

**The Role of Key Actors in the Promotion of Local Community Development:  
The Case of KALAHI-CIDSS Projects in Janiuay, Iloilo**

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## **Abstract**

This research is centred on the research problem – what are the roles of the key actors in the promotion of local community development in the case of the Kapit-bisig Laban Sa Kahirapan–Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-Cidss) projects in the municipality of Janiuay, Iloilo. Firstly, there is a need to explain local community development in the Kalahi-Cidss projects in Janiuay, Iloilo. Next, the paper proceeds to describe the resources that are being employed in Kalahi-Cidss in Janiuay in order to meet its goals. Then, the paper directs on the description of the roles of the key actors in the Kalahi-Cidss projects in Janiuay, Iloilo. The last objective of this paper is to describe the developmental outcomes brought by the projects to the people of Janiuay.

The research problem and objectives of the paper were addressed through desk research, secondary material review, project site inspection, informal interviews with the barangay residents, and key informant interview with the Kalahi-Area Coordinator in Janiuay. The method of triangulation was used to avail more complete and more reliable data with less validity threats. It was found out that the Kalahi-Cidss is the flagship program of the Philippine government in addressing poverty in the country. Its foundation lies on the understanding that when people are empowered, they have the capability to spare themselves from poverty. Resources being employed in order to meet the goals of the project were categorized into proximate and non-proximate interventions. Three barangays in Janiuay were studied. The roles of the key actors in each barangay were described in the paper. The roles of the key actors in the three barangays were compared with each other and assessed in relation to the success of the Kalahi-Cidss projects in each respective community. Key actors involved in the projects were the barangay officials and the local community. The project success and developmental outcomes depended largely on how these two actors collaborated with each other. However, most essential in the actual process was how the former performed their task as leaders of the community. Barangay officials are the initiators of local community development through the Kalahi-Cidss.