

# People's Survival Fund: Empowering actions from the ground



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#### PSF 101

- The People's Survival Fund was enacted into law on August 16, 2012.
- The country's first legislated national ADAPTATION fund.
- Allocated with at least \$20,000,000 within the national budget, which can be increased by external sources
- 100% grant window for adaptation projects, which puts premium on mitigation potentials better development as intended end

#### **PSF Innovations**

- Climate change-related challenges show that conventional planning processes (top-down and divide by n) are inefficient.
- Recognition of the "front line" roles played local government and organizations in addressing CC challenges



#### **PSF Innovations**

- As an additional source of funding (over and above a local government units' annual budget), PSF can fund proposals in ideal scales.
- Prioritizes proponents from lower income classes.
- PSF is a rewards fund, not a super fund.



#### **PSF Innovations--Access**

- Tiered approval- approval of concept and full
- Approval of concept will allow local government to access a small grant within PSF for proposal development– Proposal Development Grant
- Required documents are streamlined and submission is incentivize
- Writeshops are being done by different organizations



### **Challenges in implementation**

- Getting the right message out is more challenging than expected
- Proposal writing can be a challenge, LGUs and local organizations are still grappling with strategies in accessing the Fund
- Direct access disbursement is "new" to bureaucracy, no disbursement yet.
- Hand holding activities are much needed.





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