MICRODIS FIELD STUDY: Albay, Philippines

LEAD INSTITUTION: Citizens’ disaster response center foundation
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Albay Province
- Located in Region 5 (Bicol Region)
- Southern part of Luzon
- Subdivided into 15 municipalities and 3 cities
- No. of barangays (villages): 720

- Population: 1,090,907 (May 2000 census)
- No. of households: 208,640
- Average household size: 5.22 persons
- Agriculture is the major source of income.

Albay was the most damaged province during Typhoon Reming:
- Created mudslides of volcanic ash and boulders off Mayon Volcano
- Villages were buried
- Registered 466 millimeters of rainfall, highest in 40 years
- 518 dead, 648 missing, 1,423 injured in Albay

Legazpi City, Albay
- Situated on the eastern portion of Albay
- Population of 179,481 people in 30,812 households
- Subdivided into 70 barangays
- The economy is gradually shifting to a mix of commercial and service activities

Polangui, Albay
- Located in the northeastern quadrant of the province.
- Population of 77,122 people in 13,773 households
- Subdivided into 44 barangays
- It has inland rivers and creeks that are highly prone to floods

- No. of surveyed households: 200
- Most affected
  - Bagina – 50th
  - Malanag – 50th
- Least Affected
  - Cabangan – 50th
  - San Francisco – 50th
- No. of FGDs: 2
- Bagina – 1 FGD
- Malanag – 1 FGD

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- Biongan – 1 FGD
- Balinghe – 1 FGD

Albay is on the top 5 in terms of typhoon frequency:
- Albay was identified as a typhoon-prone and a flood-prone area by the National Disaster Coordinating Council.
- Albay was highly devastated by Typhoon Milenyo and Reming in 2006.