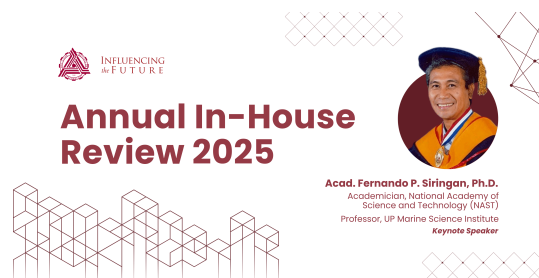


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# Assessing the Awareness and Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment from Iligan City's Local Government Unit to Barangay Local Government Units

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**Abstract:** This study investigates the awareness, alignment, and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within Iligan City's Local Government Unit (LGU) and its 44 Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs). Using a mixed-methods design, the research involved 528 respondents through surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions with LGU and BLGU officials and staff, aiming to measure awareness levels, identify dissemination practices, assess integration into development plans, and explore implementation barriers and enabling strategies. Results reveal a moderate level of awareness among BLGU officials, with SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), and SDG 1 (No Poverty) being the most recognized. While a majority reported partial integration of SDGs into local policies, limited resources, lack of technical capacity, and minimal data monitoring were noted as critical challenges. Correlation analysis showed that higher awareness levels were moderately linked to greater involvement and perceived effectiveness of implementation strategies. Capacity-building initiatives, community engagement, and collaboration with government and civil society were cited as key enablers. The study underscores the need for sustained capacity development, improved policy alignment, and strengthened institutional mechanisms to foster deeper SDG localization.

**Key Words:** Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); SDG localization; local governance; Iligan City barangay governance; awareness; policy integration; capacity development; community engagement

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