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# Overview of project work and outcomes

# Non-technical summary

This participatory action research project was conceptualized in recognition of the critical role that local government units (LGUs) play in climate risk management, the need to enhance their capacity to respond to climate change impacts and the need to strengthen the alliance between the LGUs and the local state colleges and universities (SCUs) in the furtherance of science-based planning and policymaking.

This project generally aimed to create awareness and develop the capacity of LGUs, communities and regional universities to effectively respond to climate change for sustainable development.

Five vulnerable municipalities in four provinces were chosen as study sites namely: Kawit and Rosario, Cavite, Guagua, Pampanga, San Juan, Batangas and Ilagan, Isabela. Hands-on training on vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation plan preparation were conducted using data from the most vulnerable barangays within the municipalities. Every learning and alliance building opportunities were maximized through participatory research, coaching and interactive discussion about climate change issues. To further amplify the awareness-raising objectives, vulnerability assessment was done through public consultations. The consultations started with a short lecture on the climate change phenomenon to inform the participants about climate change and the objectives of the project.

The most devastating climate event that was experienced in all sites was typhoon and the consequent flooding that it caused. The hardest hit sectors were the farmers, the fisher folks and the general public particularly those who live on river banks and in houses built of light materials.

Results of this project were communicated to the stakeholders, other LGUs and other climate change initiatives through dissemination forums, scientific conferences and circulation of the Booklet on Climate Change and Municipal Level Adaptation Planning. Some of the lessons that can be learned from this project are: 1) hands-on and output-oriented training can yield significant tangible results; and 2) project-introduced interventions can be institutionalized and sustained.

# Objectives

This project generally aimed to create awareness and develop the capacity of LGUs, communities and regional universities to effectively respond to climate change for sustainable development.

The present project aimed to: 1) study the pattern of climate variability that affected the study sites in the last three decades and assess its social, economic and environmental impacts; 2) conduct awareness raising and capacity-building seminars, lectures, and workshops; 3) assist LGUs in the preparation of indicative climate change adaptation plans and programs; and 4) disseminate the findings of the study to policymakers, civil society organizations (CSOs), other scientists and global change research programmes to contribute to the growing body of knowledge on climate change and the furtherance of science.

# Amount received and number years supported

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# Work undertaken

A series of seminar-workshops were undertaken to attain project objectives and generate the expected outputs: 1) awareness-raising seminar highlighted by the signing of memoranda of agreement (MOA) between the LGU-SCU partners and planning workshop to level-off expectations, working arrangements and planned future activities. Seven resource persons discussed various aspects of climate change such as climate science, climate trends, impacts of climate change on agriculture, forestry and coastal zones, adaptation strategies by upland dwellers and the Philippine Task Force on Climate Change (PTFCC) mandates and programs; 2) consultations with residents of the study barangays to determine the extreme climatic events they have experienced in the last three decades and identify the sectors that were adversely affected by these events; validation of consultation results with government records and preparation of the Vulnerability Assessment Report (VAR) led by the SCU partners; 3) presentation of VARs to a panel of experts and lecture and demonstration on the installation and operation of a rain gauge and rainfall data collection; 4) mini-workshops with LGU partners to guide them in the preparation of their respective Indicative Climate Change Adaptation Plan (ICCAP) for each study site. The LGU partners who took the lead in ICCAP preparation were coached on the formulation of appropriate adaptation strategies that will constitute the municipal level adaptation plan based on the vulnerability assessment results; 5) seminar-workshop on the draft ICCAP presentation to solicit experts' comments and suggestions on the feasibility of the recommended adaptation measures to enhance LGUs' and communities' adaptive capacity; lectures on climate forecast application and solid waste management; 6) six dissemination forums with a total of 555 participants including local legislators, other LGU officials from the study sites, other towns and barangays, academicians, students, elementary and high school teachers, civil society organizations and local media representatives and distribution of the preliminary copy of the Booklet on Climate Change and Municipal-level Adaptation Planning to selected forum participants and climate change experts to solicit their comments and suggestions on how to further improve the presentation and technical soundness of its content; and 7) presentation to local chief executives and legislators of policy briefs which contain a summary of climate change issues and impacts as well as the recommended adaptation measures that could enhance their adaptive capacity, for appropriate action.

# Results

The Project yielded the following results: 1) better understanding by the LGU and SCU partners of the climate change phenomenon and the need for climate risks preparedness rather than mere relief, rescue and response action; 2) knowledge gained that functional early warning system need not be complicated and can be set-up using affordable and simple technology; 3) partnership between UPLB, other public educational institutions, communities and LGUs towards science-based climate change adaptation planning established; 4) enhanced vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation planning skills gained as indicated by the vulnerability assessment report and ICCAP prepared by SCU and LGU partners; 5) climate risk management and climate change adaptation plans mainstreamed and integrated into the development plans of the partner LGUs; 6) the elementary and high school teachers who attended the dissemination forum gained additional information and teaching materials on climate change through the lectures delivered and the booklet that was distributed by the project; 7) preparation of a climate change R&D agenda for Region 2 and the engagement of Cagayan Valley Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (CVARRD) member institutions in climate change related research; 8) other LGUs recognized their lack of climate risk preparedness and expressed interest to undertake climate risk preparedness programs; and 9) the participating LGUs learned lessons from each other's

experiences in terms of community mobilization, data and knowledge management and installation of early warning system.

# Relevance to the APN CAPaBLE Programme and its Objectives

This project is in line with APN CAPaBLE Programme's emphasis on science-policy interfacing, awareness raising and dissemination activities. Awareness-raising activities focus not only among the LGU officials and the scientific community that prepared and implemented the adaptation plan but also the members of the civil society and local legislative councils whose cooperation and commitment in the adaptation plan implementation is critical for its success and sustainability. Capacity-building targeted LGU officials and partner scientists on data collection and interpretation, situational analysis and the various elements of adaptation programs, policies and strategies. Effective channel of consultation between LGU and the scientific community was established to enhance science-policy link. Project results were disseminated to other LGUs, scientific community and other global change research programmes to contribute to the body of knowledge and the furtherance of science.

# Self evaluation

In general, the project greatly achieved its objective of creating among LGUs awareness of the various issues and concerns related to climate change and increasing their appreciation of the need to respond to climate change.

The project, through its participatory and multi-stakeholder approach has also helped generate keen interests and appreciation on climate change related issues/problems and concerns among the participating communities, and regional universities, and to a certain extent, among other government agencies, NGOs, and business sectors which had the chance to participate in the different project activities. LGUs were also equipped with tools and methodologies to plan and formulate responses in order to reduce their communities' vulnerability or increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change specific to their areas and communities.

The project's objective of building a science-policy interface through the universitycommunity alliance was a very effective strategy in building the capacity of LGUs. This facilitated the vulnerability assessment activities and the preparation of the ICCAP. More importantly, this collaboration ensured that the activities were anchored on the knowledge and experiences of the LGU constituents but backed-up by technical expertise of SCU partners.

The project has created a platform for sharing of experiences, learnings, and "best practices" particularly among the participating LGUs and regional universities thereby enhancing their respective capacity to appropriately respond to climate change issues and opportunities.

# Potential for further work

The learnings and experiences from this project show the feasibility and potential benefits from this kind of work in the future. Further works can be pursued in two fronts: 1) up and out-scaling of this project's results and 2) new initiatives with greater breadth and depth and focusing on other aspects of climate risk management.

Some of the up and out-scaling activities that can be pursued further are: 1) dissemination of this project's findings to policymakers, civil society organizations, other scientists, other LGUs, and educational institutions to illustrate 'best practices' in science-policy interface on climate change adaptation planning; and 2) scaling-up to the municipal/city and provincial levels, river basins, and ASEAN region in

collaboration with other ASEAN universities.

The new areas for further work are: 1) awareness raising and capacity-building on climate change, early warning system, data and knowledge management, climate forecast application, vulnerability assessment and mapping that employ different quantitative and qualitative tools, methodologies and analytical techniques and measuring effectiveness of adaptation strategies to guide priority setting; 2) studies on quantified climate risk-based adaptation which eventually should be the gold standard in formulating adaptation strategies for future climate hazards; 3) studies that incorporate generation of national climate change scenarios as basis for future vulnerability and adaptation assessment; and 4) downscaling of sound climate change scenarios to the national/local level to provide a more robust climate change vulnerability and adaptation assessments in anticipation of future climate variability and change.

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# **Technical Report**

# Preface

The project was designed primarily for awareness raising, capacity building and institutional development. The local government units (LGUs) and state colleges and universities (SCUs) partners applied the concepts and methods presented in the awareness raising seminar in assessing vulnerability of the study sites to climate change impacts, the results of which served as basis in preparing the Indicative Climate Change Adaptation Plan (ICCAP).

The project's outcome indicates that: 1) LGU-SCU-community alliance in sciencebased climate change adaptation planning is feasible; 2) the project interventions can be instituted in local development program; and 3) hands-on and outputoriented interventions can yield tangible results.

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# 1. Introduction

The Philippines is one of the countries that are highly vulnerable to climate change impacts because: 1) it is located in the pacific typhoon belt and hence, exposed to physical climate related risk such as tropical cyclones, drought and climate variability; and 2) the population has generally low adaptive capacity. Tropical cyclone is the most common climate change event experienced by the country. On the average, 20 typhoons enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) each year (Hilario, 2008).

