



ARISE PHILIPPINES NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Template for ARISE Network Activity Report 2023

Introduction

According to the [ARISE Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#) (p. 16), ARISE Networks are expected to meet at least once per year, with an annual activity report to be submitted by the ARISE Network Leads to the ARISE Board before 31 December of the respective calendar year. *Note: 2023 Activity Reports will be accepted until 14 January 2024.*

In this regard, we kindly request your report which will also serve as a contribution to the 2023 ARISE Annual Report **by responding to the questions below.**

Please send the completed template to the Board (arise.boardmembers@cc.preventionweb.net) with a copy of the UNDRR Regional focal Point by 14 January 2024. Thank you in advance.

Recall [ARISE Commitment](#) to:

1. Raise Awareness: Awareness raising with respect to disaster risk and mobilization of the private sector;
2. Influence: Exercising influence in respective spheres of expertise;
3. Share Knowledge: Share knowledge, experience and good practices amongst the private sector;
4. Catalyze: Be a catalyst to generate innovation and collaboration in developing risk informed business strategies;
5. Implement: Implement projects and activities to achieve the targets of the Sendai Framework.

1. NAME OF NETWORK:
ARISE Philippines Network

2. MEMBERS:
Enter the number of members (<i>insert number or indicate if correct on the website</i>)
127 members
List of members (<i>list or attach with your submission or indicate if correct on the website</i>) as requested in the ToR , (p.15) ¹ :
TOTAL: 127 Members

SECTOR	QTY	%
Professional, scientific & technical services (incl. consulting)	23	18%
Retail Trade	16	13%
Real State, Rental, Leasing	15	12%
Social Assistance	10	8%
Manufacturing	8	6%
Construction	7	6%
Educational Services	7	6%
Finance, Insurance & Reinsurance	7	6%
Business Association	6	5%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	5	4%
Other Services	5	4%
Architectural, Engineering & Interior Design Consultancy	4	3%
Hospitality	4	3%
Information & communication technology	3	2%
Industrial Conglomerate	2	2%
Media	2	2%
Energy	1	1%
Health Care	1	1%
Mining	1	1%
TOTAL MEMBERS	127	

List of 127 Members in Alphabetical Order:

	Company Name
1	1957 Security and Investigation Agency Corporation (1957 SIAC)
2	2Go Group, Inc.
3	Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc.
4	Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.
5	Airspeed Group of Companies Holding. Corp.
6	All Around Services and Merchandising Corporation
7	Armstrong Realty Investments, Inc.
8	Asia Pacific College
9	Asian Institute of Management Inc.
10	Belle Corporation
11	Bottega 8290 Architectural Design Services
12	Build Change
13	Business Continuity Managers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (BCMAP)
14	Business for Sustainable Development (BSD)
15	Casas + Architects Inc.
16	Cebu Classic Home Decors and Flowershop, Inc.
17	Cebuana Lhuillier Foundation Inc.
18	Cellstuff Cellphone Accessories
19	CEMEX Holdings Philippines
20	Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc. (CARD MRI)
21	CGC Personnel Alternatives Group Inc.
22	CHAS Realty and Development Corporation

23	Chase Technologies Corporation
24	China Banking Corporation (China Bank)
25	Cocogen Insurance Inc.
26	Conrad Hotel Manila
27	Consolidated Explosives Group Corporation
28	Consolidated Prime Development Corporation
29	Converge ICT Solutions Inc.
30	De La Salle University Inc.
31	DHL Supply Chain Philippines, Inc.
32	DJA Security Services, Inc.
33	DLC Dental Health Studio, Inc.
34	Don Lee Builders Inc.
35	EIAN Management Consulting Services
36	El Observatorio de Manila, Inc. (Manila Observatory)
37	Elemento 1412 Inc.
38	Empire East Land Holdings, Inc.
39	Family Entertainment Center, Inc.
40	Farron Cafe Ventures Inc.
41	Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (FFCCCII)
42	First Asia Realty Development Corporation (FARDC)
43	Gel Realty Development Corporation
44	GMA Network, Inc.
45	Green Antz Builders Inc.
46	H1 Architecture
47	Habitat for Humanity Philippines



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48	Hypervolt Contractor Corp
49	Job Clean Manpower and General Services Philippines Incorporated
50	Jollibee Foods Corporation
51	Jose Siao Ling & Associates
52	Junior Tourism and Hospitality Management Association of the Philippines (JTHMAP)
53	Kabuhayan sa Ganap na Kasarinlan Credit and Savings Cooperative (KCOOP)
54	Kiu Global (Philippines), Inc.
55	Komunidad Global Services & Operations Phils. Inc.
56	LBC Express Inc.
57	League of Corporate Foundations
58	Legend Janitorial & Manpower Services
59	Lucky F Inter Trade Corp
60	Lumina Ventures
61	Management Association of the Philippines (MAP)
62	Medicard Foundation, Inc.
63	Mindpro Incorporated
64	Mobile Technology
65	Mr. Speedy Philippines
66	National Resilience Council
67	National University Incorporated
68	Nauts & Vectors Company, Inc. (Garmin)
69	NEO
70	Nestle Philippines
71	New Golden City Builders & Development Corporation

72	Noble minds Academy
73	Oscar M. Lopez Center
74	Park Inn by Radisson - Davao
75	Park Inn by Radisson - Iloilo
76	Park Inn Radisson - North EDSA
77	Peridou, Inc.
78	Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)
79	Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)
80	Philippine Federation of Professional Associations, Inc. (PFPA)
81	Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc. (PICE)
82	Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association, Inc. (PIRA)
83	Philippine Spring Water Resources, Inc
84	Philippine Transmarine Carriers Holdings Corp. (PTC)
85	Premier Central Incorporated
86	Premier Southern Corp.
87	Prepper Plus
88	Pricewaterhouse Coopers Phils. (Isla Lipana & Co.)
89	Radio Mindanao Network Foundation
90	Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc. (RAFI)
91	Red Dot Design Inc.
92	RJC Corporate Security Services, Inc.
93	Royal Security Agency, Inc.
94	Saint Anthony Security and Investigation Agency



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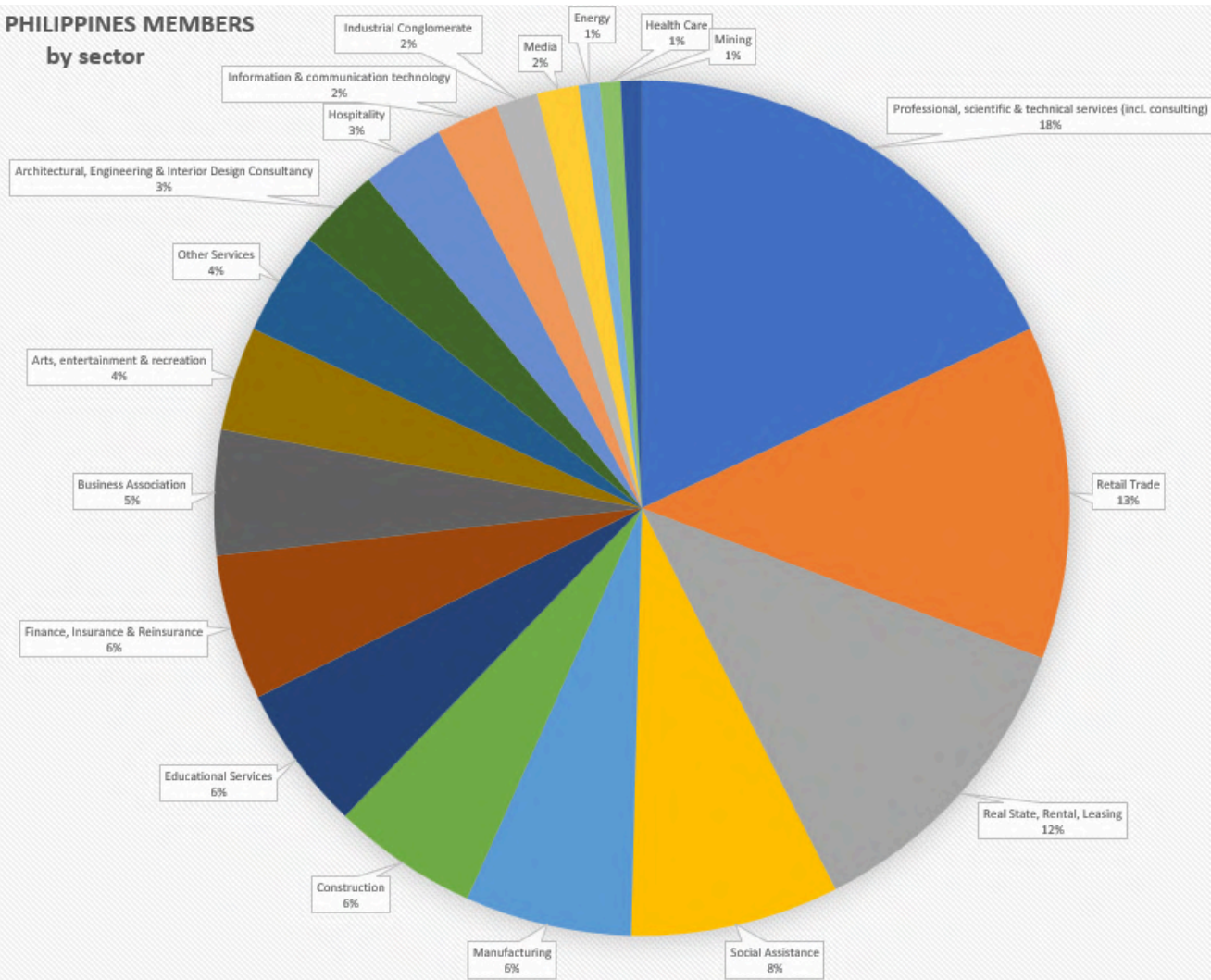
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95	Sanford Marketing Corporation (SMCo)
96	Selective Security Services, Inc.
97	Seven Bus Plus Inc.
98	Shopping Center Management Corporation
99	Sibul Coconut Products Manufacturing
100	SM Arena Complex Corporation
101	SM Development Corporation (SMDC)
102	SM Foundation Inc.
103	SM Investments Corporation (SMIC)
104	SM Lifestyle, Inc.
105	SM Prime Holdings, Inc.
106	SM Retail, Inc.
107	SMX Convention Center Specialist Corp.
108	SouthernPoint Properties Corporation
109	Super Shopping Market Inc. (SSMI) - SM Hypermarket
110	Superior Maintenance Services, Inc.
111	Supermalls Transport Services, Inc
112	Supervalu, Inc. (Savemore)
113	Surebright Manufacturing Industries

	Incorporated
114	The Resilient.PH Inc.
115	Tokyo Tempura
116	Uni-7th Force Security & Services, Inc.
117	Unilever Philippines, Inc.
118	University of Asia and the Pacific Foundation, Inc.
119	University of the Philippines Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP-ISSI)
120	Vision M Visuals, Inc.
121	Waltermart Shopping Center Management, Inc.
122	WCY Architects Design and Development Consultants
123	Wegen Distributed Energy Philippines Holdings Corporation
124	Willis Towers Watson Insurance Brokers Philippines, Inc.
125	Wings Technology Enterprise, Inc.
126	Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan
127	Zuellig Family Foundation Inc.

ARISE PHILIPPINES MEMBERS by sector



- Professional, scientific & technical services (incl. consulting)
- Manufacturing
- Business Association
- Hospitality
- Energy
- Retail Trade
- Construction
- Arts, entertainment & recreation
- Information & communication technology
- Health Care
- Real State, Rental, Leasing
- Educational Services
- Other Services
- Industrial Conglomerate
- Mining
- Social Assistance
- Finance, Insurance & Reinsurance
- Architectural, Engineering & Interior Design Consultancy
- Media

3. KEY ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:

ARISE Philippines Network Regular Meetings:

ARISE Philippines Network meets on a regular basis relative to its commitment to the Terms of Reference.

The ARISE Philippines conducted the following network meetings and events for the year 2023.

Date	Name of Event	Attendees
August 31, 2023	A. ARISE Philippines Board Meeting, MAAX Building, Pasay City	<p>73% of Board Members and Work Theme (WT) and Priority Area (PA) Leads attended the event</p> <p>Total of 18 attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ARISE PH Board Members (11/15) ● ARISE Secretariat (7/7) ● ARISE Global Board Member
August - September 2023	B. Successful Election of the ARISE Philippines Board of Directors for 2023 - 2026	All ARISE Philippines Network members.
October 26, 2023	C. Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM)	<p>ONSITE: 52 ONLINE: 44 Total: 96</p> <p>76% of Network Members attended the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ARISE Philippines Board Members ● ARISE Philippine Network Members ● ARISE Secretariat ● ARISE Global Board Member
November 22, 2023	D. ARISE Philippines First (1st) Board Meeting for the	(20/22)/ 90% of the Board Members and Work Theme

	<p>Newly Elected Board Members, via VTC</p>	<p>(WT) and Priority Area (PA) Leads attended the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARISE PH newly elected Board Members • ARISE Secretariat • Government Representative from Department of Health (Undersecretary Balboa)
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A. ARISE Philippines Board Meeting, August 2023

Meeting Agenda:

- Term Report of ARISE Philippines (2020-2023).
- Feedback and interventions on accomplishments and activities.
- Updates on Global Board ARISE elections.
- Discussion on alignment and procedures for ARISE Philippines Election for Network Members.

Key highlights:

1. Review of the Proposed Enhancement of the ARISE Philippines Terms of Reference (TOR).
2. Discussion of the upcoming ARISE Related events such as:

- The upcoming Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) 2024, to be hosted by the Philippine Government.
- Philippines' participation in ARISE Global Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) activities.
- Upcoming Top Leaders Forum scheduled for October 2023.



