

The Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Indigenous Peoples in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (MCCT-IPs in GIDA): Implications for Inclusion

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What is the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program?

- It is a human development undertaking of the national government that provides conditional cash grants to the poorest of the poor to improve the health, nutrition, and the education of children aged 0-18 in these households.
- It is patterned after the conditional cash transfer (CCT) schemes in Latin American and African countries
- Also called the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)

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Objectives of the program

- *Social assistance*, giving monetary support to extremely poor families to respond to their immediate needs
- *Social development*, investing in the health and education of poor children
- *For health*
 - Health check-ups/immunization for pregnant women and children aged 0 to 5;
 - deworming of schoolchildren aged 6 to 14;

For education

- Enrolment of children in day care, elementary, and secondary schools

For the family

- Family development sessions.



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Who are eligible?

- Residents of the poorest municipalities, based on 2003 Small Area Estimates (SAE) of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)
- Households whose economic condition is equal to or below the provincial poverty threshold
- Households that have children 0-18 years old and/or have a pregnant woman at the time of assessment
- Households that agree to meet conditions specified in the program



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How much is the cash grant?

- **Health grant:**

P500 per household per month, or a total of P6,000 every year

- **Education grant:**

P300 per child per month for ten months, or a total of P3,000 every year

(A household may register a maximum of three children for the program)



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What are the conditions for receiving the cash grant?

For health:

- Pregnant women must avail of pre- and post-natal care, and be attended during childbirth by a trained professional in a birthing facility
- Parents or guardians must attend the family development sessions, which cover topics on responsible parenting, health, and nutrition
- Children aged 0-5 must receive regular preventive health check-ups and immunization
- Children aged 6-14 must receive deworming pills twice a year

For education :

- Children aged 3-18 from beneficiary households must enrol in school, and maintain an attendance of at least 85% of class days every month.



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What is the Modified CCT Program

- The **MODIFIED CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (MCCT) PROGRAM** caters to families in need of special protection including:
- Street Families
- Itinerant Indigenous Families
- Families Displaced By Natural And Man-made Disasters
- Families With A Person With Disability (PWD), Child Laborers, Children In Conflict With The Law
- Families With Members With Terminal Disease
- Victims Of Human Trafficking.



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What is the difference between CCT and MCCT (for IP)

- Same conditionalities / same cash benefits
- Community organizing/social preparation before introduction of the program
- MCCT has Community and Family Development Sessions (where other community members can join)
- Includes a livelihood component (e.g. Cash for Work, livelihood assistance through seed dispersal, farm implements, /seedling)



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Source of data

- Research Project “Assessment of the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Indigenous Peoples in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (MCCT-IPs in GIDA)”
 - Demand side (from beneficiaries’ point of view)
 - Supply side (from facilities point of view)
- Conducted by UPPI in collaboration with UNICEF and DSWD



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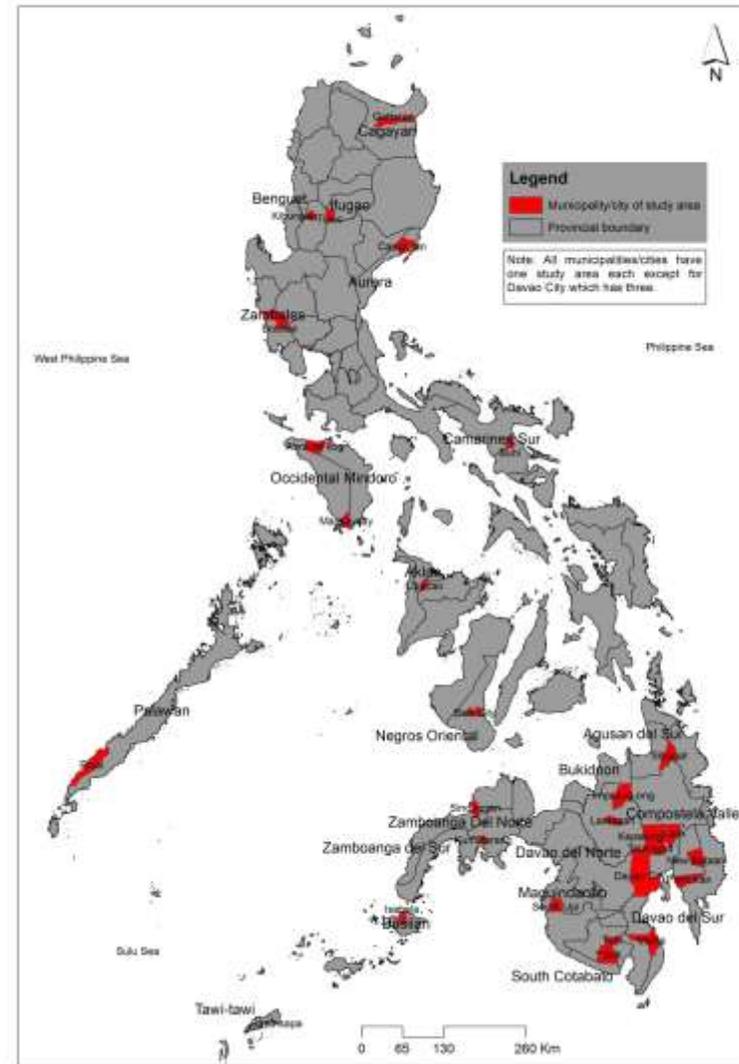
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Selected IPs and their location



