PILOT STUDIES TO IMPROVE UPTAKE OF CLIMATE INFORMATION

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PROJECT APPROACH

Phase I: Situation review

Review literature

Map stakeholders

Consult stakeholders

Further actions

Phase II: Piloting climate change (CC) information production and dissemination

CC projections workshop

Prepare training

Local Government Units work

Train local officers

Report findings

Phase III: Preparing an Enabling roadmap

Consult sectoral stakeholders

Prepare roadmap

Findings and recommendations

Outline:

- I. Assessing Current Understanding of Climate Risks Information
- II. Pilot Selection
- III. Pilot Approach and Development
- IV. Pilot Outcomes and Outputs
- V. Lessons Learned and Recommendation







I. Assessing Current Understanding of the Climate Risk Information

Following the situational review we worked closely with key Government Departments with responsibilities for disaster risk management and climate adaptation or who could play a key role in better enabling information dissemination and uptake information at different levels. This included:

> DILG

> OCD

> NEDA

> CCC

> NDRRMC

> DENR







Stakeholder issues and opportunities identified

Lots of hazard and risk mapping information

Dissemination and outreach limited

Data sharing and "sector" specific information

Mapping helpful but further guidance required

Need to focus at Local Government scale

Focus on pilots to develop approaches

Use learning from previous / existing initiatives

Sector support and coproduction

Inform and link planning processes (LGU scale)

Learning to inform guidance for wider uptake







II. Pilot Selection

Pilot Location	Characteristics	Considerations
GMMA Marikina City San Juan City Pasig City	Urban Socio-economic class I (total revenue of > 1,500,000 pesos per year.) All very prone to flooding	 Pilot could potentially build on the approach developed by the previous GMMA READY project, the tools for which were formally piloted by the CCC Ecotown project. Each city already has some familiarity with climate change and risk information as a result of their involvement in such initiatives.
Municipality of Salcedo, Eastern Samar, Visayas	Rural Socio-economic class 5 Fifth Class Municipality (total revenue of <300,000 pesos per year) Very exposed coastline Severely affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan	 Pilot could potentially build on previous UNDP work on preparing contingency plans for storms, storm surges and floods Issues identified around lack knowledge and access to climate information from previous studies Potential opportunity to look at sea level rise (SLR) impacts and link to the SLR component of DFID project







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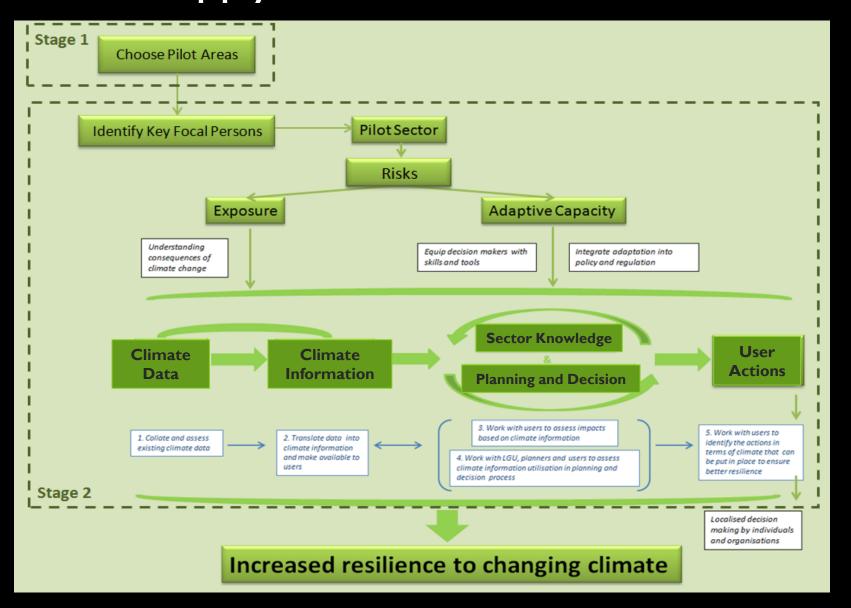








