Empowering Municipalities to Achieve Co-Benefits Through Climate and Clean Air Coalition

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Cebu City, Philippines
City Overview

Population: 866,171 (NSO 2010)

Daytime population: estimated at more than a million

Total Land Area: 315.0 km²
50 Urban Barangays
30 Rural Barangays

Considered as the second-largest center of business in the country, barely 15% of the city’s total land area sits on flat terrain.

Uplands are also highly vulnerable to landslides from rainfall.

Climate patterns indicate high inter-annual variability, with extreme weather events.

Cebu City will likely find itself caught in a “climate sandwich” as saltwater intrusion advances further, sea levels rise and more intense typhoons lash the coastline with storm surge.

(Source: (WWF & BPI Foundation Business Risk Assessment))
Solid Waste Sector

Rapid urbanization coupled with the need to manage climate change impacts require a systematic and comprehensive ecological solid waste management system to ensure the protection of public health and the environment.
Solid Waste Services

Total waste generation: 182,500 tonnes/year (Average 500 tonnes/day)
Waste collection: Approximately 100%
Final landfill: 114,975 tonnes/year (315 tonnes/day)

MSW Analysis and Characteristics in 2010

- Organic: 67%
- Plastic: 12%
- Paper: 15%
- Glass: 4%
- Metal: 1%
- Others: 1%
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Policies and Programs

Creation of supportive institutional system

Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB)
- Provide long-term vision, strategic actions, political leadership, adopt necessary financial, institutional and legal system and coordinate the implementation

Barangay Solid Waste Management Committee (BSWMC)
- Formulate SWM programme, implement separated waste collection, establish MRF and composting, allocate resources, coordinate the implementation.
Policies and Programs

Implementation of No segregation No Collection Policy

Formation of new field staff
- Cebu Environmental Sanitation Enforcement Team (CESET) for carrying out information/environmental education and enforcement of laws.
- Barangay Environmental Officers (BEOs) for environmental education, establish and supervise MRF and composting facilities.
Policies and Programs

Promotion of composting for organic waste recycling

- Backyard composting (effective education tools, interest to join the program and strong follow-up mechanism)
- Barangay composting (waste separation, finding suitable land, technical know-how, and cooperation of citizens)
- Business enterprises (finding lands, initial capital, difficulty in covering costs only from compost incomes)
Policies and Programs

Encourage community-based and private sector recycling programmes

Waste recycling project in Barangay Luz

Waste recycling in EVO private MRF
Proposed Activities under the CCAC

- Implementation of waste separation at source
- Promotion of composting at medium and larger-scale (business opportunities)
- Improvement of final disposal site
- Building partnership for planning and implementation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) system for achieving SLCP reduction
- Learn and share the experience and good practices through city-to-city exchange
Conclusions and Next Steps

- Develop a work plan to implement the action plan in partnership with IGES and other key stakeholders.
- Finding financial support from its own sources and other international programmes and donors to implement the action plan.
- Build the capacity of key stakeholders and set institutional structure to effectively implement the work plan.
- Conduct city-to-city exchange programs and technical workshops with mentor cities to build the capacity of stakeholders to implement the action plan.
What are the effective knowledge management strategies for municipalities to address social, economic, and environmental benefits of SLCP mitigation through sustainable waste management?

1. Promote knowledge sharing among barangays (the smallest administrative division in the Philippines, similar to a village) to enhance capacity to implement the “No Segregation, No Collection Policy” particularly in the ff. areas:

- Establishment of environmental officers in each barangays;
- Financial and technical support for the establishment of Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF);
- Promotion of city-wide composting and a sustained information-education campaign through the Kitakyushu-supported Community-based Solid Waste Management. With organic waste pegged at 67% of the daily average waste stream of 500 tonnes per day, this translates to a potential volume of 335 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) diverted from landfills.
- Dissemination of information on successful multi-stakeholder partnerships.
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2. Collate and create a data base of information on existing pilot projects on plastic waste recycling.
   - Plastic Waste Material Recycling System – a partnership with the Nishihara Corp. in Kitakyushu City.
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3. Closely coordinate/collaborate with the private sector, scientific and research institutions, and the Regional Ecology Center (the regional technical arm of the National Solid Waste Management Commission) to strengthen data and information base on best practices, available technologies and models
What are the innovative partnership options to enhance the role of both municipalities and private sector in mitigating SLCP in waste sector?

1. Legal basis for “greater private sector participation in SWM”: Republic Act No. 9003, Sections 2 and 17.
2. The Cebu City Government accepts project proposals from the private sector for a partnership in solid waste management. Barangays are allowed under the Local Government Code to do the same.
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3. Example of Barangay-based partnership:

• Partnership of the Cebu Holdings, Inc. (CHI) with neighboring barangays to establish a waste collection system, composting project, and recycling.
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4. City-level partnerships:
   - Partnership with Bio-Nutrient Waste Management Inc. to process market wastes
   - Partnership with EVO Ventures to process waste plastics.
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5. International Partnerships:

- Community-based Solid Waste Management System that promotes City-wide composting – a partnership with Kitakyushu City;

- Plastic Waste Material Recycling System – a partnership with the Nishihara Corp. in Kitakyushu City.

How can we efficiently operationalize at municipal level a successful triangular cooperation between municipal authority, private sector and scientific and research institutions for (a) science-based policy making towards mitigating SLCPs in waste sector? and (b) strengthen data/info base in monitoring & evaluating the impact of municipal waste management policies & programmes in mitigating SLCPs?

1. The Cebu City Government enters into sister-city cooperation through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

2. Memorandum of Agreements may also be signed with other cities, the private sector and research institutions.

- Example: MOA for a Rapid Assessment of E-Waste Management in Cebu City
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