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Activity Report

Activity Title: Ground working/Organizing in ten (10) priority barangays re: Coal Education, Information and Campaign IIEC) on Coal Project in Bgy. Bato-Bato, Narra, Palawan.

Date: March 13-21, 2025

Venue: 10 Barangays (Bgy. Teresa, Bgy. Princess Urduja, Bgy. Batang-Batang, Bgy. Caguisan, Bgy. Malinao, Bgy. Bato-Bato, Bgy. Calategas, Bgy. Aramaywan, Bgy. Burirao and Bgy. Tacras)

Participants: Barangay LGU officials and Community Residents

Person Involve: Sweet Phea Ponoy and Herbert Dadizon, Marlon Tamsi, Maria Ana Cristina C. Gabua and Florei Ann Ponoy

Summary of Insights during Field Activity of the team

Barangay Batang-Batang

- During the consultation meeting with the barangay captain, no public hearing that has been conducted regarding coal and environmental concerns. He also informed the team that the scheduled senior citizens' assembly is scheduled on the last Saturday of every month, providing a potential venue for community engagement. The barangay officials expressed strong interest in conducting an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) session. IEC session is tentatively set for April 2025, ensuring sufficient preparation time for resource persons and materials. The feedback from barangay officials was overwhelmingly positive, indicating community receptiveness.

Next Step and Recommendations:

- Coordinate with barangay officials to finalize IEC schedule and venue.
- Prepare IEC materials focusing on coal impact, environmental preservation and sustainable alternatives.
- Engage with local farmers and fisherfolk associations to incorporate their concerns into discussions.

Barangay Caguisan

- The barangays sessions are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, providing structured opportunities for presentations and discussions. The identified multiple key community organizations that can participate in consultations and advocacy efforts. The barangay council and community groups showed willingness to collaborate on coal-related discussions and needs to determine the best approach to integrate IEC discussions into existing meetings

Next Step and Recommendations:

- Request for an IEC slot during an upcoming barangay session
- Develop a sector-specific presentations for farmers, fisherfolks, women's organizations and senior citizens.
- Follow up on specific environmental concerns raised by the barangay.

Barangay Calategas

- Coordination with farmers and fisherfolk groups was initiated and identified various local organizations involved in agriculture, fishing, and community development. Barangay leaders and associations expressed openness to discussing potential



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environmental impacts of coal. Needs to establish specific dates for follow-up meetings and IEC discussions.

Next Step and Recommendations:

- Schedule small-group discussions with farmers and fisherfolk organizations.
- Ensure barangay support for hosting an IEC session or community forum.
- Gather specific data on agricultural and coastal resource impacts related to coal use

Barangay Malinao

- The Barangay public consultation on a new ordinance scheduled for March 21, 2025. And on March 21, 2025, ELAC team presented in the barangay officials and they expressed interest in learning about ELAC's environmental perspectives and in the IEC coal project in their area. According to Kapitan, there has been no prior public consultation specifically related to coal's impact.

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- Prepare a formal presentation and position paper on key environmental concerns.
- Highlight community engagement strategies for sustainable alternatives.
- Follow-up meetings post consultation to ensure continued engagement.

Barangay Princess Urduja

ELAC team had a meeting with Barangay Captain Quinto and barangay council members. The councils are actively discussing potential environmental policies and mitigation measures. Received positive feedback and officials are open to collaborating on coal awareness campaigns. The council also suggested to the team the door-to-door awareness visits.

Next step and Recommendations:

- Conduct on-ground surveys to assess the level of awareness within the community
- Plan a barangay wide IEC session and possibly integrating it into a council meeting or flag ceremony.
- Identify specific areas within the barangay most affected by coal related activities.

Barangay Aramaywan

ELAC team had a meeting with barangay captain to discuss historical and current environmental concerns. It was also mentioned that there is no previous IEC sessions conducted before the coal plant establishment, this indicates that the company has a lack of prior awareness efforts. The barangay officials responded positively and willing to schedule a community wide meeting, the barangay itself will take charge of scheduling an official discussion session.

