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Completed Projects

Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan - Preparation of Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plans

The Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan engaged the services of CLRG to assist in the formulation of the municipality's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and a multi-year Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The CLUP was completed in 2008. CLRG submitted the revised draft of the CDP in the second week of March. An electronic copy (in compact disc) incorporating the final comments of Sta. Barbara's officials will be sent to the municipality within the week as the Center's final output.

Ongoing Projects

CLRG-IFF Cooperation Programme on Federalism Studies and Knowledge Exchange - Planning for the 2009 Cycle

CLRG has commenced planning for the 2009 cycle of the Cooperation Programme on Federalism Studies and Knowledge Exchange with the Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg (IFF) Switzerland. This includes the scheduling of activities for the implementation of the four components of the project: (1) the 2009 study tour; (2) selection of visiting researchers; (3) selection of students to the 2009 Summer University; and (4) the Dialogues on Federalism series.

The IFF has agreed to adopt the theme of "Sub-national Design and Organization" for all the project components. The study tour will be composed of five (5) delegates representing various sectors of Philippines society. A visiting researcher grant has been offered to Dr. Macapado Muslim of Mindanao State University while another slot was opened to interested applicants via competitive selection process. The application period for the Summer University also started last March and will be closing on April 15. Two (2) Dialogues on Federalism are being planned tentatively for in Baguio and Cagayan de Oro later in the year.

The IFF has also signified its interest in publishing a book on federalism based on the outputs of the first two visiting researchers as well as articles to be written by selected members of the first two study tour delegations.

In an e-mail, Philippine Project Manager Eva Schmassmann informed CLRG that during the visit of Ms. Maria Theresa Lazaro, the new Philippine Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, that the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is quite positive in extending the funding for the Philippine cooperation beyond 2009. CLRG and IFF are jointly preparing a list of possible areas for cooperation beyond the 2009 cycle.

Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR) – Provinces as Sub-national Agricultural Innovation Systems

CLRG and DA-BAR agreed to conduct a study on Provinces as Sub-national Agricultural Innovation Systems. The focus of this research is the description of how sub-national agricultural innovation systems operate within the level of the province

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and in relation to the region. In a typical innovation system framework, the actions of relevant institutions and actors, and the existence, strength or lack of linkages between and among these institutions and actors are examined as possible factors to explain the vitality and competitiveness of a particular sector or a particular local economy. An understanding of this framework can help policy makers develop approaches for enhancing innovative performance and technological diffusion in the agricultural sector. The project is now in the mobilization stage.

DA-BAR - Readership Survey

The CLRG has also been working with the DA-BAR on the conduct of the Sensitization of Agriculture and Fisheries Information for Community Research, Development and Management Project. The project generally aims to develop communities through appropriate agriculture and fisheries information and communication management for agribusiness and sustainable development. It is divided into three major components as follows:

- a. Component I – Communication Research and Development
- b. Component II - Capability Building
- c. Component III – Information Management

One of the activities of the said project is the conduct of a nationwide survey on the readership of DA-BAR's two regular publications – BAR Chronicle and BAR Research and Development Digest. Data gathering activities have already been concluded. Information collected from all over the country are now being analyzed and interpreted before drafting the report to DA-BAR.

Legazpi City, Albay - Study Visit of Barangay Officials from Legazpi City, Albay

Barangay captains and youth leaders of the different barangays in Legazpi City, Albay have come to a consensus of upgrading their management capabilities and leadership skills. To achieve this goal, various capacity-enhancement modes have been explored, including seminars and training, leadership tools (*lakbay aral*) in localities successfully implementing good governance and best practices, as well as interaction with their counterparts in other provinces. As part of this continuing effort, they are now looking into the potential technical aid that the academe can offer to enable them to sustain their effectiveness in performing their roles as change agents and propellers of grassroots development. Thus, they have scheduled a study visit to the college on April 21. To mark the event, the CLRG has designed a one-day seminar for the barangay officials, which will cover the following topics:

- a. Development Challenges confronting barangay governance in Legazpi City;
- b. Teambuilding and shared leadership for effective public service;
- c. Public service ethics and accountability; and
- d. Solid waste management at the barangay level

Local Government Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP-LED) - Professional and Documentation Services

CLRG Director Prof. Simeon A. Ilago served as resource person for the Workshop on Policy Framework and Capacity Development for LED held last February 25 to 27.

