

## **COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE**

### **I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Project Title : **SUSTAINABLE POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR TAGBILARAN CITY**

Project Type :  
Procurement of Various Equipment needed in conducting different skills training in support for the poverty reduction program of the City Government of Tagbilaran.

Project Components :

1. Provision of Free School Supplies and uniforms to Elementary School Pupils.
2. Provision of Free Hospitalization to low-income families under the Blue Card Program.
3. Provision of Free Medicines to qualified residents of the city through the Botika sa Katawhan Program.
4. Scholarship Programs to qualified students accepted and enrolled in State College.
5. Upgrading of Pre-School Education through the introduction of "Multipole Intelligence" technology in all Day Care Centers of the City.
6. Establishment of a TESDA-accredited Skills Development and Livelihood Training Center.

Project Location :  
The project will be installed at the Skills Development and Livelihood Training Center located at Barangay Tiptip, this city.

### **II. PROJECT STATUS**

This project is still at the proposal stage and is ready for funding from interested donor agencies. Project details and supporting information are available from the City Government, particularly the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) who is spearheading the program and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO).

### III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

#### 1. Project Background

Tagbilaran is the capital and a component city of the Province of Bohol. It is situated 630 kilometers southeast of Manila and 72 kilometers south of Cebu City. It lies on the southwestern part of the province.

Based on the 2000 population census, Tagbilaran City has 77,700 residents with an average annual growth rate of 3.20%. Of the total population, 59.47% are living in urban areas while 40.53% are in rural areas.

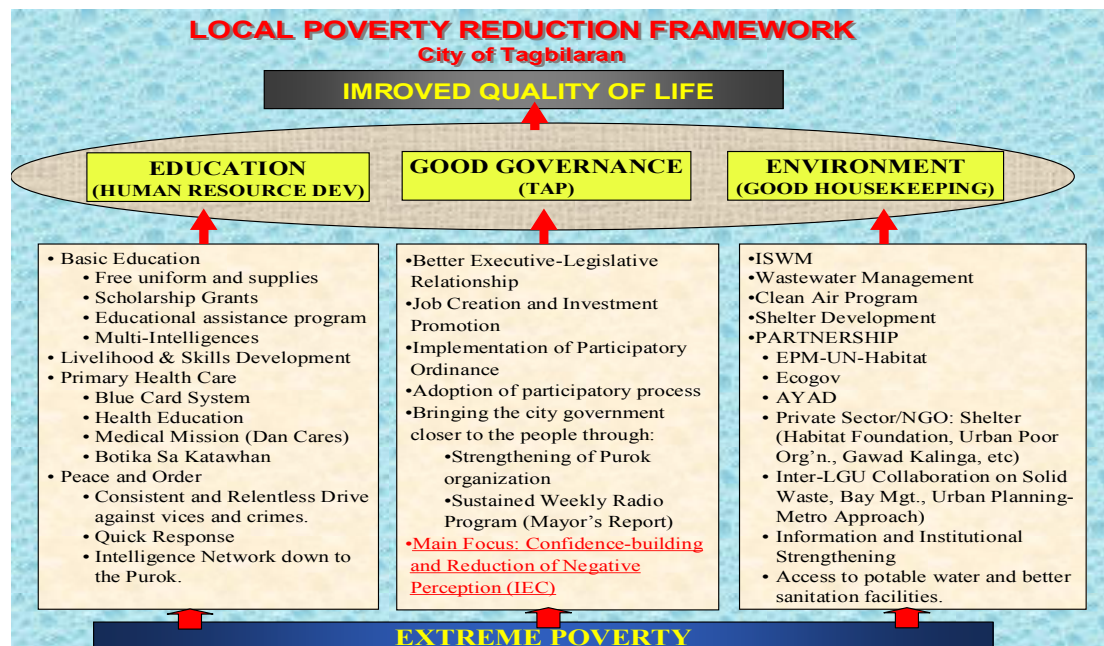
Considering that it is the capital city, Tagbilaran has been the center for business, governance, education and transportation in the province. Majority of its people and businesses are engaged in services and retailing. Shopping centers, hotels, restaurants and banks are among the large establishments in the city. With the tourism industry growing in Bohol, Tagbilaran plays a vital role being the main gateway to the province. As such, it has positioned herself as the facilities provider of visitors and tourists in transit to tourist destinations.

In terms of agriculture, only about 3.5% of the population are farmers who grow crops mostly for food sustenance. Livestock raising has been mostly on the backyard scale although big businessmen have already put up investments for poultry and livestock development. On the other hand, with the city's coastline, fishing has also been the source of food and livelihood for more than 2,100 fisherfolks and their families.

While the city may have all the economic drivers for growth and development, some segments of its population are still experiencing levels of socio-economic deprivation. Based on the survey conducted using the Poverty Database Monitoring System (PDMS), 28.84% of the total number of household in the city is living below the income threshold. This low family income may be attributed to the unemployed population between the ages of 16-65 years old. The same survey revealed that 16.90% of the working age persons in Tagbilaran City are unemployed.

The main source of employment in the city is in the services sector either from the government or from some private business establishments. Farming is not so viable in the city due to its limited agricultural area except for high value crops production in backyards. Limited income, especially for farmers and fisherfolks, is brought about by low productivity and low fish catch. Although the city has 16.95% ready labor force, their employment opportunities are limited due to lack of skills and capability to perform a particular job.

