

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
PARTNERSHIP ON BIDANI STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

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This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) made and entered into and executed this day NOV 13 2023 at Hilongos, Leyte, Philippines by and among.

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, an institution of higher learning established under Pres. Decree No. 470 as amended by Pres. Decree No. 700, and converted into a state university by R.A. 9158 & 9437, with principal office at Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte, duly represented herein by its University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**, and hereinafter referred to as "VSU;"

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF HILONGOS, PROVINCE OF LEYTE**, a political and corporate government unit with principal office in Hilongos, Leyte, duly represented herein by its City Mayor, **Honorable MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**, and hereinafter referred to as "LGU-HILONGOS;"

The **LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY-HILONGOS CHAPTER**, an organization of all the Barangay Captains of Hilongos, Leyte, herein represented by its Liga Chapter President, **Honorable TEODORO U. ROBLES**, and hereinafter referred to as "LIGA-HILONGOS;" and

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE**, a political and corporate government unit with principal office at New City Hall, Government Center, Barangay Gaas, City of Baybay, Leyte, represented herein by its City Mayor, **Honorable Jose Carlos L. Cari**, and hereinafter referred to as "LGU-BAYBAY."

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the Barangay Integrated Development Approach to Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) is a collaborative extension and action research program of higher education and institutions—private and public—initiated by state universities and colleges (SUCs), and implemented in and for barangays in partnership with local government units (LGUs), government agencies (GAs), and nongovernment organizations (NGOs);

WHEREAS, as SUCs' extension program/project and LGUs' development strategy in local governance in program planning and management of Program/Projects/Activities (PPAs), BIDANI supports, complements, and supplements the implementation of the existing salient provisions of the Philippine government's Local Autonomy & Decentralization Program known as the Local Code of 1991, the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), and the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS), as well as the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

WHEREAS, the BIDANI strategy is a delivery mechanism to accelerate rural and urban development of which nutrition is a crucial goal, objective, component, outcome, and indicator of development to achieve self-sufficiency and improved quality of life at the

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village level in a sustained and economical way through a more effective barangay/municipal/city structure and improved capacities of local government in planning and management of PPAs aimed at poverty alleviation and meeting the basic needs of the populace;

WHEREAS, BIDANI's mission is to promote socioeconomic development through a process of participative planning and appraisal of activities, facilitated by academic institutions of higher learning through their extension program, and implemented by barangay people in partnership with government agencies and nongovernment organizations.

WHEREAS, the BIDANI Program is composed of various innovative project components, namely: (1) **Barangay Integrated Development Approach (BIDA)** which is the process of adopting the BIDANI strategy to generate and sustain active and coordinated participation of all sectors at various levels, and to build capacities of local government in systematic development planning, implementing, and monitoring and evaluation of projects embodied in the Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP); (2) **Barangay Management Information System (BMIS)** which is a people-based information system for gathering, organizing, storing, and updating data about the barangay for evidence-based policy and decision making and development planning through community survey and family survey using the UPLB-registered and copyrighted BMIS software developed in 2003 and deposited at the National Library on March 01, 2008, under Registration No. N 2008-101, and (3) **Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA)**, which is a participative and individualized strategy in preventing malnutrition among 0-24 month-old children through the life cycle approach and in building the capacity of the local leaders and nutrition front liners in nutrition program management towards food and nutrition security.

WHEREAS, SUCs are mandated to conduct and sustain effective and efficient community extension services, the third element of their four-part core functions of instruction, research, extension, and production;

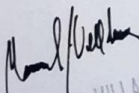
WHEREAS, VSU, having the workforce capabilities and facilities to conduct applied research and extension activities, is one of the seven original key regional centers of the BIDANI Network Program spearheaded by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB);

WHEREAS, VSU institutionalized BIDANI as an extension program of the university (then Visayas State College of Agriculture or ViSCA) in 1998;

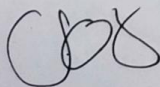
WHEREAS, VSU has renewed its Memorandum of Agreement with UPLB for the period June 2022 to December 2026, that stipulates mutual cooperation and support between the two parties in the operationalization of the VSU-BIDANI Program in the latter's areas of coverage;

WHEREAS, the VSU-BIDANI Program has the commitment to cater to LGUs that express interest in the adoption of the BIDANI strategy for local governance, among which is LGU-HILONGOS;

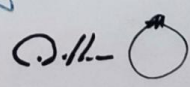
WHEREAS, LGU-HILONGOS functions as a general-purpose government to promote the general welfare and provide effective and efficient essential social services and facilities enumerated in Sec. 16-17 of the Local Code of 1991 (RA 7160) within its territorial jurisdiction consisting of fifty-one (51) barangays;


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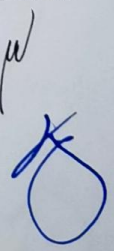