Records show that these tropical cyclones are becoming more intense especially after the 1990s. For instance, in each of 2004 and 2006, four devastating typhoons hit the country within a 3-month period, causing a total damage of about PhP6-7 billion, many casualties, and thousands of people homeless.

Historical records indicate that there are 13 serious El Nino events that hit the Philippines from 1950 to 1999 (Concepcion, 2004). La Niña events also caused social, economic and environmental damages. Hazard risks often vary even from one micro-region to another. Hence, it becomes essential to use local knowledge for effective prevention measures and to adapt these to local threats and vulnerabilities. Recent observations of the GLOSS show indications of accelerated sea level rise (Jabines and Inventor, 2007). All these climatic events could have significant impacts on people's lives and properties

A number of programs and policies have been set in place and yet, property losses are increasing. Policies and corresponding implementation structures have been set-up from the national to the lowest units of government and yet, efforts to avoid substantial losses and casualties have been unsuccessful and could not cope with intensifying climate change impacts.

In the Philippines, local government units are in the forefront of disaster management including responding to the impacts of climate change. However, many LGUs are not aware of the climate change phenomenon and do not have the capacity to assist the affected communities in preparing climate change adaptation measures. Moreover, adaptation strategies and alternative policy options that have been recommended to LGUs have not yet been institutionalized (Concepcion, 2004). Disaster management should not be the sole responsibility of the government but should be a concerted effort of government, civil society and the scientific community. Local academic institutions have resources (e.g. scientists, students and facilities) that can be capacitated as LGUs' partners to further enhance local climate change adaptation capacity. LGU-scientists partnership can enhance science-policy interfacing to formulate effective climate change response strategies and ensure sustainability of adaptation plan implementation.

# Objectives

This project generally aims to create awareness and develop capacity of LGUs, communities and regional universities to effectively respond to climate change for sustainable development.

Specifically, this study aims to: 1) study the pattern of climate variability that affected the study sites in the last three decades and assess its social, economic and environmental impacts; 2) conduct awareness raising and capacity-building seminars, lectures, and workshops; 3) assist LGUs in the preparation of indicative climate change adaptation plans and programs; and 4) disseminate the findings of the study to policymakers, civil society organizations, other scientists and global change research programmes to contribute to the growing body of knowledge on climate change and the furtherance of science.

# 2. Methodology

Five vulnerable municipalities in four provinces were chosen as study sites namely: Kawit and Rosario, Cavite, Guagua, Pampanga, San Juan, Batangas and Ilagan, Isabela (Figure 1). These sites were chosen primarily because: 1) they were classified as high risk provinces in terms of climate change; 2) they are strategically located in the region such that dissemination of project results to benefit the other provinces and municipalities in the region will be facilitated; 3) the local chief executives expressed their commitment to participate in all project activities; and 4) these are big food crop producers such that inaction on climate change adaptation could have significant impact on food security. Within these municipalities, the most vulnerable communities (*barangays*) were chosen as study sites.



# Figure 1. Map of the Philippines showing the study provinces

Skills development exercises on vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation plan preparation were conducted using data from the most vulnerable barangays within the municipalities. Every learning and alliance building opportunities were maximized through participatory research, coaching and interactive discussion about climate change issues. To further amplify the awareness-raising objectives, vulnerability assessment was done through public consultations. The consultations started with a short lecture on the climate change phenomenon to inform the participants about climate change and the objectives of the project.

The focus group discussions (FGDs) employed a combination of participatory techniques such as time line analysis, stakeholder analysis, participatory vulnerability assessment, and community mapping of vulnerable areas. The choice of these techniques was to engage the local stakeholders in the process of assessing their current vulnerability. Time line analysis was used to determine the major natural occurrences experienced by the local communities that reflect climate variability and extremes in the last 30 years. A combination of stakeholder analysis, participatory vulnerability assessment, and community mapping techniques were used to identify the vulnerable sectors in the communities and where they are located, to determine the extent and nature of their vulnerability to climate variability and extremes (Pulhin, et al., 2006).

Vulnerability assessment was done with the participation of the study community residents who were asked to recall the extreme climatic events that affected their community and identify the sectors that were adversely affected by these events. Visual aids were used to help the FGD participants illustrate the varying degrees of impacts of these extreme climatic events on the affected sectors (Figure 2), a methodology developed by Pulhin, et.al (2006). The size of the rings show the

extent of the impacts i.e. the larger the ring, the larger the impact. The FGD participants were also asked to draw the map of their *barangay* showing the vulnerable areas and the factors that made them vulnerable.

	Affected Sectors					
Event	Rice Farmers	Vegetables Farmers	Livestock Farmers	Fishers	нн	LGU
Drought		$\bullet$	$\bigcirc$	•		$\mathbf{-}$
Typhoon/ flooding			•			
Rain/ Flood			•			
Changing rainfall pattern	C	•	•	•	$\bigcirc$	

# Figure 2. Visual aid showing the sectors affected.

The losses incurred were estimated and strategies employed to cope with and mitigate the impacts were discussed during the FGD. Key informant interviews (KIIs) with Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC), Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) and Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council (MDCC) officials were conducted to validate the data obtained from the KIIs with local government officials and FGDs with community residents.

LGU officials were also interviewed to find out their response strategies, the constraints/barriers and facilitating factors encountered. The people's recollection of events was validated with historical records kept by national and local government agencies concerned.

Information gathered through KIIs and FGDs were analyzed and supplemented by secondary data collected from the records kept by the Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), MDCC and PDCC. Some LGUs, however, do not have the data management systems and only keep current data. This constrained quantitative valuation of losses and damage-related to the climatic events experienced.

Climate change adaptation planning exercise was also undertaken by a composite team of scientists, LGU officials and community residents based on the vulnerability assessment results. The planning output, an ICCAP, was then presented to a multi-sectoral group that included local legislators for validation and confirmation. The adaptation plan formulated was only indicative because it covered only a few *barangays*. Partner LGUs are expected to apply the skills they learned in formulating a comprehensive, municipal-wide adaptation plan.

The individual vulnerability assessment report was prepared by the scientist partners while the ICCAP preparation was led by the LGU partners following a report format prepared by the UPLB team. Coaching and close monitoring were found important to ensure that report preparation was given due attention and completed on time.

Vulnerability Assessment results and ICCAP were presented in public forums to validate and disseminate information, solicit reactions and suggestions, create public awareness as well as encourage preparedness to climate change-related events and cooperation in the implementation of planned activities.

# 3. Results & Discussion

# Vulnerability of Study Sites to Climate Change Impacts

Vulnerability Assessment was done with the participation of the community residents. Community residents were asked to identify the climate events that they experienced within the last three decades, the sectors affected and the extent of damage/losses incurred. Data and information generated during the public consultation were verified with secondary climatic records gathered and stored by government agencies concerned.

Vulnerability to climate change refers to propensity of human and ecological systems to suffer harm and their ability to respond to stresses imposed as a result of climate change effect. The vulnerability of society is influenced by its development path, physical exposure, distribution of resources, prior stresses and social and government institutions. The marginalized, primary resource-dependent livelihood groups are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts if their natural resource base is severely stressed and degraded by overuse or if their governance systems are in or near a state of failure and hence not capable of responding effectively (Adger et al., 2007).

Exposure, sensitivity or susceptibility to changes brought by climate-related hazard or risks, and low adaptive capacity make the human and ecological system vulnerable to climate risks. These risks can be classified in terms of losses in (Charveriat, 2000): a) physical integrity: fatalities, injuries, illnesses, psychological distress; b) asset integrity: productive resources, housing; and c) income sources: impacts on the productivity of labor due to death of income-earning members, food insecurity, and health problems.

In the study areas, there are four (4) major climate change-related events to which the communities are highly vulnerable – typhoon, rainfall and seasonal variability, sea level rise and dry spell. All the study sites are vulnerable to typhoon and consequent flooding.

# Socioeconomic and Geophysical Characteristics of the Study Municipalities

The study covered five municipalities in three regions of Luzon, the northern part of the Philippine Islands. These municipalities are:

- 1. Ilagan, Isabela in Region 2 (Northern Luzon)
- 2. Guagua, Pampanga in Region 3 (Central Luzon)
- 3. Rosario and Kawit in the province of Cavite and San Juan, Batangas in Region 4A (Southern Luzon)

Agriculture was the main source of livelihood in all these municipalities. The average household size in the study areas was almost the same (4.6 to 4.9).

The provinces of Batangas, Cavite, and Pampanga are among the top twenty (20) provinces at risk to a combination of typhoons, climate variability and drought. Their geographical location and geo-physical attributes make them vulnerable to such climate events. One common feature of the study areas is their location along river bodies. Their relatively flat terrain makes them susceptible to flooding as the low gradient/slope contributes to slow water movement and localized water impounding.

Ilagan, Isabela, has a total land area of 116, 626 hectares, 32 percent of which is

devoted to agriculture. A great portion of the municipality is forested and illegally logged which provides livelihood to many residents, a major problem of the provincial and municipal governments. Ilagan has a population density of 1.12 persons per hectare.