Output / Outcome: The Enhancement of the ARISE Philippines Terms of Reference based on the inputs, feedback, and recommendations of the Board Members

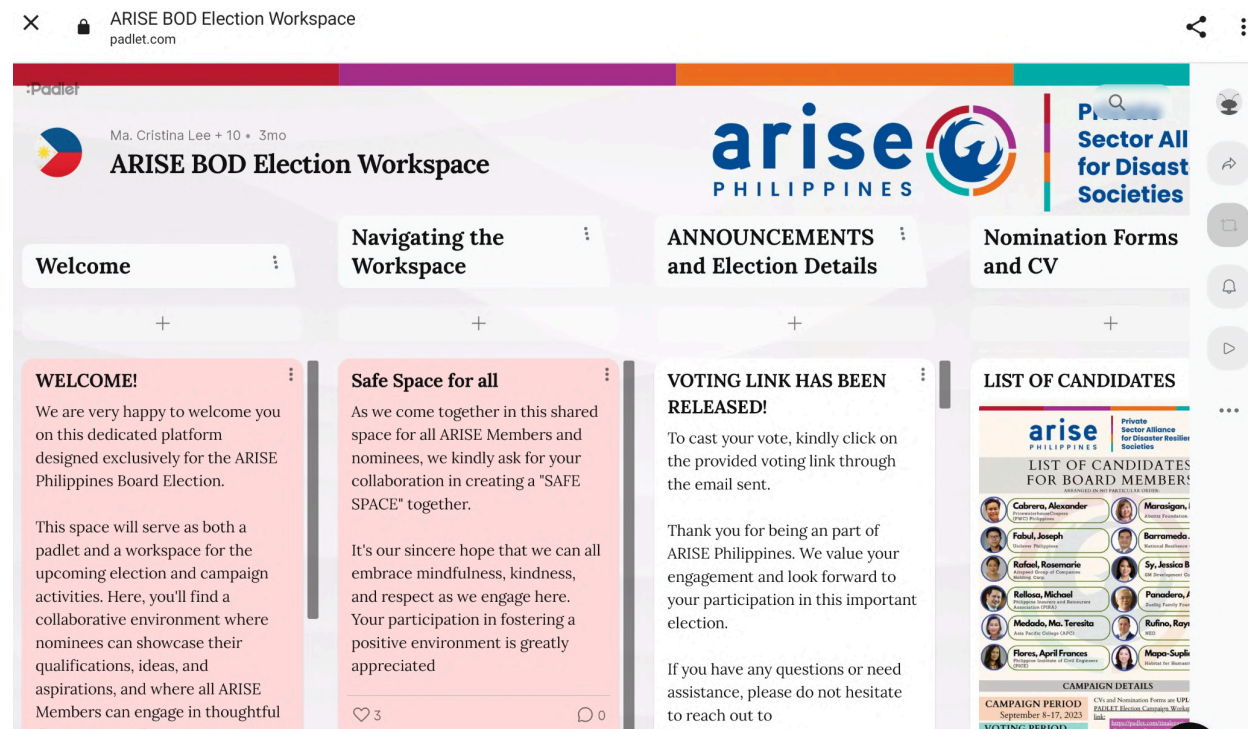
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B. Successful Election of the ARISE Philippines Board of Directors for 2023-2026

Event Description: The ARISE Philippines Board election for new members was successfully conducted from August to September Period, involving activities such as the application and selection process, campaign activities and actual election procedures.

- The development of election procedures ensured a transparent, fair, and efficient voting process for all candidates and voters.
- Application and Selection of Candidates underwent a meticulous process in a transparent manner.
- **Utilization of Padlet**, an interactive digital platform, for campaign and announcement purposes, has enhanced the engagement and accessibility of all materials and campaign activities for all participants.
- Candidates were able to effectively present their platforms and visions for ARISE Philippines through the Padlet platform, reaching the networks members.
- The integration of clear and user-friendly voting procedures facilitated a smooth and straightforward election process.
- The digital approach to the campaign and voting process allowed broader member engagement and participation in the election.



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C. Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting, October 2023

The Annual General Membership Meeting was held on October 26, 2023 in Maax Building Pasay City.



AGM 2023 Key Highlights:

- The AGM featured presentations on the ARISE Philippines Term Report for 2020-2023, highlighting collective achievements and initiatives.
- Session with Outgoing Board Members who emphasized gratitude and support for the continuity in ARISE's future projects.
- Mr. Hans Sy, ARISE Philippines Chairperson, led the induction of the new ARISE Philippines Board Members and Work Theme and Priority Area Leads for 2023-2026 and provided guidance for the new term.
- ARISE Philippines expresses gratitude to Ms. Mami Mizutori (UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction) and Undersecretary Ariel F. Nepomuceno (NDRRMC Executive Director) for their inspiring messages about collaborative disaster resilience efforts through ARISE Philippines.

Output / Outcome:

1. **Successful Induction of New Leadership:** The newly elected Board Members of ARISE were formally inducted, making a significant milestone in the organization's leadership transition.

- 2. Strategic Direction and Vision:** The AGM provided a platform for inputs and discussions on the strategic directions for ARISE Philippines.



Concluding the Tripartite Collaboration on August 17, 2023, Ms. Mami Mizutori commended the efforts of the three ARISE Networks for their significant role in enhancing transnational resilience, setting a precedent for future cross-border collaborative efforts.

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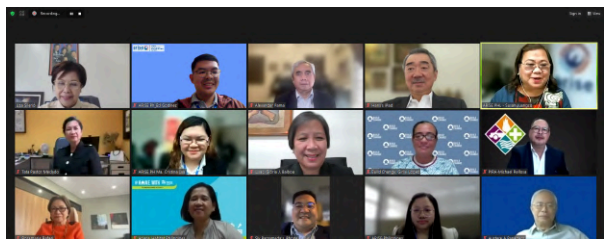
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D. First (1st) Board Meeting of the New ARISE Board Members, November 2023

1st Board Meeting Key Highlights:

- The first board meeting of the newly elected and appointed ARISE Philippines Board on November 26, 2023 focused on key strategic developments as its agenda.
- Support from the Department of Health, Undersecretary Gloria Balboa expressed gratitude and support to ARISE Networks for the



assistance provided especially during the pandemic. She also emphasized the need for collaboration between ARISE Philippines and various sectors, particularly in health emergency management.

3. The meeting addressed the alignment of ARISE Philippines' activities with ARISE Global standards and goals through the re-emphasizing and re-introducing the ARISE Global Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
4. The ARISE Philippines' Strategic Directions (2023-2026), focusing on disaster resilience, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles, DRM (Disaster Risk Management) strategies, innovations, and Science and Technology were one of the highlights of the meeting.
5. The board also reviewed and refined its operational framework to ensure coherence and effectiveness in achieving the organization's mission.

Outcome/Output:

1. Approval of the ARISE Strategic Direction for 2023-2026: The Board has approved the strategic direction for ARISE Philippines for 2023-2026, committing to enhanced disaster resilience and innovative approaches in achieving resilience..
2. Approval of the Enhance Terms of Reference

Please share a narrative summary of the **key activities your ARISE Network** was engaged in, including any key outcomes to date. (*Suggested narrative text length: 300-400 words*).

Add in-line text **links** to online material and/or **submit high resolution photos** to your Network folder [here](#).

See [ARISE 2022 Annual Report](#) for past text examples.

Do you have a full list of your ARISE Network activities? We welcome your submission in addition to your summary below.

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4. IMPACT & SUCCESS STORIES:

Selected impact and success stories will be featured in the 2023 ARISE Annual Report and will help us develop web stories.

The following are the ARISE Philippines Secretariat and Network Members Key Activities that brought about Impact and Success Stories.

Date	Name of Event	Focus Area Priority/ies <small>(SME, Insurance, Investment Infrastructure, Others [early warning, gender, climate change])</small>	Stakeholders
April 2023	IAAP and Insurance Philippines conducts 16th Philippine Insurance Summit Addressing Climate Change for Sustainability and Resilience	SME Insurance, Investment Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARISE Philippines, VADm Pama and Secretariat Lead • Insurance Stakeholders
May 2023	Participation of ARISE Philippines in the High-Level Meeting (HLM) and Risk Reduction Hub (RRH) and of the General Assembly on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 held on 17-19 May 2023 UN Headquarters, New York	All Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARISE Philippines Board Members and Network Members • ARISE Global
June – August 2023	Tripartite Collaboration: Knowledge Session on SFDRR with ARISE Japan, India, and The Philippines,	All Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARISE PH newly elected Board Members • ARISE Global

	in partnership with UNDRR-GETI		
July 2023	Leading by Example: OCD recognized Mr. Hans Sy's Contributions in Advancing Disaster Resilience through a Certificate of Commendation"	All Focus Area	Open to all stakeholders and ARISE Network Members and Partners
July 2023	Conduct of the Webinar: Unraveling the Synergy of Space Science in Disaster Resilience Technology and Innovations with Spacebase Limited, NZ and the Phillipine Space Agency (PhilSa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure • Investment • Innovation, Science and Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARISE Network Members • Academe • National Government Agencies • LGUs • Private Sector and businesses (ARISE non members)
September 2023	Komunidad Resilience Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Assessment SMEs • Innovations 	All ARISE PH Network Members
September 2023	The Joint Ventures of Oscar M. Lopez, ARISE, and NRC for the 3rd Legacy Lecture for Climate Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change • SMEs 	All ARISE PH Network Members and other OML and NRC Members and LGUs
October 2023	10th Top Leaders Forum, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City	All Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRSG • UN Philippines Office • ARISE Global Representatives • ARISE PH Board Members and Network Members • Government Institutions • Academes • ARISE

			<p>Philippine Network Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Private sector • Sectoral representatives, among others
November 2023	Expanding Engagement: ARISE Philippines' Contribution in Government Initiatives for DRRM and Resilience	All focus Area	
December 2023	Operationalization of the ARISE Philippines Knowledge Management Hub	All Focus Area	ARISE PH New Board Members

A. IAAP and Insurance Philippines conducts 16th Philippine Insurance Summit Addressing Climate Change for Sustainability and Resilience

Event: 16th Philippine Insurance Summit hosted by the Insurance Institute for Asia Pacific and Insurance Philippines, April 26, 2023, at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City.

Theme: "Climate Change – A Deadly Threat to Mankind: Taking the Lead Towards Sustainability and Resilience."

Objective: To gather insurance industry professionals to discuss current issues and challenges, with a focus on climate change impacts.

ARISE Engagement: VAdm Alexander Pama was invited as key resource speaker to discuss the latest initiatives by ARISE Philippines and its private sector network partners in addressing disaster and climate change impacts.

Output / Outcome

- Enhanced Industry Awareness:** The summit significantly raised awareness within the insurance industry about the critical impact of climate change on sustainability and resilience.
- Private Sector Engagement:** VAdm. Pama's presentation and message highlighted the vital role of the private sector, including the insurance industry, in resilient society through risk-informed investments by *Linking Insurance and Disaster Resilience* as a key tool in ensuring business continuity and community safety during disasters.

3. **Alignment to ARISE Global KPIs:** The summit has showcased the public private partnerships with the insurance sector and its related partners to encourage the integration of risk reduction and resilience considerations into insurance models, products and asset management decisions.



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B. Participation of ARISE Philippines in the High-Level Meeting (HLM) and Risk Reduction Hub (RRH) and of the General Assembly on the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 held on 17-19 May 2023 | UN Headquarters, New York

Event Description: The High-Level Meeting (HLM) and Risk Reduction Hub for the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 took place from May 17 to 19, 2023, at the UN Headquarters in New York.

- This event served as a significant platform for Member States, UN system partners, and other stakeholders to review findings and recommendations from the Midterm Review.
- The Philippine delegation was led by Secretary Antonia Yulo Lozaga from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).
- Mr. Hans T. Sy, Chairperson of ARISE Philippines, together with VADM Alexander Pama, Co Chair, among others, represented the private sector in the Philippine delegation, following an invitation from the Office of Civil Defense-National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (OCD-NDRRMC).
- A roundtable discussion was conducted during a formal lunch where participants engaged in casual conversations on various critical subjects such as investment and financing with a focus on climate and disaster risk management, strategies for disaster risk reduction in vulnerable environments, among others.

- Key contributors to the sessions included Ms. Jessica Sy from SM Prime Holdings in the Round Table Discussion on “*Resilient Infrastructures System*” and Vice Admiral Alexander Pama in the side event session titled “*Private Investment in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience.*”



Output / Outcome from ARISE's Participation:

- ARISE PH has enhanced its **Global Visibility**. ARISE participation has raised the international profile of the Philippine private sector in disaster risk reduction and resilience.
- Led by Mr. Hans T. Sy, the delegation effectively advocated for private sector involvement in resilience initiatives.
- Means for **Strategic Networking**. Connections with international stakeholders were established, paving the way for future collaborations in disaster risk reduction.
- Recognition and Credibility: ARISE Philippines' active participation enhanced the credibility of the Philippine private sector in the global disaster risk reduction community.
- **Incorporation into ARISE Philippines Strategic Direction**: Most importantly, the knowledge gained and the global call to action were addressed in the ARISE Philippines Strategic Direction for 2023-2026, ensuring that the results and insights from the SFDRR Mid Term Review are integrated into actionable plans and initiatives of ARISE Philippines in the upcoming Term.

Link:

<https://business.inquirer.net/408747/sm-group-elevates-risk-management-strategies-through-development-of-sustainable-resilient-communities>

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C. Tripartite Collaboration: Knowledge Session on SFDRR with ARISE Japan, India, and The Philippines, in partnership with UNDRR-GETI

Event: Knowledge sharing session and training-webinar series by ARISE country networks of Japan, India, and the Philippines in partnership with UNDRR GETI on June to August 2023.

Focus/Theme: "Understanding Sendai Framework on DRR (SFDRR): An Option to Reduce Cost" aimed at promoting DRR and sharing private sector success stories in implementing SFDRR targets.

Objective: Highlight the significance of SFDRR in reducing business operational costs and mitigating disaster-related losses.

Participation: Active involvement from delegates of Japan, India, and the Philippines. Key Facilitators and guests: Ms. Mami Mizutori, SRSG, UNDRR, Mr. Marco Toscano-Rivalta (Chief of UNDRR Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific) and facilitators from GETI (Mr. Alf Ivar Blikberg and Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia).

Conclusion: The 4 part webinar series ended on August 17, 2023, with a closing address by Ms. Mami Mizutori, acknowledging the efforts of the ARISE Networks in building efforts for transnational resilience.

Key highlights of the outcomes include:

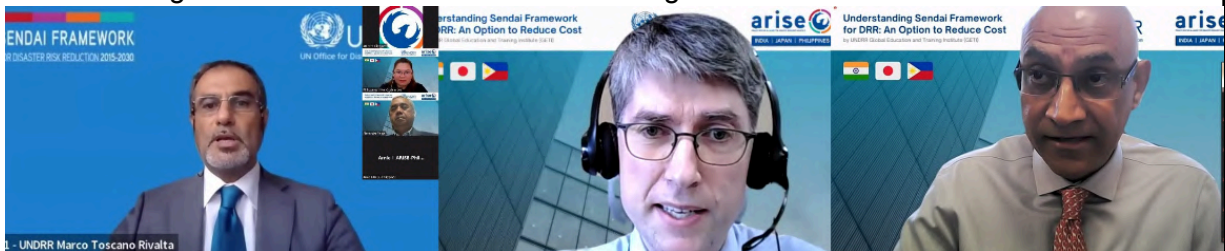
1. **Strengthened Multinational Collaboration:** The initiative has laid the groundwork for ongoing information exchange and mutual support in implementing DRR strategies, aligning with the SFDRR objectives beyond borders.

2. **Strategic Implementation of SFDRR Principles:** With private sectors from companies and businesses and local government units as the main participants of the event. They have gained a deeper understanding of the SFDRR, particularly in the context of reducing operational costs and mitigating disaster-related losses for businesses. The knowledge shared has empowered multi countries to integrate these principles more strategically into their DRR policies and business practices.

3. **The Drive for an Enhanced Business Continuity Planning:** The focus on "Business Disaster Risk Management: Beyond Contingency Planning" has prompted organizations to

reevaluate and strengthen their business continuity plans equipping them to incorporate comprehensive risk assessments and proactive disaster management strategies.

4. Future Collaborative Initiatives: The success of the webinar series has set the stage for future collaborative initiatives among the ARISE networks that is aimed to continually advance the global efforts for DRR and resilience agenda.



Link:

<https://www.arise.ph/education-training/understanding-sendai-framework-for-drr-an-option-to-reduce-cost/?fbclid=IwAR3gHFbpDML6aUixH1-S4hWoSoL9jXfggExVBtGtwFv-3PaFzHuCt-O8YNw>

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D. Leading by Example: OCD recognized Mr. Hans Sy's Contributions in Advancing Disaster Resilience through a Certificate of Commendation

Mr. Hans Sy is the Chairman of the following organizations which promotes and advocates resilience and sustainability, particularly in the private sector:

- Executive Committee of SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SMPHI)
- Co-Chair ARISE Philippines, and
- Co-Chair of the National Resilience Council for the Private Sector.

