



LOCALIZE TO REALIZE

Accelerating SDG Implementation for Local and Vulnerable Groups and Communities of Women, Indigenous Peoples and Informal Settler Families

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES

The Philippines acknowledges the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals and has prepared 3 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). The government mandates the localization of the SDGs to the local government units.

With the Mandanas-Garcia ruling (2018), local governments have access to additional resources from the national revenue, which strengthens decentralization and may improve social service delivery. While this can increase the resources for achieving the SDGs at the local level, challenges remain.

Leaving no one behind is key to SDG achievement and will require better targeted and concerted effort to identify, empower and improve access for the most vulnerable and left furthest behind. In the Philippines, indigenous communities are among the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, with the Bajau People (or "Bajaus"), a sea-based nomadic indigenous community found in many settlements, including in Surigao City (estimated 200-300 families) being at the far end. Informal settler families are also among the most marginalized and vulnerable groups, often living in dangerous and deplorable living conditions, lacking access to basic services. In Surigao City, 1,473 informal settler families reside across the city, often in areas exposed to urban flooding and inadequate housing conditions.

Surigao City is currently updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) based on the recently conducted CBMS. This offers the opportunity to advocate for localized and gender-responsive implementation of the SDGs and scalability of interventions regionally and nationally.

PROJECT DURATION

June 2024 – May 2025 (12 months)

PROJECT BUDGET

USD 300,000

Joint SDG Fund - USD 250,000
UN Habitat - USD 25,000 | UN Women - USD 25,000

FUND SOURCE

Joint SDG Fund

PROJECT SITE

Surigao City, Philippines

EXPECTED DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- **Surigao City LGU**
- **Vulnerable communities:**
- **40 Bajau families and 40 informal settler families**
- **Population groups** (with applicable disaggregation – e.g., community, ethnicity, gender, age): 40 Women, 40 Young people (aged 15-18), 10 Elderly

APPROACH

The joint programme will **localize the SDGs by establishing a participatory and community-driven model that can unlock and support vulnerable communities to engage with local and national governments in SDG-based planning and budgeting and access programs and services** that are responsive to the differentiated socio-economic needs and priorities of population groups.

KEY RESULTS

1

SDG localization mechanisms and policies at city level, coherent with national mechanisms and policies are used by the local government units

2

Vulnerable communities and population groups (women, young people aged 15-18, and the elderly) are capacitated to engage and take part in local SDG planning, monitoring, implementation and reporting processes

3

Organizational effectiveness and efficiency of participating UN offices on joint programme implementation and influencing/advocating SDG localization



OUTPUTS

Output 1.1

Institutions and systems are strengthened to provide services and address needs of communities in a more efficient, participatory, transparent and accountable manner. (UNSDCF 2024-2028 Output 1.6).

The city has enhanced capacities to localize the SDGs with culturally sensitive and gender-responsive SDG-based programs, activities and budgets that address the needs of vulnerable communities and population groups, with particular attention to their livelihood and social protection needs.

Output 1.2

SDG localization experiences are monitored, reported and communicated for upscaling within the city and replication by other local governments and stakeholders.

Output 2.1

Communities and families have enhanced capacities to localize the SDGs and work together with the city towards culturally sensitive and gender-responsive SDG-based programs, activities and budgets that address their needs and priorities, with particular attention to their livelihood and social protection needs.

Output 3.1

Effectively leverage PUNOs' mandates and partnerships, communications and advocacy capabilities to increase support/buy-in of local actors/stakeholders for accelerating SDG implementation at local level with human rights and gender equality lens


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