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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	Source to Sink: Visayas
Contract party	PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICT INC (30061051)
ODA	Yes
Amount and Currency	2398194.88 PHP
Amount EUR	38131.3
Start date	08-12-2025
End date	26-02-2027
Full name	From Source to Sink: Exploring Gender Dynamics in Water Access and Use in the Visayas
Summary	Building on the data and learnings from the Sex-disaggregated Study on Water Access and Use in the National Capital Region (MWSS/UP-CWGS), and the Source to Sink: Exploring Gender Dynamics in Water Access and Use in Mindanao (PAWD/BukSU) - this study aims to collect sex-disaggregated data on water, wastewater and hygiene services and examine the intersection of gender and WASH in the Visayas. This initiative aims to establish a baseline statistics for water utilities in the region and seeks to further delve into the roles and contributions of women in water management with a long term goal of contributing to the development of national and regional water policy frameworks, plans, and strategies. Since the framework of this study is compatible with the first two, related studies, the Philippine water sector is now closer to its goal of completing a nationwide sex-disaggregated data on water access, that will help guide regional and national policy makers in crafting gender-inclusive policies relating to water access. Establishing comprehensive, standardized databases will enable comparisons, inform national policies, and promote equitable investment in water infrastructure.

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	15-08-2025
Proposal’s reference number	MAN ODA 2025-06
Budget holder	Ambassade Manilla (8241MAN)
Limit access	No
Related activity	Impact Act: 24-0003119 Source to Sink...

Accounting data

SAP application number	
Funds center	MAN General ODA activities contributions (1705U02160031)

Policy data

Cooperation modality	Project support
Technical assistance	0% of the activity budget
CRS code	14010 Water sector policy and administrative management
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
__Trade & The Economy	Not targeted
_Security & Stability	Not targeted
Biodiversity	Not targeted
Climate change: adaptation	Not targeted
Climate change: mitigation	Not targeted
Desertification	Not targeted
Equality between men & women	Principal
Migration	Significant
Access to education for girls	Significant
Building institutions & capacity	Principal
Drinking water and sanitation	Principal
Good Governance / participation	Significant
Integrated water management	Significant
Public sector reform	Significant
Explain your choices	Sex-disaggregated data is essential for understanding the needs and challenges faced by women from various cultures and communities when it comes to access to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). Given the right data, institutions will be able to formulate the right policies and strategies to ensure sustainable growth and efficient management. This is particularly important in a sector like water and sanitation, where social norms and existing policies have resulted in gender gaps and biases. In the case of water districts in the Philippines, sex-disaggregated data are needed to better understand gender roles in water management and how these change over time and in response to new opportunities. Collecting SDD is both a technical and legal obligation. Such information helps identify unequal access to resources, improve water governance, and ensure equitable service delivery

Beneficiary location

Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Philippines
Location type	Other
Specific location	Visayas

Policy Appraisal

Policy relevance

As an expansion to earlier ODA-funded SDD on Water Access in Mindanao, this project is part of the embassy's commitment and plan to help create a more resilient and efficient water industry. The program also highlights our advocacy on advancing gender equality by helping to provide a clear understanding on the distinct needs and challenges by different genders when it comes to access to clean water and sanitation.

Rationale

The activity aims to address the need for reforms in water sector policies with heavy consideration on the intersection of gender and water rights as a critical issue, and highlights the disparities faced by women and girls in accessing water resources and sanitation. Women and girls often manage water and sanitation at home, which exposes them to risks like poor menstrual hygiene and school absenteeism during menstruation. Without SDD, WASH programs may overlook these gender-specific challenges and fail to meet SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

With 16 provinces, 117 active water districts and home to dozens of ethnic groups, gathering data from Visayas' many major and small-but-highly populated islands is indeed a challenge, but these are also the very same reasons why this task is necessary. The unique geography and the diversity in experience and culture makes Visayas a very interesting (and compelling) case for and SDD on water.