Leadership in Disaster Resilience and Sustainability: Under his leadership, the SMPHI has actively promoted environmental sustainability and disaster resilience. He also leads the advocacy for Collaborative Approaches through the “whole-of-society approach”, the use of science and technology, and public-private collaboration particularly in disaster risk reduction and resilience. *(please refer to SM Prime’s Press Release link below)*

Through his efforts and contributions, **he was awarded “Dangal ng Pilipino sa Pag-Aagapay sa Ligtas na Sambayanan” (Translation: Honor of the Filipino for his Contributions in Building a Safe Nation)**, a recognition from Department of National Defense (DND)- Office of Civil Defence (OCD), to commend and recognize his contributions in ensuring a safe, secure, and resilient way of life for Filipinos.

Output / Outcome

Mr. Hans Sy's recognition as the **first private sector recipient** of the "Dangal ng Pilipino sa Pag-Aagapay sa Ligtas na Sambayanan" award highlights his exemplary leadership in demonstrating the private sector's critical involvement in national disaster resilience.

Advocating for a whole-of-society approach, he emphasizes the importance of including all societal sectors in disaster risk reduction, integrating science and technology for more impactful outcomes. Moreover, this recognition establishes Mr. Sy as a **benchmark in private sector leadership for disaster resilience**, inspiring other leaders to pursue similar commitments and initiatives.



Joining Mr. Hans Sy, the other awardees include the DENR Secretary Maria Antonia “Toni” Yulo-Loyzaga, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr., and Center for Disaster Preparedness President Zenaida Delica-Willison.



Link:

<https://www.smsupermalls.com/whats-new/disaster-resilience-champions-honored-by-office-of-civil-defense/>

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E. Conduct of the Webinar: Unraveling the Synergy of Space Science in Disaster Resilience Technology and Innovations with Spacebase Limited, NZ and the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSa)

Event Description: ARISE Philippines hosted a groundbreaking webinar during the National Disaster Resilience Month, focusing on space science and disaster resilience.

- Attendees and key speakers included representatives from public and private sectors both locally and internationally, including NDRRMC, DOST, the Philippine Space Agency, OCD, WIN DRR, Kiu Global, SM Prime Holdings, Inc., Spacebase Limited New Zealand, and various academic institutions led by Asia Pacific College.
- Insights on space technologies and their application in disaster resilience were shared by Director Ariel C. Blanco (Philippine Space Agency) and Ms. Emeline Paat-Dahlstrom and Mr. Eric Dahlstrom (Founders of SpaceBase Limited).

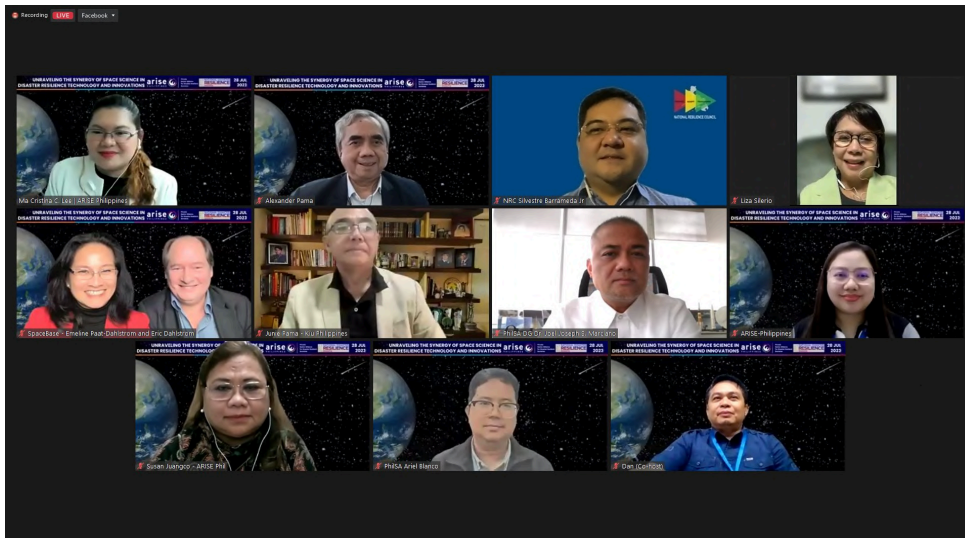
Output / Outcome:

The webinar highlighted the importance of integrating space science into disaster resilience strategies, setting the stage for future collaborations and innovations in this field.

ARISE Philippines and some of its network members expressed interest in **joining the PHILSA's PINAS Project**, recognizing its potential to leverage space science for enhanced DRRM and resilience. By integrating space science and technology into their resilience strategies, ARISE network members can develop more sophisticated, informed, and effective approaches to manage disaster risks and enhance their overall business and community resilience.

About PINAS Project:

*The **PhilSA Integrated Network for Space-Enabled Actions towards Sustainability (PINAS Project)** is an initiative by the Philippine Space Agency designed to empower communities and various sectors by utilizing the full value chain of space data. It aims to provide an overview of the needs and capabilities in Space Science, Technology, and Applications (SSTA), particularly among local government units (LGUs), national government agencies (NGAs), and other*



LINKS:

ARISEPH Website: [ARISE Philippines Celebrates Remarkable Success of a Groundbreaking Webinar on Space Science and Disaster Resilience](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNDRRARISEPH/posts/603762308615476>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ARISE_PH/status/1681584082399162368

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F. Resilience Suite: A Collaboration Between ARISE Philippines and Komunidad

Partnership Description: ARISE Philippines, in collaboration with Komunidad, has offered its members access to the Resilience Suite project. The Resilience Suite, provided for free for one year by Komunidad, includes localized risk analysis, automated reporting, daily weather updates, and early warning alerts.

- The Resilience Suite facilitates the connection between private sector needs and local government efforts in climate and disaster resilience.
- This initiative is particularly beneficial for organizations, particularly the business sector and MSMEs to effectively address the challenges posed by disasters and climate change.
- The objective of the resilience suite is carefully aligned with Sustainable Development Goals 11, 13, and 17, as well as the Sendai Framework Target G.



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G. The Joint Ventures of Oscar M. Lopez, ARISE, and NRC for the 3rd Legacy Lecture for Climate Resilience

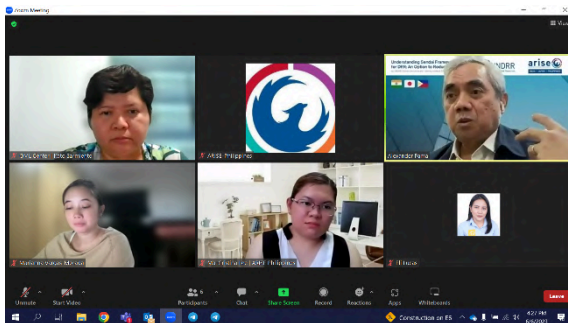
Event Description: With theme "Rising: The Future of Climate and Business", the webinar

was conducted on September 21, 2023. The Webinar was focused on the Proactive Climate Action which emphasized the need for LGUs and private sector, including MSMEs in the Philippines to shift from reactive to proactive climate strategies.

The Targeted participant for the event were Local Government Units and the business sector particularly from the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Philippines.

Output / Outcome

- Raised awareness on the importance and benefits of incorporating climate science into business models.
- Improved understanding among businesses on integrating climate considerations, leading to enhanced resilience and adaptability.
- Empowered MSMEs with the knowledge to assess and manage climate-related risks effectively and encouraged forward-looking strategies and financial planning considering climate risks and opportunities.



LINK:

YouTube: [3rd OML Legacy Lectures](#)

Facebook: <https://fb.watch/pnv5hEBrEO/>

OML Website: <https://www.omlopezcenter.org/08242023-the-oml-legacy-lectures-return-this-september-21/>

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H. Conduct of the Top Leaders Forum 2023

Event Description: The Top Leaders Forum, jointly hosted and organized by ARISE Philippines and SM Prime, took place on October 13, 2023, in celebration with the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR).

- The theme was "Transforming Victims to Victors: A Multi-Sectoral Approach to Inclusive Resilience".
- Participation of around 400 attendees included public and private partners, stakeholders, and ARISE Philippines network members. An estimate of around 40% of the attendees were from the private sector, CSOs and NGOs.
- The focus was on collaborative efforts to enhance disaster resilience.



There were five (5) sessions focusing on different aspects of disaster resilience.

1. ESG and Resilience: Integrating resilience in Environmental, Social, and Governance strategies.
2. Food-Water-Energy Nexus: Addressing the interconnectedness of these systems in disaster resilience.
3. MSME Resilience: Mainstreaming diversity and inclusion in resilience for MSMEs.
4. Strengthening Public-Private Synergy: Enhancing collaboration for building inclusive resilience.
5. Innovative Technologies: Leveraging new technologies and innovations for improved disaster resilience.

Output / Outcome of the Forum

- There was a **Unified Call to Action** to strengthen disaster resilience across all sectors, led by key figures like Ms. Mami Mizutori and Mr. Hans Sy and the government representatives through OCD NDRRMC, among others.
- **Bridged a knowledge gap**, empowering businesses to translate risk assessment data from various publicly available resources into strategic, actionable insights for enhanced decision-making.
- Engaged a diverse array of private sector entities, including MSMEs, to integrate climate risk and resilience considerations into their business strategic planning.
- It Inspired stakeholders including businesses and companies to effectively harness climate science for a comprehensive understanding of their unique risks and opportunities, leading to greater adaptability and strategic foresight in the face of ongoing climate challenges.
- The **Comprehensive Resource Management** was called for as there was an Advanced understanding of the food-water-energy nexus to ensure resource security during disasters and slow onset climate impacts.

Article:

<https://www.ariseglobalnetwork.org/news/top-leaders-forum-bridges-gap-between-private-and-public-sectors-disaster-risk-reduction>

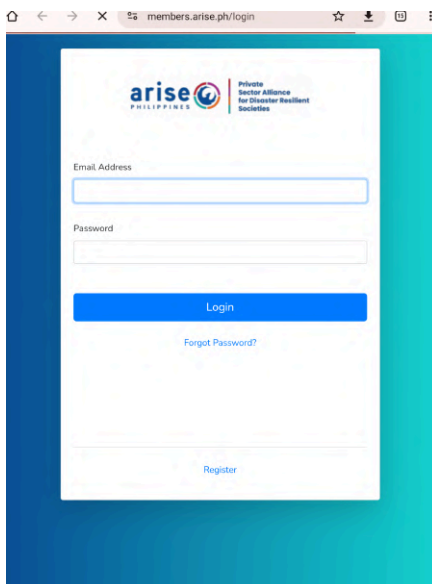
Video Link: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSMCares/videos/2313854352135042>

I. Operationalization of the ARISE Philippines Knowledge Management Hub

Platform Description: ARISE Philippines has transitioned to an upgraded platform that is aimed to move towards enhanced operational efficiency. Currently, it is in its pilot phase and ARISE Philippines will be conducting training on its operations among the ARISE Philippines Network members in 2024.

The Knowledge Management System (KMS) is designed as a comprehensive hub for the following processes:

- **Unified Application Process:** The KMS integrates the Member Application with the ARISE Global Application, providing a more efficient experience for new and existing members.
- **Centralized Reporting Platform:** Envisioned as a key tool for regular reporting by members, the KMS will enable consistent and structured reporting.
- **Enhanced Monitoring and Evaluation:** The system will improve ARISE Philippines' ability to monitor and evaluate the impact of its initiatives and projects.



- **Learning and Research Hub:** A knowledge hub where trainings and self paced learning sessions are lodged as well as the database and repository of all the trained individual and organizations for the development of pool of trainers among the private sector.

Outcome/Impact:

The implementation of the KMS is a significant step forward to optimize the internal processes and to align with the organization's commitment to using technology for improved disaster risk management and resilience.

Website Link: <https://members.arise.ph/login>

J. Expanding Engagement: ARISE Philippines' Contribution in Government Initiatives for DRRM and Resilience

ARISE Philippines has been actively involved in various government initiatives, representing the private sector's contributions and perspectives in critical activities and platforms. This involvement exemplifies their commitment to collaborative disaster management efforts.

Involvement in the National Action Plan for El Niño

A key area of participation for ARISE Philippines, along with its member PDRF, is in the National Action Plan for El Niño. They have been invited to contribute the private sector's insights and efforts in this initiative. To ensure comprehensive engagement across all sectors in addressing the impacts of El Niño, ARISE Philippines has been involved in technical working groups and sectoral groups. This collaboration is crucial in formulating effective strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of El Niño on the country.



Link:

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Review of the National Disaster Response Plan

ARISE Philippines, along with other member organizations, has also played a significant role in reviewing the country's National Disaster Response Plan. This review encompasses various disaster scenarios, including hydrometeorological events, earthquakes, and issues arising from human-induced hazards. ARISE's involvement ensures that the private sector's

viewpoint and expertise are well-integrated into the national disaster response strategy, enhancing its effectiveness and relevance.

Conduct of DRRM Training for Private Sector

ARISE Philippines has been instrumental in bridging the gap between the private sector and disaster risk reduction management (DRRM) training. An example of this is their initiative with Converge Philippines, a prominent telecommunications company in the Philippines. By facilitating DRRM training specifically designed for the private sector, ARISE Philippines is helping to build resilience and capacity within these organizations.

Pursuing Membership in the NDRRMC

In a move to strengthen collaboration between the public and private sectors in disaster management, ARISE Philippines has expressed its interest in joining the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). Although membership is currently limited, the Office of Civil Defense has shown strong support for this initiative. They have verbally indicated plans to expand participation to all sectors, including the private sector through ARISE, in 2024. This anticipated expansion marks a significant step towards inclusive and comprehensive disaster risk management in the Philippines, bridging public and private efforts for more effective response and resilience strategies.

Review of the Current State of Agriculture Insurance in the Philippines together with Philippine Insurers and Re Insurers Association (PIRA), Inc

ARISE-Philippines through its board member and area lead for Insurance, PIRA, has been invited to join the Government's Technical Working Group on Agriculture to find the most efficient way of addressing the protection gap, especially for the marginalized farmers and fisherfolk.

A current review is underway with the end in mind of establishing a national program with a wider scope this time involving the private sector and the efficiencies and added capacity that it may bring.