## 2. The Local Poverty Reduction Framework



There are three major means to reduce the effect of extreme poverty, namely: education, good governance and taking care of the environment. While the two factors can be addressed through policies, streamlining of bureaucracies, and active engagement with NGOs or the civil society, basic health, education and skills development requires a strong foundation, structures and linkage to secure its gains and sustain its momentum towards better quality of life. Low-income families do not have a competitive edge in preparing their children to better education and skills because they are too worried and pre-occupied by the food need of their family.

In order to reduce the bulk of expenditures that the low-income family has to prepare, the city government of Tagbilaran has implemented various social programs. These programs include free hospitalization under the "Blue Card" Medical assistance Program; free medicines under the "Botika sa Katawhan", a private sector initiated project; various types of educational assistance; and a long-gestating project of improving the quality of pre-school education with the adoption of Dr. Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence technology. It is the primary objective of the program to reduce the worries and fears of low-income families that their primary social needs are being addressed by the City Government so that they will have more time in improving their family income.

Because of this, their access to better-paying jobs is also limited. Consequently, low income in households will deprive residents from buying the right food, providing decent living conditions, and accessing better education for their children. It is with these contexts that the City Government of Tagbilaran conceptualized and proposed for the conduct of a more technical and skills development training like speed sewing, electronics, electricity, welding, pipe fittings and others. This is in support of the newly established Skills Development and Livelihood Training Center. The project aims to provide the necessary skills and capacities of the people, especially the unemployed and the out of school

youths, for them to become highly competitive and acquire better-paying jobs or even improve productivity and output levels.

One concern that is hard to address right away is the access of unemployed populace to better-paying jobs. Hence, the proposal on strengthening and sustaining the Skills Development and Livelihood Training Center at Tiptip District, Tagbilaran City. Various equipments are necessary for the realization of this project which the city government does not have at present.

## 2. Project Linkages

The project has been identified to sustain the newly established Skills Development and Livelihood Training Center of the city. This will support the national government's program on employment generation and to develop highly competitive skills to alleviate the poverty situation of the people. Presently, the city is coordinating with TESDA and Pilipinas Shell Foundation.

## 3. Project Objectives

This project aims to provide a venue for skills and livelihood development assistance to the unemployed, the underemployed and the out of school youths of the city. This will facilitate the utilization of underused or unused labor to contribute to the economic growth and productivity of the entire city. Ultimately, the project will support the upliftment of living conditions of households, especially those living below the income threshold.

## 4. Sectoral Objectives

This project will contribute to the attainment of the economic sector objectives thru developing the people's entrepreneurial spirit and generation of sustainable and dignified employment opportunities.

## 5. Regional and National Objectives

The project is in consonance with the National and Regional Objectives to reduce poverty, lower the unemployment rate, and promote people empowerment.

# IV. PROJECT FINANCING

## 1. Funds Needed

Procurement of various equipment	-	2,000,000.00
Training (Honorarium, Supplies and materials)	-	<u>1,500,000.00</u>
Total Project Cost	- PhP	3,500,000.00

## 2. Project Financing

The project will be funded from the financial assistance provided by interested local and foreign donor organizations. The City Government will also provide counterpart funds for some components of the project.

## 3. Fund Source

Procurement of various training equipment is proposed for funding from any foreign and local donor agencies.

## 4. Counterpart Funding

The City Government of Tagbilaran will provide local counterpart funds for the project in the amount equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost.

## 5. Financial Viability.

This project is a public investment that improves socio-economic services for the least privileged household in Tagbilaran City. Financial viability may be determined and translated in terms of increased incomes of households brought about by employment or development of micro business ventures.

# **V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS**

## 1. Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project are the unemployed, underemployed and the out-of-school youths in the fifteen (15) barangays of the city. This would allow them to learn or improve their skills, a significant factor and requisite to land good jobs or engaged in income-generating initiatives.

## 2. Social and Economic Benefits

This project can enhance the skills of the people and give them the opportunity to access to better paying-jobs. Employment opportunities await the beneficiaries of this project. Once they are employed, their family income will be augmented which in turn will improve their socio-economic conditions. With this, families of beneficiaries can access better health services, education, and nutrition.

## 3. Social and Economic Costs

The project has no social and economic costs but instead helps the economic growth of the city.

## **VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

### 1. Responsible Agencies

The City Government of Tagbilaran, through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), will be responsible for the implementation and supervision of the project. Technical assistance on skills development and livelihood will also be provided in coordination with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and other appropriate agencies and organizations.

### 3. Administrative Feasibility

The project will be implemented by the Office of the City Planning and Development Coordinator with the assistance from the City Social Welfare and Development Office. To ensure the sustainable operation of the Project, personnel and financial support will be provided by the City Government for the years beyond the project life.

### 4. Legal and Political Feasibility

The project is in line with the City's Economic Development Goal that promotes the people's entrepreneurial spirit and the generation of sustainable and dignified employment opportunities.

### 5. Environmental Clearance

NOT REQUIRED

### 6. Social Acceptability

This project is expected to be hundred percent socially acceptable by the constituents of the city as it addresses the need for skills development to facilitate access to better-paying jobs, economic opportunities and enhanced productivity.