It is located in the northeastern part of Luzon adjacent to the Pacific Ocean which is a typhoon belt zone. With no distinct wet and dry seasons, the area is also prone to drought (El Niño) and variable rainfall pattern. Five communities (herein after referred to as C1), located along the tail-end of a 133km long river, were covered by the project. Farming and fishing are the main sources of livelihood in the study community. Rice, which is the major crop, is grown on rainfed farms.

Guagua, Pampanga has a total land area of about 4,857has, about 60 percent of which are classified as agricultural. It has a population density of 23 persons per hectare. The entire town is traversed by a long river that drains into Pampanga Bay onto Manila Bay. The Pampanga delta is extremely vulnerable to even minor changes in local sea level.

The geophysical condition of this municipality is influenced largely by a major volcanic eruption in 1991. Tons of volcanic debris were deposited along the waterways and some settlements in the town which drastically changed the entire landscape. These lahar deposits block the flow of flood waters and contributed heavily to the siltation of waterways. The municipality has observed ground subsidence and saline water intrusion. The town elevation decreased from 1.8m above sea level in 2005 to 1.4m above sea level in 2009. Water quality in many parts of the town has deteriorated and become salty. These conditions prompted the LGU to pass ordinances regulating land use, water extraction and building code.

The study community (herein after referred to as C2) in this municipality covers the central business district along the coast. The main livelihood of settlers in the study community is fishing. The area is inundated particularly during high tide. Due to its low elevation, sea water floods the public market and major parts of the business district during high tide. Inundation of the community was a recent occurrence, which is an indication of the combined effect of ground subsidence and sea level rise, and existing facilities are highly vulnerable to such incident.

Rosario, Cavite, is the smallest of all the study municipalities with a total land area of 593.6ha. It is located along the coast of Manila Bay and a host to several industrial parks but the main source of livelihood for the local residents is fishing and fish processing. Fish processing (e.g. sun drying and smoking) is a major industry in the municipality.

Rosario serves as a catch basin and discharge point of the headwaters of two major river systems originating from the upstream municipalities. To the east, the Maalimango River traverses three barangays and flow onto the Manila Bay. The larger Canas River along the south-western boundary unloads large amounts of sediments making the port area shallow. With low elevation, Rosario also experiences sea level rise and salt water intrusion.

Industrial development in Rosario has grown steadily, as evidenced by the increasing number of requests for the establishment of firms/letters of intent, especially from the Cavite Economic Zone. This is expected to provide employment opportunities (MPDO, 2000), but could also exert pressure on its resources and facilities. As of 2007, it has a population density of 166 persons per hectare.

Industrial and economic development in Rosario has caused some environmental concerns such as solid waste management, drainage and sewerage and industrial waste water disposal that could exacerbate climate change related impacts. Five coastal communities (herein after referred to as C3) of Rosario were covered by the

study. Aquaculture and fish processing are the main sources of livelihood of the people in C3.

Kawit, Cavite, is also a coastal town, with a total land area of 1, 667.2 ha. and a population density of 38 persons per hectare. Its elevation is only over one meter above sea level making it highly vulnerable to sea level rise. It is located in the mouth of two major rivers, Ilang-ilang river and Imus-Bacoor-Binakayan river, that could bring flood waters throughout the area in the event of heavy rains or storm. These rivers and other tributaries empty their sediment load on the municipality's coastline. The hook-shaped configuration of the municipality's coastline hinders flood water and sediment movement towards the deeper part of the bay. It is located along the same coast as C3 and is also a catch basin for the upstream communities.

The study communities (herein after referred to as C4) in Kawit are located along the coast. Aquaculture and saltmaking are the people's main source of livelihood. During the dry season (November to April) about 10 percent of the fishponds are converted to saltponds. Saltmaking provides employment to many of the unskilled workers in and around C4.

San Juan, Batangas, is the largest municipality in terms of land area (27,340 ha.) but has a low population density (3.5 persons per hectare). Eight rivers drain the municipality of San Juan. Agriculture and fishing are the main sources of livelihood in this municipality. Tourism is a major industry and its beautiful beaches attract local and foreign tourists.

The study communities (herein after referred to as C5) here are located in the lowlands and agriculture is the main source of livelihood of most of the people. Rice is the main crop grown by the farmers. Various kinds of vegetables are also grown by some farmers on a small scale. The study villages used to be served by a relatively large irrigation system that enables the farmers to grow 2-3 croppings of rice per year. However, the irrigation dam was destroyed by heavy flood waters brought about by a strong tropical cyclone. To date, farmers plant rice only once a year. Due to lack of irrigation water, farmers only depend on rainfall and therefore, are highly vulnerable to variations in the amount and distribution of rainfall.

# Economic Development Path

The municipalities covered by the study are classified as first class that is, the LGU's average annual income is greater than PhP50 million (US\$1 million). While agriculture and/or fishing remain to be the major sources of livelihood of the populace, there is notably an increasing pace of urbanization in the study areas. Kawit and Rosario of Cavite are already classified as urban municipalities. Rosario hosts the 276 hectare-Cavite Export Processing Zone (CEPZ).

Proximity of the study areas to Metro Manila (except Ilagan, Isabela) as well as the formation of the CALABARZON (Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Quezon) industrial zone in the early 1990s has influenced their rural-urban transformation. The emergence of commercial and industrial activities in these municipalities has even resulted in conversion of some agricultural lands into non-agricultural uses. Commerce and business activities are generally geared to trading, manufacturing, tourism, real estate and service-oriented businesses.

Industrial and economic development has reportedly caused some natural resource and environmental concerns such as solid waste management, drainage and sewerage and land, water and forest degradation. These have aggravated the effects of extreme climate events such as flooding and salt water intrusion. The development path taken by the municipalities of Ilagan, Guagua and San Juan differs significantly from that of Kawit and Rosario. Guagua's economic development largely caters to the needs for services of its residents and that of the surrounding municipalities. On the other hand, Ilagan being the provincial capital is the seat of regional government offices but because of its large area, development in the town center hardly radiates to the rural villages. Therefore, C1 remains to be rural and uninfluenced by urban development. San Juan capitalized on its natural resource endowments and developed its coastal areas for tourism. However, the economy of inland villages remains agricultural and rural.

# *Climatic Events Experienced in the Study Sites in the Last 30 Years*

The climatic events discussed here were those experienced by the residents of the study communities, which local authorities identified as the most vulnerable to climate change-induced impacts (Table 1).

Results of the focus group discussions show that all the study communities encountered typhoons, highly variable rainfall pattern and distribution, and long dry spell in the last 30 years. Strong typhoons have been experienced even in the 1970s and 1980s but typhoons have increased frequency and intensity since the 1990s. The people could vividly recall the havoc caused by the major typhoon events they have experienced.

They have likewise experienced more hot days and hot nights which caused greater discomfort due to high humidity level. Moreover, they feel that the heat, particularly in the open fields is more scorching now and less tolerable than before. The community residents also noted the highly variable rainfall pattern and distribution which became more pronounced particularly in the 2000s. They observed that heavy downpour that last for only a few minutes even during sunny days is a common occurrence in the recent years.

Seasonal variability was also observed. In the Philippines, Type 1 climate within which C2 to C5 belong is characterized by distinct wet and dry seasons. Hence, rainfall is expected to be high during rainy season and low during the dry season. In fact, historically, it is not uncommon to have two to three months of dry spell during the dry season and 30 days of continuous rain during the wet season. However, the community residents noted that in the recent years, typhoon would come even during the dry season and dry spell can be experienced even during supposedly rainy season.

It was also observed that rainfall distribution has changed. Historically, rainfall is distributed almost evenly throughout the entire municipality. However, in recent years, there were occasions when it would be raining on some parts of the village but dry and hot in other parts of the village.

In the coastal communities, fisherfolks have observed sea level rise. In C4, fisherfolks uses mangrove trees as sea level gauge. They reported that, in the recent years, sea level during high tide goes beyond the set mark. Sea water now also inundates some areas in C2, C3 and C4 during high tide which were not observed in the past. Flooding due to high tide lasts for three to five hours.

Flooding brought about by different climatic events where experienced in all the study sites. For instance, C1 and C5 experienced flooding caused by typhoons and heavy rainfall. On the other hand, in C2, C3, and C4, flooding was also caused by accelerated sea level rise (ASLR).

It was found that the general description of events as well as the period of occurrence of such events were consistent with government records. These findings indicate that community residents' recollection of climatic changes have a certain degree of reliability and accuracy.

	Event				
Community	Typhoon	Variable Rainfall	ASLR	Dry-spell	
C1: Ilagan, Isabela	✓	✓	-	✓	
C2: Guagua, Pampanga	✓	✓	✓	-	
C3: Rosario, Cavite	✓	✓	✓	-	
C4:Kawit, Cavite	-	-	~	-	
C5:SanJuan, Batangas	-	-	-	$\checkmark$	

# Table 1: Climatic events experienced in the study communities in the last 30 years

# Sectors Affected and Nature of Impacts by Climate Events

The sectors affected and the nature of impacts of the experienced climatic events vary by type of event, the geographic location of affected sectors and their socioeconomic conditions (Tables 2 and 3). Typhoon, which brought strong winds and flooding, is the most devastating climate event because it affected all sectors of society.

