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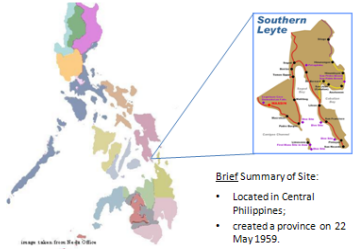


MICRODIS FIELD STUDY: Southern Leyte, Philippines

LEAD INSTITUTION: Xavier University

PARTNER INSTITUTION(S): Citizens' disaster response center foundation

MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Background




Brief Summary of Site:

- Located in Central Philippines;
- created a province on 22 May 1959.

Note: Map not to scale.


MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Background



Brief Summary of Site:

- composed of 18 municipalities and 1 city;
- had 390,847 population in 2007;
- important part of the inter-island transportation system of the country.
- Susceptible to landslides and flooding due to heavy rains; numerous faults and badly broken rocks; steep slopes; and absence of effective vegetative cover.

MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Background



Brief Summary of Site:

- landslide in 2003 killed 200 in the town of San Francisco;
- mudslide in 2006 killed 1,800 of the 1,857 residents of the village of Guinsaugon.


Two municipalities selected as study sites:

- Hinunangan – Earthquake (17 July 2007)
- St. Bernard – Mudslide (17 February 2006)

MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Field Team

Number of Supervisors: 2
Number of enumerators: 10

All field personnel are seasoned field research workers from the Research Institute for Mindanao Culture of Xavier University, with some having over 20 years field-work experience.



St. Bernard survey team with XU-Microdis Project Director, Dr. Maria Teresa Sharon C. Linog.

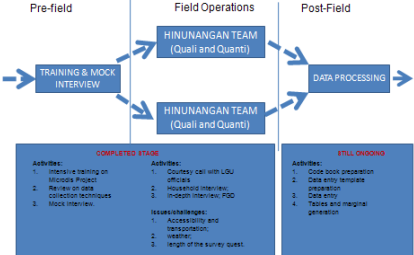
MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Field Team



All XU-Microdis field personnel were required to undergo training and had participated in the mock interview prior to deployment.

XU-Microdis Field Enumerators undergoing training.

MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Study implementation



COMPLETED STAGE

Activities:

1. Interview training on Microdis Project
2. Review on data collection techniques
3. Mock interview.

Issues/Concerns:

1. Accessibility and transportation
2. weather
3. length of the survey quest.

STILL ONGOING

Activities:

1. Code book preparation
2. Data entry template preparation
3. Data entry
4. Tables and graphs generation


MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Challenges




XU-Microdis field enumerators, ever wary of the dangers that belie a seeming serene beauty, going to places where roads and bridges are often not in its best.



MICRODIS Southern Leyte: Achievements



FGD Session



POC Session

- 100 percent coverage – Quantitative
- target number of 4 FGD's and 12 IDI's achieved – Qualitative;
- all activities completed on time;
- full cooperation and support of local executives facilitated the timely completion of field operations.

MICRODIS Southern Leyte : Lessons Learned



Crossing the hanging bridge....

- Importance of building linkages with local executives;
- patience;
- diplomacy;
- importance of having seasoned field enumerators.