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Completed Projects

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 Hagonoy 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 ensued, and the Center was able to submit the first draft of the report on March 30. The final report, which incorporates the comments of client PSPI, was submitted last April 21.

Study Visit of Barangay Officials from Legazpi City, Albay

Barangay officials and youth leaders of the different barangays in Legazpi City, Albay made a one-day study visit to the college last April 21. To mark the event, the CLRG conducted for the visitors a seminar on barangay governance, which covered 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. A total of sixty-nine (69) barangay officials participated in the seminar.

Ongoing Projects

CLRG-IFF Cooperation Programme on Federalism Studies and Knowledge Exchange

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. This year, 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 Philippine society. A visiting researcher grant has been offered to and was formally accepted by Dr. Sukarno Tanggol of Mindanao State University while another slot was opened to interested applicants via competitive selection process. Application period for the said research grant has been extended up to May 17. Details of the grant were disseminated to ASPAP, LOGOTRI-PhilNet, and key persons and institutions in CLRG's network. Meanwhile, initial preparations are already being made for the two (2) Dialogues on Federalism to be held later in the year in Baguio City and Cagayan de Oro.

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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 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 – Sensitization of Agriculture and Fisheries Information for Community Research, Development and Management Project

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 for this activity have already been concluded in the third week of March. The research team is now in the process of finalizing their draft report to DA-BAR.

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. 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

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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.

7th Sustainable Barangays Development Course (SBDC) for Barangay Officials of Quezon City

Since 2005, the CLRG has been conducting the SBDC, a management training program specially designed for barangay officials of Quezon City. The SBDC aims to enhance the managerial and technical competencies of the participants so that they can effectively perform their roles as area managers of the barangays. The 7th offering of the SBDC is set to commence on May 13. The project is now in mobilization stage after a planning session had been conducted last April 29.

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.

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 May 22 in Cebu City. The first session will focus on Social Marketing and Value System. Experts invited to serve as Resource Speakers had already expressed their commitment to the activity.

Assistance to Ms. Risako Ishii, Visiting Research Fellow from the University of Manchester

The Center is currently extending assistance to Ms. Risako Ishii, a Visiting Research Fellow from the University of Manchester. Ms. Ishii requested CLRG's cooperation in the conduct of her doctoral research on change management under national decentralization reform in the Philippines. As part of her study, she will be conducting data-gathering activities in six (6) Philippine LGUs including the cities of Marikina, San Juan, Naga and Legazpi as well as the municipalities of Dalaguete and Consolacion in Cebu Province. A pre-test of instruments was done in the Budget

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Office of Quezon City. Ms. Ishii's research visit started last April 14 and is scheduled to conclude on May 22.

Staff Updates

Student Interns from Miriam College

Since April 13, Ms. Jemia Ritz R. Reyes and Ms. Janine Marielle M. Carolino, both AB International Studies students in Miriam College, has been part of the CLRG family for their internship. Jemia and Janine were placed under the tutelage of Mr. Ralph Montes, Ms. Ely Cureg and Mr. Don Mariano. They are required to log 180 hours of office work for their OJT.