General Santos City

Barangays Covered: Labangal, Bula, Bawing, Lagao

Number of Communities: 6

Estimated Population of RUP Communities: 1,800

NGO Partner: Mahintana Foundation, Inc.

Gensan Story

The strengths of the implementation of RUP in Gensan lie in governance, community organizing and mobilization. The volunteers, empowered through RUP, were able to sustain their commitment to provide health services to the community. In fact, all volunteers are now members of the Community Health Team. The barangay LGU was also very supportive of the RUP implementation. In one community, it was the Barangay Councilor for Health who was instrumental in improving the performance of the health centre, by urging community members to avail of the health services, to the point of physically accompanying the clients to the health facilities. Cohesion was also very evident among the RUP communities as they were able to collectively come up with strategies to address their concerns. All communities were able to develop an enterprise plan/ proposal for their chosen livelihood programmes, ready for funding from civil society organizations.

Results of RUP implementation

There were some increases in the performance of the RUP barangays in Gensan in the core MNCHN indicators.

![Selected MNCHN Data in RUP Areas of General Santos City (Baseline vs. Endline)](source.png)

Source: General Santos CHO, 2011