Example Program Plan

Program Plan 3

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20. Please describe your major area of interest and explain how this area addresses the specific development needs of your country.

The Human Poverty Index of 2003 places [certain provinces of the country] as among the provinces with the highest incidence of Poverty and Human "Insecurity" (PHDR, 2005). These provinces are also among those with highest dependence on their natural resources as primary sources of food and livelihood. However, despite the numerous programs, projects and foreign-assistance poured in these areas, studies reveal that there is very little positive change in its governance systems and access to basic social services. Natural resources, on the other hand, are still fast degrading while the incidence of poverty remain high.

One of the most strategic approaches government and non-government sectors consider to be able to address these problems is sustainable natural resources use that will ensure food and water security through a social technology inclusive of all sectors strategic to peace and development. Being strategically based on this region, I would like to undertake a natural resources and environmental management program that will strengthen and enhance my capacity to provide more appropriate technical assistance and address more sustainable the province's peace and development agenda, broaden linkages with organizations and professionals in the field of environmental management and sustainable development, and better prepare me to engage all sectors of society, including local government units, indigenous peoples communities, civil society groups and other agencies to take active roles in ensuring food security and sustainable use of natural resources.

21. Describe the type of Humphrey program you would like to design. Indicate the kinds of academic and professional experiences you would like to pursue.

I plan to pursue a program that will provide extensive academic training, exposure and internship on sustainable upload, low land and coastal environmental resources development. This includes academic courses on: (1) development strategies and problem solving approaches, (2) policy-making, planning and program implementation for sustainable resource use, (3) Environmental Economics: Audit and Impact Assessment, and (4) ecological rehabilitation, nature conservation and eco-tourism.

It is also essential to undergo benchmarking visits to different communities and other professionals to gain insights on best practices and solutions to ecological problems, including technologies and approaches, ecological rehabilitation and nature conservation. I would like to specifically look into experiences of cities and municipalities on mining, community-based forest resource management, urban environmental management and pollution control and community-based coastal resources management and eco-tourism. I also envision the program to be focused on professional training and practice on actual coaching on the use of different problem-solving techniques and the formulation of appropriate and localized mechanism that is not only responsive to conflicting and unsustainable natural resources use but also to systemic peace and development issues of a specific region or province.

22. Describe how the knowledge and skills you will gain will help you address your country's development needs.

As a teacher, the newly-acquired knowledge, skills and linkages will enhance my capability to provide holistic and integrated education geared towards development of the total person, persons who are part of a diverse, multi-cultural, depressed and conflict prone region of the country. It will also help me mentor other teachers and colleagues and provide leadership in the formulation of more responsive curricular offerings and extra and co-curricular programs and activites that will also bring about development in the community.

As a social development worker, the acquisition of new knowledge, skills and linkages will help the university offer and initiate more pro-active and sustainable extension programs that will address the peace and development needs of its neighboring provinces and municipalities.

As a local government uniter and indigenous peoples community natural resources management coach, the training will prepare me to make more available more appropriate strategies and approaches to sustainable natural resources management that will ensure food, water and livelihood security. Having a more extensive exposure, experience and practice on community problem solving and capacity-building will help me organize and engage all sectors of the community to take a more active role in the formulation of localized programs and solutions to their chronic peace and development issues and allow communities to explore other sustainable alternative livelihood options.

Example Personal Statement B

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25. Describe a problem or challenging situation that you resolved by using your initiative. What was the outcome? Please select this example carefully. It should illustrate something that you want the review panel to know about your problem-solving, leadership abilities, or commitment to public service.

As a practitioner I work in the area of development for almost 10 years. For this period of time I had various achievements to be proud for and failure to work on. I have very valued achievements in the field of gender equality promotion, democratic society building, HIV/AIDS prevention and others but amongst all of them I would like to stress the one that was a really challenging task for me. It is the most value added exercise I had, providing no governmental support and legislation base I had so far to tackle this problem.

Trafficking in persons our organization found as the most crucial and effort needed issue since in [country] only few non governmental organizations work over this problem and [my] international organization relies only on the findings and practice of civil organizations. As a project coordinator I was involved in practical and decision making processes to combat trafficking in persons and I became really concerned with trafficking as soon as I started my practice working with trafficking victims. Since exactly that time I understood how painfully and harmfully human dignity is "raped."

I received and communicated with several trafficking victims (girls) who were in sexual exploitation. And I found out these girls suffered from abuse and psychological pressure as they were deported back home. They did not know where to go and how to apply for any help and assistance and how to get integrated to the society. Customs and traditional law that is in most cases discriminatory, society and the level of its development, culture and ethics contributes negatively to trafficking victims and girl and women have double burden of suffering and discrimination in my country. It is unbelievable and work to study the perception by the community of a trafficking victim. The cases when girl or woman is cured publicly and boycotted socially influenced me deeply and I decided to help these victims by providing them first aid and social inclusive programs. I developed a project "Stop traffic hot line." I called the students and volunteers to help the victims get integrated to the society through more than 1250 calls and succeeded in social integration of trafficking victims through employment and entrepreneurship development. Currently we transferred this service to specialized cases center for further operation. However I still remain a focal point for international anti-trafficking networking that include various organizations from Europe and Asia. This case let me think globally and I understood that it was only first step to stop the traffic. I and my colleagues realized that we should have series of activities to make the problem visible.

Since were are to work on a grass root level we very seldom tried to make policy intervention however currently we accepted the policy formulation as a key factor to make changes. That's why I am deeply concerned with networking and leadership trainings for policy makers and decision formers. However I find it not enough to get our mission and purposes thus along with capacity development of the authorized institutions I elaborated a subproject aimed at social integration and rehabilitation of victims (trafficking in persons issue is cross cutting activity in our organization) through behavior change programs. In this regard I had elaborated series of documentary to be distributed amongst crises centers and first aid points, customs and police, educational institutions and agencies working over migrations issues to refer the problems of trafficking in persons as a personal concern. This documentary is used as a case study for victims and potential service buyers as well as students and law enforcement people.