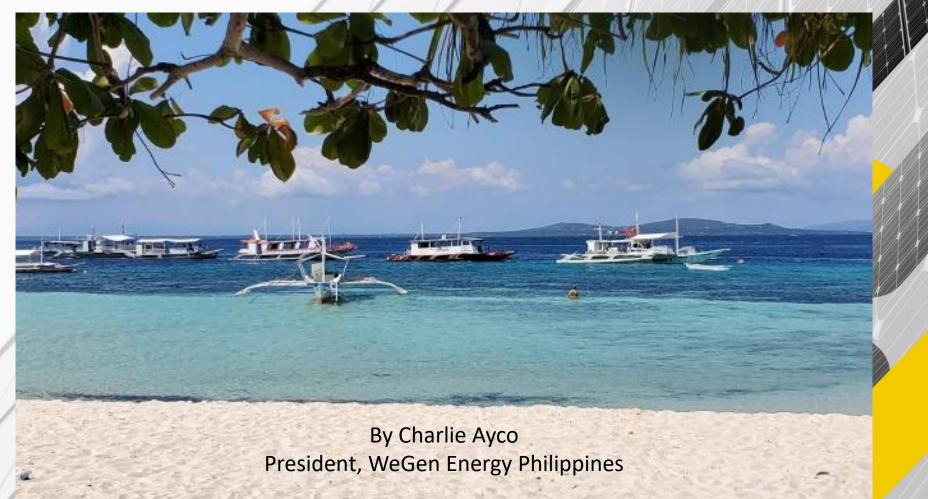
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# "Kahayag sa Pamilacan (Light in Pamilacan) Project": A Model for an Inclusive Energy Transition



#### AN ISLAND PARADISE, BUT...







- Over 350 households, around 15,000 residents
- Traditional livelihood was whale hunting until it shifted to tourism-oriented whale watching and fishing
- Too far and isolated to be linked to the main power grid
- Diesel generator installed in 1996 by the electric coop
- Power cost too expensive at US 0.50 cents/KWH; later subsidized by government to US 0.16 cents
- Power available only for 8 hours a day (night time)



### "KAHAYAG SA PAMILACAN" PROJECT: 39 KWP + 154 KWH Storage









#### **IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT**





- 24/7 power supply with daytime solar
   + night time diesel
- Improved livelihood with better storage for fish catch; potential for growth in local tourism industry
- Improvement in educational facilities (computers, internet)
- Employment for local volunteers who were trained and hired as installers for projects in other areas



#### **SOLAR PROJECT AS CATALYST**



Women empowerment --Pamilacan Solar Credit Cooperative





Experienced—based teaching on renewable energy and climate change

BUT THERE WAS A CLAMOR FOR MORE! The existing installation was not enough to meet the increase in power demand.

## PAMILACAN ISLAND COMMUNITY SOLAR EXPANSION PROJECT (Add: 40 KWP + Replace batteries)





- GRANT from the Development for Renewable Energy Applications Mainstreaming and Market Sustainability (DREAMS) Project in 2021
- PROJECT PARTNERS
  - Department of Energy (grant funds)
  - WeGen Laudato Si (proponent; system design and installation)
  - BOHECO 1 (receive and own assets; operations & maintenance)
  - Dept. of Education (roof space use)
  - Pamilacan Solar Credit Cooperative (beneficiary; assist in installation; collection of electricity fees
  - Barangay Government of Pamilacan (security of facilities; assist in O&M and school maintenance)

## WeGen: "The Power of Sharing" Business Model

Collects payment from both

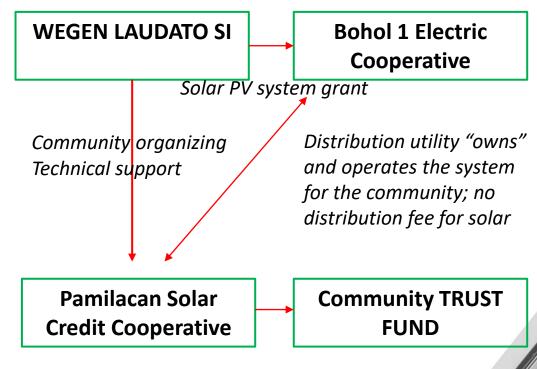
Remits to DU the payment

solar and diesel



# Our Vision Clean and affordable energy anytime, anywhere and for everyone.





Payment from solar

livelihood

retained for repairs and

#### **KEY LEARNINGS**

- Business model
- Stakeholder participation and engagement
- Technology, operations and maintenance
- Replicability

