

## **ATTACHMENT 3. Overall Framework for Research Questions.**

**The questions below are partly guided by Figure 1 - Analytical Framework (Diola and Liamson, 2016), focusing on the following:** a) Local development outcomes;  
b) Effectiveness of program management; and c) Development of trust.

### **Questions for DENR**

Note: The context for the following questions is the devolution of ENR services under the Local Government Code and related DENR issuances.

- a) What are the existing collaborative arrangements and partnership agreements within your region between the DENR and LGUs relevant to terrestrial environment and natural resources management (NRM)? What were the expectations of both parties?
- b) In the case of co-management agreements and other partnership agreements, what/how many LGUs are involved, and where possible, the overall status of each (i.e., proactively implemented, some minimal action maintained, and not active). Who were the other actors that DENR engaged with?
- c) What have been the actions (or missed actions) on the part of the DENR and LGUs? What could be the reasons for the current levels of action on both sides?
- d) Are there promising best practices generated? What are the lessons learned to date?
- e) Given the overall needs and opportunities of the terrestrial Environment and NR sector, what kind of actions are currently needed by all parties concerned (national, regional, and local levels)?

### **Questions for LGUs**

The context would consider the devolution of ENR services under the Local Government Code, related DENR issuances, and LGU Resolutions

1. What is the overall status and trend of environment and natural resources management (NRM) in in your locality? What are the major issues and opportunities as perceived by both the LGU and communities?
2. What are your ongoing environment and NRM initiatives to address local issues and opportunities, as well as support of national programs?
3. What formal and informal agreements do you have with the DENR that cover environment and NRM?
4. What are your ongoing and proposed initiatives for environment and NRM that are supported by collaborative arrangements and partnership agreements with DENR, including those partnership instruments that enable LGUs to exercise direct management? Which of these are priority focal areas for partnerships? Specifically for the said areas: a) time line; b) targeted geographic area; c) overall program of action; and d) institutional arrangements.
5. What kind of investments (i.e., human, physical, and financial) that have been provided for the said partnerships? What were the investments made by the DENR and other partner agencies? In what ways are communities (including indigenous peoples), are being involved and how are they benefitting?
6. What are the enabling and constraint factors that have been identified for successful implementation of various environment and NRM programs, in partnership with the DENR?
7. What are the observed results from the above-mentioned initiatives? (These may include: a) socio- economic benefits to communities; b) environmental benefits; and, c) institutional capacities and learnings).
8. Regarding co-management agreements (if any):
  - What is the value addition of the co-management agreements to the overall aspirations of the LGU?
  - What is your understanding of the rationale and scope of the DENR policy that is “held in-abeyance” the DENR- DILG-LGU partnership agreement on co-management?

- What has been the effect of the said “held in-abeyance” on your programs? What coping mechanisms are in place?
  - Are you interested to have the “held in-abeyance” policy lifted?
  - What are your plans once it is lifted? What kind of safeguards and/or improvements will you apply?
9. Regarding watershed management:
- Who are the key stakeholders in the management of the watershed and their interests in being involved?
  - What power (facilitating and hindering power/influence) do they have as regards watershed management?
  - What critical factors have enhanced effective localized watershed management?