IMPACT AND SUCCESS STORIES
FROM WORK THEME AND PRIORITY
AREA LEADS and NETWORK MEMBERS
(2023)

Impact and Success Stories:

Office / Partner	Success Stories	Focus Area
University of the Philippines Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP ISSI)	1. Spilling the Tea in Entrep: Narratives of Queer-owned MSMEs	SME Gender
	2. Seminar-Workshop on Enhancing the Local Government's Role in Promoting MSME Business Continuity Planning	SME Leadership Business Resilience
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	3. Building Resilience Index Forum: Women's Role in Creating Resilient Building Environment	SME Investment Infrastructure Business Resilience Gender Inclusivity
Asia Pacific College (APC)	4. Energy and Internal Air Quality (IAQ) Monitoring	Climate Change / Resilience
	5. AquaRAM: Aquaponics Project with the Department of Agriculture	Climate Change / Resilience
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6. SM Prime infrastructure innovations for water resource efficiency and conservation to aid in business resilience	Infrastructure Sustainability Climate Resilience
National Resilience Council	7. Adopt-A-City Program in Iligan City	Investment Infrastructure
	8. Adopt-A-City Program Municipality of Tiwi, Albay Prepare Phase (2023)	Investment
	9. Philippine Resilience Awards	Climate Disaster Resilience Gender Leadership
	10. Establishment of Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte (Multi-stakeholder Partnership) under SHIELD Programme	Gender Climate Resilience
	11. Marig-on, Mainuswagon, Malipayon Nortehanon through the SHIELD Sambayanihan	Gender Climate Resilience Leadership
	12. Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and	SME Investment

	Environmental Sustainability through Multi Stakeholder Engagement)	Infrastructure Others
	13. Adopt-A-City Program Municipality of Baguio - Prepare Phase (2023)	SME Investment Infrastructure Others
Aboitiz	14. Co-Creating Climate SMART A-Communities	Climate Change / Resilience
NEO	15. NEO is the first portfolio in the world to be Building Resilience Index-rated	Infrastructure
Pricewaterhouse Cooper (PwC)	16. Give love for Turkey and Syria	Response CSR
Oscar M. Lopez (OML)	17. Enhancing the CCET System with Climate Information (eCCET) Helper	Climate Change Disaster Resilience
	18. Mga Kwento ng Klima Short Films	Climate Change Disaster Resilience
	19. Project Upturn	Climate Change Disaster Resilience
	20. Signs for Inclusive Governance and Development Project (Project SIGND)	Climate Change Inclusion of the Vulnerable Sectors
	21. 3rd OML Legacy Lectures	Climate Change SME
Unilever	22. Kabisig Summit	SME
Airspeed	23. Airspeed's GGB Building to Go Solar Soon	Climate Change; Resilience; Sustainability
	24. Breaking Stereotypes: Airspeed Supporting Women Entrepreneurs through WomenBizPH	SME Gender
Komunidad	25. Climate-Resilient Siargao: Strengthening Siargao Island's Rebuilding Efforts with Decision-Support Tools and Early Warning System	Early Warning Climate Change

Network Member: University of the Philippines Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP-ISSI)

<p>Title of your Initiative/ Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Spilling the Tea in Entrep: Narratives of Queer-owned MSMEs</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) <small>e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</small>
	X				Gender
<p>Describe the Challenge:</p> <p>What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Background: Despite the Philippines being one of the most LGBT-friendly countries in Asia, the call for visibility and inclusivity of the LGBT+ community remains an enormous challenge. With the impact of the pandemic, gender biases especially among the Queers became more alarming.</p> <p>Description: The issues on social and economic impact of gender biases and policies affect the productivity and motivation of the people in the micro-, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). To address this, people need to equip themselves with awareness and correct information on LGBTQIA+ narratives and stories including their impact and contributions in promoting gender equality in the workplace and the entrepreneurial landscape.</p> <p>UP ISSI aims to bridge this gap as it offers specific and relevant training programs that will deepen our understanding of LGBTQIA+ community and that will improve our approaches, communication, and leadership in developing and promoting a resilient and gender- friendly space.</p> <p>Their success stories of resiliency and empowerment put the gender lens into limelight to impart their experiences and narratives as members of gender minority.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who</p>	<p>With the support of COPE or Communities of Practice for Entrepreneurship Program of UP ISSI, the Gender and Development (GAD) committee of the institute spearheaded a 3-hour learning session entitled “Spilling the Tea in Entrep: Narratives of Queer- owned MSMEs” on June 16, 2023.</p> <p>While the UP ISSI invited entrepreneurship or business faculty, students and practitioners, the team used the HyFlex approach for a bigger reach of audience through our social media platform.</p>				

benefited?

What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?

The session primarily focused on stories of resilience and growth of queer-owned MSMEs.

The learning session aimed to:

- share and understand the narratives of Queer-owned MSMEs;
- impart insights and knowledge in entrepreneurship through the authentic lens of the LGBT+ community; and
- determine the entrepreneurial landscape of members of LGBT+ community

This led to the open forum of the program in which Paul Sumayao, founder and co-owner of Barbiero Barbershop, shared his experiences as a queer owner with queer branding.

The program attended by 50 participants (face-to-face) was conducted by the UP ISSI in partnership with the UP Diliman Gender Office with support from Reckitt Philippines, Women's International Network on Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN DRR) - Philippine Chapter, and SM CARES.



If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:

How did it help you exercise influence in your industry?

Or innovate?

Or develop risk-informed business strategies?

This knowledge sharing session is part of the UP ISSI's Honing Agents for National Disaster Awareness (HANDA) Program: Disaster Preparedness and Business Continuity Planning for MSMEs which aims to build a culture of preparedness and build sustainable and resilient businesses and communities.

The HANDA Program includes three components: research, awareness session, and capacity-building training. Details of the HANDA Program may be viewed here:

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Network Member: University of the Philippines Institute for Small Scale Industries (UP-ISSI)

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Seminar-Workshop on Enhancing the Local Government’s Role in Promoting MSME Business Continuity Planning</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p><u>SME</u></p>	<p><u>Investment</u></p>	<p><u>Infrastructure</u></p>	<p><u>Insurance</u></p>	<p><u>Other(s)</u> <i>e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</i></p>
	<p>X</p>				<p>Leadership Business Resilience</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Background: Business continuity planning plays an important role for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in its ensuring long-term sustainability and adaptation to various risks these are exposed to. Despite the recognition of this, there is still a need to integrate these plans together in the context of larger planning areas due to the scale of potential disasters affecting actual whole communities, districts, cities, provinces, and regions. Given this, the ability of local government units (LGUs) to provide continuous service to the public is tied with community disaster recovery efforts. LGUs also play a significant role in assisting MSMEs in their respective localities prepare for the impact of disasters.</p> <p>Description: The current challenge now is how to enable LGUs to proactively be involved in business continuity planning for MSMEs and area business continuity management.</p> <p>In this regard, the program entitled Seminar-Workshop on Enhancing the Local Government’s Role in Promoting MSME Business Continuity Planning was conducted by the UP ISSI for the NLEX Corporation’s host Local Government Units (LGUs) on October 4 - 6, 2023.</p> <p>This program aimed to capacitate the participants in developing their own area business continuity strategies in their respective LGUs which will help in ensuring that local enterprises’ business continuity plans are integrated and coordinated. Also, this program sought to help LGUs understand the needs of their constituent enterprises and</p>				

	<p>provide programs to capacitate them in business continuity planning to better prepare for natural, human-induced, and technological disruptions, as well as to continuously provide service to their customers.</p> <p>The program was handled by the UP ISSI’s Training and Entrepreneurship Education Division with Ms. Joanna Rose T. Laddaran and Reynold Ferdinand Manegdeg, PhD of UP ISSI serving as the resource speakers. The participants were first oriented about business continuity planning and its relevance for MSMEs and their role as LGUs in promoting this. Then the resource speakers conducted the pilot implementation of the Area Business Continuity Management planning, the first time that the Institute utilized the framework and methodology in a training program.</p> <p>The LGUs who participated include the cities of Caloocan, Malabon, Manila, Navotas, Quezon, Valenzuela in Metro Manila; Guiguinto, Marilao, and City of Meycauayan in Bulacan; and Apalit and Mabalacat in Pampanga. The participants composed of staff coming from different key offices in these LGUs.</p> <p>The participants were able to develop a preliminary area business continuity management plan based on the template that was provided to them highlighting the strategies to be employed, the corresponding action plans, and approaches to make their climate and disaster risk assessment MSME inclusive.</p>
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The HANDA Program includes three components: research, awareness session, and capacity-building training. The program also aims to provide the necessary data regarding disaster vulnerability and disaster preparedness strategies of the MSME sector and LGUs in the Philippines to aid in the development of appropriate policies and programs related to enterprise resilience. Details of the HANDA Program may be viewed here:


https://sendacommitments.undrr.org/commitments/202104_20_002

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Network Partner: International Finance Corporation (IFC)


<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Building Resilience Index Forum: Women’s Role in Creating Resilient Building Environment</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered</p> <p>[mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p><u>Investment</u></p>	<p><u>Infrastructure</u></p>	<p><u>Insurance</u></p>	<p><u>Other(s)</u> <i>e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</i></p>
<p>Describe the Challenge:</p> <p>What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>			<p>Business Resilience</p> <p>Gender Inclusivity</p>
<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>The Building Resilience Index Forum was a call to action for the public and private sectors to work together to support more women changemakers in the physical and built spectrum in the Philippines. By empowering women, we can build more resilient communities and cities that are better prepared for the challenges of climate change.</p>				



	<p>The Building Resilience Index Forum was organized by IFC – International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group, in partnership with the Government of the Netherlands, Australian Government, The Rockefeller Foundation, ARISE-Philippines, Resilient.PH, SM Cares, and the Women International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>The Building Resilience Index Forum highlighted the importance of empowering women to lead the way in building more resilient communities and cities.</p> <p>The forum also helped towards the achievement of cross-cutting KPIs particularly on incorporating gender considerations implemented within ARISE work teams and projects.</p>  <p>The Building Resilience Index is a web-based hazard mapping and resilience assessment framework that evaluates location-specific, climate-related risks for a real estate project or portfolio, and the resilience measures that have been implemented. The index can help developers, investors, and governments make more informed decisions about how to build and invest in more resilient communities.</p>
<p>Photos:</p>	

Network Member: ASIA PACIFIC COLLEGE (APC)

Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured	Energy and Internal Air Quality (IAQ) Monitoring				
Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change
					X Climate Change
Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discomfort or decrease in office productivity or learning on presumed negative effect of aircon shutoff during pandemic lockdown. Air change per hour (at least 0.35 units) requirements are met using ventilating and exhaust fans. Windows are at times kept closed since APC is situated along the busy SLEX (to insulate from noise and vehicle emissions). b. Energy savings were repurposed to online learning costs (wifi kits), construction of faculty pods, enabled alternative work arrangements, and other requirements set by IATF. c. As IATF rules eases, more employees are reporting onsite, and students were returning in F2F classes. Hence, aircons were activated, while operating exhaust fans at times. This has caused surges on energy consumption inefficiencies. 				

<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Introduced non-invasive means of monitoring electrical consumption without causing operations disruption or shutting down of aircon and other utilities. With these, we maintained safety and integrity of our existing electrical facilities. Energy monitoring is being done with the use of Internet of Things (IoT) and Data Analytics. The research undertaking inspired students the reality of using technology for their own safety and comfort.</p> <p>As a result, the key takeaways of this project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anticipatory action on surges on power consumption. 2. Identified potential hazards through reliable technology-driven monitoring system. 3. Balance between low energy and safe learning/working environment.
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>This initiative was presented to the “Quezon City Future of Work Conference 2023” last November 14, 2023. After the said presentation, the Climate Change Mitigation Division of Quezon City contacted NU-APC to visit and meet with the team who are implementing the project to benchmark and learn on how it was implemented in our workplace/school.</p> 

Network Member: ASIA PACIFIC COLLEGE (APC)

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>AquaRAM: Aquaponics Project with the Department of Agriculture</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change
					Climate Change
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>a. As the Philippines dealt with the ‘perfect storm’ – the COVID-19 pandemic, African Swine Fever (ASF), and the ongoing UkraineRussia war – agriculture is among the sectors to receive the hardest blow, feeling every inch of strain on the entire food system altogether.</p> <p>b. Food-population imbalance. Food production cannot keep up with the country’s immense population growth while lands cannot be increased for farm use.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Aquaponics is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics. Aquaculture is the cultivation of aquatic organisms in a controlled environment, and hydroponics is soil-less farming which involves growing plants in water. With a working knowledge on how an aquaponics system would function, the students from NU-APC undertook the incorporation of smart systems in aquaponics with the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to aid in minimizing human labor, ● to reduce the hours of work required for monitoring the system, ● to lower the knowledge required to regulate the system effectively, and ● to enhance the quality of the aquaponic-generated consumables <p>The significance of the project lies in its long-term impacts on both immediate stakeholders and the larger landscape of Philippine agriculture. To the government, this project can greatly help the local</p>				

government since aquaponics system technology is emerging. Its innovative methods can be used as reference in improving the current government program for farming. To the Department of Agriculture, it is a significant method for improving the growth of plants and fish while increasing food production. The department can integrate this idea into their aquaponics farm and eventually, lessen the need for human intervention.

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Network Member: SM PRIME HOLDINGS INC.

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>SM Prime infrastructure innovations for water resource efficiency and conservation to aid in business resilience</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Water scarcity is a challenge everyone faces and its increasing prevalence in all areas affects business operations as well as community supply. We must work together to combat disastrous effects of climate change by innovating. Business resilience is dependent on the availability of natural resources, and therefore must be a focus.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Alongside efficient water fixtures and regular consumption monitoring, SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SMPH) sought solutions to lessen the pressure on the fresh water table by instituting the installation of sewage treatment plants in our establishments and reusing the processed water in operations. This helps recycle an estimated 4 million cubic meters of water a year.</p> <p>Mr. Hans T. Sy led this initiative to maximize our use of water in the SM Supermalls and was continued by the SM Engineering Design and Development team. With infrastructure innovations, SMPH saves on water costs and results in more freshwater for the surrounding communities.</p> <p>The next innovation came in SM City Baguio's Rainwater Treatment Facility (RTF) where collected rainwater from the premises is processed into potable water suitable for washing meat and cooking ingredients, dishwashing and handwashing. The facility is located at the basement of the mall parking building and it has passed national safety standards. It is considered a disaster resilient infrastructure which can assist in continuing business operations of the mall during</p>				

	<p>emergencies which entail lack of water.</p> <p>In a year, it provides as much as 51,000 cu.m. or 51 million liters of processed potable water to the mall and its tenants. This has supplemented water requirements in the area where water is scarce. This supports the public sector’s water conservation efforts and a mitigation measure versus El Nino.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>By harnessing technological innovation, we are able to show that business resiliency can be attained through resource efficiency and management.</p> <p>We innovate to lead in the industry. The Baguio RTF is the first Philippine mall chain to convert rainwater to potable water, serving as an alternate source of water. We plan for more of our current and future establishments to have this facility, especially in water scarce regions coupled with high rainfall. This also helps align with local government own programs on water conservation.</p>
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</p>	<p>“The impact of this is huge so far as to helping mitigate the effects of El Nino especially in the scarcity of water. Eto lang ang nakita ko na facility na meron ngayon dito sa entire Syudad ng Baguio. This should serve as an inspiration to all the other owners of big establishments and big hotels.”</p> <p>- Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong</p> <p>“Water scarcity is one of the biggest issues that Baguio is facing today because deep wells have already dried up the city’s water table. It is good to see how SM Prime is taking its responsibility to the environment seriously, practically addressing the biggest threat to Baguio City.</p> <p>This will greatly help reduce sourcing from the city’s water table and more water supply for the community to use. Not only does SM consider what’s best for its shopping customers, but it also takes into consideration the importance of water security as one of its priorities.”</p> <p>- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Director of Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR) Engineer Jean Borromeo</p> <p>*Related photo below</p>

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In photo (L-R): Atty. Rhenan Diwas - Head, Baguio City-CEPMO; Engr. Bien C. Mateo - SVP for Operations, SM Supermalls; Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong - City Mayor, Baguio City; Engr. Marc Janssen T. Pe - SAVP for Operations, SM Supermalls. Photo from SM Supermalls