# Agriculture

The farmers are the ones hardest hit by these climatic events because agriculture, particularly rice crops is very sensitive to water and temperature stress. The farmers were also adversely affected by highly variable rainfall pattern and distribution that were observed to happen more frequently in the recent years. For instance, in C1 and C5, planting calendar usually starts in June. Historically and traditionally, the rainy season is June to November. However, in recent years, there were incidents that dry spell or heavy rainfall sets-in immediately after seedlings have been planted or seeds have been sown causing the planting materials to die due to water or heat stress. These events adversely affected the farmers whose lands are not irrigated and do not have the capability to rent or buy irrigation pumps or the needed technology such as early maturing crop varieties.

The strong winds that come with typhoon can uproot trees or cause fruits to fall. On the other hand, flooding that may be caused by typhoon or heavy rainfall can wash away or flatten crops. All these extreme climatic events could cause decline in harvest and therefore, reduced income for farmers. Natural recovery period for perennials can take long. For instance, in C5, it took one to two years for coconut trees that are damaged by strong winds to regain normal levels of productivity. Farmlands silted by sediments brought by floods also took awhile to recover. One of the farmlands in C5 could no longer be used for growing rice and has remained idle for about three years now because the topsoil was covered by gravel and sand deposited by flood waters.

Also in C5, an irrigation dam was destroyed by strong floods brought by a typhoon. Repair of this dam requires a substantial amount of money beyond the capability of the LGU. This dam which used to serve about 200 ha. of rice land remains unserviceable.

Flooding has a positive effect on some of the farmlands in C1. The sediments brought by the floods from upstream enhance the soil fertility in the river delta and benefited the farmers. However, dry spell which is most common in C1 than in other study communities adversely affected their farming operations.

# Fishing

Typhoons, flooding and salt-water intrusion have also significant effects not only in open-sea fishing but also in aquaculture. Fisherfolks could not go out to fish during bad weather condition due to the risk of strong waves and current. Many fishing boats that ventured into the open seas during stormy weather have reportedly capsized that led to loss of lives. A number of fishing boats and gears have also been destroyed because of the strong winds and ocean waves in some parts of C5 brought about by typhoons. Many fish pens and fish cages were also destroyed due to strong currents and strong winds. Saline water intrusion on fish ponds in C2 have adversely affected the growth of fish that led to low income of operators and workers.

The most seriously affected are the artisanal fishers who fish in the so-called municipal waters and depend on daily fish catch for subsistence. Low fish catch and fish harvest means low income for fisherfolks and fishponds/cage operators but the most vulnerable groups in this sector are the helpers who are paid wages based on the volume of fish catch or harvest.

Typhoon, flooding and rainfall variability also affected the fish processing industry in Community 3. The schedule of fish drying activities was disrupted due to rainfall variability and flooding damage the fish smoking facilities.

# Salt-Making

Climate change has significant impacts on the salt-making business. C4 belong to type 1 climate with distinct dry season from November to April and rainy season from May to October. This weather pattern enabled the saltmakers to clearly program their activities. Saltpond preparation starts at the onset of dry season in November. Salt naturally crystallizes on the dried ponds and harvesting usually starts in December and January when sufficient amount of salt have accumulated and last up to April or early May. This cycle of operations has been traditionally observed by the saltmakers for decades. Saltmaking is a profitable business that provides employment to unskilled or hired workers. Saltponds are usually located in areas that are not accessible to motorized vehicle. Harvested salt are manually hauled from the pond to the roadside warehouses.

In the recent years, changes in weather condition particularly variability in rainfall pattern disrupted the saltmaking calendar and adversely affected the profitability of the saltmaking business. There were many times in the recent years when heavy rains and even typhoons would come in December to January and wash away or melt the salt crystals that were ready for harvests.

Accelerated sea level rise which in the recent years caused the inundation of erstwhile dried saltponds has also become a problem for the operators.

# General Public

Typhoon and flooding caused disruption of basic services, damage to facilities and gave rise to illnesses and water born diseases and constrained the mobility of the general public. Public school buildings are used as evacuation centers or temporary shelter for evacuees. The outbreak of illnesses and water borne diseases, which usually happen in the evacuation centers or in submerged areas was a serious problem. It also poses risks to the school children who will again use these classrooms when the bad weather condition subsided as well as the surrounding communities.

Landslides and flooding brought by typhoons and heavy rainfall have caused serious casualties (i.e. deaths, injuries and damaged houses). Food shortage among

community residents who opted to stay on their houses rather than evacuate during flooding is common in the study areas. Prices of food stuff also increase after typhoon or flooding events making it less affordable particularly to the low income consumers.

A long-term effect of flooding is the decline in the value of real property located in flood prone areas of C2, C3 and C4. For instance, lands that use to fetch a value of \$100 per square meter is now appraised at \$50 per square meter. Land market for such properties have apparently diminished in C3. Properties which were valued at \$70 per square meter is now offered for \$40 per square meter and yet there are no takers.

The strong winds and heavy rainfall that typhoon brings greatly affected the people whose houses are mostly built of light materials and who are illegally squatting on river banks. These situations were observed in C1 and C4 where there are many landless residents. Many of the landless poor families illegally built their houses on riverbanks which are classified as public lands. They are the people who are always at risk during typhoons because of the danger that rushing flood waters will wash away their dwelling units. Many of them could not do autonomous adaptation actions because of lack of response strategies and limited evacuation options. They are, therefore, the subject of evacuation and rescue operation and brought to evacuation centers where they are provided relief assistance such as food, clothing and temporary shelter.

The poor families whose houses are built of light materials are also vulnerable to the impacts of strong winds. There were many instances when rooftops were blown away or the entire house collapsed because it could not stand the strong wind velocity.

# Local Government Units

All these climate events adversely affect the LGUs in three ways: 1) lost/less revenue collection; 2) increased expenditure for relief and rescue operations and rehabilitation; and 3) loss of investments. When commerce and trade are disrupted due to typhoon and flooding, LGUs could not collect taxes and other fees from the affected businessmen. On the other hand, the LGU incur greater costs in terms of providing protection to threatened sectors and relief assistance during and immediately after the event and rehabilitation of damages to public service facilities like school buildings, public markets and roads. Moreover, investments would not flow in areas that are adversely affected by climate-induced events and therefore, adversely affect local development.

These findings indicate the need to review the climate typology of the Philippines and the need to assess the value of losses so that institution of appropriate adaptation measures can be fully appreciated and justified.

Sector			Event			
Sector	Typhoon	Variable Rainfall	ASLR	Dry spell		
Agriculture	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$		
Fishery	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	-		
Salt-making	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	-		
Commerce						
and	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-		
Industry						
Tourism	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	-	-		
General	1					
Public	•		-	•		
LGU	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$	-		

 Table 2: Sectors in study communities adversely affected by climatic events

Sectors affected	Impacts
Agriculture	- Flooding of lowland farms
-	- Heavy siltation and sedimentation of farms
	- Damaged crops/less harvest/less income
	- Damaged irrigation facilities/dikes
Fishing	- Heavy siltation and sedimentation of fish ponds
	- Destruction of fish pens/cages
	- Less fish catch/income
	- Destruction of fishing boats and gear
	- Less income for fish processors/hired workers
Saltmaking	- Destroyed/silted salt ponds
_	- Saltmaking schedule disrupted
	- Reduced income for salt pond owners
	- Income loss for workers
General public	- Flooding of urban/lowland areas
	- Damaged infrastructures (houses, schools, buildings)
	- Interruption of public services (school, electricity)
	- Incidence of diseases like flu, fever, diarrhoea and
	amoebiasis
	- Injured/dead persons
	- Food shortage
	- Decline in value of real property
Commerce and trade	- Reduced/disrupted business activities
	- Low sales → income
Local Government Units	- Reduced business tax collection
	- Increased expenditures for relief operations

 Table 3. Impacts of major events in study communities.

# Adaptation Strategies of Communities and Local Government Units

# General Public

Residents of the study communities are generally poor and have limited economic options but their limited aspirations and wants and their positive outlook and attitudes in life enhance their resilience and adaptive capacity, albeit at a low level.

Some of the typhoons and flood victims were fortunate to have received financial assistance from their LGUs to help them start anew. All the LGUs provided starter seeds, loans and grants for house or boat repairs which amount to about \$50 per household. However, only 10 to 20 percent of the victims received such help.

As expected, economically better-off victims have greater resilience. They were able to obtain loans as new capital for the same business, and upgrade their facilities. For instance, the fish processors elevated their fish processing plants beyond the estimated flood water level.

The community residents have basically the same response actions to typhoons. In the rural areas wherein the houses of the focus group discussion participants are made of light materials, the immediate response action is to reinforce their houses by tying their roofs or putting heavy objects such as tires or hollow blocks to prevent the roofing material being blown away by the wind. Sometimes, those are able to hold the roofing materials in place. Others, whose roofing materials have worn-out, use pails to catch the rain waters that gushes through the hole.

