



# Philippines: Mindanao Irrigation Development Project

Project Name	Mindanao Irrigation Development Project
Project Number	53272-001
Country	Philippines
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Mindanao Irrigation Development Project, Phase 1
	Ordinary capital resources US\$ 100.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Irrigation
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming
Description	The Mindanao Irrigation Development Project will support the Government of the Philippines to increase productivity and resilience of irrigated agriculture in Mindanao by (i) strengthening irrigation planning, design, and management capacities; (ii) developing efficient and climate resilient irrigation systems; and (iii) adopting climate resilient irrigated farming practices.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>In the Philippines, agriculture is still the key driver of the economy especially in rural areas where poverty incidence remains highest. Mindanao, where the agriculture sector employs 40% of the labor force, is considered the food basket of the Philippines. Despite its vast natural resources and agriculture potential, Mindanao remains the poorest region of the Philippines with 23.7% of families in poverty. The Philippine Development Plan, 2017-2022 (PDP) recognizes that improving the agricultural productivity to uplift the agriculture sector is pivotal in reducing poverty and inequality, and in promoting more inclusive development.</p> <p>Rice is the country's most important food crop not only because it is a staple crop but also because most farmers and workers depend on it as their main source of livelihood. Rice sector productivity in the country lags behind its regional competitors, and inadequate irrigation is one of the long-standing challenges that continue to hamper productivity. Furthermore, limited diversification of crops has been preventing the agriculture sector from taking advantage of the growing markets for high-value crops (HVC). Irrigation modernization to provide timely, sufficient, and efficient agricultural water supply is crucial to optimize the level of rice production and diversify into HVCs, improve domestic food supply, and enhance resilience of the country's agriculture system against future hazards.</p>
Impact	Economic opportunities and income of farmers enhanced
Outcome	Productivity and resilience of irrigated agriculture improved
Outputs	Irrigation planning, design, and management capacities strengthened Efficient and climate-resilient irrigation systems developed Climate-resilient irrigated farming practices adopted
Geographical Location	Mindanao
Safeguard Categories	
Environment	B
Involuntary Resettlement	B
Indigenous Peoples	B
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	
Responsible ADB Officer	Sagara, Junko
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, SERD
Executing Agencies	National Irrigation Administration 3rd Floor, NIA Bldg. Complex EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines (c/o Foreign Loans Accounting Division )

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	25 Jun 2020
Fact Finding	01 Mar 2021 to 12 Mar 2021
MRM	17 May 2021
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	25 Jun 2020

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