# BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES ASEAN Australia Smart City Trust Fund Smart Flood Warning, Information and Mitigation System

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## **About Baguio City**

- The "Summer Capital of the Philippines"
- Land area: 57.49 square kilometers
- **Elevation:** 1,600 miles above sea level
- **Population:** 366,358 (2020 Census)
- Population density: 6,373 persons per square kilometer













## Climate-related challenges

- High amount of rainfall every year;
- Increase in temperature and development of urban heat islands;
- Flash floods;
- Frequent rain-induced landslides;







# **Current Smart City Initiatives**

Smart City
Command Center

Digital innovations to speed up the delivery of government service

Smart City Twinning Program with Perth, Australia National
Government Data
Center (NGDC)
and Digital
Transformation
Hub (DTC)

Baguio City Smart Flood Warning, Information and Mitigation System Project







# Baguio City Smart Flood Early Warning, Information and Mitigation System

- Implemented under the ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund (AASCTF), supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and managed by the Asian Development Bank.
- Project aims to improve community disaster preparedness, awareness and ensuring ownership to enhance urban resilience.
- Initiated in August 2020

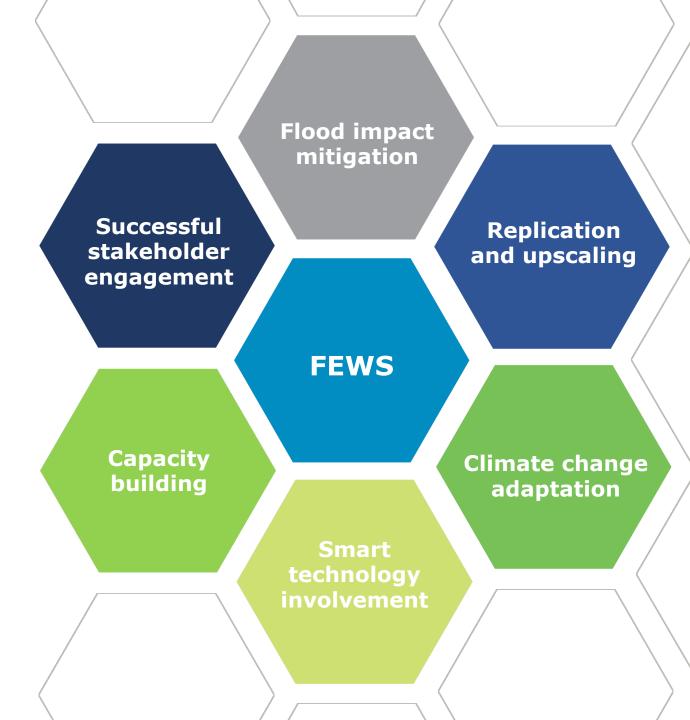






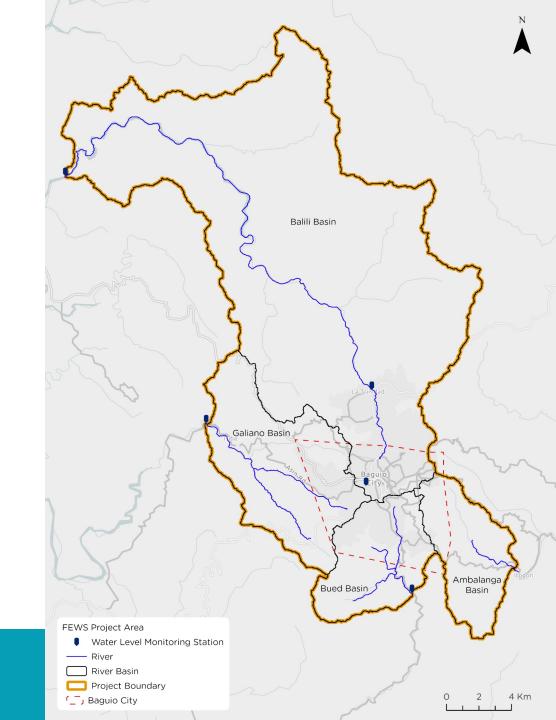
## **Project objectives**

Improving community
disaster preparedness,
rising awareness and
ensuring ownership to
enhance urban resilience



## **Project outputs**

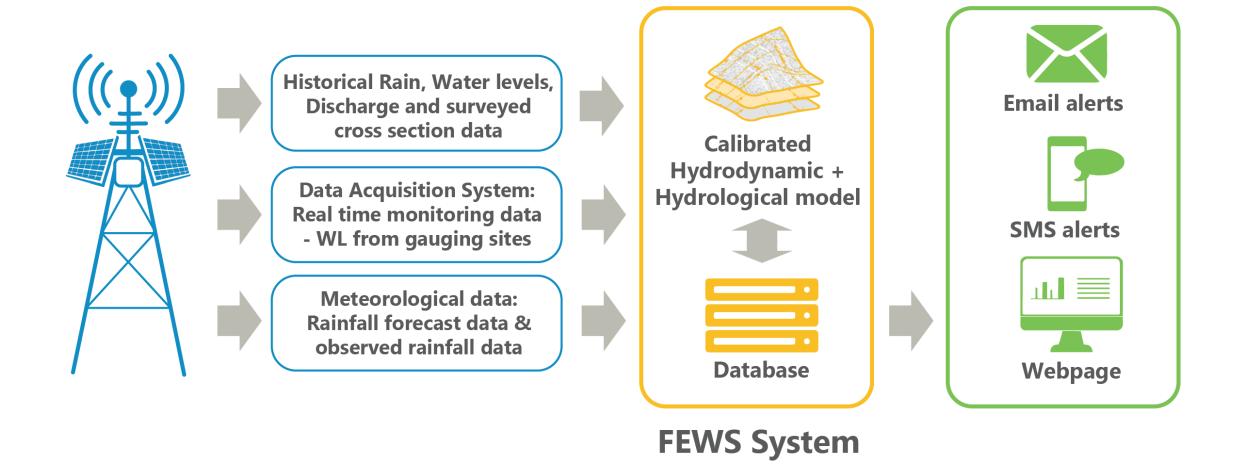
- Establishment and execution of a Smart Flood Early Warning Information System (FEWS)
- Establishment of a real-time data capture system in four river basins in Baguio City
- Preparation of a flood mitigation action plan



