

MINUTES OF THE 6th IATF-KIG-TWC SECTORAL MEETING

Socio-economic Sector

14 January 2022

1. Call to Order

Following the reassignment of TESDA Provincial Director and Socio-Economic Sector Lead Mr. Richard M. Amparo, Mr. Sean Catelo of DepEd Palawan, Vice Sector Lead, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM on 14 January 2022 via zoom. Attendees of the zoom meeting were acknowledged one by one by Mr. Catelo and were asked to introduce themselves (as some representatives were first-time attendees of the meeting). The attendees were also requested to share their thoughts on what to expect on the plan implementation for the year 2022. With the attendance of 14 agencies, a quorum was declared afterward.

2. Attendance

Of the 20 sectoral member agencies, there were 14 agencies represented by 21 attendees present. Meanwhile, there were 9 agencies absent. The agencies present and absent are as follow:

	AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS
	PRESENT		
1	TESDA-Palawan	Ms. Vivian Abueva	Sector Lead
2	TESDA-Palawan	Ms. Mary Grace Francisco	Sector Member
3	PCSDS	Ms. Glenda M. Cadigal	Sector Secretariat
4	PCSDS	Ms. Maria Riva A. Quindara	Sector Secretariat
5	PCSDS	Mr. Erickson A. Tabayag	Sector Secretariat
6	BFAR-PFO	Mr. Aldrin Villapa	Sector Member
7	CGDPAL	CG ENS Dido	Sector Member
8	DepEd-Palawan	Mr. Sean Catelo	Sector Member/Alternate Sector Lead
9	DOST	Mr. Pacifico Sariego	Sector Member
10	DOST	Mr. Harold Tamayo	Sector Member
11	MLGU Kalayaan	Mr. Jorge Olean Misajon	Sector Member
12	MLGU Kalayaan	Ms. Mary Joy E. Gabinete	Sector Member
13	MLGU Kalayaan	Mr. Allan Arinos	Sector Member
14	PDRRMO	Ms. Yanika Seratubias	Sector Member
15	PGP-OPA	Mr. Edgardo Zabala Jr.	Sector Member
16	OU5-WESCOM	Ms. Aira Jean Nilasa	Sector Member
17	PENRO-Palawan	Engr. Rex Velasco	Sector Member
18	PENRO-Palawan	Mr. Jimmy Villareal	Sector Member
19	PGP-PSWDO	Ms. Abegail Ablaña	Sector Member
20	PGP-PTO	Mr. Arnoldo Valdez Jr.	Sector Member
21	PHO	Mr. Julita Gaite	Sector Member
	ABSENT		
22	DOH Palawan		Sector Member
23	DTI Palawan		Sector Member

24	DSWD MIMAROPA		Sector Member
25	PSU		Sector Member
26	SLP Palawan		Sector Member
27	WPU		Sector Member

3. Meeting Agenda

The following meeting agenda were presented and approved for discussion by the body.

- Secretariat update on the adoption of the Integrated Strategic Development Plan
- Agency update on matters arising from the previous meeting:
 - MLGU-Kalayaan on assigned task from the 5th Sectoral Meeting
 - Office of U5 – Wescom for potential flight to KIG
- Finalization of SDP Action Plan by Strategic Action
- Other matters
 - DENR-PENRO on possible funding of BDFE as advised by BMB
 - Request for WPU representative following the retirement of Dr. Benjamin Gonzales
 - Election for new Sector Lead

4. Highlights of Meeting

A. Secretariat update on the adoption of the Integrated Strategic Development Plan – presented by Ms. Glenda M. Cadigal

- As reported last meeting, the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) had been already adopted by the MLGU-Kalayaan, NEDA – RDC MIMAROPA, Palawan Provincial Development Council, and Inter-Agency Technical Working Group – National Task Force West Philippine sea (NTF-WPS).
 - On December 15, 2021, the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group for the development of Pag-Asa Island and other features in Kalayaan Island Group had fully adopted the KIG-SDP by issuing IATWG Resolution No. 2001-001, “Approving the adoption of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PDSD) – facilitated Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for endorsement to the National Task Force – West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS).”
 - Expect our provincial offices will be given instructions by the national agencies to implement the agreed actions in our SDP.
 - Final resolution for the adoption of KIG-SDP is expected by the 3rd week of January 2022.
- On 10 December 2021, the 2nd-semester meeting of the Technical Working Committee was held, wherein sectoral leads presented updates on the progress of SDP activities. Said updates will then be forwarded to the ATF West for information.

