

Manila, Philippines

Interlocal government cooperation for the **construction of infrastructure** and actions aimed at preserving the natural conditions of Manila Bay.

In the first phase of the project, VNG International, together with The League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) played a brokering and capacity development role strengthening LGUs to voice the needs and interests of their citizens stronger in the Master Planning process led by the National Economic Development Agency (NEDA) and implemented by Deltares and the Philippine consulting consortium.

Now the Master Plan is there, VNG International and the League of Cities of The Philippines continued to support interlocal cooperation of LGUs for the implementation of the Master Plan recommendations in the field of Solid Waste Management. ISWM01 Improve waste reduction and waste segregation; ISWM02 Improve waste collection, recycling and reuse; ISWM03 Improve the management of residual waste.

Project activities

- Technical Assistance through VNG International expert missions influencing the individual LGU level, IGC level and enabling environment level
- Participation in consultation meetings and Technical Assistance through the League of Cities of the Philippines on all levels of intervention

Context

Demographic moves and land use change in Manila Bay lead to the need for a Sustainable Development Master Plan for Manila Bay (MBSDMP). The Plan includes proposals to make use of solicited private sector investments to achieve strategic management and development goals for inclusive growth, ecosystem protection, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, water quality improvement and upgrading informal settlements. This means an active role for the public agencies soliciting investments. Local Government Units (LGUs), being provinces, cities and municipalities can play a key role in local decision-making on and implementation of policy on land use, solid waste and integrated water management (including sewage) and catalyse interests of inhabitants of areas affected by big infrastructures. LGUs can generate economies of scale, by managing services and infrastructure together. At the same time, current services can be delivered more sustainable. Also, LGUs can be more involved in planning from the beginning, being already a requirement laid down in the local government code. LGUs do not necessarily have sufficient information on plans and projects with an impact on their territories. LGUs are therefore a partner in development to be considered at the table.



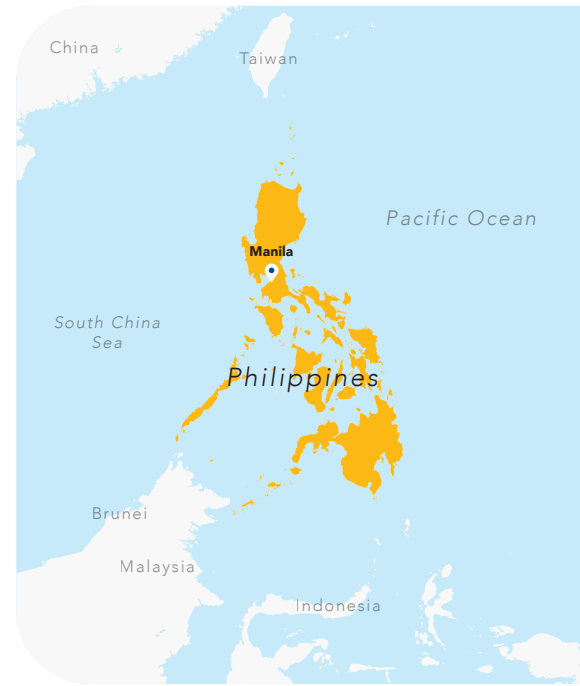
- Survey on Solid Waste Management at city, municipal and barangay level
- Business case developed for a shared composting facility by LGUs in Bataan province
- Analysis developed for a waste-to-energy plant for LGUs in Bataan and Cavite Province.

Results

Interlocal cooperation initiatives in Manila Bay for effectively representing the LGUs' interests and for the execution of projects aimed at the construction of solid waste management infrastructure (composting site) and actions aimed at preserving the natural conditions of Manila Bay.

Involved parties

- *City departments:* The key permanent staff at LGU level are: Planning development officers; Budget officers, Environmental officers and Engineers.
- *Governmental:* The League of Cities of the Philippines, Provinces, Cities, Municipalities and Barangays in Manila Bay region, National government agencies NEDA, DPWH, DENR, DILG.



“We, in Balanga City and together with the provincial government of Bataan, are very enthusiastic and fortunate to be part of this project. Through this partnership, we are grateful to the experts who are with us and are very willing to see this project through from the very beginning until its completion.”



Balanga City Mayor and LCP Vice President for Luzon **Francis Anthony S. Garcia** is one of the key decision-makers that will help realize the proposed clustered composting facility in Bataan province. Mayor Garcia's leadership on environmental management, as seen in the city's solid waste management (SWM) efforts, has made the DEALS Programme an apt complement to implement the recommendations of the Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan (MBSDMP). To this, Mayor Garcia initiated the commitment signing between the Bataan provincial government and municipalities to improve the solid waste situation in the province and become the demonstration site and model for SWM interlocal cooperation in the Philippines.