

BOHOL INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT (BIAD) 2

Project Proposal # 1

**ACHIEVING GREATER EFFICIENCY FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE (AGE-GoGo) through
Establishment of a Multi-Purpose Training and Showcase Information Center**

A Two Year Project

Submitted for Funding to:

Any Interested Local or Foreign Funding Institution

Submitted by:

**Bohol Integrated Area Development (BIAD-2) LGUs
Province of Bohol
Philippines**

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Project Title: Achieving Greater Efficiency for Good Governance through Establishment of a Multi-Purpose Training and Showcase Information Center

Project Type: Social Infrastructure and General Administration

Project Components:

1. Organization and Management
 - Signing of Memorandum of Agreement among BIAD LGUs
 - Organization and hiring of Management personnel
 - Identification and assessment of training needs of BIAD 2 LGUs
 - Identification of CORE Pool of trainers
 - Monitoring and evaluation
2. Infrastructure development
 - Conduct pre-construction activities
 - Construction of a Multi-purpose Building

Project Location: Municipality of Tubigon, Province of Bohol (Host LGU)

II. PROJECT STATUS: Proposed with Project Idea

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

Project Background and Rationale

The Provincial Government of Bohol has adopted the Bohol Integrated Area Development (BIAD) approach as a mechanism to further development in the Province wherein the Local Government Units (LGUs) are encourage to venture into Inter-Local Government collaboration to foster development in their respective geographical locations.

The BIAD 2, which is composed of the Municipalities of Loon, Calape, Tubigon, Clarin, Catigbian, San Isidro, Inabanga, Buenavista and Getafe is both geographically located in the coastal and upland areas with very diverse natural resources and varying development interventions and approaches. One commonality within the BIAD-2 cluster is the proximity and easy access to bustling Cebu City being the regional growth center in the Visayas. BIAD 2 can very well benefit from the lucrative trade and commerce emanating from the Queen City of the South. The opportunities are limitless, from being a major supplier of agricultural, marine and coastal products to handicraft and cottage industry to tourism and supply of skilled labor.

Furthermore, BIAD 2 can very well feed the demand of Metropolitan Cebu notwithstanding the needs of its nine (9) member municipalities.

In order for BIAD 2 to respond to these opportunities, it is imperative to upgrade the skills of its communities in such areas as sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship, sustainable sea farming and mariculture, skills required by the industrial and manufacturing sector, skills to promote and support the tourism sector and many others. Currently there are two TESDA training centers in BIAD 2 area, located in Tubigon and Inabanga which only offer limited training modules and mostly the beneficiaries are all out of school youth.

Due to these emerging challenges, BIAD 2 have conceptualized the establishment of a Multi Purpose Convention Center which will cater and provide the training components and other group activities for the gaps and requirement for the different skills development need in the BIAD. The Center will provide linkages and coordination with other training institutions and consultants in accordance with the identified needs of the BIAD 2 communities, organizations, sector or individuals.

Project Linkages

Project linkages with TESDA and other government agency and training institutions is the main responsibility of the Center Management.

Project Goal, Objectives and Strategies

GOAL:

To establish a center for the different skills development trainings and activities for BIAD 2 municipalities and other BIAD clusters.

OBJECTIVES:

- To identify the skills development and other training needs of BIAD2 LGUs;
- To link with training institutions which can cater to the needs of the BIAD2 LGUs ;
- To establish a database for the manpower requirement as well as available skills and personnel within the BIAD;
- To establish linkages with industries and companies relative to their requirement for the supply of goods, materials, services and manpower ;
- To disseminate information to generate local community and other stakeholders' appreciation, participation and commitment to support the initiative.
- To further improve the communication and responsiveness of local functionaries and officials for effective service to the clients.
- To generate revenue collection performance for economic sustainability of the project

Sectoral Objectives

- To contribute to the enhancement of the Integrated Area Development approach in the Province of Bohol
- To establish a responsive mechanism/approach to a market and demand driven skills development program.

Regional and National Objectives

The project generally promotes and enhances the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of which the Philippines is a signatory.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

Funding Requirement

The proposed project is estimated to cost Eight Million Pesos (PhP8.0 million).

Budgetary breakdown:

Major Activities	LGU Counterpart	Donor (PhP '000)
1. Infrastructure Development		
1.1 Center Construction		5,000
1.2 Equipment		1,000
1.3 Access and Utilities (Infra support facilities, water, power, communication)		1,000
Sub-total		7,000
2. Organization and Management:		
2.1 Institution Building		100
2.2 Data base & Information Management	staff	500
2.3 Community Organization		200
2.4 Monitoring and Evaluation	LGU sharing at Php 100,000/per municipality	200
Sub-total	Php 900	1,000
TOTAL	Php 900	8,000

Funding Source : Any interested local and foreign funding institution

Counterpart Funding :

The Local Government Unit members of BIAD2, after signing a Memorandum of Agreement duly ratified by its respective Sanggunian, shall contribute funds proportionately on an annual basis

for the operation and management of the center. A minimal fee shall be charge to trainees to help cover the cost of the training. Indirect equity in the form of technical assistance and trainings from other government agencies like the DENR, DOH, DTI and DPWH and partner NGOs will also be tapped.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COST

Economic Benefits. Primarily, the project aims to provide better economic returns to the communities and households in the BIAD2. Secondly, once the skills and productivity is enhanced, this can lure in investors and bring in more economic opportunity in the BIAD.

