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CRID Bohol Hosts Assessment

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To review the project implementation progress, share and examine experiences on implementation and partnership building, reflect on challenges and lessons learned, and draw out recommendations to foster better implementation and partnership, the Project Assessment was successfully organized last June 11, 2013 at the Met-rocenter Hotel, Tagbilaran City. This

significant event was participated by the CRID Bohol team composed of the project staff, the consultants, and the BCCI's outgoing and incoming Presidents, the Vice President for External Affairs and the focal person of the CRID project, the corporate secretary, and the auditor; the grant provider, The Asia Foundation (TAF) which team was headed by Ms. Bing Bonoan; the Coalitions for Change team spearheaded by Mr. Joey Mendoza and the development partner, the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) team represented by Mr. Andrew Parker, Jojie Camelon and Erika Geronimo.

The Assessment affirmed the good work the team has been doing and challenged them to continue to champion road reform in the province and broaden coalitions for change.

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PDC Approves BRIB

The Provincial Development Council (PDC) Resolution creating the Bohol Road Investments Board (BRIB) which shall serve as the clearing house of all the road investments in the province and the recommendatory body that shall endorse strategic road links was approved in the PDC meeting last June 15, 2013 presided by the Governor of the province of Bohol, Atty. Edgar M. Chatto, at the Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City. The approved Bohol Road Investments Board (BRIB)

shall also serve as the monitoring body that shall assist the LGUs in prioritizing strategic links and a coordinating body that shall mobilize support and resources for priority roads. The board shall promote the creation and maintenance of a database of public roads .



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The project team struck a pose with the Governor of the Province of Bohol, Atty. Edgar M. Chatto, with the PDC Secretariat, the PPDO Coordinator, Atty. John Vistal

Further, the board shall promote the creation and maintenance of a database of public roads which shall serve as the official reference for road investments planning in the province; promote the application of a set criteria and the development of roads applying the set criteria.

The proposal was presented to the council by the focal person of the CRID project, Argeo Melisimo. There were questions asked by the council after the presentation such as on how the board will work with the Road Sector Committee dealing closely with the Provincial Road Management Facility (PRMF) that looks after provincial roads and on the selection process and criteria of the pilot LGUs.

The team clarified that the PRMF takes care of provin-

cial roads only and that this works closely with the Road Sector Committee. The Road Sector Committee reports to the Bohol Road Investments Board (BRIB) which purview shall be beyond provincial roads.

They further explained that in choosing the pilot LGUs, the consideration includes one representation per Integrated Area of Development (IAD). They also identified which of the 47 municipalities are Economic Growth Areas and which needs for pump priming. Lastly, that the LGU has a close to complete roads database and the presence of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) operator.

The approval of the creation of the Bohol Road Investments Board (BRIB) is a key turning point, a significant milestone of the project that went through tedious discussions and reflections by the project team. From the concept of an Executive Order Creating the Road Sector Committee to a Bohol Road Investments Coordinating Council (BRICC) that later on, was elevated to a Provincial Development Council Resolution Creating the Bohol Road Investments Board (BRIB). This salient win of the project calls for further hurdles to surmount which may include gathering the members and giving them the orientation and rationale of the project and the created board; convincing them of the significant role they will play being members of the board and as a board; and guiding them in the first few meetings to facilitate seamless coordination.

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CRID Team Meets with LGU Tubigon for Transition

In response to the current situation where one of the mayors of the six pilot LGUs lost during the recent elections, the project team conducted a transition meeting with the outgoing and incoming mayors of LGU Tubigon in the presence of the Municipal Planning Coordinator. The team was welcomed and given the assurance by the mayor-elect, Marlon Amila of his support to the project. Aware of the challenge that LGU Tubigon was selected as a leader of the pilot LGUs, he further shared that he shall continue the good works that the outgoing mayor, William Jao has done and that he will build on the strong foundation he has put in place especially on

road investments planning and road resource generating mechanism in the municipality.



BCCI Elects New Set of Officers, Takes Oath



The newly elected President of BCCI, Atty. Emmanuel Aladin Tumanda takes his oath of office in the presence of the inducing officer, the Governor of the Province of Bohol, Atty. Edgar M. Chatto.

