



Revenue Generation and Allocation of Funds in Selected Barangays in Lingayen

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Abstract – *The study focused on the revenue generation and allocations of funds in selected barangays in Lingayen in the past three years. It made use of the descriptive type of research and examines the situation of revenue generation and allocation of funds in three (3) barangays in Lingayen. The gathered data from respondents and barangay officials were organized, tabulated, statistically treated and analyzed using descriptive statistics. The majorities of the barangay officials are late adult, male, married, retain their position and have attended formal education. Besides Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA), Barangay clearance fee is one of the sources of revenue in the barangay. A bigger chunk of budget is allotted to Construction, maintenance and/or repair of local roads and bridges and Purchase of lots for hospitals, health centers, day care centers and facilities including construction, repair and/or maintenance of such facilities. The treasurer of the barangay frequently complies with their responsibilities as barangay treasurer as perceived by the barangay officials and treasurer themselves. Collection of internal tax is the main problem of the barangay.*

The barangay officials shall devise strategies in revenue generation to augment the barangay funds. Programs/projects to be funded shall be in accordance to the priority areas of the barangay constituents which shall form part of the barangay development plan.

Keywords – Revenue, Generation, Allocations

INTRODUCTION

Raising funds, allocating and spending public resources are considered major activities and the foundation of any government. The local government unit has the power to create his own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees, and other charges and allocating those funds including the national budget for the implementation of various government programs and projects. The national budget is also allocated for the operation of government offices and payment of salaries of government officials and employees, maintenance and operation, and public debts.

The study was made for the reason of revenue generation and allocation of funds requires attention because according to the study (Philippine Institute for Development Studies). Rampant corruption is not only in the high branches of government but also in barangays.

This study used the descriptive type of research. Two sets of questionnaires were used to gather data from the respondents. It was constructed based in the items included in Sections 329-334 (Barangay Budget) of the Local Government Code of 1991 RA No. 7160. One questionnaire is especially for Punong Barangay, Barangay Kagawad and Barangay secretary only, and the other one for Barangay Treasurer.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The purpose of the study is to determine the sources of funds and if these funds are properly used in accordance to the allocation of barangay funds under Sections 329-334 (Barangay Budget) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA No. 7160).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The researcher collected the questionnaires personally from the respondents and retrieved it upon completion on the day it was distributed. A letter was prepared to get permission from Municipal Mayor of Lingayen and Barangay Captain of target barangays to administer the questionnaire to the respondents.

The profile of Barangay officials was described using frequency counts percentages, and mean. The status of operation of Barangay funds as to: Sources of funds and Allocation of funds - Sections 329-334 (Barangay Budget) of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA No. 7160); the extent of execution of functions of barangay treasurer; and The problems encountered by barangay officials with regards to the generation and allocation of funds was described using frequency counts and percentages.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 Profile of Barangay Officials

Variables	Punong Barangay		Barangay Kagawad		Barangay Treasurer		Barangay Secretary	
	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
Age								
18 – 35 years old	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	33
36-55 years old	3	100	15	72	2	67	1	33
56 – 70 years old	0	0	5	24	1	33	1	33
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100
Sex								
Male	2	67	15	71	1	33	1	33
Female	1	33	6	29	2	67	2	67
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100
Civil Status								
Single	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Married	3	100	19	90	2	67	3	100
Widowed	0	0	1	5	1	33	0	0
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100
Highest Educational Attainment								
High School Grad.	1	33	7	33	1	33	1	33
College Grad.	2	67	14	67	2	67	2	67
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100
Past Position for the last three years								
None	1	33	7	33	3	100	3	100
Barangay Kagawad	0	0	14	67	0	0	0	0
Barangay Chairman	2	67	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100

Based on the data of the Municipality of Lingayen the barangay officials of Lingayen are in their late adults. Most of them are male and majority of barangay officials are married and were previous barangay officials.

