

The Philippine and EU Technical Assistance

Dear Dr. Chalus,

During the last three years I had opportunity to follow the 5PforRES afford to present the SPC (Self-Powered Communities) Concept in our country and prepare socio-economic environment for a pilot project implementation in the Bicol region.

I would like to remember two last initiatives. The first is “Pilot Project Proposal” for the Bicol Region and the second “SPC Concept for Disaster Risk Reduction” comments the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in March 2015, in Sendai, Japan (for co-reader of this letter both papers are annexed).

The SPC Concept integrates plans (of a vision) and solutions (of a mission) of resilience of a local target group (families and entrepreneurs), outlines development of infrastructure projects through drivers of the social-economic priorities and solutions of the disaster risk reduction in a community of the Bicol region. Feasibility of the SPC Concept is defined by SCP Drivers and SPC Utility is an instrument for implementation of a pilot project objectives.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCCI) appreciates proposal to create new jobs opportunities through a Micro, Medium and Small Enterprises (MSME) chain for a new industry for Biomass Work (for renewable sources utilization by local communities, e.g. bamboo, coconuts etc.). The SPC Concept proposes a building of a network of MSMEs production and services in a specific local socio-economic environment of the Philippines provinces and solves impacts of climate change disasters on local people (by a sustainable jobs creation in the MSME network) and maintains heritage of landscape (through a financial independence growth of a community through proposed financial tools). Access to electricity, a water management and local wealth are key drivers.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PCCI) appreciate proposal of new local jobs creation based on local renewable sources through MSME and socio-economic impact of proposed innovations on local development and resilience on climate change impacts. Target group - families and entrepreneurs.

Thank you for your information in the matter of the EU Technical Assistance (EuropeAid) for Access to Sustainable Energy in the Philippines (EuropeAid/136650/DH/SER/PH) where contracting authority is European Union, represented by the European Commission on behalf of and for the account of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. We would like express our interest to participate with you on these EU initiatives, and we are ready to act according rules of this program.

Best regard

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