

**Livelihood Enhancement through Livestock Integration
(LELI Project)**

A One Year project

Submitted for Funding to:

Any Interested Local or Foreign Funding Institution

Submitted by:

**The Municipality of Tubigon
Province of Bohol
Philippines**

PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title	: Livelihood Enhancement through Livestock Integration
Project Type	: Income Generating
Project Location	: Municipality of Tubigon
Proponent	: Tubigon LGU
Project Status	: Proposed

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Rationale:

Local Conditions & Opportunities for Assistance

The Municipal Poverty Database indicates high poverty incidences particularly in the areas on food threshold, malnutrition, income threshold, and unemployment. In general, the causes of high poverty incidence are low farm productivity, lack of livelihood skills, high dependency on government services and goods which are grossly limited. Majority of the population have reached only elementary grades attributing to lack of skills and high unemployment rate. Women accounts for almost 49% of the population with few employed as working professionals, while the rests are part-timers workers, under-employed and full-time housewives.

The project will target five (5) depressed barangays in the Municipality, namely: Tanawan, Ubojan, Talenceras, Bosongon and Genonocan, with a total of 860 households.

This situation harbors opportunities for livestock integration, along with other services. The infusion of livestock species will improve farm productivity and source of income, food, draft power and organic materials for environmental sustainability. The project will likewise motivate people, especially the women, to participate more meaningfully in strengthening their communities.

Goal

After the end of the project in three (3) years, project family beneficiaries will have evolved into a learning and helping communities with sustained income, food and farming within an improved agro-eco system.

Objectives

1. By the end of the project, 85% of participating families will have 35% increased in income from livestock, crops, and other Income Generation Activities (IGAs);
2. By end of project, 95% of participating families will have increased consumption of variety of food;
3. By the end of the project, solidarity and sustainability of communities are enhanced;

4. By the end of the project, 100% of participating families will have adapted practices on care for the environment.
5. After 5 years, the project will benefit additional 248 families from the repayment of offsprings

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

A. Project Participants

The project will cover five (5) poverty-stricken barangays in the municipality namely: Tan-awan, Ubojan, Talenceras, Bosongon and Genonocan, and shall be implemented through PO (Peoples' Organization) as Partners.

B. Process of PO Partner Selection

1. Interested POs will signify their intension to partner with the project to the Municipal LGU
2. Applicant POs shall be screened by the Municipal Coordinator based on the following criteria.
 - Must be organized farmers or fisherfolks, and women's group.
 - Must have functional set of officers
 - Must be conducting meetings regularly
 - Must not be a recipient of similar assistance or projects/programs
 - Belonging to the high level of deprivation based on local Poverty Reduction indices of Bohol.
3. The Barangay Captain will endorse qualified POs to the Project Management Team (PMT).
4. The PMT will make preliminary screening and prioritization of POs for site validation.
5. The PMT will make the final selection of qualified POs based on the results of the site validation.

C. Project Commodities

The project shall provide the following interventions to address the immediate needs of participating families.

1. Livestock

Qualified families or groups will receive livestock either carabao, goat, pig and chicken depending on their needs and preferences subject to the approval of the Management Team. For each participating PO, only 10 families will receive the original animals, which shall be distributed according to the needs and area suitability of the organization. The original 5 POs shall receive a total of 30 carabaos, 62 goats, 5 ready-to breed pigs, and 150 native chickens. Repayment animals shall be given to the next qualified recipients. Procurement guidelines for livestock shall be formulated by the PMT indicating therein the criteria of animal selection and standard pricing which shall be determined by the Project

D. Technical Services

To ensure productivity of project animals, the following technical services shall be provided ;

Breeding Services

Artificial Insemination (AI) will be adopted as a means of impregnating project carabao, goats, and swine. However, natural breeding can be opted using accredited bull, buck and boar of the barangay certified by the PMT.

Animal Health Services

The following basic animal health management shall be conducted in all projects areas.

- Regular vaccination shall be conducted for all carabaos, goats, pigs and chickens
- Regular deworming
- Vitamin supplementation when necessary

E. Training Education

Organizational Trainings

1. VBPM/Diagnostics Training & Farm Planning

A 3-day workshop that aims to develop community plan and individual farm plans using the Value-Based Planning Model. Participants include all project families. Training will be held on first and second year. The PMT with OPV will facilitate the training.

2. Effective Management of Fund and Savings Scheme

2- day workshop on savings, simple bookkeeping and financial reporting. The participants include the group leaders and finance in-charge. Training will be held on the first and second year.

Technical Trainings

1. Animal Health Breeding and Nutrition Improvement (AHBNIT) Training

A 2-day training on animal health, breeding and nutrition improvement. All project families, who will be recipient of animals will undergo this training. Trainings will be held first and second year. The Municipal Agriculture Office with OPV will facilitate the training.

2. Organic Gardening

One day basic training on backyard vegetables and herbal production utilizing animal manure and other farm by-products. All participating families will undergo this training, which will be conducted and facilitated by the Municipal government staff with support from OPA and ATI.

E. Income Generating Activities (IGA)

All project partners who have established a savings group may avail a maximum of Php20, 000.00 for IGA without interest. Project groups who will engage in re-lending the IGA funds to project participants may charge minimal interest as agreed upon by the group. IGA funds may be used for the following types of activities i.e. meat processing, “balut” making, native handicrafts, fish processing, etc. The IGA fund will be passed on to other groups within two years in two equal payments without interest.

F. Other Agricultural Inputs and Supplies

- seeds, seedlings;
- drugs and biologics;
- planting materials for forage and pasture development;
- garden tools;
- vermi composting materials

G. Repayment Scheme

The following repayment scheme shall be observed;

Livestock

For every animal received, the recipient will give back one offspring of the same age which must be in good condition to the next qualified recipient family.

Agricultural supplies

For agricultural inputs and supplies such as seeds, planting materials, seedlings, etc., the recipients will give back the same quantity.

IGA revolving fund

Revolving fund will be made available to qualified participating groups through the facilitation of the Project Management Team and the donor group/(s).

Knowledge and skills and values

Participating families will pass-on knowledge, skills and values acquired from the project to the next in-line recipient or other members of the group. It maybe in the form of group training, mentoring and/or coaching.

I. Organization and Management

The Local Government Unit shall crate a Project Management Team who shall oversee project implementation. It shall be composed of the Municipal Mayor as chairman, and Municipal Agriculture Officer, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, and Livestock Technician as members.

The management team shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

- Oversee the implementation of the Project;
- Prepare Work and Financial Plan;
- Render project status/progress reports;
- Establish network with other agencies;
- Have direct supervision over the operation staff;
- Recommend policies and guidelines for Project implementation;
- Facilitate the conduct of Project Reviews and Planning; and
- Validate and approve applications of POs as project partners.

J. Project Monitoring and Evaluation

The Project shall be monitored and evaluated in 3 levels; Peoples' Organizations (POs), municipal and provincial levels and shall be done based on animal status, farm management and organizational development.

PROJECT FINANCING

A cost-sharing scheme shall be adopted by the project. The municipal LGU and the PO partners shall provide matching fund to the amount that shall be provided by the funding partner. The funding partner provides the 60% of the required project cost while the 40% comes from the LGU & PO.

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