Social Benefits. The project is expected to improve and increase the household income within the BIAD and improve environmental and resource management to sustainable level. Better environmental conditions leads to higher self esteem of communities thus improve rural living standards and reduce the impacts of poverty.

Social and Economic Cost. The project has positive benefits both social and economic hence no potential opposition of negative impact is expected.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Responsible agency.

The member LGUs in BIAD-2 through an adhoc team composed of representatives from the LGUs shall be responsible in implementing the project. The Provincial Government through the PPDO shall serve as an advisory body for the project. The whole activity will be coordinated by the Municipality of Tubigon. A partnership with an accredited NGO in the Province is a possible option.

Implementing schedule

The project will be implemented in two years with the following detail:

Activities	1Q2	1Q2	1Q3	1Q4	2Q1	2Q2	2Q3	2Q4	Financing
1. Organization and Management									800,000
2. Infrastructure Development									7,000,00

Administrative Feasibility

The Municipality of Tubigon has had adequate experience in implementing similar projects both funded internally and externally. It has a number of successfully implemented projects funded by foreign donors such as;

Name of Project	Funding Institution	Partner Agency/NGO	Year Implemented
1. Coastal Resource Management Project	USAID	CRMP/DENR	1997-2001
2. Tubigon Mariculture Project	KAS-EU	LOGODEF	1999-2004
3. BIARSP	Belgium	ARC/DAR	2000-Present
4. ARCDP2	WB	ARCDP/DAR/ARC	2004-Present
5. ECD Project	WB	DSWD	1999-Present
6. PACAP-FOCAS	PACAP/AusAID	PACAP/FTC/FCB	2005- Present
7. ecoBudget Asia	EU	ECLIE	2005-present

The proposed project is to be strategically be located and managed at the Municipality of Tubigon and most accessible of the 9 municipalities in BIAD 2.

Legal and Political Feasibility. The project falls under the Poverty Reduction Framework of the Provincial Government and is on the top of the list in its development agenda through the Integrated Area Development approach. This has been strongly endorsed by the local government which has acknowledge that it does have enough resources to respond to this issue.

Social Acceptability. The project is a long cherished dream of the local governments. It is their clamor that push the BIAD to mobilize resources to respond to their needs thus social acceptability for this initiative is assured.

Project Sustainability. The project once established shall be converted into a public enterprise and manage by a corporation to be set up by the nine municipalities of BIAD 2.

Monitoring and Evaluation. Monitoring and evaluation is essential in order to ensure a periodic review and assessment of the progress, outcomes and impact of the project in the BIAD-2. The BIAD 2-LGUs thru the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinators has the biggest role in implementing the monitoring and evaluation procedures as mandated under RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 through Executive Orders No. 376 and 93 to establish and operationalize the Project Monitoring Committees in each province and municipalities

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WHY Bohol Integrated Area Development (BIAD)?

The clustering of municipalities in BIAD started way back in the 1980's when a team of experts from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) undertook a Master Plan Study of the Bohol Integrated Area Development Project. The bases for the clustering were practical considerations such as geographic proximity to each other, shared natural and agricultural resource base, and local economy and industry, among others.

It was recognized that through an inter-LGU mechanism, such as the BIAD, every municipality can stand to benefit from such clustering. Specifically, the BIAD grouping will generate the following advantages:

- economies of scale from pooling of resources;
- more effective environmental management;
- stronger lobbying power especially for Official Development Assistance (ODA) and National Government Agency (NGA) support;
- inter-LGU exchange and cooperation (i.e., personnel and institutional development, etc);
- enhanced planning systems (i.e., urban development, transportation, etc.);
- enhanced revenue and investment generation;
- sound policy reform as a result of LGU collaboration; and,
- collaborative tourism development efforts.

Objectives of the BIAD System

The BIAD System serves as the structural and operational umbrella from which priority, high impact projects for the Bohol Province are identified.

Municipalities in the BIAD System

The BIAD cluster that was initially identified in the 1980's remains to this day. The following table shown below lists the BIAD composite municipalities.

- BIAD 1** Alburquerque, Antequera, Baclayon, Balilihan, Corella, Cortes, Davis, Lila, Loay, Loboc, Maribojoc, Panglao, Sevilla, Sikatuna and Tagbilaran City
- BIAD 2** Loon, Calape, Tubigon, Clarin, Inabanga, Buenavista, Getafe, San Isidro and Catigbian
- BIAD 3** Alicia, Bien Unido, Mabini, Pres. Garcia, San Miguel, Talibon, Trinidad and Ubay
- BIAD 4** Anda, Candijay, Dimiao, Duero, Garcia-Hernandez, Guindulman, Jagna and Valencia
- BIAD 5** Batuan, Bilar, Carmen, Dagohoy, Danao, Pilar, Sagbayan and Sierra Bullones