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Field areas: LUZON & VISAYAS

Municipality	Province	IP group
LUZON		
1. Tinoc	Ifugao	KALANGUYA
2. Kibungan	Benguet	KANKANAHEY
3. Gattaran	Cagayan Valley	AGTA
4. Casiguran	Aurora	DUMAGAT
5. Botolan	Zambales	AETA
6. Abra de Ilog	Occidental Mindoro	IRAYA MANGYAN
7. Magsaysay	Occidental Mindoro	HANUNUO MANGYAN
8. Bataraza	Palawan	TAU'T BATO
9. Buhi	Camarines Sur	AGTA
VISAYAS		
1. Libacao	Aklan	AKEANON-BUKIDNON
2. Bais City	Negros Oriental	ATA



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The
Teacher's
Gallery

Field areas: MINDANAO

Municipality	Province	IP group
1. Isabela City	Basilan	YAKAN
2. Sindangan	Zamboanga del Norte	SUBANEN
3. Kumalarang	Zamboanga del Sur	SUBANEN
4. Impasugong	Bukidnon	HIGAONON
5. Lantapan	Bukidnon	TALAANDING
6. Laak (San Vicente)	Compostela Valley	DIBABAWON
7. New Bataan	Compostela Valley	MANDAYA
8. Pantukan	Compostela Valley	MANSACA
9. Kapalong	Davao del Norte	ATA-MANOBO
10. Talaingod	Davao del Norte	ATA-MANOBO
11. Davao City	Davao del Sur	BAGOBO, OBO MANOBO, MATIGSALOG
12. Malita	Davao del Sur	TAGAKAOLO
13. T'boli	South Cotabato	TIBOLI
14. Tupi	South Cotabato	B`LAAN
15. South Upi	Maguindanao	TEDURAY
16. Sapa-sapa	Tawi-tawi	SAMA
17. Sibagat	Agusan del Sur	MANOBO



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South Cotabato

Results from the demand side assessment

The MCCT for IP beneficiaries are uniformly appreciative of their inclusion in the program.

Some of the benefits enumerated in the FGDs:

- They have money to buy food, school supplies, medicines, pay for school fees, buy farm supplies.
- They have health benefits as members of PhilHealth
- Their children will have the education they themselves did not get so their children will not be easily fooled/tricked or taken advantage of when they deal with non-IPs
- Their children can speak Bisaya, the language of non-IPs in their area



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Results from the demand side assessment`

- The cash from the education conditionality is an incentive to keep the children in school
- Cash enables them to pay for school-related expenses
- Some IP groups report that the education conditionality is a deterrent to early marriage



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Inclusion- related concerns for MCCT IPs in GIDA (from demand side assessment)

There is difficulty in complying with the 85% required attendance for MCCT IP beneficiaries living in GIDA because of:

- Physical distance (long travel time to and from school)
- Difficult terrain (no means of public transport, slippery trails, dangerous paths)
- Additional barrier for pre-school children, none in the HH can spare time to bring child to school
- For high school age children, only 3 of the 20 barangays have a secondary school. Students have to board in the town



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Inclusion- related concerns for MCCT IPs in GIDA

Other barriers to complying with the 85% attendance conditionality

- Child illness especially during the rainy months
- Lack of food in the household (There may be school-based feeding programs but the child has no energy to walk to school without breakfast)



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Evidence from supply side assessment

Sources of data:

- Census of regular and alternative education and health facilities and service providers in the barangay
- Mapping of facilities using GIS
- Interviews with service providers



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Some representative maps

The maps provide a visual representation of the actual location of the facilities within the barangay

They provide the context for appreciation of the information gathered from the demand side and from the interviews with service providers



