



# Searching for DAGYAW

## *Locating Co-op Values in COCD*

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# Research Context and Objectives

- Document poverty alleviation and community development initiatives and programs
- Synthesize and build knowledge on the praxis of community organizations through samaralan (participatory education process)
- Proposed social and organizational success indicators for community projects evaluation and social audit/impact studies
- Part of a bigger organizational and best practices research for Masipag



# Main Research Partner



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# Rural Sector Social Context

- Landlessness
- Low Productivity
- Poor Marketing System
- Increasing cost of agricultural input while decreasing farmgate prices of agricultural products
- Prevalence of HYV hybrid seeds that are chemical dependent
- Prevalence of Chemical Farming leading to Acidic Lands
- Powerless farmers making ends meet through debts







# Land Acquisition?? Technology/Livelihood??





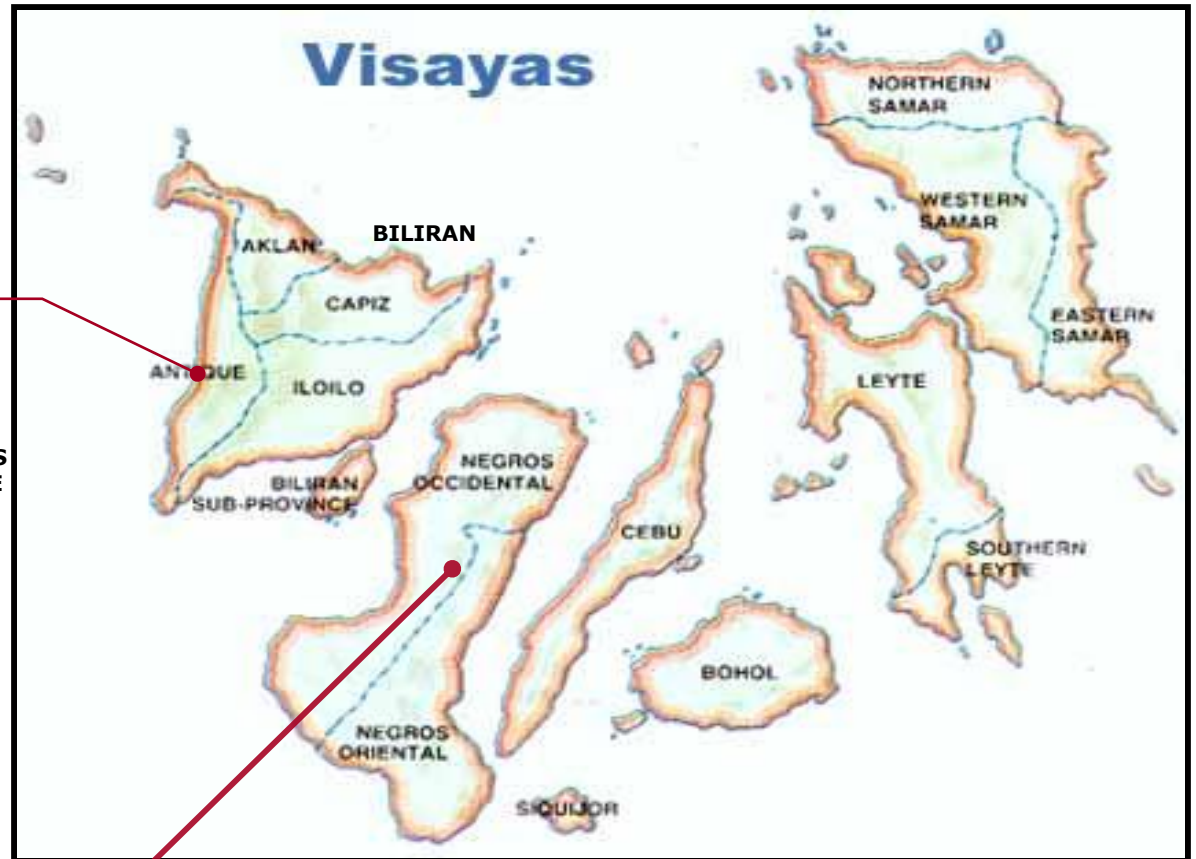
# Research Sites



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GUIMARAS  
PROVINCE

NEGROS OCC.







- Hacienda Bino, Sitio Orong, Kabankalan, Negros Occidental







# Bongbongan, Sibalom, Antique



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# Research Methods

- Integration and working with the community
- Case study and participatory documentation
- Organizational assessment and development sessions through FGDs
- Participatory strategic planning
- Key informant interviews



# Trends

- Land acquisition without technical support e.g. sustainable technology is precarious
- Sustainable technology should be collective or community-owned and shared rather than individually appropriated
- Empowerment as end goal
- Self sufficiency and self reliance

