

Building Resilience Through Inclusive Development and Gender Equality

Project Implementer

Established in 2010, the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) is the country's major private sector coordinator for disaster resilience. As an alliance of businesses dedicated to building the disaster risk management capabilities of the private sector in the country, PDRF aims to contribute to the sustainable development and general welfare of the Filipino people. Composed of over 60 member companies, PDRF is co-chaired by PLDT-Smart Communications Chairman Manuel Pangilinan, Ayala Corporation Chairman and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle.

PDRF's programs and initiatives cover all four pillars of disaster risk reduction and management: Preparedness, Response, Mitigation, and Rehabilitation. By continuously working with the business sector, the humanitarian sector, international organizations, non-government entities, and government agencies, PDRF strengthens the disaster resilience of communities and businesses across the country.



Project Description



The Building Resilience Through Inclusive Development and Gender Equality (BRIDGE) is a four-year project that **aims to enhance the disaster and climate resilience of the cities of Antipolo and Baguio**, by strengthening the integrated water resources management (IWRM) capacities of communities (Indigenous People and Local Communities, Women) and local institutions (Local Government, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations); and applying gender-responsive practices.

With the Philippines ranked as the most disaster-prone country in the world for three consecutive years by the World Risk Index (2022-2024) due to its high vulnerability and exposure to extreme events, the centrality of water in climate change adaptation is further highlighted thus bringing forward the urgency of the need to improve the water resource management in the country. Despite abundant water sources, the Philippines has been experiencing water stress since 2017, with millions of households without access to safe, adequate, and affordable water and sanitation services, affecting health and livelihoods. This current water crisis is further exacerbated by climate change and is threatening the country's economic growth, environmental sustainability, and inclusive development. In particular, climate change worsens water stress as increasing temperature, rainfall variability, sea level rise, and extreme weather events lead to more frequent and severe droughts and floods.

As a response to this, and with the funding support from the Global Affairs Canada and cooperation of the private sector, BRIDGE will enhance the knowledge, skills, and practices of vulnerable women and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) to strengthen their adaptive capacity and role in water management; and build the capacity of local governments to develop gender-responsive and inclusive water policies, including creating critical linkages with the private sector to implement joint initiatives. Specifically, the Project aims to enhance disaster and climate resilience for 4,000 households, including women and IPs, 600 government officials, 300 civil society members, and 50 private sector representatives through training and capacity building, introduction of local technologies, knowledge-sharing activities, and advocacy initiatives.

In the next four years, the Project will harness private sector expertise, particularly those of the country's main water concessionaires, and leverage longstanding relations with the government to develop locally-led solutions to water security.

Within the context of the BRIDGE Project, 'resilience' is defined as the capacity of communities and local institutions to foster self-reliance in building a sustainable future.

Target Project Sites

CRITERIA

- Water-stressed communities with distinct geographic characteristics – urban, upland, and landlocked
- Households, including women and Indigenous People
- Headwater for critical watersheds
- Included in the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP)



ANTIPOLO RISK PROFILE



Flood and flashflood, earthquake (West Valley Fault), rain-induced landslide

BAGUIO RISK PROFILE



Flood and flashflood, rain-induced landslide (Digdig, Tebbo and Tuba Faults), earthquake

Project Outcome 1

Comprehensive Gender-Based Assessment, Social Impact analysis, and Water Resource Management Assessment formulated for women and indigenous peoples

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Knowledge building activities conducted for local communities especially women and indigenous people

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Capacity building on water resources management conducted for the target communities especially women and indigenous peoples

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Technologies on water resources management installed or retrofitted for the target communities

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Climate-smart and sustainable livelihood activities implemented for the target communities

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Increased adoption of gender-responsive, climate and disaster resilient Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) practices by women and indigenous people



Project Outcome 2



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Technical and institutional capacity assessment on IWRM conducted for LGUs

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Local policy recommendations on IWRM formulated for the LGUs

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Knowledge building activities conducted for LGUs, PS, CSOs, academe, with special focus on IWRM