Table 2 Responsibilities of Barangay Treasurer as Perceived by Barangay Officials and Treasurer Themselves

Responsibilities	Punong Barangay		Secretary		Kagawad		Treasurer	
	AWM	DE	AWM	DE	AWM	DE	AWM	DE
1. Collection of all taxes, fees, contributions, and all other monies due the barangay.	4.67	H	4.67	H	4.67	VH	4.3	VH
2. Depositing the collections with the City/Municipal treasurer or with the nearest depository bank in the name of the barangay.	3.33	MH	3.67	H	3	MH	3.33	MH
3. Safeguarding and accounting for revenue collections.	3	MH	2.67	MH	3.33	MH	3.33	MH
4. Disbursement of barangay funds in accordance with the barangay budget and through resolutions of the Sangguniang Barangay.	3.67	H	3.67	H	3.67	H	3.67	H
5. Issuance of certification as to the availability of fund.	4	H	4.33	VH	4	H	4.33	VH
6. Keeping and maintaining a petty cash fund to pay for barangay expenses.	4	H	4	H	4	H	4.33	VH
7. Accounting of all barangay funds and property in their custody at the close of the calendar year.	3.33	MH	3	MH	3.33	MH	3.67	H
8. Ensuring that reports shall be available to members of the barangay assembly and others concerned.	4	H	3.67	H	4	H	3.67	H
9. Publication of the itemized monthly collections and disbursements of the barangay.	4	H	4	H	4	H	3.67	H
GRAND MEAN	3.78	H	3.74	H	3.78	H	3.81	H

The barangay captains, barangay secretary, barangay kagawad and the barangay treasurer themselves agreed that the barangay treasurer execute their mandated responsibilities at a high level. This seems to suggest that the barangay treasurers are aware and have sense of dedication in their assigned responsibilities. However, this is still a need for them to

continue and enhance their capabilities to execute their responsibilities to the fullest.

Table 3 Functions of Barangay Treasurer as Perceived by Barangay Officials and Treasurer Themselves

Programs / Projects	Punong Barangay		Secretary		Kagawad		Treasurer	
	AWM	DE	AWM	DE	AWM	DE	AWM	DE
1. Keep custody of Barangay funds and properties	5	VH	5	VH	5	VH	3.33	MH
2. Collect and issue official receipts for taxes, fees, contributions, monies, materials, and all other resources accruing to the Barangay treasury and deposit the same in the account of the Barangay.	4	H	4.67	VH	4	H	5	VH
3. Distribute funds.	4	H	4.33	VH	4	VH	4.66	VH
4. Submit to the Punong Barangay a statement covering the actual and estimates of income and expenditures for the preceding and ensuing calendar years, respectively.	4	H	4	H	4	H	4.33	VH
5. Render a written accounting report of all Barangay funds and property under his custody at the end of each calendar year, and ensure that such report shall be made available to the members of the Barangay assembly and other government agencies concerned	3.67	H	3	MH	3.33	MH	3	MH
6. Certify as to the availability of funds whenever necessary	4.33	VH	4.33	VH	4.33	VH	4.33	VH
7. Plan and attend to the rural postal circuit within his/her jurisdiction	4	H	4	H	4	H	3.67	H
8. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinances.	3.67	H	3.33	MH	3.67	H	3.33	MH
GRAND MEAN	4.08	H	4.08	H	4.04	H	3.96	H

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Table 4 Revenue Generation of Barangay Funds as to Sources of Funds According to Barangay Officials

Sources of Barangay funds	Punong Barangay			Barangay Kagawad			Barangay Treasurer			Barangay Secretary		
	yes	no	T	yes	no	T	yes	no	T	yes	no	T
	1. Service fees or charges for the use of barangay property or facilities	3/100	0/0	3/100	15/61	Jun-29	21/100	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0
2. Barangay clearance fees	3/100	0/0	3/100	20/95	01-May	21/100	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	3/100
3. Fees or charges for the commercial breeding of fighting cocks and on cockpits and cockfights	0/0	3/100	3/100	Mar-14	18/86	21/100	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100
4. Fees or charges on places of recreation with admission fees	0/0	3/100	3/100	Apr-19	17/81	21/100	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100
5. Fees or charges for billboards, sign boards, neon signs and other outdoor advertisements	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	21/100	21/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100
6. Toll fees or charges for the use of any public road, pier or wharf, waterway, bridge, ferry, or telecommunications system funded and constructed by the barangay	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	21/100	21/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100
7. Revenues from the operation of public utilities and barangay enterprises (markets, slaughterhouses, etc.)	0/0	3/100	3/100	02-Oct	19/90	21/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100
8. Fines (not exceeding P1,000) for the violation of barangay ordinances	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	Jun-29	15/61	21/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100
9. Proceeds from the sale or lease of barangay property or from loans and grants secured by the barangay government	0/0	3/100	3/100	0/0	21/100	21/100	Jan-33	Feb-67	3/100	0/0	3/100	3/100

Service fees or charges for the use of barangay property or facilities and barangay clearance fees are found to be the main sources of barangay funds based on the data gathered. In other study they discovered that the main problem of barangays when it comes to sources of revenue is the collection of tax.