B. Agency update on matters arising from the previous meeting

- **Updates from MLGU-Kalayaan – presented by Ms. Mary Joy E. Gabinete and Mr. Jorge Misajon**

- **List of participants and schedule of aquaponics training.** The MLGU Kalayaan recommended five (5) participants for the aquaponics training as well as for the seaweeds farming. The two (2) training is scheduled tentatively on May 04, 2022 onwards in Pag-Asa Island, Kalayaan.
- **Skills training for tourism front-liners by PGP-PTO – MLGU-Kalayaan's acting Tourism Officer Ms. Milan proposed 62 participants coming from women's associations and fisherfolks. Suggested tentative schedule is April 22, 2022 in KIG.**
 - The particular skills training in partnership with TESDA and PSWDO will be coordinated with Mr. Arnoldo Valdez Jr. of PGP-PTO by Ms. Milan of MLGU Kalayaan.
 - **Cash for work program.** Required budget proposal for the cash for work program is yet to be submitted to PSWDO – the criteria were discussed wherein the beneficiaries of the said program should either be for Internally Displaced Person (IDP), people who were affected by disaster, members of an Indigenous People (IP), or the most capable adult in the family endorsed by MLGU-Kalayaan. This will also be coordinated by Ms. Milan
- Coordination meeting with DOST last December 03, 2021- Finalization of arrangements for the Deployment and Field testing of Eco-Friendly Septic System (Eco-Sep) from DOST- to start in January 2022.
 - Proposal by MLGU-Kalayaan to be submitted to DOST
 - The Eco-Sep technology of DOST was planned to be installed during the restoration/reconstruction of residential structures in Pag-Asa Island that were devastated by the recent super-typhoon Odette for them to have a centralized septic tank.
- Bakery ng Bayan - the LGU has long been planning to put up a bakery but financial requirements and mechanism for implementation remain a problem.
 - As discussed in the socio-economic sector, a special meeting on Dec 3, 2021, DOST-Palawan will help facilitate this enterprise.
 - An LGU recognized women-led civil society group, the Spratly's Strong and Brave Women Association (SSBWA), would run the *Bakery ng Bayan* to be supervised by the Municipality of Kalayaan as an oversight.
 - The bakery building would be provided by MLGU Kalayaan as well as the start-up baking supplies such as flour, sugar, yeast, etc.

- TESDA Palawan would then provide scholarships for Bread-and-Pastry making training and Small Business Enterprise to equip the trainees with essential skills.
- Hydro-phonics project - to be put on hold until 2023 for Pag-asa Island
 - Hydro-phonics of Kalayaan Resource Center in Municipality of Quezon under pilot-testing.
- Coordination meeting with WPU, OPA, AND BFAR - December 06, 2021
 - Seaweeds Demonstration Farm
 - This livelihood program will be jointly covered by several agencies
 - Training curriculum will be provided by TESDA with the issuance of the certificate of completion
 - Trainers will be coming from PGP-OPA and WPU.
 - Partial seaweeds farm installation supplies will be provided by BFAR-PFO, the remaining requirement will be funded by the MLGU-Kalayaan
 - MLGU-Kalayaan will conduct community orientation and briefing to select the best candidate families
 - Planting materials to be used during the training will be coordinated with PSU Marine Laboratory.
 - Project Activity Timeline
 - January 2022: Site assessment by Trainers
 - May – June 2022: On-site seaweeds training and installation of Demo Farm
 - 3rd Quarter 2022 to 1st Quarter 2023: Roll out and observation of Demonstration Farm Performance
 - The set schedule for site assessment would be reorganized because as of now, there is no decent accommodation in Pag-Asa Island and people are still staying inside the evacuation center.
- Coordination meeting with DepEd Palawan - December 06, 2021
 - Secondary Education in Pag-Asa Island
 - Currently, Primary School in Pag-Asa offers up to Grade 6.
 - Integrated High School was already being registered and would start to offer Grade 7-10 on June 22, 2022
 - TESDA and DepEd-Palawan are working on the Grades 11-12 offering aligned with Technical-Vocational Strand.
 - Approval of Grades 11-12 on DepEd would be facilitated first for the issuance of a registration.

