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SEMESTRAL PROGRESS REPORT[1]

☐MID-YEAR ☒ANNUAL / YEAR 2024

A. BASIC INFORMATION

Quantum Project ID	**01001427**	**Reporting Date**:	**2/4/2025**
Full Title:	**EU-PH Partnership for Green Economy: Green LGUs**		
Start Date:	**3/1/2024**	**Completion Date** (and approved extension, if any)**:**	**8/31/2028**
Total Project Fund (and fund revisions, if any)**:**	USD 25,945,800.00	**Annual Project Fund: AWP Budget (2024)**	USD 1,909,652.00
Implementing Partner:	**United Nations Development Programme**		
Donor/s:	**European Union, Local Government Units (In-Kind)**		
Responsible Parties:	**United Nations Development Programme**		
Project Description	The Philippines, known for vast archipelago of 7,100 islands, faces challenges growing levels of consumption and waste and pollution, exacerbated by its rapidly growing economy, population and urbanization. The country gained international attention due to its significant contribution to marine plastic pollution, ranking as the third largest source globally in 2015 and the largest contributor of mismanaged plastic waste into the marine environment through river systems in 2021 - posing severe environmental, economic, and social costs, and exacerbating climate and disaster risks. The transition to a circular economy is crucial in addressing the overconsumption, waste related challenges, including plastic pollution. Additionally, circular economy approaches have the potentially to significantly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, thus contributing to the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Pursuing a circular economy not only reduces environment pressure and GHG emissions, but also yields socioeconomic benefits, fostering economic growth and job creation, and resilience. Local government units (LGUs) play a pivotal role in driving innovative and scalable solutions for the circular economy transition. With their policy autonomy and fiscal capacity, LGUs can shape the circular economy landscape. Despite varying contexts and capabilities, there is potential to cultivate entrepreneurial LGUs that influence supply and demand dynamics. However, LGUs and stakeholders face significant challenges. Efforts are aimed at addressing key barriers to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy at the local level.		

[1] UNDP CO Template for project Midyear Progress Reporting; Updated: June 2023.
Deadlines: Draft Midyear progress Report due on 10th of July

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Target Group	Levels ☐National ☐Regional ☒Sub-National (Provincial/Municipal/Brgy.) ☒Community/Sectoral Groups	Shocks and Fragility ☐Internally displace persons ☐Migrants ☒Persons directly affected by natural disasters ☐Persons negatively affected by armed conflict or violence ☐Refugees	Socio-Economic ☒People living in multi-dimensional poverty ☐People living under the national poverty line ☒People living in Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) ☐Unemployed persons	Status ☐Key populations for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria ☐Minorities (race, ethnicity, linguistic, religions, etc.) ☒Persons with disabilities ☐Sexual and gender orientation ☒Women ☒Youth ☒Indigenous People
Gender Marker	☐Gen 0 No noticeable contribution to gender equality	☐Gen 1 Some contribution to gender equality	☒Gen 2 Gender equality as a significant objective EU-GEPP GEDSI Analysis and Action Plan.pdf	☐Gen 3 Gender equality as a principal objective **Insert Link to GAP**
Contributing to Directions of Change	☒*Structural transformation* ***Structural transformation accelerated, particularly green, inclusive, and digital transition***	☒*Gender and Leaving no-one behind* ***No-one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development***	☐*Building resilience* **Resilience built to respond to systemic uncertainty and risk**	
Adopting the Development Enablers	☒*Strategic Innovation* ***Empowering governments and communities to enhance the performance of entire systems, making them adaptive and resilient***	☒*Digitalization* ***Supporting countries to build inclusive, ethical, and sustainable digital societies***	☒*Development Financing* ***Partnering with governments and the private sector and other partners to align public finance and private capital flows with the SDGs and mobilize finance at scale***	
Contributing to Moonshots	☒Helping 100 million people to escape out of multidimensional poverty	☒Supporting 500 million people to gain access to clean energy,	☐Supporting 800 million people to participate in elections, many for the first time	☒Promoting over US$1 trillion of public expenditure and private capital investment in the SDGs.
2024-2028 UNSDCF/CPD Outcome primary alignment	Outcome 3. Climate action, environmental sustainability and disaster resilience			

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2024-2028 UNSDCF/CPD Outcome secondary alignment	Outcome 2. Sustainable economic development, innovation and decent work
2022-2025 UNDP SP IRRF Output Indicator Alignment	**Signature Solution 3: Resilience** 3.1.1 Number of risk-informed development strategies and plans in place S**ignature Solution 4: Environment** 4.1.1 Number of people directly benefitting from initiatives to protect nature and promote sustainable use of resources 4.2.1 Number of people directly benefitting from mechanisms for biodiversity, water, oceans, and climate solutions funded by public and/or private sector resources **Signature Solution 6: Gender Equality** 6.1.1 Number of measures implemented to: eliminate gender-based discrimination and segregation in labour market **Enablers** E.2.1 Number of government and other partners' initiatives, which increased policy and development options by applying portfolio design at: sub-national E.3.2 Number of policies and regulatory and institutional frameworks developed and adopted by public and private actors to align public and private finance with the SDGs
SDG Tagging	☐ Goal 1: No Poverty: End poverty in all its forms everywhere. ☐ Goal 2: Zero Hunger: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture. ☐ Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. ☐ Goal 4: Quality Education: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. ☒ Goal 5: Gender Equality: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. ☐ Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. ☐ Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all. ☒ Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. ☒ Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation. ☐ Goal 10: Reduced Inequality: Reduce inequality within and among countries. ☒ Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. ☒ Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. ☒ Goal 13: Climate Action: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. ☐ Goal 14: Life Below Water: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development. ☐ Goal 15: Life on Land: Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, manage forests sustainably, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss. ☐ Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

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	☒ Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

B. INDICATIVE/EMERGING RESULTS OF THE PROJECT and LESSONS LEARNED

B.1 Strategic Level

Guidance: Highlight project's contribution towards the i) three directions of change; ii) development enablers; and iii) moonshots

Three Directions of Change

In 2024, the project initially assessed CE challenges and opportunities across the Tier 1 Ten LGUs. Consultations identified plastics and organics as priority material flows for circularity. The project supports the three directions of change of UNDP. For the structural transformation, EU-GEPP supports LGUs and stakeholders' transition towards circularity by enabling policies and systems at the local level, which will eventually inform national-level policies and measures. In building resilience, the project integrates disaster risk reduction and resilience in the CE measures and strengthens the local value chains for circularity. Inclusivity is one of the key priorities of the project to embody the leaving no one behind direction of the organization. The project will promote the following three directions of change focusing on plastics and organics:

1. **Enabling Policies and Systems:** The project supports LGUs in implementing upstream and downstream circular economy measures, focusing on enabling systems for a just and green transition. This includes enhancing readiness for the **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** law (2022), a critical policy for addressing the plastic waste problem by holding enterprises accountable for their plastic packaging across its lifecycle. To this end, the project assessed the EPR readiness of each LGU and will provide further support.
2. **Strengthening Local Value Chains for Circularity:** For plastics, the project will help LGUs for EPR readiness through tracking the flow of materials within local value chains, enabling better resource management and connecting actors such as waste collectors/junkshops/obliged enterprises/Producer Responsible Organizations/recyclers. For organics, it fosters circular food systems by linking farmers, residents, retailers, hotels/restaurants, and composting operators to minimize food waste and convert it into valuable resources like fertilizer.
3. **Inclusive and Just Transition**
   The project ensures that circular economy strategies and activities are **GEDSI-responsive** and inclusive, promoting active and continuous participation across sectors and communities. This approach guarantees that the benefits of the green economy transition are equitably distributed, leaving no one behind.

Development Enablers

The project supports the Philippines in promoting an inclusive green transition through the operationalization of upstream, midstream and downstream circular economy measures aiming at the avoidance, reduction and recycling of waste, increased energy and resource efficiency and renewable energy deployment and promotion of climate change mitigation measures. The project uses the transformational resource management as example and as pilot case study of how systematic circular economy could significantly contribute to transforming the Philippines' economy towards a green economy model.

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The project strategically utilizes **innovation, digitalization, and development financing** as key enablers to maximize development impacts to the country. In its inception period, the project achieves all these by co-designing circular economy portfolios with the first ten identified local government units. These CE portfolios incorporated targeted interventions that support in addressing barriers and challenges identified by LGUs and their local stakeholders, including GEDSI groups, in its transition to a circular economy.