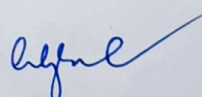


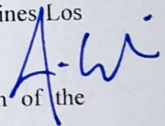












WHEREAS, both VSU and LGU-HILONGOS recognize the need to empower and enhance the capacities of LGU-HILONGOS for efficient and effective governance in partnership with other stakeholders for an integrated development effort using the BIDANI strategy;

WHEREAS, LGU-BAYBAY has implemented the BIDANI strategy in the City of Baybay since year 2016 and has made explicit its experienced outcomes favorable to local governance and overall development of the city, which reflect the impact of the VSU-BIDANI program on its partner LGU;

WHEREAS, LGU-BAYBAY expressed its willingness to conduct social mobilization and capacity building on the BIDANI strategy in its neighboring municipalities to help enhance the capacities of LGUs in planning and management of PPAs aimed at poverty alleviation and meeting the basic needs of their populace;

WHEREAS, adoption and operationalization of BIDANI as a development strategy in local governance entails a partnership development between the SUC and LGU with the SUC performing capacitating responsibilities towards its partner stakeholders, and the LGU providing resources for implementing the BIDANI strategy;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have mutual concerns and pledge their cooperation and support for the implementation of the BIDANI strategy in the Hilongos Municipality, Province of Leyte.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to establish a partnership among VSU (through VSU-BIDANI), LGU-HILONGOS, LIGA-HILONGOS, and LGU-BAYBAY for the implementation of the BIDANI strategy for local governance in the Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte.

2. Responsibilities of the Parties

2.1. VSU-BIDANI shall:

2.1.1. Establish and strengthen partnership with local governance stakeholders in the Hilongos Municipality for the adoption of integrated development initiatives using the BIDANI strategy in program planning and management, resource generation and mobilization, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of PPAs;

2.1.2. Utilize and strengthen the existing organizations in LGU-HILONGOS to compose the Municipal Technical Action Committee or Technical Working Group (MTAC/TWG) Sectoral Functional Committees (Section 112 of the Local Code RA7160) as the machinery in implementing the BIDANI Strategy in the barangays of Hilongos;

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- 2.1.3. Provide knowledge and skills to the LGU's existing functional committees, to be called MTAC/TWG/Liga Ng Mga Barangay, in implementing the BIDANI strategy at the barangay level.
- 2.1.4. Partner with LGU-BAYBAY in the conduct of social mobilization, capacity building, and technical backstopping activities for LGU-HILONGOS on the BIDANI components, namely:
- 2.1.4.1. BIDA – program planning and management of PPAs, resource generation and mobilization, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation using the BIDANI strategy
 - 2.1.4.2. BMIS – establishment of Barangay Management Information System
 - 2.1.4.3. PNEA – implementation of a Participative Nutrition Enhancement Approach (PNEA);
- 2.1.5. Provide assistance in the analysis of BMIS data to be able to coordinate accordingly with VSU's Office of the Vice President for Research, Extension and Innovation (OVPREI), through its extension programs, for support services needed by LGU-HILONGOS in the implementation of development PPAs as stipulated in its local development plans formulated using the BIDANI strategy.

2.2. LGU-HILONGOS shall:

- 2.2.1. Legitimize the adoption of the BIDANI strategy through a *Sangguniang Bayan* (SB) Resolution, MOA, or Executive Order on the composition of the MTAC/TWG/Sectoral functional committees of the Local Development Council, which shall implement the BIDANI strategy in partnership with VSU-BIDANI in the 51 barangays of Hilongos, Leyte;
- 2.2.2. Adopt or integrate the basic concept of the BIDANI strategy in the agencies'/committees' role as enabler and catalyst in enhancing the capacities of the LGU and its Local Nutrition Committees for an efficient and effective delivery of social services to the constituents consistent with PPAN and the salient provision of the Local Autonomy and Decentralization Program of the government (RA 7160) and Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS);
- 2.2.3. Provide leadership through the MTAC, Municipal Nutrition Committee, or Liga Ng Mga Barangay for the sustained implementation of the integrated nutrition-in-development initiatives at the local levels, using the BIDANI strategy through an ordinance;
- 2.2.4. Mobilize stakeholders in providing backstopping activities to barangay LGUs in development planning, and management (resource allocation and generation, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation) of development PPAs to achieve good governance, poverty alleviation, and food security that will ultimately redound to health and nutrition improvement and general wellbeing of the populace;
- 2.2.5. Provide support to its partner stakeholders and nutrition advocates in development undertakings using the BIDANI strategy;

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2.2.6. Conduct regular consultative or feedbacking sessions, conferences, and meetings on strategic planning among local governance stakeholders and nutrition advocates (MTAC/MNC)/Liga Ng Mga Barangay) in the implementation of development PPAs stipulated in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) or Comprehensive Multi-Sectoral Development Plans (Sec. 106 of RA 7160) and/or Local Nutrition Action Plan (LNAP); and

2.2.7. Allocate budget for capacity building activities related to the BIDANI strategy adoption including the implementation of the three components of BIDANI in the municipality, namely: BIDA, BMIS, and PNEA.