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Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Adopt-A-City Program in Iligan City</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
		<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>X</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Efforts on DRR at the local level are heavily focused on response and Private Sector involvement in these efforts are traditionally assigned to as donors.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>The solution is to move beyond the traditional role of Private Sector as donors and unlock resilience investments that address reducing exposures and vulnerabilities by building capacities at the local level, as well as transform the climate and disaster risk landscapes of the communities they serve- imbining these into their core business cycle.</p> <p>The Private Sector, together with the Local Government Unit, Academe and other stakeholders work together towards building a community of resilience at the local level- going beyond response but looking at response preparedness, adaptation, mitigation and eventual transformation.</p>				
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments: How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>The National Resilience Council together with its partners in the private sector, LGU and academe has formed a mechanism and strategy of multi-stakeholdership where resilience work has become a responsibility for all to avert loss of lives, damage to properties and ensure continuity of service if and when disaster strikes. This multi-stakeholder partnership also instituted sustainable development in the locality to ensure quality of life that is beneficial to all.</p>				

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Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Adopt-A-City Program Municipality of Tiwi, Albay Prepare Phase (2023)</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Starting the implementation of the prepare phase with the Resilience Council and the commitment of the Academic Partner</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The partnership with the Resilience Council last 2023, started with difficulties, such as coordination/engagement and conflict of schedules. This does not provide an enabling environment for the Resilience Council to collaborate and start-off the partnership (prepare phase). 2. Last 2023, the academic partner, Tiwi Community College (TCC) have limited knowledge and understanding of their role in the Adopt-A-City Program. This also, hindered the implementation of the program. 				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Firstly, we raised awareness with the Resilience Council and TCC by conducting the Resilience 101. This helped them to have a common understanding of Resilience and come up with a resilience vision.</p> <p><i>“Tiwi, is a resilient community led by proactive leaders, supported by participative and self-sufficient stakeholders towards a vibrant, dynamic, and progressive economy, living in a balanced environment, enhanced by adaptive infrastructure”</i></p> <p>However, the training is just a part of getting them involve. At the 3rd quarter of 2023, NRC together with Aboitiz and APRI conducted a more detailed orientation of the resilience tools and framework with the Resilience Council and TCC. This enable the Resilience Council and TCC to share their knowledge and information that is based on the Resilient Local Government Systems Scorecard for the Prepare Phase (RLGSS). The participants were engaged in discussions on how and what are the existing and needed information to accomplish the scorecards. At the same time, questions on the role of per pillar councils was addressed and clarified. It is also identified that the scorecard is an opportunity for the Local Government Unit (LGU)</p>				

	<p>to create a database of all information. Following through this activity, the Resilience Council, came up with an initial baseline for the prepare phase and these are presented during the per pillar review last November.</p> <p>In addition, at the last quarter of the year, coordination meeting with TCC was also conducted. The NRC together with Aboitiz, acknowledged TCC as experts of research and development. Thus, involvement of the institution in the program will help in catalyzing the change towards resilience. The meeting conducted clarifies their role as an academic partner which are to influence to push for better framework, research, and innovation for resilience work, and to help the municipality to cascade the barangay scorecards at the barangay level.</p> <p>The year 2023, have been a challenge and an actionable change for the partners, NRC, Aboitiz, APRI, Municipality of Tiwi (Resilience Council), and the Tiwi Community College. Implementation on the ground is due to the commitment of the Municipality of Tiwi, specifically the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office that spearheaded the activities and accomplishment of the Prepare Phase Baseline. Their unwavering support to move forward the program. Though the actions are yet incomplete, we can already see the changes in how the program have impacted the way resiliency work is appreciated and how key actors at the local become influencers of change and partners in resilience building.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>Aligned with ARISE commitments, the Program have created a mechanism that each resilience pillar, namely, environment, local economy, infrastructure, human development are focused, discussed, and intervened with risk-information and a sense of resiliency. Through the close coordination and involvement of the Resilience Council and the Tiwi Community College, they have become the source of knowledge (accomplishment of the prepare phase baseline), lead in the implementation (influence actors within the LGU), and catalyze the changes (willingness to take actions and next steps).</p>

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Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured	Philippine Resilience Awards				
Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change
					X Climate and Disaster Resilience, gender, leadership
Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?	<p>As disaster risks continue to intensify and become more complex, it has become clear that there is a need for a more transformative kind of leadership in its horizontal and vertical spheres.</p> <p>Local leaders, with their deep understanding of their local contexts, play a critical role in the work of climate and disaster resilience. They have an on-ground understanding of the risks, local systems, politics, and culture, which are critical for effective disaster risk reduction and management and resilient local government systems.</p> <p>Despite numerous success stories of resilience-building efforts across the Philippines, the committed local champions driving these initiatives are often unnoticed and unrecognized. Moreover, these leaders may face challenges in terms of capacity and resources, hindering the full implementation of their visions. Therefore, it is imperative to actively seek, recognize, and support these leaders to maximize the collective impact of their work.</p>				

Describe the Solution:

What was the solution?

Who was involved, and who benefited?

What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?

Promoting a climate and disaster-resilient Philippines through effective and transformative leadership is at the core of NRC's institutional purpose. Thus, its work highlights the crucial role of local leaders in reducing existing risks and preventing new risks from being generated using science and technology-based, evidence-informed risk governance.

To seek out and recognize emerging resilience champions on ground, the National Resilience Council launched the Philippine Resilience Awards - a pioneering awards program on resilience in the country. Its primary goal is to recognize champions of resilience in various sectors and communities, acknowledging their breakthrough efforts amidst complex and systemic challenges, making significant contributions to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation in their respective communities.

In its program launching year, the National Resilience Council, in collaboration with its partners– the Office of Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, Climate Change Commission, Philippine Commission on Women, Carlos P. Romulo Foundation, ARISE Philippines, Women's International Network on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines, and SM Prime Holdings, Inc. – honored exceptional women leaders who demonstrated commitment and strong leadership in building climate and disaster-resilient communities.

The selection process for the awards was challenging, given the remarkable pool of nominations received. In October 2023, an awarding ceremony was held, recognizing individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to resilience.

Moreover, the program provided an Accelerator Fund for Grassroots Resilience Champions - Ms. Collado and Ms. Bogñalbal, supporting their projects focused on enhancing climate and disaster resilience work in the community-level.

Among the awardees were Maria Josefina Belmonte of Quezon City, recognized for championing resilient food systems and sustainable livelihood through the City's Community-based Urban Farming Program; Alicia Ilaga, Climate Resilient Agriculture-Office of the Department of Agriculture, for her commitment to community-based resilience in vulnerable farming communities; Maria Catalina Cabral of the Department of Public Works and Highways, recognized for championing critical infrastructure resilience; and Dr. Shirley Agrupis of Mariano Marcos State University, acknowledged for her dedication to green

	<p>technological innovations.</p> <p>Other awardees included Dr. Urduja Alvarado of Cagayan State University, Dr. Joy Mirasol of Bukidnon State University, and Nida Collado, a farmer and President of the Macatumbalen Community Based Forest and Coastal Management Association. Collado and another awardee, Ms. Bogñalbal, received support through an Accelerator Fund for Grassroots Resilience Champions, assisting their projects focused on enhancing climate and disaster resilience at the community level.</p> <p>The Philippine Resilience Awards aims to achieve three impacts: supporting outstanding local leaders whose work in disaster resiliency, climate change adaptation, and mitigation has impacted their communities; promoting evidence-informed and science and technology-based local leadership and innovative solutions on climate and disaster resilience; and establishing a pool of resilience champions to serve as exemplars and mentors to other leaders interested in resilience work.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>The Philippine Resilience Awards stands out as an impact and success story, notably achieving its objectives without a large monetary investment at the onset. With the strong commitment and dedication of the program partners from the public and private sectors, the recognition and celebration of women champions of resilience became possible.</p>
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</p>	<p>“As environmental warriors, your influence and dedication will drive positive change, foster collaboration, and build a resilient world for future generations. The challenge to all of us who understand the risks of climate change and the urgency to take action is to spread awareness and ignite more decisive action,”</p> <p>“It is your role to give Filipinos hope that together, we can work toward a safer planet, free from the devastating impacts of natural disasters and climate change,”</p> <p>Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda - a United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Champion for</p>

	<p>Resilience.</p> <p>“We hope to give recognition on exemplary women taking leadership in climate action, and as we do so, we aim to inspire more women to act and open more spaces and opportunities for women to decide, share insights and experiences, and take leadership roles,” - Commissioner Rachel Herrera of Climate Change Commission</p> <p>“Women hold half of the sky, family, economy and community in climate change initiatives. Women has pivotal role in sustainable development. We need to inspire more women in achieving a more resilient country.”</p> <p>Engr. Liza B. Silerio, Vice President for Corporate Compliance Group of SM Supermalls.</p>
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Philippine Resilience Awards for Women Awarding Ceremony





Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Establishment of SAMBAYANIHAN Council of Agusan del Norte (Multi-stakeholder Partnership) under SHIELD Programme and;</p> <p>Consolidation of Stakeholders and establishment of Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte (Multi-Stakeholder Partnersahip/MSP) under SHIELD Programme</p>									
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered</p> <p>[mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>					
<p>Describe the Challenge:</p> <p>What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="525 788 632 865"></td> <td data-bbox="632 788 813 865"></td> <td data-bbox="813 788 1037 865"></td> <td data-bbox="1037 788 1207 865"></td> <td data-bbox="1207 788 1355 865" style="text-align: center;">X</td> </tr> </table> <p>The SHIELD Programme aims to strengthen and enhance the Resilience program of the Province of Agusan del Norte. In order to achieve the desired outcome, involvement and participation of stakeholders is a critical factor. Presence of stakeholders at the local level is visible but the involvement in programs is very limited. This is based on their participation and knowledge on the DRR/CCA programs and projects of the local government unit.</p> <p>Participation of stakeholders in DRR/CCA programs and projects are deeply limited based on their involvement and knowledge of DRR/CCA initiatives initiated by LGU.</p> <p>Limited participation of stakeholders caused gaps in planning, implementation, and monitoring reducing the overall effectiveness of DRR/CCA initiatives, gaps in risk assessment, limited local knowledge, misallocation of resources, limited participation can perpetuate social inequities, poor implementation of policies, and resulting in lack of community resilience.</p>									X
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<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Resilience is a whole-of-society approach, and stakeholders play a very vital role from understanding risk to data informed decision. National Resilience Council as a consortium partners of the SHIELD Programme whose strategy is to establish a Resilience Council composed of multi-stakeholder partners. Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte is established through consultation with national agencies, CSOs/POs, local government offices, private sector and academe. This council aims to participate and be highly involved in the program from planning to monitoring. As disaster is defined as everybody's business and everybody is affected, everyone should be involved in addressing disaster risk. With the series of consultation of key players and leaders in Agusan del Norte, a Local ordinance was crafted to support the establishment.</p> <p>Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte is established through consultation with national agencies, CSOs/POs, local government offices, private sector and academe. And with the series of consultation of key players and leaders in Agusan del Norte, a Local ordinance was crafted to support the establishment. This council participated and was highly involved in the resilience program from planning to monitoring. As disaster is defined as everybody's business and everybody is affected, everyone should be involved in addressing disaster risk.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry?</p> <p>Or innovate?</p> <p>Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>The Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte is a platform where it aims that every member of the communities is working together to build disaster resilience, it is also a venue where sharing of experiences, knowledge and ideas were drawn to address present and future disaster risk. The council with the collective effort also has a catalytic effect on the program, projects and activities (PPAs) and it strongly influences decision-makers.</p> <p>Relating to ARISE commitment, Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte is a platform where it aims that every member of the communities is working together to build disaster resilience, it is also a venue where sharing of</p>

	<p>experiences, knowledges and ideas were drawn to address present and future disaster risk. The council with the collective effort also has a catalytic effect on the program, projects and activities (PPAs) and it strongly influences decision-makers.</p>
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants [CBE5]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Malambuong Katilingban, Makusganong Agusan” (Prosperous Community, Stronger Agusan) -Pitch from Sambayanihan Council of Agusan del Norte during the Joint Programming activity ● “Know deeply what are the roles of stakeholders as partners and how we could work together” - ADN-PPDO ● “We know where we will go and what we will do” - Baug CARP Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative ● “Work as a team and collaborate” - PENRO ● “Address the risk and build resilience program together” - DENR ● “Consolidated data from stakeholders translated into proposal” - Sibog Katawhan Alang sa Paglambo (SIKAP Inc) ● “To be resilient today, and to fight disaster tomorrow through partnership and collaboration” - Profegemus Foundation, Inc. ● “Strengthen bond of Partnership” - ADN-DILG ● “Leave no one behind” - Father Saturnino Urios University Foundation (FSUU)

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AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE 19TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, IN ITS 56TH REGULAR SESSION HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL COMPOUND, BUTUAN CITY ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

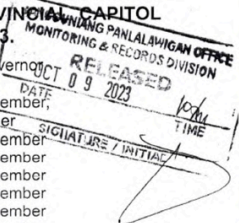
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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 672 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SAMBAYANIHAN PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION (CSO) DESK AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF





Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Marig-on, Mainuswagon, Malipayon Nortehanon through the SHIELD Sambayanihan</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>The geographical location of Northern Samar made it more susceptible to the impacts of climate and disaster which is aggravated with its political dynamics and economic struggle. Further, Northern Samar is also known as the last frontier with existing guerilla fronts.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, the province is full of potential resources coming from the environment all the way to its people. However, with several external benefactors, there creates a mindset of Nortehanon of being solely victims rather than being victors.</p> <p>Through the Sambayanihan, the Nortehanons are capacitate to fully utilize their potential and unleash local expertise and resources to be part of the solution. Through this, the Nortehanons co-create programs and initiatives for their very own “Marig-on, Mainuswagon, Malipayon” na Nortehanon.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>There are several stakeholders (CSO, NGOs, INGOs, Academe, PLGU, etc.) working with their own agenda for Northern Samar. However, there is an absence of a common and safe platform where everybody gets to be involved not just for consultation but to be part from the planning process to the implementation process.</p> <p>Given its political dynamics, the NRC acknowledges these different stakeholders at the provincial level regardless of color and focuses on their contribution to create a more resilient Northern Samar. The NRC was able to engage with these stakeholders realizing their common resilience agenda and create a safe space for collaboration. The multi-stakeholders or now known as the Sambayanihan, share their on-the-ground experiences and knowledge on climate and disaster. Notably, during the recent Typhoon Kabayan, there were several floods and</p>				

