



Trip Report: The Long-run Effects of Access to Financial Services

PLACE: July 17 – August 18, 2005

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Objectives:

A team from IFPRI traveled to the Philippines between July 17-August 18, 2005 to undertake dissemination activities for the first phase of the Long-term Impact of Credit Constraints study, to conduct data orientation workshops under the Pathways from Poverty Project, to train RIMCU collaborators in the use of Stata, meet with collaborators for the Pathways from Poverty project, and meet with World Bank staff regarding the Moving Out of Poverty in the Philippines add-on project. The team consisted of Agnes Quisumbing, Manohar Sharma, and Scott McNiven.

Itinerary and Summary of Activities:

Co-Principal Investigator Linda Burton and Chona Echavez, both from RIMCU, organized the dissemination workshops in Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay City, Bukidnon, while Emmanuel Esguerra, one of the Philippine collaborators in the Pathways Project, organized the workshops in Manila. We would like to thank RIMCU and UPSE for their excellent cooperation and collaboration (both substantive and logistic) during this trip. A list of seminars and dissemination activities is presented in Annex A.

1. Workshops in Quezon City and Manila (July 20-29)

Agnes arrived in Manila on July 18, Scott on July 19, and Manohar on July 27. On July 20, Scott and Agnes conducted a workshop introducing graduate students and faculty at the University of the Philippines School of Economics to the Bukidnon data set. The presentation consisted of three parts: (1) an overview of the Bukidnon Panel Survey (BPS); (2) sampling design and attrition issues; and (3) an overview of early papers from the BPS. On July 22, Agnes gave a presentation to the Economics Department of De La Salle University and staff from the National Statistics Office on “Designing and Using Income and Expenditure Surveys to Analyze Intrahousehold Allocation: Lessons learned from IFPRI experience.” On July 29, Manohar and Agnes presented “Financial Transactions in Bukidnon Province (with special emphasis on borrowing transactions)” and “Credit Constraints Across Generations and the Life Cycle”, respectively, at the Friday Seminar Series at the UP School of Economics. This seminar is usually attended by graduate students, faculty, and researchers from policy research institutions.

2. Training and workshops in Cagayan de Oro and Bukidnon (July 24-August 4)

Scott McNiven traveled to Cagayan de Oro on July 24 and gave a two-day Stata training to RIMCU and Xavier University staff. On July 26, he visited the study sites with Linda Burton and Vicky Regidor. He also visited the Provincial Planning and Development Office in Malaybalay and talked several Municipal Planning and Development Officers (MPDOs), who requested a copy of the data at the municipality level for their yearly planning exercise. Agnes and Manohar traveled to Cagayan de Oro on August 1. On August 2, the IFPRI and RIMCU teams gave a workshop focusing on rural finance issues to academics and policymakers at the PhilTown Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. Manohar and Agnes presented results from the quantitative survey and Linda Burton gave an overview of the case studies based on life history

methods. On August 3, the team gave a data dissemination workshop at Xavier University, to introduce the BPS to researchers and academics. On August 4, the IFPRI and RIMCU teams gave a workshop on rural finance issues at the Pine Hills Hotel in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. A highlight of the workshop was distributing diskettes with municipality-level data to MPDOs.

3. Seminars in Manila and Cebu (August 5-August 16)

On August 8, Agnes gave a presentation at De La Salle University, Manila, on preliminary results from the CAPRI project, "Groups, Networks, and Social Capital in Rural Philippine Communities." She gave the same presentation at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City, on August 11. Agnes also met with staff of the Office of Population Studies to discuss prospects for future collaboration. On August 16, Agnes met with Loraine Hawkins, Human Development Specialist, and Joachim von Amsberg, Country Director, at the World Bank Mission in Manila. She also gave a presentation on the "Moving out of Poverty in the Philippines" project and presented preliminary results from the qualitative and quantitative studies. The World Bank has proposed to fund dissemination activities from the Moving out of Poverty study.

Scott returned to Washington DC on August 5, Manohar on August 7, and Agnes returned to Massachusetts on August 18.

Annex A. List of Workshops and Dissemination Activities

Date	Venue	Topic	Personnel involved	Audience
July 20, 2005	UP School of Economics, Quezon City	Data dissemination workshop (1) an overview of the Bukidnon Panel Survey (BPS); (2) sampling design and attrition issues; and (3) an overview of early papers from the BPS	Scott McNiven, Agnes Quisumbing	UP graduate students and faculty
July 25	De La Salle University, Manila	Questionnaire design workshop, “Designing and Using Income and Expenditure Surveys to Analyze Intrahousehold Allocation: Lessons learned from IFPRI experience”	Agnes Quisumbing	Faculty, staff of DLSU and staff of the National Statistics Office
July 25-26	Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro	Stata training	Scott McNiven	RIMCU staff
July 29	UP School of Economics, Quezon City	Preliminary results from rural finance study: “Financial Transactions in Bukidnon Province (with special emphasis on borrowing transactions)” and “Credit Constraints Across Generations and the Life Cycle”	Manohar Sharma, Agnes Quisumbing	UP graduate students and faculty, researchers from policy research institutions
August 2	PhilTown Hotel, Cagayan de Oro	Rural finance workshop: : “Financial Transactions in Bukidnon Province (with special emphasis on borrowing transactions)”; “Credit Constraints Across Generations and the Life Cycle”; “Case Studies of Selected Households in Southern Bukidnon”	Manohar Sharma, Agnes Quisumbing, Linda Burton	Policymakers and technical staff from government offices; researchers and academics
August 3	Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro	Data dissemination workshop (1) an overview of the Bukidnon Panel Survey (BPS); (2) sampling design and attrition issues; and (3) an overview of early papers from the BPS	Scott McNiven, Agnes Quisumbing	Xavier University graduate students and faculty

August 4	Pine Hills Hotel, Malaybalay City	Rural finance workshop: : “Financial Transactions in Bukidnon Province (with special emphasis on borrowing transactions)”; “Credit Constraints Across Generations and the Life Cycle”; “Case Studies of Selected Households in Southern Bukidnon”	Manohar Sharma, Agnes Quisumbing, Linda Burton	Policymakers and field staff from government offices; researchers and academics
August 8	De La Salle University, Manila	“Groups, Networks, and Social Capital in Rural Philippine Communities”	Agnes Quisumbing	Faculty and staff of DLSU
August 11	University of San Carlos, Cebu	“Groups, Networks, and Social Capital in Rural Philippine Communities”	Agnes Quisumbing	Faculty and staff of USC and Office of Population Studies
August 16	World Bank Mission, Manila	Presentation on “Moving out of Poverty in the Philippines”	Agnes Quisumbing	WB Manila Mission staff

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