



National Conference for Effective Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation Practices

28 - 29 September 2012

Municipality of Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte

I. RATIONALE

The February 2006 landslide in Bgy. Guinsaogon in Saint Bernard claimed more than a thousand lives and changed the lives of those who survived. It was a devastating experience that became an opportunity for everyone to learn. Help poured from all over, and Saint Bernard seized this as an opportunity to recover and improve its condition.

Realizing that they are at risk not only to landslides but also to earthquake, tsunami, typhoons and floods, among others, the municipal and barangay LGUs started a disaster risk reduction program in partnership with local and international organisations who committed to go beyond the emergency phase.

Support from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) through its disaster preparedness program, DIPECHO, facilitated the implementation of a continuing capability-building program since 2007. Under this facility, the municipal and barangay LGUs were able to maximize regular programs and projects for disaster risk reduction purposes.

To complement the capability-building activities, two agricultural production projects were also undertaken by GIZ and CARE NL through the EuropeAid-funded Food Facility project. Livelihood activities were undertaken in relatively safe locations so that they are protected during disaster events.

There were many other organizations who supported Saint Bernard. Philippine Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Gawad Kalinga, JICA, DSWD pooled their resources and relocated seven communities in permanent danger zones to safer areas. The business community was also mobilized for livelihood and education activities. National agencies like DA, DSWD and DOLE extended assistance as well.

How they were able to rise above the damages brought about by 2006 landslide and how they were able to manage the 2011 floods and landslides is a case worth looking at. With very limited local resources and an economically disadvantaged population, they made full use of links and resources outside the municipality while building up their own.

The conference is being organized by the Saint Bernard LGU to draw lessons from the Saint Bernard experiences. It is an opportunity for the LGU to share their experiences and listen to recommendations from other high risk areas who are also in the process of building their resilience.

II. OBJECTIVE

At the end of the workshop, the participants must be able to draw lessons from the exchange of experiences and define ways to apply them in their respective localities.

III. TARGET PARTICIPANTS AND RESOURCE PERSONS

The forum will be a gathering of over a hundred DRR practitioners and representatives from high-risk communities and their partner organizations. Representatives from LGUs from Regions II, V, XII, CAR and CARAGA targeted by DIPECHO's (8th cycle) Scale-Up, Build-Up project will be invited. High-risk municipalities within Region VIII will also be invited. Barangay-level representatives from Saint Bernard are also expected to participate in the learning event.

Senator Loren Legarda, recognized DRR champion and their partner, the Asia-Pacific Institute for Green Development will come to provide policy level discussion inputs. The Head of the EU Delegation in the Philippines will come to participate and deliver the keynote address.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The first day will be allotted for general issues at policy and operational levels. Site visits will be part of the day's schedule so that participants will have a better understanding of what happened in Saint Bernard.

Day 2 is an optional activity for the consortium. It is dedicated, but not limited, to CARE NL partner NGOs and municipalities where more in-depth discussions of best practices and lessons will be covered. Other consortium members will be requested to share their best practices on this day.

A photo/poster exhibit will be held concurrent with the conference. The photos should depict DRR and CCA practices of participating organizations and municipalities. Participants may also bring communication and visibility materials, books, brochures and other publications for display and/or distribution.



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27 September 2012
 Thursday

28 September 2012
 Friday
 Time
 6:00 – 9:00
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29 September 2012
 Saturday
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PROPOSED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Arrival and Registration of Participants in Saint Bernard

- Activity**
- Travel to Saint Bernard
 - Site Visits by Groups of 30 Participants Each
 - Group 1: Landslide Site in Bgy. Guinsaugon and Mangrove Plantation in Bgy. San Isidro
 - Group 2: Landslide Site in Bgy. Guinsaugon, Landslide EWS Site in Bgy. Lipanto and Operation Center in the Municipal Hall
 - Group 3: Landslide Site in Bgy. Guinsaugon and Turn-over of Trading Post by Ambassador Guy Ledoux, Head of Delegation, European Union in Manila and Senator Loren Legarda to Saint Bernard LGU
 - Group 4: New Guinsaugon Relocation Site in Bgy. Magbagacay and Landslide Site in Bgy. Guinsaugon
 - Group 5: Malinao Relocation Site and Landslide Site in Bgy. Guinsaugon
 - Welcome Address and Presentation of the Saint Bernard Experience
 Mayor Rico Rentuza
 - Keynote Address EU HoD Guy Ledoux
 - Keynote Address Sen. Loren Legarda
 - Lunch and Press Conference
 - DRR and CCA Policies: Enabling Environment to Advance DRR and CCA Practice - Asia Pacific Institute for Green Development
 - Maximizing Science and Technology for DRR and CCA Practices - German Development Cooperation (GIZ)
 - Building Local Capacities for Mainstreaming DRR and CCA - CARE Nederland
 - Open Forum and Closing Remarks

- Activity**
- Recap and Schedule for the Day
 - Presentation of Good DRR and CCA Practices
 - ACF/HI Case : Inclusive DRR Practices in Catanduanes
 - CARE Case : DRR Mainstreaming in Local Development Planning Processes in Calabanga, Camarines Sur
 - Christian Aid Case : Rapu-rapu, Albay - DRR in the Small Islands
 - Oxfam Case : Mainstreaming DRR at the Provincial Level
 - Plan Int'l Case : Child-centered DRR
 - Synthesis: Lessons and Recommendations
 - Lunch
 - Next Steps and Closing Activity

Header Photos :
 1. Community facilitator discussing Rights Based Approach during CBDRM training
 2. Mangrove-planting during the International Disaster Risk Reduction Day celebration in Saint Bernard
 3. Classroom discussion on DRR in Himbangan Elementary School, Saint Bernrd
 4 and 5. Community drill in Brgy. Tambis 1, Saint Bernard

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