

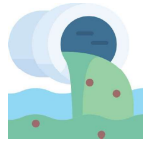
# PROTECTING A MARINE RESERVE THROUGH HOUSEHOLD SANITATION

In the Philippines, families from Sagay City residing within Sagay Marine Reserve benefitted - from an innovative financing scheme for household sanitation piloted by **USAID** and **DAI**, through Safe Water, to protect the marine reserve, an ecosystem that provides for eco-tourism livelihoods to coastal communities.

**What Are We Addressing:** USAID recognizes the challenges faced by poor coastal communities whose livelihoods depend mainly on an ecosystem at risk from water pollution.



Coastal communities depend mainly on **vulnerable ecosystems** for their source of income



**Water pollution**, due to lack of household sanitation, endangers Sagay Marine Reserve



Families desire their own toilets, but many, especially the poor, are constrained by **limited resources** and competing expenses

**Piloting the OBA-BF:** USAID and DAI, through Safe Water, introduced the OBA-BF as an innovative means for households below the poverty line to afford their own toilets.



**Output-based aid:** DAI provided grant resources to subsidize the cost of septic tanks compliant with the standards of the Philippine Sanitation Code.



**Blended finance:** Households paid for the toilet superstructure sourced through loans from Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, an MFI.



**OBA-BF:** This scheme makes toilets more affordable to poor families dependent on the vulnerable marine reserve.

**What We've Learned:** USAID and DAI underlined lessons learned in the pilot implementation of OBA-BF in Sagay City in relation to stakeholder collaboration, women's empowerment, adaptation of the implementation to local conditions. .



**Strengthened collaboration** with LGUs, MFIs, and POs to encourage households to participate in the program



**Empowered women** to manage their sanitation loans and protect their livelihoods from ecotourism

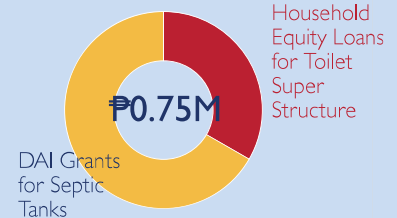


**Adapted to conditions** related to spatial limits and weather conditions through adaptive design and construction method of septic tanks



**Promoted use of innovative** water-efficient latrines as an alternative to conventional toilet bowls

## OBA-BF PILOT AT A GLANCE



Around **200 people** from **40 households** now enjoy affordable sanitary toilets and the multiple benefits they provide for their health and the environment. This was made possible through a multi-sectoral partnership that mobilized **PHP0.75M/\$15,000** of investments from **DAI** that helped subsidize the cost of septic tanks, and technical assistance from **USAID**, with commitment and cooperation from pioneering **local government unit** of Sagay City, Negros Occidental.



Suyac Island Mangrove Eco-Park



Thanks to **OBA-BF** pilot activity, the cost of a **sanitary toilet** becomes **affordable** for every Filipino.

**Adopt OBA-BF now** and improve the quality of life for Filipino families!