



SocioEconomic Issue on Spotlight

Announcements

Disaster Risk Management



Last month, super typhoon Yolanda (international name: Haiyan) wreaked havoc on the Visayas region, making landfall five times with a significantly fatal impact. The combined forces of winds and storm surges wiped out many buildings, communities, and families. More than 5.4 million people were reportedly affected by the storm that swept across numerous

provinces. Many were killed; those who survived are now at a loss on how to rebuild their lives. Tacloban was the center of the storm, making it the worst damaged city.

Disaster risk management is one of the most critical issues that the Philippines is facing today. Over the years, the amount of rainfall and the intensity of storms have significantly increased. Experts predict that the worst is yet to come due to increasingly warming sea waters because of global warming. On top of natural disasters, certain parts of Mindanao in southern Philippines continue to confront issues of human insecurity due to unresolved armed conflicts. The terror attacks on Zamboanga City in September that lasted for weeks forced many people to abandon their homes and live in evacuation centers. Children were unable to attend school; business was paralyzed. Many innocent civilians suffered the brunt of the siege. When it was over, Zamboaga faced another disaster—this time it was the natural threat of inclement weather brought by typhoon Quedan.

Disaster risk management is important to mitigate the negative impacts of natural disasters as well as human-made catastrophes. Mitigation and adaptation measures are necessary to build the resilience of high-risk communities. This Spotlight features the studies conducted by SERP-P member-institutions on disaster risk management that can serve as references for further research, teaching, program planning, and policy formulation. To search for more studies, simply type “climate” or “disasters” in the search box of the SERP-P website.

- [Typhoons, Floods, and Droughts: Regional Occurrence and Value of Damages to Rice Farming in the Philippines](#)
- [Assessment of Vulnerability to Natural Hazards at Subnational Level: Provincial Estimates for the Philippines](#)
- [Impacts of Natural Disasters on Agriculture, Food Security, and Natural Resources and Environment in the Philippines](#)
- [Examination of Intense Climate-related Disasters in the Asia-Pacific](#)
- [Forecasting Natural Hazards and Disasters in Selected Southeast Asian Countries: The Need for Cooperative Action.](#)

Call for Papers: Philippine Journal of Development



The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is inviting submissions for the Philippine Journal of Development (PJD). The PJD is a technical, peer-reviewed journal published twice a year by PIDS. PJD considers original, unpublished papers on economic development, public administration, foreign relations, sociology, political dynamics, agriculture and national resource management, environment, international migration, and other development topics, which are policy oriented and may or may not explicitly have a bearing on the Philippines. Book reviews are also accepted. The theme or topic of the book should fall within the scope of the articles accepted for publication. The target readers of PJD include researchers, educators, policymakers, and planners. For guidelines in the preparation of articles, please refer to www.pids.gov.ph/ris/publications/pjd/pjd_guidelines.html. Inquiries and submissions may be

SERP-P Member on Spotlight



[Silliman University \(SU\)](#) signed the SERP-P Memorandum of Agreement in 2012 that formalized its membership in the SERP-P Network. Since then, it has been regularly uploading its studies into the SERP-P portal and actively coordinating with the SERP-team.

A private research university in the province of Negros Oriental, SU is known not only as the first American university in Asia but also as one of the top performing schools in the Philippines. It is ranked among the top 150 universities in Asia based on the International Students' Review of the QS Quacquarelli Symonds, an institution that ranks the world's top universities.

Currently headed by Dr. Ben Malayang, SU has long been forging strong ties with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). It is also a member of the Philippines APEC Study Center Network (PASCN), an academic research network being managed by PIDS that promotes collaborative research on APEC-related issues and Asia-Pacific economies. The SERP-P coordinator of SU is Dr. Enrique Oracion, director of the Research and Development Center.

Visit the SERP-P website at www.serp-p.pids.gov.ph to access publications of SU.