### **Key highlights**

#### FEWS – conceptual design





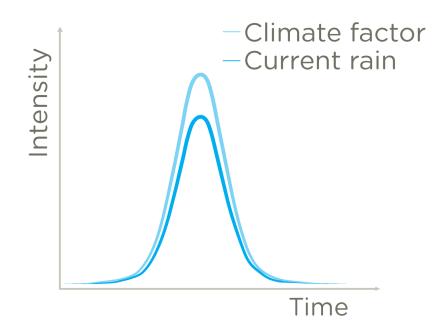


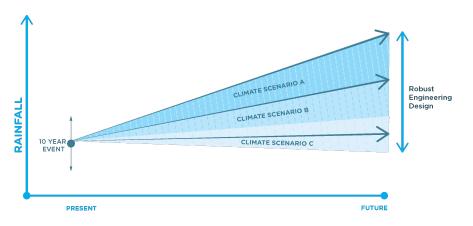
# Key focus on institutional capacity

# ENHANCED CAPACITY BUILDING AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

#### Main objective:

"Ensuring the long-term sustainability for the established FEWS by securing the required local capacity for operating and utilizing the FEWS as an active risk mitigation instrument beyond the timeframe of the pilot project"





# Key focus on climate change



#### CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENT AS INPUT TO **MODELLING & DESIGN FOR ENHANCING CITY** RESILIENCE

#### Main objective:

- to ensure inclusion of an appropriate climate factor into the hydraulic model for design and establishment of a future-proof FEWS.
- to develop a flood mitigation action plan aimed at increasing city resilience while answering the following questions:
  - which types of NbS are most feasible?

  - what are the key design considerations for NbS? what are the co-benefits of implementing NbS?

  - how may NbS be planned and implemented? how may NbS be replicated and scaled city-wide?

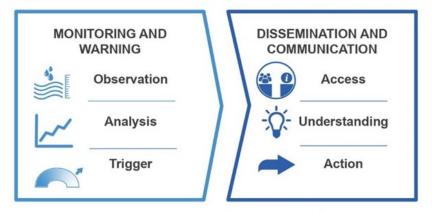
# INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY

#### EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS





A MULTI-HAZARD APPROACH



CONSIDERATION OF GENDER PERSPECTIVES
AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

# Key focus on gender & inclusion



GENDER TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACH FOR STRENGTHENED DEVELOPMENT, APPLICATION AND REPLICATION OF THE BAGUIO CITY FEWS

#### Main objective:

- to ensure appropriate, applicable, and timely early warning reaches the last mile, including the most vulnerable, recognizing that effective FEWS are people-centric.
- to provide specific, usable, and relevant actions/guidance on gender transformative approaches that can be built into the design and implementation of the FEWS.

## **Project Challenges**

- COVID-19 restrictions (in the project's initial stage)
- Identified data gaps and IT infrastructure
- Mapping and coordinating with the different stakeholders in charge of maintaining various data sources/infrastructure

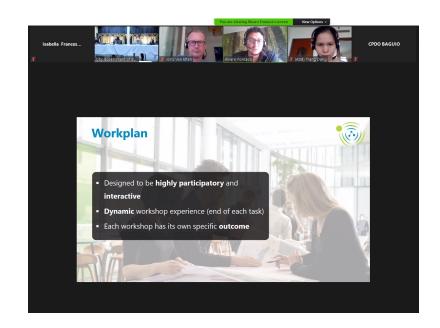






# Success Factors & Opportunities

- The value of digital solutions during a pandemic situation
- Strong commitment of LGU in smart city development
- Support from various city stakeholders
- Strong technical expertise and support from the project team



#### **Vision Statement**

A resilient and smart Baguio.

A city with a dynamic and interconnected economy, green environment, responsive and innovative education, enlivened multicultural society, and a global tourist destination driven by good governance.







#### **Lessons learned**

- Local government support and commitment is key to the success of every project;
- Need for a centralized repository of updated data that are accessible to every department;
- Local development plans and processes must integrate genderequality and social-inclusion (GESI); and
- Digital innovation and solutions is a continuing process to improve the delivery of government service to intended beneficiaries.







# **Project reports**

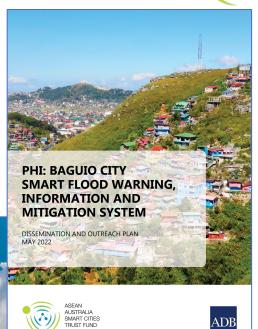


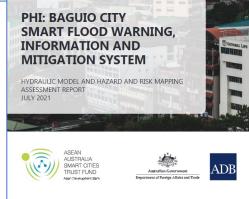
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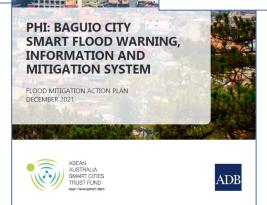


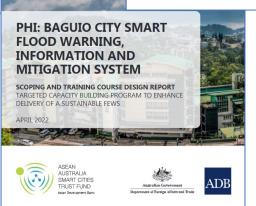














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