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FROM CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITIES: SMAI EMBODIES INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Nurturing Future Stewards: SMAI Hosts BulSU Students for EIA Field Activities

In February, SMAI welcomed senior Environmental Science students from Bulacan State University (BulSU) for a hands-on field study near the New Manila International Airport (NMIA) and *Saribuhay sa Dampalit* in Brgy. Pamarawan, Malolos City, Bulacan. The visits provided real-world insights into Environmental Impact Assessments and SMAI's environmental protection initiatives, including water quality monitoring.





Students learned directly from SMAI's Biodiversity Team about bird species identification and bird tracking at *Saribuhay sa Dampalit,* the country's first large-scale biodiversity offset site. Beyond technical sessions, the activity highlighted SMAI's grievance mechanisms, the Biodiversity Management Program, stakeholder engagement programs and compliance with local regulations and International Finance Corporation standards.

By opening its doors to the academe, SMAI reinforces its commitment to transparency and its role as a partner in nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards.



LIVELIHOOD RESTORATION PROGRAMS



SMAI facilitated bank account openings for five (5) Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) employed as kitchen staff at Sentro88 Foods in December 2025. For two of these individuals, this marked their first time entering a formal payroll system, ensuring a more secure and professional way to receive their salaries.

SMAI Empowers Vulnerable PAPs through Health and Community Initiatives

SMAI joined the Solo Parents and PWD Community Leaders' General Assemblies led by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) of Bulakan. These activities aimed to deepen understanding of the criteria for identifying solo parents and vulnerable PAPs. They also provided an opportunity to strengthen connections with barangay leaders and gather information to help PAPs, particularly those who are PWDs, access their privileges and actively participate in their respective communities.





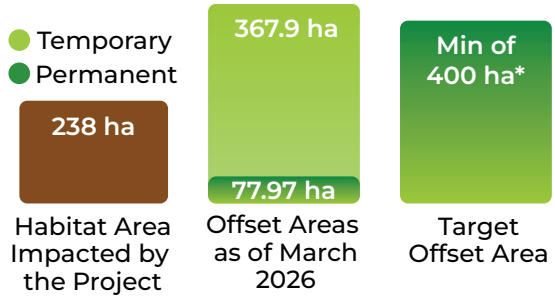
In Hagonoy, SMAI facilitated a comprehensive medical mission for nine senior citizen PAPs at the Municipal Health Office. The initiative provided vital consultations, free medicines, X-rays, and ultrasound scheduling.

By assisting with PhilHealth registration, SMAI continues to provide essential monitoring and long-term support for the most vulnerable sectors.

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Progress of Offset Site Development





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In January, SMAI conducted disclosure activities in Brgy. Babatnin in Malolos, Bulacan, and Brgy. Consuelo in Macabebe, Pampanga. These activities enabled a discussion with the communities on the BMP, activities related to offset development, and livelihood opportunities.



Kumusta? COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

SMAI engages with local government stakeholders to provide updates on Airport development.

Barangays	Bulakan	Perez, Sta. Ines, Bambang, Sta. Ana, Taliptip, San Jose, Matungao, San Francisco, Tibig, San Nicolas, Pitpitan, Balubad, Maysantol
	Malolos	Namayan, Babatnin, Caliligawan, Masile, Pamarawan
	Marilao	Patubig
	Meycauayan	Ubihan
	Bocaue	Bunducan, Lolomboy, Duhat
	Obando	Tawiran, Salambao, Binuangan
LGUs	Bulakan, Marilao, Obando, Bocaue, Meycauayan	



STAKEHOLDER AND GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT



In February 2026, SMAI resolved and closed a grievance filed by six fishpond owners in Dampalit, Malolos City regarding overflow from Saribuhay sa Dampalit into nearby fishponds. The issue was traced to dikes damaged by Typhoon Emong in July 2025, which affected fishponds in Namayan, Caliligawan, and Pamarawan.

Following discussions and coordination with the affected community, all parties reached an agreement to undertake repairs of the damaged dikes. Repair works started in December 2025, leading to the resolution of the issue and the restoration of normal conditions in the affected areas.



AIRPORT TOLL ROAD



SMAI conducted a Town Hall meeting at Brgy. Ubihan, Meycauayan City with the property owners and residents to discuss updates and address their concerns regarding the development of Airport Toll Road (ATR).

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

Delivery of sand to the airport platform continues.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

As construction work continues, we remind the community to please avoid entering the airport platform area. Your safety is our top priority. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe!



ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

COMPLIANCE

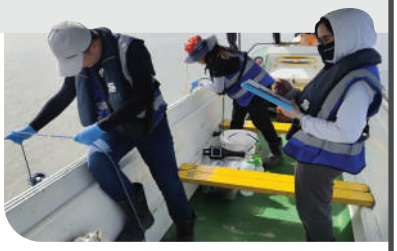


SMAI attended the Monthly Solid Waste Management Board Meeting led by the Bulakan Municipal Environment and Natural Resources (MENRO). MENRO presented the municipality's progress on solid waste management initiatives.

MONITORING

As part of SMAI's commitment to environmental stewardship, the following monitoring activities are regularly conducted to ensure compliance with Philippine environmental laws.

- **Water quality monitoring** (Manila Bay and Brgy. Ubihan)
- **Groundwater sampling** (Brgys. Taliptip and Bambang, Bulakan; and Brgy. Salambao, Obando)
- **Borehole drilling inspection** (Brgy. Salambao, Obando)
- **Noise monitoring** (Meycauayan, Bulakan, Marilao, Malolos and Obando)
- **Ambient air quality monitoring** (Brgy. Perez, Bulakan; Brgy. Ibayo, Marilao; and Brgy. Tawiran, Obando)



Water quality around the airport platform is regularly monitored to ensure that nearby rivers, coastal waters, and groundwater are not affected by Project activities. On-site testing is carried out weekly, while laboratory analysis is carried out monthly. This monitoring helps detect any changes in the different phases of the Project and ensures compliance with government environmental standards.

Water quality monitoring for January and February 2026 showed that non-project related factors such as surface runoff and human activities caused certain water test results to exceed the standards for water quality set by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SMAI is conducting **monthly noise monitoring** to collect representative noise data and evaluate construction-related sound levels impacting adjacent residential areas. Noise levels are monitored in 13 locations strategically situated within communities surrounding the NMIA Land Platform.



Measurements are taken for one hour during the day and one hour at night using sound level meters. The results are checked against local and international standards to make sure noise from the Project remains within acceptable limits and does not disrupt normal community activities.

Monthly noise monitoring conducted for January and February 2026 by an EMB-accredited environmental laboratory provided scientific evidence that noise emitted from the Project met international and local standards.

Air quality monitoring for the first quarter of 2026 was conducted from February 18 to 21 at three locations: Perez in Bulakan, Tawiran in Obando, and Ibayo in Marilao. The results show that air quality in these areas remained generally safe and within the standards set by health authorities, with only a few minor exceedances that were not related to the Project.



The remaining 10 monitoring stations are transitioning to an upgraded continuous monitoring system with real-time data reporting and threshold alarm capabilities. This enhancement aims to provide more comprehensive data for validation and facilitate timely response to instances of elevated pollutant concentrations.

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