

Improving Access of **Rural** Mountain Communities through **I**mproved Road
Network Projects
(RuraLINK)

A One Year project

Submitted for Funding to:

Any Interested Local or Foreign Funding Institution

Submitted by:

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PROJECT Brief

I. Project Description

- a. Project Title : Improving Access of Rural Mountain Communities through Improved Road Network Project (RuralINK)
- b. Project Type : Capital Forming
- c. Project Components:
- Community Capacity Building
 - Conduct project Orientation
 - Conduct Action Planning
 - Provide formal training
 - Hold barangays Officials and PO meetings
 - Rehabilitation and Improvement of Ubojan-Tan-wan Farm to Market road network
- d. Project Location :
- The mountain barangays of **Ubojan** and **Tan-awan**

II. Project Status

- a. Proposed Project :
- The proposed project involves the rehabilitation and improvement of the Ubojan-Tan-awan farm to market road network. The two mountain barangays are not accessible to any vehicular traffic due to the very bad condition of the road. Tan-awan is accessible only by foot.
- b. Status of Project Preparation:
- Project Idea
- c. Investment Programming:
- For Local or Foreign Funding

III. Project Justification:

a. Project Background:

The mountain barangays of Ubojan and Tan-awan are two of the most remote barangays of Tubigon. Remote in the sense that these barangays are not only mountainous but these are also very difficult to reach especially Tan-awan. These areas are accessible only by foot. These barangays also are among the top ten most deprived barangays of Tubigon (pdms).

There is only one link between the poblacion area to Tan-awan, This is through the Ubojan road which is approximately 3 km. However, the road condition from Ubojan to Tan-awan is very bad that it is no longer accessible by any type of vehicle. Barangay funds allocated to maintain these road network are very minimal and are mostly used to rehabilitate sections that are near growth centers. However, the section that links between these two barangays is the one that really needs attention.

Due to the deteriorated condition of the their road, goods and farm produce from Tan-awan and Ubojan are brought to the market by manual labor or sometimes by animal drawn sledges. That is the reason why farm income from these areas are very minimal even if the farmers are producing enough because of the difficulty of bringing their produce to the market. That is true as well for goods and services from the poblacion. The cost of construction materials for example would double or sometimes triple due to cost of handling.

During consultation processes, accessibility always tops the list in terms of assistance needed and priority intervention. It is the clamor of the people thus this project proposal.

b. Project Linkages:

The project would have strong linkage with other projects of the LGU such as the delivery of basic services such as health, agricultural extension and social welfare. Food production and other enterprise development initiatives will also benefit with the implementation of the project. The project will also open up possibilities of tourism development in the area.

c. Project Objectives:

- To improve access to the mountain barangays of Tubigon whole years round through rehabilitation of farm to market road network;
- To enhance administrative capacity of barangays officials and POs to maintain small rural infrastructure facilities;

- To disseminate information to generate local community and other stakeholders' appreciation, participation and commitment to support the project

d. Sectoral Objectives:

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

e. Regional and National Objectives:

The project complements the national agenda of alleviating poverty and raising the standard of living in remote and mountain communities. It will promote accessibility to basic social services and better access to markets and trades.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

a. Funds requirement:

The total estimated cost of the project is P breakdown as follows:

Activities	Estimated Cost
Community Capacity Building	P50,000.00
Rehabilitation of Ubojan-Tan-awan road network	P3,050,000.00
Total Estimated Cost	P3,100,000.00

b. Funding source:

Any interested local or foreign funding institution/agency under their small infrastructure development facility:

c. 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

a. Project Beneficiaries:

Project beneficiaries are the residents of the two mountain barangays of Ubojan and Tan-awan.

Barangay	Total HHS	Total Pop.	Male	Female
Ubojan	280	1387	674	713
Tan-awan	159	762	399	363

b. Social Benefits:

Basically, the residents of the two barangays will benefit tremendously from the project because it will provide them with not only access to basic social services but would also allow them access of their farm produce and goods to target markets.

It would also mean easy access to basic commodities that would improve rural living standard thus reduces the impact of deprivation and poverty.

c. 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. The development of economic enterprises and potential tourism development will also increase.

Increase household income redounds to increase in purchasing power of households.

d. Social Cost

Easy access to these communities may trigger the entry of unwanted elements of society and this may increase the risk to the peace and order problems of the communities. The entry of illegal drugs and lawless elements may cause undue social hardship on the youth and families as well.

e. Economic Cost

There is no define economic cost identified with the project because as foreseen, it will boost economic activity in the area and thus provide positive economic outlook for the communities.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

a. Responsible Agencies

The Local Government of Tubigon through the Office of the Municipal Engineer in collaboration with the Office of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Barangay Officials, Non-Government Agencies (NGAs), and People's Organizations (Pos).

b. Implementation schedule

Activities	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Community Capacity Building				
Rehabilitation & Improvement of the Ubojan-Tan-awan FMR network				
Monitoring and evaluation				

c. Administrative Feasibility

The Municipality of Tubigon has had adequate experience in implementing similar projects both funded internally and externally. It has a number of successfully implemented project funded by foreign donors such as;

Name of Project	Funding Institution	Partner Agency/NGO	Year Implemented
1. BIARSP	Rep. Of Belgium	ARC/DAR	2000- present
2. ARCDP2	WB	ARCDP/DAR/ARC	2004-present
3. ECD project	WB	DSWD	1999-pesent
4. FOCAS -PACAP	PACAP	PACAP/FTC	2005-present
5. ecoBudget Asia	EU	ECLIE	2005-present

d. Legal and Political Feasibility

The project enjoys full political support from the elected officials of Tubigon and its local communities. The project is among the top priorities of the LGU and rank among the top three issues during consultations with the communities concerned.

e. Social Acceptability

The project is a long cherished dream of the rural mountain communities of Tan-wan and Ubojan with very positive social impacts hence no social opposition is expected.

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