Supply Chain of Information



Pilot approach

- > To build Capacity to understand climate information
- Development of User Needs Based Climate Information

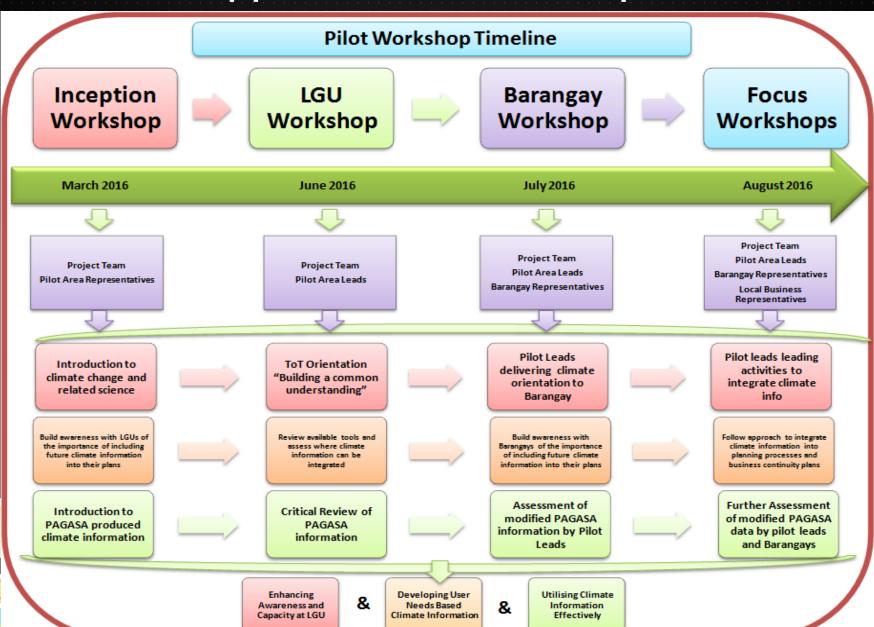
➤ To develop mechanisms to utilise Climate Information







III. Pilot Approach and Development



 a. Introduction to climate change and related science





 GMMA participants had a good understanding of climate change,
 Salcedo participants had a basic understanding of climate change







b. Introduction to PAGASA produced climate information

➤ Review of PAGASA information to assess current understanding









b. Introduction to PAGASA produced climate information

Critique and identify
difficulties and potential
improvements to make more
user-friendly









b. Introduction to PAGASA produced climate information

This improved their awareness of what is available









c. Learnt about priority sectors and planning activities in the pilot areas



Plans included
 Comprehensive
 Development Plans,
 Comprehensive Land Use
 Plans, DRRMP and LCCAP







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> Priority sectors identified in GMMA cities included health, livelihoods, local businesses (e.g. street side restaurants), and informal housing. In Salcedo the focus was predominantly on agriculture and fisheries.













a. ToT Orientation "Building a common understanding" by the pilot area leads



Providing tips to the focal persons on how to facilitate and provide training on the climate change material

This included practical sessions for the focal persons to practice facilitation







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Trainees again provided feedback on the training material to allow us to improve the training pack

Note that we continued to mentor and help the trainers to deliver this training at subsequent workshops attended by Barangays







b. Critical Review of PAGASA Information

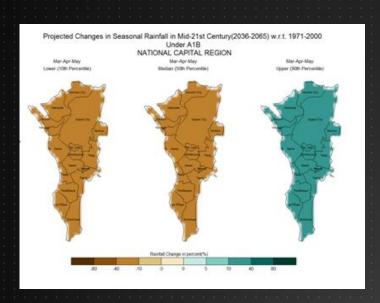
Further review and critique of PAGASA climate information which we took on board for future workshops







