PPP for Sustainable Water supply: Ridge to Coast, Rain to Tap (FDW16012PH)

Partner information

• **VEI**
VEI is an international water operator and a cooperation between six large (water) companies of the Netherlands (Vitens, Evides, WML, WBG, Brabant Water and WLN). Founded in 2005 as a non-profit company, VEI partners with water companies in developing and transition countries to expand their capability and to professionalise their operations.
In this project, VEI is the lead partner and heading the COWD capacity building activities.

• **Cagayan de Oro Water District**
Cagayan de Oro Water District (COWD) is the semi-public water supply utility in Cagayan de Oro. A fast growing government corporation of more than 400 staff, the District operates embracing the core values of accountability, being result-driven, teamwork and faith in One Almighty.
COWD is working with the project to improve their operations via capacity development, technical assistance and investments in flood resilience & expansion of the distribution network to reach 40,000 additional customers.

• **Unifrutti**
Unifrutti Tropical Philippines Inc. - Mt. Kitanglad Agri-Ventures Inc. (UTPI-MKAVI): Unifrutti is a private sector corporation based in Mindanao and is engaged in production, processing and export trading of pineapple and banana. It is one of the country’s biggest banana exporters, shipping an estimated 44 million boxes of bananas a year overseas. MKAVI is a 700-hectare farm established in 1998 in Bukidnon, which operates under the flag of Unifrutti Tropical Fruit Inc. (UTPI).
In this project, UTPI-MKAVI implements reforestation activities in the upper catchment in cooperation with local rural communities and implementing partners; Hineleban and BIPAC.

• **Hineleban**
Hineleban Foundation Incorporated (HFI) is a non-profit, non-stock organisation whose main advocacy is to reforest the high mountain ranges of Mindanao. They have both the technical and management expertise in the fields of forestry, agriculture, development economics and project management. To accomplish this, HFI partners with the Indigenous People who live within the buffer zones of these mountains.
HFI is the implementing organisation for the Unifrutti responsibilities to the project: reforestation activities in the upper catchment. HFI cooperates closely with BIPAC for project implementation.
• **BIPAC**
  Bukidnon Indigenous Peoples Advisory Council (BIPAC), acts as the formal representative of the interests of the Indigenous Communities involved in the project. BIPAC guards the Five Pillars of Kinship agreed under the Sacred Customary Compacts with both HFI and UTPI-MKAVI. In this project, BIPAC works together with HFI on the reforestation activities in the upper catchment.

• **NLRC**
  The Netherlands Red Cross (NLRC) was established in 1867, and since then has developed approximately 350 branches, covering the Netherlands, with 34,000 volunteers. Outside of the Netherlands NLRC supports other Red Cross Societies financially and with Technical Expertise. NLRC supports the Philippines Red Cross (PRC) via projects in a.o. Surigao, Tacloban, Cebu and Cagayan de Oro. In this project, NLRC is, in cooperation with PRC, responsible for WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) education, sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

• **PRC**
  Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has become the premier humanitarian organisation in the country, committed to provide quality life-saving services that protect the life and dignity of Filipinos in vulnerable situations. Professionally trained and compassionate, these men and women are ready to lend a helping hand to those in need – whoever, whenever and wherever they may be. In this project, PRC is the implementing organisation for the NLRC responsibilities to the project, whereby NLRC are responsible for budget, planning and administration, while PRC is responsible for field activities and recruiting volunteers for executing WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) education, sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

• **Wetlands International**
  Wetlands International is an international non-profit organisation with the mission of safeguarding and restoring wetlands for the people and nature. In the Philippines, WI is implementing the Partners for Resilience (PfR) 2016-2020 Project to build resiliency of communities through strengthening environmental management and rehabilitation, disaster risk reduction, and adaptation to climate change. WI also works on several other projects, among which the Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan and the Ridge to Coast, Rain to Tap Project (R2CR2T). In R2CR2T, WI is leading the integrated river basin management approach and strengthening the Cagayan de Oro River Basin Management Council (CDORBMC), which is also its implementing partner.
• **Cagayan de Oro River Basin Management Council (CDORBMC)**
CDORBMC is a multi-stakeholder group of both government and non-government organisations, private companies, and local communities that converge together to protect, preserve, rehabilitate and manage the watersheds, rivers, and forests of the Cagayan de Oro river basin. The CDORBMC seeks to improve the quality of life of the stakeholders by upholding and implementing appropriate interventions to enhance better utilisation of natural resources and to boost biodiversity along the watersheds and the rivers.
In this project, CDORBMC leads the regional strategy and implementation of catchment restoration.

• **FRRL**
FRRL is an industrial trading company serving Oil and Gas (Upstream and Downstream), Power Generation, Water Supply and Petrochemical Industries. It aims to support the needs of these industries for engineered industrial supplies, steel supplies, chemical cleaning systems, inspection/NDT services and other industrial items. FRRL is currently venturing into other areas, such as IT tools in support of water utilities.
In this project, FRRL provides IT solutions to COWD, a.o. in GIS, hydraulic modelling, asset management and customer/meter management.

• **RVO**
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) is the Dutch Ministry responsible for Foreign relations, Foreign policy, International development, International trade, Diaspora and matters dealing with the European Union, NATO and the Benelux Union. MOFA is the financier of the Sustainable Water Fund (FDW), which is managed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO). RVO has the delegated responsibility to ensure these MOFA grants are spent well achieving maximum impact.
In this project, MOFA wishes to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and to support the leading role of the Netherlands water sector organisations overseas. MOFA is the primary co-financier and enabler of the R2CR2T project.