

Points for Discussion

(7-8 minutes)

1. What are the key challenges for your city and how is the nexus approach (water-energy-food security) relevant to tackle this?

The 2011-20 Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) has identified four key challenges facing Naga City:

- a. Reduce poverty incidence
- b. Improve access to quality basic services
- c. Enhance quality of life thru livable communities
- d. Promote good governance and responsible citizenship

Of the four, it is the third challenge – enhancing quality of life through livable communities – where the nexus approach will be most relevant.

For instance, its three proposed projects (*1. Typhoon-resistant low-cost housing in Del Rosario, Naga City; 2. Peri-urban farming and energy production linked to MNWD septage plant; and 3. Applying integrated resource management principles in the 2016-30 Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Naga City*) are all intended to bring about a more livable city where communities are resilient, water resources are protected and recycled and reused; and land use policies help reduce exposure to hazards and lessen vulnerability of people and property.

2. How did Naga go about integrating the nexus into its land use plan? What have been the challenges and opportunities and lessons learnt in the process?

The city government is currently updating its 2001 CLUP. At present, it revisited and reaffirmed its vision statement (“Maogmang Lugar” or Happy Place), organized its planning team, and has assembled the initial sectoral data needed for planning.

To ensure that DRR/CCA concerns are mainstreamed in the plan, it has adopted a four-level process that will yield the draft CLUP 2016-30 by yearend:

- a. The **macro level** seeks to involve **people participation in generating broad strokes of sustainable land allocation through a Google Earth-aided mapping exercise** at the subsector level. After presenting the demographic and urban development trends for the city, participants are asked the map out where the protective, settlements and transportation areas should rise – which would

respond to the city vision and climate change in Naga. At present, 4 of the 15 subsectors have completed their mapping exercise.

- b. The **micro level** will bring together these subsectors under each of the five major sectors (social, economic, environmental, infrastructure and institutional) to identify the programs, projects and activities (PPAs) that will support the proposed land use scheme consolidated and generated under the macro level.
- c. The **DRR mainstreaming process** will be a separate track led by the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council that will focus on identifying local DRR/CCA policies and projects that will support the city vision
- d. Once **consolidated and integrated**, the draft document will be presented before the **City Development Council** for approval and endorsement to the **Sangguniang Panlungsod** for final approval.

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