



I. BASIC INFORMATION

Program/Project Title: Leadership for Resilient Local Government Units (LRLGU)

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Collaborating Units/Agencies: **College of Forestry and Environmental Science, College of Engineering, College of Management and Economics**

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Development Thematic Area:

- ☐ Agricultural Science and Technology-based Livelihood/Entrepreneurship
- ☐ Basic Education and Cultural Development
- ☐ Health and Nutrition
- ☐ Environment and Natural Resources
- ✓ Local Governance
- ☐ Rural Infrastructure and Energy
- ☐ Certified Skills Development
- ✓ DRRM & Climate Change

Project Site(s): Ormoc City

Duration: 2024

Proposed Budget: Php202,500

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

A. Background and Rationale

- ✓ Clearly state the problem and significance of the project to the community/beneficiaries.

As an academic institution, VSU has the mandate to provide research and extension services. By doing these, VSU also ensures continual learning which can spill over benefits to its instruction mandate. As such, invitations and requests for capacity-building support, especially for government institutions and civil society organizations, are most welcome.

Apart from this mandate-driven motivation, the project is one way to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and in circumventing the worsening situation brought about by climate change. As an academic partner, it is our role to our immediate communities to equip local leaders and LGUs with the knowledge and skills to ensure the building of climate-resilient and sustainable communities.

The Resilient Local Government Unit Program (RLGUP) responds to the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) priority, particularly on the urgent need for collaboration among government, scientists, civil society, and the private

sector to jointly take initiative to reduce disaster risks. Additionally, the SDG 17 also emphasizes partnership as a means to achieve all the SDGs.

This project is an initiative of the National Resilience Council (NRC), a private-public partnership council launched in 2017 based in Manila that implements a nationwide project - the Resilient Local Government Unit Program (RLGUP). The NRC aims to strengthen the dynamic collaboration between the public and private sectors in advancing science and technology-based solutions to the multiple challenges of disaster resilience.

For the past two years, VSU's RLGUP project has already provided significant contributions to Ormoc City's resilience-building. In 2020, VSU entered a tripartite MOU with Ormoc LGU and NRC. The expenses in 2020 were initially covered by the Gender Resource Center. For 2021-2022, the activities were conducted mostly through online platforms, thus, very minimal costs were incurred.

Presented in the image below the Resilience Framework of the National Resilience Council. The Leadership and Governance of the LGU, through Leadership and Commitment and Competencies, Empowered Stakeholders, and Integrated Development Planning, Implementation and Evaluation would result in resilient development pillars - Human Development, Local Economy, Infrastructure, and Environment. In turn, the Local Government Systems become resilient, there will be a reduction in the severity of the impact of disaster risks (deaths, damage to properties, infrastructure, and agriculture) and development continuity.