Many residents refuse to take precautionary measures and evacuate to safer places despite impending typhoon-induced hazards. They are resistant to leave their

houses and would rather take the chance and hope that the storm will subside or the typhoon will not make a landfall. In many instances, people would rather go up to their rooftop until they are rescued and forcibly brought to evacuation centers.

Strong social cohesion and strong social capital were found to be pervasive in the study communities. Neighbours, regardless of socioeconomic condition, provided food, shelter and even clothes to those in need. Enterprising store owners used improvised amphibious vehicles to sell food stuff to residents whose mobility was restrained by flood waters. In C2, boat owners use their boats for public transportation and served as their source of income in times when they could not go out for fishing. Fisherfolks whose fishponds or fish cages were destroyed by floods or strong current had no other choice but re-seed the pond/cage.

In flood prone areas, residents employed temporary adaptation measures such as placing their appliances and furniture on the second floor of their 2-storey houses or on stilts in anticipation of possible flooding. Households generally prepare alternative lighting materials and cooking fuel at the start of the rainy season because power outage is common during the typhoon period. Candles, lamps with rechargeable batteries and kerosene lamps as well as charcoal-fuelled stove are common adaptation strategies by many households.

Sharing of limited resources is common to Filipino families. A family of six whose damaged house is no longer liveable opted to share a shanty with a relative with five children. Shared poverty is a virtue that many Filipino families posses.

# Farming and Fishing Communities

Farmers whose crops have been damaged by either flooding or dry-spell had to wait and hope for favourable weather. There were also instances when farmers had to repeat planting three times because the seed that they had sown were destroyed due to seasonal variability. In other communities, rain did not come, hence, farmers waited for the next planting season. Some farmers planted cash crops but others did not diversify cropping or income sources. In instances where flood or drought occurred in the middle of the cropping season, before flowering stage, farmers could do nothing but wait for the next planting season. Meanwhile, farmers just have to borrow from input/output dealer to survive.

Climate forecast application is a skill that farmers should learn to help them plan their farming activities and avoid such losses. However, most farmers are not aware of the availability and usefulness of climate forecast. Government extension workers should also learn this skill so they can use Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration's (PAGASA) climate forecast in helping farmers adjust their planting calendar and advise them to diversify cropping accordingly.

# Salt-makers

Saltmakers have the most limited adaptation options and the most vulnerable to climate/rainfall variability. The distinct wet and dry season historically experienced under Type I climate is ideal for salt making. However, the unpredictable weather pattern recently experienced prevented salt makers to plan their operations effectively. Hence, most of them gave-up their operations.

# Local Government Units

Climate change adaptation in the Philippines is facilitated by a set of organizational structures from the national to the smallest unit of government and a set of protocols, systems and procedures on disaster risk management (DRM) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) that have been in place and strictly monitored for about 10 years now.

Promotion of DRM and DRR policies were prompted by the several incidents of strong typhoons that hit the country in the last decade and brought losses amounting to PhP6 to 7.8 billion (USD120M to USD150M).

In terms of organizational structures, disaster coordinating council/committee has been set-up at the national, provincial, regional, municipal and barangay (village) levels. LGUs at the provincial and municipal levels are allowed by law to set aside five percent of their regular income as calamity fund which can be used for relief and rescue operation when their province/town is declared as a calamity area. The local legislative council is also mandated by law to declare if their area is in a state of calamity based on the extent of damages incurred.

This mechanism is effective as a short-term response action. However, much is yet to be done in terms of long-term response to climate change impacts. Preparedness by communities and institutions should be emphasized instead of reactive response actions.

The national government through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) has issued Memorandum Circulars (MCs) to alert LGUs about the need for awareness-raising and capacity-building and to empower LGUs in autonomously responding to climate change and preparing their adaptation plans.

Among the national government issuances are: 1) DILG-MC 2008-69 (Encouraging LCEs and Sanggunians to Implement Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Measures); 2) DILG-MC 2008-123 (Mobilizing Local Actions to Address the Impacts of Climate Change), 3) DILG-MC No. 2008-161 (November 3, 2008) (Trainor's Training on Mobilizing Actions to Address the Impacts of Climate Change); 4) DILG-MC No. 2009-21 amending MC No. 2008-123 to include the National Movement of Young Legislators as one of the institutional partners in Mobilizing Local Actions to Address the Impacts of Climate Change; and 5) DILG-MC 2009-73 (National Conference on Empowering LGUs to Clean the Air and Address Climate Change Through Partnership).

Under this circular, all LGUs are mandated to undertake an initiative on mobilizing local action to address the impacts of climate change in four phases: Phase 1-Awareness-Raising; Phase 2 – Legislative and Executive Actions; Phase 3-Assessment of Actions and Phase 4- sustaining strategies. However, compliance with these MCs has been slow and limited. For instance, as of April 2009, only four out of 17 regions have complied with these circulars (BLGS, 2009).

In three of the five study communities, the LGUs followed general DRM protocols which include mobilizing the local disaster coordinating council, monitoring the status of the event and affected communities, mobilization of the Calamity Fund, forewarning/informing vulnerable communities of impending event, evacuation, relief and rescue operations. No long-term preparedness plans or actions are yet in place aside from C2 and those contained in the ICCAP that was prepared under the APN funded project.

C2 and C4 have structural and non-structural adaptation strategies on top of the reactive response actions prescribed in the DRM protocol to protect the communities and minimize or mitigate climate change induced impacts. C2 instituted more innovative policies and has long-term plans to safeguard not only the fisherfolks and business sectors that are directly affected by flooding, saline water intrusion and land subsidence, but for the other sector as well.

C2 LGU is the only LGU that has early warning system (EWS) in place with clear procedures that are known to all sectors. Their EWS has three major components such as: 1) the rain gauge, to measure rainfall, 2) flood warning system and 3) information dissemination. This early warning system has been effective in reducing

losses, protecting lives and properties and further aggravating the effects of other environmental problems such as ground subsidence.

# The Indicative Climate Change Adaptation Plans

The partner LGUs' plan to respond to the climate events differ depending on the extent of vulnerability, the sectors affected and their own capabilities. For instance, the ICCAP prepared for C1 puts special emphasis on agriculture, forestry and related sectors which are the main sources of livelihood in the study communities. Structural response strategies include installation of soil and water management facilities and communal irrigation systems while non-structural strategies include establishment of a community-based (barangay level) forest rehabilitation and protection, establishments of cooperatives and microfinance to enhance possible funding for alternative livelihood, creation of sustainable livelihood projects, and installation of pre-disaster warning and monitoring device.

The LGU that covers C2 showed the highest adaptive capacity. They have well trained manpower that may implement the DRM plan and prepare their ICCAP. Among the study municipalities, only this LGU has data and knowledge management system, early warning system and local ordinances (e.g. building code, land use code) to institutionalize adaptation strategies. It is not a rich municipality but it was able to mobilize resources and motivate the people to cooperate with the authorities. Their ICCAP is not elaborate but science-based and achievable given their limited means. C2 showed the capacity for anticipatory adaptation. They prepared long-term plans in anticipation of the possible worsening of flooding, saline water intrusion and ground subsidence to safeguard the sectors that are potentially at risk. The plan includes the redirection of local development towards higher elevation and away from flood prone areas, upgrading of roads to increase its elevation above flood water level and conduct of awareness raising and preparedness exercises throughout the municipality. This outlook may have been honed by their horrible experiences with flood and lahar flow brought about by the Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruption in 1991. The LGU staff gained knowledge and skills from the programs brought to the town after the catastrophe and have applied such knowledge and skills together with the concepts and skills learned from this project in the ICCAP preparation and DRM planning.

ICCAP of C3 includes vigorous information and education campaigns (IEC), monitoring measures for improved decision making, enhanced compliance of existing laws, adoption of Geographic Information System, and participation of LGUs and stakeholders in the implementation of climate change adaptation plans and programs.

The ICCAP for C4 targets the protection of fishing and saltmaking industries. The planned activities include: a) rehabilitation of fishponds and use of new finfish species as material for aquaculture activities and development of new techniques with the help of experts to sustain fishpond operation; b) construction and reinforcement of mud dikes to protect fishponds and prevent overspill due to sea level rise or flooding and improve aeration to help normalize oxygen supply; c) construction of road dikes as flood control measure and facilitate access to fishponds; and d) building of tidal/flood gates or check dams as mitigating measure against sea level rise which caused flooding during high tide.

Community 5's ICCAP focuses on mobilizing action to address climate change in four (4) phases - awareness building; legislative and executive actions; assessment of actions; and sustaining strategies. Legislative and Executive Action includes environmental and watershed protection. C5 has a strong planning capablity because of its trained manpower but greater involvement of the local political leadership is needed to guide, mandate and empower the staff to take the initiatives in climate change adaptation planning.

