

Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISFI)

Report to the President (September 2011)



Community Extension

Tibungco Community Extension Activities

In preparation for the Kasalan at Binyagan ng Bayan, ISFI project staff Ma. Theresa Mates closely coordinated with Fr. Roy Mejias of the St. Francis Xavier Parish for the requirements to be provided participants to the mass wedding and mass baptism;

- ISFI's Ma. Theresa Mates also facilitated the conduct of community special meetings for schedules and logistics preparation for the mass wedding and baptism;
- Church and government requirements were likewise processed. These requirements turned out to be the factor that kept the 45 couples and parents of 40 children from deciding against formalizing and accepting the sacrament.

PAASCU

- ISFI representative Ma. Cristy Yuson participated in committee regular and special meetings;
- Information needed from ISFI such as data base of students who did their practicum in ISFI assisted communities and trainings conducted were provided to the committee to be used in the PAASCU Report.

Livelihood and Enterprise Development Program

- ISFI linked its assisted People's Organization (PO)- Baganihan Agri-Ventures Cooperatives (BAVC) to the City Agriculture Office and it was granted P3M for construction of display center, additional capital and training.

Computer Literacy and Internet Connection Impact Assessment- GEM/LBGI/USAID

- AdDU President Fr. Joel S. Tabora and ISFI Executive Director Joy Cabo have formally signed the P3.1M project contract ;
- A kick-off meeting was conducted between GEM and ISFI Team last Sept. 30, 2011 at GEM Office in Lanang
- Deployment of ISFI CLIC Study Team



Evaluation of the Economic Impact of GEM Infrastructure Projects

Dr. Greg Gajewski, Assessment Specialist of LBGi wrote in a report to GEM and USAID, and we quote “The study has two purposes. The primary purpose is to evaluate the economic impact of GEM infrastructure projects over 2002 – 2010. The secondary purpose is to see the extent to which GEM infrastructure has had an effect on peace and order in the Barangay in which it is located. The results show that GEM infrastructure has a positive impact on the incomes of households in the Barangay where GEM infrastructure is located. Barangays where GEM infrastructure is located have a lower level of violence than the Barangays without GEM infrastructure. These basic results confirm that the GEM/USAID program established over 15 years ago is accomplishing its goals.

The study was undertaken at the request of USAID/Philippines. USAID had an active role in designing the scope of work and some of the follow-on design of the study. USAID was also involved in the approval stages of the study. The study forwards USAID’s goals of more evaluation studies being conducted and the strengthening of host-country human capacity in the process.



After a competitive process, the Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives (ISFI) at Ateneo de Davao University, Mindanao was selected to conduct the study. ISFI implemented the study, collected all required data, evaluated the data and generated the results. ISFI surveyed thousands of households and businesses on Mindanao and held over 244 Focus Group Discussions involving over 1,800 households to complete the study. ISFI-Ateneo is to be commended for carrying out the first rigorous and extensive household/business survey-based study of its size and scope by the University and perhaps by any institution on Mindanao.”

PROJECT GENERATION

Awaiting results of :

1. **Philippine-Australia Human Resource Organization Development Facility (PAHRODF)** submitted Technical and Financial Proposal entitled **“Leadership Development for Clusters of the Provincial Level and Technical Assistance on Support Mechanism”**
2. Research Proposal submitted to PHILSSA entitled **“How Davao Gulf Fisherfolk Organizations Thrive, or Falter, Post Intervention Support (Studying the Organizational Growth or Demise of ISFI’s FRMP Fisherfolk Organization Beneficiaries)”**
3. Concept Note submitted to GIZ-DENR entitled **“Measuring adaptive capacity and propensity for adaptive action among Davao Gulf people’s organizations located along the Davao Gulf coastal communities”**

Staff development thru PAHRODF, PSTD

ISFI staff attended various training conducted by Philippines-Australia Human Resource and Organisational Development Facility (PAHRODF) managed on behalf of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) by Coffey International Development Pty Ltd (Coffey ID)

- Jocelyn E. Cabo - Training on Organisational Assessment: Using the PQA Business Excellence Framework and the HRODF OA Framework
- Maria Cristy D. Yuson and Gloria N. Peñera - “An OVERVIEW: on OD : building a powerful common understanding on OD and its Application in our shared mission and work”;
- Ma. Clarice Lao- Integrating PAHRODF Standard s and Tools in HROD Training ;

Philippine Society for Training and Development- Davao Chapter, Ma. Cristy Yuson also participated in a training entitled “ Dissolving Stress”