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PART 1: BASIC DATA

Contact details: *(this information will not be shared or published).*

CATEGORIES IN WHICH YOU WANT TO APPLY THE EXPERIENCE

1: TYPE OF EXPERIENCE: *choose the most important element (choose only one element which you consider the most outstanding of your practice).*

A) Deliberation Citizen assembly/deliberation workshop/lottery / legislative theatre / participatory planning	
B) Decision Participatory budget/referendum/consultation / participatory process with the vote	
C) Citizenship Citizenship/community action / permanent council / civic education/associationism / other initiatives to reinforce local democracy	X

2: TYPE OF GOVERNMENT: *choose one only.*

A) Up to 50,000 inhabitants (towns, small cities, rural areas).	
B) Cities between 50,000 and 250,000 inhabitants.	X
C) Cities between 250,000 and 1,000,000 inhabitants.	
D) Large cities or urban areas of more than 1,500,000 inhabitants.	
E) Supralocal, regional, and provincial governments	

Experience data: *complete the information below in a clear and concise manner.*

Title of the experience: ADVANCING THE PEOPLES ORGANIZATIONS OF KIDAPAWAN THROUGH INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL CAPITAL
Name of the city or region: KIDAPAWAN CITY, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, REGION XII
Inhabitants of the city or territory: Cebuano, Ilonggo, Obu-Manuvu, Ilocano, Maguindanao, Maranao, Tausog,

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Country: PHILIPPINES		
Institution presenting the candidacy: (name of the municipality, department, government, institution leading the candidate experience) CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT UNIT, CITY GOVERNMENT OF KIDAPAWAN		
Website of the experience or institution: N/A		
Profiles in social networks of the experience or the institution:		
Start date of the experience: SEPTEMBER 2022		
End date of the experience: (if operational, indicate "ongoing") ONGOING		
Budget of the experience: (indicate the budget of the experience or the resources mobilized for its development and implementation)		
Type of candidacy <i>(mark with an X in the right column)</i>	New experience	X
	Innovation on an existing experience	
	Continuity of an experience	
Type of experience <i>(mark with an X in the right column, you may choose more than one)</i>	Participatory budgeting	
	Participatory planning	X
	Standing council	
	Workshop / meeting for diagnosis, monitoring, etc.	X
	Public hearing / forum	
	Poll / referendum	
	Assemblies / Citizen juries / Deliberation spaces	
	E-government / Open government / Digital platforms	

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	Citizen initiative		
	Other (specify):		
Objective of the experience <i>(mark with an X in the right column, you may choose more than one)</i>	To achieve higher levels of equality in terms of participation		X
	Including diversity as a criterion for inclusion		X
	Community empowerment		X
	To empower non-organized citizens		X
	To increase citizen's rights in terms of political participation		
	To connect different tools of participation within a participatory democracy "ecosystem"		X
	To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
	To improve the quality of public decision-making through the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
	To improve the evaluation and accountability of the mechanisms of participatory democracy		X
To improve any public policy through the active participation of the public			
Territorial area <i>(mark with an X in the right column, you may choose more than one)</i>	All the territory	Local	X
		Regional	
	District		
	Neighbourhood		
	Governance		X
	Education		



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<p>Thematic area</p> <p><i>(mark with an X in the right column, you may choose more than one)</i></p>	Transport	
	Urban management	
	Health	
	Security	
	Environment / Climate change and/or urban agriculture	X
	Civic associations, grassroots and new social movements	X
	Culture	X
	Housing	
	Job creation	X
	Decentralization	
	Local development	X
	Training/learning	X
	Economy and/or finances	X
	Legal regulations	
	Social inclusion	X
All		
Other (write the topic)		
<p>Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) associated with the practice</p> <p><i>(mark with an X in the right column,</i></p>	SDG 1 - No poverty	
	SDG 2 - Zero hunger	
	SDG 3 - Good health and well-being	

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<i>more than one option can be chosen, you can also add the specific target)</i>	SDG 4 - Quality education	
	SDG 5 - Gender equality	
	SDG 6 - Clean water and sanitation	
	SDG 7 - Affordable and clean energy	
	SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth	X
	SDG 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure	
	SDG 10 - Reduced inequality	X
	SDG 11 - Sustainable cities and communities	X
	SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production	
	SDG 13 - Climate action	
	SDG 14 - Life below water	
	SDG 15 - Life on land	X
	SDG 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions	
SDG 17 - Partnership for the goals	X	

PART 2: DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPERIENCE

Fill in the following fields clearly and concisely. You can add links, images, or graphics if you consider it appropriate.

