Background

Migration and development continues to take prominence in national, regional and global migration discourses. The recently-launched World Migration Report 2010 by IOM identified migration and development as one of the key areas of migration management, where states are required to develop comprehensive knowledge and capacities, with the end in view of mainstreaming migration in development plans. Also this year, the Global Migration Group launched an essential tool that guides policy-makers and practitioners in further ensuring integration of migration into development planning processes, particularly of developing countries. In the Philippines, the Government and the European Union have recently adopted a Multi-Annual Indicative Programme (MIP) for 2011-2013.

The activities under this 1035 project is designed to undertake essential migration and local development planning groundwork activities involving key government agencies and civil society organizations, towards forging the development of an acceptable tool of framework and guidelines (F&G) to integrate migration into local development processes. This project is also designed to pilot-test the F&G in Naga City, Bicol Region. Naga is recognized worldwide for good governance and local development, in addition to this, IOM has sustained good programming and development relationships with provincial other local governments in the region since 2006.

Project Summary

This project aims to contribute to the Philippine Government’s efforts to improve migration management in the country, in accordance with the recently-adopted EU-GRP Multi-Annual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2011-2013. To this end, the project shall: (1) facilitate multi-sectoral interaction by convening Stakeholders’ Series of Conferences and Consultations (S2C2) at the national and local levels; (2) assist in the development and design of the Framework and Guidelines (F&G) on integrating migration in development planning in the Philippines through potential reference to the IOM supported GMG Mainstreaming handbook; (3) roll-out and test the F&G through capacity building and technical assistance activities in Naga City; (4) support the drafting of the Naga City local development plan for 2011-2012; and (5) draft and disseminate a process documentation paper on mainstreaming migration in local development planning using the Naga City experience.

The project is implemented in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the City Government of Naga.