**PROJECT PROPOSAL 1**

**Project Title:** Retraining of Bantay Dagat Team Leaders—Component of the Revitalization of the Bancal Bay Marine Sanctuary Project

**Objective:** To enhance the operation of the Bantay Dagat of Bancal Bay by retraining team leaders of each barangay in the Bantay Dagat Operation Plan and the utilization of the standing guardhouse of Bancal Bay

**Project Source:** Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)

**Total amount:** Php 5,000.00

**Project Brief Rational / Justification:**

As required by the agreement between the Bancal Bay Resource and Development Alliance (BARMDA) with the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PCPP) and World Connect Grants (WCGs), who are providing 75% of the funding for the Revitalization of the Marine Sanctuary of Bancal Bay Project; the Bantay Dagat of Bancal Bay must undergo a retraining to increase the effectiveness of their patrols and to create sustainable change.

This training will review the municipal and national laws concerning fisheries to ensure that the team leaders are knowledgeable and informed so that they are enabled to identify illegal fishing activities occurring in Bancal Bay. The participants will also review the Municipal Bantay Dagat Operation Plan to standardize the Bantay Dagat activities and apprehensions. Use of GPS and activity reporting forms will also be reviewed to ensure Bantay Dagat activities, warnings, and apprehensions are correctly completed. This is critical for the reports to be upheld in a court of law if the cases proceed to judicial level. The participants will then apply their learnings to practice scenarios and a closing quiz, which will be followed by a discussion so that all team leaders are confident in how to conduct correct operations. In addition, participants will be introduced to guardhouse operations and policies, which will be implemented once the guardhouse is completed.

This training will greatly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Bantay Dagat. The team leaders will be well-trained and responsible in disseminating the information from this training to their respective barangays. This training then aims increase the overall success of the Bantay Dagat and therefore the success of the Bancal Bay Marine Sanctuary. As the success of the sanctuary increases, the health and therefore the resiliency of the coastal resources of Bancal Bay will increase. This will enable the ecosystems of the bay to quickly recover when disasters occur and continue providing ecosystem functions, such as protection from storm surges and providing resources for livelihoods.

**Estimated Expenses (highest expense estimated):**

1. Meals for Participants (18 Bantay Dagat members)

@ 250/person ----------------- P 4,500.00

1. Meals for Facilitators (LM Betita and PCV Nicole Broquet)

@ 250/person

----------------- P 500.00

**Total Amount: ------------------------------------------------------------- P 5,000.00**