The project promotes **innovation** by applying a systems and portfolio approach to collaboratively understand challenges and develop circular economy (CE) solutions for each partner LGU. This is done in partnership with relevant LGU offices, civil society, the private sector, academe, and other key stakeholders. It also aims to develop viable solutions that work through a portfolio of specific interventions, and to offer a wide array of possibilities for LGUs and key stakeholders to address resource challenges, including on plastic pollution, food waste and tourism. The project prepared different calls for proposals that will further support the CE portfolios co-developed with LGUs and stakeholders. These various grants (e.g. Innovation challenge, CSO grants, and CE education and behaviour change) aims to engage CSOs, academe, and the private sector to foster a whole of society approach in testing, developing, upscaling, and implementing CE solutions that will benefit identified LGUs of the project.

Promoting **digitalization** through the use of digital platforms and databases is also a central component of the project to facilitate evidence and data driven circular economy policy making and implementation. Through the various workshops conducted in the first ten LGUs, the project was able to take stock of the available data collected and systems in place for LGUs to track CE activities and CE supporting operations. Understanding available systems and data in LGUs will enable the project to design targeted, fit for purpose, and sustainable digital solutions for use of different stakeholders in local government units.

The project is working with other agencies under the EU Circular Economy programme to unlock **development financing** through supporting LGUs in realigning their budgets to support shift to circular economy and mobilization of innovative finance including EPR, blended financing, Public Private Partnership (PPP) with special attention to inclusivity, sustainability, affordability and accessibility – to support the implementation of the LGU's CE portfolios.

Lastly, during the project's inception period from March to August, the project was able to capacitate the first 10 partner LGUs and their stakeholders on innovative circular solutions to 10 LGUs, featuring technologies and approaches from Europe, the Philippines and other parts of the world. The project likewise capacitated local partners on the basics of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and how plastic diverters can benefit from partnerships with EPR obliged enterprises, collectives or producer responsibility organizations. Through this knowledge sharing, the LGUs were able to develop workplans that include digitalization, enabling policies, innovative practices, GEDSI responsive activities, and sustainable financing for the promotion of a circular economy.

Moonshots

The Green LGUs project is envisaged to improve the lives of the people through the creation of green jobs and building green skills for circular economy within the LGU partners. It also seeks to generate income for the vulnerable groups by creating enabling institutional and financial mechanisms for them to implement CE initiatives. The project also aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging green and carbon neutral interventions with all the LGU partners, for example, by supporting communities to gain access to energy efficiency measures, clean energy and green transport. Partnerships with public and private institutions will be promoted throughout to introduce CE innovation and to support investments in the SDGs.

Included in the inception period, workplans of LGUs were developed to have activities that include support in the inclusion of informal waste pickers by organizing and potentially formalizing their groups, upskilling informal waste pickers, and recognizing them as key partners in promoting circular economy. In workplans developed, the project will support

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technologies to capture methane emission from organic waste, this will result to lesser direct methane emissions. To introduce a diversified green livelihood program, the project organized an upskilling activity for enterprises in Del Carmen, Siargao that was participated by 52 youth.

B.2 Top three Key Results of the Project

Guidance: Use the following criteria for selection of key project outcome/output-level results i) results that directly contribute to CPD outcomes/outputs; ii) result in which significant proportion of the annual budget is spent; and iii) any other result that is important for the project for that year. Disaggregated data (sex, age, social group, etc) must be used to the extent possible when reporting on beneficiaries

The EU-GEPP/Green LGUs project contributes to CPD Outcome 3. Climate action, environmental sustainability, and disaster resilience at the local government level by supporting transition of at least 60 LGUs to a circular economy. This 2024, the Green LGUs Project has successfully laid a solid foundation for 2025 implementation across the tier 1 10 LGUs by completing inception workshops, co-developing 10 LGU CE portfolios, validating work plans, establishing a robust monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning (MERL) mechanism aligned with the overall EU-GEPP programme, and facilitating peer-to-peer learning and benchmarking activities.

1. **Completion of all Inception Phase activities and development of work plans, establishing a solid foundation for implementation.**

   In 2024, LGU-level activities focused on establishing Circular Economy (CE) priorities with the first-tier group of 10 LGUs. This involved organizing a national-level inception workshop to introduce the EU-GEPP SO2 project to these LGUs, conducting on-site inception workshops with all LGUs to perform baseline assessments, identifying CE challenges and opportunities, preparing Year 1 plans, and formulating strategies for priority intervention portfolios.

   From July to August 2024, the project conducted local field missions and inception workshops for each of the 10 LGUs to gather inputs from the CEAT and local stakeholders. Typically, the field missions comprised a courtesy meeting to LGUs to introduce and discuss the project, field visits to understand ongoing CE efforts, and two-day local inception workshops.

LGU	Dates
Puerto Princesa City	9-11 July 2024
Iloilo City	16-18 July 2024
Davao City	23-25 July 2024
Ormoc City	20 July - 1 Aug 2024

LGU	Dates
Baguio City	7-9 Aug 2024
Island Garden City of Samal	13-15 Aug 2024
Pasig City	19-20 Aug 2024
Caloocan City	28-29 Aug 2024

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The project organized courtesy calls to LGUs to introduce the EU-GEPP SO2 project and to understand the vision and priority areas of each LGU in accelerating the circular economy transition. Site visits were conducted to existing and planned CE projects. Key lessons and good practices are documented in a coffee table book to be available by March 2025 for LGUs.

Two-day local inception workshops focused on city and municipality-specific CE actions, innovations, policies, and partnerships. It introduced the objectives and scope of the EU-GEPP, along with key CE concepts, including national policies like Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). The workshop also engaged GEDSI groups—such as PWDs, youth, the informal waste sector, local MSMEs, and CSOs—to share their perspectives on contributing to the circular economy transition. The process also involved multi-stakeholder discussions to assess the baseline situation, existing initiatives, key challenges, and priority portfolios of CE interventions (see the example of Del Carmen). The workshops established institutional arrangements for implementing impactful activities while ensuring the inclusion of GEDSI groups, youth, the informal waste sector, local MSMEs, and CSOs.

2. Establishing a robust Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) Mechanism to track implementation progress

What can be measured can be managed. Through a project-wide MERL workshop, stakeholders from EU-GEPP's ten partner LGUs, technical partners, and national government agencies gathered to deepen their understanding of the project's MERL Framework and share insights on the indicator methodology notes to align definitions to the local context.
The event provided a platform for LGU partners to link their work plans to expected results, particularly on priority CE portfolios such as EPR-ready plastics circularity, food systems approach to organics, and green tourism. By aligning their proposed activities with the project's output and outcome indicators at the earliest stages of project planning, the LGUs ensured a cohesive approach towards achieving the overarching goal of a green, circular economy transition. MERL is an important feature of EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project as it allows for evidence-based evaluation and translation of facts and figures into knowledge products later on.

On 9 and 10 October 2024, as a follow-up to the local inception workshops held from June to August 2024, the LGU participants from their respective LCEAT from EU-GEPP's ten (10) partner LGUs gathered in Quezon City to deepen their understanding of the project's MERL Framework and share their insights on the indicator methodology notes to align definitions to their local contexts.

LCEAT teams from the 10 LGUs also presented their initial work plans for their identified two or three priority CE portfolios, such as green tourism, sustainable food systems, and waste circularity, which were linked to Output and Outcome indicators they contribute to. See an example of how the city of Baguio defined priority CE portfolio areas and interventions.

The project team conducted a further analysis of common priority areas/portfolio interventions which resulted in the identification of three priority areas that the project will focus on for CE interventions: 1. Tackling Plastic pollution, 2. Creating Circular Agriculture and Food Systems and 3. Promoting Green Tourism.

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3. Initial Peer-to-Peer Activities within Tier 1 LGUs for best practice replication

a. Soft Launch of the Mayors' Fellowship for Circular Economy Program during the DILG Local Governance Summit

The annual Local Governance Summits gather together local chief executives and officials, LGU functionaries, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss innovations to development challenges, and facilitate knowledge exchange and sharing of good practices to bolster excellence in local governance for enhanced public service delivery and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The soft launch of the circular economy fellowship program in 2024 not only signaled national government direction for the country's transition to a green economy and how the upcoming peer-to-peer sharing program will facilitate replication of good local practices; it also informed the participating local officials how circular actions can be designed and implemented at the local level given the experiences shared by Ormoc City, UNDP and the EU. The event likewise enjoined local officials to formally express support to pursue circularity in their local development priorities.

