

The Socio-cultural and Economic Impacts of Mining in Mindanao

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The study dealt with the major sociocultural and economic issues in mining, which are central to the outcry against mining in Caraga Region.





Major Question

Is mining capable to make a difference in the lives of the people in socio-cultural and economic terms?

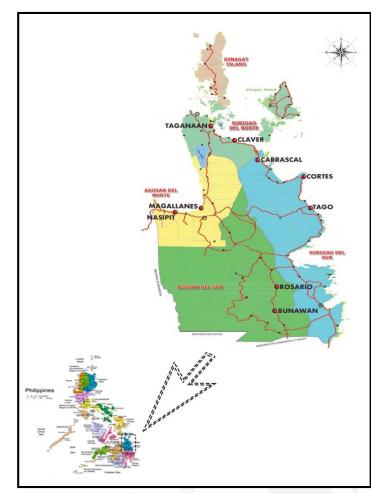


- Are there income effects with mining in the host communities?
- Is mining going to create structural changes in the local economy?
- Will mining create employment changes?
- What should the governance in LGUs where mining operates given the current situation?



Study Sites

- Carrascal-Claver part of Surigao del Norte for the large-scale nickel mines
- Mt. Magdiwata comprising Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur for the large- and small-scale gold mines
- Mt. Hilong-hilong constituting Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Norte for the small-scale and artisanal mines in Caraga Region.







Highlights

 Mining is able to generate income effects.
Availability of paved roads as associated with mining in the host communities can enhance access to social services.



- In the increase of expenditures, education and food are given more weight.
- This is taken as an acknowledgment of importance among the households in the development of human capital for the host mining communities.



- Structural changes in the host mining communities are moving about with the creation of new economic opportunities.
- It favors the availability of more consumption goods and services (education).
- New businesses are emerging and expected to emerge.



- There are findings of challenged relationships among household members in the host mining communities due to faulty choices in and mismanagement of the financial benefits from mining.
- This is related to the rise of entertainment services in the host mining communities due to improved household incomes.



- Although there are national mining laws, these laws are not supported by ordinances at the municipal level in the host mining communities.
- Localization of these laws through ordinances can provide clearer implementation of the laws.
- Policies towards the proper management and utilization of mining benefits (e.g. SDMP, CSR, mining royalties and taxes) are lacking in emphasis.



 There is great deal of management challenges if sustainable development with mining is the target of Caraga Region.



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