



# Ateneo School of Government

The Graduate School of Leadership and Public Service

## KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE AREA: ENVIRONMENT

### ENABLING BETTER RISK-REDUCTION GOVERNANCE IN ILAGAN BY ENABLING COMMUNITY-BASED DISASTER RISK RESILIENCE IN LOCAL CHURCHES OF THE DIOCESE, ILAGAN

#### OBJECTIVES

It is envisioned that after a year, the Diocese of Iligan will have (1) engaged its Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC) and other stakeholders who partner with the Diocese to participate in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Governance and that (2) develop better knowledge in DRR enough to engage the local government units within the scope of the Diocese of Iligan in better disaster risk reduction governance. Furthermore, (3) CA partners involved in the rehabilitation and recovery work in Typhoon Sendong-affected areas will have increased awareness, knowledge and capacities in CCA and DRR.

#### OUTPUTS

The project is expected to form (1) CCA and DRR –enhanced project strategies and activities, (2) undergo risk assessment for 5 vicariates of the Diocese, (3) develop DRR and CCA training tool and trainers for Church workers, (4) activate of BEC-based DRR cell groups, (5) produce DRR and CCA monitoring tool for LGUs

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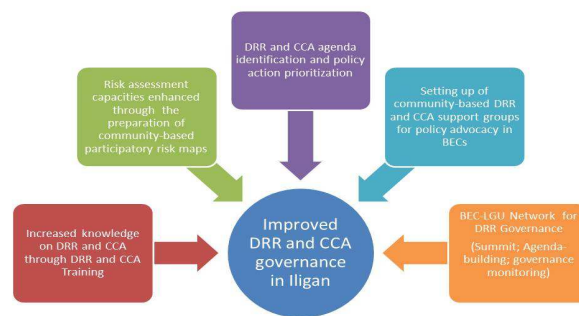
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The Project entitled *Enabling Better Risk-Reduction Governance in Iligan by Enabling Community-based Disaster Risk Resilience in Local Churches of the Diocese Iligan* rose from a need to have a better governance in Iligan in order to avoid disasters and other risks and in order to rehabilitate and rebuild Iligan, coming from a devastated state due to a typhoon last December 2011.

The province of Iligan suffered from devastating typhoon Sendong, high level of rainfall, and rainfall-induced landslides and many forms of debris flow. It has displaced many and so the Diocese of Iligan responded accordingly with relief operations, psycho-social interventions and set up a 3-hectare emergency core-shelter program that eventually led to the setting up of a resettlement program.

There is a need to have a better understanding of the hazards, their exposure, vulnerabilities and capacities will enable the Diocese of Iligan to ensure that disaster risk reduction is embedded in and informs current rehabilitation, rebuilding work within the Diocese of Iligan. Ateneo School of Government engages other Christian Aid support organizations in a learning and capacity building process to enable each partner to significantly contribute to the CCA and DRR rehabilitation and recovery work in the Typhoon Sendong-affected areas.



The intervention (see summary in graphics above) will explore the use of the Climate-Smart Disaster Risk Management approach in the Post-Sendong Rehabilitation work. The intervention will begin with enabling partners to understand the complexity of the risks by understanding the hazards before exploring innovative ways to address the governance issues that may arise. By doing so, amore evidence-based DRR advocacy for better DRR governance can be pursued. Furthermore, the proposed intervention aim to contribute to and complement existing work of Christian Aid partners in enabling accountable DRR and CCA governance post-Sendong in Iligan and in Lanao del Norte.

The project is supported by *Christian Aid*. It will involve local go ernment units, Diocese of Iligan, ASoG, Basic Ecclesial Communities, MUCAARD and UnladKabayan. The span of the project is 1 year.