# 4. Conclusions

- 1. This project seems to have kindled the interest of other LGUs and other scientists in climate change issues as evidenced by their attendance and active participation in the project's dissemination forums. During the initial stage of project implementation, potential partners, the LGU officials and scientists were not very keen to join the project. Many of the LCEs were not very receptive of the idea and believe that their DRM is sufficient to meet their needs and that climate change is not felt in the town. Some scientists were likewise not receptive to the invitation. However, upon learning more about this project, some LCEs asked if they could still be included in the project. Moreover, during the dissemination forums, many LGUs showed appreciation of the advantage that participating LGUs gained. Many scientists also expressed their interest to join similar climate change research in the future. This change in attitude may have been influenced by their increased awareness about the climate change phenomenon and appreciation of the skills that their colleagues have learned about vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation planning.
- 2. The participatory action research method employed enabled the project to reach a wider audience and meet its climate change awareness-raising and capacity building objectives. The community residents who participated in the vulnerability assessment workshops were able to put into proper context the climate variability and the intense typhoon that they have experienced in the last three decades. People have gotten used to natural calamities and attribute the recent increase in the number and intensity of typhoon to natural or even super natural factors beyond human control that they have to live with. The brief lecture on climate change phenomenon that preceded every public forum provided scientific explanation about the extreme climate events that they have experienced.
- 3. The vulnerability assessment method employed by the project has limited application and a science-based approach using scientific instruments that will measure the exposure to climate risks as well as aggravating factors such as slope and elevation that would allow the vulnerability map preparation could provide more accurate and scientific basis. The vulnerability assessment that was done by the focus group discussion participants was qualitative and based on recall of previous events. The approach was adopted from Pulhin, et.al (2006), which was found useful for generating community awareness and qualitative assessment. However, quantitative vulnerability assessment would be more useful in prioritizing projects and fund allocation especially for structural adaptation measures.
- 4. Climate change adaptation plan preparation is an initial indication that all participating LGUs have recognized the importance of preparedness in responding to climate change impacts and that indeed climate change is real and that DRM is not enough if the LGU has to effectively respond to climate change impacts. The project produced only an indicative climate change adaptation plan because it covered only the most vulnerable barangays in the study municipalities and the vulnerability data generated are not sufficient for a municipality-wide adaptation plan. The idea was to imbue the LGU staff and scientists with climate change adaptation planning skills that they can apply to the entire municipality for which they will prepare a comprehensive climate change adaptation plan.

The report/plan that was prepared is only preliminary in nature but its essential elements have been integrated into the so-called annual investment plan (AIP) of the municipalities. The projects included in the AIP are considered priorities and therefore have to be funded. The integration of the identified adaptation measures into the AIP is an indication of the project impact.

5. There are indications that the project partners imbibed climate change concepts

and learned the rudiments of vulnerability assessment and climate change adaptation planning. The vulnerability assessment report and ICCAPs that were prepared have served the purpose but further refinements in the format and presentation are needed. More in-depth training on quantitative vulnerability assessment methods would still be desirable.

6. The dissemination forums reached a broad spectrum of audiences including local legislators, elementary and high school teachers, local media, other LGUs, scientists, civil society groups and farmers and fisherfolks. The project took advantage of those occasions not only to present the project results but also to deliver lectures on the climate change phenomenon and improve people's understanding about climate change. These lectures also helped the audience put the project results into proper contexts for greater appreciation.

Among the interesting feedbacks from the forum participants were: 1) teachers requested for additional background materials or ready to use/packaged teaching materials; 2) requests from some LGUs for assistance in obtaining biophysical and climatological data for their municipality as well as vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning; and 3) community residents advised the LGUs to inform the general public about climate change so that greater community cooperation in adaptation strategy implementation can be easily solicited.

- 7. There are a number of climate change awareness-raising initiatives that have been recently launched but Project partners noted that hands-on and interactive training can yield more lasting impact/results than one-time lectures. Coaching and close monitoring were also found important to ensure the timely completion of the VAR and ICCAP.
- 8. The most devastating climate event that was experienced in all sites was typhoon and the consequent flooding that it caused. The hardest hit sectors are the farmers, the fisher folks and the general public particularly those who live on river banks and in houses built of light materials. Greater climate variability and long dry spell have also been observed by the FGD participants. These climate events have significant adverse impacts on farmers and saltmakers whose farming and saltmaking activities were severely disrupted. Accelerated sea level rise also caused damage to fisherfolks, general public, local business operations, and water quality and has caused decline in land value in affected communities.
- 9. The common response strategies by communities and LGUs are temporary and reactive in nature. Preparedness, community initiated collective action and search for permanent solutions have yet to be initiated.
- 10. An aspect of adaptation that has not yet been fully explored is climate forecast application. PAGASA is building its climate forecasting capability. Government extension workers should be trained on climate forecast application so that they can help farmers adjust their planting calendar and cropping patterns accordingly. A joint project on climate forecast application along with other skills development efforts is being contemplated.
- 11. Much is yet to be done to convince institutions and populations at risk to undertake effective response actions and formulate adaptation measures. Beyond awareness-raising, they should know what feasible adaptation options they can choose from and the social and economic implications of each option. Measures to enhance their adaptive capacity should be identified scientifically. Given the resource poor condition of the LGUs and the population at risk, the formidable challenge is to come-up with economically feasible, socially acceptable and effective adaptation options. Collective action, networking with state and non-state actors and the political will, the openness to learn from others' experiences and best practices are critical for the success of this activity. The various ICCAPS contain adaptation strategies that call for structural and institutional interventions. The time frame for the ICCAP implementation varies

from short to long term and in all the municipalities priority measure have been integrated into the comprehensive AIP.

# Future Directions

The knowledge and experiences generated by the project shall be shared with various sectors to further amplify its awareness raising and skills development impacts. Dissemination of project results can be done in a number of ways:

- 1. Experiences generated by this project and the compilation of lectures will be used in designing a training program for LGUs
- 2. The Booklet on Climate Change and Municipal Level Adaptation Planning will be distributed to LGUs, SCUs, CSOs, media, elementary and high school teachers and other sectors that participated in the dissemination forums.
- 3. Teaching materials may be developed in coordination with the Department of Education for the benefit of elementary and high school students.
- 4. Preparation and distribution of a more popular version of the booklet
- 5. Presentation of project results in scientific conferences to continue dissemination

The project partners can apply the lessons learned to broaden the project impact in their respective sectors, i.e.: 1) local planners can expand their ICCAP and prepare their comprehensive adaptation plan for the entire municipality and can also share their experiences and learning with other LGUs; 2) local scientists can pursue research on climate change adaptation planning in their universities and work with local planners in expanding their local adaptation plan; and 3) UPLB team is committed to extend their services to interested sectors.

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# **APPENDICES**

#### **APPENDIX A.1**

#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING SEMINAR/WORKSHOP August 13-15, 2008 College of Public Affairs. University of the Philippines Los Baños

# PROJECT BRIEF

## "Enhancing the Climate Change Adaptation Capacity of Local Government Units and Scientists n the Philippines"

This project is in line with APN CAPaBLE Programme's emphasis on science-policy interfacing, awareness raising and dissemination activities. In the Philippines, local government units (LGUs) are in the forefront of disaster management including responding to the impacts of climate change. However, many LGUs are not aware of the climate change phenomenon and do not have the capacity to assist the affected communities in preparing climate change adaptation measures. Local state universities have resources (e.g. scientists, students and facilities) that can be capacitated as LGUs partners to further enhance local climate change adaptation capacity.

LGU-scientists partnership can enhance sciencepolicy interfacing and ensure sustainability of adaptation plan implementation. This project generally aims to develop the capacity of LGUs and local scientists to formulate climate change response strategies.

Specific objectives: 1) study the pattern of climate variability that affected the study sites and assess its social, economic and environmental impacts; 2) conduct awareness raising and capacity-building seminars, lectures, and workshops; 3) assist L6Us in the preparation of indicative climate change adaptation plans and programs; and 4) disseminate the findings of the study to policymakers, civil society organizations, other scientists and global change research programmes to contribute to the growing body of knowledge on climate change and the furtherance of science.

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# CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AWARENESS-RAISING SEMINAR

August 13-15, 2008 CPAf Class Rooms 303-304 College of Public Affairs UP Los Baños





# PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

August 14

#### August 13

#### 8:30 Registration

 Opening Ceremony
 Prof. Wilfredo B. Carada

 Welcome Remarks
 Prof. Wilfredo B. Carada

 Director, IDMG, UPLB
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 Project Overview
 Dr. Linda M. Peñalba

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 Keynote Address
 Dr. Luis Rey I. Velasco

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Short Messages Municipal Mayors SCU President

#### 12:00 Lunch Break

#### Facilitator: Dr. Ma. Ana Quimbo

1:00 Climate Trends/Changes Dr. Flaviana D. Hilario in the Philippines Dr. Flaviana D. Hilario Weather Services Chief CAB, PAGASA

- 2:00 Open Forum
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture and Food Security at the Local Level: Assessment Methods, Data Requirements, and Science-based Adaptations
- 4:00 Open Forum
- 5:00 Socials

Facilitator: Prof. Nelson V. Querijero

August 14							
8:30	Impact of Climate Change on Forestry Sector	Dr. Rex Victor O. Cruz Dean, CFNR, UPLB					
9:30	Open Forum						
10:00	Break						
10:15	Climate Science/ Impact on Coastal	Dr. Rosa Perez Consultant, ADB Project The Manila Observatory					
11:15 Open Forum							
12:00	12:00 Lunch Break						
	Facilitator: Prof. V	Vilfredo B. Carada					
1:00	Assessment of Vulneral and Adaptation Practice of Local Communities to Climate Variability and I in Watershed Areas	5					
2:00	Open Forum						
3:00	Break						
3:15	Promoting Adaptation Planning for Climate Change	Prof. Nelson V. Querijero IDMG, CPAf, UPLB					

