

## **D. Social Assessment**

### **5.1 Project Beneficiaries and Social Preparation**

The Rehabilitation of Purok Taurus to Central Balabago Road at Barangay Poblacion was identified by the community as their top priority infrastructure project during the barangay consultation as included in the Barangay Development Plan (BDP). The road serves as the main access of the constituents to the provincial road going to the commercial center of the Municipality of Norala where the market facilities and social services are available. Rehabilitation of this FMR would make it passable all year round and the travel would be easier benefiting the local residents in the area and nearby barangays.

Road right of way is not a problem in the proposed project site due to the willingness of the local residents to have a good road condition that they would utilize in hauling their farm products going to the commercial center. Even the daily commuters and nearby residents could utilize this project.

### **5.2 Local Community Participation**

- Project Identification

The project identification was done through consultation with the local farmers, supported and endorsed by the Barangay Council of Brgy. Poblacion to the municipal level for consideration.

- BDP preparation

The LGU of Norala has provided the technical assistance in the preparation of BDPs to the barangays who participated in the PRDP.

To date, these barangays have accomplished and completed their Barangay Development Plan.

- BDC endorsement

The Barangay Development Council (BDC) endorsement has been accomplished prior to the pre-engineering activities of the project to ensure barangay LGU support for the project.

### **5.3 Road Right of Way (RROW) Acquisition**

The existing road right of way (RROW) has already its clearance from all land owners because this FMR already exists even before. There

will be no displaced persons during the project implementation for it is an existing road and requires no widening.

#### **5.4 Project Affected/displaced Persons (PAP)**

There will be no displaced or affected persons during the project implementation for it is an existing road and requires no widening.

#### **5.4 Indigenous People (IP) Concerns**

Since the project is not within the area of ancestral lands or domains naturally there is no indigenous people living in the area of the project.

### **E. Environmental Consideration**

#### **6.1 Environmental analysis of the project**

The proposed Rehabilitation of Purok Taurus to Central Balabago Farm to Market Road is the existing road connecting the provincial road and the municipal road and definitely no adverse impact on the environment instead a positive impact to the local residents. Some of the critical aspects during project implementation are in the construction of structures (i.e., pipe drain and stone masonry) in critical section of the road but the LGU of Norala shall supervise the construction of the project and shall see to it that the necessary environmental safeguard measures shall be undertaken. After construction, the barangay LGU shall undertake operation and maintenance of the road including the appropriate vegetation along the road sides to minimize soil erosion, clearing the road way and canals of debris and other minor repairs.

#### **6.2 Environmental Impact Analysis**

The proposed rehabilitation of road will follow the existing alignment since it is previously maintained by the MLGU and the existing Road Right of Way (RROW) width is already 10 meters so we could no longer make a widening during the rehabilitation. The influence area is planted with rice on both sides of the road and could easily transport the products and commuters if the project could be realized.

#### **6.3 Status of Environmental Clearances and Permits**

Certificate on Non Coverage (CNC) from the DENR-EMB is not a government requirement, thus, application for a CNC is at the option of the proponent since this is only a road improvement but the said CNC was already secured from the Environmental Management Bureau.