PHILIPPINES
Cagayan de Oro City
and River Basin
RIDGE TO COAST, RAIN TO TAP
Partnership for Sustainable Water Supply in the Cagayan de Oro river basin

Following an integrated and inclusive approach, R2C2T is centered around flood resilience of the Cagayan de Oro catchment, the water district COWD and the people most affected by former floods and climate change. This project aims to reduce the vulnerability of the river basin stakeholders, improve water and sanitation conditions for the urban poor and boost the performance of COWD.

**THE PROJECT**

**Project Type:** Public Private Partnership (PPP)

**Contract value:** Total budget is €6,093,762

**Contract duration:** January 2018 – December 2022

**PROJECT TARGETS**

**SUSTAINABILITY**

The partners are strongly committed to the long-term sustainability of the project results. With a focus on People (inclusive economic growth), Planet (environmental sustainability) and Profit (better financial & operational sustainability of COWD), these interventions are firmly anchored within established Philippines institutions. Construction of infrastructure is managed by local organizations (COWD, FRRL, Hineleban Foundation, Philippines Red Cross) with international guidance and support. Knowledge transfer is key, with a significant portion of the funding allocated to training and capacity building activities.

**REDUCED RISK OF FLOODING THROUGH INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (IWRM) THROUGH:**
- Improved understanding of flooding mechanisms via hydrological modelling
- 200 ha of successful reforestation pilots in Talakag via community involvement
- 65 ha of agroforestry for Indigenous People’s food security & livelihoods
- Support of stakeholder platform CDORBMC
- Stakeholder mobilization to invest in upstream flood reduction
- Sharing the IWRM experiences to Mindanao and the rest of Philippines

**IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE COWD THROUGH:**
- Reduced flood vulnerability COWD water production assets
- Integrated use of GIS and hydraulic modelling in COWD operations
- Integrated IT tools for customer- and asset management
- Non Revenue Water reduction
- Capacity building to improve operational and financial sustainability COWD and water quality
- Organizational change and improved HR processes

**EXTEND COWD WATER SUPPLY NETWORK AND IMPROVE SAFE SANITATION IN FLOOD RELOCATION AREAS THROUGH:**
- Installation of 7,000 new water connections for the urban poor
- Sanitation and hygiene promotion training in relocation sites
- Construction and rehabilitation of communal and school toilets
- Reinforces Disaster Risk Management capacities of LGU and volunteer DR response teams via 143 approach

**“The integrated upstream/downstream approach combined with water and sanitation interventions is unique to the sector”**
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