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SUBJECT: Creation of a VISCA Coordinating Committee for Local Government Assistance

With Dr. Basilio Dabuet as Chairman, please constitute yourselves as members of the VISCA Coordinating Committee for Local Government Assistance.

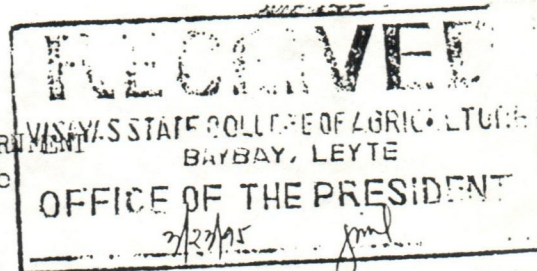
This committee should assist the Office of the VISCA President in responding to request of local government units for assistance in line with the mandate of the College.

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cc: Mayor Carmen L. Cari
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Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Municipal Government Operations Office
Baybay, Leyte



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Dr. Samuel S. Go Ph.D.
President
VISCA, Baybay, Leyte

Sir:

We greatly appreciate that VISCA, a center for technology and research, thru the Planning Unit of the institution and the Center for Social Center in Small-Farmer Development (CSR), is currently taking positive cognizance to create awareness (with this office) and/or extend developmental and technical support in line with action research to promote effective:

- a. technology transfer
- b. development planning
- c. policy support
- d. project study

as these concerns build capabilities (multiplier effect) among the local leaders and institutions, particularly, with respect to the vicinity barangays of Pangasugan, Cundalupo, Patag and other nearby barangays (where VISCA has projects and activities, in pursuance of its vision and mission for the following reasons and/or by virtue of the following communal issues, problems and needs of these barangays (to do away with some deterrents to further development) due to:

1. Lack of spatial framework plan as evidenced by the following observations:
 - a. Absence of a well-defined road network/zoning plan to accommodate existing and projected service requirements as a result of:
 - Pressing development needs for space and exigencies;
 - Population increase and settlement patterns;
 - Provision for modern amenities; and
 - A common concern for the ecological balance and economic base.
2. Limited or inadequate appropriate spaces for institutional projects like barangay halls, basketball courts, school buildings, etc., with the existence of development obstructions like:
 - a. substandard infrastructure projects and facilities;
 - b. Out-of-place structures; and
 - c. projects along the national highway.
3. Poor attitude of people and leaders towards change, teamwork, productivity, concern for the common good, self-reliance and creativity, faith in one's ability to survive without outside support, with the following indicators:
 - a. Lack of viable cooperatives and livelihood enterprises;
 - b. mismanaged/disorganized social and political institutions;
 - c. Low productivity and poor acceptance to change;
 - d. Unwise use of scarce/limited resources;
 - e. Poor attendance in meetings and assemblies;

- f. Prevalence of illegal activities like illegal fishing and illegal logging; and
 - g. Lukewarm involvement in group activities due to politics and socio-economic stratification
4. Low accessibility and participation level of the poor and disadvantaged sectors to development opportunities, like
- a. Child labor exploitation, abuse, neglect and abandonment;
 - b. Drug abuse and dependency;
 - c. Low involvement of women in work traditionally handled by men;
 - d. Proliferation of makeshift or very substandard dwelling units;
 - e. Inadequate opportunities for disadvantaged or marginalized sectors; and
 - f. Poor nutritional status of children

Considering that VISCA has an indispensable/direct social and missionary responsibility with these depressed nearby barangays (in the same way with its elected leaders and NGA/NGO concerned) to improve their lot, I am proposing (as part of frontline re-invention) that these barangays be organized into clusters (in 3 or more barangays per cluster), with our joint support (in terms of technology/ financial/human and material available resources) for these affected communities for them to jointly and severally resolve common issues, problems and needs.

Areas of concerns shall involved on the following priority areas:

- I. Development Planning:
 - 1. Barangay Socio-economic and physical Profile (SEPP)
 - 2. Three-year Integrated Cluster Development Plan
 - 3. Spatial Development Framework Plan
 - Road Network Plan
 - Zoning and Land Uses
 - 4. Barangay Cluster Development/Institution.
- II. Community Mobilization:
 - 1. Fund Sourcing (DTI, DOST, DA, CDF, NIA, DSWD, LGU, GFI, NGO, Foreign assistance from Canada or Australia extended to depressed sectors)
 - 2. Organization of Cooperatives
 - 3. BIDANI (PDNR-Approach)
 - 4. Implementation of Self-Help Projects
 - 5. Promotion of NGO/Institution Building
- III. BARANGAY ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Improvement of Communal Water System/Watershed areas
 - 2. Cluster/Barangay Satellite Market
 - 3. Backyard Gardening and Animal Fattening
 - 4. Irrigation Systems
 - 5. Plant Nursery
 - 6. Animal Dispersal/ Hybridization
- IV . Fiscal Management:
 - 1. Cluster/Barangay Financial Plan
 - 2. Implementation of Barangay Tax Ordinance
 - 3. Planning and Budgeting System
- V. Project Development and Management:
 - 1. Project Feasibility Studies
 - 2. Standardization of Projects and Services to suit Purposes.
 - 3. Acquisition of Lots for Development Purposes (like cemetery, watersheds)
 - 4. Build and transfer (B-T) or Build- Operate-Transfer (B-O-T) Schemes

VI. Local Legislation:

1. Codification of Laws and Ordinances
2. Effective Legislation for Improved Basic Service Delivery Systems

VII. Organization and Management:

1. Peace and Order concerns
2. Managerial System Improvement/Reinvention
3. Policy-making and organizational restructuring
4. Implementation, follow-up and monitoring system

As to funding requirements and other administrative/supervisory support to this project (Barangay Cluster Development, Consistent with the mandate of the 1987 Constitution for LGU to consolidate resources), this is purely on self-help initiative (volunteerism) on the part of:

- a. VISCA (thru the CSR or VISCA Planning Unit): for the needed accommodation, technology and expertise;
- b. LGU of Baybay (thru the LCE/SB/MPDC): to extend policy/planning/legislative and financial support; and
- c. DILG (care of the MLGOC, thru the joint efforts of the sangguniang barangays concerned): to extend coordinative linkages and popular support in terms of policies and financial support.

To achieve impact and balance, it is imperative to organize two (2) barangay clusters (one in the North and the other South of VISCA), with a nucleus barangay (or growth center) per cluster.


The role of the agencies (principal and support) is merely to initiate for multiplier effect and institutional build-up, for these barangays to effectively manage capability building programs, with respect to:

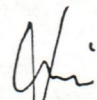
- identification of the core problem, its relevant causes and effects;
- formulation of hierarchy of objectives and options to carry out the same;
- design of projects, to include identification of relevant activities and inputs, determination of results as these contribute to project purpose and over all goal; and
- participation and team-building, as an off-shoot of the visualization processes, thus promoting better understanding and solution approaches among the officials in the barangay and the respective clusters.

As the final decision-maker of VISCA's extension programs and services, we are well-disposed and appreciative, should you decide to give this proposal your full backing and administrative support (by assigning a task force to collaborate with us) to ensure success.

Thank you and best wishes.

Very truly yours,


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