

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1. Project Title : **REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FISHPORTS IN SELECTED AREAS OF BIAD 3 CLUSTER**
2. Project Type : **Capital Forming**
3. Project Components : **Rehabilitation and Improvement of existing fishports**
4. Project Location : **The project will be implemented in the following barangays/ municipality: Poblacion, Municipality of Bien Unido; Suba, Municipality of Talibon & Soom-Tagum Norte, Municipality of Trinidad, all located in the Bohol Integrated Area Development (BIAD) Cluster 3.**

II. PROJECT STATUS:

The project is still at the proposal stage and is presented for funding to local and foreign donor/ funding institutions. These ports are existing fishports in the barangays of Bein Unido, Talibon and Trinidad. However, they need rehabilitation and improvement to enhance their utility for fisherfolks and the general public.

Furthermore, the local government units of these municipalities are supporting for the rehabilitation of these ports and are willing to provide counterpart funding for such project.

III. PROJECT BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Local Government Units of Bien Unido, Talibon and Trinidad of Bohol Province have been at the forefront in the fight against poverty. It has been venturing out in soliciting funds for the implementation of various livelihood programs and support infrastructure projects designed to uplift the economic condition of its constituents, especially in the depressed barangays of the municipalities. Traditionally, these LGUs have been utilizing its meager funds to finance such valuable projects but failed to maximize the implementation due to budgetary constraints.

Among the vital infrastructure facilities that need immediate repair and improvement are the existing fishports of these municipalities that serve as the gateways towards the vital fishing grounds of Bohol. These particular infra-support facilities for marginal fishermen and fisherfolks have been considered unsafe for docking activities due to structural dilapidation and damage. This is brought about by the wear and tear process and aggravated by the onset of natural calamities such as typhoons and heavy storms. The fishermen are greatly affected by the present condition of the fishport as they can no longer utilize the facilities for unloading their fishcatch and other related activities. The repair and improvement of these

facilities will ultimately enhance the port activities which will promote economic activities and eventually uplift the socio-economic conditions of the fishermen of these municipalities.

Furthermore, the repair and improvement of these ports would allow other vessels and seacrafts from neighboring islands to transport their marine products to the nearest market in Bohol and vice versa. This would also mean an increase of income of the local government concerns from the collection of fees and dues. At the same time, it will open up employment opportunities of people within the vicinity to include port laborers and small vendors.

With the projected economic impact that the project may bring to the lives of the target-beneficiaries, the realization of this project has been clamored upon by the people of Bien Unido, Talibon & Trinidad for quite a long time now. It will surely contribute to the implementation of valuable poverty reduction strategies and interventions in consonance with the vision of the national government to alleviate significant level of deprivation by year 2015.

IV. PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

A. General

1. To ensure that the fishport will be structurally stable and safe for docking operations to support day-to-day requirements of fishermen
2. To stir up economic activity in the ports' vicinity and adjacent municipalities
3. To open-up greater employment and economic opportunities to the people of Mabini, Talibon and Trinidad.

B. Sectoral Objectives:

The realization of the project will contribute to the success in the implementation of agriculture-related livelihood programs in the target-municipalities and fast track the delivery of the basic goods and services to its constituents by providing them good accessibility through these fishport facilities.

The project enhances the access to and from agricultural areas which stimulates trade and commerce for agriculture products. It directly support the generation of employment opportunities and livelihood to rural barangays.

C. Regional/National Objectives:

The proposed project is in line with the regional and national thrust of Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to implement programs that would reduce extreme poverty in the countryside. It supports the improvement of accessibility for rural areas in the country. To a significant level, it is in line with the agro-industrialization thrust of the country, developing the fishery sector through infrastructure support facilities.

