Project objectives

The Project aims to help alleviate poverty in communities prone to conflict in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) through improved access to safe and reliable water supply and sanitation services.

The Project will implement water supply development initiatives in selected municipalities of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). About 12 projects will be implemented in selected municipalities within the project period.

Typical water supply projects will include:
- spring development for a source with level 2 distribution system
- overhead water tanks with solar pumps for deep wells and level 2 distribution system
- sanitation and hygiene facilities
- other water-related initiatives that will protect and conserve the water resource of the areas

Main Activities

1. Coordinate with concerned government entities, local organizations and government units for the identification and prioritization of the target communities for the water supply development projects.
2. Closely work with local leaders for the planned development works.
3. Organize and train communities on their role in the development, operation and maintenance of the water supply facilities to be set-up by the Project.

At a glance

Partners
The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) government and its relevant ministries: Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE), Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), and Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE). The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP). Local government units (LGUs)

Donor
Government of Japan

Duration
March 2019 – March 2021

Target beneficiaries
At least 1,800 workers from the target communities will benefit from wage employment and provided with the required social protection benefits. The ultimate beneficiaries are the members of the households in the communities where the water supply systems will be established.

Geographical focus
Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)
4. Identify possibilities for domestic waste water harvesting, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures.

5. Generate short- and long-term jobs in the implementation of the appropriate water supply development projects.

6. Conduct and closely supervise hands-on on-site training for workers recruited from the target communities during actual construction work.

7. Develop local labour-based supervisors to oversee the implementation of water supply development works.

8. Organize the community maintenance team and turn over the water supply system to the beneficiaries.

9. Strengthening institutional capacity building, including capacities of training centers, TVET schools, trainers to deliver quality services; improving the labour market information collection, analysis and dissemination for better services to jobseekers and enterprises while addressing the needs of youth, women, migrant workers and people with disabilities.

**Project Outcomes**

1. Improved access to safe and reliable water supply for the target communities.

2. Communities capable of proper use and maintenance of their water supply system.

3. Community organized with a skilled pool of workforce prepared to address demands for local construction works.

4. About 1,800 workers benefit from jobs created through community-based water infrastructure projects.

5. Environmental protection and conservation measures in place.

**Progress to date**

- Project Management and Project Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) established
- Pre-feasibility studies on identified sites conducted
- Detailed social, environmental and technical feasibilities conducted
- Designs and cost estimates in mainland sites done
- Construction works in Romangaob, South Upi, Maguindanao started
- Community-based organisations (CBOs) supported in complying with pre-implementation requirements
- Community participation promoted and prioritised in all project processes and activities

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