The data collected will be utilized to enhance water and wastewater services, specifically addressing gender disparities within the water sector. The survey also seeks to further investigate the roles and contributions of women in water management. Findings can inform the development of national and regional water policy frameworks, plans, and strategies that promote gender-transformative actions.

Contextual analysis

The study will focus on the different facets and realities of water and sanitation access in Mindanao, with emphasis on the role of the women both in urban and cultural-minorities settings. The study will be facilitated through the cooperation of the association of water service providers (PAWD) and their local educational institutional partner (Bukidnon State University).

Last year, through the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Manila, and inspired by a recent research from the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Systems - Regulatory Office and the UP Center for Women's and Gender Studies, a study on gender-specific and cultural-sensitive effects of water access in Mindanao was launched. Today, while the proponents of this research is working on the conclusion and recommendation of the Mindanao study, we enter into a new phase where we continue to build on this noble initiative.

The Philippine Association of Water Districts together with the Bukidnon State University and the newly organized Women in Water and Sanitation group, intends to replicate the methodology, framework and approach of the first study entitled From Source to Sink: Exploring Gender Dynamics in Water Access and Use in Mindanao and extend the coverage to the Visayas region - The goal is to establish a comprehensive and standardized database that will enable comparisons, help inform national policymakers, and promote equitable investment in water infrastructure.

Results

Water

3.5. Empowerment of groups in vulnerable situations

Indicators
3.5. What has been achieved by this activity on empowerment of groups in vulnerable situations?
Measurements:

1. Improved access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Sustainable access to clean drinking water and sanitation and hygiene services is not only a human right, but also essential for the health of adults and children, and thereby for social-economic development. Our 2030 target is to provide 30 million people with sustainable access to safe drinking water and 50 million people with sustainable access to an improved sanitation service.

Learning questions
What has been achieved by this activity on the result area Improved access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)?
Measurements:

Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the result area, Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Measurements:

Women's Economic Empowerment

SDG target(s): 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10 Short description: The enabling environment is strengthened to promote women's economic rights and empowerment and to encourage female entrepreneurship.

Indicators
Description how the activity contributes to the result area, Women's Economic Empowerment
Measurements:

Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring

The project is divided into 5 phases spread over the course of >1 year, with the implementing organization expected to provide the embassy with status report indicating progress, projections, and challenges and risk ecountered. A mid year report will also be submitted after the completion of phase 3.

Data Analysis (PH4), and Report Writing and Dissemination (PH5) will be completed from August to December 2026.

We expect the final report to present both findings and policy recommendations. A launch is also expected during the PAWD Annual National Convention on February 2027.

Finance

Budget breakdown

After careful review, anaylsis, due diligence and upon consideration of the current market prices, the evaluator hereby attest that the follwoing rates/prices in this proposed budget is arithmetically correct and acceptable:

Heads of Expenditures	Number	Time	Rate (Php)	Amount (Php)
Direct Research Expenses				
(a) Research Personnel	6	1 yr		477,344.88
(b) Enumerators	117	5 days	3,050.00	356,850.00
Travel and Accommodation		4		176,750.00
Cost associated with data collection		4		687,000.00
Research Consumables, software, ethics application				113,750.00
Research Publication and Dissemination Charges				159,000.00
Research Meeting Expenses				227,500.00
Conference Attendance				135,000.00
Administrative costs				65,000.00
Total				**2,398,194.88**

The entire budget of the project will be funded by the ODA.

Prepayments

95% of the budget will be paid initially and the remaining balance shall be paid after the submission of the final report and policy recommendations

All commitments are in Philippine Peso (PHP)

	PHP		in EUR
Total Budget	PHP 2.398.194,88		€ 38.131,30
Initial Payment (95%)	PHP 2.278.285,14		€ 36.224,73
Payment after final report (5%)	PHP 119.909,74		€ 1.906,56