	<p>landslides last November 20-21, the Sambayanihan became a platform for real-time updating and shared potential solutions for Northern Samar. The stakeholders were involved in coming up with a solution for Northern Samar. The knowledge on the possible cause of the disaster and more so on the current profile of Northern Samar were further transferred to the stakeholders and not silo-ed on the PLGU level.</p> <p>Seeing the initiatives of the different stakeholders, each saw how their collaboration could lift each other and more than just creating a policy from the government, they are looking into having their organizations themselves create a partnership agreement with the intent of long-term commitment on resilience and for sustainability. A Sambayanihan council is on the works aligned to the provincial vision of a marig-on, mainuswagon, and malipayon na Nortehanon.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>Aligned to the commitment of ARISE, the Sambayanihan initiative was able to break silos and for stakeholders to work together regardless of color. The shared knowledge between stakeholders brought about different perspectives for a more holistic approach on climate and disaster.</p> <p>Through this, the message of resilience was raised and that cuts across all sectors wherein everyone gets to be involved and goes beyond the business-as-usual scenario of being benefactor-beneficiary and having a common ground on resilience regardless of agenda.</p> <p>The stakeholders were able to air their sentiments and the NRC was able to catalyze areas of participation at the government level for the stakeholders making them part of the planning process. Moreso, for private and business sectors, were capacitated to go beyond their business continuity programs and incorporate a culture of resilience that is multi-sectoral and trans-disciplinary.</p>
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</p>	<p><i>“Mas mapapadali na rin ang pagkamit ng disaster resiliency dito sa ating probinsya sapagkat mayroon po tayong Sambayanihan na binubuo ng iba’t ibang stakeholders na may kanya-kanyang tungkulin na ginagampanan pagdating sa usaping disaster resiliency at climate change. Kaya naman ako ay nagagalak na isasagawa ang training na ito upang magkaroon tayo ng sapat na kaalaman, mga kagamitan, at mga plano na magagamit nating upang maprotektahan at maging ligtas ang mga Nortehanon,” message of Gov. Edwin Marino Ongcnhuan delivered by Vice Gov. Clarence Dato, contact thru northernsamarppdo@gmail.com</i></p>

“If we equip the province with the necessary knowledge and skills in achieving a marig-on nga Norte san Samar, we can also positively influence the municipalities and barangays to be on the same direction,” Jay Keenson Acebuche, PPDO, keenson.acebuche@gmail.com

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Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Project TRANSFORM (Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Environmental Sustainability through Multi Stakeholder Engagement)</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>		<p>X</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story</p>	<p>Ensure ecological integrity while improving socio-economic conditions.</p>				

address?	
<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>In a panel discussion during the Multistakeholder Forum conducted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Project TRANSFORM or the Transdisciplinary Approach for Resilience and Environmental Sustainability through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement was borne out of the concurrence of development partners to work together towards a similar goal. This is a whole-of-society engagement of DENR in collaboration with local government units (LGUs), National Resilience Council, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Peace and Equity Foundation, Zuellig Family Foundation, and Energy Development Corporation.</p> <p>The project identified sites that suffered severe and long-term effects due to Typhoon Odette initially, but eventually considered prevailing hazards in the locality with an existing vulnerability to multi-hazard shocks, exacerbated by a high poverty magnitude but, with actual opportunities for multi-stakeholder partnerships, economic viability and complementation to available initiative and programs that will help the LGUs to create resilient systems to mitigate socio-economic disasters due to climate and disaster risks and poor environmental conditions.</p>

If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:

How did it help you exercise influence in your industry?
Or innovate?
Or develop risk-informed business strategies?

The partnerships being established with local government units align with the overarching goal of Project TRANSFORM to support primarily the DENR's new Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Resiliency Framework to deliver environmental, social, and economic gains for local government units (LGUs).

However, acknowledging the systemic nature of climate and disaster risks, Project transform will target interventions in four resilience pillars namely Human Development, Economic Resilience, Environment Resilience; and Infrastructure. Ultimately, project Transform will support renewal of critical ecosystems and functions; improved living and health conditions; and support development continuity and inclusive economic growth.

Local government units together with National Agencies and the Private Sector as well as partnerships established with Civil Society Organizations, Academe and other stakeholders play a principal role in the frontlines of preparing and responding to climate and disaster risks. Hence, ensuring that resilience investments and financing are unlocked to build local capacities and systems that are able to adapt and transform according to the demands of changing risks.

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Network Member: NATIONAL RESILIENCE COUNCIL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Adopt-A-City Program City of Baguio Prepare Phase (2023)</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>X</p> <p>As the Regional Center of Cordillera Administrative Region, Baguio City is in the perfect position to expand the resilience influence across the region. Baguio, our nation’s Summer Capital, has faced its fair share of challenges throughout its history. From disasters brought about by natural hazards, to economic challenges, the city has demonstrated its strength and ability to bounce back time and time again.</p> <p>As we initiate into building a resilient Baguio, we seek your ongoing support and collaboration in sustaining our efforts to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and practical action, ultimately safeguarding the well-being of Baguio’s constituents.</p> <p>With the commitment of the city government to achieving its resilience, together, we head towards the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● enhanced water resource sustainability; ● established multi-stakeholder platform for resilience; ● enhanced climate and disaster risk and vulnerability assessment and mapping (city and barangay level); ● improved resilience governance and planning, including the establishment of a DRRM Information System (Database) and Dashboarding; ● Business continuity amidst any disaster or disruptive events; and ● mainstreamed gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI) in local DRRM plans, policies, and initiatives 				

<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>With the partnership between the City Government of Baguio, SM Prime Holdings, and the National Resilience Council, the city is expected to take its first step towards their resilience journey. The local government unit, headed by the office of the Mayor Benjamin Magalong, aims to be one of the most liveable cities by 2026.</p> <p>After the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between all parties last June 2023, all stakeholders had taken formal agreement to take part in building the resilience of the city of Baguio and its residents.</p> <p>As of the moment, the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) and St. Louis University as the Academic Partner, have all joined aboard in capacity building for Baguio’s resilience. Last November 2023, Baguio and the NRC held its first Resilience 101 training for all of the stakeholders and sectors to enhance their knowledge on climate change adaptation and disaster risk and resilience. And last December 2023, 32 out of 129 barangays of the City were introduced and oriented about the NRC’s Barangay Resilience Bingo Scorecards, which will allow these barangays to check their current resilience status.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>Aligned with ARISE commitments, the partnership between the City Government of Baguio, SM Prime Holdings, and the NRC, has created a mechanism that each resilience pillar, namely, environment, local economy, infrastructure, human development are focused, discussed, and intervened with risk-information and a sense of resiliency.</p>
<p>PHOTOS</p>	 <p> National Resilience Council  NRCPhilippines  nationalresiliencecouncil  resiliencecouncil.ph</p>

Network Member: ABOITIZ FOUNDATION

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Co-Creating Climate SMART A-Communities</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered <i>[mark X where relevant, or write other]</i></p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) <i>e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</i></p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: <i>What challenge does your success story address?</i></p>	<p><i>Increase the capacities of local governments on the formulation and enhancement of science-based and risk-informed Local Climate Change Action Plan.</i></p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: <i>What was the solution?</i></p> <p><i>Who was involved, and who benefited?</i></p> <p><i>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</i></p>	<p><i>Enhanced Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) Training Workshop Towards Climate Smart Communities</i></p> <p>Aboitiz Group in collaboration with Climate Change Commission (CCC) conducted a five-day training workshop to craft an enhanced and science-based Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) to the Local Government Units of Toledo City, Taguig City, Pasay City, Iligan City, Municipalities of Buguias, Itogon, Sablan and Province of Benguet joined by the selected representatives from the Municipality Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Office (MENRO), Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO), Municipal Engineering Office (MEO), and Municipal Budget Office (MBO)</p> <p>The training initiatives play a crucial role in building the capacity of Local Government Units to effectively understand, implement, and sustain climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The training equips participants with the skills and 				

	<p>knowledge needed to assess vulnerabilities, identify adaptation measures, and develop robust climate action plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn how to integrate climate considerations into existing development plans and strategies
<p><i>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</i></p>	<p><i>“It is imperative for local government units to be prepared for the challenges of the changing climate. LGUs should invest more in crafting and planning appropriate measures to adapt to climate impacts. That is why CCC and Aboitiz came all the way here to Toledo to increase the technical capacity of our LGUs, so that they can develop their local climate change action plans, which will serve as their pathway to resiliency,” Climate Change Commission Deputy Executive Director Romell Antonio Cuenca.</i></p>
	



Network Member: NEO

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>NEO is the first portfolio in the world to be Building Resilience Index-rated</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) <small>e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</small></p>
			<p>X</p>		
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Prior to the launch of the International Finance Corporation’s (IFC) Building Resilience Index (BRI) rating program, there was no existing system and third-party verification of a project’s resilience. The Philippines is one of the most vulnerable countries in the world to natural disasters.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Seven/NEO, the latest structure in NEO’s portfolio of certified green, healthy, safe and net zero office buildings, served as the pilot project of the BRI program in 2021. This partnership between the IFC and NEO helped to develop the program that will benefit all sector stakeholders in climate adaptation.</p> <p>NEO achieved a major milestone in 2023 as it became the first portfolio in the world to be publicly verified with the International Finance Corporation’s (IFC) Building Resilience Index (BRI). The portfolio earned A+ ratings across all projects. An innovation of IFC, the BRI provides a platform and tool to assess, improve, and disclose the resilience of a project.</p>				
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</p>	<p><i>“I have found that the more compelling business case is this: resilience builds trust and confidence in a building and ultimately underpins its longevity and success.” - Raymond Rufino, Chief Executive Officer, NEO</i></p>				

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Network Member: PwC Philippines

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Give love for Turkey and Syria</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
					<p>Response CSR</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>The deadliest earthquake over a decade that killed over 20 thousand people struck Turkey and Syria last Monday, 6 February. The humanitarian crisis caused by this is unimaginable; in addition to the rising casualties now at over 62 thousand, hundreds and thousands of people are left homeless. The worst thing even is that rescue and recovery efforts, in very cold weather, are overwhelming.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>We, at PwC Philippines, are one with the global network in offering support to those affected. We need not say that your donation is tantamount to giving our love. No matter how small when pooled together, our love for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquake will radiate and multiply. It is a small gesture to a very big need that all of us are given a chance to be a part of.</p> <p>Our Corporate Sustainability Team called for and accepted donations in February 2023 among our colleagues in the firm. Through our coordination with the PwC Global Office for Humanitarian Affairs, we were able to wire PHP 321,950 for the PwC School Project in Türkiye through the Turkish Education Foundation. Similarly, a number of PwC offices around the world heeded the need to provide assistance to those affected by this disaster.</p>				

Network Member: OSCAR M. LOPEZ CENTER (OML Center)

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Enhancing the CCET System with Climate Information (eCCET) Helper</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
					<p>Climate Change/ Resilience</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>The eCCET Helper is a decision support tool for planners who would like to be more climate-informed and evidence-based in their planning process.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>The eCCET Helper is an online decision support tool that puts risk information at the forefront of planning and guides the planner through the Climate Change Expenditure Tagging (CCET) system of the government as a planning framework and strategy.</p> <p>The eCCET Helper was developed in consultation with the Climate Change Commission (CCC), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Budget Management (DBM). It features scientific information on climate change and its impacts in the Philippines, and organizes it according to the Strategic Priorities outlined in the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP).</p> <p>The tool anchors its application on the CCET, a climate budgeting framework developed by the CCC and the DBM to guide national and local government agencies on the allocation of their climate investments and the alignment of its initiatives to the national climate goals and targets.</p> <p>The eCCET Helper was primarily designed for public planners or planning officers at the national and local levels, especially in the preparation of their climate adaptation plans and the tagging of their climate-related investments. Other personnel involved in climate action planning, such as ENR officers, DRRM officers, and the like, will also find the tool useful.</p> <p>Apart from those involved in planning, evaluators may find the tool useful for assessment and validation purposes, as well as for</p>				

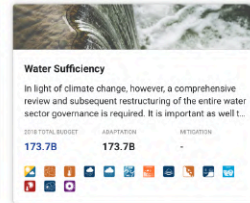
	<p>technical data analysis for future improvement of plans and investments.</p> <p>Apart from ongoing updating of the tool’s risk register to capture more localized scenarios and reflect actual submission data from LGUs, the Center is pushing its usage more through capacity-building and other activities under its risk-based approach to climate change adaptation (CCA) planning.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>CATALYZE:</p> <p>The goal of the project is to increase capacities for risk-informed decision-making among LGUs, which can relate to ARISE commitment of catalyzing innovation and collaboration in developing risk-informed (business) strategies.</p>
<p>PHOTOS</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the eCCET HELPER website. The main heading is "Create more climate-responsive plans with science-based climate information". Below this, it states: "The eCCET Helper is a tool for planners to make climate-informed decisions in public planning and budgeting. It provides users with scientific evidence towards developing more responsive programs, projects and activities (PPAs), and tagging them more effectively." There is a link: "Click here for more information." At the bottom, there is a navigation menu with four items: "How to use this tool", "How NCCAP Strategic Priorities are affected by climate risks and impacts", "Understand your climate risks and impacts", and "See previous climate budgets". A "Login with OMLC" button is visible in the top right corner of the page.</p>

NCCAP (National Climate Change Action Plan) Strategic Priorities



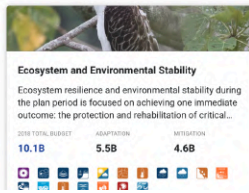
Food Security
The objective of the national strategic priority on food security is to ensure availability, stability, accessibility, and affordability of safe and healthy food amidst...

2018 TOTAL BUDGET	ADAPTATION	MITIGATION
28.7B	28.3B	380.0M



Water Sufficiency
In light of climate change, however, a comprehensive review and subsequent restructuring of the entire water sector governance is required. It is important as well t...

2018 TOTAL BUDGET	ADAPTATION	MITIGATION
173.7B	173.7B	-



Ecosystem and Environmental Stability
Ecosystem resilience and environmental stability during the plan period is focused on achieving one immediate outcome: the protection and rehabilitation of critical...

2018 TOTAL BUDGET	ADAPTATION	MITIGATION
10.1B	5.5B	4.6B



Human Security
The objective of the human security agenda is to reduce the risks of women and men to climate change and disasters.

2018 TOTAL BUDGET	ADAPTATION	MITIGATION
6.0B	6.0B	-

Budget Breakdown

Food Security	28.7B (10.4%)
Water Sufficiency	173.7B (62.9%)
Ecosystem and Environmental Stability	10.1B (3.7%)
Human Security	6.0B (2.2%)
Climate-smart industries and services	2.9B (1.1%)
Sustainable Energy	52.9B (19.2%)
Knowledge and Capacity Development	1.8B (0.6%)
Cross-cutting Impacts	77.2M (0.0%)


Climate Hazards



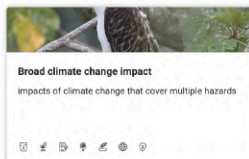
Tropical Cyclone
Low pressure systems in which winds spin inward in a circularly symmetric spiral, bringing with it intense rain and winds. Tropical depressions, tropical storms,...

TOTAL LOSSES DUE TO THIS HAZARD (2017)

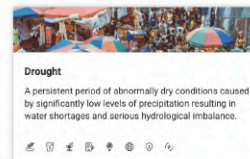
3.7M



Anthropogenic factors
Statements pertaining to human activities that aggravate risks



Broad climate change impact
impacts of climate change that cover multiple hazards



Drought
A persistent period of abnormally dry conditions caused by significantly low levels of precipitation resulting in water shortages and serious hydrological imbalance.