2.2.8. Provide VSU-BIDANI access to BMIS data for analysis and input to evidence-based planning at the sectoral level across BIDA and PNEA strategies, as well as for research and development purposes, provided that the sharing arrangement complies with the stipulations of the Data Privacy Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Executive Order No. 2, s. 2016 (Freedom of Information) and other relevant laws.

2.3. LIGA-HILONGOS shall:

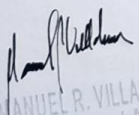
2.3.1. Ensure that the barangay LGUs, as the basic political unit, serve as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies and PPAs in the community (Sec. 384 RA 7160);

2.3.2. Facilitate in mobilizing the barangay LGUs to adopt the BIDANI strategy through a barangay resolution or ordinance for program planning and management of PPAs including resource allocation and generation, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation;

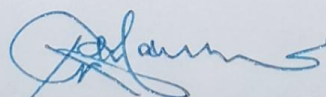
2.3.3. Mobilize and ensure participation of Barangay Development Council/Sectoral Functional Committees/nutrition committees in development planning and management of PPAs; in Sectoral planning-workshop and formulation of Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP) or Comprehensive Multisectoral Development Plan (Sec. 106 & 109 of RA 7160), and as the basis in coming up with Annual Investment Plan (AIP) and in accomplishing the Barangay Nutrition Action Plan (BNAP) and other mandated plans;

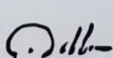
2.3.4. Provide continuous support and supervision to barangay LGUs in allocating budget from the development fund of their Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) and in conducting linkages with government agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders to source out funds for projects and activities that provide essential services and facilities for the general welfare of their constituents (Sec. 16 & 17 of RA 7160); and

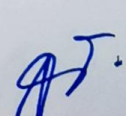
2.3.5. Supervise the barangay LGUs in producing a book-bound Barangay Development Plan (BDP), Barangay Integrated Development Plan (BIDP), or Comprehensive Multi-Sectoral Development Plan (CMDP) as a guide in implementing and monitoring and evaluating development PPAs of the barangays.

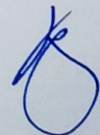

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2.4. LGU-BAYBAY shall:

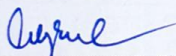
- 2.4.1. Partner with VSU-BIDANI in the conduct of social mobilization, capacity building, and technical backstopping activities for LGU-HILONGOS on the BIDANI strategy;
- 2.4.2. Serve as resource persons in activities that aim to enhance the capacities of partner LGUs and local committees following the BIDANI strategy for an efficient and effective delivery of services to their constituents;
- 2.4.3. Provide technical assistance to the partner LGUs related to the adoption of the BIDANI strategy including development planning, and management (resource allocation and generation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation) of development PPAs to achieve good governance, poverty alleviation, and food security that will ultimately redound to health and nutrition improvement and general well-being of the populace;
- 2.4.4. Provide a venue for BMIS trainings for partner LGUs.

This agreement shall take effect upon approval by the concerned parties and shall be enforced unless terminated or revoked by either of the parties. An interested party who wishes to terminate the agreement shall inform the other party one month before the date of termination.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto affix their respective signatures this _____ day of _____ at _____, Philippines.

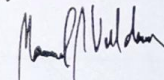
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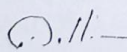
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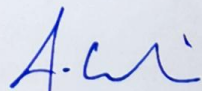
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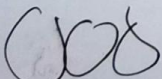
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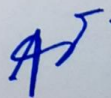

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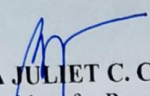
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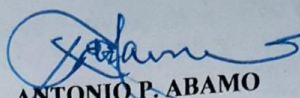

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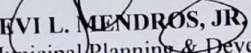



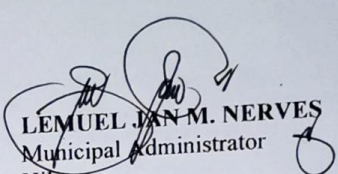



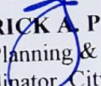
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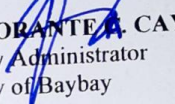

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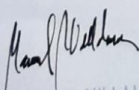

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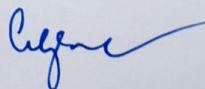
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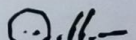
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Before me this NOV 13 2023 day of _____ personally appeared the following:

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EDGARDO E. TULIN	V00522	10-31-2015	VSU Baybay City, Leyte
MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA	H03-20-100423		LTO, Ormoc City
TEODORO U. ROBLES	2402-3984-3019-4865	5-10-2021	Hilongos, Leyte
JOSE CARLOS L. CARI	N15-84-028533	2023/4/10	LTO Baybay City


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Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed.


This contract consisting of eight (8) pages including this page where the acknowledgement has been written signed on the left hand margin of each and every page hereto by the parties and their witnesses and sealed with notary seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on the day, year and place above-written.

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