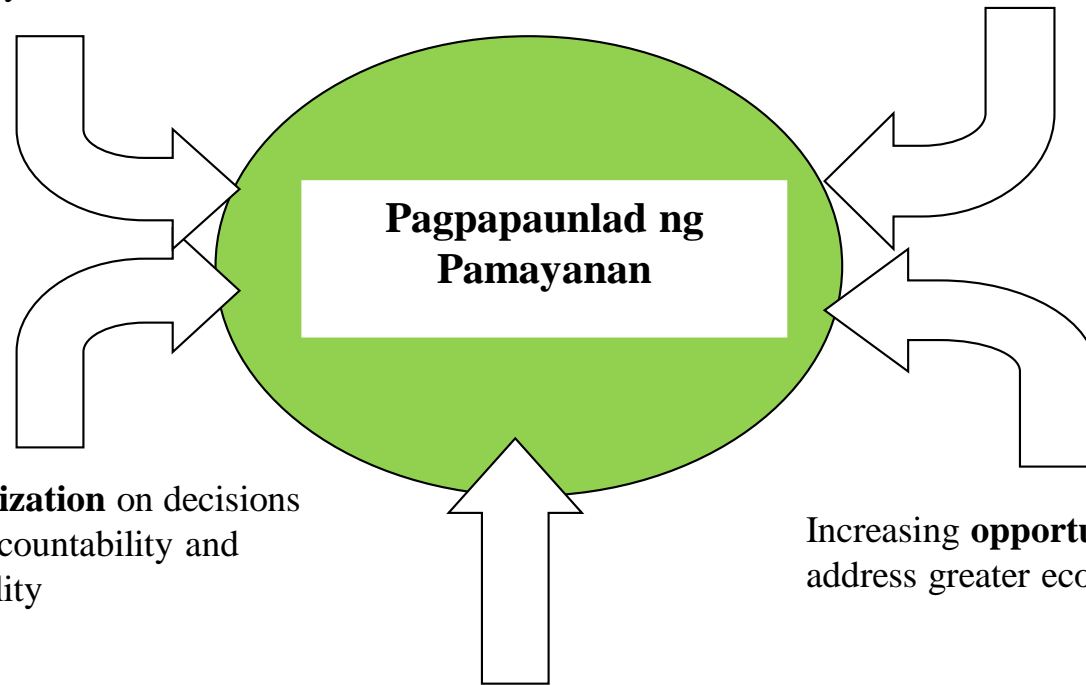






**Productivity** must be increased within the context and needs of the community

Development must reach all the sectors in the community preferably the most poor and powerless for **equity**.



**Democratization** on decisions both on accountability and responsibility

Increasing **opportunities** to address greater economic access

Self-reliant communities entails the development of people's confidence in their **collective strength and capabilities** for self determination

## Research Preliminary Conceptual Framework

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# Keys to Sustainability

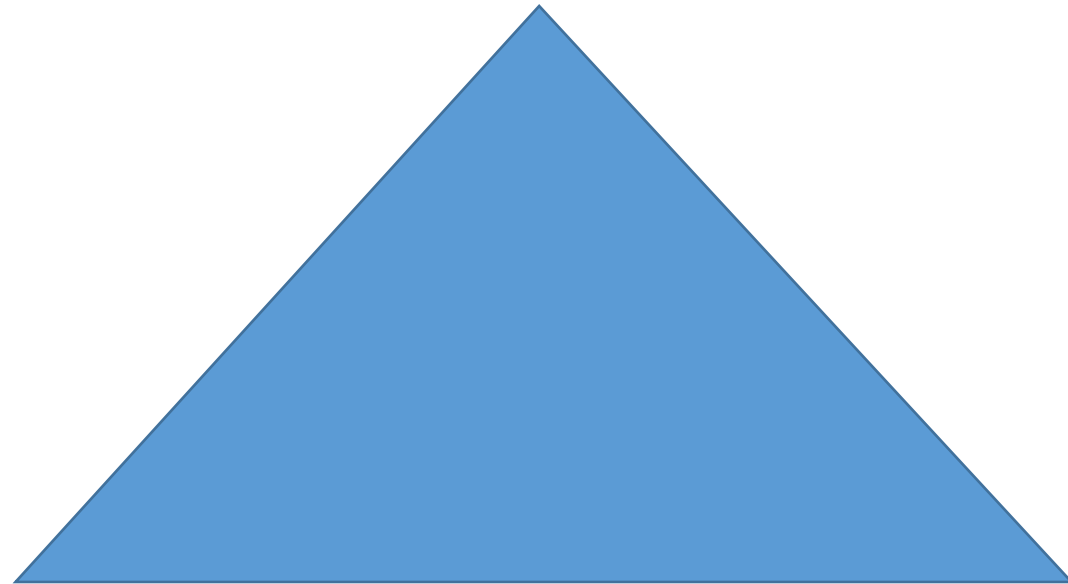
- Farmer-led Organization (Coop, Samahan, Damayan at iba pa)
- Indigenous organizational development approaches and process
- Continuing cooperative and participatory education
- Bottom-lines (organizational and social indicators)





# The Bottom Lines in Community Development

Kapakanan  
(people's welfare)



Kakayahan  
(people's capacity)

Paglahok  
(people's participation)





# ***Dagyaw:*** The MASIPAG experience

## **Masipag Values**

- Trial Farm as Laboratory of Farmer-Scientists
- Bottom up approach
- Farmer Developed and Adapted Technology
- Participatory Guarantee System
- People Before Profit

## **Coop Values**

- Self-help
- Self Responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity