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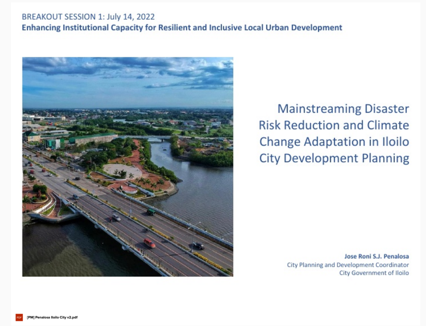

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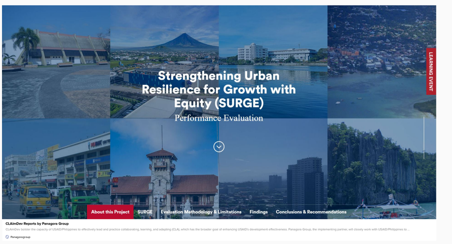

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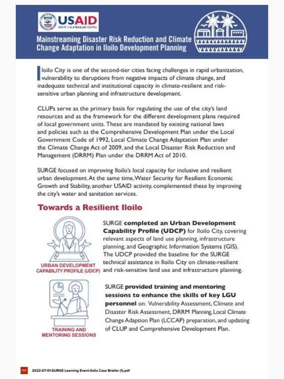

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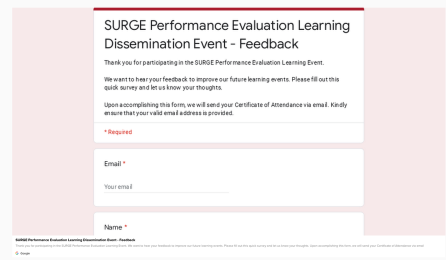

LEGEND:

Moderator/ Eval Report	Iloilo City	Participants

Learning Session 1: Enhancing Institutional Capacity For Resilient and Inclusive Local Urban Development

How was the enabling environment created?

Establish the enabling factors

POLICY SUPPORT	Policies are in place to ensure mainstreaming of CCA and DRR in local development plans	National and local policies support planning, financing, and implementation of climate-resilient PPAs	Policies are in place at the national (EODB Act of 2018) and local level promoting simplification of local regulations and procedures	Local policy issuances adopting project initiatives	Policy and organizational framework for cooperation have been established	LGUs and other stakeholders recognized the need to simplify local regulations	Good CLUP and zoning regulations
PARTNERSHIP AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	Partnerships forged with DHSUD to ensure adoption of enhanced CDRA methodology	Partnerships forged between CDI cities and NGAs (CCC and DOST) to ensure continuity of capacity building and data sharing	Strong private sector participation (e.g., seaweed, tourism planning, air services expansion, etc.)	Supportive private sector	Supportive academe	partnership with manila observatory council	
FINANCING	Adequate financial capacity of LGUs to fund the PPAs identified in local development plans	Willingness of LGUs to invest in PPAs contributing to climate change adaptation and mitigation	available counterpart funds				local champions for proposed interventions
CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT	Market-led, market-driven nature of SURGE intervention (e.g., seaweed, cassava, etc.)	Enhanced skills of key climate and disaster planners at the local level	UDLPs have been established to address training needs of local stakeholders	Trained Staff	Iloilo City as Regional Hub for Education (with urban planning and devt course offerings)	capaciity to build and implement devolution/ transition plans	
GOVERNANCE	Good Political Climate	Good Leadership	issues and benefits clearly communicated/ showcased to the local chief executives/ the legislators				
PROJECT STRATEGY	Tailored Assistance for Results	SURGE leverages and works with other USAID projects ("whole of nation approach")	SURGE showcased best practices to Iloilo City Govt officials, particularly on BPLS benefit to revenue generation				

Address the hindering factors

POLITICAL DYNAMICS	Changes in political leadership in 2022, which may result in a shift of LGU priorities and derail the implementation of some PPAs identified in local plans				
TECHNICAL CAPACITY ISSUES	re-assignment of SURGE-trained personnel to other departments	capacity-building efforts towards policy-making was inadequate	inadequate capacity to respond public health issues/ pandemic	inadequate capacity to implement devolution / transition plans	
LACK OF FOLLOW THROUGH ACTIVITIES	lack of follow-up capacity building activities	inadequate stakeholder engagement and follow-through activities (e.g., Bohol seaweed network and PADTEC)			
PROJECT DESIGN	5 years may not be enough for a good program	SURGE's rural-urban link initiative was inadequate			
UNCONTROLLABLE FACTORS	public health emergencies				

Challenges shared by Iloilo

RAPID URBANIZATION	as the city grows more complex, associated complex problems do too, hence the need for special assistance
CC AND DRR VULNERABILITY	
POOR CLIMATE AND RISK SENSITIVE PLANNING AND INFRA DEV	

Effect on people

Sustainability	job security, good health, public safety and security due to a stable local economy, good environment, and good urban governance
Livability	wider and safer options for living, working, playing, worshiping, learning, resting, socializing, etc.
Resilience	confidence and trust on community-based disaster preparedness and adaptation, response, recovery and bouncing forward

What resulted out of the enabling environment?