Losses Breakdown

Tropical Cyclone	3.7M (100.0%)
Anthropogenic factors	0.0 (0.0%)
Broad climate change impact	0.0 (0.0%)
Drought	0.0 (0.0%)
ENSO	0.0 (0.0%)
Extreme heat	0.0 (0.0%)
Extreme rainfall	0.0 (0.0%)
Flooding	0.0 (0.0%)
Increased CO2 Levels	0.0 (0.0%)
Land surface temperature	0.0 (0.0%)
Landslide	0.0 (0.0%)

Network Member: OSCAR M. LOPEZ CENTER (OML Center)

Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured	Mga Kwento ng Klima Short Films				
Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change
Describe the Challenge: What challenges does your success story address?					Climate Change Disaster Resilience
	<p>Mga Kwento ng Klima (MKK) Short Films is a film competition that aims to capture the unique Filipino experience of climate change and convey the need for urgent climate action through films. It is a continuation of the 60-minute documentary Mga Kwento ng Klima co-produced by the OML Center and ABS-CBN DocuCentral in 2019.</p>				

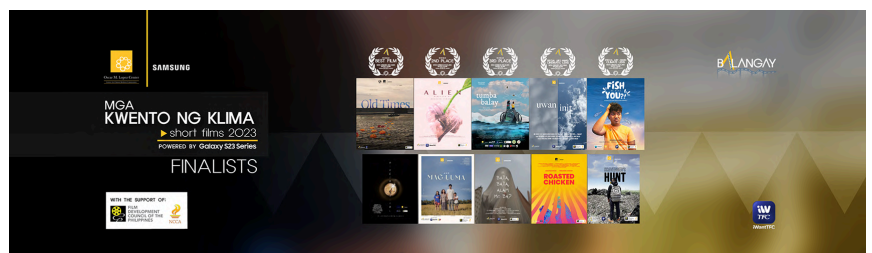
<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Building on its previous initiatives of surfacing climate stories through film, the OML Center partners with Samsung for the MKK Short Films 2023.</p> <p>The competition opened in April 2023 to all professional and independent Filipino filmmakers who can create and produce a five-minute live-action film narrating a Filipino experience of climate change shot using a mobile phone.</p> <p>Eligible participants attended the Climate Film Labs, a unique component of the competition. Here, they were mentored by experts in both climate science and filmmaking. This component was crucial in refining their storylines and production techniques, ensuring that their submissions were not only creatively compelling but also climate-accurate.</p> <p>The top 10 films of MKK Short Films 2023 are now available for streaming on iWant TFC for free, while the trailers of all ten films are available on YouTube.</p> <p>The highlights of the MKK Short Films 2023 Awarding Ceremony can be viewed here.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>RAISE AWARENESS:</p> <p>Using innovative mediums such as film for raising awareness on local climate realities.</p>

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TOP 15 QUALIFYING ENTRIES

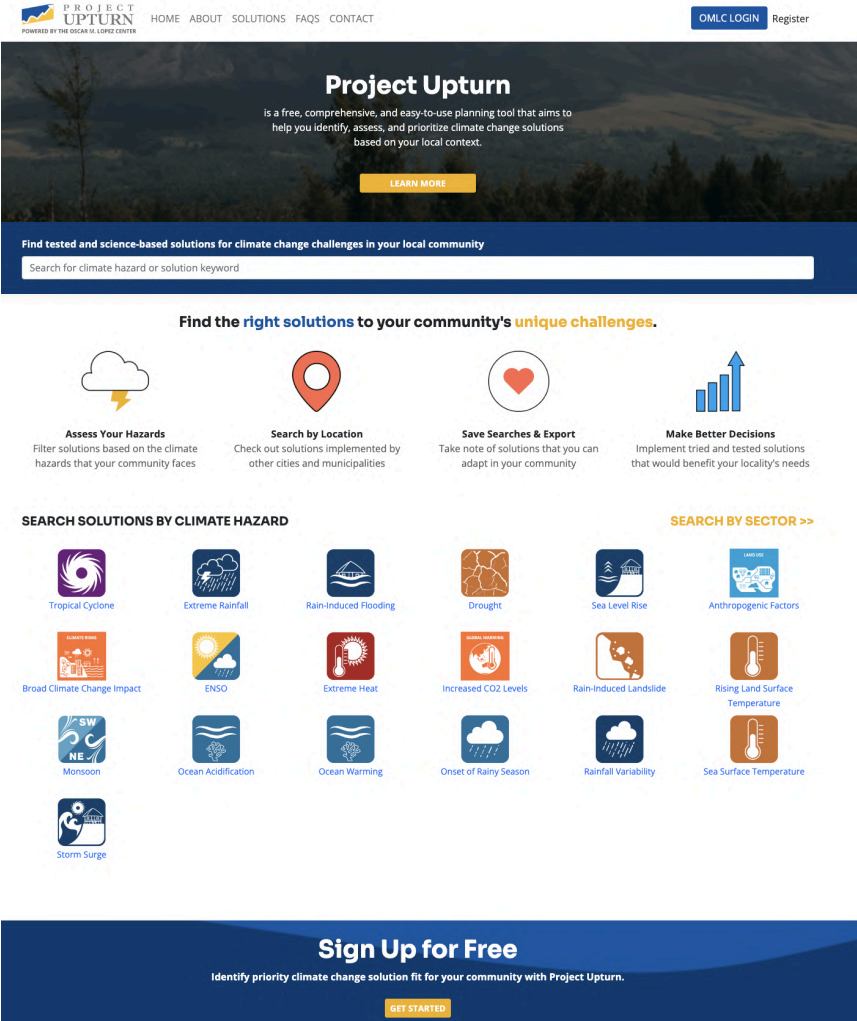
1. 'Alien' by Drexler Jaramel
2. 'Ang Mag-uuma (The Farmer)' by Frankie James Balos
3. 'Ang Nahuli sa Huli' by Jose Carlos L. Soliongco
4. 'Bata. Bata, Alam Mo Ba?' by Serdrick S. Mariano
5. 'Dragon's Breath' by Christia Isabelle C. Lucindo
6. 'Fish be with you' by Eljay Castro Deldoc
7. 'Fried Chicken' by Roland Cartagena
8. 'Mga Salamangka sa Batang Siyensya' by Lenard Christian Apao
9. 'Old Times' by Chaela Tordillo
10. 'Scavenger's Hunt' by O'Neil Delos Santos Cerdeña
11. 'Stepping Stones' by Allyssa Mae Flores
12. 'Tumba-Balay' by Charise Colleen Bogtae
13. 'Tuyong Luha' by Hannah Praise C. Calacar
14. 'Uwan Init' by Faith Aragon
15. 'Worrier' by Raphael Njoku-Andie





Network Member: OSCAR M. LOPEZ CENTER (OML Center)

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Project Upturn</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
					<p>Climate Change Disaster Resilience</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>With the Philippines considered as one of the vulnerable countries to climate impacts, and judging by climate projections and learning from past experiences of climate impacts, there is an urgent need to assess, plan, develop, and employ lasting solutions to not only mitigate but adapt to the new challenges climate change brings.</p>				
	<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>				
	<p>Project Upturn aims to identify and assess existing solutions in terms of different parameters based on the country's climate change-associated risks and their potential contribution to overall resilience. "Upturn" is defined as the point at which resilience is increasing and risk ranking is decreasing over a period of time.</p> <p>Inspired by Project Drawdown, a resource of global climate change solutions, Project Upturn involves the creation of an inventory of local climate adaptation practices in the Philippines, the curation of this inventory on the Upturn website, and the development of Project Upturn Climate Change Risk and Resilience Indices, including a corresponding case study.</p> <p>Project Upturn has been integrated into the eCCET Helper, a decision support tool for planners who would like to be more climate-informed and evidence-based in their planning process.</p> <p>While the main target users are the local government units in the Philippines, the platform can be used by a wide range of users, such as national government agencies, entrepreneurs, academe, and anyone who intends to know and learn more about climate change solutions.</p> <p>While there is growing interest in its potential to provide concrete solutions as local planners conduct actual planning through the eCCET Helper, further back-end development is ongoing to fully</p>				

	<p>integrate the indices, and to assist LGUs in prioritizing project planning and budget programming based on the needs as identified by actual data they have collected.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>CATALYZE:</p> <p>The goal of the project is to increase capacities for risk-informed decision-making among LGUs, which can relate to ARISE commitment of catalyzing innovation and collaboration in developing risk-informed (business) strategies.</p>
<p>PHOTOS</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the Project Upturn website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME ABOUT SOLUTIONS FAQS CONTACT' and a 'Register' button. The main header features the 'Project Upturn' logo and a description: 'is a free, comprehensive, and easy-to-use planning tool that aims to help you identify, assess, and prioritize climate change solutions based on your local context.' Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search for climate hazard or solution keyword'. The main content area is titled 'Find the right solutions to your community's unique challenges.' and includes four icons with descriptions: 'Assess Your Hazards', 'Search by Location', 'Save Searches & Export', and 'Make Better Decisions'. A grid of climate hazards is displayed under the heading 'SEARCH SOLUTIONS BY CLIMATE HAZARD', including Tropical Cyclone, Extreme Rainfall, Rain-Induced Flooding, Drought, Sea Level Rise, Broad Climate Change Impact, ENSO, Extreme Heat, Increased CO2 Levels, Rain-Induced Landslide, Monsoon, Ocean Acidification, Ocean Warming, Onset of Rainy Season, Rainfall Variability, and Storm Surge. A 'SEARCH BY SECTOR >>' link is also present. At the bottom, there is a 'Sign Up for Free' call to action with a 'GET STARTED' button.</p>

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There is a challenge in finding climate change solutions that can be implemented in the Philippines.

While the Philippines is one of the countries most vulnerable to the climate crisis, LGU planners and implementers experience difficulty in implementing projects addressing this issue effectively and efficiently.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Project Upturn aims to help LGUs build climate resilience.

Project Upturn is a free, comprehensive, and easy-to-use platform designed to help LGU planners and implementers craft and execute innovative projects and solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Upturn means an improvement or upward trend.

It is also the point at which climate resilience begins to improve year-to-year. Project Upturn is an innovative tool that aims to help you identify, assess, and prioritize climate change solutions for your community.

Find the right solutions to your community's unique challenges.



Assess Your Hazards
Filter solutions based on the climate hazards that your community faces



Search by Location
Check out solutions implemented by other cities and municipalities



Save Searches & Export
Take note of solutions that you can adapt in your community



Make Better Decisions
Implement tried and tested solutions that would benefit your locality's needs

Our Rating System

Project Upturn assesses solutions based on economic/financial effectiveness, technical feasibility, social acceptability, and environmental impact. This will give individuals, communities, and decision-makers an understanding of which solutions might work for them based on the climate change risks they face and will face in the future.

Economic/financial effectiveness	Technical feasibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the costs to implement the option, when considering both initial costs and longer-term costs of operation and maintenance? Is this an activity that can be funded with resources available for development assistance? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the technology readily available? Is the option relatively straightforward to implement and maintain from a technical perspective (e.g., is an infrastructure solution relatively easy to build and operate)?
<p>High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It requires low investment on the onset yet has low maintenance/operating cost. There is benefit-cost ratio data available to prove that the benefits of implementing the solution far outweigh the costs. Communities receive multiple benefits from the implementation of the solution. 	<p>High</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It requires low/minimal technical capacity, to implement the solution. Technical skills/knowledge can be addressed through low trainings/seminars. The necessary resources are readily available/accessible. There is quantitative evidence to support an increase in overall production yield.
<p>Mid</p>	<p>Mid</p>



Network Member: OSCAR M. LOPEZ CENTER (OML Center)

Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured	Signs for Inclusive Governance and Development Project (Project SIGND)				
Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]	SME	Investment	Infrastructure	Insurance	Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change
					Climate Change; Inclusion of vulnerable sectors
Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?	<p>The UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights recognized that persons with disabilities are affected by climate impacts “differently and more severely than others”. This is compounded by the fact that most disaster management interventions are “usually designed for people without disabilities who can rely on walking, running, seeing, hearing or quickly responding to instructions” (National Council on Disability, 2005, as cited in Raja & Narasimhan, 2013).</p> <p>In 2019, it was noted that “only one of ten Filipinos with disability is able to access programs and services”, especially social protection programs “in a way that effectively transfers risks. In some cases where services do reach them, these are likely to be of low quality and are not responsive to their specific needs.”</p> <p>From a policy perspective, although the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Act of 2018 has declared FSL as the national, as well as the official, sign language of government in all transactions involving the Deaf, mandating all State agencies, entities and instrumentalities to ensure full communication and information access to the Deaf, effective participation in planning and decision making is still lacking. The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (RA 7277) and other disability laws have been found to be non-compliant with the rights-based model of the UNCRPD.</p>				

<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>In support of the recommendations of the UN for disability-inclusive climate action (2020), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the Gerry Roxas Foundation (GRF), awarded the Oscar M. Lopez Center with a grant for the implementation of the project “Climate Resilience of the Deaf: Signs for Inclusive Governance and Development” or Project SIGND. In partnership with Deaf-led organizations, the project seeks to increase the preparedness and adaptive capacities of the Deaf to climate-related risks and disasters by increasing access to and participation in hearing-led programs on climate action and DRRM, while strengthening policies and capacitating key policymakers, implementors, Deaf advocates and Hearing champions towards more inclusive governance and resilience building.</p> <p>The project’s greater aim is to show that the Deaf can be more than mere victims of disasters and recipients of relief efforts, but as actors in disaster preparedness and resilience building.</p> <p>Partner organizations include the Philippine Federation of the Deaf, Parabukas Pte. Ltd., Filipino Sign Language National Network, Deaf Disaster Assistance Team-Disaster Risk Reduction, Dumaguete Effata Association of the Deaf, Inc., and Deaf Accessibility Network of the Philippines.</p> <p>While the project is still ongoing, Deaf partners are increasing their understanding of and confidence in communicating climate change concepts to the wider Deaf community. Government representatives are also showing increased awareness in the specific challenges of the Deaf community in terms of visibility and accessibility.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>INFLUENCE:</p> <p>Goal of the project is to understand the unique of vulnerabilities of the Deaf to climate change and increase their visibility in the discourse, thereby influencing policy and overall inclusion of the Deaf in climate governance.</p>

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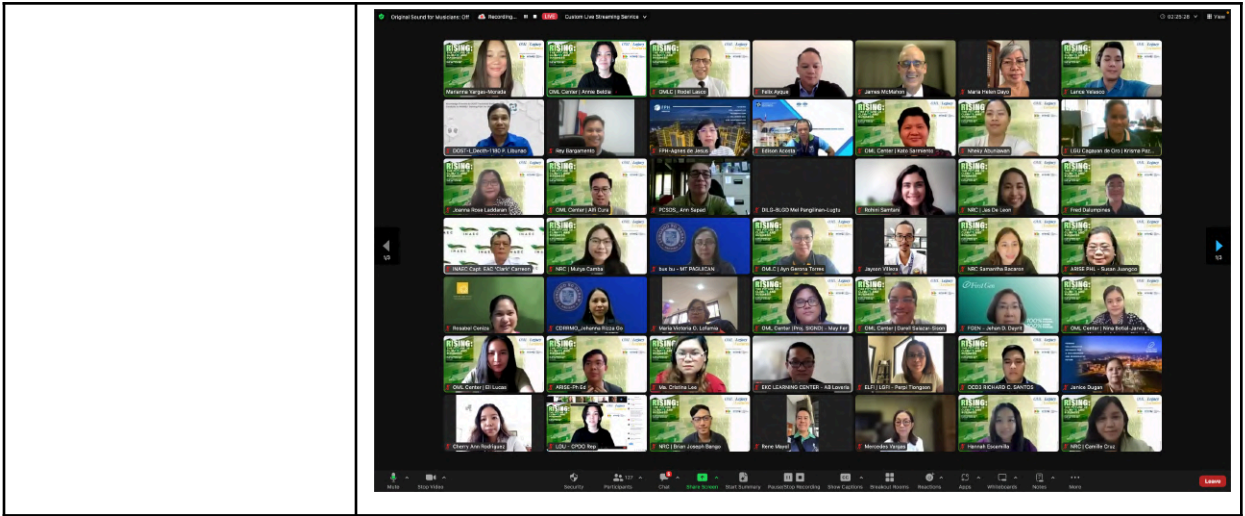
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Network Member: OSCAR M. LOPEZ CENTER (OML Center)