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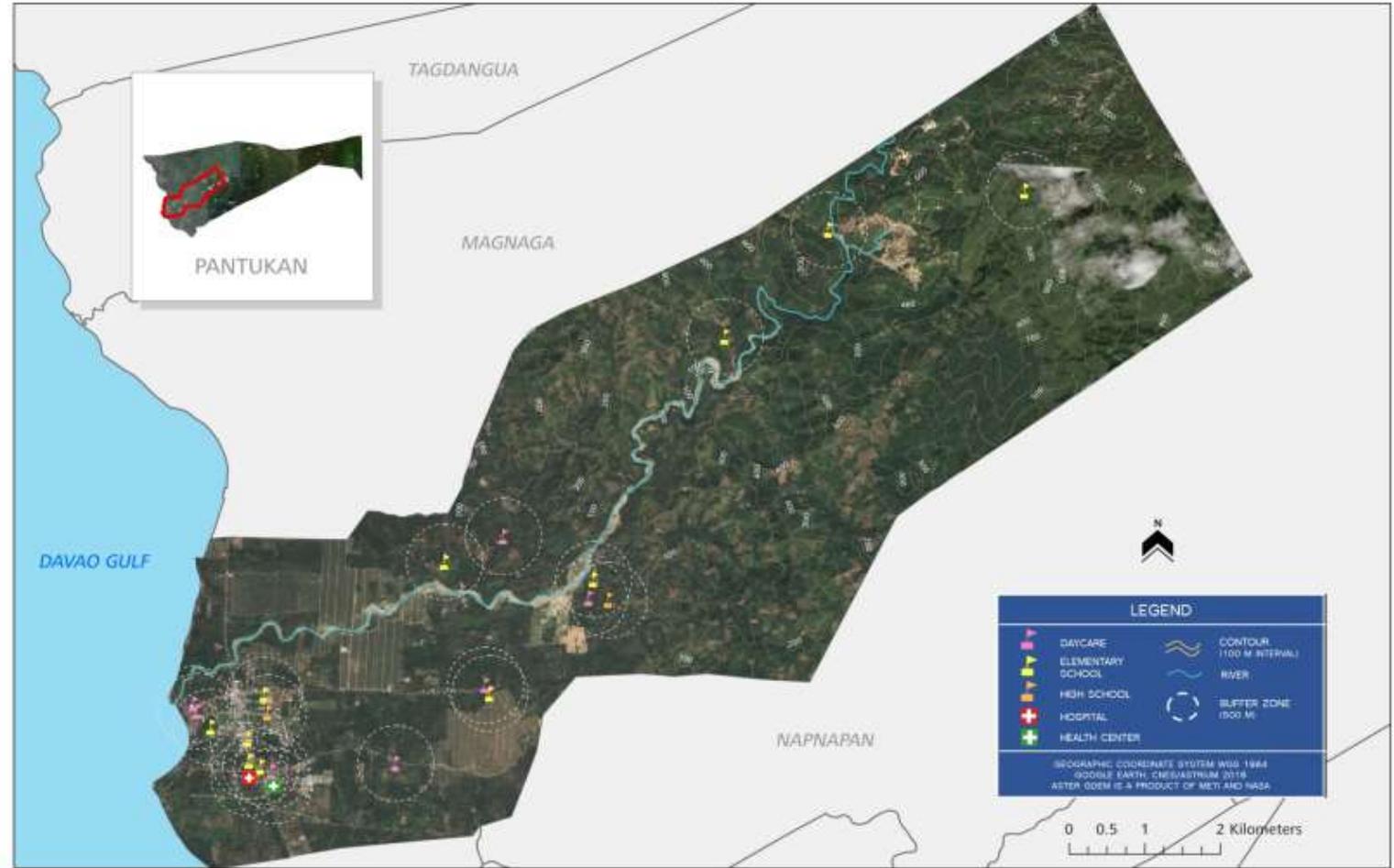
**Bgy. Kingking,
Pantukan, Compostela Valley**

-Lone urban bgy. in Pantukan

-Land area: 65 sq.km.

-Population (2010): 24,600

-25 Non-IP and 26 IP groups: 40% Mansaka



Kingking, Pantukan, Compostela Valley
Mansaka



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Education facilities:

- 7 DCCs
- 11 ES
- 2 HS



Kingking, Pantukan, Compostela Valley
Mansaka



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**Bgy. Lakit-Lakit,
Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi**

-1 of 6 bgy's in
Mantabuan Island

-Land area:
1.8 sq. km.