On 22 and 23 August 2024, the Local Governance Summit, organized by the DILG took place at the PICC in Pasay City. The Green LGUs Project supported Session 3: Green, Climate and Disaster Resiliency, and Environmental Governance by inviting guest speakers to discuss the EU-GEPP program. ASec. Lilian de Leon opened the session, welcoming around 300 local chief executives and their staff. She presented the idea and proposed mechanics under the EU-GEPP Green LGUs Mayor's Fellowship Program for Circular Economy to promote peer-to-peer learning among LGUs.

b. Knowledge Exchange (Baguio, Pasig, and Quezon Cities)

The Baguio City LGU consisting of Local Circular Economy Action Team members and selected barangay officials conducted a benchmarking and peer-to-peer exchange with Pasig City and Quezon City on 12-13 December 2024. Their mission was to learn more about how Pasig operates their Innovation in Circular Economy (ICE) Hub through a centralized model and how Quezon City operates their biodigesters and urban gardens through a decentralized model. In Pasig City, various plastic recycling and composting equipment donated by the UNDP ACE Project were demonstrated to provide Baguio City with ideas to develop their own version of an ICE Hub. A dialogue was also initiated between the two LGUs led by Ms. Ma. Guadalupe Della (Baguio Assistant General Services Office Head) and Mr. Allendri Angeles (Solid Waste Management Office Head) were they touched on topics such as sanitary landfills, segregation at source, and materials recovery facilities. The learnings were highly useful for Baguio's Bida sa Barangay Portfolio to be funded by the EU-GEPP Project. Learning exchanges between EU-GEPP partners form part of the initial phase of the proposed Mayor's Fellowship Program for Circular Economy.

In Quezon City, the Baguio City LGU visited Barangay Batasan and Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department (CCESD) of Quezon City LGU. The group was introduced to the barangay's programs, project, and activities (PPAs) including the demonstration of biodigester donated by UNDP and tour to the urban garden showcasing various sustainable projects such as a vermicomposting area, urban aquaponics, and a solar-powered water system designed by local students. There was also a visit to the two of Quezon City's flagship circular economy programs: the "Kilo/s Kyusi" store and the "Trash to Cashback" hub within the Quzon City Hall complex. An open forum was also initiated to discuss the barangay's efforts in implementing circular economy initiatives at the community level and the importance of strong partnerships with various stakeholders, including the private sector, to ensure success of sustainability programs.

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c. Coffee Table book

The project drafted a coffee table book on circular economy highlighting 10 Tier 1 LGUs. It is a compilation of case studies on existing CE initiatives on selected LGUs. It outlines the circular economy challenges they face, their priority areas, and initially proposed interventions. It also showcases notable existing circular economy initiatives from each LGU, including ones supported by other projects, to gain insights and lessons that can inform and enhance the ongoing green LGU project for replication. Different local enterprises were engaged to gain understanding of current systems and innovative practices being implemented that are contributing in promoting circular economy practices in their communities. The coffee table book was created as a tool to share information and inspire other local government units to replicate some applicable initiatives to address similar challenges and capture opportunities to develop new projects and activities. The book will be finalized and become available for LGUs by March 2025.

B.3 Key Results on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Guidance: Highlight concrete outcome/output results achieved towards gender equality and women's empowerment in the year. Analyze what worked well and/or did not work well and why.

GEDSI has been an integral part of the project design, including specific indicators targeting GEDSI outputs and outcomes. GEDSI inclusive CE initiatives:

- Mapping of CSO and GEDSI Stakeholders: During and after the inception workshops, the project conducted rapid assessments to map stakeholders, including CSOs, the informal waste sector, women's groups, youth, and other marginalized sectors involved in the CE value chain.
- Promoting the GEDSI's Key Roles: GEDSI was emphasized throughout the inception workshops, providing a platform for enterprise and GEDSI sensitization among key CE actors and sharing best practices. Speakers such as Ms. Sarah Jane Dela Rosa of Quezon City-based Kababaihang May Kapansanan ("Women with Disabilities") and Mr. Richard Arceño, lead convenor of the Philippine Disability Forum, highlighted the contributions of PWD to the CE cause.
- GEDSI targeted skill training: On 19-20 August 2024, a CE Youth Skills Training took place, co-facilitated by ILAJA, Inc. and the DOST-SNSU WAVES Technology Business Incubator. It supported the Municipality of Del Carmen in hosting the FNF Youth Champion Organization in Revolutionizing Entrepreneurship (CORE) Summit: Circular Economy Skills Training. 52 youth (23 male, 29 female) from Del Carmen and Dapa participated in the two-day summit, aimed at empowering them with leadership and entrepreneurial skills (e.g. ideation/design, startup basics, sewing eco-bags, woodworking) focused on the circular economy.
- Design of CSO grants for CE initiatives: Initial work began to assess the organizational capacities and needs of community groups. To further promote CSO-led CE innovation, the project will build on this assessment to develop their capacities, improve awareness of their rights, and enhance workplace safety standards. The project is in the process of designing CSO grants to promote CSO-led initiatives.

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B.4 Key results achieved through Partnerships

Guidance: Highlight results that the Project achieved through strategic partnership with other UN agencies, private sector, IFIs, Vertical Funds, foundations, etc.

Partnership is at the core of this Green LGU project as being part of the EU funded green economy programme, a consortium project. As the below Table illustrates, there are four Strategic Objectives (SOs) led by different government and development partners.

Strategic Objective	Project Goal	Lead
SO1	Improved systemic circular economy and climate change policies and reduced GHG emissions	Department of Environment and Natural Resources – (DNER-EMB) and Deustsche Gessellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
SO2	**[Green LGUs Project] Enhanced practices of circular economy by LGUs in collaboration with the private sector and the civil society sector, with focus on youth and gender equality**	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
SO3	Enhanced engagement of the private and financial sectors into circular, waste-reduction economy	Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Expertise France (EF) – Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
SO4	Increased energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment (crosscutting)	Department of Energy (DOE) and International Finance Corporation (IFC).

At the programme level, the green LGU project (SO2) has coordinated with other SOs to ensure synergy and collaboration, for policy related matters with SO2 and private sector related interventions with SO3 through joint missions as well as via coordination meetings for all the SOs including SO4. The project has also proposed a peer-to-peer mechanism among LGUs through the Mayor's fellowship programme for circular economy for those LGUs which are more advanced to share CE experience with other LGUs for replication and upscaling.

For on-site inception workshops, besides LGU officers, the project ensured the participation of various stakeholders to incorporate their views into the CE portfolio design. The stakeholders included women, youth, and the informal sector, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and private sector stakeholders, such as "green" businesses, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME). For the private sector, the project will further identify financing opportunities for CE innovation, also in collaboration with EF and IFC.

Moreover, the project has promoted and will continue to ensure synergy with the following past and ongoing UNDP projects.

- **The Accelerating Nationally Determined Contributions through Circular Economy in Cities (ACE) Project** (2022-2024) supported the development of a CE platform and an EPR registry in the Philippines. It also facilitated baseline data collection, business innovation, and equipment provision for Quezon, Caloocan, Manila, Cotabato, and Pasig cities. This Japan funded project was also instrumental in the formulation of the implementing rules of the EPR, the communications campaign, and setting up the necessary mechanisms for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to fulfil its obligations under the law. The Green LGUs Project will leverage these experiences to design and implement effective strategies and interventions for LGUs, driving circular economy transformation. Apart from UNDP's own experience, the project will draw on lessons from initiatives such as community-based recycling programs in Metro Manila for promoting practical CE solutions.

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- **The Ending Plastic Pollution Innovation Challenge (EPPIC) project (2020-2024)** focuses on fostering innovative solutions to combat plastic pollution, with a special emphasis on supporting Samal Island, one of the target LGUs. Additionally, UNDP Philippines assisted the DENR in drafting the position paper for the Philippines for the Third Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3) Meeting on the UN Plastics Treaty.
- **The National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) (2024-2025) is** a collaborative initiative led by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP). This initiative aims to address plastic pollution by uniting stakeholders from diverse sectors to develop and implement strategies that reduce pollution and foster a transition to a circular economy.
- **The Strengthening Institutions and Empowering Localities Against Disasters and Climate Change (SHIELD)** Program which is supporting the Philippines (GPH) in building institutional and community resilience to climate change and natural hazards, while considering the systemic nature of risks. Where possible, the SO2 Green LGU project will work with the project or learn from their experience in developing develop resilience measures for waste management and assist in providing access to finance for CE DRR plans.
- **The Multi-Country UNDP/The Coca-Cola Foundation (TCCF) Plastics Circularity Project** is a regional project, which aims to address the critical issue of plastic waste management in nine countries across Asia, including the Philippines. The project is designed to support the transition to a circular economy by improving plastic waste management, promoting recycling, and reducing plastic leakage into the environment. About USD 0.9M funding was mobilized for country activities in the Philippines, piggybacking on the EU-GEPP work with partner LGUs on circular economy.

