

Self Help Promotion for The Urban Poor Communities in Southern Mindanao (SHEP)
January 2003 to December 2005 I. PROJECT DETAILS

a. PROJECT NAME:

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b. PROJECT LOCATION:

Davao City
Island Garden City of Samal
Selected Municipalities in the Caraga Region

c. PARTNER NAME:

MISEREOR

d. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

Equipped with the organizing experience for land tenure security, the program is anchored in organizing communities in danger areas facing threats of eviction and demolition either by force or by natural circumstances. These communities are being capacitated in order to deal with other stakeholders and enable their issues, needs and problems be presented and eventually given the solution with the direct participation of various stakeholders from the community and the government. This has been the case of MinLand's presence in Davao City and the adjoining growth centers within the region.

The program also deals with providing opportunities for internal and external resource generation for projects identified by the community in their action plans and in a more demand-driven manner. These projects can be in potable water systems, education (pre-school/elementary), health and sanitation, livelihood, and shelter, reflected as priorities in the community action plans encouraging other actors to converge their responses to the action plans of communities.

The program will also identify opportunities in Central Mindanao and the Caraga Region (both areas are considered to be among the poorest in the Philippines), where MinLand has recently been facilitating various stakeholders in undertaking post conflict rehabilitation, development planning, local shelter planning and project level launching with poor communities and local governments. In these exercises, the LGUs have expressed satisfaction on the role of MinLand in facilitating anti-poverty

and community-centered processes among local stakeholders in the delivery of basic services including shelter.