-Population
(2010): 1,490

-99% Sama



Lakit-Lakit, Sapa-Sapa, Tawi-Tawi
Sama Badjao



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Education facilities:

-1 DCC

-1 ES

-nearest HS located in another island



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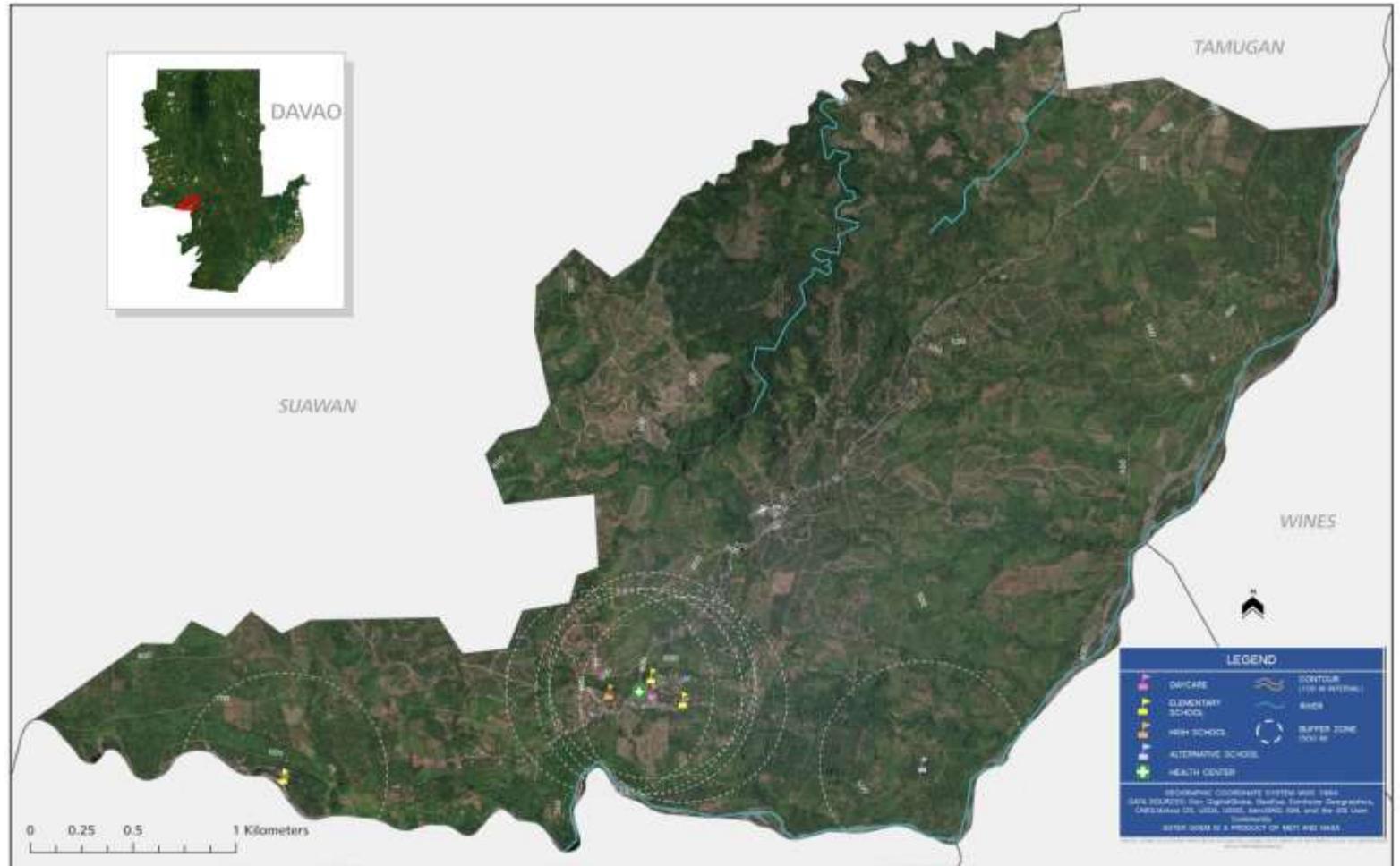


Bgy. Tambobong,
Davao City, Davao del Sur

-Land area:
12.5 sq.km.

-Population
(2010): 5,215

-88% IPs; Bagobo
only 6%



Tambobong, Davao City, Davao del Sur
Bagobo



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Conclusions from the supply side analysis

Although there are facilities in the barangay that provide the services needed by beneficiaries to comply with the conditionalities of the MCCT program, these are mostly in the center of the barangay

Many MCCT IP beneficiaries live in sitios outside the barangay center which can only be reached by hiking or sometimes by *habal habal*

There are GIDAs within GIDAs. (sitios within the barangay) that have access problems

Household poverty also hampers ability of schoolchildren to maintain regular school attendance



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- These are difficult enough circumstances for the average school-age child.
- Almost insurmountable for the differently abled



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While all barangays visited have can Alternative Learning System, ALS in its current form cannot address the needs of grade school pupils

- ALS is for children aged 12 and over
- For out of school youth
- For adult learners



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