V. PROJECT LINKAGES:

The project will strengthen the existing programs of the provincial government and the target-municipality that aims to reduce extreme poverty and uplift the economic condition of the fisherfolks by providing them better infra-support facilities. Improving the existing structures of the fishports will not only support the fishery industry of the target areas but also enhance the accessibility of the affected barangays

VI. PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK:

The proposed project will involve the undertaking of repair and improvement of the existing fishports in the municipalities of Bien Unido, Talibon & Trinidad. Repair would mean reinforcing of the structures and engineering integrity of the fishports, which are currently weakened due to their cracks and holes. This situation has made any cargo handling and docking activities dangerous at the fishport area.

Furthermore, the project would also mean the lengthening of the fishports, extending them more onwards to the sea. This will pave the way for the installation of pier-type columns which are much stronger and sustainable compared to the existing causeway-type structure. The current structures use the rip-rap stones that can be easily washed out by strong current and waves during tropical storms. The technical description of the project can be glanced at the detailed estimates and its program of work.

VII. PROJECT FINANCING:

1. Funds needed - The Total Project Costs is estimated to be **Php 15,000,000.00**
2. Funding Source - Any interested Donor Agency, through dole-out or soft loan packages
3. Counterpart Funding - Cost-sharing arrangements shall be considered among the Provincial Government, the municipal local government units of Mabini, Talibon and Trinidad. The beneficiary barangays may also be required to provide counterpart through labor and materials inputs.

VII. PROJECT SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The direct beneficiaries of the proposed project are the members of the Bien Unido, Talibon & Trinidad Federated Fishermen's Association. They are accredited organizations with about Seven Thousand (7,000) more or less active members for Bien Unido, Talibon and Trinidad. Members of these associations are mostly marginal fishermen. Thus, a better livelihood support-facility like the fishport is necessary to enhance their economic activity and uplift the socio-economic conditions of these fisherfolks. Considering the conditions of people in the targeted barangays where the fishports are located, it is very necessary to implement such project.

VIII. PROJECT ECONOMIC COSTS:

1. **Social Cost** - The project has no negative effects on the socio-economic condition of the people.
2. **Economic Cost** - None

IX. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Concerned Agencies:

The municipalities of Bien Unido, Talibon and Trinidad will implement this project through their local government units. They will be assisted by the following concerned agencies/ institutions:

- a.) Department of Agriculture (DA)
- b.) Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
- c.) Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)
- d.) Provincial Government of Bohol

2. Implementation Schedule:

The project will be implemented based on the timeframe and schedule agreed by its implementors, funding/ partner agencies and other stakeholders. Subject to the availability of funds, the project can be simultaneously be implemented in the three identified fishports.

3. Administrative Feasibility

The project will be implemented and supervised by the municipalities of Bien Unido, Talibon and Trinidad in close coordination with the funding/ assisting agencies/ institutions. A requisite for the implementation is the forging of Memorandum of Understanding or Agreements between the concerned parties, delineating their roles, functions, rights and responsibilities.

Technical and facilitative support shall be provided by National Government Agencies as well as the Provincial Government.

The involvement of the Fisherfolk Organization/ Association is very critical to this project, as they will be the ones directly affected and benefitted to the fishport development. These associations can be tapped to maintain the said fishing facilities.

4. **Legal and Political Feasibility** - there are no foreseen significant or minimal legal impediments and political opposition to the project. The facilities are already existing and their repair and improvement, on the contrary, improves the socio-economic conditions of the inhabitants of the target areas.

5. **Social Acceptability** - the project is socially acceptable as evident on the positive response of stakeholders during the recently conducted consultative assembly in the project areas.

X. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The project can be sustained through provision of continuing support by the local government units for the maintenance and repair of the fishport facilities. After such project is completed, the users of the facilities, mainly the fisherfolks, should be aware and be involved in the proper utilization of the fishports. This will not only maintain its usefulness but also prolong its lifespan.

Monitoring and evaluation of the said project should be conducted periodically, to assess and provide the necessary support measures like budgets and community-based maintenance activities.

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