MICRODIS FIELD STUDY: Southern Leyte, Philippines

LEAD INSTITUTION: Xavier University

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

Southern Leyte Background

- Located in the Central Philippines
- Created on May 11, 1958

- Summary of Site:
  - Composed of 18 municipalities and 1 city
  - Had 959,847 population in 2007
  - Important part of the inter-island transportation system of the country
  - Susceptible to landslides and flooding due to heavy rains, numerous hills and body of water risks, topography, and absence of effective vegetation cover.

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Southern Leyte Challenges

- 100 percent of the barangays had a quasi-military police, police, firemen, doctor, and barangay councils, as well as the barangay health worker in the field.

Southern Leyte Achievements

- 100 percent coverage - Quantitative
- Target number of 4 FGD’s and 12 ID’s achieved - Qualitative
- All activities completed
- Initial support and support of local government is key to the smooth completion of field operations.

Southern Leyte Lessons Learned

- Importance of building linkages with local executive, community, and national government officials
- Patience
- Diplomacy
- Importance of having seasoned field enumerators.