

DELGOSEA

Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast-Asia

Policy Recommendations For Local Governments In South East Asia



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GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Improvement of living conditions of disadvantaged groups in SEA

Increased participation of people in local planning and decision making in SEA

Strengthening of LGAs as key players for effective decentralization and local governance

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

Establishment of a sustainable LA-LGA-NSA network (region wide) for promotion of exchange in democratic local governance

Overview on Thematic Areas – BP SOURCES

Thematic Area 1: Peoples' Participation --→ 3 BPs

Thematic Area 2: Institutional Governance --→ 6 BPs

Thematic Area 3: Public Services/Environment --→ 4 BPs

Thematic Area 4: Fiscal Management/LED --→ 3 BPs

- Priority on “Institutional Governance” (6 BPs)
- Other thematic areas: equal distribution (4 BPs)



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THEMATIC AREAS TAKEN UP BY PILOT CITIES

Thematic Area 1: Peoples' Participation	--→	1 Pilot City
Thematic Area 2: Institutional Governance	--→	4 Pilot Cities
Thematic Area 3: Public Services/Environment	-→	6 Pilot Cities
Thematic Area 4: Fiscal Management/LED	-→	5 Pilot Cities

- Priority on “Public Services/Environment” (6 pilots, followed by “Fiscal Management/LED” (5 pilots) + “Institutional Gov” (4 pilots)
- “People’s Participation” replicated by 1 pilot

Policy Issues - Philippines

Main Challenges

Absence of public record management (H)

Shortage of funds (M,P,B)

Lack of public awareness on cultural preservation/juvenile delinquency (H,B)

Need for coordination of public-private institutions (B)

Land ownership status (P)

Possible environmental hazards (P)

Policy Agenda

Revision of 1991 Local Government Code incl. internal revenue allotment scheme, incentive scheme for local revenue generation, incentive system for inter-local cooperation, coordination mechanism between LGs



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Policy Issues – Indonesia

Main Challenges

- Conflict with mining industry, environmental preservation, maritime zoning (P)
- Waste management: lack of resources + public participation + technology (K)
- Waste dumping into sea (W)
- Lack of national guidelines + local ordinance on waste management (T)

Policy Agenda

- Cooperation and Coordination of Utilization of Maritime Resources
- Environmental Preservation (coastal ecosystems, waste management)
- Capacity Development



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Policy Issues – Thailand

Main challenges

Utilization of private land (P)

Lacking regulatory framework for inter-communal cooperation (CR)

Lack of coordinated database system (S)

Lack of guidelines/legal framework on public participation (Y)

Policy Agenda

Revision of legal + budgetary framework on decentralization

Institutionalization of knowledge, capacity development, networking

Strengthening of LGAs (knowledge sharing on local governance projects)



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Policy Issues – Cambodia

Main Challenges

Regulation of markets by higher administrative levels (public order, services) (CC)

Waste management: lack of financial resources, capacity, waste disposal site (K)

Policy Agenda

Environmental preservation through sustainable management practice

Capacity Development

People's Participation

Development of decentralization framework (devolution of power, improvement of in-transfer systems)



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Policy Issues – Vietnam

Main Challenges

Organization principles and operation mechanisms in administrative affairs to be formulated in a more adequate way

Increase of management effectiveness incl. more individual responsibility

Better mobilization of community based resources for public affairs

Enhanced promotion of traditional values + adapting new values

Policy Agenda

Adjustment of administrative and legal framework (role of local party, government institutions)

Issuance of law on NGOs and Association (mobilization of social resources)

Government regulations on peoples foreign affairs (strengthening participation)



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Major Challenges

- Increasing competence of human resources
- Providing adequate funding for LGs (national transfers, local revenues)
- Enhancing people's participation in local development
- Developing appropriate waste management schemes
- Amending or adjusting regulatory framework on decentralization (inter-municipal cooperation, devolution of power, etc.)



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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS (tentative)

1/ SUPPORTING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

(institutionalized mechanism of sharing and collaboration, knowledge capacity)

2/ INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION

(sustainable BP replication process)

3/ PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

(exchanging experiences of participatory models in local development)

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS (tentative)

4/ ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

(creating efficient and effective waste management schemes)

5/ COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN UTILIZATION SEA RESOURCES

(formulating maritime spatial plans, mangrove rehabilitation, coral reef protection, agreements on waste disposal)

6/ IMPROVEMENT OF LEGAL FRAMEWORK

(observatories and mutual learning on decentralization and local finance approaches)



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EU SISTER PROJECT: "SUPPORTING DECENTRALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES"

Objective: Support decentralization and local democracy processes to strengthen local development and good governance (capacity strengthening of LGs: defining priority agenda, dialogue with States and regional institutions)

Duration: 1st June 2010 – 30 November 2012

Participating Regions/Countries:

4 regions: East Africa, West Africa, Latin America, SEA

SEA: Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines

Major Components: Regional Report and Workshop on Decentralization, High Level Conference, Permanent Conferences/Foras on Processes of Decentralization + Local Democracy, Redesign of UCLG's GOLD Web Portal

EU Sister Project – Major Policy Recommendations (regional study)

- Periodic monitoring and evaluation of country decentralization programs
- Develop performance measurements for local authorities
- Training of local government administrators
- Strengthening of LGAs
- Develop capacity of local authorities in disaster mitigation and risk management
- Develop closer links between local authorities and academic institutions
- Strengthening international alliances and networking

EU Sister Project – Priority Topics for High Level Conference (Bali, November 2012)

- Capacity Development of Local Authorities in SEA on Disaster Mitigation and Risk Management
- Local Authorities' Networking with International and Regional Organizations and Partnership with Academic Institutions and ASEAN Research Centers
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Country Decentralization Programs and Performance Measurements for Local Authorities
- Manpower of Local Government Administrators and the Role of LGAs

Remarks: agenda still tentative; joint collaboration with ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of Home Affairs + Foreign Affairs (Indonesia) planned

Concluding Remarks

- Completion and verification of country papers and regional paper
- Preliminary policy agenda for regional cooperation comprises six thematic areas
- Evidence of links with policy agenda of sister project (e.g. capacity development, decentralization framework); further elaboration on synchronization necessary