Minutes of the CONSULTATION MEETING with the waste pickers of the Legazpi City Open Dumpsite held on October 9, 2013 @ 8:00am -11am at the Administration Bldg., Sanitary Landfill Facility, Banquerohan, Legazpi City.

The meeting was formally started by Ms. Dolores Malagueno- OCENR EMS II by introducing the visitor, Madam Karen Jacob – WB Consultant on IPOPS Project for Social Safeguards. Also, acknowledged is Mr. Jesus Kallos – City Agriculturist.

Ms. Malagueno said that the City of Agriculturist was invited because of his experience in implementing livelihood projects for scavengers under the AECID assisted ESWM Program of Legazpi City. The livelihood projects implemented under the AECID Program were Hog Raising and Crop Production.

Mr. Kallos assisted the consultation process by dividing the attendees into two groups, one group was composed of AECID beneficiaries and another group is the non-AECID beneficiaries. The 1st group focused on the sharing of experiences in undertaking the hog raising project as summarized below:

- Most of the beneficiaries of the Hog Raising Project were successful in the project because they were able to pay piglets/cash payments to the organization.
- Some beneficiaries were not successful because the hogs got sick due to lack of support for food and treatment for the hog.
- One beneficiary sold the hog (9 months old) because it became unproductive

After getting the feedback and impressions from the beneficiaries the group was asked on the possible livelihood intervention and support they need to replace the lost income they used to earn from wastepicking.

The following proposed interventions by priority were raised by the wastepickers as follows:

1. Hog raising was identified as priority livelihood project because according to most of the wastepickers they had already been doing these for a long time as a family source of income which can support the educational needs of their children and other needs of the family.
2. Farming/crop production as secondary source of income because it will support the food needs of their family as well as their hog raising project.

After summarizing the discussion, a closing remarks was made by Ms. Malagueno, a representative of OCENR, assuring the IWS that their suggestions will be considered in the Project Proposal that will be submitted to the WB –IPOPS PMO. The meeting ended at 11am.

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