- Assistance from TESDA in terms of training for the technical-vocational strand and competencies is also needed.
- DepEd Palawan submitted five (5) K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum (Fish Capture, Fish Wharf Operation, Fishing Gear Repair and Maintenance, Food Processing, and Aquaculture) while TESDA suggested two (2) training as courses for a joint offering (Food Processing and Aquaculture). The MLGU-Kalayaan will review and approve which ones is best fitted for KIG
- Activity Timeline:
 - 1st Quarter of 2022 - Mapping for Available Curriculum; Site survey in KIG; Market Scanning (c/o MLGU-Kalayaan); Needs analysis; Skills and Graduate Tracer Mapping; Establishment of Physical Facilities
 - 2nd Quarter of 2023 - Hiring of teaching staff
- The elementary school facility was damaged by super-typhoon Odette, but MLGU-Kalayaan had already provided two (2) million worth of funds to rebuild the classrooms hopefully before the start of next school year this coming June.
- Mr. Edgardo Zabala of PGP-OPA suggested giving emphasis or more focus on fish processing under the food processing curriculum as fish and other marine resources are the ones abundant in KIG.
 - Provide short courses or customized training related to fishery resource management as suggested by Ms. Abueva of TESDA.
- MENRO Jorge Misajon of MLGU-Kalayaan presented the aftermath of typhoon Odette in KIG especially in Pag-Asa Island to the sector members.
 - Residential properties were damaged
 - Only the evacuation center and a few government buildings stood strong against the super-typhoon.
 - The main water filtration system was also damaged
- Update from U5-WESCOM regarding possible accommodation of Socio-Economic TWG members for a site visit in KIG
 - As to date, there is no possible or potential flight going to KIG.
 - Set activities for the 1st quarter will be rescheduled or might be moved on to the 2nd quarter.

C. Updating of SDP Action Plan by Strategic Action - need to identify member agency and collect commitments for identified actions

Targets	Existing/Planned Activities	Schedule	Budget	Agency Responsible*	Status/Update
<p>1. To establish and enhance regular sea transport of passenger and cargoes</p> <p>Tap concerned government agencies, i.e. Maritime Industry Authority for the Maritime Sector</p>	Coordinate with relevant government agencies	2022-2025		MLGU-KIG; PCG; MARINA	<p>-coordination and transport by PCG were postponed for the meantime because of CoVid-19 health and safety protocols</p> <p>-Mr. Arinos of MLGU-KIG suggested including MARINA among the responsible agencies because it has the authority to provide or approve transport routes to KIG</p> <p>-a once a month regular trip for passenger's vessel is possible if MLGU-KIG could procure floating assets made up of steel as one of the important requirements, as of now their floating assets are just built with wooden materials.</p> <p>-the secretariat (PCSDS) to set a small group</p>

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					meeting with MLGU-KIG, PCG, and MARINA to talk about this target in full detail.
Forge public-private partnership (Montenegro, 2Go, RoRo, and other passenger vessels) with guidance from MARINA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify possible PPP partner/s - Seek guidance from MARINA - Develop a joint agreement 	2022-2025		MLGU-KIG; PCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Being discussed by the Governance Sector -to be tackled also in the small group meeting with MLGU-KIG, PCG, and MARINA
Establish transportation, to and from KIG, appropriate to weather condition	Develop adaptive design appropriate for land, sea, and air transport	2022-2025		MLGU-KIG; PCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Being discussed by the Governance Sector -to be tackled also in the small group meeting MLGU-KIG, PCG and MARINA
2. To identify and establish livelihood programs developed and operating by 2022	Aquaponics	2023		DOST; DA-BFAR; PPP	-put off for 2022 until 2023
	Vertical Farming	2022		DA; PGP-OPA; PCSDS	-PCSDS to set a coordination meeting with PGP-OPA
	Seaweeds farming including drying facility in partnership with BFAR	2022-2023	1.74 M (WPU)	BFAR; WPU; PGP-OPA; PPP	-target activities would depend on the approved budget
	Sea cucumber farming	2022-2024	1 M (WPU)	BFAR; WPU (CFAS)	-further coordination with WPU about the budget approval and replacement of the focal person (Dr. Benjamin Gonzales) is