Resilience

- Improved local capacity in urban development
- Improved local climate resilient infrastructure planning and implementation
- Cimare-ready and disaster-prepared Iloilo City
- strengthened Metro-Iloilo Guimaras Economic Development Council (MIGEDC) bio-ional planning management
- enhanced capacity of local planners on climate-resilient and risk-sensitive urban development planning
- updated CLUP/ZO, CDP and LDRRMP (soon, LCCAP, ESWMP) based on mainstreamed CCA and DRR using Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) findings
- including leveraged investments, the total amount mobilized for climate change adaptation PPAs in Iloilo is $142,233

Competitiveness

- Strengthened local business development, investment-facilitating and support services that foster low emission growth
- Reduced policy and regulatory costs to rural-urban linkages
- empowered private sector

Inclusiveness

- Strengthened supply chain linkages between urban and rural areas
- Reduced connectivity and information costs to flows of goods and services between urban and peri-urban areas
- Developed metropolitan arrangements that improve coordination and exchange between city and adjacent municipal areas
- city-sharing through the USAID-CDI City partnership, ICMA network, etc.

Next Steps

Constant Fiscal Support	development of proposals for bankable climate-focused projects for domestic and international funding	mobilization of both internal and external resources for CCAM-DRR (harness increased NTA share) climate-linked funding mechanisms				
Capacity-building	adoption of a capacity development roadmap (w/ skills enhancement in accessing and using climate change data for climate-resilient and risk-sensitive planning	build capacity to build and implement devolution/ transition plans	build capacity to respond to public health emergencies	In future capacity building activities include modules of GeoRisk PH to institutionalize mainstreaming of DRR-CC, in a more efficient manner	Identify human resource initiatives through the Executive Legislative Agenda (ELA)	
Partnership Building	city-barangay development plan harmonization integrating GIS-ICT in strategic planning and implementation, participatory monitoring and evaluation of local plans, among others.					
Local development planning	in CDP, identify interventions on public health	in CLUP, identify areas for public health facilities (in the case of CDO, facilities were then turned over to DOH)				

Feedback Session

What key insight did you gain that is relevant to your work?

- new generation SURGE to adopt or take into account the nuances of SURGE and emerging public concenrs such as the pandemic and policy on full devolution of functions
- mainstreaming of DRR and CCA is fundamental to building resilient cities.
- contunie improving the GeoRisk PH platforms based on the needs of the LGUs
- there are and should be many ways to be resilient just like what Iloilo did
- SURGE conducted/ facilitated the review of environmental planning exam for zamboangas
- As an employee of the City Government of Tagbilaran under 4 mayors since 1998 (24 years) who became part of the many programs, projects, and activities, I can see the many changes in the general landscape of the City starting when USAID-SURGE entered into the scene. On a more personal note, as secretary of the Tagbilaran City Council for Culture and the Arts (TCCCA) since 1999, I am profoundly grateful for the initiatives that helped us awaken and sustain our sense of culture and pride of place that will usher us in the road towards becoming a creative city that will inspire more creative and performing artists and cultural workers and will help sustain our local tourism industry. Thank you, USAID-SURGE.
- It made me realize the importance of Regional Equity
- With this undertaking handholding with LGUs by the partner organizatioj as well as support from NGAs is vital
- demand-driven approach is indeed a successful formula
- As part of the Executive body, I realize that all out support should be given to the CPDO in order to relize a sustainable and growing community
- the LCUP is very timely and relevant in terms of sustainability of plans and policies. The vision has been cascaded to all implementers, sectoral champions, and stakeholders for implementation of responsive programs and projects
- There are many factors that make us vulnerable and at risk, and there are and should be many ways to be resilient like what Iloilo City did
- We need to revisit the Local Government Code
- Use of mixed-use planning in urban development that promotes livable environment
- incentive program for competitiveness
- on sustainability SURGE facilitated the conduct of the review session for enviromental planning exam of local planners & other partner agencie in Zambonga City. Creation of separate offices for building official & architrcture in Iloilo

How can you collaborate with other stakeholders to leverage results of the evaluation?

- Adopt SURGE city-sharing fora
- Establishing networking platform to promote collaboration
- have a venue like conference, forum to showcase best practices and lessons learned
- The LGU has to firther strengthen partnership with development partners (CSO engagement, benchmarking, extend donor engagement)