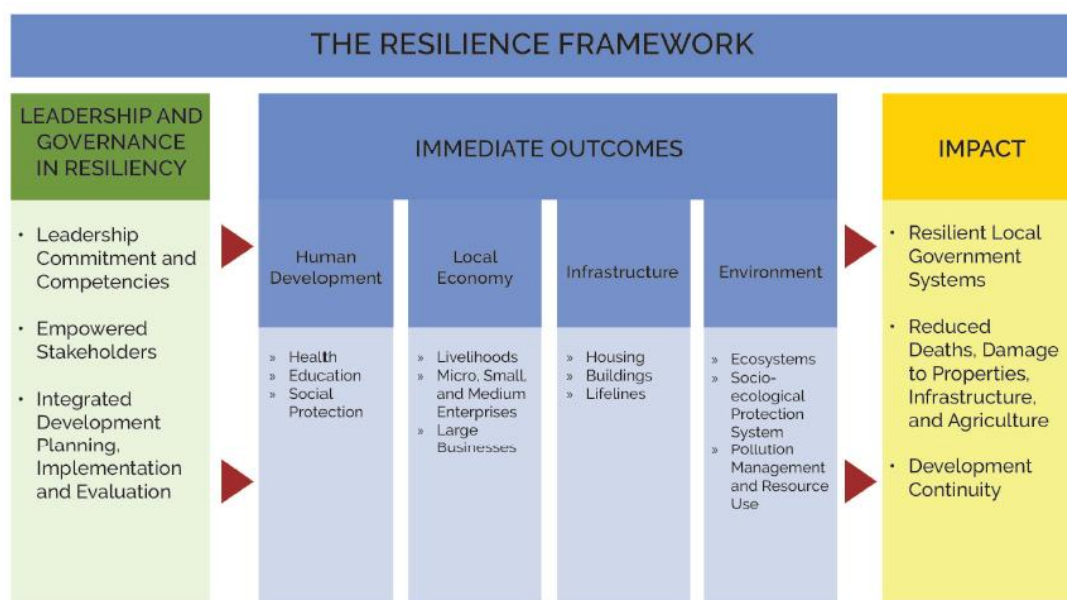


Figure 1. The Resilience Framework developed by NRC

In the implementation of the Resilience Framework, 3 major phases were developed and followed by NRC. First is the Prepare Phase, followed by the Adapt Phase, and the third is the Transform Phase. In each phase, different activities will be undertaken geared toward the enhancement of Human Development, Local Economy,

Infrastructure, and Environment Pillars. In monitoring and gauging the outcomes, NRC has developed a scorecard that will be used as a basis for evaluating each pillar. There is a specific scorecard in for each pillar for every phase. The Prepare Phase activities were implemented in 2020, the Adapt Phase activities were implemented in 2021 and the Transform Activities are being implemented this year. However, there are organizational challenges that affect the implementation of the planned activities of NRC.

THREE-YEAR RUNWAY

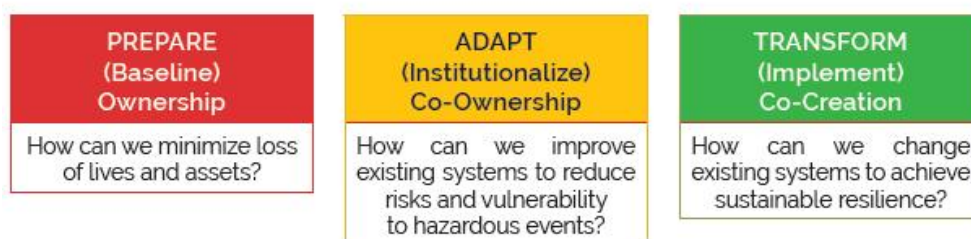


Figure 2. The Three Implementation Phases of the Leadership for Resilient LGU project.

Apart from NRC-led activities, there were also other capacity-building and mentoring activities that were carried out by Ormoc LGU and VSU together outside the NRC project. An example is the support provided by VSU during the crafting of the project proposal of LGU to the People's Survival Fund (PSF) in 2021-2022. The Oscar M. Lopez Center (OMLC) took the facilitation in the preparation of the Ormoc City project proposal for PSF funding with the support of VSU.

- ✓ Identify and discuss the specific needs/problems to be addressed

The project envisions building the resilience of cities and communities through the strengthening of the leadership capacity of the Local Government Units since they are at the forefront of disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation.

Currently, the Ormoc City LGU has an MOA as a partner of VSU for its resilience-building initiatives. The project also welcomes requests for support from other LGUs and communities. As an academic partner of Ormoc City LGU, VSU is expected to provide capacity-strengthening assistance in relation to resilience building of the Ormoc City LGU, specifically those related to Leadership and Governance, and Science and Technology.

This undertaking will assist Ormoc City and other LGUs (upon request) in accessing technical advice and expertise from the experts of VSU in the fields that are relevant to gender, climate change, and disaster risk and resilience.

This project will capacitate both the LGUs and VSU. LGUs will receive capacity-building support while VSU will gain hands-on experience. In addition, NRC also provides training and linkage support to VSU and Ormoc City LGU as their partners.

B. Objectives

The RLGUP is aimed at

1. providing support in the form of research, science-based advice coaching and mentoring, training, and other forms of capacity-strengthening activities to assist the LGU Ormoc City Resilience Council to take the lead in resilience building of their city;
2. support NRC-led activities that would enhance the resilience leadership of Ormoc City LGU, and
3. strengthen the capacity of VSU faculty in the gender, disaster, and climate resilience field through extension activities.

