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## Súgat-Tagbô sa Danaw, A Successful Road Show in Lake Mainit FOCAS Area

The Lake Mainit Focal Community Assistance Scheme (FOCAS) Cluster successfully conducted the Súgat-Tagbô sa Danaw, the Lake Mainit FOCAS Road Show activity which commemorates the 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration of the Philippines-Australia Community Assistance Program (PACAP). The activity was held at Mainit, Surigao del Norte last December 13, 2006 with the theme "Panag-uban para sa Danaw" (Partnership for the Development of the Lake). The activity aims to encourage the active participation of different stakeholders especially partner Local Government Units, Non-Government Organizations, Peoples Organizations, Business Society, Academic Institutions and PACAP in supporting PACAP project implementation and in promoting and protecting the Lake Mainit ecosystem.

sport contests highlighted the event which was facilitated by Mulanay and FMC Secretariat. There were booth contest, poster making contest, LMDA hymn composition & singing contest, Awit sa PACAP, Daygon (Christmas Carol Singing) contest and ige tuhil (snail meat pricking) contest – an indigenous sport.

Mark Jayson Chinte from Alegria National High School got the championship prize of the on the spot poster making contest. The following are the participating team winners of the various contests:

Name of Competition	Participating Team/ Municipality	Rank of Winners
Booth	Mainit	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Santiago	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Sison	1 <sup>st</sup>
Poster Making	Alegria	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Kitcharao	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Tubay	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Daygon (Christmas Carol Singing)	Santiago	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Sison	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Tubod	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ige Tuhil	Kitcharao	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Mainit	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Santiago & Sison	3 <sup>rd</sup>
LMDA Hymn Composition	Alegria	Results will be finalized by the Board of Trustees of LMDA
	Santiago	
	Sison	
	Tubay	



Bringing the poster is Mark Jayson Chinte, the poster making contest champion

Series of art, literature and indigenous



A group of Daygon Contest participant presents their Christmas Carol song.



Participants of the ige tuhil contest.



PO of Mainit present their Mulanay dance

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## The Partners and the Project



*EFASS partners during the project launching in Tubod, Surigao del Norte last August 2006 with PACAP Program Director Lourdes Padilla*

partner sa Enhancing Upland and Lowland Farming System and Strengthening of Local Organization (EFASS) community nga gihatag gikan sa Philippines-Australia Community Assistance Program (PACAP).

Kami ilang gipukaw ug giawhag sa among pagkahikatulog sa dugay-dugay na nga mga panahon. Buot nila kami nga katabangan sa among panginabuhian kay kasagaran kanamo nag-ilaid man gayud sa kalisud ilabi na karong mga panahona.

Kasagaran sa among dapit kalubian ug basakan ra ang among gisaligan nga kapanginabuhian ug kitá nasayod nga trimistri (3 ka bulan) ang pagkopras niini ug sa basakan usab mahal ang abono ug pestisedyo, grabe usab kadako sa galastuhan sa among pag-panguma mao nga "always failure" ang among pang-ani.

Mapasalamaton kami nga may pipila na ka bulan karon sila mainantosong mihatag ug dakong panahon alang kanamo aron kami kahatagan ug mga seminars/lectures aron among mahibaloan ang mga teknolohiya sama sa Basic Orientation Seminar on Sustainable Agriculture (BOSSA), Organic Rice Farming (ORF), Diversified Integrated Farming System (DIFS), livestocks ug uban pang trainings.



Hangtud nga miabot ang panahon niadtong Sept '06 nahimugso ang "Memorandum of Agreement" (MOA) signing - kamatouran sa among pagsaad o "commitment" ngadto sa maong program.

Mapasalamaton usab kami kaayo ug dako nga sila andam ug hangtod karon ania sa gihapon naga uban kanamo mainantosong naghatag, nagpasabot sa mga seminars, lectures, field trips, ug uban pa. Sila ang nagtabang pagbansaybansay (hands-on) kanamo sa daghang pamaagi, kaalam ug kahibalo nga ilang gipaambit ug makat-onan sa tagsa-tagsa kanamong mga mag-uuma.



Ang amo usab mga kababayan-an ilang gihatagan ug luna sa maong programa. Ilang gipasi-ugda ang "Gender Sensitivity Seminar" niadtong bulan sa Marso.

Ang maong seminar nakapalambo sa among pagkatawo o pagkababae. Nasayran namo ang among mga katungod isip usa ka babae ug ang among dignidad angayang respetohan ug mahatagan ug dakong bili sa kumunidad ug sa tibook kalibutan.

**PACAP MORE POWERS AND GOD BLESS!!!**

## Ang EFASS Community Mapasalamaton

By Emily Abucayan  
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Marga Farmers Irrigators Association (MAFIA)

**D**ako ug talagsaon nga grasya ang miabot sa among dapit. May pipila na ka mga bulan karon adunay mga tawo nga bulawanon ang ilang mga kasing-kasing nga miabot sa among lugar arun tabangan kami sa pagpalambo sa among "community". Tungod sa proyekto nga gipasiugda sa ALTERDEV Services Foundation, kami nahimong aktibo nga meyembro ug



**The FMC & Secretariat Update**

**FOCAS Strategy Review and the FMC Secretariat Assessment and Planning**

**T**he Lake Mainit FOCAS Management Committee (FMC) along with the partner implementing NGOs conducted a workshop on the Focal Community Assistance Scheme (FOCAS) strategy review last December 7, 2006 held at the Casa Alburo, Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte. The main objective of the strategy review is to enhance the direction of the Lake Mainit Cluster in addressing the environmental, social, economic, health and cultural problems that threatened the watershed as an ecosystem. In particular the activity intends to:

- Revisit the Lake Mainit Environmental Management Plan and the FOCAS Milestone;
- Determine which component needs priority in development;
- Identify projects that would fill the gap for development; and
- Determine the level of accomplishment of the FOCAS Strategies at the Lake Mainit Cluster.

