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HIGHLIGHTS

Preparation of Project Proposal

1. Harmonize requirements for project proposals by the development partners. Development partners have different requirements for project proposals which LGUs are having difficulty in complying.
2. Development a system/mechanism that will enable LGUs to access the expertise of consultants for developing projects and/or developing project proposals. An option raised is a special fund facility for project development which can be co-managed by the Leagues
3. There is the issue on succeeding steps undertaken after pilot-testing



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Information Dissemination on the Terms and Conditions of Loans

4. Provide information to LGUs on lending facilities offered by different donors, including sub-sovereign lending and those without sovereign guarantee.
5. IFC to review the minimum loan amount and possible access terms for the facility on LGU lending without sovereign guarantee. (IFC is already considering lending to clusters of LGUs)
6. On the monetization of IRA, the DBM has already issued an IOU paper that contains the schedule of IRA releases for the next seven years in relation to the IRA monetization, which can be used by GFIs as security for monetizing the IRA owed to LGUs. The LGUs, however, are requesting that government look into the practice of the GFIs to still hold the IRA for LGUs monetizing their IRA.



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7. Is it possible for LGUs to avail of donor programs without passing through a national government agencies?
8. How do the development partners determine which LGUs to assist? How are LGUs chosen for pilot-testing? Are there guidelines for availing of technical assistance grants



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Piloting/Scaling-up of Projects

9. Many ODA projects are usually for pilot-testing and scaling-up is left with government which oftentimes does not have the money. Can donors also fund scaling-up of projects
10. The donors to consider funding activities related to sharing of best practices among LGUs (e.g. Region 6's best public sector award system which can be disseminated to other provinces/regions for duplication)

Planning for Central Philippines

11. Study on how the Bicol region, which has always been identified with Luzon, can be "integrated" as part of Central Philippines



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Capacity Building for LGUs Staffs

12. There is a need to hone the skills of LGUS to do project preparation and to tap the League of Provincial Planning and Development Coordinators which are tasked to prepare plans at the local level.
13. There is a need to institute an incentives system (i.e., awards system) for career employees and at the LGU level that will motivate them to stay on.