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	Poultry and livestock production	2022		DA; BAI; ProVet	-coordination with Provincial Veterinary Office is needed
	Salt making	2022		BFAR	-current status to be coordinated with BFAR's OIC by its representative -small group meeting to be set by PCSDS with BFAR
	Low salt dried fish making	2022		BFAR, PPP	-small group meeting to be set by PCSDS with BFAR and PPP
	Dwarf coconut planting	2022		DA; PGP-OPA; PCA	-PGP-OPA to coordinate with Provincial Livelihood Office regarding the dwarf coconut planting program
	Develop sustainable fishery activities (i.e. Fish Aggregating Device/ "payaw" fishery)	2023-2026	5 M (WPU)	BFAR; WPU	-coordination with WPU is needed -no definite data/information yet from the BFAR representative; a report on the status update is needed -According to MLGU-KIG, installed <i>payaws</i> in KIG were already being used by fishermen therein, initially assessed as

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					beneficial and successful -should be “improved and maintained” instead of “develop” in the target
	Processed food by salting, curing, and smoking	2022		TESDA	-there would be information or updates regarding the planned target c/o TESDA -devised template of target activities and updates to be uploaded in google drive (google docs) by the sector secretariat
	Livelihood assistance from DSWD	Q3 2021	420,000	DSWD	Completed
3. To enhance the fishing	Forge Public-Private-Partnerships (commercial fishers association)	2022		MLGU-KIG; PCG; DA-BFAR; PGP-OPA; Private Groups (Fisheries Association if there's any?)	-PCSDS to set a small group meeting with MLGU-KIG, DA-BFAR, PGP-OPA, and other relevant organizations. -utilization of the National Fisheries Extension program of DA-BFAR which includes fisheries production monitoring of aquaculture and municipal & commercial fishing activities was

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					suggested by Mr. Zabala of PGP-OPA
4. To establish tourism development areas (TDAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strengthen partnerships with DOT and TIEZA -Intensify marketing and promotion 			PTO; DOT; TIEZA; MLGU-KIG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -target schedule and budget to be followed up with PGP-PTO representative in a small group meeting -PTO's intervention needed to link with TIEZA
5. To provide improved health and sanitation services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potable drinking water - Sewerage system in-placed -Organize waterworks management team -Solid waste management in-placed 			DOST; MLGU-KIG; PHO; PEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -coordinate with PEO regarding their potable drinking water-related projects -provincial health office can help with solid waste management in KIG especially in providing toilet bowl units; budget approval for this is needed
6. To provide basic social utility services					
Power provided on a 24 hours basis	Secure green energy resources (solar, wind, and wave)	2022-2025		MLGU-KIG	-NAPOCOR in placed c/o infrastructure sector; NAPOCOR is however currently not operational because of the damage that its facilities

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					<p>sustained during super-typhoon Odette</p> <p>-NAPOCOR in KIG based on its policy contract is under the supervision of the Provincial Government</p> <p>-MLGU-KIG to identify other responsible offices or potential partner agencies</p>
<p>Provided education up to the senior high school to residents</p> <p>Make technical-vocational courses accessible for residents</p> <p>Hire teaching staff</p>	<p>-coordination works</p> <p>-institutionalizing agreement</p> <p>-forge MOA</p>	2022-2023	As provided by the Provincial Government	Provincial DepEd; TESDA	<p>-the curriculum was already provided by DepEd Palawan to be reviewed by MLGU-KIG to identify which are best fitted to the community</p> <p>-DepEd Palawan to conduct on-site validation, needs analysis, and skills & graduate tracer mapping</p> <p>-TESDA to provide necessary trainings related to technical-vocational courses</p>
Provide operational communication facilities	Satellite/radio/mobile/internet access agreement coordinated	2021-2025		PPP (Smart/Globe/TNT); MLGU-KIG	-KIG currently has a reliable internet connection and communication network both

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					powered only by Smart Communications -DICT was also providing Smart free WiFi
Provide island transportation facilities (only in Brgy. Pag-Asa) explored (e.g. solar e-bikes)				MLGU-KIG	-suggested aligning with tourism activity targets, intended for tourist transport means within the island -MLGU-KIG to provide status/updates next sectoral meeting
7. To maintain a viable population of residents on the island Conduct psycho-social research on potential settlers	Guidelines on selection of settlers (e.g. interested reformed former Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) or relatives of current settlers)	2021-2025		MLGU-KIG; DSWD, PSU	Completed
Conduct carrying capacity studies on the potential of KIG features to support the human population	Habitable space requirement per person vis-à-vis the islands' capacity determined (considering needs to survive and waste to be generated)	2021-2025		PCSDS; MLGU-KIG; DENR; PSU	Completed
Hiring of nurses, midwives, and other health practitioners		2021-2025		MLGU-KIG; PHO; PEO	-PHO may provide support in public health management -seek the possibility of PEO to provide rural health

