

Minutes of Meeting

Pilot Project Implementation

Date : November 19, 1999

Venue: BSBI Conference Room

On November 19, 1999, a formal briefing was called by Dr. Ofelia S. Vega, President of Bicol Small Business Institute Foundation, Inc. at 9:00 A.M. at the BSBI Conference Room. Present were representatives from different government offices that coordinate with each other during real disasters. These were: Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council represented by Mr. Cedric Daep, the Provincial Disaster Management Officer; the City Disaster Coordinating Council represented by Col. Robinson Ortega; Mrs. Marlene Manaya, the City Social Worker Department Officer; Architect Rey Acosta of the City Engineering Office, Dr. Modesto Kapuno and Dra. Ma. Criselda Paulino representing the Medical and Dental Team; P/Insp. Nelly Maraño for the Security Team. Mr. Darlito Perez, the City Information Officer; Mr. Rey Añonuevo of the Philippine National Red Cross and Mrs. Nerissa Cantuba of the Department of Culture and Sports, who is the Principal of the Gogon Central School, which is the evacuation center for the residents from Barangay Mabinit.

In the course of the discussion, tasks and responsibilities were assigned. It was agreed that in order that the evacuees will not feel that they are just participating ✂ for nothing, the medical and dental team will really check them up and medicines will be distributed as needed. The medicines needed by the dentists for toot extraction will also be provided.













The discussion was very animated and lively and everyone was enthusiastic to do its part in order to look into the strengths and weaknesses of their response operations. Observers were assigned and additional helpers were listed. Dr. Kapuno and Col. Ortega requested for the inclusion of the City Emergency Response and Intervention Team, who volunteer their services in real emergencies.

After lunch, the group adjourned because some members had to be present at the JICA-OCD briefing in Camp Simeon Ola.

EVACUATION PILOT PROJECT

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORG./OFFICE</u> / <u>POSITION</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
1. ED LAGUENTA	PHIVOLCS SR. SRS.	
2. RES ACOSTA (for CITY ENGINEER)	CEO - LFG. ARCHITECT-III	
3. MODESTO T. KAPUNO, MD	CHD - hez. City	
4. Rey U. Stummers	PLANE	
5. CEDRIC D. DAEP	PDMD	
6. PMSp Nelly Murana	LCps	
7. Mr. Marlene G. Manaya, RSO	CONSDO Cg.	
8. MA. CRISelda J. PALLINO DMD	C.H. O	
9. DARUD PEDEZ JR.	CMU	
10. ROBINSON P. ORTEGA	CDCC	
11. Alfrida S. Vega	BSBI	
12. Cynthia C. Cude	CWID	

Highlights of Meeting**Pilot Project Implementation**

Date: 19 November 1999

Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

Venue: OCD Office, Camp Ola, Legazpi City

1. Participants

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| 1.1 | Director Arevalo | - | OCD |
| 1.2 | Andy Arevalo | - | OCD |
| 1.3 | Dr. Ofelia Vega | - | BSBIF |
| 1.4 | Mr. Ric Mendoza | - | PDMO |
| 1.5 | Mr. Vicente Secretario | - | DECS |
| 1.6 | Engr. Vic Miraballes | - | DPWH |
| 1.7 | Mr. Daniel Nuñez | - | Barangay Captain of Mabinit |
| 1.8 | Mr. Solano Baranquil | - | Barangay Kagawad |
| 1.9 | Mr. Norio Takayanagi | - | JICA Study Team |
| 1.10 | Ms. Anita Ambrosio | - | JICA Study Team |

2. Agenda

- 2.1 Update on the Preparatory Activities for the Pilot Project
- 2.2 OCD Manual on Mud and Debris Flow Forecasting and Warning System

3. Highlights

- 3.1 Director Arevalo of OCD chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants to his office.
- 3.2 Ms. Ambrosio of the JICA Study Team provided some background information on the pilot project. She emphasized that it primarily aims to test the forecasting, warning, evacuation and release system concerning the mud and debris flow (oson) in the study area particularly in Barangay Mabinit. This study shows that the barangay is considered most vulnerable to this hazard. The activity will also involve the organizations (GOs and NGOs) that are active in the disaster management related activities in the area. The pilot project will be held on 27 November 1999 with the assistance of the Bicol Small Business Institute

Foundation. Inc.

