

# Lake Mainit Development Alliance Focal Community Assistance Scheme (FOCAS) Strategy



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"Helping communities help themselves"

"Help save our Lake Mainit!"

## FOCAS Strategic Framework

The Focal Community Assistance Scheme (FOCAS) Strategic Framework for the Lake Mainit area adopts the improved version of the Lake Mainit Environmental Management Plan but with more focused on several aspects. This is the result of the series of activities conducted by the Alliance with the other sectors of society in the area. The activities have been done through meetings, consultations and multi-stakeholders fora.

### Goal

To properly manage the Lake Mainit ecosystem and develop potential resources in order to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of the people in the area.

## PACAP Intervention

The intervention of the Philippines-Australia Community Assistance Program (PACAP) will be based on the Lake Mainit Development Agenda. Since the concept of intervention in the Lake Mainit area is an "**ECOSYSTEM APPROACH**", the plan was revised to suit the FOCAS Program.

Both Municipalities in Surigao del Norte and Agusan del Norte who are members of the Lake Mainit Development Alliance are the target areas for the PACAP assistance through FOCAS and RAS Programs.

## Contribution to Provincial Engagement Strategy (PES) and PACAP Strategic Guidance Framework (SGF)

The proposed intervention will address some of the needs of the communities in reducing poverty and at the same time maintain the balance of development and conservation of the resources in the Lake Mainit areas. Sustainable development as emphasize in the Lake Mainit Development Agenda has been carried, evaluated and assessed by the stakeholders in the area and suit with the boundaries of the PACAP Program.

This strategy shall contribute to the Provincial Engagement Strategy through the enhancement of the upland, lowland, river, lake and urban areas in eight municipalities of Surigao del Norte and Agusan del Norte and its watersheds through the introduction of the Agroforestry intervention, organic farming system for agricultural enhancement and productivity, provides agri-fishery production, temporary employment and sustainable livelihood for the community surrounding the Lake Mainit ecosystem. It also contributed to the preservation and rehabilitation of critical eco-system, habitats, lake and coastal resources.

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## FOCAS Strategy Components

### Upland & Lowland Development and Management

Activities	Total Targets
Agro-forestry	200 has.
Livestock	8 POs
Crop Production	80 has.

### River Management

Activities	Total Targets
Establishment of Riverbank Stabilization and Protection	90 In. kms.
Marsh/Estuaries Rehabilitation	60 has.
Intro. Sustainable fishing practice	12 sites

### Lake Management

Activities	Total Targets
Municipal Sanctuaries & protected areas	50 has.
Strengthening of MFARMCS	8 LGUs
Buffer zone and perimeter fencing	30 In. kms.
Establishment of Livelihood projects	12 sites

### Urban Settlement Areas

Activities	Total Targets
Solid Waste Mgt. Project	8 LGUs
Institutionalizing the Solid Waste Management – Barga. Level	8 LGUs
Legislation & Enforcement	8 LGUs
Health & Sanitation Projects	6 sites
Gender & Development Projects	6 sites

### Institutional Strengthening of Civil Society

Activities	Total Targets
Capability Building	26 POs
Advocacy and Promotion	8 LGUs
Disaster & Risk Management	8 LGUs

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**List of Approved Projects in Lake Mainit FOCAS funded by AusAID- PACAP as of December 2007**