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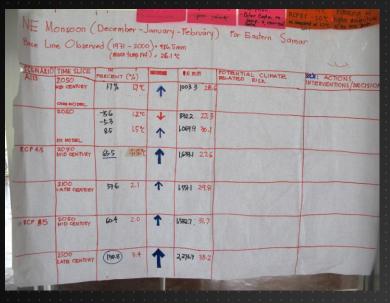
> Issues highlighted difficulties in understanding climate projections and uncertainties associated with multi-model ensembles of data and how to apply this form of information in their day-today planning







b. Critical Review of PAGASA Information



- ➤ At the GMMA workshop we developed the Climate Information Risk Analysis Matrix (CLIRAM) to help focal leads interpret different sets of projections (e.g. for temperature, rainfall)
- This was then used in Salcedo and further enhancements were suggested







c. Review of Planning Processes and available tools and assess where climate information can be integrated



We reviewed the planning processes and guidance for LGUs and listed common stages across the plans

The focal leads then highlighted where climate information can easily be integrated







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- We also reviewed existing tools e.g. Vulnerability and Adaptation (V&A) tools from the earlier GMMA READY project) and assessed how climate information could be integrated
- ➤ Focal leads then developed a
 Business Continuity Plans process
 to answer the questions "How to
 make the livelihoods sector more
 resilient to climate change?"













(Pilot Area Leads and Barangay Representative)

a. Pilot Leads delivering climate orientation to Barangay

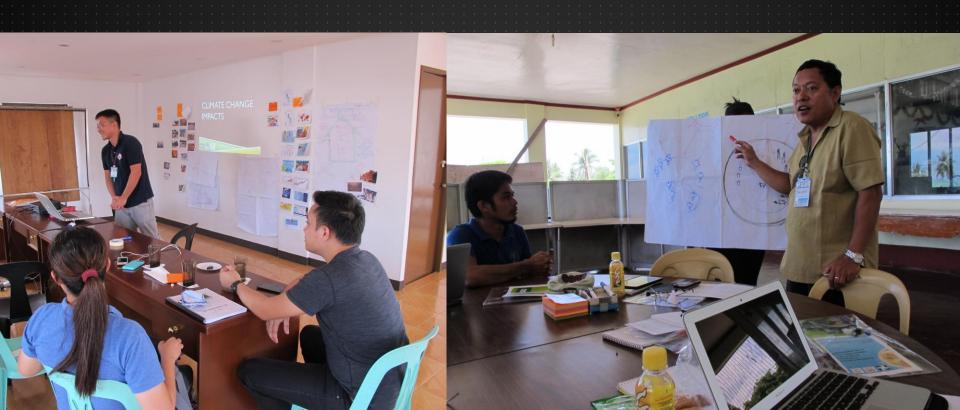
Focal leads provided the training directly to Barangay participants



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a. Pilot Leads delivering climate orientation to Barangay

Covered all modules including the climate science component which was identified previously as the most difficult part!



(Pilot Area Leads and Barangay Representative)

b. Review and validation of PAGASA Information



➤ PAGASA presented "refined" climate information based on recommendations from earlier workshops

This provided additional feedback on ease of use and understanding from Barangay participants







(Pilot Area Leads and Barangay Representative)

b. Review and validation of PAGASA Information



- Participants also "tested" the CLIRAM and provided feedback in order for us to make further improvements
- Noted the expectation was raised by the Barangay participants that climate information should be <u>communicated</u> by those at the city/municipal level







(Pilot Area Leads and Barangay Representative)

c. Build awareness of the importance of including future climate information into their plans



The participants looked at historical events and thought about how these could change under different climate scenarios







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> They also looked at past status, current and future "vision" for Barangays and related this back to the climate change information e.g. to inform what actions would be required to adapt based on the future climate information







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>This reinforced the importance of not only basing plans on past disaster event information, but also to incorporate climate information of potential future climate related hazards







c. Barangay Workshop

(Pilot Area Leads and Barangay Representative)

c. Build awareness of the importance of including future climate information into their plans