New Acquisitions

- [Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership: Reform Challenges and Key Tasks for the Philippines](#)
- [Social Protection Policies on Spotlight as Manila Hosts 14th GDN Meet](#)
- [Regional Research Agenda for Region 1: CY 2011-2016](#)
- [The Negros Millenarian Movements](#)
- [Region 1 Physico-Socio-Economic Profile for the 1st Quarter CY 2011](#)

PIDS, DFA Foreign Service Institute in research networking deal



PIDS President Dr. Gilbert Llanto and Ambassador Angelina Miciano Sta. Catalina, director of DFA-FSI

The country's policy research database has added a new member following the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) and the Department of Foreign Affairs' Foreign Service Institute (DFA-FSI) last October 23. DFA-FSI joins more than 50 institutions in the SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P), an online electronic database of completed, ongoing, and

pipeline research studies related to economic development and policymaking hosted by PIDS. Under the agreement, DFA-FSI will link to the SERP-P website and upload its studies to the research portal. DFA-FSI will also add to the list of experts and resource persons in the SERP-P directory. PIDS President Gilberto M. Llanto signed the agreement on behalf of the state policy think tank, while Ambassador Angelina Miciano Sta. Catalina, director, represented DFA-FSI. SERP-P, which links socioeconomic studies implemented by various research institutions including government agencies and the academe, is envisioned as

forwarded to the Managing Editor at ssiar@mail.pids.gov.ph

REMINDERS:

Social Science Researchers Directory

Watch out for the initial release of the Social Science Researchers Directory in the SERP-P website this December. This new feature is a database of social science researchers all over the country from the information submitted by SERP-P member-institutions. The Social Science Researchers Directory aims to promote closer interaction and exchange of ideas among researchers in the social sciences. It is intended to facilitate a more systematic flow of information and better coordination in terms of developing research proposals and crafting recommendations for future research and policymaking. Future activities such as conferences and other fora can be coordinated and organized through this new feature.

We are requesting the Network members to submit the list and contact details of social science researchers from their institution. The list is preferably in Microsoft Excel.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

We would like to remind the Network members that have not yet signed the SERP-P MOA to get in touch with the SERP-P team. We anticipate with enthusiasm the cementing of our partnership through the signing of all the MOAs within the first quarter of 2014.

For any question or inquiry regarding the SERP-P Directory or SERP-P MOA, contact the SERP-P Coordinator at koteyza@mail.pids.gov.ph.

SERP-P Membership Renewal

The SERP-P team is encouraging all member-institutions to renew

the Philippines' main electronic repository of policy research.

SERP-P Team Attends 49th Biennial PAEDA Convention



PAEDA Officers presented a certificate of appreciation to the SERP-P team for their presentation of the SERP-P project during the Convention. (left to right: PAEDA Vice-President Ernesto O. Brown; SERP-P Coordinator Kristine Carla C. Oteyza; PIDS Director for Research Information Sheila V. Siar, PAEDA President Albert Aquino)

The SERP-P team participated in the 49th Biennial Convention of the Philippine Agricultural Economics and Development Association (PAEDA). PAEDA is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation established in 1954 primarily to promote small-farmer productivity and profitability in the Philippines. The Association members are Filipino experts and professionals in agricultural and development economics and related fields.

The Convention, which had the theme “Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Issues and Challenges for Agriculture, Fishery and Natural Resources”, was held at the Central Mindanao University in Maramag, Bukidnon, from October 23 to 24. Nearly a hundred papers from PAEDA members were presented in a number of parallel sessions. Representatives from various academic and research institutions all over the country attended the event.

The SERP-P team was featured in the first plenary session where they presented the value of SERP-P as an innovative tool for knowledge brokering and intermediation. Various queries about the portal were received by the team during the open forum. By the end of the session, different institutions, including the Malaysia-based WorldFish Center (a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research), expressed their interest to join the SERP-P Network.

For more information about the PAEDA, visit its website at www.paeda-lb.webs.com/site/1.html.

their membership in the SERP-P Network by uploading their studies into the portal. For members that are having problems managing their SERP-P Admin Portal accounts, we are giving re-orientation sessions. We also provide face-to-face coaching for network members within Metro-Manila and nearby areas and online coaching for those in the provinces. Kindly email koteyza@mail.pids.gov.ph or call 893-9575 to 85 loc. 5034 for your concerns or to schedule a briefing/coaching session with us.

SERP-P at a Glance

Number of Publications	5180
Number of Member Institutions	53
Number of Authors	2648
Number of Keywords	3156
Average Daily Visits	300

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