Meanwhile, last December 14 – 16, 2006 the four FMC Secretariats of Siargao Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS); Hinatuan Passage Development Alliance (HIPADA); Dinagat Island for Sustainable Development (DISDEV); Lake Mainit Development Alliance (LMDA) along with the FMC


Chairpersons and Provincial Planning & Development Personnel attended the three-day FMC Secretariat Assessment and Planning. The activity was held at Mt. Bagarabon Beach and Mountain Resort, Mabua, Surigao City. The activity was facilitated by Ms. Monina G. Hernandez, the Provincial PACAP Project Officer.

Presentation of FOCAS clusters annual accomplishment reports; presentation of FOCAS strategy review; secretariat assessment; finalization of secretariat budget, implementation plan and milestone; and planning were the major output of the three-day activity. ☺

**LMDA conducts PACAP Project Orientations**

**A**nother three municipal PACAP project orientations were conducted by the LMDA through the FOCAS Management Committee (FMC) and FMC Secretariat as part of the advocacy, information education and campaign. The said activity is just the continuation of the series of project orientations conducted from the time when the FMC and the Secretariat start their engagement in 2005 as part of the PACAP Stakeholder-Governance Structure. The project orientation was held last October 9, 2006 in Municipality of Tubod; November 20, 2006 in Municipality of Tubay; and November 21, 2006 in Municipality of Sison.

The activity aims to provide to the municipal board members and officials the basic information about PACAP services and partnership opportunities; to orient about the Lake Mainit Focal Community Assistance Scheme (FOCAS) Strategy; to update the LGU officials about the current undertakings of

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*Engr. Recabo explains the purpose of the activity to the SB of Tubod during the project orientation.*



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**Chronology of Important Project Partners and FMC Activities**  
(September-December 2006)

Date	Activities
September 7	Project proposal development meeting with SIUFMULCO
September 7	Project audit on financial books of AID Foundation
September 8	11 <sup>th</sup> FMC Regular Meeting
September 12	Monitoring and evaluation visit at Tubod
September 15-20	Project desk appraisal of TUFF-MPC proposal
September 27	Monitoring and evaluation visit at Sison
September 29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Civil Society Organization (CSO) Meeting
October 5	Monitoring and evaluation visit at Sison
October 6	12 <sup>th</sup> FMC Regular Meeting
October 9	Municipal PACAP Project Orientation at Tubod
October 10	Monitoring and evaluation visit at Tubod
October 26	Project Site Appraisal at Tubay
October 27	Special CSO Meeting
October 31	Mainit-CBRMI Project Implementing Team Meeting at Mainit
November 6	Project proposal development meeting with PASCRES-CARAGA
November 7	Provincial Stakeholder Committee (PSC) Meeting
November 8	Project proposal development update meeting with TUFF-MPC and Propegemus
November 10	13 <sup>th</sup> FMC Regular Meeting
November 20	Municipal PACAP Project Orientation at Tubay
November 21	Municipal PACAP Project Orientation at Sison
November 21	Monitoring and evaluation visit at Tubod/ MOA Signing
November 27-30	PACAP Financial Audit (FOCAS Secretariat & AID Foundation)
December 6	PSC Meeting
December 7	LMDA FOCAS Strategy Review at Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte
December 11	Community-Based Enterprise: Effecting Community Development and Economic Empowerment in Four Barangays Surrounding Lake Mainit project launching at Jabonga and Kitcharao
December 12	PACAP Financial Audit (Riverbank Project)
December 13	Súgat-Tagbô sa Danaw Road Show at Mainit
December 14-16	Secretariat Year End Assessment and Planning ☹

**Súgat-Tagbô sa Danaw** (from page 1)

All participants from eight municipalities together with partner NGOs, POs and Academe took active participation with the different categories of these competitions and enjoy with the festivity brought by the celebration. ☺

**PACAP Project Orientations** (from page 3)

LMDA; and to lobby the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) to pass relevant resolution/ordinance and commitment in support to the PACAP projects.

Fortunately, the honorable SB members of the mentioned municipalities have stated their full support and willingness to formulate appropriate actions, resolution and ordinances whenever necessary to support the project and LMDA activities. ☺



*Engr. Recabo and Mr. Barillo present the PACAP intervention and FOCAS Strategy to the SB of Sison.*



*Mr. Barillo presents the PACAP and LMDA FOCAS strategies to the SB of Tubay.*

**Announcement !**

To All Partners in Lake Mainit FOCAS Area:

The Lake Mainit News Updates is accepting news articles, literatures or features for the January-June 2007 issue. Deadline for submission will be on June 27, 2007. The editorial staff reserve the right to edit any news articles or features submitted for clarity and space. ☺