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## **RISE** *Balayan Master Trainers receive Basic First Aid Training*

The PTC Project RISE Team successfully completed the pilot RISE Balayan Master Trainers Basic First Aid Training on November 08 at the 2nd Floor AVP Room, Balayan Government Center. The activity is part of Project RISE's sustained community engagement with its partner communities and was designed to help educate the Balayan community leaders on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) capacity-building activities and programs.



50 RISE Balayan Master Trainers and Balayan Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) listened attentively and proactively participated in the Basic First Aid Lecture and Demonstration. They learned how to apply proper bandaging techniques and other relative skills that they will need to administer proper basic first aid in emergency situations.

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The initiative was made possible through the support of the Municipality of Balayan Officials, headed by Mayor JR Fronda with Municipal Admin EnP. Gonzalo Baral, Municipal Councilor Raymund De la Vega, Balayan MDRRM Officer Mr. Christian Noel Villanueva, and Project RISE Advocate Mr. Carlos Ermita Alvarez.



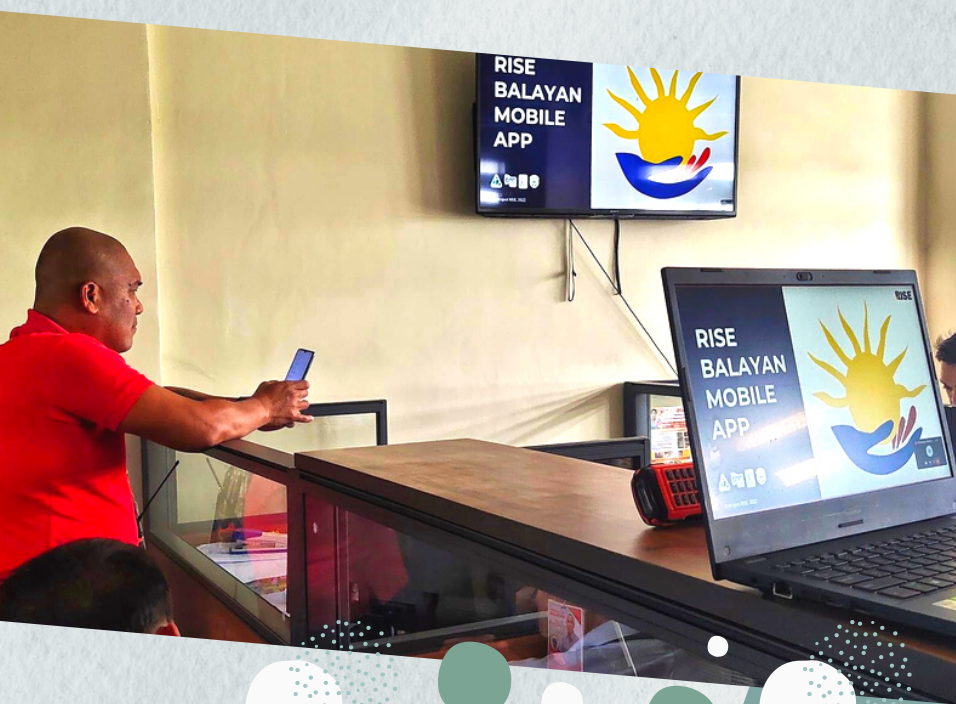
Project RISE, together with Smart Development Institute (SDI), also had a discussion with Balayan Municipality Officials on November 7 at the Balayan Government Center on possible digital connectivity programs in Barangay Patugo where internet connectivity is still a challenge for residents.



In attendance was SIP-PEP Director Capt. Stan Santiago and PTC Shipping Cluster Head of Strategic Planning Mr. Leslie Suntay, together with SDI President and US-Philippines Society Member Mr. Roberto Llamas. Project RISE Advocate and former Councilor Carlos Ermita Alvarez spearheaded the meeting with the Balayan LGU headed by Mayor JR Fronda with Municipal Administrator Mr. Gonzalo Baral.



On October 27, Project RISE successfully conducted an introductory and alignment meeting for the RISE Balayan Mobile App with the MDRRMO Balayan Officials and Personnel, headed by MDRRM Officer Christian Noel Villanueva.



The RISE Balayan Mobile App is a technology solution developed by its partner, Smart Development Institute (SDI), in collaboration with the US-Philippines Society, aiming to establish, implement, and sustain disaster preparedness programs, aid the digital transformation of Project-RISE partner communities, and bridge the communication and collaboration gaps between the LGU and its citizens.

Balayan MDRRMO officials and personnel were able to download the RISE Balayan Mobile App and gave their feedback on the usage of the app.