

Public and Private Engagement In Bohol

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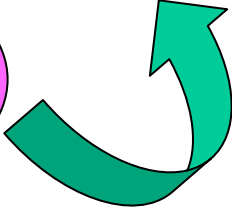
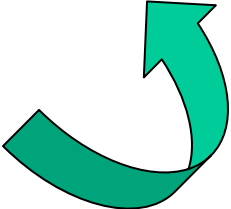
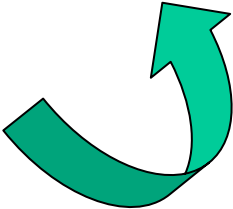
Presentation Outline

1. Animosity and Apathy

2. Initial Engagement

3. Participation

4. Partnership





1. Animosity and Apathy

- **Pre-EDSA 1 days**
- **Street protests, civil disobedience**
- **lack of trust in government**
- **clamor for public sector reforms**



2. Initial Engagement

- ❖ **After EDSA 1, change in the national leadership**
- ❖ **Local Government Code of 1991, Section 4 defines the role of NGOs and POs and their relations with LGUs**
- ❖ **USAID's Local Autonomy and Development Program or LADP, giving birth to BANGON (Bohol Alliance of Non-Government Organizations)**



3. Participation

- **Mid 90s, with the Governance and Local Democracy (GOLD) Project of USAID**
- **Turning point**
- **Development = good governance**
- **Participatory approaches brought results**

LGU



NGO/PO/PS

- ✓ **Crafting and adoption of Bohol VMG**
- ✓ **Environmental Summit of 1998**
- ✓ **CODES: Environmental, Investment and Children's Code (1998-2000)**
- ✓ **Creation of the BEMO in 1999**
- ✓ **Bohol Poverty Reduction Framework, 2002**
- ✓ **Watershed / CRM Desk at BEMO**
- ✓ **Participatory Governance Ordinance of City**



4. Partnership

- ✓ investing on common areas of interest
- ✓ counter parting
- ✓ joint planning and decision – making
- ✓ shared responsibilities
- ✓ common direction



Partnership Examples

- ✓ Bohol Watershed Advisory Council (BOWAC), a partnership of the provincial government, with four municipalities, 27 baramgays and nine NGO members of BANGON assisted by PACAP-AUSAID program to protect and conserve the Loboc Watershed at the same time ensure the economic and social well-being of the residents.
- ✓ NGOs and POs provided the community organizers, municipal and provincial LGUs provide technical personnel and cash counterparts; a Watershed Desk in the BEMO
- ✓ Project monitoring team is a composite of NGO, PO, Municipal and Provincial government representatives.



Partnership Examples

- ✓ Enhancing Bohol's Banana Industry
- ✓ Banana Industry Development Council
- ✓ NGO (Peoples Fair Trade Assistance Center or PFTAC) provide the organizing and marketing assistance to the banana farmers
- ✓ Office of the Provincial Agriculturist provides the technical assistance
- ✓ Just recently, the Council has received a P100,000 grant from the Provincial Government, through the Office of Vice Governor Julius Caesar Herrera



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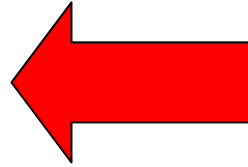
- ✓ Bohol Crisis Intervention Center for Abused Women and Children
- ✓ This is the only crisis intervention center that is owned and operated by a provincial government. A children's NGO provides the technical staff and the provincial government provides the operational funds at about P1M a year.
- ✓ The lot belongs to the provincial government. The buildings and the facilities are jointly spent for by both the provincial government and the NGO.



Lessons Learned

- the work of poverty reduction cannot be done alone
- accessibility and availability
- shared vision
- resource optimization
- working relationship strengthens each other in terms of good governance, accountability and responsibility

Bohol's
Development



**The Journey
Moves On**