The Bohol Chamber of Commerce and Industry convened last

June 6,

TRUSTEES:

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2013 and elected a new set of officers for calendar year 2013. The new set of officers took their oath of office last June 18, 2013 at the Bohol Tropics Resort.

The new set of officers is composed of the following:
PRESIDENT: ATTY. EMMANUEL ALADIN D. TUMANDA
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT: MR. ALBERT M. UY
VICE-PRESIDENT (Internal Affairs): ATTY. LUCAS M. NUNAG
VICE-PRESIDENT (External Affairs): MR. ARGEJO J. MELI-
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SECRETARY: MS. MA. PUREZA V. CHATTO
TREASURER: MS. HELENA ANTONIETA Y. VELOSO
AUDITOR: MR. REGINAL G. ONG



CRID Meets with DILG Provincial Director

A follow up meeting to the consultations engaging the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in relation to the lobbying of the proposed inclusion of the road investments plan as one of the criteria on the Seal for Good Housekeeping for LGUs, the team shared to the Provincial Director of the DILG, Ms. Ma. Louisella Lucino the CRID project last June 20, 2013 at the Buzz Café.

The provincial director shared the ongoing initiatives of the agency and affirmed the direction the team is heading to. She also shared the different seals being piloted in some select provinces/ LGUs including the Seal for Disaster Preparedness, the Seal for Business Friendly and Competiveness and Seal of Peace and Order. The Seal for Disaster Preparedness could also be tapped as a venue where the LGUs will be required to have their Roads Plan.

The team also shared the proposal of the team to sit in the Executive and Legislative Agenda(ELA) of the pilot LGUs. The director guaranteed the team to share

the schedule of the ELA and even encouraged to fast track the assistance to the LGUs in crafting their CLUP, knowing that there are some which CLUPs are already updated and others are on the making.



SEEM Coordinator Graces Invitation to Meet CRID Team



The meeting with the Socio-Economic and Environment Management (SEEM) Coordinator, Ms. Liza Quirog was a platform created to usher in dialogue between the project team and one of the units of the SEEM, the Bohol Information and Communication Technology Unit (BICTU) to address the issue on data-sharing.

Although during the Provincial Development Coun-

cil, the Governor ordered BICTU and PEO to facilitate the release of all the necessary data that the project needs; and after the PDC meeting, the team informally talked to the BICTU head and leveled off on data-sharing and communication issues and established an alliance between the BICTU and the BCCI through the project, the team opted to meet with Ms. Quirog to ensure that data-sharing issues no longer surface in the next activities of the project.

The SEEM coordinator also shared inputs on the composition of the BRIB, being part of the BRIB which the team took note of. She shared further the need for a Memorandum of Understanding between the project through BCCI and the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh).

Tentative Calendar for July 2013

Month	Day	Activities
JULY	6	AM: VCA with Bohol Quality Corporation PM: VCA with Alturas Group of Companies
	9	AM: Bohol Association of Hotel, Resort and Restaurant (BAHRR) PM: San Miguel Corporation- Magnolia Foods-Albuquerque Broiler Dressing Plant
	11	AM: VCA with Shoppers Mart PM: VCA with Mango Growers
	16	AM: Bohol Island Tour Guide Association of the Philippines (BITCAP) Kahugpungan sa mga Bol-anong Guide (KABOG) PM: VCA with Transport Groups: Bohol Island Operators and Drivers Multi-purpose Cooperative (BIODMPC) Bohol Tourist Services Multi-purpose Cooperative (BTSMPC) Bohol Association of Tourist Franchise Operator (BATFO) Bohol United Transport Services (BUTSA)
	17	AM: VCA with Gov. Chatto's Medical Mission Office and Gift of Life, Inc. ; Federation of Midwives; Federation of BHW PM: Bohol Association of Catholic Schools (BACS I, II) Department of Education
	20	AM: VCA with Cooperatives
	23	AM: Philstarch PM: Palm Inc
	30	Wrap-up Meeting



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