Next step and Recommendations:

- Follow up with barangay officials for the scheduled date for the meeting
- Ensure that the IEC session cover's coal's impact on local agriculture, fisheries and health.
- Engage with residents and community leaders to participate in the discussion actively.



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Activities conducted of ELAC community organizers:

Date	Activity
March 03, 2025	The team gathered names and contact numbers of barangay captains from priority barangays involved in the ELAW project.
March 04, 2025	Preparations were made for activities supporting the passage of a mining moratorium in Palawan.
March 05, 2025	The 50-year Mining Moratorium was officially passed and this activity was held at Convention Center, Capitol Ground, Puerto Princesa City
March 06, 2025	Preparations were conducted for the Community Development Planning (CDP) activity in Sitio Mariwara, Barangay Princess Urduja, Narra, Palawan. The team traveled to Narra and held a meeting with UNDEF and FFP to assign tasks for the CDP.
March 07, 2025	A field inquiry was conducted in Sitio Mariwara to assess the residents' knowledge of coal-related issues. It was discovered that no Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) was obtained from Indigenous Peoples. Additionally, coal ash-made hollow blocks were widely used due to their affordability and durability. It was also learned that the coal ash needs to return to Semirara, and allegedly, the mayor allowed its continued use within the locality. Some residents had limited knowledge of coal and its effects.
March 08, 2025	A short presentation and courtesy call were conducted in Mariwara to introduce the project.
March 10, 2025	An assessment and planning meeting were held to determine the next steps for the project. A letter was drafted for the barangay regarding the initiative.
March 11, 2025	The team printed letters and organized necessary field documents. A PowerPoint presentation was drafted, and informational videos and presentations about coal were reviewed.
March 12, 2025	Finalization of letters and PowerPoint presentation was completed. The team prepared for travel and proceeded to Sitio Daan, Barangay Apurawan.
March 13, 2025	The first day of CDP in Sitio Daan was conducted. Mapping activities were facilitated to identify local concerns.
March 14, 2025	On the second day of CDP, the community reported their maps. In the afternoon, the team helped identify key issues and possible solutions.
March 16, 2025	A budget meeting was held with Ate Ana. Discussions with Kuya Bert were also conducted regarding groundwork activities.
March 17, 2025	Ground working activities commenced in Barangay Teresa. Although the barangay captain was unavailable, the team was able to gather organizational details and contact numbers. Barangay Batang-Batang was also visited for further coordination.
March 18, 2025	A meeting with Barangay Teresa was conducted, and they committed to providing time every Monday during the flag ceremony for project discussions. Follow-up with the Community Organizer (CO) was needed to confirm their availability.
March 19, 2025	Letters were received by Barangay Calategas and Barangay Aramaywan. A planning meeting was also held with Ate Ana to prepare for the upcoming presentation in Barangay Malinao.
March 20, 2025	The team conducted a planning and assessment session and delivered a presentation in Barangay Malinao.
March 21, 2025	A project presentation was conducted in another barangay.
March 24, 2025	A presentation was conducted with the Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) and Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) council, including the barangay captain, to discuss coal-related concerns.



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Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Kagawad of Bgy. Malinao



Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Kapitan of Bgy. Burirao



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Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Kagawad of Bgy. Calategas.



Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Kagawad of Bgy. Aramaywan





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Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Kapitan of Bgy. Tacras



Ground working and Coordination with Barangay Local Government Unit of Barangay Teresa, Narra, Palawan



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Coal Ash spotted at Bgy. Batang-Batang, Narra, Palawan, along interior roads going to the barangay hall of Batang-Batang



Coal Project presentation to the community residents and barangay councils of Bgy. Malinao, Narra, Palawan.



Coal Ash spotted at Bgy. Malinao, Narra, Palawan, in front of the mini-church.

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