4:15 Open Forum

Facilitator: Dr. Merlyne M. Paunlagui

#### August 15

8:30	Discussion of Urgent Concerns							
9:00	Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Measures	Mr. Gamie A. David Executive Director, PTFCC						
10:00	Open Forum							
10:30	Break							
10:45	Workshop Mechanics	Dr. Linda M. Peñalba Project leader						
	Topics							
	<ul> <li>a. Perceived Climate Change Impacts, Risks and Vulnerabilities of different study</li> </ul>							
sites								
b. Task Ahead								
	b.1 Role of Collaborators							
	b.2 IOCAP Preparation							
	b.3 Collection of data available in the							
	provinces (data gaps, data							
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12:00	Lunch Break							
	Facilitator: Dr.	Josefina T. Dizon						

- 1:00 Continuation of Workshop and Recap by Collaborators
- 2:30 Closing Ceremonies Awarding of Certificate of Attendance
  - Closing Remarks Dr. Josefina T. Dizon Coord., GPO, CPAf, UPLB
- 3:00 Break
- 3:30 Departure of Participants
  - Facilitators: Dr. Linda M. Peñalba/ Ms. Dulce D. Elezegui

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#### **APPENDIX B.1**

# PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP December 10-11, 2008 King's Royale, San Fernando, Pampanga

#### ABOUT

#### "Enhancing the Climate Change Adaptation Capacity of Local Government Units and Scientists in the Philippines"

This project is in line with APN CAPaBLE Programme's emphasis on acience-policy interfacing, awareness raising and dissemination activities. In the Philippines, local government units (LGUs) are in the forefront of disaster management lockuling responding to the impacts of climate change. However, many LGUs are not aware of the climate change phenomenon and do not have the capacity to assist the affected communities in preparing climate change adaptation measures. Local state universities have resources (e.g. scientists, students and facilities) that can be capacitated as LGU's partners to further enhance local climate change adaptation capacity.

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A joint project of UPLB and selected state colleges and universities, municipal and provincial governments of Cavite, Batangas, Isabela and Pampanga

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# VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

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# PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

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Day 1 (i	December 10, W	ednesday)		2:50	Open Forum
8:00 -	9:00	Arrival/Re	egistration/Coffee	3:00	Break
	9:00		f Workshop 1 and VAW Mechanics M. Peñalba, Project Leader	3:20	Paper 5: IEC Strategies Ms. Enrica Esmero, CvSU
	9:10	Paper 1:	Guagua, Pampanga Dr. Rogelio D. Cosio, PAC	3:50	Discussion Dr. Juan Pulhin, UPLB
	9:40	Paper Dis	<b>u</b>	4:00 4:10	Open Forum Comments and Suggestions Dr. John Pulhin
	9:50	Reaction:	Mr. Isaias Panganiban, Jr. MA, Guagua, Pampanga	4:40	Prof. Nelson J.V. B. Querijero Open Forum
	10:00	Open For	um	5: 00	Community-Based Flood Early Warning System
	10:30	Paper 2:	Ilagan, Isabela Dr. Januel Floresca, ISU		Engr. Nieves L. Bonifacio Chief, Meteorology Office, PAGASA, Agromet Station, UPLB
	11:00	Discussio	n	5:30	Open Forum
			Engr. Rosalia Adonis, P-ENRO Pampanga	6:30	Dinner
	11:10	Reaction:	: Ms. Jenita Z. Fernandez Municipal Agriculturist , Ilagan, Isabela	Facilitators: M	s. Duice Elazegui and Dr. Linda Penalba
	11:20	Open For	um	7:00 - 8:00	
11:30 -	1:00	- Lunch Bre	eak/Check-in	7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast Paper 6: San Juan, Batangas
	1:00	Paper 3:	Rosario, Cavite	0.00	Dr. Linda M. Penalba, UPLB
			Dr. Edna DA. Vida Director for Research, CvSU	9:00	Discussion Prof. Nelson V. Querijero, UPLB
	1:30	Discussio	n Mr. Danilo Tumamao Provincial Agriculturist, Isabela	9:10	Reaction: Ms. Vilma Garcia MPDO, San Juan, Batangas
	1:40	Reaction:	Councilor Manny C. Pueblo Chair, Committee on Environment	9:20	Open Forum
			Municipality of Rosario, Cavite	9:30	Break
	1:50	Open For	um	9:50	Discussion of comments, suggested
	2:00	Paper 4:	Kawit, Cavite		revisions and ICCAP Preparation
			Dr. David Cero, CvSU	11:30	Lunch Break/Check-out
	2:30	Discussio		1:00	Trip to Guagua, Pampanga
			Prof. Nelson J.V. B. Querijero, UPLB	2:30	Homeward Bound (Von Voyage!)
	2:40	Reaction:	Mr. Rico Mernije Executive Assistant, Kawit, Cavite	Facilitators: M	s. Dulce Elazegui and Dr. Linda Peñalba

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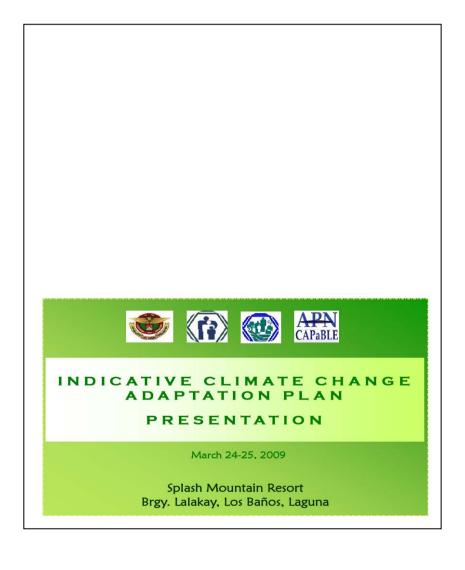
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## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: INDICATIVE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PLAN PRESENTATION March 24-25, 2009

Splash Mountain Resort, Brgy. Lalakay, Los Baños, Laguna



	PROGRAM OF	E ACTIVITIES
L	Day 1 (March 24	, 2009)
8:30 8:45	Registration Opening Remarks and Workshop Overview	Dr. Linda M. Peñalba
9:00	ICCAP - San Juan, Batangas	Project Leader Ms. Vilma A. Garcia MPDC, San Juan, Batangas
10:00	ICCAP - Rosario, Cavite	Ms. Joanne Michelle D. Gonzales MA Rosario, Cavite
11:00	Discussion/Reaction	
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12:00	Lunch Break	
1:15	ICCAP - Kawit, Cavite	<b>Mr. Rico Memije</b> Executive Assistant Kawit. Cavite
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4:30	Discussion/Reaction	
5:00	Open Forum	
5:30	Climate Forecast Application	Dr. Flaviana Hilario Chief, CAB, PAGASA
5:45	Open Forum	
6:30	Dinner	
7:30	SOCIALS	
	DAY 2 (March 2	5, 2009)
8:30	Steps Ahead	Dr. Linda M. Peñalba Project Leader
10:00	Break	
10:15	Los Baños Solid Waste Management	Hon. Caesar Perez Municipal Mayor, Los Baños, Lagun
11:00	Open Forum	

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#### APPENDIX E. 1

#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADAPTATION PLAN SEMINAR

May 12, 2009 Guagua National College Guagua, Pampanga



## APPENDIX E. 2

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#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADAPTATION PLAN SEMINAR

#### May 15, 2009 Aguinaldo Shrine Kawit, Cavite



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#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADAPTATION PLAN SEMINAR

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#### CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADAPTATION SEMINAR

Audio-Visual Center Pampanga Agricultural College (PAC) Magalang, Pampanga

June 4, 2009 (Thursday) 1:30pm - 5:00pm

#### PROGRAM

1:30	Invocation	Mr. Dindo C. Bulanadi Staff, IEC Center, PAC
1:35	National Anthem	

1:40 Welcome Address

- 2:00 Seminar Overview
- 2:15 Climate Change Phenomenon and Adaptation Possibilities
- 3:00 Guagua Vulnerability Assessment Report
- 3:30 Indicative Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- 4:00 Open Forum
- 4:40 Closing Remarks

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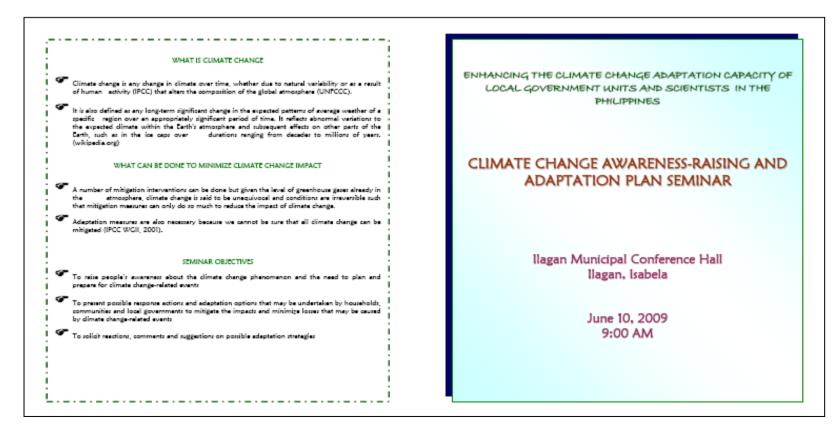
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#### **APPENDIX H**

