

VI. Conclusion and Recommendations:

The implementation of the Lianga Mangrove Rehabilitation Subproject has indeed created a significant effect on the economic conditions of the recipient communities including those from adjoining barangays. The increase in the economic activities generated by the project has improved the peoples' standard of living. Through community organizing, participating POs were equipped with the technical and social skills out of training and seminars relevant to project implementation. They have also developed the skills of linking/networking with Government as well as Non-Government entities in terms of technical and financial support, which contributed to the successful implementation of their livelihood projects. Apparently, the communities have developed their confidence on undertaking and managing site development activities. This made them accomplished the required target area for development and able to attain the standard survival rate of the plantations required by the DENR.

The success of the subproject was carried through the collaborative efforts of the key actors in project implementation; the moral and logistic support of the DENR top management, the untiring commitment coupled with dedication of the SUSIMO personnel, the LGUs who have always shown support to the project and most of all, the enthusiastic and dynamic members of the Peoples' Organization who were the key players in the overall success of the project implementation. Finally, the implementation of the Lianga Mangrove Subproject gave the POs a sense of responsibility and a positive outlook towards government projects and their surrounding environment.

With the experiences encountered by the Lianga Mangrove Rehabilitation Subproject, the following are the recommendations, which could be employed in implementing similar projects in the future:

- ❖ Community Organizing (CO) activities should be properly implemented prior to the implementation of CSD to prepare the PO to become organizationally mature and tough and to prepare them in settling conflicts among stakeholder during the implementation.
- ❖ Sufficient training and guidance on CSD activity should be conducted before the commencement of CSD activities;

- ❖ Proper selection of mature propagules should be done to reduce cost in planting and attain lesser variance in the procurement;
- ❖ Continues Information Education Campaign on environmental protection should always be part of the POs activities to strengthen mangrove protection efforts to prevent the use of rampant illegal cutting or any form of destructive methods in mangrove resources.
- ❖ Promote strong partnership between and among project implementers.