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Context:

In a **maximum of 300 words**, present the cultural, geographical, historical, institutional, and socioeconomic context of the city, region, or territory in which the experience takes place.

Kidapawan has its roots in pre-colonial settlements of Uvu Manuvu, the indigenous peoples that have lived at the foot of Mt. Apo on both the Cotabato and Davao sides for generations. The Manuvu in the area remained independent throughout the Spanish colonial period, as the Spaniards were never able to surmount Mt Apo on the Davao side nor penetrate beyond the Liguasan Marsh on the Cotabato side.

Kidapawan City has a total land area of 34,007.2 hectares. It is in the southern portion of Cotabato Province, located almost midway between the cities of Davao and Cotabato at 110 kilometers and 120 kilometers, respectively.

Originally a district of Pikit in 1942, Kidapawan was later declared a separate municipality by Executive Order No. 82 issued by President Manuel Roxas on August 18, 1947. Kidapawan was legally created by virtue of Republic Act 8500, signed by then President V. Ramos on February 12, 1998, making it a component city of Cotabato Province. The people overwhelmingly ratified the said Act on March 21, 1998, during a plebiscite conducted for the purpose. Kidapawan City which belongs to the second district of Cotabato Province is politically subdivided into 40 Barangays.

Although an agricultural area, the City's economy is both agricultural and consumer-driven. Agro-industrial activities include grains production, high-yield fruit production (banana, rambutan, mango, durian, marang, lanzones, mangosteen), and rubber production. Most of the businesses of the city were classified as micro in terms of capitalization.

See attached links for reference:

Kidapawan City Profile: <https://tinyurl.com/yh3vzz28>

Kidapawan City Socio-Economic Profile: <https://tinyurl.com/b4n5ypaw>

Precedents:

Explain the precedents and origins of the experience: if it is the innovation of an existing experience, what are its origins; if it is a new experience, what are the antecedents in participation in your city, region or territory. You can also indicate if you have been inspired by experiences in other cities/countries. (In a **maximum of 300 words**).

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Kidapawan has a vision of becoming a commercial and industrial metropolis of Cotabato Province, driven by a resilient, prosperous, humane society exercising prudent resource use in a dynamic and environment-friendly economy supported by God-loving and strong-willed people.

Section 34 of the 1991 Local Government Code states that Local Government Unit shall promote the establishment and operation of people and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy.

To attain its vision, the City Government of Kidapawan needs the participation of its people's organizations and non-governmental organizations.

Objectives of the experience:

*What is the objective listed in Part 1 that you think is the most important and indicate other outstanding objectives of the experience? (In a **maximum of 100 words**).*

The City Government of Kidapawan recognizes the importance of the participation of the City's people's organizations in attaining our shared goal to uplift the lives of our constituents by providing them with the best opportunities to realize their aspirations and dreams. By doing so, both the resources of the government and the passion of our people are synergized and consequently maximize towards a common goal-quality of life.

Methodology:

*Describe the methodology of the experience: phases of the process, participation channels. (In a **maximum of 300 words**).*

Advancing the People's Organizations of Kidapawan through Innovations and Development of Social Capital (APOKIDS) has the following process:

SOCIAL PREPARATION STAGE

STEP 1. ASSIST

Process 1: Assessment

1. **Phase 1- PO Diagnosis.** In this phase, the Local Government of Kidapawan Facilitators shall acquire Peoples Organizations profiles based on the results of an Organizational Diagnosis using the Observational, Reflective, Interpretative, and Decisional (ORID Tool). During the diagnosis, issues, and concerns on organizational

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Structure, System, Strategies, Style of Leadership, Staff, Skills, Shared Values, and Services will be discussed by the PO that undergoes the process. Facilitators will only guide them to open problems and on the other hand, provide possible solutions for those areas of concern.

- ORID is a structural approach leading to focused, fruitful group discussions and reaching collaborative decisions.

2. Phase 2- Organizational Strategy (VMG Formulation, Values Formation, Policy Formulation, Systems, etc.)

- In this Phase, the POs will either create or review their Vision, Mission, and Goals as an organization through the facilitation of the LGU staff under the APOKIDS Program.

Process 2: Savings Mobilization

- This is among the most important values being instilled by the LGU Kidapawan to its constituents. PO members are being encouraged to save rather than spend money on anything.