Identification of local businesses of different scales for participation to the following Barangay focus workshop











d. Focus Workshops

Pilot Leads leading activities to integrate climate information

Working through sectoral V&A assessments with representatives from Barangay



- Development of Business Continuity Plans with small scale businesses
- Used CLIRAM to integrate climate information into the above sector analyses











IV. Pilot outcomes and outputs

- I. Climate Orientation Pack
- II. Co-produced Climate information
- III. Climate Information and Risk Analysis Matrix
- IV. Guidance to support integrating Climate Information in Local Planning

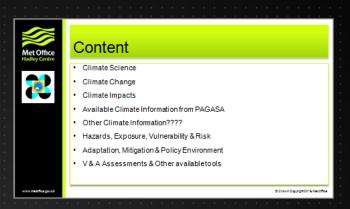






I. Climate orientation pack

- > Climate Science
- > Climate Change
- > Climate Impacts
- > Available Climate Information from PAGASA
- > Other Climate Information
- > Hazards, Exposure, Vulnerability & Risk
- > Adaptation, Mitigation & Policy Environment
- > V & A Assessments & Other available tools









II. Co-produced Climate Information

4. 1. 3. Understanding Work with Understanding Is this Currently the new users to this available information climate develop user information climate useable and fit information need based information for purpose? information



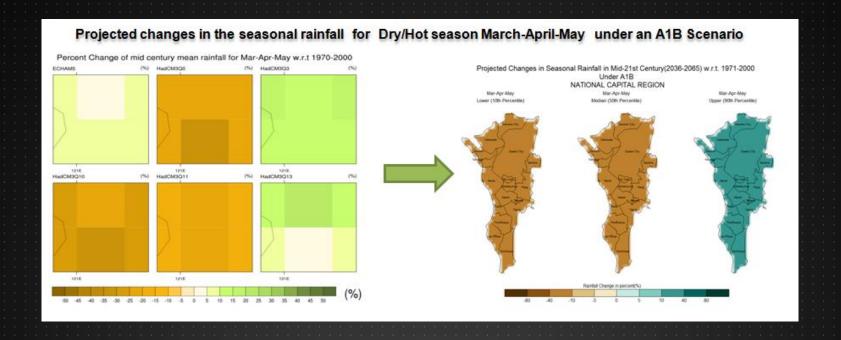




ISSUE	SOLUTION		
Technical			
Difficult to understand intensity on temperature plots	Improvements will be made to the temperature scale		
Would be useful to identify amount and volume of rainfall should be indicated	Will be included in revised plots		
Projection plots presented in terms of model is confusing	To be considered for future projections		
Rainfall projections would be more useful if presented as flood/drought related information rather than percent changes	Present data in terms of percentiles and not per model		
The table formatted data needs more detail in terms of values	Explore if adding extra values after decimal will add value for users / scientifically robust		
Plots are too pixelized and resolution of maps is too low to ensure information is relevant to area of interest	Increase the resolution (show maps in a larger scale) of maps to make it relevant to the area		

ISSUE	SOLUTION			
Format				
Improve colour being used to identify changes and differences – use different colours for temperature and rainfall	Work with focal leads to choose a new colour scheme			
Unclear where the relevant locations are on the plots	Use of administrative boundaries on maps to clearly visualize the location.			
All legends need to be complete	Complete in revised version			
Language				
Explain clearly what all symbols mean, e.g. Wind vectors	Update new plots with this information			
The language used is too complicated	Where this can't be changed include an explanation			
Do not use acronyms or explain what they mean	Provide simple description where complex terms and reduce use of abbreviations	hit :		