B.5 Key Results achieved through South-South Cooperation

Guidance: Highlight results on how the Project achieved improved capacities of target stakeholders through South-South Cooperation.

Not applicable

B.6 Key Challenges and Next Steps

Explain why activity indicator targets were not met. Mention bottlenecks and plans way forward

The Green LGUs project component of EU-GEPP started in March 2024. It prioritized the conduct of inception workshops with the LGUs, updating the MERL framework, and recruitment of personnel. Due to this, some of the activity indicators were not met because the project was setting up implementation strategies to achieve the indicator targets.

The project has made headways in the monitoring, evaluating and reporting of the project results; basic available baseline data have been provided by partner cities/municipalities. These data were collected during the monitoring, evaluation, results, and learning (MERL) workshop conducted in October 2024. Much as relatively robust waste management data have been consolidated from LGU partners, upstream data such as importation, trade and consumption of resources were not readily available and are expected to be established through the Material Flow Analysis engagement with a firm to support the LGU partners The project is also still facing the challenge of not having a MERL specialist to ensure effective monitoring of project activities and outputs moving forward.

Also, one of the challenges is maintaining engagement, some LGUs sent different representatives for Day 1 and on succeeding days. This result to ineffective dissemination and training for LGU staff on Circular Economy. With the formation of Local CE Action Teams per LGU, the project intends to address participation challenges of LGU staff.

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During the inception and validation workshops with the partner LGUs, they have identified various equipment needed for their circular economy initiatives. One of the challenges in procuring the equipment is the identification of the specifications needed by the LGUs. Some of the LGUs require initial assessment to know the specifications of the equipment. It is also prudent to simultaneously conduct technical capacity building, value chain analysis, and social and environmental safeguards assessments prior to procurement. With this, the project plans to organize CE-specific technical trainings and hire an expert to help the LGUs.

Furthermore, the additional 10 LGUs for Tier1 was announced during the 2nd Project Board Meeting in December 2024. Pending formal/official communication from DILG to these respective LGUs, the next batch of 10 Tier 1 LGUs include: Cotabato City, City of San Carlos (Pangasinan), City of Ilagan (Isabela), City of San Jose Del Monte (Bulacan), City of Bacoor (Cavite), City of Sorsogon, Maasin City (Southern Leyte), Isabela City (Basilan), Cagayan De Oro City, and Koronadal City (South Cotabato).

There is a need to revisit the strategy of the project by coordinating with all the LGUs since the new LGU partners are very geographically spread across the country. There is a need to hire additional LGU adviser and engagement specialists to cover all the areas of the project while considering cost implications or re-alignment. Additionally, the project, in consultation with DILG, will have to establish the status of incumbent public officials vis-a-vis the upcoming local elections on May 12, 2025.

Meanwhile, during the 2nd Project Board meeting on December 11, 2024, proposed alignment of Tier 2 LGU selection with an inter-local cooperation (ILC) approach was supported by the board. The ILC approach takes into account the fact that circular economy scope extends beyond the boundaries of any city or municipality, and that greater impact can be created through neighboring LGUs working together. The ILC approach also fits into the vision of the Mayor's Fellowship Program to be officially launched in 2025. Approach to whether the project should work directly with Tier 2 LGUs or through the ILCs would need further guidance from the board.

The following are the next steps of the project to achieve its indicator targets:

- **Formalization of the EU-GEPP Green LGUs Support:** The project is moving towards formalizing the EU-GEPP Green LGUs initiative. This involves structured agreements and mechanisms to institutionalize support for partner LGUs, ensuring continuity and a systematic approach to advancing circular economy goals across all tiers.
- **Consideration of Inter-Local Cooperation (ILC) or Alliance Approach as Basis for Tier Two LGU Selection**: The selection of Tier Two LGUs will consider an inter-local cooperation or alliance approach, recognizing the potential for greater impact through collaborative efforts. This approach will ensure strategic alignment among LGUs and foster shared resources, expertise, and solutions to implement circular economy practices effectively.
- **Priority Actions for the First 10 Tier One LGUs:** For the first set of Tier 1 LGUs, the project focuses on various priority actions in addressing the circularity of plastics, organics and tourism. Policy and capacity-building efforts will include developing circular economy ordinances, enhancing readiness for EPR, and integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) measures into circular economy strategies. Data management support will prioritize establishing robust MERL systems and tracking mechanisms for EPR implementation.
  The project also aims to address priority equipment, facilities, and systems as part of each LGU's circular economy portfolio. The design of circular economy modules is underway to facilitate capacity-building efforts tailored to local needs.
  Additionally, the year will aim at the launch of several initiatives, including an innovation challenge for circular economy businesses, a CSO grant program with a GEDSI focus, and a grant for circular economy education and behavioral change interventions. Initial analyses are being conducted to explore public-private partnerships and bankable circular economy initiatives to secure sustainable financing.
- **Priority Actions for the Second 10 Tier One LGUs:** For the next group of Tier One LGUs, the project will hold on-site local inception workshops to introduce circular economy concepts and build local buy-in. These workshops will guide the development of priority circular economy portfolios and detailed work plans, alongside identifying critical needs in policy, business innovation, technology, equipment, and information, communication, and education (ICE) campaigns.

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- **Mayors' Fellowship Program for a Circular Economy**: To foster peer-to-peer learning and best practice sharing among LGUs, the project is developing the Mayors' Fellowship Program for Circular Economy. This program, to be officially launched in the latter half of 2025, will serve as a platform for CE champion building and knowledge exchange. Communication materials to support the fellowship and its goals are also under development to enhance engagement and awareness.

B.7 Lessons Learned and Good Practices

***Guidance: Mention the key lessons learned during the implementation of the project during the year, and how these lessons will guide us in the future. Mention opportunities for integrated approach. Provide* details on emerging good practices that can be scaled-up or replicated in non-project sites or post Project implementation period. Provide details on what worked and emerging opportunities for these good practices to be sustained and result in scalable impacts.**

- **Limited initial understanding of circular economy concepts, especially on upstream measures:** Many LGUs and stakeholders associate CE primarily with downstream measures such as recycling and waste-to-energy initiatives. To effectively transition to a circular economy, it is essential to promote upstream measures that minimize waste generation at the source and reduce environmental footprints, in addition to circular waste management. The team hence emphasized a holistic approach, highlighting the importance of integrating both upstream and downstream interventions in CE strategies.
- **Introducing a Portfolio Approach and Ensuring the LGU's Ownership in Designing a CE Portfolio**: While some LGUs had already initiated CE practices, these initiatives often operated in silos and were fragmented, limiting their full potential in driving transformational impacts. A key priority of the inception workshops was to collaboratively design the LGUs' visions and sectoral portfolios for promoting a circular economy alongside diverse stakeholders. At the same time, the project also tested and improved facilitation methods that fully enable LGUs and stakeholders to lead in designing a suite of CE interventions while defining areas requiring immediate and long-term support. The workshop outputs will guide the project in proposing tailored support for enabling regulations, CE business innovation, strategic communication for behavior change, and capacity-building activities, including those led by GEDSI.
- **Importance of Promoting Peer-to-Peer Learning and Design of the EU-GEPP Mayors' Fellowship Program for Circular Economy:** Promoting peer-to-peer learning on best practices, such as inclusive CE business models, technologies, and strategic communication for behavioral change, is vital for replication and scaling up. To facilitate this, the DILG proposed an introductory session and soft launch of the Mayors' Fellowship Program, which was held during the Local Governance Summit 2024 last 23 August. Additionally, simple bi- or trilateral benchmarking activities are being supported by the project to aid local partners in decision-making on what approaches could be suitable in their respective local situations.
- **Importance of Going the Extra Mile for Promoting GEDSI Groups:** Promoting GEDSI groups requires extra support to ensure active participation in circular economy activities. Many members face challenges such as lack of internet access, no bank accounts, and limited financial and digital literacy. Our project team went the extra mile by offering additional assistance, helping members open bank accounts and process paperwork manually. One LGU mentioned that informal waste workers were discouraged from attending the Inception Workshop due to transportation costs and the loss of daily earnings. To ensure inclusivity and meaningful engagement in policy-making processes, there is a need to address these financial and logistical barriers. One option is to identify inclusive measures to consider lost earning due to participation. Another option is to partner with local organizations or community groups that work closely with the informal sector to facilitate and support their involvement.
- **Tier 1 Partner LGUs Key to Influence CE in Neighbouring LGUs (selected Tier 2 LGUs through ILC):** During the local inception workshops, many LGUs expressed their interest in becoming models or entry points for neighboring cities and municipalities in transitioning to a circular economy. They recognized the collective value in encouraging adjacent LGUs to join CE-related discussions and training under EU-GEPP. Some of these neighboring LGUs were proposed to be considered as Tier 2, which have been supported by SO2 IATWG and PB.