Process 3- Capacity Development

- Capability Development activities focused on the skills training and seminars needed by the POs

STEP 2. ACCREDITATION

Process 1: Registration

- PO Institutionalization (Assist PO registration to DOLE/SEC/CDA)

Process 2: Agency Accreditation

Process 3: City Accreditation

LIVELIHOOD PREPARATION STAGE

STEP 3. LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Process 1: Livelihood Validation and Evaluation

1. Phase 3- Livelihood Development Planning (using the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Tool)
2. Evaluation of Proposed Livelihood
3. Validation of Proposed Livelihood

Process 2: Livelihood Planning and Development

1. Preparation of Project Proposal

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2. Approval and Endorsement of Project Proposal to Funding Agencies (During the LIVELIHOOD SUMMIT)
3. Follow up with funding agencies for approval of project proposals

LIVELIHOOD AVAILMENT STAGE

STEP 4. PROGRAM AWARDING

Process 1: Livelihood and Enterprise Implementation

Process 2: PO and Livelihood Monitoring

PROGRAM COMPLETION STAGE

STEP 5. GRADUATION

Process 1: Documentation

Process 2: Livelihood Summit presentation of success stories of POs assisted

See attached link for reference:

APOKIDS Process Flow: <https://tinyurl.com/yxa2wk94>

Savings Mobilization Process: <https://tinyurl.com/3k5rp9be>

Summit Magazine: <https://tinyurl.com/mm6srzmz>

Teaser for Summit: <https://tinyurl.com/2z3d2jdy>

Summit Live: <https://tinyurl.com/uvpmurax>

Summit Press Release: <https://tinyurl.com/8zj2r5cz>

Summit Photos: <https://tinyurl.com/mkr5kyt4>

Innovation:

*Explain what you consider as the most innovative aspect(s) in the practice. (In a **maximum of 150 words**).*

The most innovative aspect of the practice is the Technology of Participation using the **ORID Tool**. Participatory Development is a form of development that heightens sustainability and self-reliance and aims for the realization of social justice by improving the quality of people's participation.

The process is facilitation, it is a structured procedure of guiding others to arrive at a result that is created, understood, and accepted by all participants. The innovation is aimed to

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develop the Social Capital of the Peoples Organizations of Kidapawan, which refers to the links, shared values, and understandings in society that enable individuals and groups to trust each other and work together.

In using the ORID Tool, ideas and opinions are from the PO members, as to citing problems and providing solutions. This is done to assure a sense of ownership, which means the POs are the resource persons and the LGU staff are only there to facilitate.

See attached link for reference:

Community Facilitation: <https://tinyurl.com/chkifupb>

Inclusion:

*Point out the importance of including as many groups and diverse populations as possible, and how you have achieved it. (In a **maximum of 150 words**).*

The importance of including as many groups and diverse populations as possible is that it leads to a better outcome in various aspects from community participation to the development of social capital and quality of life. A sense of ownership and inclusiveness will develop from every individual realizing that they have contributed through their small participative act in attaining the vision of Kidapawan.

With this advocacy, no people's organizations will remain dependent on any line agencies or non-governmental organizations in the future. That on their own, their organizations will become progressive and determined to achieve their common goal.

Communication:

*What has been the strategy and communication channels of the experience for engaging the population. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

All people's organizations of Kidapawan are qualified to undergo the APOKIDS program and its process provided they are willing to undergo the same. At the onset, an orientation is conducted on what is to be expected between the service provider and members of the PO. A list of all the active members of the PO and necessary documents are required to be submitted by the PO.

Based on the list of active members provided by the PO, communication letters signed by the Local Chief Executive are sent to the PO members inviting them to undergo the process and delivered personally to them to let them feel that their attendance is significant in the delivery of the program.

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Articulation with other actors:

*Explain how the experience was articulated with different actors and simultaneous or pre-existing processes. What roles did these participants assume? Explain the degree of success of this articulation. (In a **maximum of 150 words**)*

The APOKIDS program under the Office of the City Mayor through the Civil Society Development Unit has its limitations, especially in terms of finances and logistics. The program for its implementation requires the participation of different stakeholders from the Local Government Unit, National Government Agencies, and Non-Government Organizations. With the Development of Social Capital as the main goal of the above-mentioned program, we put emphasis on the facilitation of POs and assisting them in development so they do not depend on every time on the Government but help realize that they can stand firm with the strengths and opportunities that they have as a group.

Since it is a new process not only in the city but also in the whole province of Cotabato, the first PO Summit was conducted in 2022 to show the commitment of different line agencies to support the program. Different NGAs and NGOs express their support for the program through the provision of training and seminars, sharing of technologies, and even awarding of livelihood projects to people's organizations who have already undergone the APOKIDS process. The partners of this program are the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor and Employment to name a few.