#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: CLIMATE CHANGE AWARENESS-RAISING AND ADAPTATION PLAN SEMINAR

June 10, 2009 Ilagan Municipal Conference Hall Ilagan, Isabela



#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

8: 30	Invocation/ National Anthem	Ms. Aracely T. Asis
`	Welcome Address	HOn, JOSemarie L. Diaz Municipal Mayor Ilagan, Isabela
8:55	Seminar Overview	Dr. Linda Penalba Project Manager
9:00	Climate Change Phenomenon and Adaptation Possibilities	Dr. Rex Victor Cruz Dean CFNR, UPLB
10:00	Vulnerability Assessment	Dr. Januel FlOresca ISU Scientist
10:30	Climate Change Adaptation Plan	Ms. Jenita Z. Fernandez MA, Ilagan, Isabela
11:00	Reactions	HOn. Kiryll S. Bello and SB Members Ilagan, Isabela
11:15	Open Forum	
11:50	Closing Remarks	Mr. Danilo B. Tumamao Provincial Agriculturist Province of Isabela
	Emcee/Facilitator: Moises Alamo	

#### APPENDIX I. 1

### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES: REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

#### June 11, 2009 De Venecia Hall Isabela State University, Hagan Isabela

TIME	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/IN-CHARGE	
1:40 PM	National S&T Framework on Climate Change in the Agriculture, Forestry & Natural Resources Sectors	Dr. Romulo T. Aggangan Director, Forestry and Environment Research Division (FERD), PCARRD	REGIONAL
2:00 PM	OPEN FORUM Moderator:	Mr. Roderick Quintos RTWG Representative, ULS	CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM
2:20 PM	Higher Education Action Agenda on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	Dr. William C. Medrano CHED Commissioner	
2:40 PM	OPEN FORUM Moderator:	Dr. Reynald Delos Trinos RTWG Representative, NVSU	June 11, 2009 De Venecia Hall
3:00 PM	Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation in Isabela and Region 02	Dr. Januel P. Floresca ISU Research Partner, APN Climate Change Adaptation Project	Isabela State University
3:20 PM	OPEN FORUM Moderator:	Dr. Hermana K. Banciles RTWG Representative, QSC	Echague, Isabela
3:40 PM	Workshop on Formulation of Regional Climate Change Program Group I: Climate Change and Crops Group II: Climate Change and Livestock Group III: Climate Change and Forestry and Natural Resources	Resource Persons/Facilitators: Dr. Andres Masipiquena, ISU-CVPED Mr. Danilo Tumanao, PAO Mr. Orlando Lorenzana, CVIARC For. Henry Patricio, DENR Dr. Romulo Aggangan, PCARRD Dr. Jonathan Nayga, ISU Dr. Januel P. Floresca, ISU	Theme: "Enhancing climate change adaptation capacity through science-policy interfacing".
	Workshop Mechanics	Dr. Orlando F. Balderama, ISU	Sponsors:
4:30 PM	Closing Program Synthesis of Workshop Statements of Support	Emcee: Dr. Rogelio Matalang Dr. Januel Floresca Dr. William C. Medrano, CHED Dr. Romulo T. Aggangan, DOST- PCARRD Hon. Ma. Gracia Cielo Padaca, PLGU Isabela	<ul> <li>Provincial Government of Isabela (PGI)</li> <li>Cagayan Valley Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (CVARRD) Consortium</li> <li>University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)</li> <li>Commission on Higher Education (CHED)</li> <li>Isabela State University (ISU)</li> </ul>
	Distribution of Plaques of Appreciation and Souvenirs	Dr. Romeo R. Quilang Dr. William Medrano Dr. Romulo T. Aggangan	
	Closing Remarks	Dr. Edmundo C. Gumpal Consortium Executive Director	This serves as an invitation
5:00 PM	Cocktail/Dinner		

#### RATIONALE

The ultimate driver of climate change is global warming which is caused by the uncontrolled temperature increase of the greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxides due to anthropogenic activities and increasing population. Indications of climate change in the Philippines include more frequent and stronger typhoons and intensified El Nino – La Nina cycles, among others. Common effects are floods, droughts, deaths and property damages.

The Isabela State University (ISU) which is the base-agency of the Cagayan Valley Agriculture and Resources Research and Development (CVARRD) Consortium comes in the forefront of climate change research and development in the region. One of the University's involvements in addressing Climate Change concerns is through the collaborative project titled "Enhancing the Climate Change Adaptation Capacity of Local Government Units and Scientists in the Philippines." The Project officially started during the Climate Change Awareness Raising Seminar and MOA signing held at UPLB on August 13-15, 2008. The project is collaboratively undertaken by research partners which include three SUCs (CvSU, PAC and ISU) as well as Provincial LGUs of Batangas, Cavite, Pampanga and Isabela and their respective Capital Towns which are vulnerable to the effects of climate variability and extremes.

In order to create awareness and disseminate the project's initial accomplishments and CVARRD to take the lead in developing the capacity of LGUs and communities to effectively respond to climate change for sustainable development, this forum is timely and relevant.

#### OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the forum is to create awareness and develop capacity of CVARRD, LGUs, and communities to effectively respond to climate change for sustainable development.

#### Specific Objectives are:

- 1) To conduct awareness seminars, lectures, and workshops on climate change;
- To assist SUC's, GO's, NGO's, LGUs and communities in the preparation of climate change adaptation plans and programs; and
- 3) To disseminate the findings of climate change researches to policymakers, civil society organizations and other scientists and students to contribute to the growing body of knowledge on climate change and the furtherance of science.

#### EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Improved awareness by scientists, LGU officials, students and civil society on the climate change
  phenomenon, its social, economic and environmental impacts and the urgency to take action and plan
  accordingly,
- Improved LGU capacity to prepare science-based plans and policies using scientific climate change forecast issued by government agencies concerned;
- Established social arrangements and institutional linkages between the affected communities, LGUs, local scientific community and government agencies concerned;
- Crafted R&DE Agenda on Climate Change Adaptation in Region 02.

#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

TIME	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/IN-CHARGE
06:30 AM	Breakfast	
07:00 AM	Registration CVARRD Sourceariat	
08:30 AM	Opening Coromanies	Emcee: Dr. Rogelio Matalang RACO Representative, CSU
	Invocation	Eugr. Alexander F. Ritun RMIS Coordinator
	Pambansang Awit	Prof. Perlas A. Pasena Enhancing FITS Coordinator
	Opening and Welcome Remarks	Dr. Romeo R. Quilang RRDCC Chair and President, ISU
	Acknowledgement of Participants	Dr. Fedrita N. Medrano Techno-Gabay Coordinator
	Forum Overview & Mechanics	Dr. Linda M. Peñalloa Project Leader, APN-UPLB-SUC Climate Change Adaptation Project
	Messages	Bon. Leoncio K. Kint Mayor, Municipality of Echague
		Hon. Ms. Gracia Giale Padaca Governor, Province of Isabela
	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	Dr. William C. Medrano CHED Commissioner Dr. Urdwjah Tejada
	Keynote Address	Regional Director, DOST-R02 Ban. Hobserson T. Alvaroz Presidential Advisor on Global Warming and Climate Change
10:30 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM	ClimateTrends/ Change in the Philippine:	Dr. Flaviana Hilario Chief, Weather Services, Climatology & Agrometeorology Branch, PAGASA-DOST
11:30 AM	OPEN FORUM Moderator:	Dr. Joss Cozman RTWG Representative, CSU
12:00 PM		Lanch
1:00 PM	Climate Science and Impacts on Various Ecosystems and Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)	Dr. Rez Victor Cruz Professor and Dean, CFNR, UPLB
1:20 PM	OPEN FORUM Moderator:	Frof. Luzon T. Salvador Professor, ISU

## APPENDIX I. 2

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

## **REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM**

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ULS	Instructor
ULS	Instructor
ULS	Intern Coordinator
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ULS	English Chair
ULS	Instructor
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Isabela State University	40, 000	832.04
CVARRD Consortium	15, 000	312.01
Commission on Higher Education	10, 000	208.03
Total	95, 000	1975.86

## **Glossary of Terms**

ASLR	Accelerated Sea Level Rise
CALABARZON	Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Quezon
CEPZ	Cavite Export Processing Zone
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CVARRD	Cagayan Valley Agriculture and Resources Research and Development
EWS	Early Warning System
FGDs	Focus Groups Discussions
IEC	Information and Education Campaign
ICCAP	Indicative Climate Change Adaptation Plan
KIIs	Key Informant Interviews
LGUs	Local Government Units
MOAs	Memoranda of Agreement
SCUs	State Colleges and Universities
PTFCC	Philippine Task Force on Climate Change
VAR	Vulnerability Assessment Report