3.3 Update on the Preparatory Activities for the Pilot Project

Dr. Ofelia Vega of BSBI informed the body of the following:

- a) preparation of the BDCC manual
- b) preparation of the Mud and Debris Flow Disaster Response comics
- c) conduct of Series of meeting with the other agencies:
 - 19 November 1999
 - 26 November 1999: final briefing with the participating agencies at the Sr. Citizens Room, City Hall
- d) conduct of meeting with the barangay officials and BDCC members on 24 November 1999, 1:30 PM at the Barangay Chapel, Brgy. Mabinit.

She also informed the body that an assessment meeting with the participants to the pilot project is scheduled on 02 December 1999 in Barangay Mabinit.

Dr. Vega also related that the pilot project has the support of the City Mayor. She also told the barangay captain and the kagawad that the activity would also entail the provision of the medical and dental services to the participants while they are at the evacuation center. Lunch will be provided by BSBI and the CSWDO will also distribute food kits at the evacuation center.

Director Arevalo emphasized that the key players here will be the barangay officials and residents. The agencies will just play the supporting role to them and assist them in the process. During that meeting on 24 November, it is expected that the barangay officials will also orient the agency representatives on their barangay disaster preparedness plan. He also mentioned the importance of knowing the hazard areas in the barangays. for there are cases of floods that the residents went to higher places thinking that they will be safe from the rising water only to find out that the place that they sought refuge is landslide prone (like what had happened recently in Catanduanes).

The barangay officials raised the following issues during the discussion:

- a) availability of the vehicles during the actual situation

It was learned that there is only one (1) tricycle based in the barangay. At times of actual evacuation, the vehicles that are sent for them are commandeered by residents of other barangays that they are left with nothing to transport them to safe places. Hence, they usually go on their

own. They also cited that one particular route is a bit narrow and it will not be possible to use it as a 2-lane road.

b) limited communication facilities

They only get the warning through the radio and cannot communicate back to higher DCCs or to ROCD. Also the radio station signs off at 12:00 midnight. Hence, transmittal of information can be a problem. The barangay officials asked whether they could be assisted to have a VHS radio to facilitate a two-way communication.

Director Arevalo responded that the matter could be referred to CDCC or the other agencies. Inquiry can be made if something can be done about it. However, he emphasized that the repairs and maintenance for this kind of equipment should be the responsibility of the barangay officials.

c) construction of dike

The barangay officials also feel the importance of such construction to protect them from this hazard. Engr. Miraballes explained that the JICA Study Team also considers such measure, but this time the recommendation is the construction of a continuous dike. The incident of sabo dam being washed away was also mentioned. Mr. Takayanagi explained that such cases happen since a structure is designed to withstand only a certain degree of pressure. For example, buildings designed and constructed to withstand the pressure of an Intensity 7 earthquake might collapse if an Intensity 7.5 earthquake will occur (i.e. Kobe).

3.4 Presentation of the OCD Manual on Mud and Debris Flow Warning and Forecasting System

Mr. Andy Arevalo made the presentation emphasizing on the kind of equipment being utilized for this purpose, the alert level recommended to be used, the location of the rain gauge stations and how the data is reflected in the monitoring station.

The monitoring bulletin was also presented for the comments of the body.

It was agreed that the body will review the manual and will give their comments, if any to OCD next week.

4. Adjournment

Director Arevalo reiterated the schedule of the meeting at Barangay Mabinit on 24 November 1999 at 1:30 PM.