

### Bohol's Danajon Reef showcased as PHE learning site

THE Integrated Population and Coastal Resource Management (IPOPCORM), a “gold-standard” integrated Population-Health-Environment (PHE) approach implemented by PATH Foundation Philippines, Inc. in partnership with local government units and community-based organizations, will be showcased at the South-to-South Exchange on Integrated Population-Health-Environment (SSE-PHE) for Executives of Government and Non Governmental Organizations. The SSE-PHE will take place in the Philippines on February 1-8, 2010. The hosted will be hosted by the provincial government of Bohol through the office of Gov. Erico Aumentado and will include visits to the municipalities of Ubay, Talibon and Bien-Unido and marine protected areas in the vicinity of the Danajon Double Reef. These areas are PFPI's learning sites on integrated PHE. Participants are government and non-government executives from Tanzania, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Indonesia and the Philippines.

The South-to-South Exchange is a cross-institutional learning opportunity targeted at executives of health, development and conservation organizations interested in pursuing integrated PHE programming.

The exposure aims to strengthen the participants' knowledge of community-based and integrated PHE systems and service delivery mechanisms, and promote alliances among government and non government decision and policy makers intending to implement PHE interventions. The SSE-PHE will also provide the opportunity to develop site-specific plans of action for adapting best practices in PHE service delivery for replication in their country settings that include advocacy communication, capacity building and service delivery.

The exchange is being conducted by the USAID supported Building Actors and Leaders for Advancing Community Excellence in Development (BALANCED) Project as part of a strategy to share state-of-the-art knowledge and build capacity of organizations to implement effective PHE approaches.

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