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					building/facility c/o infrastructure sector

**initially identified but can be updated as appropriate*

D. Other Matters

- Request for WPU representative following the retirement of Dr. Benjamin Gonzales effective January 01, 2022.
 - PCSDS to communicate with WPU for the institution submission of the official representative replacing Dr. Gonzales
- Assistance of DENR-PENRO on possible funding of Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprises (BDFEs) as advised by BMB
 - Mr. Rex Velasco of PENRO-Palawan to coordinate with Ms. Rhodora Ubani of PENRO-Conservation Division Services regarding the possible funding of BDFEs identified in KIG-SDP
- Election for new Sector Lead
 - Ms. Vivian Abueva of TESDA was the newly elected chairperson of the socio-economic sector while Mr. Sean Catelo of DepEd Palawan would remain as her vice-chairperson.
 - The secretariat would brief the newly elected chairperson of the socio-economic sector, as well as the devolution of functions.


E. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM, with the agreement to meet on the second quarter of the year (exact date to follow).

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Annex: Attendees of the 6th Socioeconomic sectoral meeting

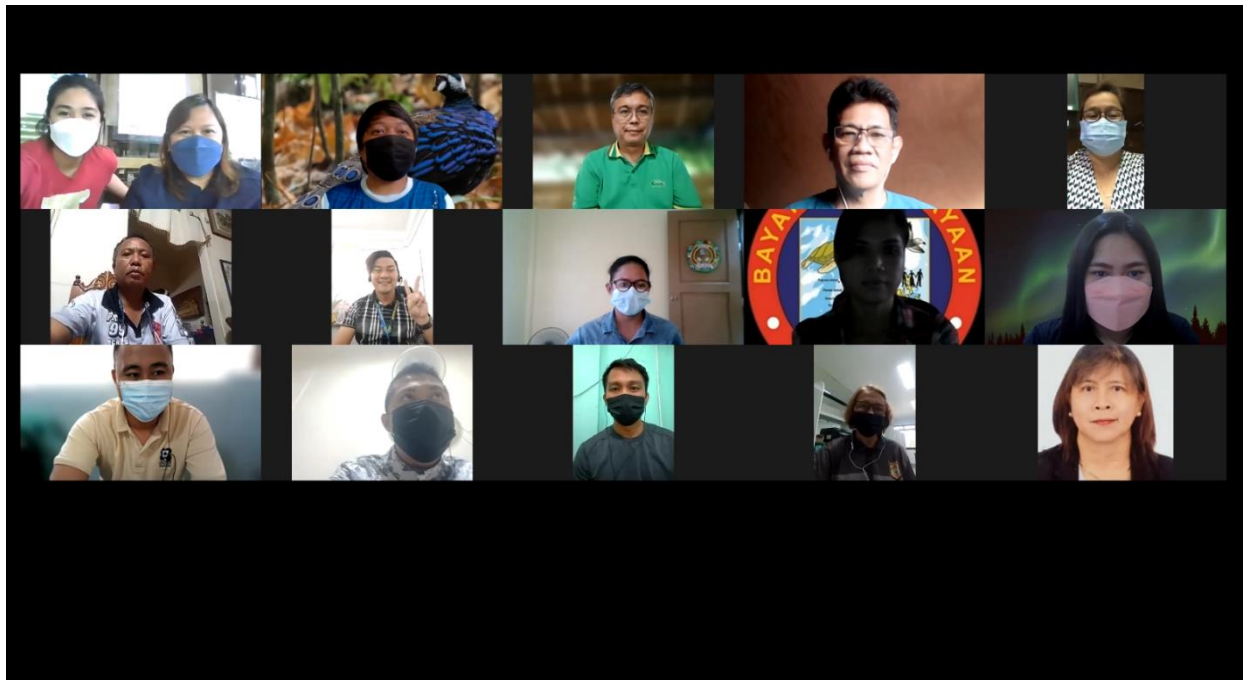


Figure 1. Attendees of the 6th Socioeconomic sectoral meeting