

A black and white photograph of a volcanic landscape. In the foreground, there is a dark, rocky, and uneven terrain. In the middle ground, a group of people, including adults and children, are standing and looking towards the background. The background features a range of mountains under a hazy sky. A solid red vertical bar is located on the left side of the image.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR INCLUSIVE LOCAL PLANNING

Empowering Communities and Local Government Units in
Implementing Inclusive Development Programs in the Philippines

Overall objective of the project:
To contribute to a common local development
agenda for building disaster resilient communities

3 YEAR
program (2014-2016)

100
barangays

15
municipalities

EU
European Union
supported project

42 months
duration
(December 2014 – March 2017)

90,458
target beneficiaries

Expected Results of the project:

1. Improve participatory local processes and networks between Local Government Unit (LGU) and Community-based Organizations (CBOs)
2. Integrate community needs and priorities into barangay, municipal, provincial DRRR plans and budgets according to the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA 10121)
3. Strengthen capacities, roles and representation of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) and CBOs, contributing to the empowerment of community members, to train LGU representatives and to build partnerships and networks between them.



Key Activities

- Conduct a comprehensive Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) in 100 barangays
- Develop participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tools for Inclusive Advocacy and Participatory Planning
- Establish a network of local partners to advocate and support inclusive planning at the barangay level
- Set up an advocacy plan for inclusive barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) planning
- Engage local partners to follow-up and monitor the development of inclusive barangay DRRM Plans





Extreme and frequent weather events are on the rise, causing loss of lives and damage to assets and livelihoods. These events also exacerbate communities' future vulnerability by reducing their capacities to respond to future risks or compromise their long-term prospects and adaptive capacity to climate change.

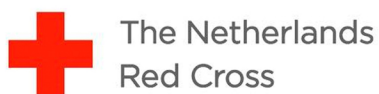
Past disaster trends and projected climate change impacts highlights the need to integrate climate change adaptation (CCA), gender and diversity, inclusion of persons with disability as part of local development planning in the Philippines.

The PDRRM Act (RA 10121) aims at building the resilience of local communities towards disasters including climate change impacts. It engages different actors and stakeholders to work together on disaster management and development, thereby, linking all levels of government with specific roles and responsibilities.

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in partnership with the Finnish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Spanish Red Cross, the Netherlands Red Cross and the European Union, has been implementing the project, **"Empowering Communities and Local Government Units (LGU) in Implementing Inclusive Development Programs in the Philippines."** The project is implemented in 100 barangays, 15 municipalities, two cities of Metro Manila, and five provinces across the Philippines which aims to strengthen the implementation and outcomes of RA 10121.



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