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C. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Evidence-based reporting – include relevant reports/publications and/or photo-documentation (description, date, location) as an annex.*
- *Midyear financial performance is reported in the FACE Form for NIM IPs. Please ensure consistency of technical accomplishments with the submitted Midyear FACE form and the AWP. For DIM projects, financial Performance should be consistent with Financial records in Quantum.*
- *Interim annual financial performance data is reported in the APR*

Status of Output Indicators[2]

Output 1:
Improved capacities and tools of LGUs and stakeholders to design, implement and monitor resilient and inclusive CE

CPD Output alignment: Output 1.1 National and subnational governments have Output 1.2 Democratic institutions, processes, and mechanisms Output 3.2 National and subnational institutions have improved (1.1, 1.2 & 3.2)

Project Output Indicator/s	Baseline		Annual Target (2024)	Mid-Year/ Annual Result (2024)	End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)	Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)	Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement	Link to Evidence
1.1.1. Number of LGUs -that have improved their GEDSI-disaggregated CE databases and MERL platforms for monitoring and reporting CE interventions and NDC contribution with the EU support.	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
1.1.2. Number of LGUs that have developed GEDSI-responsive CE strategies and portfolios adapted to the local needs/opportunities, co-developed with local stakeholders with EU support	**2024**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
1.1.3. Number of local authorities, CSOs and private stakeholders that have been involved in CE multi- stakeholder platforms in the targeted LGUs	2024	0	**20**	**10**	**60**	10	The project is currently in its inception period.	**Donor Report**
1.1.4. Number of people, staff of the LGUs and/or other key stakeholders, with improved knowledge on the design, implementation and/or integration of CE policies and strategies. *Disaggregated by sex, LGU and type of institution*	**2024**	**0**	**20**	**0**	**200**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

Output 2:
Increased opportunities for LGUs to design and/or implement GEDSI-responsive local policies and regulations to enable circular economy and green growth
CPD Output alignment: Output 2.1 Policies and solutions introduced to promote Output 3.1 Relevant policies, frameworks, strategies and local (2.1 and 3.1)

Project Output Indicator/s	Baseline		Annual Target (2024)	Mid-Year/ Annual Result(2024)	End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)	Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)	Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement	Link to Evidence
2.1.1. Number of LGUs that have formulated new GEDSI-responsive local policies and regulations supporting the just transition to the circular and green economy, including green public procurement, with the involvement of other local stakeholders	2024	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
2.1.2. Number of LGUs or their local stakeholders that have developed their EPR readiness mechanisms and/or agreements with Obliged Enterprises (OEs), Collectives or Producer Responsible Organizations (PROs) with EU support	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

[2] Ensure Consistency with ProDoc and AWP indicators

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Output 3: Increased capacities of public and private stakeholders to finance gender responsive and inclusive CE strategies and programmes **CPD Output alignment: Output 1.1 National and subnational governments have Output 2.3 Innovative and sustainable financing mechanisms Output 3.4 Public and private institutions have improved (1.1, 2.3 & 3.4)**								
Project Output Indicator/s	**Baseline**		**Annual Target (2024)**	**Mid-Year/ Annual Result (2024)**	**End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)**	**Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)**	**Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement**	**Link to Evidence**
3.1.1. Number of LGUs that have designed specific financing strategies and/or budgets to promote gender-responsive CE strategies at the local level with the support of the intervention	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
3.1.2. Number of LGUs and private sector stakeholder groups/enterprises that have been involved in investment fora for financing CE strategies and solutions	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**40**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
3.1.3 Number of innovative finance instruments and investment strategies developed in coordination with the LGUs and the private stakeholders to support gender-responsive CE initiatives	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
3.1.4. Number of people, staff of the LGUs and/or other local stakeholders, who have increased their knowledge on financing strategies, budget management and public-privat-e partnerships for the implementation of CE initiatives. *Disaggregated by sex, LGU and topic*	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**80**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

Output 4: Enhanced community innovation and demonstration projects applied to address priority CE solutions **CPD Output alignment: Output 1.1 National and subnational governments have Output 1.2 Democratic institutions, processes, and mechanisms Output 1.3 National and subnational government institutions Output 3.1 Relevant policies, frameworks, strategies and local (1.1, 1.2,1.3 & 3.1)**								
Project Output Indicator/s	**Baseline**		**Annual Target (2024)**	**Mid-Year/ Annual Result (2024)**	**End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)**	**Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)**	**Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement**	**Link to Evidence**
4.1.1. Number of demonstration pilot projects that have been implemented with the technical and financial support of the intervention to implement LGU´s CE strategies/portfolios. *Disaggregated by sector*	2024	0	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
4.1.2. Number of CE innovation projects that have been implemented by CSOs, marginalized groups, informal sector, innovation communities, or private sector, in coordination with the LGUs. *Disaggregated by sector and type of implementing partner-*	**2024**	0	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
4.1.3. Number of people, representatives of the LGUs, women, youth, civil society, marginalized groups, informal sector, innovation communities, private sector and/or other key stakeholders, that have been involved in the design and/or implementation of the CE solutions. *Disaggregated by sex and type of stakeholder*	**2024**	**0**	**200**	**763**	**2000**	**763**	The project did not expect that there will be more people who will attend the inception workshops.	**Attendance sheets**

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4.1.4. Number of grassroots, civil society organizations benefiting from (or reached by) EU support (GERF 2.28). *Disaggregated by LGU*	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

Output 5: Increased awareness of businesses, local communities and other key stakeholders on the behaviours and practices that enable the transition to a green and circular economy

CPD Output alignment: Output 1.1 National and subnational governments have Output 3.3 Public and private institutions have (1.1 & 3.3)

Project Output Indicator/s	Baseline		Annual Target (2024)	Mid-Year/ Annual Result (2024)	End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)	Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)	Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement	Link to Evidence
5.1.1. Number of enterprises, business groups and/or other key stakeholders with improved awareness to enable introduction of circularity in their practices, production systems, and business environment. *Disaggregated by LGU and type of stakeholder*	2024	0	**0**	**0**	**30**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
5.1.2. Number of people who have received relevant information on green and circular economy, sustainable consumption and production or sustainable development through the educational and communication strategies developed by the intervention. *Disaggregated by sex, age group and/or LGU*	2024	**0**	**500**	**0**	5000	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

Output 6: Strengthened knowledge management, MERL, GEDSI and safeguards systems to enable Circular Economy uptake by targeted LGUs

CPD Output alignment: Output 1.1 National and subnational governments have t: Output 3.2 National and subnational institutions have improved (1.1 & 3.2)

Project Output Indicator/s	Baseline		Annual Target (2024)	Mid-Year/ Annual Result (2024)	End-of-Project Target End year: (2028)	Cumulative Result Start year: (2024)	Reasons for Over/ Under Achievement	Link to Evidence
6.1.1. Number of LGUs that have exchanged knowledge and good practices through the peer-to-peer support and/or technical assistance strategy	2024	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
6.1.2. Number of good practices in CE, GEDSI and/or safeguards that have been documented and published in accessible knowledge portal	2024	0	**0**	**0**	**20**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	
6.1.3. Number of LGUs that have developed and/or updated their Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans or strategies with the support of the intervention (Aligned with GERF 2.5.)	**2024**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**	The project is currently in its inception period.	

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Status of Activities[3]

Expected output	Activity/Sub-Activity Description	Physical Performance		Financial Performance		
		Annual Target (2024)	Accomplishment for the Reporting Period [4]	Planned Budget in US$ (per AWP)	Expenditure in US$[5]	Delivery Rate (%)
Output 1 Improved capacities and tools of LGUs and stakeholders to design, implement and monitor resilient and inclusive CE	To be determined			775,890	574,690	74.1%
Output 2 Increased opportunities for LGUs to design and/or implement GEDSI-responsive local policies and regulations to enable circular economy and green growth	To be determined			46,238	13,162	28.5%
Output 3 Increased capacities of public and private stakeholders to finance gender responsive and inclusive CE strategies and programmes	To be determined			34,904	3,379	9.7%
Output 4 Enhanced community innovation and	To be determined			210,174	85,009	40.4%

[3] Ensure Consistency with AWP

[4] Use traffic light to indicate progress vis-à-vis annual output targets in AWP: Green (Completed), Yellow (Ongoing), Red (Delayed/Not started). Data provided can be qualitative or quantitative based on the nature of the output indicator [UNDP PHL CO Data Clean-up Guidelines].