See attached link for reference:

Articulation with other actors: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9dundz>

Evaluation:

*What evaluation mechanisms have been implemented? Develop whether the citizenry has participated in the evaluation of the practice. (In a **maximum of 300 words**).*

Since the APOKIDS program has been in operation for about a year, the Local Government Unit scheduled monthly monitoring to check on various organizations that have already undergone the process. During monitoring, we gather and analyse data to gauge progress toward attaining the PO's goals. Further, we do evaluations to determine the changes the program has brought about in their everyday life, and we check on it if the program benefits the community.

The facilitators also inquire about the results that various developing organizations had produced while participating in various APOKIDS initiatives, to mention their growth as a group, the application of the skills that they have earned, and the implementations of their projects based on the pieces of advice given to them by the experts.

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In terms of savings, we monitor the amount that the PO has saved since the first time that they agreed to start the savings mobilization because we believe that the amount speaks to their value of being wise and financially literate individuals.

Impacts and results

*Describe the impacts and results of the process. How many people have participated, and what are their profiles? What have been the impacts on public policies, the functioning of the administration, and the citizenry? (In a **maximum of 300 words**).*

The APOKIDS method allowed the participants to comprehend the significance of their organizations and lead to growth little by little. The assisted POs gained understanding and realization of their group's influence inside the community and their contribution to the growth of local autonomy in Kidapawan City. On 2022, twenty-four (24) People's Organizations were served by the program, and it continues to support and facilitate 10 People's Organizations this semester with approximately 500 PO members. The toxic culture of dependence on the Government is slowly diminishing due to the values that were instilled in them, given the proof that groups that don't try on creating and marketing products before shifted into putting efforts into working as one on promoting their products to earn income.

These POs are Multipurpose Cooperatives, IP Associations, Farmer's Associations, Women's Associations,

The local government unit was able to generate new opportunities for the citizens of this town and boost the revenue of the local farmers because of this program, which has a significant impact on the policies in the community. The administration concentrated on this issue to develop everyone's organization so that they might soon be ready to stand alone.

See attached link for reference:

Impacts and results: <https://tinyurl.com/4m9324yp>

PART 3: EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

*A summary of the experience: origins, objectives, operation, results, monitoring, and evaluation. (Do not hesitate to repeat aspects that have already been written before. This summary will be shared on the digital platform for open evaluation and in the publication of the award). (In a **maximum of 500 words**).*

Programs, projects, and services will not be that impactful unless they change lives, promote progress, and provides solutions to problems in the community. The Local Government of Kidapawan aims in making Kidapawan a commercial and industrial metropolis of Cotabato Province, driven by a resilient and prosperous, humane society that

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really desires to implement programs and projects that could help our people solve solutions to the existing problems that we have. This is the reason why the APOKIDS exists, as it is for the Kidapawenos. It aims to promote the establishment and operation of people and non-government organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, as we desire of making our city a better place to live where people do small things with great love.

The APOKIDS program was made possible thanks to the initiative of the people beyond, people with great hearts and minds. To the community leaders and PO members who willingly undergo the process. This program testifies that the government and its people share the same values and goals for a progressive Kidapawan.

To this end, the leaders of the community profiled the groups, gave them trainings and workshops, and lead them in strengthening their organizations through facilitation using the ORID tool and the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) methodology. To add to the goals of this program is to prepare various organizations already present in the community for change through the development of social capital. We focus on the strengths of the PO, not looking at the weaknesses. We look at things that the PO can offer, not at what they cannot do. Finally, we fix our eyes on what we can improve for the future and not on our limitations.

With this program and its process, individuals and the facilitators were able to learn from one another and share ideas on how to better specifically their tactics for managing their organizations during this program's implementation. Additionally, the facilitators strive to make people aware of their ability to contribute to the growth of local autonomy in the city.

The community, in particular those organizations already present in the area, will be greatly impacted by this initiative since they will be able to use their organizations to solve current issues in the community.

Above all, this becomes possible and successful and hopefully will continue to be effective and touch lives through the facilitators from various departments in the Local Government of Kidapawan who carefully observed how this program affected various people's organizations. We will continue to bring innovations, because after a process even if some of those will be painful, surely there will be growth and progress, not only for a few groups but also for the rest of the people in the city, and in the future will reflect its neighbouring cities and municipalities as we all dream of progress for us and for the generations to come.

See attached link for reference:

APOKIDS: <https://tinyurl.com/yja9m94n>

We invite you to share annexes that allow you to better illustrate your experience: videos, photographs, documents... These can be sent through a file transfer service, such as WeTransfer, Dropbox or Google Drive.



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