

1st LEARNING GROUP MEETING
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED)
8 November 2006, Makati City

CORE COMPETENCIES OF PROJECTS

International Labor Organization (ILO)

- With strategic linkages
- With existing LGU champions
- Comprehensive approach to highlighting employment creation
- Employment-focused LED
- National and local policy influence
- Standards and practices for promoting decent work

Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

- NGO network
- Management info system / database of CF approved projects (and proposals)
- Pool of technical experts advising the CF Secretariat
- Being able to give technical advise to partners to when problems with project implementation occurs
- Responsiveness to immediate needs/flexibility to arising situations

Business Advisory Project

- Cluster organizing
- LED approach to enterprise development (thru business advisory)

CVED

- Strengthening organizational structure of LGUs' LED thru business advisory services
- Partnership building
- Technical expertise of advisers and delivery of business advisory services
- Strategic planning (sectors of industries)

GREAT Women Project

- Responsive to gender issues and needs of microentrepreneurs, especially women
- Making economic policies / plans gender responsive at local levels

SALIGAN (Cadres Project)

- Access to Rights and Resources in LGUs
- Assessing dispute resolution methods / mechanisms in the LGUs and pushing for alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

E-Governance for Efficiency and Effectiveness (E3) Project

- Strong IT capacity
- Strong change management in IT sector
- Increasing capacity of national agencies to deliver services to the poor, men and women, specifically in the services sector
- Strong network at the national government agency level

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

- International best practice experience
- Combines investment and TA/Advisory services
- Excellent knowledge management – availability of tools, case studies, etc.
- Can easily leverage international expertise

Private Enterprise Accelerated Resource Linkages (PEARL) Project, Phase II

- Assessing needs of beneficiaries
- Negotiating value / price contracts
- Effective use of local experts (linking expertise)
- Strategic thinking
- Responsive approach

Local Governance Support Program in the autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (LGSPA)

- Comprehensive approach (4 phases: concensus building, capacity building, application stage, institutionalization)
- Diagnosing and building local government capacity
- Knowledge of what LGUs can do (rules, powers, systems) and of what specific LGUs have done (success stories)
- Participatory approaches
- Find, train, coach, and support local resource people

Promoting Rural Industries and Market Enhancement (PRIME) Program

- Rural industry development thru market enhancement, financing, market participation
- Links with grassroots on agri-based livelihood