[5] Cumulative delivery data from Executive Snapshot| Project Details (link)

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demonstration projects applied to address priority CE solutions						
Output 5 Increased awareness of businesses, local communities and other key stakeholders on the behaviours and practices that enable the transition to a green and circular economy	To be determined			25,000	11,832	47.3%
Output 6 Strengthened knowledge management, MERL, GEDSI and safeguards systems to enable Circular Economy uptake by targeted LGUs	To be determined			45,652	12,339	27.0%
Project Management Costs				555,701	715,842	(128.8%)
Total Direct Eligible Costs				**1,693,560**	**1,416,254**	**83.6%**
Total Indirect Eligible Costs				**118,549**	**69,892**	**59.0%**
Total Eligible Costs				**1,812,109**	**1,486,146**	**82.0%**

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D. RISK LOG UPDATE

Guidance: Generate risk log from Risk Dashboard to ensure consistency with inputs in Quantum: Projects Risk Dashboard - Power BI

Include risks identified in the Project's Social and Environmental Screening, Programme Visits, Project QA, audit/spotcheck findings, if any.

	Risk ID	Risk Category	Risk Sub-category	Event	Causes	Impact	Impact (I), Likelihood (L) & Risk Level (RL)	Valid From	Valid To	Action needed	Treatment status	Risk Owner	Treatment Owner	Links to Assessments/ Management Plans
1	50297	Financial	Fluctuation in credit rate, market, currency	As analyzed by the project team based on the uncertain economic status of the country, the project budget will be underutilized or overutilized if the dollar-peso currency fluctuates within the project period.	There might be a vast difference in currency exchange during the project implementation, vis a vis the payment dates are made to contractors or suppliers.	The reported budget/expense amount in Philippine Peso will vary depending on the exchange rate. There might be a loss or gain in foreign exchange.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	The project shall closely monitor the currency fluctuations and perform the necessary budget adjustments if needed.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
2	50296	Organizational	Human resources	Possible delays and hiring failure may be encountered during the recruitment process for members of the project team.	The individuals who submit their applications do not meet the minimum requirements of the posts.	The project team efficiency to implement the project activities might be compromised due to insufficient manpower.	I = 3 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	28 Feb 2025	The project will work closely with Human Resources to ensure that the content of the terms of reference (TOR) has suitable qualifications for the required position and that the recruitment post is well disseminated to various channels.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
3	50295	Organizational	Procurement	Possible delays and procurement failure may be encountered during the procurement process of individual consultants or firms.	The submitted technical and financial proposals of the bidders are not comprehensive and responsive to the requirements of the Project within two weeks of the bid advertisement.	The project timeline will be delayed by 2-4 months.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	The project will work closely with the Procurement Team to ensure that the content of the terms of reference (TOR) has a clear scope and parameters and that the budget is based on a survey of market rates.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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4	48267	Social and Environmental	Pollution prevention and resource efficiency	Development and implementation of local circular economy policies, strategies, and plans inadvertently lead to environmental and social impacts, such as the displacement of informal workers.	Lack of evidence-based circular economy strategy and action plan including local policies in the local government units.	Bottlenecks may occur for the project's outcomes, particularly in promoting social equity and green job creation by disrupting the livelihoods of vulnerable populations.	I = 3 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	Develop and implement evidence based LGU circular economy strategy and action plan / roadmap, inclusive sustainable financing strategies, and innovation strategies and local CE policies.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
5	48266	Social and Environmental	Climate change and disasters risks	Circular economy activities and waste infrastructure are located in areas susceptible to natural disasters exacerbated by climate change.	The physical characteristics of the areas have high exposure to natural disasters.	Natural disasters, such as floods, storms, or landslides, may occur causing significant damage to the infrastructure leading to operational disruptions, increased project costs, delays in achieving project.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Sep 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Proposed site-specific adaptation measures to ensure that outcome and outputs of the project will be sustained. • The Project will have one of main activities, assessment of waste management infrastructure as to their vulnerability to climate and disaster risks, and preparation of management measures. • For sites prone to flooding, options include looking for alternative site, or raising elevation of buildings or platform for equipment or increasing drainage capacity.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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6	48265	Social and Environmental	Pollution vention and resource efficiency	Mismanagement of circular economy activities, such as, but not limited to, collection and recycling of wastes that contain hazardous materials.	Insufficient circular economy transition plans and strategies of the local government units and lack of monitoring mechanisms.	The circular economy activities might cause significant harm and pollute the natural environment, potentially resulting in long-term ecological damage suppressing the anticipated mitigation measure.	I = 4 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 Sept 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Establish a technical assistance facility to deliver support to LGUs to implement circular economy transition plans and strategies. • Comply with applicable conventions and agreements referenced in Standard 8 of UNDP SES, relevant Philippine regulations on management of hazardous wastes, and preparation of site-specific management plan (SSMP) that includes proposed activities, potential impacts, management measures, responsibilities for implementation and supervision, and indicative costs to mitigate potential impacts.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
7	48264	Social and Environmental	Labour and working conditions	Circular economy activities such as collection, recycling and processing of plastics involving hazardous chemicals and wastes affect the occupational health and safety of workers involved in these processes.	Absence of site-specific screening and assessment and targeted management plan in relation to occupational health and safety.	The safety of the workers is compromised and can lead to unintended social consequences, potentially impacting the social safety and inclusivity of the circular economy transition.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Sep 2024	31 Aug 2028	Develop site-specific screening and assessment and development of targeted management plan prior to any activities that may impact occupational health and safety (OHS).	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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8	48263	Social and Environmental	Labour and working conditions	The workers involved in the circular economy may not fully benefit from applicable labor rights regulations, including child labor rights.	Improper implementation and monitoring of the existing laws about circular economy.	There are no labor safeguards for people working for the circular economy interventions. There might be legal and ethical challenges that will undermine the project's credibility and disrupt its successful implementation within the framework of promoting GEDSI practices.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Sep 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Project to provide technical assistance facility to participating LGUs to develop strategies and plans that will take into account labour rights of workers • Project will support formalization of informal wastes pickers • Ensure compliance with applicable labour regulations, including adherence to ILO conventions where the Philippines is a party	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
9	48262	Social and Environmental	Stakeholder engagement	There might be economic displacement of workers in linear industries such as plastic manufacturing where targeted groups may miss out on job opportunities if they lack the necessary skills for roles in recycling, repair, rental services, or new businesses focused on innovative uses of secondary materials.	Traditional businesses and employees are not yet ready for the transition to green businesses/jobs.	The economic displacement of workers in linear industries will result in unemployment or underemployment, impacting both the individuals affected and the outcome of the project on green job creation.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Assess scenarios of job losses for people involved in linear business, and the lack of skills for people who wanted to be employed in circular economy jobs. • Prepare targeted management plan to manage potential risks of project activities.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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10	48261	Social and Environmental	Community health, safety and security	Circular economy activities, specifically waste recycling, might harm the community's health and safety by compromising safety standards and increasing health risks for residents.	Pollution, nuisance and other hazards that emanate from circular economy activities are not adequately controlled.	The timely completion of the project would be delayed due to the possible halt of the circular economy activities.	I = 3 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Mitigate impacts caused by nuisance, pollution and other hazards before the start of any activities that may potentially affect the health of adjacent communities through the preparation of site- specific risk assessment and management measures based on the procedures in developed Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) • Follow the Environment and Social Management Framework • Compliance to SES Standard on Pollution Prevention and Resource Efficiency and Philippine environmental regulations • Preparation of site-specific management plan	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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11	48260	Social and Environmental	Gender equality and women's empowerment	There might be limited participation of women in circular economy capacity building activities during both the inception and implementation phases.	The stakeholders have limited resources, access to information, and conflicting personal priorities.	Thereby likely undermining the overall inclusivity of the project, hindering the effective integration of gender perspectives into the circular economy portfolio of interventions.	I = 3 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Gender Analysis and Action Plan to ensure gender equality • Mainstream participation of women in innovation strategies and projects to be implemented under SO2 as indicated in developed Gender Action Plan • Collaborate with private sector and civil society organizations representing women and specific groups in implementing inclusive sustainable financing and innovation strategies and projects to encourage women and youth's entry into the green economy and the circular economy, disaggregated by sex (for youth) and location/LGU	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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12	48259	Social and Environmental	Gender equality and women's empowerment	The financing and innovation strategies and circular economy activities initiated by local government units, in collaboration with the private sector and CSOs, might potentially exclude the vulnerable/ marginalized groups including the informal sector.	The project design has no specific emphasis on GEDSI and limitation to provide tailored needs of the vulnerable/ marginalized groups.	The exclusion of vulnerable groups might result to their further marginalization, deepening existing inequalities within the community and hinder the project's ability to effectively mainstream GEDSI.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	31 Aug 2028	• Initial mapping of stakeholders in each LGU • Leave no one behind by protecting and supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals, specifically the youth, women, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities • The project will ensure to further human rights in all interventions and activities under the project, in line with the adherence of UNDP, as one of the members of UN Development Group (UNDG) to Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA). • Ensure the full participation of disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals in project activities through robust Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Grievance Redress Mechanism • Assessments and planning for CE strategy at the LGU will ensure that sufficient analysis of negative potential impacts on marginalized groups; and development of measures to include them as part of the portfolio of solutions • The project will secure Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) from affected indigenous peoples for sites where they are present	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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	Risk ID	Risk Category	Risk Sub-category	Event	Causes	Impact	Impact (I), Likelihood (L) & Risk Level (RL)	Valid From	Valid To	Action needed	Treatment status	Risk Owner	Treatment Owner	Links to Assessments/ Management Plans
13	48258	Operational	Partners' engagement	The work plan of SOs' complementary interventions is not aligned or harmonized within the first 6 to 12 months of the project timeline.	The SOs have not reached agreements with their work plans about complementary interventions of the circular economy programme.	The misalignment or unharmonized work plan of the SOs' complementary interventions might create delays, operational lapses, and ineffective implementation of complementary activities that would jeopardize the achievement of project outcome.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Mar 2024	28 Feb 2025	• Regular coordination and alignment dialogues among implementing partners • Joint assessment, planning, coordination, regular monitoring/updating and harmonization of programme MRL frameworks and deliverables among implementing agencies • Oversight to be provided by the Programme Steering Committee to ensure effective coordination and implementation across SOs	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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14	48257	Strategic	Change/ turnover in government	The local government units might shift their priorities and have delays in decision-making .	The 2025 Philippine elections might lead to a transition of leadership within the local government units.	The project timeline might be potentially delayed by 4-6 months which will change the delivery dates of outputs/outcomes.	I = 4 L = 5 RL = High	01 Oct 2024	31 Dec 2025	• Circular economy (CE policies, strategies and action plans will be institutionalized at the LGU level • The project will link with LGUs with least advanced CE policies and practices to link with LGUs with advanced CE policies and practices through peer-to-peer support to ensure continuity beyond the term of LGU leadership • The project will actively involve the national government through DILG, DENR, local stakeholders, private sector, civil society and women and youth, to establish ownership of the project • During implementation, the project will work closely with local chief executives, the legislative councils, and the responsible departments implementing CE activities	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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15	52858	Strategic	Alignment with national priorities	The national government issued a guideline about circular economy and enacted it through a law. The national government has adopted and deployed a circular economy framework.	There is no existing national circular economy framework/law as of 2024.	A possible rework in the built digital platform of the project.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 Jan 2025	31 August 2028	• The project will closely coordinate with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to ensure that all ongoing initiatives or draft guidelines about circular economy will be incorporated in the digital platform of the project.	Not started	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
16	52859	Strategic	Innovating, piloting, experimenting	The LGUs has limited capacity (human resource, technical knowledge, financial resources) to use and sustain interventions provided by the project.	The project applies the same interventions to all LGUs.	The interventions provided by the project are not used or sustained by the LGUs.	I= 3 L = 1 RL = Low	01 March 2024	31 August 2028	• The project will ensure that all LGUs will be consulted about their needs and be assessed in their capacities. All interventions will be customized based on the needs of each LGU.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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17	52860	Strategic	Innovating, piloting, experimenting	The local chief executive does not endorse the CE portfolio work plans and solutions provided by the project.	The project did not secure buy-in from the local chief executive before starting the CE portfolio work plans and solutions implementation. There is also a possibility that there will be a change of administration.	The resources for the development of CE portfolio work plans will be underutilized and results will not be realized.	I= 3 L = 2 RL = Moderate	01 March 2024	31 August 2028	• The project will conduct meeting with the local government unit and ensure that the work plans and solutions to be provided are presented to the local chief executive. The project will also ensure that there is a buy in and commitment from the LGU to utilized digital solutions before starting any implementation. • The project will proactively involve the CEAT in the planning process to ensure alignment with local government priorities and secure formal endorsement. • Formalization of work plans by local government units and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
18	53123	Strategic	Innovating, piloting, experimentin g	The project is targeting numerous circular economy areas.	The LGUs request support for various circular economy areas in their municipalities/cities.	The project resources might not be sufficient to support all circular economy areas, and the impacts of the support may be limited.	I = 4 L = 5 RL = High	01 March 2024	31 August 2028	• The project will prioritize two material flows (plastics and organics) for circular economy interventions across the LGUs.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
19	53124	Operational	Partners' engagement	The selected Tier 2 LGUs are far from Tier 1 LGUs.	The geographical locations of the LGUs were not analyzed during selection.	There might be a diversion of project support that could result in limited project impacts.	I = 5 L = 4 RL = High	01 March 2024	31 August 2028	• Consider Inter-Local Cooperation (ILC) approach to achieve economy of scale and scope.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	
20	53157	Operational	Partners' engagement	The project does not meet project implementation outputs within the timeframe given existing workload and resource constraints.	There may be gaps in knowledge and capacity of LGUs.	Delay in the achievement of project milestones.	I = 3 L = 3 RL = Moderate	01 March 2024	31 August 2028	• Enhance the technical and administrative support to LGUs to ensure completion of activities and alignment with project objectives.	Ongoing	Floradema Eleazar	Moeko Saito-Jensen	

