

### CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Piagapo Agro-Forestry Project
2. Location : Lanao del Sur
3. Project Sector : Agricultural development  
Agricultural inputs  
Agricultural extension
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,210,125.00
5. Implementing Organization : Tapucan Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative  
Abdul Jabbar Dato  
Chairperson of the Board  
Sitio Mimbalay, Tambo, Piagapo, Lanao del Sur
6. Duration : March 03, 2005 - March 30, 2007
7. Project Description :

The project is about establishing an orchard of premium fruit trees (grafted rambutan, durian, lanzones, mangosteen) and the naturally-grown jackfruit in a 100-hectare idle and underdeveloped agricultural and rolling lands in the barangays of Tapucan and Tambo. After five years, the fruits will be marketed to the cities of Marawi, Iligan, Cagayan de Oro and Davao cities.

This agro-forestry project, which will adopt an organic method of agriculture, will be implemented by the fifty (50) farmer-cooperators and associate-members of the Tapucan Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Once implemented, the project will directly benefit the farmer-cooperators and their more than 400 household members by increasing their family income in the future. Likewise, this agricultural-cum-environmental project will diversify the local economy of the area which is more dependent on mono-cropping of corn.

Indirectly, the project will also enhance the forest cover of the two barangays and will increase the water generating capacity of the watershed from where these barangays source their supply of potable water.

8. Beneficiaries : 50 farmers
9. Expected Results :

After two years of implementation, the project shall have had:

- Created a concrete indicator for possible increase in income for the beneficiaries in the future (50-100% after four to five years) through having successfully raised at least 80% of the planted fruit trees;
- Reforested 100 hectares of denuded hills and mountain slopes in Barangays Tapucan and Tambo;
- Propagated 6,000 naturally-grown seedlings of jackfruit and raised 4,000 grafted seedlings through asexual propagation by way of establishing four nurseries;
- Increased the knowledge of beneficiaries on organic agroforestry through the conduct of four appropriate training/seminar activities; and,
- Improved the water holding capacity of the watershed as to be indicated in the future by the increase volume of water in natural and developed springs.