



**ADVOCACY CAPACITY STRENGTHENING WORKSHOP
COMMUNITY EXPOSURE PROFILE**

Name of Community Location	Sitios San Isidro and Sitio Ricafort , Barangay Tungkong Mangga, San Jose Del Monte (SJDM) City, Bulacan
Name of Coordinator Host Organization	Rhoda Grueta / Ruel Sandigan Samahang Magsasaka (SASAMAG) Tungkong Mangga Upland Farmers Association, Inc. (TMUFAl)
Departure Time from Legend Villas	8:30 AM
NCCP Guides	Jay Roy Tipayan
Brief Community Profile	<p>Barangay (village) Tungkong Mangga is part of the City of San Jose del Monte in the province of Bulacan. This is the first municipality of Bulacan from Metro Manila particularly Quezon City. The area is a combination of plains, mountains and streams that is very suitable for farming like mangoes, bananas, jackfruit, rice, corn, vegetables and other agricultural plants. The farmers in the village started tilling the land since 1953 or even earlier. It is also the biggest among 59 barangays of SJDM. It is about 28 kilometers from Manila.</p> <p>Sandigan Samahang Magsasaka (SASAMAG)</p> <p>Sitio (sub-village) San Isidro, also known as Baryo Bisaya, is the first sitio that we reach from the highway. SASAMAG, founded in 1993, is the peasant organization in this area. There are more or less 200 families that live and farm here. Their primary products are fruits and vegetables sold in Tungkong Mangga market or Grotto, either by themselves or through a buyer. This is the primary source of income of the farmers here.</p> <p>Tungkong Mangga Upland Farmers Association Inc. (TMUFAl)</p> <p>Sitio Ricafort is the last sitio in Tungkong Mangga which is mountainous. It can be reached via tricycle ride of about 30-40 minutes from the highway. The road is rendered unpassable even by light vehicles during heavy rains because the road is totally damaged. There are about 156 households in the area. Of these, 78 are members of the TMUFAl which was founded in 1994. Fruits and vegetables are their primary products sold in Tungkong Mangga market or in Grotto.</p> <p>In Sitio Ricafort, the Villar and Araneta families are two big landlords claiming the area. TMUFAl won their case against landgrabbing of Villar and until now, are cultivating their lands.</p> <p>At present, the people of Sitios San Isidro/Ricafort are facing threat of eviction from their own farms because of the \$1.6 billion Metro Railway Transit Line 7 (MRT 7) project linking North Edsa to San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan of San Miguel Group. SMG is chaired by President Noynoy Aquino's uncle, Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr.</p>

Itinerary Schedule	<p>8:30 AM Departure from Legend Villas</p> <p>10:00 AM Arrive at Sitio San Isidro / Rest and Snack</p> <p>10:15 AM Welcome Remarks/Introductions</p> <p>10:30 AM Community Worship / Local Situationer</p> <p>11:30 PM Lunch with community</p> <p>1:00 PM Sharing of testimonies (small groups)</p> <p>2:00 PM Ocular visit around the community and farms</p> <p>3:00 PM Discernment or sharing of experiences / Snack</p> <p>3:30 PM Travel Back to Legend Villas</p>
Location Map	
Reminders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring a photocopy of your passport for proper identification. Leave all valuable items at the hotel. You may bring your personal digital camera but ask permission first before taking pictures especially of children. 2. Be ready with an umbrella/jacket in case it will rain in the community. Wear light, casual clothes. Also, bring sandals/slippers as the road to the farm/community becomes muddy after a drizzle. 3. Please inform the NCCP Guide if you have special dietary concerns.