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E. INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION, AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Description: Materials specifically designed to inform and educate target audiences about specific issues, practices, or behaviors

Title of IEC/Knowledge Product Produced	Brief description (max 150 words)	Type	Date Published/Produced	Target audience	Link on UNDP Platform (website, social media, etc.)
Project Briefer	The briefer contains general information about the Green LGUs Project and the EU GEPP Programme.	Brochure	**8/1/2024**	General public	https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/2024-08/%5BPROJECT%20BRIEF%5D%20EU%20GEPP%20-%20Green%20LGUs%20Project.pdf
UNDP Philippines Thematic Focus Briefer on CIRCULAR ECONOMY	The briefer discusses the circular economy initiatives of the UNDP PH Country Office	Brochure	**8/15/2024**	General public	https://www.undp.org/philippines/publications/undp-philippines-thematic-focus-briefer-circular-economy

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F. COMMUNICATIONS AND VISIBILITY

Description: Broad, engaging, and promotional content aimed at raising awareness, enhancing engagement, and promoting public presence.

Title of Communications Output	Description	Type	Partners/Stakeholders	Link (All materials are required to be publicly available and accessible)
Planet vs Plastics: Transitioning to Circular Economy	Transitioning to circular economy as a stand out solution to unsurmountable challenges about plastics.	OpEd	DENR	UNDP Website:Planet vs Plastics: Transitioning to Circular Economy by Dr. Selva Ramachandran Facebook: Planet vs Plastics: Transitioning to Circular Economy LinkedIn: Planet vs Plastics: Transitioning to Circular Economy
Local Governments in the Philippines Gear Up for Circular Economy Transition through EU, DENR, DILG, and UNDP Support	UNDP conducted national inception workshop with partner LGUs and key stakeholders.	Story/Photo Story	EU, DENR, DILG, LGUs	Facebook: **[LOOK] Local Governments in the Philippines Gear up for Circular Economy Transition through EU, DENR, DILG, and UNDP support** LinkedIn: **[LOOK] Local Governments in the Philippines Gear up for Circular Economy Transition through EU, DENR, DILG, and UNDP support**
Persons with disability group showcases contributions to circular economy	UNDP visited one of the PWD organization, LERC, in Caloocan City.	Story/Photo Story	LERC	Persons with disability group showcases contributions to circular economy Facebook: **Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion** (#GEDSI) **sectors are key actors in advancing circular and green economy in the Philippines**. LinkedIn: **Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion** (#GEDSI) **sectors are key actors in advancing circular and green economy in the Philippines**.