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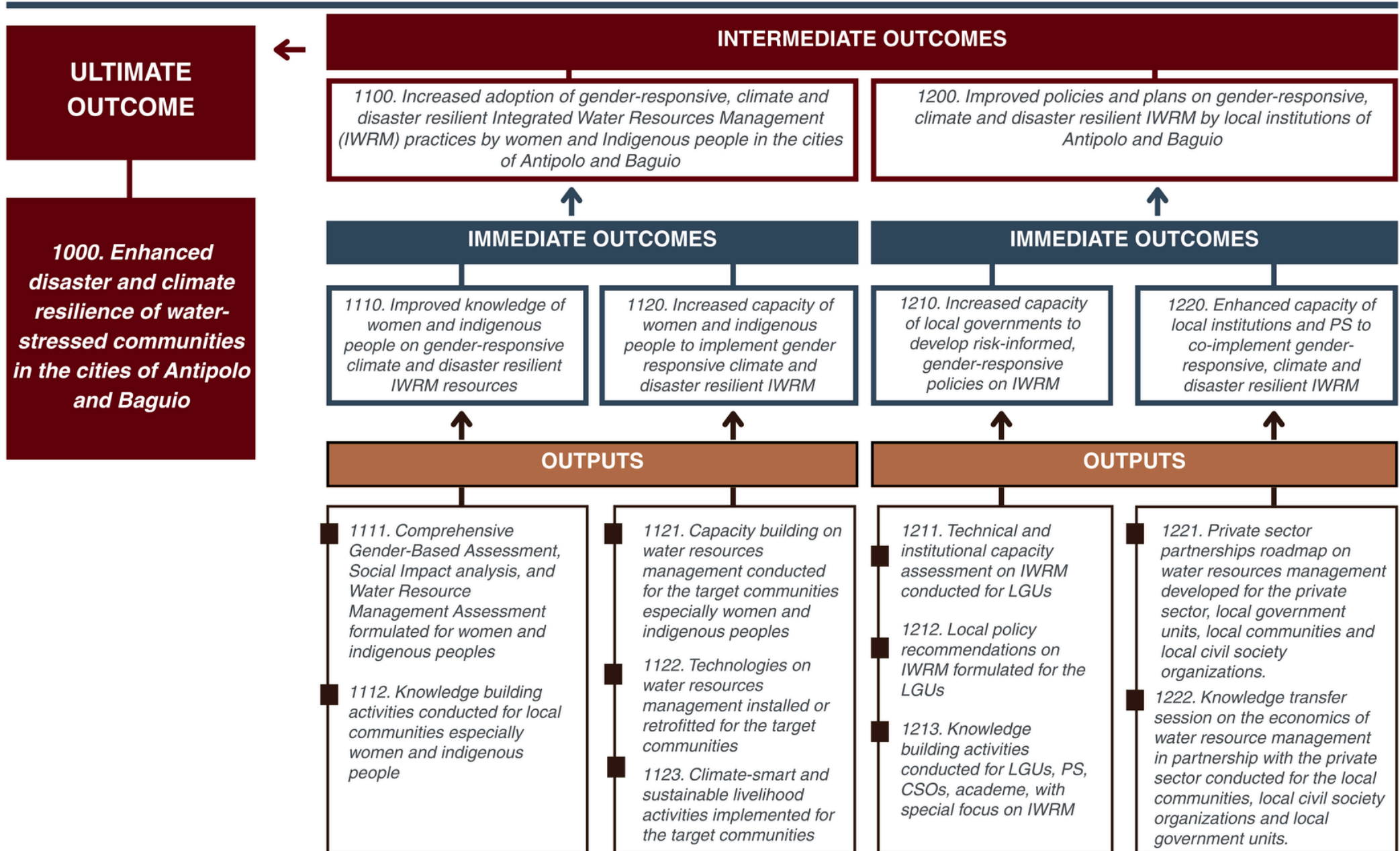
Private sector partnerships roadmap on water resources management developed for the private sector, local government units, local communities and local civil society organizations.

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Knowledge transfer session on the economics of water resource management in partnership with the private sector conducted for the local communities, local civil society organizations and local government units.

Improved policies and implementation of gender-responsive, climate and disaster resilient IWRM by local institutions

Project Logic Model





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