

MADEP Preparatory and Needs Assessment

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Gov. Johnny Pimentel of Surigao del Sur expressing addressing the members of the MaCaSaLTaBaYaMi n their attempt to reinvigorate their Alliance. On the background are Cagwait Vice Mayor Carlosito Avila, GIZ – COSERAM Principal Adviser Dr. Stephanie Schell – Faucon and LOGODEF Executive Director Prof. Edmund Tayao

LOGODEF and GIZ – Conflict Sensitive Resource and Asset Management (GIZ – COSERAM) conducted a Preparatory and Needs Assessment last 15 March 2011 held at the Cagwait White Beach Resort, Surigao del Sur in aims of helping reorganize the MaCaSaLTaBaYaMi Alliance Development Project (MADEP), a cluster of seven municipalities facing numerous challenges towards development.

The Alliance. Reeling from years of non – development primarily caused by insurgency in the area, the municipalities of Marihatag, Cagwait, San Agustin, Lianga, Tago, Bayabas and San Miguel from the Province of Surigao del Sur clustered themselves together way back in 1993, forming the MaCaSaLTaBaYaMi Alliance. Together, they aim to fight

against their common problems of widespread poverty, lack of infrastructure facilities and economic activities outside its dying logging industry.

However, in spite of their noble intentions, the Alliance was not immune to several challenges mainly: lack of funding support, internal power struggle and continuous problem of insurgency.

It is in this line that LOGODEF and GIZ – COSERAM agreed to facilitate a Preparatory and Needs Assessment to help refocus the Alliance. Gathering more than 120 political decision makers, local administrators, provincial officials and representatives of relevant national government agencies, the meeting aimed to reaffirm the goals and commitment of each member municipality and ensure to put sustainability mechanism in place.
