

Partnerships for Integrity and Jobs (Project I4J)

Objectives, Approaches and Experiences
during the Pilot Phase

Next Steps

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Project I4J At A Glance

The Project is focused on the **pilot development** of integrity mechanisms and models of transparent and effective small business and investment registration and promotion procedures at selected LGUs, in cooperation with civil society and decision makers at these LGUs.

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Specific Project Objectives

- Include LGUs as key players for clean administrative procedures into the Integrity Initiative set up by the ECCP and the Makati Business Club
 - LGUs as a sustainable network for self-obligation and monitoring of transparent and uncorrupt structures and procedures
- Create models of transparent, effective small business and investment registration and promotion procedures and disseminate them

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Target Groups

- Local government leaders/officials
- Civil society
- Small business leaders
- Potential Investors

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Project Locations

- 9 Pilot Local Government Units
 - **3 municipalities**
 - Naujan
 - Tuburan
 - Iranun (Barira, Buldon, Matanog and Parang)
 - **3 cities**
 - Puerto Princesa
 - San Carlos
 - Cagayan de Oro
 - **3 provinces**
 - Oriental Mindoro
 - Cebu
 - South Cotabato

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Project Partners



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Approaches: Ownership

- **Multistakeholder**
 - Involves all target groups concerned: local government units (elected officials and civil servants), local business community and local civil society
- **Grassroots/Bottom Up**
 - Pilot Phase: Solutions are organically drawn up by the stakeholder groups
 - Project Team as facilitator; expertise is lodged at the LGU

Approaches: Sustainability

- Integrity Circle
 - Integrity Circle as a way of making sure that the mechanisms are drafted are continuously implemented and monitored

Experiences: Pilot Phase

- Decision of the Mayor/Governor, involvement of the Local Council or Provincial Board
- Analysis of integrity and business promotion shortcomings in the LGU
- Set up of a Technical Working Group within the LGU to draft potential mechanisms for improvement

Experiences: Pilot Phase

- Dialogue with local business and local civil society on joint efforts to improve and monitor Integrity and Business Promotion Mechanisms
- Set up of tri-partite Integrity Circles
- Decide upon joint models/mechanisms and implementation/monitoring procedure

Activities During the Next Phase

- **Orientation Seminars for Additional LGUs who want to join Project I4J**
 - February 4-5, 2016: Davao
 - February 16-17, 2016: Manila
 - Orientation Seminars for CSOs
 - Orientation Seminars for Business
- **Creation of the LGU Integrity Circles**

Activities During the Next Phase

- **Investment Circles**
 - Island Group Investment Circles
 - Policy Papers
- **National Political Advocacy**
- **Workshops with IC Representatives**
- **Evaluation**
- **Final conference**

Challenges

- Timeframe
- Coordination
- National and Local Elections 2016
- Sustainability

Questions?

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