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Quezon City Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Quezon City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU QC	Facebook: [**LOOK] The Green LGUs Project kicked off its first local-level inception workshop in Quezon City**. LinkedIn: [**LOOK] The Green LGUs Project kicked off its first local-level inception workshop in Quezon City**.
1st PBM	EU GEPP conducted its first project board meeting.	Story/Photo Story	DILG, DENR, EU	Facebook: [**LOOK] UNDP**, DILG Philippines, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), European Union in the Philippines **conduct 1st Project Board Meeting under GEPP/Green LGUs Project** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] UNDP**, DILG Philippines, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), European Union in the Philippines **conduct 1st Project Board Meeting under GEPP/Green LGUs Project**
Del Carmen/Siargao Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Del Carmen, Siargao.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Del Carmen	Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in** Del Carmen/Siargao LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in** Del Carmen/Siargao
Puerto Princesa Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Puerto Prinsesa City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Puerto Prinsesa	Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in** Puerto Prinsesa City. LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in** Puerto Prinsesa City.
Iloilo Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Iloilo City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Iloilo	[**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes**... - UNDP Philippines | Facebook
Davao Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Davao City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Davao	Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Davao City** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Davao City** Madayaw Davao | July 31, 2024: Nagkadaiyang mga recycle plant sa siyudad, gibista sa UNDP

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Ormoc Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Ormoc City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Ormoc	City Government of Ormoc's Facebook Post 2024 July 31 City Government of Ormoc 's Facebook Post 2024 August 01 Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Ormoc City** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Ormoc City**
Local Governance Summit	Local chief executives and functionaries were convened to share experiences and highlight best practices in sustainable local governance, particularly in the areas of circular economy and disaster resilience	Story/Photo Story	DILG, LGUs, EU, development partners	Facebook: [**LOOK**] UNDP Philippines helped advance **Green, Climate and Disaster Resiliency, and Environmental Governance** for local government units (LGUs) at the DILG Philippines **Local Governance Summit 2024** Local Government Academy Live Fee: Session 3: Green Climate and Disaster Resiliency and Environmental Governance
Island Garden City of Samal Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Samal City.	Story/Photo Story	LGU Samal	Samal Island Information Post Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick-off in the Island Garden City of Samal** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick-off in the Island Garden City of Samal**
Circular Economy Skills Training in Del	The EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project supported a summit	Story/Photo Story	LGU Del Carmen	Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project holds circular ecoomy skills training for the youth of Siargo Island**

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Carmen, Siargao	organized by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) Youth Champion Organization in Revolutionizing Entrepreneurship (CORE) to equip young leaders with the essential skills for circular economy towards a sustainable future.			
Caloocan Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Caloocan City.	Story/Photo to Story	LGU Iloilo	Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick-off in Caloocan City** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick-off in Caloocan City**
Baguio Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Baguio City.	Story/Photo to Story	LGU Baguio	Baguio Prepared to Transform to Green Economy for Better Health, Environment Facebook: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Baguio City** LinkedIn: [**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes stakeholders for circular, green economy kick off in Baguio City**
Pasig Inception Workshop	UNDP conducted local CE inception workshop in Pasig City	Story/Photo to Story	LGU Pasig	[**LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs Project convenes**... - UNDP Philippines | Facebook

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Capacity Building for STI-based CE Roadmapping for Siargao Islands	A capacity-building activity on circular economy concepts and frameworks was conducted with the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST PCIEERD) to structure the ideation process based on four strategies: ***Think Green***, ***Make Green***, ***Turn Green and Keep Green***	Story/Photo to Story	DOST, LGU Del Carmen	**[LOOK] EU-GEPP/Green LGUs supports DOST-led**... - UNDP Philippines | Facebook
MERL Wokshop	Stakeholders from EU-GEPP's ten partner local government units (LGUs), technical partners, and national government agencies	Story/Photo to Story	DILG, DENR, 10 partner LGUs.	Facebook https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=957499736419062&id=100064771324228&__rdr

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	gathered to deepen their understanding of the project's MERL Framework			
Ist Inter Agency Technical Working Group (IATWG)	The European Union Green Economy Programme of the Philippines (GEPP) SO2 Green LGUs Project held its first Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (IATWG) meeting.	Story/Photo to Story	EU, DILG, DENR, DOST, DTI, DOT, DOH, DA, ULAP, DoE, Expertise France	UNDP Website https://www.undp.org/philippines/press-releases/eu-gepp/green-lgus-convene-national-government-agencies-first-inter-agency-technical-working-group-meeting Facebook https://www.facebook.com/undp.ph/posts/pfbid02DZzvxJfVujsevMC9wEdxBo7cGviGyrAfAFg4HhxETjGQx76ucWyyXpJFQrDRy8Tyl LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7262661290572005376
Del Carmen Circular Futures Launch	The Municipality of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte, Philippines launched the ***Circular Futures Campaign for the Circular Economy***, bringing together youth leaders, civil society,	Story/Photo to Story	LGU Del Carmen	Facebook 🌍✨ Exciting news from Del Carmen, Surigao del... - UNDP Philippines | Facebook LinkedIn UNDP Philippines on LinkedIn: 🌍✨ Exciting news from Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte! Last December, the…

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	barangay officials, and development partners to kickstart this important initiative.			

G. STATUS OF 2024 EVALUATION and ASSURANCE ACTVITIES

Describe actions taken to address the findings from the evaluation, project QA, programme visit, audit and spot check as applicable.

Type of Evaluation Assurance Activities	Observation/s and Recommendation/s	Responsible Person	Status on Actions Taken	Implementation Date	Links to Evidence/MOVs
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H. PARTNERSHIPS

Name of Partner	Description of partnership and how it has contributed to project results or sustainability	Type of Partner	Type of Partnership Instrument	Links to Partnership Instrument (including amendments)
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	DENR is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO1. They lead the overall strategic direction for SO1 including policy leadership, stakeholder engagement, workplan review and endorsement, and TWG setup and coordination.	Government agency	Project document	Green_LGUs_Final_Project_Document_29Feb2024_Main_Body.pdf
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)	DILG is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO2. They shall provide strategic guidance directions for the overall SO2 project implementation including designation of government focal points, allocation of sufficient work area, review and endorse project reports, facilitate	Government agency		

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	institutionalization and mainstreaming of CE for local planning, guidance for regional, provincial, and/or city/municipal local government officers of DILG, and spearhead "Mayors' Fellowship for Circular Economy".			
GIZ	GIZ is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO1. They lead the technical guidance, activity design and execution, budget and resource management, reporting and consolidation, and synergy identification and collaboration for SO1.	International cooperation agency		
Expertise France – Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)	GIZ is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO3. They shall lead the overall supervision of the implementation of SO3.	International cooperation agency		
International Finance Corporation	DOE is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO4. They are responsible for project implementation including monitoring of interventions and achieving project results, and identification and leveraging synergies for SO4.	Private sector		
Department of Trade and Industry	DTI is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO3. They shall ensure strategic coordination and institutional assistance for SO3.	Government agency		
Department of Energy	DOE is one of the co-leads for EU-GEPP SO4.	Government agency		
Municipality of Del Carmen	Selected as one of the LGUs for Tier 1. They are expected to produce CE portfolios within the project implementation. The LGU is also required to co-finance the project. They will also be asked to provide for continued maintenance and operating expenses for the equipment to be provided by the project.	Local government unit		
Baguio City		Local government unit		
Caloocan City		Local government unit		
Davao City		Local government unit		
Iloilo City		Local government unit		
Ormoc City		Local government unit		

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Pasig City		Local government unit		
Puerto Princesa City		Local government unit		
Quezon City		Local government unit		
Island Garden City of Samal		Local government unit		

I. Quality Assurance Checklist (to be accomplished by Programme Analyst)

Section	Checklist
A. Basic Information	☒ *Project Details are consistent with Project Results Module in Quantum* ☐ *Project End Date is updated, with corresponding documentation for extensions if applicable. N/A*
B. Indicative/Emerging Results of the Project and Lessons Learned	☒ *Focus on Results, not Activities.* ☒ *Narrative is supported by facts/data.*
C. Technical and Financial Accomplishments	☒ *Physical and Financial targets are consistent with AWP.* ☒ *Mid-Year/Annual Result tallies with Cumulative Result.* ☒ *Annual Result is updated in Quantum* ☒ *Links to Evidence provided.*
D. Risk Log Update	☒ *Risk Log is updated and consistent with inputs in Quantum as reflected in the Risk Dashboard* ☒ *Risk Log includes risks identified in SESP, Programme Visits, Project QA, Project Board, spotchecks/audits* ☒ *Risk Treatment Plans are on track, with corresponding evidence*

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	☒ *No overdue risks and risk treatment plans*
E. Communication	☒ *Result Story identified and updated* ☒ *Communication targets achieved*
G. Actions taken regarding Evaluation and Assurance Activities	☒ *Key actions are on track, no overdue actions* ☒ *Evidence is sufficient and appropriate.*
H. Partnerships	☒ *List of partners updated.* ☐ *MOUs uploaded in UNITY – N/A*

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