

Aspects of Non-Economic Loss and Damage in Climate and Biodiversity for IP & LCs - Reflections from the Pastor Rice Fund

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NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (NTFP-EP)

Vision to 2030

“Resilient Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities with the women and youth in Asia are respected stewards of healthy forests and living securely in their land for generations to come”.

Founded in 1998, NTFP-EP is an association of 31 members and a collaborative network of over 100 partner NGOs and CBOs that provide enabling support to indigenous peoples and local communities (IP&LCs) in the sustainable management of NTFPs, ecosystems and biodiversity

NTFP-EP elevates community-based forest conservation, culture and indigenous knowledge, systems and practices, and gender equality and women’s rights.





INDIA

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

PHILIPPINES

MALAYSIA

INDONESIA



WHERE WE ARE

● CIRCLES DENOTE PROJECT AREAS

A community-oriented small grant facility, established by the NTFP-EP, which has supported various initiatives in South and Southeast Asia since 2007 through support from various donors.

Priority Actions

1. Empowerment and rights of women and girls
2. Innovation and sustainable solutions to environmental and poverty-related issues
3. Partnership and collective action related to women’s rights and environment justice

Types of Grants:

- Small
- Travel
- Strategic
- Quick-response



Pastor Rice
Small Grants Fund
for Community-based Forest Ecosystem Initiatives

Issues and Problems

1. Large-scale projects that threaten their rights to their ancestral domains and their lands
2. Threat to the Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices of communities
3. Food insecurity
4. Health issues
5. Gender-related difficulties and challenges
6. Disasters and post-disaster challenges

Instability in the microeconomic level often causes the women to be subjected to violence, mental health problems, and disempowerment.



Community-based organization in Ratanakiri Province where many big projects are set to begin without much consultation and consent from the community.



Fish kill due to the toxic contamination of cyanide, ammonium nitrite, sulfuric acid from acid mine drainage



Diarrhea outbreak due to insufficient access to clean water after the onset of a strong typhoon. Water contamination is also caused by destructive activities inside their forests.

Lubang-angin (silt pit). Traditional soil and water conservation method



- Revitalizing of local practices on sustainable agroforestry
- Organizing youth and women-led organizations in neighboring forest-dependent areas
- Protecting their sustainable harvesting practices to retain the forest ecosystem while supporting their livelihoods
- Functioning as forest guardians and stewards in their areas amidst threats
- Exploring livelihood alternatives that ensure the health of their ecosystem
- Conducting learning exchanges with their own communities and neighboring organizations to forge solidarity for a common cause



Women-led organization in Philippines in their initiative to rehabilitate mangrove ecosystem to counter pollution caused by development projects.



Indigenous youth organization from Cambodia ensure the continuity of their Indigenous practices and knowledge while empowering their fellow youth to finish their education.



Community-led initiative to distribute aid to their neighboring villages after disasters and health emergencies.



Backyard gardening using cuttings to reproduce the edible plants they could only harvest before in their remote forest area.

Summing Up: What is Loss and Damage - in particular Non-Economic Loss and Damage from the Grantees Experiences that we can reflect upon



Women and Youth Empowerment in Yeak Laom Community Protect Area in Ratanakiri Province, Cambodia, to respond to critical environmental and social issues affecting their indigenous communities.

- Threats of policies and projects that prohibit their traditional practices
- Displacement of communities from their lands; cultural displacement
- Declining forest cover and increasing unpredictability of climate causing loss of biodiversity, where most of their livelihoods come from
- Loss or threats to life and livelihood



Initiative to protect and advocate for the customary rights and territories of Ancestral Burial Site in Batu Balos Cemetery Cave, Sabah, Malaysia.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO SUPPORT IP & LCs

- Solidarity and alliance building
- Documentation - stories of resilience and storytelling as a method of empowerment
- Resource mobilization and financing of locally-led actions
- Grassroots education and mobilization - support youth action and engagement at the community



Our beneficiaries from 9 communities in Santa Ana Cagayan.

PRSGF thru its QRG to Mabuwaya Foundation, was able to give assistance in 9 communities in Sta. Ana Cagayan that was devastated by 6 successive typhoons in 2024.



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