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## **PRA's Livelihood Training Program**

The Philippine Reclamation Authority's Gender and Development (GAD) Free Livelihood Training Program continues as the Agency initiated another round of training programs with preliminary coordination and proposals to the local government of Las Pinas City. Proposals were sent on November 19, 2022 and December 10, 2021. The target beneficiaries are the affected families of the construction of the Manila Cavite Coastal Road and Reclamation Project along the R-1 land strip, covering four (4) Barangays of Manuyo Uno, Daniel Fajardo, Ilaya and Aldana in Las Pinas City.

From PRA GAD's previous livelihood trainings, a total of sixty-three (63) residents from Brgy. Ilaya and Daniel Fajardo were already provided with skills and competency training/s. The PRA aims to cater to more local stakeholders from these area by extending the training program to other residents and other neighboring barangays. The PRA shall provide the full funding for the training program.

The objective of the program is to enable the re-establishment of lost livelihood, provide additional sources of income, develop new skills for the affected families of reclamation projects, and empower the women and men of the communities, socially and economically, through sustainable livelihood. The livelihood training shall cover developmental phases such as free skills training, competency assessment, guidance services and possible employment/business opportunities.

The target beneficiaries are PRA's stakeholders who are part of the affected communities and sectors from its project/initiatives. Said families were relocated from the road-right-of-way of the service road to the marginal properties within the periphery of the coastal road. The PRA's free livelihood training program for affected communities is one of this Agency's engagement strategies indicated in its Stakeholders Engagement and Management Plan (SEMP).

To carry out the program and ensure that the stakeholders' needs and expectations are addressed through this initiative, PRA proposed to conduct a census/survey for the socio-economic profiling of the target beneficiaries. Information from this census/survey shall serve as PRA's reference in the pre-qualification of prospective participants and in identifying the preferred and appropriate training program/s.