

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Expansion of Potable Water System in Five Barangays and Construction of a Farmers' Water Impounding Facility in Mlang, Cotabato
2. Location : Cotabato
3. Project Sector : Water supply and sanitation - small systems
Education and training in water supply
Agricultural water resources
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,700,490.00
5. Implementing Organization : Mlang Multi-Purpose Cooperative
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6. Duration : March 07, 2005 - April 30, 2006
7. Project Description :

The project is about improving the existing potable water systems of Barangays New Kalibo, New Esperanza, Ugpay, Magallon and Libo-o in Mlang, Cotabato to expand the distribution of safe water to un-served or under-served areas. It is also about constructing a small agriculture water reservoir in Barangay Pulang Lupa for the farmers to increase the frequency of crop production and thereby raise their income. The project will also involved education and training to enhance the management capacities of the existing BAWASAs and soon-to-be organized barangay water association (in the case of the water impounding system in Pulang Lupa).

The project will be a cost-sharing, in cash and/or in kind, between the Canada Fund, the Mlang Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MMPC), local government units, and the BAWASAs.

All in all, the project intends to benefit 330 households or at least 1,548 individuals including 807 women and girls. The target outreach is 29 percent of the total population in the six barangays.

8. Beneficiaries : 1,142 households
9. Expected Results :

After one year of project implementation, the project shall have had:

- Improved the facilities and enhanced the servicing capacity of five BAWASAs;
- Delivered potable and safe drinking water to 330 households or 1,548 individuals including 807 women;
- Increased the opportunity and enhanced the crop production capacity of 32 households through the construction of small farmers' reservoir;
- Enhanced the management capacities of village water associations as to be indicated by better implementations of policies and sustained maintenance of the water facilities;
- Enhanced sense of project ownership among women through their active participation in project activities and acquisition of equal opportunity to benefit from the project; and,
- Enhanced the linkage between the LGUs and BAWASAs as to be indicated by bilateral monitoring, inspections and problem-solving activities.