C. Major Components (if any)

Since the LGU needs support for Leadership and Governance (L&G), and Science and Technology (S&T), VSU pooled team members from different disciplines such as socio-economics, environmental science, and spatial science. As of 2023, the team now is composed of 6 faculty members namely, Prof. Maria. Aurora Teresita A.W. Tabada (the project leader), Dr. Dennis P. Peque (Focal for S & T), Dr. Moises Neil V. Serião and Dr. Jannet C. Bencure (Alternate Focal for S & T), Ms. Merry Jean A. Caparas and Ms. Gina A. Delima (Alternate Focal for L & G).

D. Beneficiaries

- ✓ Identify project beneficiaries and briefly discuss the reason why they were chosen.

The beneficiaries of this project are the local government units (LGUs) within the region. Currently, the LGU of Ormoc is the recipient of the capacity-building support of NRC and VSU.

D. Expected Outcome

With the capacity-building activities, it is expected that Ormoc LGU's resilience capacity will be enhanced. The resilience capacity will be measured using the Resilience scorecard developed by NRC.

E. Potential Impact¹

- 1) Resilient Government Systems
- 2) Reduced deaths, damage to properties, infrastructure and agriculture
- 3) Development Continuity.

G. Methodologies/Strategies

- ✓ Enumerate the major/components activities of the project with a brief description.

¹ Excerpt from NRC Resilience Framework

This extension project uses different approaches to meet its objectives. These include

1. participation in the planning activities of Ormoc City,
2. face-to-face coaching and mentoring during meetings and training,
3. remote coaching and mentoring through online conferences or mobile phone calls,
4. participation in the training provided by NRC, and
5. provision of research services as requested by the partners.

H. Detailed Work Plan Schedule

12 Months/1 year (*depends on the proposed project duration*)

Objectives	Major Activities	Duration (Months)											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Provide support in the form of research, science-based advice coaching and mentoring, training and other forms capacity-strengthening activities to assist the Ormoc City LGU to take lead in resilience building of their city,	Consultation Meeting Training/WS facilitation/co-facilitation Provide input to plans, research, and policy documents												
2. Support NRC-led activities that would enhance the resilience leadership of Ormoc City LGU	The schedule will be communicated by NRC												
3. Strengthen the capacity of VSU faculty on the disaster and climate resilience field through extension activities	The schedule will be communicated by NRC or LGU Ormoc City												

I. Line Item Budget

Budget Items	Unit	Unit Cost (Php)	No. of Units	Unit Total (Php)	Total (Php)
I. Personal Services					
A. Salaries and wages					
Research Assistant (6 mos.)	Wage/day	Php869.90/day	22 days/month	Php19,137.80	Php114,826.80
II. MOOE					
A. Travel and Communication					
Fuel	Liter/month for 12 mos.	Php65/li	60li/mo.	Php3,900	Php46,800
B. Trainings/Meetings / Seminars/ Workshops/ Consultations	3 one-day training/work in 1 year	Php7500 (30pax @Php250/pax/day)		Php22,500	Php22,500
C. Office supplies					Php10,000
III. Total Cost					Php184,126.80

***for reference only*

J. Logical Framework

Narrative Summary	Objectively Verifiable Indicator	Means of Verification	Important Assumptions
Goal/Impact Resilient Local Government Unit	The project aims to capacitate the Ormoc-LGU staff, especially those involved in disaster planning and natural resources management, on using GIS data and software in data-based planning and decision making.	- Monitoring and Evaluation reports	The partnership between the VSU team and LGU Ormoc City is functional and each is willing to provide documents needed for the monitoring and evaluation.

Purpose/ Outcome Enhance the capacity of LGUs with evidence-informed risk governance and high-level collaboration between LGUs and academia in implementing resilience programs.			Validation of resilience score cards result done by external evaluator.
Output <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VSU, Ormoc LGU, and other partners attend relevant trainings VSU provided support to climate and resilient activities of LGU 	Number of trainings attended by VSU Number of support activities provided to Ormoc City LGU	Attendance Sheet Meeting proceedings List of attended trainings List of coaching and mentoring activities provided by VSU to Ormoc LGU	Schedule of training and mentoring activities coincide with the availability of the team. VSU has the technical capacities needed by Ormoc City, LGU
Activities Preparation for the Training on GIS for Ormoc City ENRO Staff (Developed a training module and training design)	Date September - November 2023	Conducted by The training had not been pursued due to the election ban.	Proponents MJ Caparas, J Bencure