

## **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**

### **1.0 Current Projects**

#### ***1.1 Local Government Support Program, phase II (LGSP) (1999- Aug 2006, US\$29M)***

From 1999-2004, LGSP II developed the capacity of 204 LGUs (175 municipalities, 11 cities, 18 provinces) in Mindanao, ARMM, and Western Visayas in four key areas: local government management, service delivery, resource generation and management, and participatory governance. Four cross-cutting themes of poverty reduction, peace and unity, gender equality and environmental soundness were integrated into all initiatives. LGSP built alliances and partnerships between and among LGUs, community groups, civil society, the private sector, academe, national government agencies and international organizations. It also supported the strengthening of professional local government associations.

In 2005, LGSP II was extended to support the institutionalization and sustainability of key project results at the national level by enhancing the capacity of the enabling environment for local governance, primarily DILG and the Leagues. Focus areas include: strengthening the local planning system, enhancing the capacity for policy development, institutionalizing replication of exemplary practices, institutionalizing LGPMS, developing DILG Local Governance Resource Centres, and supporting DILG and implementation of EO444.

#### ***1.2 Local Governance Support Program in ARMM, (LGSPA) (2005-10, US\$15.5M)***

LGSPA aims to enhance local governance capacity in ARMM with respect to local government leadership and management, service delivery, resource generation and management, participatory governance and peace building. LGSPA builds on the successful results of LGSP I and II, using the strategies, tools and lessons learned to replicate the overall process of capacity development and performance improvement in ARMM LGUs. It also works with the Autonomous Regional Government and other supporting institutions to develop their capacity to support LGU development. LGSPA complements and works closely with the World Bank-financed ARMM Social Fund Project.

#### ***1.3 Canadian Urban Institute, Partnership Project for Good Urban Governance (2001-Mar 2006, US\$1.37M)***

CUI's project supports decentralization of power to local authorities and empowerment of communities in local decision-making, focusing on the Western Visayas, through: (1) the Metropolitan Iloilo initiative which assists five local governments in the urban region to pursue inter-municipal cooperation, regional planning, growth management and improvements to regional service delivery through the Metro Iloilo Development Council; (2) the Guimaras economic initiative which develops the capacities of the provincial and municipal governments for economic development, poverty reduction and environmental protection; and (3) the Malay local social service delivery enhancement initiative which assists the municipality to improve the delivery of health services for disadvantaged groups.

#### ***1.4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Municipal Development Program (2002-2007, US\$0.257)***

The FCM program seeks to increase the capacity of municipal governments to address local issues around social development, environmental sustainability, and economic well-being, improve the policy and management environment in which municipalities operate, and strengthen the regional and multilateral networks that support municipalities. The core of the program is partnerships and exchanges between Canadian municipalities and overseas municipalities and national associations. FCM's activities in the Philippines focus on: (1) strategic planning with the Provincial Authority of Bohol and four pilot municipalities to improve municipal capacity for corporate planning and budgeting; (2) solid waste

management with Sta Maria and Olongapo; (3) land use planning and emergency services with San Fernando; and (4) capacity enhancement with the League of Cities and League of Municipalities.

***1.5 Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Public Sector Capacity Building for Governance and Social Development Program (2001- Sep 2006, US\$0.455)***

The government of the province of Manitoba, in partnership with the Local Government Academy, assists the provincial governments of Samar and Benguet to enhance their capacities on strategic planning, legislative development and resource mobilization. The project also involves LGUs within the provinces and DILG regional officials.

**2.0 Proposed Projects**

***2.1 Local Governance Support Program in Economic Development (LGSPED) (2006-14, US\$15.5M)***

The proposed LGSPED project will have two mutually supportive components, one focused at the national level and one at the local. Component one focuses on supporting improvements in the national enabling environment for LGUs and local economic development (LED). Component two provides support at the local level to LGUs in developing and implementing their LED approaches. It is anticipated LGSPED will work with individual LGUs (including provinces) and alliances of LGUs focused on common LED issues. The project is expected to be operational by the end of the year.

***2.2 Canadian Urban Institute, International Urban Partnerships Program (2006-2011, \$US1.2M)***

CUI's proposed project is designed within the parameters of the Habitat Agenda and MDGs, builds on the results of their current work, and emphasizes three levels: (1) city level – sustaining and deepening good urban governance in CUI's primary partners of Metro Iloilo, Guimaras, and Malay by translating into practice the UN Habitat norms of good urban governance and localizing the MDGs. (2) Regional level – catalyzing change across the Western Visayas by helping the primary partners to become core knowledge centres for 16 LGUs, sharing their expertise, know-how and approaches. This component will work with/through DILG's Region VI Local Governance Resource Centre, providing capacity building, leadership development and knowledge generation and sharing to the Centre. (3) National level – in collaboration with the League of Cities - applied research on best practices of urban sustainability, urban governance, public realm of cities, and poverty and governance, with dissemination fora of best practices. The project is expected to be operational by mid year.