Table 5 Revenue Allocations of Funds as Perceived by Barangay Officials

Programs/Projects	Punong Barangay		Barangay Kagawad		Barangay Treasurer		Barangay Secretary		Total	
	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
1. Solid waste management which may include purchase of related equipment, truck and compactors, as well as purchase of land for sanitary landfill.										
NONE	1	33	7	33	1	33	1	33	10	33
5%	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	2	7
8%	2	67	10	47	2	67	2	67	16	53
9%	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	2	7
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
2. Purchase of lots for health centers, day care centers and similar facilities which may include construction, repair and/or maintenance of such facilities.										
5%	2	67	14	33	2	67	2	67	20	67
8%	1	33	7	67	1	33	1	33	10	33
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
3. Purchase of lot for resettlement of squatters, including construction of housing units and facilities.										
NONE	3	3	21	100	3	3	3	3	30	100
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
4. Activities in support of the Food Security Program, and the Livestock Diapital, Fisheries Development and Fish Culture Farming programs.										
NONE	2	67	16	76	2	67	2	67	22	73
5%	1	33	3	14	1	33	1	33	6	20
8%	0	0	2	10	0	0	0	0	2	7
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
5. Initiative in support of Cooperatives Development.										
NONE	1	33	7	33	1	33	1	33	10	33
5%	2	67	14	67	2	67	2	67	20	67
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
6. Construction, maintenance and/or repair of postharvest facilities, irrigation and other agricultural production systems.										
NONE	2	67	14	67	2	67	2	67	20	67
5%	0	0	3	14	0	0	0	0	3	10
8%	1	33	4	18	1	33	1	33	7	23
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
7. Construction, maintenance and/or repair of local roads and bridges.										
NONE	1	33.3	7	33.3	1	33	1	33	10	33
20%	1	33.3	7	33.3	1	33	1	33	10	33
8%	1	33.3	7	33.3	1	33	1	33	10	33
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
8. Construction, maintenance and/or repair of water and sewerage system, as well as power and communication facilities.										
NONE	1	33.3	11	52	1	33	1	33	14	47
5%	1	33.3	10	48	1	33	1	33	13	43
9%	1	33.3	0	0	1	33	1	33	3	10
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100
9. Construction, maintenance and/or repair of public buildings which may include purchase of equipment necessary in the implementation of infrastructure development.										
NONE	1	33.3	4	19	0	0	1	33	6	20
5%	0	0	6	28	1	33	1	33	10	33
8%	1	33.3	9	43	1	33	0	0	11	37
9%	1	33.3	0	0	1	33	1	33	3	10
Total	3	100	21	100	3	100	3	100	30	100

Purchase of lots for facilities which may include construction, repair and/or maintenance got the highest allocation of funds with the rate of 80% and purchase of lot for resettlement of squatters were not mentioned considering the importance and use of the said program or project.

Problems Encountered by the Barangay Treasurer in Terms of Generating Revenue and Allocation of Barangay Funds

Internal tax collection is the only problems encountered by the Barangay Treasurer of Maniboc while Barangays Estanza and Durungan has no other problems encountered when it comes to generating revenue and allocation of barangay funds. The collection of internal tax is the main problem of the barangay offices.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Based from the findings of this study, the following conclusions were generated:

1. The barangay officials are late adult, most of them are male and majority are married, with experience as barangay official and attend formal education.
2. The barangay treasurers perform their mandated responsibilities and function as barangay treasurer.
3. Service and barangay clearance fees are the major sources of revenue in the barangay.
4. The highest reserved fund goes to purchase of lots for facilities which may include construction, repair and/or maintenance.
5. The collection of internal tax is the main problem of the barangay offices.

Based from the conclusions generated, the researcher recommends the following:

1. The barangay officials must devise new strategies to collect fees from various sources as stipulated in RA 7160 .
2. An intensive campaign shall be done to inform the barangay constituent on the different fees to be collected from various activities as stipulated in RA 7160 to avoid resistance when collection comes.

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