Project Title and Grant Agreement No.	Proponent	Partner People's Organization	Date Approved by PAC	Total Project Cost	Requested from PACAP	Total Counterpart (Proponent/LGU/Beneficiaries)
<b>SURIGAO DEL NORTE SIDE</b>						
1. Mainit Community Based Resource Management Initiative (Mainit CBRMI) GA No: 037F	AID Foundation	Tapian Developer's Association (TADEAS); Tagbuyawan Lakeshore Association (TLA); Dayano Farmer's Association (DFA)	Feb. 2006	4,576,125.00	2,989,431.60	1,568,694.20
2. Sison Upland Resource Enhancement Project (SUREP I) GA No: 076F	Caraga Consortium	Sison Hungos Multipurpose Cooperative (SIHUMCO)	April 28, 2006	5,128,440.00	2,999,620.00	2,128,820.00
3. Enhancing Upland and Lowland Farming Systems and Strengthening of Local Organizations (EFASS) GA N: 092F	Alterdev Services	San Isidro Lihok sa Kalabuan Inc. (SILKA), Capayahan Agrarian Beneficiaries Organization (CABO); Marga Farmers Irrigators Association (MAFIA)	April 28, 2006	4,523,110.00	2,999,940.00	1,523,170.00
4. Sison Upland Resource Enhancement Project (SUREP) Phase II GA: No: F07SDN091	Caraga Consortium	Sison Hungos Multipurpose Cooperative (SIHUMCO)	June 19, 2007	4,584,068.50	2,983,861.00	1,600,207.50
5. Increasing Competencies of Upland Farmers for Sustainable Livelihood GA No:	Kasanyangan Rural Development Foundation, (KRDFI)	Upland Farmers Association of Binga; Bobonaon Farmers Association; Coconut Farmers Association	Sept. 21, 2007	4,311,101.07	2,839,350.00	1,471,751.07
6. People's Livelihood Efforts in Agro-forestry and Sustainable Environment (PLEASE) GA No:	Propegemus Foundation, Inc.	Budlingin Rural Workers Association; Camp Edward Integrated Farmers Association	Dec. 13, 2007	4,669,970.00	2,991,670.00	1,678,300.00
Sub-total				27,792,814.57	17,803,872.60	9,970,942.77
<b>AGUSAN DEL NORTE SIDE</b>						
7. Community-Based Enterprise: Effecting Community Development and Economic Empowerment in Four Brgys in Lake Mainit GA No: F07ADN020	Agri-Aqua Dev't. Coalition-Mindanao	San Roque Multipurpose Cooperative (SAROMCO); Canaway Farmer's & Fishersfolks Association (CAFFA); Cuyago Farmer's & Fishersfolks Association (CUFA); Bangonay Developer's Farmers Association (BANDFA)	May 24, 2006	4,759,800.00	2,999,610.00	1,707,910.00
8. Enhancing and Protecting an Agroforestry Area through Abaca Fiber Production GA No:	SIUFMULCO	San Isidro Upland Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (SIUFMULCO)	October 6, 2006	4,800,000.00	3,200,000.00	1,600,000.00
Sub-total				9,559,800.00	6,199,610.00	3,307,910.00
<b>LAKE MAINIT FOCAS Secretariat Contract</b>						
9. Secretariat Year 1 GA No: 010F	LMDA		Dec. 2005	1,462,000.00	1,324,000.00	138,000.00
10. Secretariat Year 2 GA No: F07SDN051	LMDA		Feb. 2007	1,202,000.00	1,100,000.00	102,000.00
Sub-total				2,664,000.00	2,424,000.00	240,000.00
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>				<b>40,016,614.57</b>	<b>26,427,482.60</b>	<b>13,518,852.77</b>

**Note: These are ongoing PACAP projects in Lake Mainit and will be implemented until June 2009.**



Abaca production & trading in Santiago



NFTS Formulation and Organic Rice Farming in Jabonga and Tubod



Livestock dispersal with NFTS in Jabonga, Kitcharao, Mainit and Tubod



Agroforestry in Sison and Mainit

For further information and queries about FOCAS Project of AusAID-PACAP in Lake Mainit, please visit at the Project Management Office, Lake Mainit Development Alliance, Kitcharao, Agusan del Norte c/o FOCAS Management Committee (FMC) Secretariat or to the LMDA Project Director or contact at mobile phone ☎0918-4136-863 or e-mail at : [lakemainit\\_lmda@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:lakemainit_lmda@yahoo.com.ph) or at [lake.mainit.lmda@gmail.com](mailto:lake.mainit.lmda@gmail.com). Visit our weblog at <http://lmda.wordpress.com>.