Improving Tenure Security of Smallholder Farmers in Select Areas in the Philippines

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**PORTULIN TALAANDIG TRIBAL ASSOCIATION**

Barangay Portulin, Municipality of Pangantucan
Bukidnon Province, Philippines

**ORGANIZATION PROFILE**

The Portulin Talaandig Tribal Association (PTTA) has about 165 family members. They cover the Barangays of Portulin, New Eden, Concepcion, and Dagolos in Pangantucan. PTTA was organized in 1998 and is headed by Datu Johnny Guina. It underwent re-organization on 14 June 2014 and officially registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as PTTA, Inc. on 3 September 2014. The group is managed by a Board of Directors with nine (9) members. Their main goal is to respond to the issues on logging within their ancestral domain, as well as health and sanitation and livelihood concerns. PTTA received support from various agencies, in particular, Xavier Science Foundation, Inc. (XSF) for the EcoSEED Phase 1 and NGOs like the Philippine Association for Intercultural Development, Inc. (PAFID).

PTTA formulated their ancestral domain sustainable development and protection plan (ADSDPP) with the support of PAFID. This was submitted to National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon. Based on the feedback from Datu Johnny, they still need to re-survey for ancestral domain area verification however, due to budget constraints, the NCIP cannot provide for the re-survey of ancestral domain. Thus, PTTA had to take initiative in looking for other means of funding but to no avail. With the many years of waiting for NCIP approval, and with certain changes to their plans, the ADSDPP needs to be updated.

**MUNICIPALITY OF PANGANTUCAN**

Pangantucan is a first class municipality with a population of 53,126 people (2015 census). Formerly a barrio of Maramag, it was granted municipal status in 1961. It is located approximately 75 kilometers south of Malaybalay City. The municipality is bounded on the south-west side by the province of Lanao del Sur, and the province of North Cotabato on the southern part. It has a land area of 46,172 hectares and composed of 19 barangays.

**BARANGAY PORTULIN**

Portulin came from the name “Datu Ulin” of the Talaandig tribe. It is bounded by Barangay Eden to the west, Barangay La Roxas of Maramag to the east, and Barangay Miaynon of Talakag to the south. It has an elevation of 1,200 meters above sea level. The barangay has 4,867.50 hectares of forest; around 1,452.50 hectares is recognized as alienable and disposable land, while the remaining 2,805 hectares are timberland. The barangay is a mixture of different tribes: Talaandig, Cebuano, Bol-anon and Waray, with a total population of about 1,499 (701 males, 748 females).
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This Project shall enhance the tenurial security of about 2,500 households of indigenous peoples in two municipalities in Bukidnon, Northern Mindanao. It has three (3) targeted outcomes:

a) increased uptake of land tools, approaches, frameworks and policy guidelines that are pro-poor, fit-for-purpose, and gender responsive;

b) strengthened capacity of change agents and rural poor women, men and vulnerable groups to implement pro-poor, fit-for-purpose and gender responsive land tools and approaches; and,

c) improved awareness among stakeholders on issues and measures for improving land and natural resource tenure security for poor women, men and vulnerable groups.

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