





Program on Gender and Development of Capoocan
(Pro-GAD Capoocan)

**Making A Difference
 Through Participatory
 Gender-Responsive
 Governance**

Implemented by
CAPOOCAN, LEYTE LGU with
**Center for Partnership Initiatives for
 Development, Inc. (CPID)**, a locally based NGO

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**Increasing
Poverty
Experience**

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**SIGNIFICANT
INCIDENCE OF
VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN & CHILDREN**

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**LACK OF ACCESS TO
BASIC SERVICES
PARTICULARLY ON
REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH**

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**MULTIPLE BURDEN OF
WOMEN**

**POLITICAL
MARGINALIZATION**

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Components

- ♀ Community Organizing
- ♀ Education and Trainings
- ♀ Socio-Economic and Livelihood Development
- ♀ Health, Nutrition and Family Planning
- ♀ Advocacy and Networking
- ♀ Women's Special Concern: VAWC

Crosscutting issues on Anti-Poverty, Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) and Localization of the Millennium Development Goals

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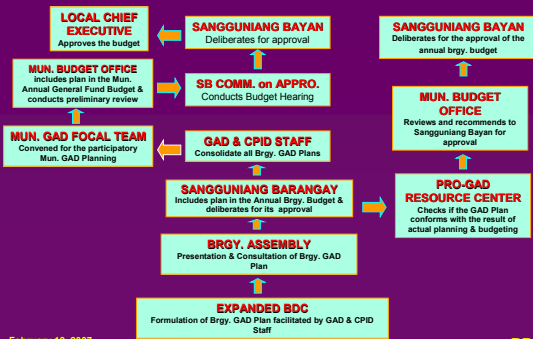
WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

KEY STRATEGIES

♀ Enhancing Women's Participation in Decision Making

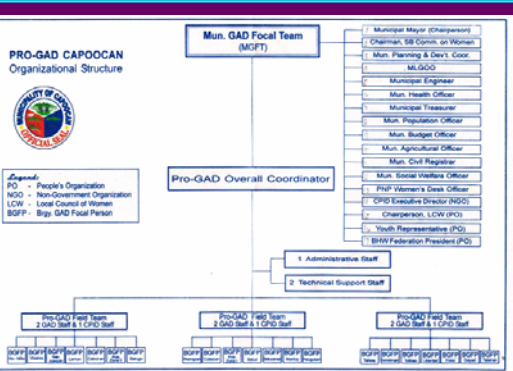
- Reactivation of Brgy./Mun. Development Councils
- Participatory BDP and GAD Planning and Budgeting
- Participatory GAD Planning (Municipal Level)
- GAD Strategic Plan Formulation

PRO-GAD PLANNING & BUDGETING FLOW



♀ Translating the GAD Plans into Action: Key Players and Mechanisms

- Municipal GAD Focal Team
- Over- all Program Coordinator
- Pro-GAD Field Teams/GAD Staff
- Barangay GAD Focal Persons
- ♀ **Other Pro-GAD Mechanisms**
- Bantay Panimalay
- Committee on Decorum and Investigation
- Pro-GAD Resource Center



♀ Community Organizing

- ❑ Formation and Strengthening of Women Organizations and other People's Organizations
- ❑ Reactivation of Barangay Development Councils and Municipal Local Special Bodies (16 women out of 23 People's Organization Representatives)
- ❑ Gender-Data Banking

♀ Education & Training

- ❑ Gender Related Trainings- Women Barangay Officials, PO's and Employees e.g GST, VAWC Orientation, Anti-Sexual Harassment, Basic Legislation
- ❑ Skills training to project beneficiaries

♀ Socio-Economic and Livelihood Dev't.

- ❑ Livelihood Projects
- ❑ Product Development & Skills Enhancement
- ❑ Marketing Assistance/ CLERC & BAHANDI
- ❑ Project Management and Monitoring

♀ Health, Nutrition and Family Planning

- ❑ Reproductive Health Services, e.g. papsmear, FP services, free circumcision, hilot trng., Adolescents Sex & Reproductive Health

♀ Health, Nutrition and Family Planning

- ❑ Nutrition (milk feeding/vitamin supplementation) and Medical Assistance

♀ Women Special Concern: VAWC

- ❑ Counseling, temporary shelter, legal and financial assistance to VAWC victims thru our Pro-GAD Resource Center;
- ❑ Anti-VAWC Campaign (18 Days of Activism, Purple Rose Campaign, International Women's Month Celebration, Orientation on RA 9208 & 9262 in all barangays)

♀ Advocacy & Networking

- ❑ Policy Advocacy (*People's Lobby; participatory formulation of executive/legislative policy recommendations*)
- ❑ Gender Advocacy Campaign (Billboard, film showing, radio guesting, publication, etc.)
- ❑ Gender-related LGU Chorale Presentations
- ❑ Linkages- networking with NGO's/GA's/Academe & other LGUs



Project Impacts

- ♀ Increased participation of women in local planning and decision-making
- ♀ Increased access to reproductive health services
- ♀ Increased reporting of VAWC cases
- ♀ Improved gender relations among women and men who attended gender consciousness-raising activities
- ♀ Pool of trainers & trained advocates on GAD
- ♀ High Achievement Award as the Most Gender-Responsive LGU in Asia Pacific Contest by UN Habitat (Fukuoka, Japan)
- ♀ Mayor Marietta Porciuncula has been recognized as Outstanding Woman in Good Governance by the NCWP

Project Impacts

- ♀ Pro-GAD Capoocan is NCRFW's showcase for visiting foreign study groups on GAD
- ♀ One of the Top 11 LGUs in the Philippines with good practices in GAD awarded by Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo from the NCRFW;
- ♀ Publication of Pro-GAD Capoocan Experience, "Making a Difference through Participatory Gender-Responsive Governance" in the book, "Gender-Responsive Governance at Work: LGU Experiences in Using the GAD Budget" by the NCRFW.

Project Impacts

- ♀ Awarded as One of the Top 10 Outstanding Programs in the Philippines and a Special Citation on Gender-responsive Governance by Gawad Galing Pook in December 2005;
- ♀ One of the Top Ten LGUs with Special Citation on Local Capacity Innovation for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by Gawad Galing Pook and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in October 2006;
- ♀ One of the Top Ten Kampeon ng Kabataan Pilipino Awardees for its Youth Program by the Nat'l. Youth Commission (NYC) and Nat'l. Movement of Young Legislators (NMYL).

Lessons & Insights

- ♀ Participatory approach increases program ownership by the constituents
- ♀ Importance of Political will
- ♀ Investing in trainings
- ♀ Partnership with NGOs and other organizations
- ♀ Focusing at the grassroots level
- ♀ Giving priority attention on gender mainstreaming early on

What are we doing now ♀ Gender-Based Special Programs

- ☐ Capoocan Cooperation Project (CCP)
 - ☞ Establishment of Barangay Development Assistance Center (BDAC)
 - ☞ Promoting Ecologically Reconstructive Systems for Upland Dev't. or PERSUADE (now in the crafting stage of Environmental Code)
 - ☞ Program of Action for Security Against Hunger (PASAH) to address extreme poverty & hunger
- ☐ Capoocan Youth Program of Action to implement the Youth Welfare and Development Code
- ☐ GAD Code is now in the pipeline for approval by the Sangguniang Bayan
- ☐ Water Purifier Livelihood Program for a Women Organization, counterpart provision of Ph200,000

**Maraming
Salamat !!!**
MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!