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PROJECT TITLE:

PROTECTING AND DEFENDING THE AMBURAYAN RIVER BASIN AND WATERSHED THROUGH GOOD GVERNANCE & ACTIVE PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

Donor: Philippine-American Fund/USAID

Project Duration: June 2014—June 2017

Project Areas:

- **Benguet Province:** Atok, Tublay, Bakun, Buguias, Kapan-gan & Kibungan
- **La Union Province:** Municipality of Santol, Bangar & Sudipen
- **Ilocos Sur:** Municipality of Sugpon, Alilem & Tagudin

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,179 Households

Indirect Beneficiaries: 34, 785 households

Organizations: 9 Peoples’ Org’ns, 3 PLGU, NIA, DPWH, NWRB, 9MLGU, DENR, NCIP & DILG who will benefit from the capacity building trainings

Project Partners:

Local Government Units: Province of Benguet, Ilocos Sur & La Union, Municipal LGU of Atok, Bakun, Buguias, Kapan-gan, Kibun-gan, Tublay, Santol, Bangar, Sudipen, Sugpon, Alilem & Tagudin

Government Offices: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) National Water Resources Board (NWRB) National Irrigation Administration (NIA) Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Department of Health (DOH) Department of Agriculture (DA) National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Department of Tourism (DOT)

Academe:

Benguet State University (BSU)
Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University
University of the Philippines-Baguio
University of Northern Philippines

Business Sector:

Hydro Electric Development Corporation Inc.
SN Aboitiz

OVERALL IMPACT:

The project will bring together concerned stakeholders in the management of the Amburayan River Basin and Watershed and institutionalize a collaborative agreement that would ensure the protection of people’s rights and the interests of all stakeholders to protect the integrity of the watershed.

EXPECTED OUTCOME:

Outcome 1: Amburayan Integrated Water Resource Management Plan, including integrated water quality management plan.; utilized and implemented by the Amburayan Multi-stakeholder Council in managing the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds.

Output:

- a. Administrative Ordinance (AO) legalizing the council/coalition ; implementing rules & guidelines outlining responsibilities of the coalition and the mechanism/guidelines for conflict resolution on resource use (forest, mining, water, land).
- b. Memorandum of Agreement/Covenant among stakeholders on the protection of the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds
- c. Provincial policies enacted on the protection of the Amburayan River Basin and Watersheds & resource use (forests, mining, water & land)



Outcome 2: Amburayan River Council composed of all stakeholders (LGU, People Organization, Business sectors, Government Agencies, Academe) organized & capacitated ably assuming management functions.

Output:

- a. Administrative Orders (AO) or ordinance legalizing the council/coalition; implementing rules & guidelines outlining responsibilities of the coalition and the mechanism/guidelines for conflict resolution on resource use (forest, mining, water, land)
- b. Active engagement of the community stakeholders in watershed/river protection activities such as tree-planting, slope protection, fire prevention.
- c. Council has enrolled Amburayan as a water quality management area under DENR social acceptability for any energy project.
- d. At least 30 People's organization members per municipality deputized to safeguard Amburayan watersheds and river basin.

Outcome 3: Feedback system, monitoring and evaluation & IECs in place for the Amburayan river basin and watersheds.

Output:

- a. Presence of feedback system M&E systems in manuals, IECs (on policies & important information) installed at strategic areas.
- b. Other Provincial or other region LGUs/NGOs/Government Agencies and personnel to learn from this project.

Outcome 4: Project exit & sustainability plans in place

Output:

- a. Council financial requirement are on LGU approved annual budget
- b. Watershed and river basin protection projects are Integrated in LGU plans & budgets
- c. Accreditation of the Council in the Provincial Development Councils.
- d. Sustainability plans in place
- e. Project Impact Evaluation

