

SecurePHL

Securing a Climate Resilient Philippines



RATIONALE

Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act of 2009 mandates the Climate Change Commission (CCC) to develop the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) together with relevant stakeholders. The NCCAP covers three Presidential terms and identifies seven strategic priorities, namely food security, water sufficiency, ecosystem and environmental stability, human security, climate-smart industries and services, sustainable energy, and knowledge and capacity development.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) TRAC-funded project, Securing a Climate Resilient Philippines (SecurePHL), supports the implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan from 2012 to 2016. A year after the Action Plan's adoption, a multi-stakeholder assessment was conducted by the CCC to ensure the effectiveness of its implementation design. During the assessment, seven (7) national anchor programs were initially identified to coincide with the climate change adaptation and mitigation agenda outlined in the NCCAP from 2011 to 2028.

Three anchor programs will be given priority under SecurePHL, namely: food security, water sufficiency, and human security. This integrated approach, developed through a series of multi-stakeholder consultations, aims to uplift the living conditions of people in highly vulnerable communities such as those disaster-affected and resettled, towards becoming climate-resilient and climate-smart.

Currently, SecurePHL is implementing these strategic priorities in Southville 7 Resettlement Area in Calauan, Laguna in partnership with the National Housing Authority (NHA), the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Calauan and the Don Bosco Foundation.



Erica Rivas, one of the SecurePHL Project beneficiaries, with her climate-resilient home garden which served as an immediate source of food for her family.



Community members of Southville 7 during the Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Training with representatives from the National Housing Authority, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of Calauan, and the Climate Change Commission.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the NCCAP Anchor Program is to increase the over-all resilience of vulnerable sectors communities in resettlement areas from the adverse impacts of climate change. The specific objectives are:

1. To empower communities and facilitate locality development;
2. To increase food security through diversified and integrated farming systems and social enterprise development;
3. To increase water self-sufficiency through rainwater harvesting and conservation; and
4. To increase awareness on and adoption of climate change adaptation options by integrating these in community disaster risk reduction management and development support programs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2015)

- ▶ Regular tactical meetings with the whole project team are held to keep abreast with strategies and challenges to implementation.

- **Community Organizing Tactical Workshops**

Prior and after program implementation, the whole SecurePHL project team discuss and assess its overall strategy in approaching community organization and mobilization.

- **Anchor Program Implementation Plan presentation with partners**

The implementation plan and strategic programs were presented to and discussed with partners such as UNDP, NHA, the Local Government Unit of Calauan, Laguna, and Don Bosco Foundation.

- **Regular Meetings with Community Leaders**

Preparatory meetings are held before every field work to review activity details and ensure plans are intact.

- ▶ Quarterly monitoring and evaluation activities are done to ensure project is appropriately implemented on the ground.

- ▶ Capacity is continuously being built through training and skills-building activities.

- **Livelihood assessment and planning workshop**

Livelihood projects were identified with the community and climate change considerations were integrated into the implementation strategies.

- **Training on home-based gardening**

Participants were trained on practical and climate-responsive home-based garden techniques to supply food especially in times of serious weather events and augment income of owners.

- **Community-based Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction workshop**

Community members and volunteers were engaged in a workshop covering climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, and disaster risk reduction to enhance their knowledge and skills and to assist them in determining climate-related hazards in the resettlement area.

- **Work and financial planning**

Leaders and volunteers were guided to identify climate change interventions for their community and were empowered to draft corresponding work and financial plans.

- **Lakbay-aral (Study-Visits)**

Participants went on learning trips and acquired technical know-how of viable livelihood projects which are climate-adaptive and -resilient.



Community leaders identified hazards in Sites 2 and 3 of Southville 7 in Calauan, Laguna. Corresponding climate actions were also determined during the workshop.

- ▶ Institutional partnerships have been forged with government and non-government institutions.

- **National Housing Authority**

Memorandum of Agreement with the NHA has been signed and the use of NHA-owned spaces for community gardens are in the works.

- **Don Bosco Foundation, Calauan**

Memorandum of Agreement with DBC has been signed and funds have been downloaded to procure materials and implement community-led projects.

- **Local Government Unit of Calauan, Laguna**

LGU of Calauan has expressed its support to the project through the Municipal Offices on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Environment and Natural Resources.



Southville 7 residents united in the bamboo planting activity that served as an adaptation measure against soil erosion and rain-induced landslides.



A training on making and processing compost was supported by SecurePHL Project. Community leaders were also trained on compost making and sustainable farming practices in support of achieving food security in the area.

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