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OFFICE OF HEALTH

Health Leadership and Governance Program

Change Management: Guiding Coalition Workshop in Region IX

To help Department of Health Region IX Director, Nimfa Torrizo, engage critical personnel in pursuing her health priorities, HLGP organized a guiding coalition workshop on October 2-3 in Zamboanga City. Director Torrizo and 24 of her program managers and coordinators, who will serve as her allies in pushing health reforms at the regional office attended the workshop. The workshop generated technical and adaptive leadership strategies in improving blood supply at the provincial hospitals, fast tracking the Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP) in the region, establishing a regional health information system with focus on pregnancy tracking, and improving efficiency in the administrative and financial processes to lessen the delays in implementing programs and projects.

Integrated Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition, and Family Planning Project(I-MNCHN/FP) –Mindanao Health Project

Building capabilities of Zamboanga Peninsula health workers and providers in facilitating Usapan sessions.

From October 8-10, 2014, 25 health providers and health workers from Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay and Isabela City participated in a Facilitators Training on Usapan in Zamboanga City. These participants were taught how to handle group counseling to improve interpersonal interactions between clients and health providers and encourage discussions on family planning and maternal,

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(continued from page 1) As part of the practicum, the trainees were assigned to conduct Usapan (Conversation) for men, women, and youth (both males and females) at the Joaquin Enriquez Memorial Sports Complex/Grandstand, one of the evacuation centers in Zamboanga City, and at the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. Calarian, and Tulungatung Transitory Sites for internally-displaced people (IDP) in Zamboanga City. A total of 52 men and women of reproductive age, and pregnant women participated in these sessions.

By improving the skills of providers to conduct group counselling sessions, the project envisions that providers will take charge of providing adequate and correct information as well as counselling on for males and females with unmet need for Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health and refer patients to appropriate health service providers and health facilities.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE

ENGAGE

#PSZambo Formalized Alliance for Public Safety Enhancement in Zamboanga City:

With assistance from ENGAGE, representatives of 22 civil society organizations (CSOs) in the city recently convened to formalize the #PSZambo initiative—an alliance to aid the city in its crime prevention and reduction efforts. The group agreed to adopt the following organizational objectives: (1) serve as a guiding coalition towards an empowered broad-based action against crime; (2) complement existing LGU capacities to enhance crime prevention and reduction strategies; (3) coordinate organizational efforts for focused actions and greater impact, and, (4) collaborate for efficient generation/mobilization of resources in the implementation of identified strategies. Some of the identified key strategies include the use of mass/social media to generate citizen support and intensify advocacy and capacity building for community policing. The group intends to conduct a “Fun Run for Crime Prevention” early in December as its first major collaborative effort. The activity aims to raise funds for the purchase of whistles and flashlights they will distribute to vulnerable communities to promote and support public safety.

ENGAGE

Preparations for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Economic Resettlement and Development Planning in Zamboanga City:

ENGAGE met with members of the Zamboanga City IDP Economic Cluster in preparation for a planning exercise that will help guide efforts to address the economic concerns of community members displaced by the September 2013 siege. ENGAGE will assist the cluster in doing the planning process covering three phases: (1) social preparation and community planning; (2) City-wide IDP Economic Summit; and, (3) Post Summit Plan Presentation and Donors’ Forum. The event—scheduled in November—will be undertaken in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program and other stakeholders working with IDPs in the city.

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

USAID's Be Secure Project organizes workshop for DepEd ARMM on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

The Basilan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, in collaboration with USAID's Be Secure Project, Department of Education (DepEd) Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Division and Philippine Information Agency, conducted a two-day Contingency Planning Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Climate Change Adaptation on October 8-9, 2014 in Isabela City. Sixty DepEd ARMM Focal Teachers participated in the workshop. Dr. Hja. Norhaya M. Abdurahim, Basilan Schools Division Superintendent, said that there is a need to institutionalize the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the curriculum since "prevention is better than cure" and teachers can play an important role in equipping students with this knowledge. District I Board Member, Alfiya Akbar-Fernandez, who delivered a message on behalf of Basilan Governor, Jum Akbar, spoke about the storm on October 8, 2013 that flooded several areas on the island, washed away houses along the coast and river banks and destroyed bridges, saying this was an example of the effects of climate change and that the province is upgrading its facilities and increasing awareness of the people of Basilan. About climate change adaptation.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

JOBS for Mindanao Out-of-School Youth (OSY) started a business that now benefits the community

Small business Heavenly Banana Chips that was started by JOBS-trained OSY now becomes a community-owned enterprise. The community that adopted the OSY-established business expands the production and now employs other OSY in the neighborhood. The OSY who originally established the business are set on going back to school fulltime, while some chose to be employed outside Midsayap. The barangay captain, recognizing the success of the business, offered to continue the operation of Heavenly Banana Chips. He organized the housewives of barangay Pacao, Alamada Municipality together with the other OSY. The JOBS-trained OSY, with Southern Christian College provided training to the new team of entrepreneurs composed of mothers and OSY. JOBS trained more than 140 OSY on entrepreneurship, with 43% still engaged in various businesses.



