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Visayas. Bohol's vision is to be a prime eco-cultural tourism destination and a strong, balanced committed to sound environment management.

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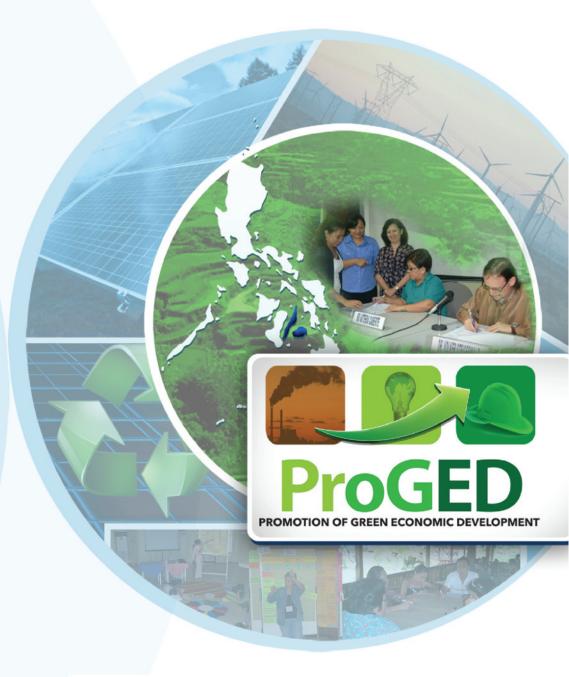
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Background and Context

The Philippine-German Cooperation Program Private Sector Promotion (PSP SMEDSEP), a joint undertaking of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Operations and Development Group (RODG) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) which ended in December 2012, assisted the Philippine Government in improving the frame conditions for private sector development.

As one of its initiatives in its final phase, the Program supported DTI to address the growing concern among micro, small and medium enterprises on the effects of climate change by introducing the concept of green economy—the pursuit of economic growth and development while preventing costly environmental degradation, adverse effects of climate change, biodiversity loss and unsustainable use of natural resources—into the MSME Development Plan 2011 to 2016.

It promotes a green economy strategy founded on the five pillars of mitigation, adaptation, competitiveness, green jobs and preserving or even improving nature's capital.

DTI recognized the strong link between the green development path and enhancing the competitiveness of enterprises.

Towards this end, the Republic of the Philippines and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is now embarking on a new project, Promotion of Green Economic Development (ProGED).

The project focuses initially on the tourism sector with its high potential for investment, employment and poverty reduction due to its linkages with upstream and downstream industries in other economic sectors.

Approach

Multi level: Policy advice and the creation of favorable political and economic framework conditions at the National Level combined with practical implementation and concrete verifiable impacts at the Local Level: Aside from DTI, the project will also cooperate with other government agencies, the private sector and various development partners.

The project starts in the pilot regions of Bohol and Cebu, intending to scale up lessons learned after the first year together with DTI to other regions and to the national level.

The project focuses its activities on the tourism sector and its value chain as a pilot, with the possibility of including other relevant sectors in the pilot areas.

Innovative approaches of greening the Value Chain and Local and Regional Economic Development are combined with a consistent Market System Development approach.

Pillars of Green Economy



Green Jobs Adaptation Competitiveness Mitigation Utilize growth Reduce Individuals Improve and greenhouse competetiveopportunities businesses ness through market gas emissions adjust to sustainable potential and new severe business weather strategies products

Maintaining and improving nature's capital

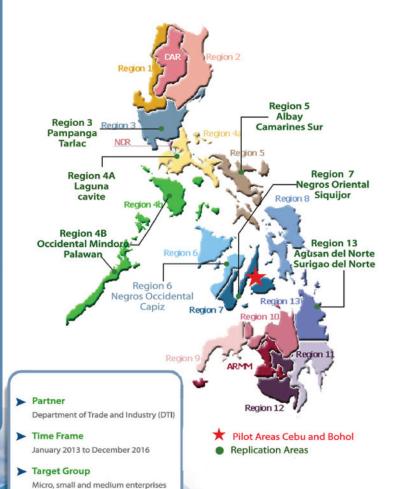
and services

conditions

Project Objective

MSMEs as well as government institutions relevant to economic development increasingly implement environment friendly, climate smart and inclusive strategies and measures.





Lines of Intervention

Information and awarenesss on Green Economic Development

- MSMEs and LGUs realize that being environment friendly and climate smart makes economic
- More MSMEs acquire information on the requirements and possibilities to access green finance
- MSMEs which go green are publicly recognized, for example through green tourism standards

Green service facilitation and matchmaking

- MSMEs demand enterprise specific environment friendly and climate smart technologies which enhance their competitiveness
- Service providers offer services which are known to and demanded by MSMEs as they become environment friendly and climate smart
- Companies introduce specific environment friendly and climate smart ways of doing business within their supply chain

Green framework conditions

- DTI's programs and approaches better support MSMEs in making their business more environment friendly and climate smart
- MSMEs and LGUs cooperate to use opportunities for an environment friendly and climate smart development