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>3rd OML Legacy Lectures</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
	<p>X</p>				<p>Climate Change Disaster Resilience</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenges does your success story address?</p>	<p>With their capacity to mobilize resources in times of disasters, it is still a challenge for the private sector, particularly micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), to effectively integrate physical climate risk considerations into their existing and future business strategies and financial planning.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>The 3rd OML Legacy Lectures, supported by the National Resilience Council and ARISE Philippines, featured James McMahan of The Climate Service and Felix Ayque of Komunidad.</p> <p>Attended by over 160 private sector stakeholders, the event focused on explaining how climate change impacts businesses and presented ways to pursue organizational sustainability and resilience.</p> <p>McMahan highlighted the importance of understanding climate hazards, asset vulnerability, and financial impacts for developing proactive business strategies. His company offers analytics software for integrating climate risks into corporate decisions.</p> <p>Ayque emphasized the need for foundational data awareness for community adaptation, with Komunidad providing weather and environmental intelligence for real-time climate risk monitoring.</p> <p>Post-lecture, participants engaged in a Knowledge Exchange session, discussing climate challenges and best practices in their sectors.</p>				

	<p>Recordings of the presentations can be accessed here.</p> <p>Replay of the 3rd OML Legacy Lectures can be viewed here.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>CATALYZE & SHARE KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>To provide a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration in developing risk-informed business strategies.</p>
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Network Member: UNILEVER PHILIPPINES

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/ Activity featured</p>	<p>Kabisig eSummit</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>X</p> <p>In 2008, Unilever Philippines launched the Super!Store program to help growth and expansion in the Mom and Pop channel. Super!Stores are MSMEs we partner with to help make our products available to the smallest sari sari stores. And to emphasize our drive of helping these smaller stores, which we call Kabisigs, we rolled out a new mentorship program called Kabisig Summit themed “Negosyo Mo, Kinabukasan Mo” (<i>Your Business, Your Future</i>). It is our platform to introduce possible low-cost distribution models that can help translate to sustainable business growth for smaller stores in the Philippines.</p> <p>These are series of training sessions that teach store owners basic business skills such as inventory management, financial management, customer service, and even sustainability. These sari-sari stores are considered to be daily earners and can’t afford to shut down just to attend workshops. So to encourage attendance with minimal disruption to their business or routines, we hold these sessions in the vicinity of partner stores—kalye-serye style.</p> <p>Apart from skills training, Unilever supplied an assortment of Home Care, Personal Care and Nutrition (Food) products that were among our most powerful brands—brands which were relevant to their respective communities, such as Sunsilk and Clear shampoo, Surf detergent and laundry bars, and Close Up toothpaste, among others.</p> <p>At the height of the pandemic, the livelihood of more than one million sari-sari store owners have been adversely affected all around the Philippines. Supply chains were disrupted, sales went down due to job losses and reduced purchasing power, and general fear and safety concerns affected the market.</p>				

<p>Describe the Solution:</p> <p>What was the solution?</p> <p>Who was involved, and who benefited?</p> <p>What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Responding to the challenge of helping our communities and sustaining distribution of essential products, Kabisig Summit has been reinvented to the Kabisig eSummit. With the help of our partner, Hapinoy, a social enterprise focused on helping upskill microentrepreneurs, the principles and content of the mentoring program were adopted for a digital platform: transitioning from physical events to online sessions and content libraries via Facebook Groups and Facebook Messenger Chatbots.</p> <p>Additionally, we've introduced new modules on running businesses more efficiently with the help of new technologies like our Tindahan Club app. Revamped business resilience modules on disaster management and recovery are in the pipeline and will be included in the future runs.</p> <p>In 2022, the Kabisig Summit program has positively impacted 130,000 Kabisig Sari-sari stores or Kabisigs. Year to date, the program recorded over 200,000 lives reached. Because our Kabisigs have been able to successfully apply the lessons learned from these offline and online mentoring sessions, many of them shared that they were able to have increased contribution to their children's education and household needs. Some were also able to invest in more income-generating assets which contributes to sustainable growth and more importantly, to a Kabisig's ability to manage the business through more challenging times.</p> <p>Stores who have gone through our Kabisig Summit program have a differential growth of 23% vs. those who have not undergone the mentoring sessions—illustrating the impact of mentorship and community on MSME sustainable growth.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>MSMEs comprise 99% of businesses in the Philippines and generates more than 60% employment in the country. The Philippine retail market is still largely dependent on general trade. It is undeniable that MSMEs are important to our economy. MSMEs, particularly the micro and small enterprises, are also the most vulnerable to challenges (e.g. economic, health crisis) and to natural disasters. Helping them become more resilient and helping them rise above these challenges would not only be beneficial for the MSMEs themselves but also to the larger communities.</p> <p>Unilever Philippines, given the nature of our business and our scope, plays the unique role in ARISE of championing these micro and small entrepreneurs through our Kabisig program. It is through this program that we will be able to contribute to ARISE's goal of creating resilient societies by energizing collaboration within sectors.</p>

If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants

Mark Ruiz

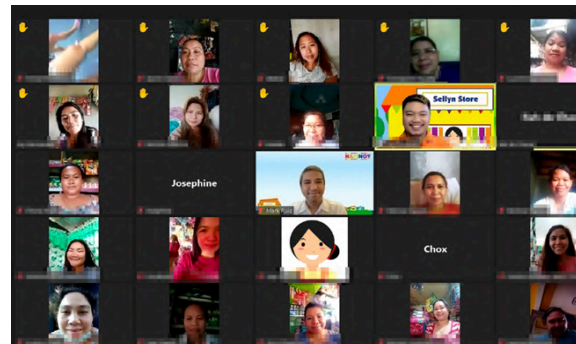
Hapinoy Co-founder and President, Kabisig program partner since 2019
Pasig City, Philippines



“The partnership is quite unique — a huge multinational corporation such as Unilever entrusting this program to a community-immersed social enterprise,

Hapinoy - yet it still works wonderfully well as both are united by a common purpose.

Absolute kudos and appreciation for Unilever being such a visionary and taking a risk in reimagining the Kabisig Summit with Hapinoy to doing everything online – and using social media platforms at that! It was admittedly in the beginning a wild untested idea at scale, but it has certainly worked out not only for Unilever and Hapinoy, but most importantly for the sari-sari store owners as well.”



Background

Even before the pandemic, a partnership between Unilever Philippines and Mark Ruiz and the Hapinoy team was underway, discussing how to leverage each other’s

expertise to serve more micro enterprises. When the pandemic hit the Philippines, it pushed both teams to quickly shift gears and navigate the strict lockdowns, innovating the original face-to-face training programs and go digital to lessen the negative impact on these micro enterprises like sari-sari stores. As a result of the frequent conversations and consultations with the sari-sari store owners, the Hapinoy and Unilever Philippines’ team jointly developed new course materials that were relevant to the pandemic as well as explored Facebook as a platform to deliver the overall updated training program.

Network Member: AIRSPEED GROUP OF COMPANIES HOLDING CORP.

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Airspeed's GGB Building to Go Solar Soon</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>The urgent need to adopt solar energy is driven by a combination of environmental, economic, and social factors. As climate change accelerates due to the burning of fossil fuels, switching to solar energy becomes crucial for reducing carbon emissions and preserving the planet. Economically, solar energy offers long-term cost savings and reduces reliance on diminishing fossil fuels. It also promotes energy independence, reducing the impact of global market fluctuations. The health benefits are significant too, as it decreases pollution-related health risks. Furthermore, the solar industry spurs innovation and job creation, while providing equitable energy access to all communities, including the underprivileged. Thus, the shift to solar energy is not just an environmental imperative but a holistic step towards a sustainable, economically stable, and healthier future</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Airspeed is committed to reducing carbon footprint and embracing sustainability. As a result, the company is taking steps to introduce solar panels at their GGB building in Paranaque City. By harnessing the power of renewable energy sources, Airspeed hopes to achieve their sustainability targets for 2026.</p> <p>The integration of solar panels into their system aligns with the Philippine government's objective to increase the share of clean energy in the power blend. This decision is expected to provide Airspeed with long-term savings on energy expenses while also promoting environmental conservation.</p> <p>Airspeed's comprehensive sustainability plan includes initiatives such as planting trees, organizing coastal clean-up operations, and using eco-friendly packaging materials. By prioritizing sustainability, Airspeed aims to make a positive impact on the environment and hopes to inspire others in their community to follow suit.</p>				

Network Member: AIRSPEED GROUP OF COMPANIES HOLDING CORP.

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Breaking Stereotypes: Airspeed Supporting Women Entrepreneurs through WomenBizPH</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
	<p>X</p>				<p>Gender</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>Despite women’s growing contributions to the economy, women entrepreneurs often face unique barriers that hinder their full participation and success in the market.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>In today’s rapidly evolving economy, women entrepreneurs are increasingly making significant contributions. Their role in driving economic growth and fostering innovation cannot be overstated. To ensure that they can fully maximize their potential and make it happen, it is important to provide them with the necessary support and resources.</p> <p>One effective approach to supporting women entrepreneurs is by establishing partnerships with MSMEs. This strategy has proven to be successful in promoting women-led businesses and driving their growth and success. Mrs. Rosemarie P. Rafael, Chairwoman and President of Airspeed, has been a strong advocate for supporting women entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Mrs. Rafael has dedicated her efforts to empowering women-led businesses in the country. One of her projects is the partnership with WomenBizPH. Through this partnership, Airspeed demonstrates its commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs by providing them with valuable support and resources.</p> <p>The Amazing Philippines Digital Economy Corporation (APDEC) is a separate business unit in Airspeed that is dedicated to optimizing supply chain processes for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). One of the key focuses of APDEC is to ensure that women entrepreneurs have access to opportunities that will enable them to digitalize their businesses, stay updated with current trends, and tap into the market to grow their businesses. Through Kahanga-Hanga PH, a proud Pinoy digital platform that houses Filipino products. Speedgits, Airspeed’s digital gifting platform designed to take MSMEs business globally,</p>				

and Pinaspeed.com one of the newest online platforms that offers faster and easier booking and delivery. These platforms bridge the digital divide and provide necessary resources to support women entrepreneurs in the country.

APDEC also includes initiatives that provide training programs, workshops, and mentorship opportunities that will equip women-led businesses with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the digital landscape. Airspeed also facilitates networking and collaboration opportunities through events, workshops, and conferences, women entrepreneurs can connect with like-minded individuals, share experiences, and build valuable business relationships.

When women are given the opportunities and support they need, they can unleash their fullest potential as entrepreneurs. This not only benefits the individual women but also has a ripple effect on the entire economy. By promoting gender equality in the business world, countries can tap into a vast pool of talent, expertise, and creativity that may otherwise remain untapped.

WomenBizPH and Airspeed, a partnership dedicated to empowering women-owned businesses, recognize the importance of providing opportunities for women to succeed in the SME sector. Together, we can make it happen and create a brighter future for women entrepreneurs.

Network Member: KOMUNIDAD GLOBAL

<p>Title of your Initiative/Project/Activity featured</p>	<p>Climate-Resilient Siargao: Strengthening Siargao Island’s Rebuilding Efforts with Decision-Support Tools and Early Warning System</p>				
<p>Focus Area Priority/ies covered [mark X where relevant, or write other]</p>	<p>SME</p>	<p>Investment</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Other(s) e.g. early warning, gender, climate change</p>
					<p>Early Warning/ Climate Change</p>
<p>Describe the Challenge: What challenge does your success story address?</p>	<p>In December 2021, nearly 8M people were affected by Tropical Cyclone Rai with compounding effects due to COVID-19. The typhoon made its first landfall over Siargao Island, Surigao Del Norte leaving the popular surfing and tourist destination devastated. A total of 173,664 people were affected with an estimated damage of 20 billion pesos.</p> <p>As the island rebuilds from the impacts of Typhoon Rai, the project aims to help the nine (9) municipalities in Siargao reestablish their DRRM command centers and strengthen their communities' resilience through Komunidad’s multi-hazard and impact-based monitoring and early warning system (MHEWS). Beyond DRRM, the Climate-Resilient Siargao Project also aims to help boost eco-tourism and agriculture in the Island.</p>				
<p>Describe the Solution: What was the solution? Who was involved, and who benefited? What difference was made as a result (impact in the end or so far)?</p>	<p>Komunidad is a data and analytics software company, accelerating the transition to a climate-resilient and low-carbon economy. Through our Software-as-a-Service (Saas) solutions, we work with businesses and governments in mitigating and adapting to climate-related challenges. Komunidad's groundbreaking Climate Action Center is a SaaS platform that facilitates collective action by offering digital transformation and decision support tools for climate resilience and sustainability.</p> <p>In November 2022, the GSMA extended its support to Komunidad, leveraging a data-driven approach focused on integrating environmental insights, early warning systems, and utilizing mobile platforms for effective information dissemination. Additionally, the GSMA grant, funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (SIDA) played a pivotal role in empowering both local government bodies and vulnerable</p>				

	<p>communities in Siargao Island, which had been severely affected by Typhoon Rai. This support facilitated the rapid expansion of the solution, transitioning its impact from individual municipalities to encompass the entire island.</p> <p>This initiative equipped 198 municipal leaders, risk officers, and responders from the nine (9) municipalities in Siargao (including 76 women) with automated, localized hazard analysis, and early warning tools across platforms like web and mobile apps, automated email reports, and SMS alerts. These decision-support tools were reinforced with onboarding, capacity-building, and IEC activities to ensure widespread user adoption.</p> <p>Furthermore, all residents and tourists were provided access to a free public web application (https://resilientsiargao.ph) designed for local weather updates and hazard analysis. This initiative has seen remarkable traction, accumulating an impressive count of 77,433 web visits since its launch in September 2023.</p>
<p>If applicable, describe how it relates to ARISE commitments:</p> <p>How did it help you exercise influence in your industry? Or innovate? Or develop risk-informed business strategies?</p>	<p>This initiative is deeply rooted in the ARISE commitment, focusing on leveraging digital technology and innovation to fortify resilience while bridging the gap between the endeavors of the private sector and the needs of local governments. Aligned with SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 13 (Climate Action), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), as well as Sendai Framework Target G, and the Early Warnings for All Initiative, Komunidad has successfully expanded and replicated this project in two additional coastal municipalities beyond Siargao. This was made possible through a strategic partnership with City Savings Bank and Aboitiz Foundation, aimed at reinforcing disaster risk reduction programs in the bank's host communities.</p>
<p>If applicable, key quotes from partners or target participants</p>	<p><i>"As an island, the storm will always be here 4 months in a year, so if in preparing, you have the science of Komunidad then you know what to prepare and which barangays we need to put our evacuation facility."</i></p> <p>- Alfredo M. Corro II, Municipal Mayor of Del Carmen, Surigao Del Norte</p>

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