USAID'S SENIOR DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR SUMMARY

The Zamboanga Peninsula Exposition (ZAMPEX), a trade fair, took place from 8-11 October. The Department of Trade and Industry and the Zamboanga City Chamber of Commerce organized the event. ZAMPEX featured local products and commodities. Most items were produced in micro and small enterprise cottage industries: shell jewelry, small-scale processed foods, and handicrafts such as textiles and baskets. On a medium scale, abaca products, and processed rubber (from the Zamboanga Economic Zone) were featured. A joint field visit to Barangay Capisan was undertaken with JSOTF-P, the Office of the City Mayor, and USAID. The mayor chaired a national high school annual budget planning session, and delivered school supplies to the students. The barangay is upland, agricultural and remote, though, in evidence were both electricity and secondary water points along the side of a narrow, but surfaced, road.

ZAMPEX highlighted the fact that the business community of Zamboanga continues on a positive march in productivity and enterprise since the siege over a year ago. Zamboanga City has been confirmed to be a USAID City Development Initiative (CDI) city. CDI will facilitate economic development in Zamboanga and the region.

A meeting between JSOTF-P personnel and USAID was held on 16 October with LOGISTICS staff in Davao to discuss security and other issues with respect to the transition of JSOTF-P in the JOA. The team met with EN-GAGE project staff to go over their year 2 work plan and was given a brief on program accomplishments to date.

A presentation on the concept of indigenous peoples (IP) versus extremism was presented at the Zamboanga City Mayor's Office by Professor Yusuf Morales, Muslim Affairs Coordinator, to USAID representatives. A planning meeting regarding the upcoming Youth Forum was held at the office of the USAID Mindanao Health Project in Zamboanga City.

The results of the USAID-Sponsored Zamboanga City IDP survey was presented to the city mayor's office by the Ateneo De Zamboanga University (ADZU) Research Team. The IDP Survey identified socioeconomic parameters of the IDPs across ethnic and cultural groups. IDPs in evacuation centers and transitory sites were surveyed, and community leaders in the displaced and relocation sites were interviewed in Focus Group Discussion forums. The survey and discussions determined primary sources of livelihood of the respondents before and after the siege. It also discerned desired livelihoods of the IDPs to be pursued in the future, a particularly important consideration of those IDPs who may be facing permanent relocation to areas that constitute a different set of resources and opportunities than those that they were used to earning for their pre-siege living. The City remarked that the data will enable them to petition to the national government funding to support IDP intervention in order to assist them in returning to a normal, if not new, life. The findings are currently being finalized, incorporating the responses of the City into the final document. The final survey will be presented at the inter-agency IDP Livelihood forum at the City Agriculture Office later in November.

Reminder:

Mindanao Stakeholders are reminded that the USAID Logistics Support for Mindanao Activity, implemented by Louis Berger Group, prepares regular security advisories for Mindanao. Contact Marilou Sian, at MSian@mindano.org to be placed on the mailing list.

USAID's Mindanao "Team"

To ensure that USAID/Philippines is structured to achieve higher-level results for its Development Objective (DO) 2 - "Peace and Stability in Conflict Affected Areas in Mindanao Improved", Mission Management has designated a DO2 Team Lead and a DO2 Project Manager. The various activities implemented in Mindanao by the four technical offices (Health, Education, Economic Development and Governance, and Environment, Energy and Climate Change) are grouped into one project - the Strengthening Local Governance Project. Daniel Miller, Director of the Office of Economic Development and Governance, is the DO2 Team Leader and ultimately responsible for achievement of targets for the high-level indicators for DO2. Lee Forsythe, is the DO2 Project Manager. Lee also manages the ENGAGE Activity and two conflict mitigation and management grants with The Asia Foundation and Catholic Relief Services. The primary DO2 points of contact in the other technical offices are: Karen Klimowski, Office of Health; Jeremy Gustafson, Office of Environment, Energy and Climate Change; and Robert Burch, Office of Education. The DO2 Team Leader, Project Manager and CORs/AORs in the Technical Offices work as a "team" to ensure projects are being implemented, monitored and focused on achieving results. **Contacts:** Daniel Miller, damiller@usaid.gov; Lee Forsythe, lforsythe@usaid.gov

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Date: Nov 18** **Event: USAID's Development Objective (DO2) Portfolio Review**
- Date: Nov. 18-21** **Event: Basilan Health Leaders for the Poor Module I Workshop**
- Date: Nov. 24-28** **Event: Governance Week Celebration in Datu Paglas, Maguindanao**
- Date: Nov 28-30** **Event: Actual Waste Assessment and Characterization Survey in Cotabato City**
- Date: Dec 3** **Event: All Chiefs of Party Meeting Mindanao in Manila (TBD)**



Mindanao Memories From the Past

Bagobo women, Davao, 1901

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