

CASE STUDY



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Tell us about what you have been doing since you returned to work and the experiences you have had since you attended the program.

After the Life of Mine study tour, I have been active with the mining industry cluster of the Davao Industry Clustering Capacitating and Empowerment Program.

The knowledge and experience I gained from the study tour were very relevant in helping me develop three training modules: governance, socio-economic and environment. The module on governance contains The Philippine legal framework on mining. It also covers different ordinances of the host community. The module on socio-economic includes the economic benefits gained from responsible mining. The third module includes environmental impacts of mining to the environment and discusses the environmental safeguards and mitigating measures to reduce the unavoidable impacts of mining.

All three modules take account of the best practices of mining companies operating in The Philippines. Also, trainers' training was conducted using the three developed modules. The pool of trainers is comprised of local leaders, educators and youth. After the classroom training of trainers, on the ground training will follow to give them hands-on experience.

To what extent have you been able to implement your return to work project, or skills learned, to your situation?

Responsible mining topics have already been integrated in the curriculum in BS Geology and in the Masters program. My effort is now directed at the promotion of responsible mining to the community. An education campaign has begun and we have conducted train the trainer. About 20 per cent of the project has been implemented.

What have been your successes?

Three main successes: organization of the technical working group for the Mining Cluster of DICCEP; development of three modules to be used in the campaign for responsible mining; and conducting trainers' training.

What have been the challenges involved?

Working with a limited budget, pooling potential trainers, and sustaining the membership of the cluster.

What are your future plans and the ultimate goal of your project/work?

The ultimate goal of the project is to promote responsible mineral development in the region. The future plans are: expand the scope of the information and education campaign to neighbouring communities, and expose the TWG and trainers to best practices outside the region, and possibly abroad.