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ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A 2.5-
KILOMETERS RIPARIAN ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT ALONG CAGAYAN RIVER
CANYUGAN NORTE, AMMUGAUAN & SAN RAFAEL ABAJO, STO. TOMAS,
ISABELA
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Content of Training/Purpose of Activity:

Riparian buffers play a very vital role in the protection of lives and properties nearby water bodies such as rivers, creeks, streams, etc. It is most significant in the mitigation of hazards brought by natural disasters particularly flooding. Traversing the Province of Isabela are major water tributaries that flows to the river bodies namely the Cagayan and Pinacanauan Rivers and the provincial government has recognized these rivers in terms of its benefits to the vast farmlands, the realm of the province's agricultural resources. Along with this, Isabela has already marked its name in the whole country as a frontrunner in the implementation of activities for climate change mitigation/adaptation and disaster risk reduction and management measures.

Recognizing the value of developing and restoring riparian buffers and the vulnerability of the province to flooding, riparian establishment and development has been a top priority program sustaining the initiatives since 2012. With the right techniques and monitoring, this project aimed to establish and rehabilitate riparian buffers to stabilize riverbanks against erosion and ground incision, improve habitat for riparian and aquatic resources; and reduce pollutants that have detrimental effects on human health and aquatic life.

For this year 2018, the Provincial Government thru the Environment and Natural Resources Office initially identified riverbanks along Cagayan River at Sto. Tomas, Isabela. Upon coordination with the LGU concerned, they have proposed six (6) barangays for riverbank stabilization and to validate the proposed sites, this Office together with the LGU thru their Municipal ENR Officer, conducted site inspection. As a result, 2.5-kilometers along the Cagayan River within the jurisdiction of Barangays Canyugan Norte, Ammugauan and San Rafael Abajo were validated as suitable for riparian establishment and development thru bamboo planting.

With an approved project proposal costing Php242,000.00, the provincial government has allotted as counterpart the amount of Php152,000.00 for the bamboo propagules and fertilizer requirement to include project management and supervision. On the other hand, LGU Sto. Tomas committed for the plantation establishment, maintenance and protection activities as their counterpart with the supervision of this Office. The counter parting was done with the intention to strengthen partnership between the Provincial Government of Isabela and LGU Sto. Tomas.

To ensure that all stakeholders are well informed and to gain their support, this Office with the approval of the LGU, conducted a meeting last July 6, 2018 with the officials of the identified barangays. Held at the Office of the Municipal Mayor, the activity was attended by the Barangay Officials led by their respective Punong Barangays joined by the Municipal ENR Officer, Municipal DRRM Officer and the Acting SB Secretary as representatives of the LGU. The agenda presented include the rationale of the project and the responsibility of each stakeholder. Upon committing their participation and ensuring that the plantation shall be maintained and protected, it was unanimously agreed that the tree planting shall be conducted on July 20, 2018.

On July 17-18, 2018, ENRO Personnel conducted and supervised the site preparation activities at the project area. To paved way on the declaration of July 20, 2018 as DRRM day, the actual tree planting

activity was implemented on July 19, 2018. The activity started at 6:30 in the morning and was able to plant a total of 2,500 bamboo propagules along the 2.5-kilometer Cagayan River banks at 2-strips per kilometer. The Local Government Unit of Sto. Tomas and Barangays Canyugan Norte, Ammugauan and San Rafael Abajo actively took part in the whole project implementation. And as agreed upon, maintenance activities shall be done by barangays and monitoring on the survival of the plantation shall be conducted monthly by this Office together with the LGU.

In support hereof, please find attached photos of the activities undertaken.

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TEODORICO S. BAGUNU CDA II PHOTOS OF SITE IDENTIFICATION, COORDINATION, IEC MEETING AND TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIPARIAN ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ALONG CAGAYAN RIVER WITHIN BARANGAY CANYUGAN NORTE, AMMUGAUAN AND SAN RAFAEL ABAJO, STO. TOMAS, ISABELA













