

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **PROJECT TITLE** : **Towards an Improved Access to Rural Road Network in the Barangay**

2. **PROJECT TYPE** : **Capital Formation**

3. **PROJECT COMPONENT:**

3.1 **Concreting of 150 L.M./Barangay farm-to-m**

3.2 **Operation and Maintenance**

4. **PROJECT LOCATION:** **21 Barangays of Antequera, Bohol**



II. **PROJECT STATUS** : **Continuation Project**

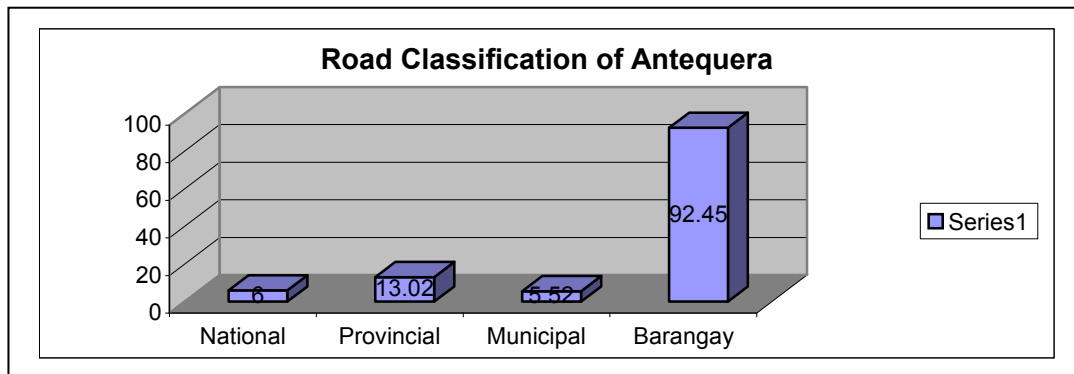
The road network project is a continuation activities implemented in the municipality. However, due to budgetary constraints, the local government opted to prepare project brief for the improvement of the farm-to-market roads linking from one barangay to another in order to provide its constituents an adequate and easy access from rural to urban with lesser travel time and cost.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background

One of the factors to ensure economic growth and development is the availability and adequacy of transportation facilities. The adequacy of road infrastructures and its regular maintenance by the line agencies concerned that has jurisdiction over them had always been the problem of local chief executives. The growing demand for a well-maintained farm-to-market road had not been immediately responded due to insufficient funds. The maintenance of the existing roads is poor and the access to and from these areas had slightly improved.

Antequera has a total road network of 117 kilometers. It is classified into national, provincial, municipal and barangay roads with 6, 13, 5.5 and 92 kilometers, respectively. Of the total road network of 8.0 kilometers, almost 7 kilometers of these roads are concrete and are located mostly in the central part linking Junction of Maribojoc to Antequera proper, 1.1 kilometers of these roads are asphalted going to Central Poblacion.



Among the major development problems in the municipality are:

- Poor maintenance of roads and bridges both provincial and barangay roads
- Insufficient funds to maintain the existing road and open farm-to-market roads
- Inadequate parking facility and absence of motor pool
- Improvement of existing road network

The municipal direction and thrust of Antequera is geared towards an ecotourism and agri-industrial destination in the province. Various efforts are still to be done in order to attain the long desired state of the municipality in the arena of adequate infrastructure support facilities for better access to support the economic activities in tourism and agriculture sector.

The 2005 Local Poverty Database in Antequera shows that, the families living below the income threshold comprises 56% or 1,675 households which ranked 1st followed by 1,184 or 40% of the households falls below the food threshold and the sanitation problem ranked number three (3), of the top 12 poverty indicators in the municipality. These are categorically distributed more in the most deprived barangays with less access to good roads, water and sanitation. Instead, they were forced to sell their product to the middlemen buyer at a lower price because of the difficulty of transporting their agricultural products from the source going to the urban Poblacion area.

2. Project Linkages

At present, the LGU had already established a good linkage to the Provincial Engineers Office, DPWH, 1st Congressional District-House of the Representative and foreign agencies with funding windows on Rural Road Infrastructure projects.

3. Project Objectives

The primary objective of the project is to provide adequate and efficient road network with convenient and safe access and improve the living condition to the constituents in the municipality

4. Sectoral Objectives

The project will support to the attainment of the infrastructure and agricultural development of the municipality and the province.

5. Regional and National Objectives

The project will complement to the national agenda of alleviating poverty and improving the standard of living in rural communities. It will promote accessibility to basic infrastructure services and better access road network, markets and trades.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

1. Funds Needed

| Project Activity | Estimated Cost (Pesos) |
|---|------------------------|
| Concreting of 3,150 meters farm-to-market roads | 9,450,000 |
| Road maintenance (drainage and shouldering) | 500,000 |
| Total | 9, 950,000 |

2. Project Financing/Source

Project will be funded thru the financial assistance from donors both local and foreign agencies under their small infrastructure development facility.

3. Counterpart Funding

The LGU is committed to provide 10% cash equity to the total estimated cost of the project on top of materials, land, manpower and other non-cash counterpart.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COST

1. Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project are the residents of the 21 barangays and the general constituents in the municipality, the tourists both local and foreign will benefit the project.

2. Social Benefits

The project will basically provide the residents the six barangays a better access to infrastructure facilities, social services and sufficient income which would also allow them access of their farm produce and goods to target markets thereby reducing the poverty problem in the area.

3. Economic Benefits

Economic benefits will come in the form of increased farm income due to reduce cost of transport and travel. This is true to both farm goods and produce and the cost of basic household commodities and farm inputs.

4. Social Cost

Easy access to these barangays may reduce unforeseen road accidents and reduce travel time and costs.

5. Economic Cost

The project will stir a positive impact to the rural economy and provide better economic opportunities and access of the residents to bring their farm products to the trade markets.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsible Agencies

The Local Government of Antequera through the Office of the Municipal Engineer Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Barangay Officials in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and Highways and the Office of the 1st Congressional District, are responsible in the administration and operation of the facilities.

2. Implementation Schedule

The implementation of the project will last for one (1) year. Monitoring and evaluation will be done yearly through the composite team to be created by the local government unit of Antequera.

| Project Activity | Implementation Schedule | | | |
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| | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 |
| Road Development | | | | |
| Preparation of road surface | — | | | |
| Road pavement construction | | — | — | — |
| Road Maintenance (drainage and clearing) | — | — | — | — |

3. Administrative Feasibility

The Municipality of Antequera has adequate experience in implementing road projects funded internally and externally.

4. Legal and Political Feasibility

The project gains full political support both the executive and legislative and its local communities. As evidenced the LGU will commit the counterpart funds to support the implementation of the project.

4. Social Acceptability

The project is strongly supported by the rural communities. The process of community participation before, during and after project implementation will be strictly followed and observed.

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