Picture of old and improved information

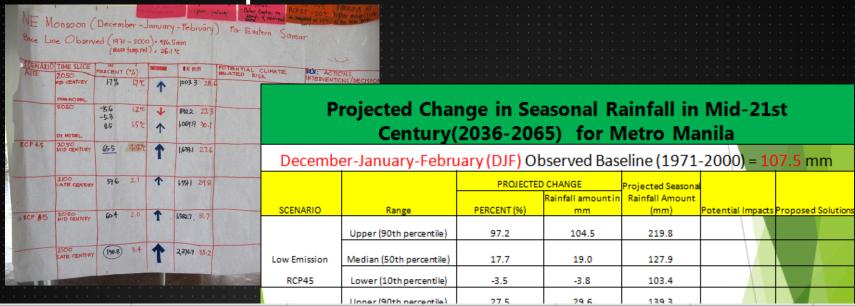








Old and improved information



Projected Changes in Seasonal Rainfall in the Mid-21st Century(2036-2065) for Eastern Samar relative to 1971-2000: Observed baseline (1971-2000) = 987.0 mm

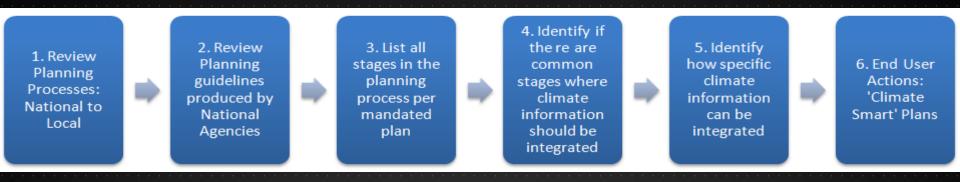
December-January-February

Drojected Change

Projected Seasonal

	Range*	Projecti	eu change	Rainfall Amount (mm)	Potential Impacts	Proposed Solutions
Scenario		Percent (%)	Rainfall amount (mm)			
Low Emission	Lower	-4.2	-41.1	945.9		
(RCP45)	Median	1.3	12.5	999.5		
	Upper	45.0	444.4	1431.4		
uist estate	Lower	-7.9	-77.8	909.2		
High Emission (RCP85)	Median	13.7	135.2	1122.2		
(ner so)	Upper	43.6	430.8	1417.8		
* upper: 90th percentile; m	edian: 50th percentile; l	ower: 10th percentile				

IV. Guidance to support integrating Climate Information in Local Planning











Achievements

- I. Provided valuable insights and learning to support the improved production, communication and uptake of climate information
- 2. User-needs-based-approach" has greatly improved the understanding of PAGASA of their end-user needs and increased capacity of LGUs
- 3. Learning from this process and the products developed will support wider testing and development in other LGU areas
- 4. The process has clearly demonstrated how current climate information can be made "user-friendly" to inform production of future information by PAGASA
- 5. Knowledge gained of the links between national and local planning processes have provided a common framework for integrating climate information across local plans
- 6. Exploration of Business Continuity Planning to support resilient sector specific planning activities provides an opportunity to further increase outreach to local communities

Activity	Recommendations
	• Discuss mechanisms to support further deployment and
Training of	training for LGU (PAGASA and DILG).
Trainers	• Discuss development of local "Climate Champion" roles at the
	LGU level (PAGASA and DILG).
	• Further develop the climate orientation pack as an online
	resource and video format (PAGASA)
	• PAGASA to discuss with key Government Departments, the
	development of climate training to key national agencies
	• Review "climate field schools" as vehicle for further
	dissemination
Information production	Take learning to inform future information production.
	• Scope potential for social media outlets for sharing information.
(PAGASA)	

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Integrating climate information in local planning	 Scope options for further piloting and testing of approach developed (PAGASA and DILG). This should cover prioritised sectors and socio-geographic regions / areas
Climate Information and Risk Analysis Matrix (CLIRAM)	 Further develop CLIRAM tool and link to information in next national climate projections (PAGASA) Discuss mandating of V&A tools and linking to CLIRAM tool (PAGASA, DILG, CCC)
Linking climate information to local sector planning	• Discuss and scope concept of climate smart Business Continuity Planning with NEDA, DTI and DILG to support sector planning at the local level.