Third year of implementation (PhP 500,000)
- 2. PROJECT FINANCING** Aside from the 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 projects.
- 3. FUNDING SOURCE** The project identified that the following agencies / institutions are potential donors for the proposed project:
Government agencies:
Department of Agriculture (DA)
National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)
Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)

National Foundations and Programs:
Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE)
Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF)
Philippine Grassroot Initiatives for Rural Development Foundation (PHILGERFUND)
Philippine – Australia Community Assistance Program (PACAP)

International donors:
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Embassy for the United Kingdom
Japan Embassy/ JICA
Government of New Zealand
- 4. COUNTERPART FUNDING** The local counterpart will be obtained from the following agencies/groups. Counterparting is expected to reach 30% of the total project costs.

Government Units:

Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) like the DA/OPA, BEMO and DAR

Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU)

Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU)

Non-Government Organizations:

Bohol Local Development Foundation (BLDF)

Project Beneficiaries:

Unemployed youth or existing youth organizations

Local farmers

Concerned local government unit

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

1. BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries:

- approximately 46 unemployed youth residing of the project sites.

Indirect beneficiaries:

- approximately 46 households of the unemployed youth
- municipal and barangay local government officials of the covered areas
- the local market and business sector

2. SOCIAL BENEFITS

The project is expected to improve the lives of the beneficiaries (unemployed youth) and their families. Supplemental income to families will consequently resolve all other forms of deprivation that can only be responded to by availability of finances.

Skills and learnings on sustainable agriculture may be imparted to other contemporary farmers that practice environmentally-unfriendly methods of farming.

Moreover, keeping the youth, which are most vulnerable to exploitation, busy in something productive will keep their minds off drugs and vices.

3. ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The project is expected to provide the youth beneficiaries income from the sales of the agricultural products.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

The proposed project will be implemented by the following organizations / agencies:

1. Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU)
2. Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU)
3. Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU)
4. Bohol Local Development Foundation (BLDF)
5. Youth Organization
6. Farmers' Organization

2. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

The project will be implemented for three (3) consecutive years in 2 phases (Organizational and Capability Building Phase on year 1 and Implementation Phase on years 2 & 3)

(The project implementation plan will be presented in the final project proposal)

3. SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY

Unacceptability on some lot owners considering the pertinent rules under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) on tenurial rights of farmers

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