

Proposal Summary

Developing A Knowledge Management and Exchange System for City Managers

East Asia and Pacific - Philippines

Summary	The Philippines is undergoing rapid urbanisation with about 60% of the total population residing in urban areas. In 25 years, this proportion is expected to increase to 75%. Alongside this phenomenon is the improved economic growth of urban centres, which are estimated to account for 70% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Urbanisation and economic growth continue to attract people in urban centres, thus causing significant strain on the capability of cities to manage development and provide for the basic services required by an increasing number of constituents. However, the ability of cities to respond to the challenges brought forth by urbanisation is constrained by the varying levels of technical capacity across different types of cities. This issue of inadequate technical capacity is further heightened by the limited term of LGU leaders with the three-year local election cycle ushering, in most cases, new leaders and new sets of key local government unit (LGU) personnel that need to undertake capacity development programmes. These changes in LGU leadership affect considerably the level of technical capacity among city managers, consisting mainly of elected city officials and key personnel, as the outgoing LGU administration normally takes with it the knowledge that it has gained and renders the incoming administration relatively fresh and with little knowledge base to build upon.
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Objectives	Activities
The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of cities to effectively manage inclusive urban development through the implementation of a knowledge management and exchange system among city managers and stakeholders.	Activity 1. Development of a League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) Knowledge Management and Exchange System (LCP-KMES) Activity 2. Conduct of a Knowledge Conference on City Management which primarily involves the conduct of a 3-day learning conference consisting of discussion and workshop groups for specific city management issues Activity 3. South-South Knowledge Exchange and Site Visits Activity 4. Roll-Out and Pilot Implementation of the LCP-KMES

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
Submitted by: League of Cities of the Philippines	CA Sponsor: World Bank	Implemented by: League of Cities of the Philippines CA Monitor: Andrea Zeman	Request to CA: \$ 250,000 Co-Financing: \$ 395,000 Total Budget: \$ 645,000	Duration: 18 months

Expected Impacts
The expected outcomes of the project are the following: a. Improvement in the level of understanding and capacity of participating cities to address local and global issues on city management; b. Identification of potential solutions to emerging city management issues; c. Establishment of a sustainable learning programme and knowledge exchange channels between and among international and local city managers, experts, practitioners, and constituents; d. Improved participation by citizens in city management; e. Enhanced capacity of the LCP to manage and share knowledge with local and international audience; and f.) systematised process of "peer to peer" knowledge sharing to develop collaboration and partnership among city managers.

