

EXIT REPORT

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Rationale

The inputs for the period of engagement with the UDP in 2005 is a follow-through the mainstreaming design and the activities which were carried out in the later part of 2004. The inputs were provided to strengthen the integration of the UDP schemes into the organizational structures and programs of the LGU system.

Mainstreaming as a long term and iterative process has to work-out with the prevailing conditions in the LGU system. Being carried out with the LGU officers who performed regular functions and activities, the mainstreaming efforts had to follow their pace in the LGU system.

This report presents the inputs of this consultant for the period January to December 2005. It is presented in brief and consistent with terms of reference. The inputs were as follows:

1. Upgrading the methodology for integrating the UDP schemes with the regular activities of the LGU system.
2. Completing the presentation of the Upland Agricultural Extension Delivery Scheme, including the Labor-based Barangay Road Maintenance Scheme and the Barangay Forest Protection-Management Scheme to the League of Barangay Captains in the UDP-covered municipalities.
3. Target setting and Budgeting workshops with the MAs, MENROs, MEs, MPDCs and Budget Officers.
4. Formulation of the Municipal Extension Plan with the Municipal Agriculturists using the outputs of target setting and budgeting workshops.
5. Coaching the downloading of the MEP to the barangay extension network.
6. Other Inputs

Accomplishments

Upgrading the methodology for integrating the agricultural extension delivery scheme, the LUB-BDP, the BFPM and the LBRM with the regular activities of the LGU system

The early phase of the integration process experienced some gaps in its design or methodology and this technical input introduced improvements as follows:

1. Multi-stage mainstreaming the UDP schemes with the regional institutions; the provincial local government units (PLGUs) and the SPs of the MLGUs.
2. Improvement in the budget preparation for the four schemes involving a smaller group of concerned MLGU officers and the introduction of LGU budget item for upland development amidst the commodity-based budget structure of the MLGUs.

Completing the presentation of the Upland Agricultural Extension Delivery Scheme, including the Labor-based Barangay Road Maintenance Scheme and the Barangay Forest Protection-Management Scheme to the League of Barangay Captains in the UDP-covered municipalities.

The presentation of the UDP schemes to the League of Barangay Captains opened up the mainstreaming process which was so designed to start at the base of the LGU system. It started in November 2004 with leagues of the three municipalities: Magsaysay, Davao del Sur; Malapatan, Sarangani; and Tangtangan, South Cotabato. The presentation to the other leagues of the UDP-covered municipalities were conducted in January to April 2005, as follows:

Municipality/PPO	Date
Laak PP01	Jan, 19, 2005
Manay, PPO2	Jan 20, 2005
New Bataan, PPO1	Feb. 2, 2005
Maragusan PPO1	Feb 8, 2005
Maco PPO1	Feb 10, 2005
Cateel PPO2	Feb 15 2005
Baganga PPO2	Feb 16, 2005
Caraga PPO2	Feb 17, 2005
Taragona PPO2	Feb 18, 2005
San Isidro PPO2	Feb 21, 2005

Banaybanay	PPO2	Feb 22, 2005
Lupon	PPO2	Feb 23, 2005
Mati	PPO2	Feb 28, 2005
Malungon	PPO4	March 1, 2005
Malita	PPO3	March 9, 2005
Malalag	PPO3	March 18, 2005
Don Marcelino	PPO3	March 22, 2005
Jose Abad Santos	PPO3	March 30, 2005
Alabel	PPO4	April 5, 2005
Maasim	PPO4	April 12, 2005,
Nabunturan	PPO1	April, 13, 2005
Pantukan	PPO1	April 14, 2005
Glan	PPO4	April 19, 2005
Kiamba	PPO4	April 21, 2005

The outputs of the presentation of the UDP schemes to the League of Barangay Captains are shown hereunder with sample copies enclosed in this report.

1. League Resolutions endorsing adoption of the schemes to the SBs of each municipality.
2. SB Resolutions with Mayor's approval of each municipality.
3. AT Deployment Orders issued by the Mayor of each municipality.

Target setting and Budgeting workshops in each Municipality

The provision of budgets by the LGUs is the tangible indicator for the replication of the UDP schemes, a major goal of the program.. The budget proposals as the outputs of the workshops and their subsequent approval, were intended to cover the UDP-covered and replication barangays in the municipalities.

The technical input to this activity included the formulation of the workshop design and its implementation in the UDP-covered municipalities. They were conducted with the MPDCs, MAs, MENROs, MEs and the Budget Officers, the composition of which, reflects the Municipal Project Team (MPT).

The outputs of the workshops were the targets and budget proposals for the LUB-BDP, BFPM, LBRM and the Agricultural Extension Delivery Scheme using the DFS as its focus. They were consolidated and copies are enclosed in this report.

Formulation of the Municipal Extension Plan (MEP)

This mainstreaming activity was undertaken to translate the previously-set municipal targets and budgets (from the workshops) into the barangay level. It was conducted with the MAs in each municipality thru province-wide workshops.

The technical inputs to this activity included the formulation of the workshop design and its implementation. The inputs consequently produced the MEP using the DFS as its focus and advocacy to the formation of the community extension network as conduit in field implementation.

Coaching the downloading the MEP to the barangay/community extension network

The input for this activity was the provision of the design and guidance in the conduct of the workshops by the MAs involving community leaders in each municipality. This mainstreaming activity clarified the MEP targets to the community leaders and led to the formation of the community extension network as conduit in DFS implementation. During the workshops, there were request for training the community extension network members especially in the replication barangays.

Other Inputs

1. Providing leadership role in the presentation of the UDP schemes to the League of Barangay Captains and in the target-setting and budgeting workshops.
2. Technical inputs during MANCOM meetings and other conferences

Recommendations

As a major goal of the program, mainstreaming or the integration of the UDP schemes into the structures and programs of the LGU system is the topmost concern in its culminating years. In this vein, the following recommendations are hereby presented to achieve mainstreaming within the time frame:

Upgrade coordination of activities for mainstreaming

Prioritize impact activities that directly enhance integration of UDP schemes into the LGU system

Continue the coaching for target setting and budgeting for 2007 and 2008

Strengthen the barangay extension network in the UDP-covered barangays and support trainings for members of the extension network in the replication barangays

Conduct periodic review of the MEP implementation with participation of the Provincial Agriculturists (PA)

Reconvene to strengthen the RRDEN including the PLGUs.

GLOSSARY OF ABEVIATIONS

AT	Agricultural Technician
BFPM	Barangay Forest Protection and Management
DFS	Diversified Farming System
LBRM	Labor-based road maintenance
LGU	Local Government Unit
LUB-BDP	Land use Based Barangay Development Plan
MA	Municipal Agriculturist
MPT	Municipal Project Team
MLGU	Municipal Local Government Unit
OPAG	Office of the Provincial Agriculturist
PA	Provincial Agriculturist
PLGU	Provincial Local Government Unit
RRDEN	Regional Research Development Extension Network
SB	Sangguniang Bayan
SP	Sangguniang Panglalawigan