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The said workshop was organized by LGSP-LED, a collaborative program between the Governments of Canada and the Philippines in cooperation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Participants include 24 officials from the DILG's central and regional offices, who were tasked to draft the policy and capacity development frameworks for the LGSP-LED program. Dir. Ilago's engagement is to handle the policy analysis and development component of the workshop and to finalize the draft policy framework submitted by the participants. CLRG was also tapped to document the three-day event. Draft of the documentation report (e-copy) was submitted to LGSP-LED on March 17. CLRG is now awaiting comments from the client before finalizing the report.

Pagsasanay ng Sanggunian tungo sa Pag-unlad ng Barangay (PSPB)

On April 20-24, the CLRG will be conducting the PSPB, a short course designed to enhance the capacity of barangay councils to effectively perform their legislative tasks in accordance with the principles of good governance, and thereby promote progress in their respective barangays. Target participants for this batch are the barangay officials of Mandaluyong City. Invitations to attend the training were already sent to the 27 barangays of the city through their Punong Barangays. Kagawad Rose Gay G. Castañeda of Brgy. Pag-asa, Mandaluyong, who is a graduate of the Center's Sustainable Barangay Development Course (SBDC) and Seminar on Barangay Legislation and Governance (SBLG), is actively assisting in the marketing of the course. Presently, Kgd. Castañeda is an MPA student in the College.

Population Services Pilipinas, Inc. (PSPI) - Family Planning Survey

PSPI commissioned the CLRG to conduct a baseline study regarding the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice on Family Planning of women of reproductive age (15-45 years old) in selected localities. The LGUs chosen were Caloocan and Quezon Cities in Metro Manila, Municipalities of Sta. Maria and Hagunoy in Bulacan, and the Municipality of Ternate and City of Trece Martires in Cavite. From each area, 50 respondents were randomly selected, forming a total of 300 survey participants. The survey was completed in the last week of January. Encoding and analysis of the results followed, and the Center was able to submit the draft report on March 30. CLRG is now awaiting comments from the client for incorporation in the final report.

Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines (VMLP) - Knowledge and Information Sessions for the Academy of Presiding Officers

CLRG has accepted the request of VMLP to conduct the Knowledge and Information (KNOW and INFORM) Sessions as part of the league's Academy of Presiding Officers (APO). APO was established by the VMLP as an instrument for further enhancing the knowledge, skills, and competencies of its members. The Know and Inform Sessions aim to enhance the competencies of VMLP members by introducing them to various aspects of administrative, managerial, and personal development which are needed in order for them to effectively and efficiently perform their duties and responsibilities as presiding officers of the Sanggunian and as local leaders of their respective LGUs. The Sessions will involve the discussion of several topics and issues that are relevant to the VMLP members, such as Parliamentary Rules and Procedures, Quasi-Judicial Function of the Sanggunian, Effective Management Principles, the Role of the Sanggunian in Local Development, and Social Marketing.

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Speakers who have extensive experience in the above-mentioned fields will be invited to serve as Resource Persons during the lecture-discussions.

The Know and Inform Sessions will be conducted during the VMLP's quarterly meetings. The CLRG will be handling four sessions, the first of which will be held on 28-30 May 2009 in Tagbilaran City, Bohol. The first session will focus on Social Marketing and Value System.

Staff Updates

Study Leave

Mr. Michael A. Tumanut, University Extension Specialist I, is on study leave since 30 March 2009. Mr. Tumanut received a scholarship grant as a research student under the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies program of Kobe University, Japan.