

Socio-Economic Profile

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Socio-Economic Profile and its Significance

The Socio-Economic Profile is a comprehensive and organized document which described the physical, economic and social conditions of the municipality and their relationship to the general development process. It includes baselines and historical data, as well as some statistical projections that are considered vital in the development planning and program formulation. Analysis of the content of this document will readily identify problem areas as well as potentials for multi-sectoral development. It is an inventory of the various resources of the municipality, including those that are presently utilized, as well as those that may in the future sustain the socio-economic life of the town.

The Socio-Economic Profile assembles in one comprehensive document socio-data in the municipality. It provides a clear and a total view of the situation obtaining in the municipality, thus making it very significant document in drawing up socio-economic plans and programs.

B. The Preparation of the Socio-Economic Profile

The Socio-Economic Profile was prepared to fill the need for some accurate and readily available statistical data deemed vital for effective development planning. It was prepared by the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator's Office Department of the with the assistance and participation of Barangay Captains and members of the Sangguniang Barangay and the guidance of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

A baseline survey was conducted in the municipality in 1998 to gather the needed primary data for the profile. The gathered data were then processed, analyzed, interpreted, projected and presented in such a manner that they can be readily read and understood.

The primary data obtained in the baseline survey were supplemented by the secondary data coming from the different agencies operating in the municipality.

The completion of the Socio-Economic Profile was made possible through the support of the people and the various agencies which fielded in the course of the baseline survey and a source of secondary data provided the needed data from which this profile is based. The Socio-Economic Profile, therefore, belongs to them.

C. Uses of the Socio-Economic Profile in Relation to the Process of Development.

The development process normally begin with thorough assessment of the prevailing conditions in a community and its immediate environment, with the end in view of identifying problem areas and taking stocks of the resources that could be utilized in the solutions of these problems. The Socio-Economic Profile make these initial steps in development planning less difficult as its comprehensive statistical information would enable the planner, as well as the decision-maker, to clearly perceive the present and envision the future. Development policies, objectives, plans and priorities that would ultimately involved be reflective and responsive to the true needs of the people of the community.

D. Responsibility of Maintaining and Developing the Socio-Economic Profile.

The Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator's Office has been primarily tasked with the responsibility of keeping the Socio-Economic Profile up-to-date and comprehensive, not merely an independent document, but more on informative system. Research (data-gathering, processing in this respect) will be a continuing activity in the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator's Office.

II. BRIEF HISTORY OF POLOMOLOK

The town of Polomolok is located at the southern portion of South Cotabato and is about 300 meters above sea level at the base of the majestic Mt. Matutum.

The name Polomolok was derived from the B'laan term "FLOMLOK" which means hunting grounds. In the early years, the place where the Poblacion is presently situated was known for its abundance of wild life. There were no roads and the lowlanders befriended the B'laan highlanders and utilized them as guides. Aside from a rich hunting ground, Polomolok had so many creeks with free flowing water coming from the hillsides. Those cool and clear flowing waters encouraged foreigners to settle in this place. One of them was a Japanese trader Zenjiro Takahashi and his B'laan wife. He began clearing the area and planted agricultural crops. Not long after, some of the Christians came to settle and helped in the development of the area.

In 1940, the Philippines Commonwealth government embarked on a very bold program of social amelioration. One of the projects was the distribution of lands to interested people who wanted to settle in Mindanao. Settlers were brought by boat to Dadiangas from Luzon and Visayas. On November 2, 1940, Polomolok was officially opened for settlement and known as POLOMOLOK SETTLEMENT DISTRICT. Atty. Ernesto Jimenez was appointed as its first overseer. He was responsible for the allocation of farm lots. Then came the creation of some barrios of the settlers. These were Palkan, Lemblisong, Polo, Polomolok Central (now Poblacion), Polomolok Creek (now Magsaysay), Sulit, Lamcaliaf, Kinilis, Glamang, Bentung, Koronadal Proper, Leve, and Silway. The first settlers, after a crop or two, started to invite their friends and relatives to settle in this place, because the soil was so fertile that any crop can survive due to favorable climate conditions.

The settlement program was interrupted for four years by the American-Japanese War. Don Francisco Natividad was appointed Military Mayor with Datu Badung Nilong as Vice Mayor and the late Sgt. Nuevarez as Chief of Police. In 1948, the late Perfecto Balili was designated National Land Settlement Administration (NLSA) Administrator with Rosendo Sarte as Officer-In-Charge. In 1954, the NLSA was abolished in the course of government reorganization. All records of NLSA were taken over by the Board of Liquidators. The Municipality of General Santos (formerly Buayan) was incorporated.

On August 21, 1957, the Municipality of Polomolok was created by virtue of a Presidential Executive Order No. 264 signed by His Excellency, President Carlos P. Garcia. It started functioning as a regular and independent municipality on September 10, 1957 as a 6th class municipality. The local officials were appointed by the President. Its first appointed Mayor was Datu Badong Nilong with Bienvenido Molo; Municipal Councilors were : Daniel Kuizon, Carmen Pido, Sulpicio Gales, Benjamin Bayan Sr.

The 1960 Municipal Officials were :
1960 – December 1963 (Elected)

Mayor

Vice Mayor

Councilors

- Hon. Datu Badong Nilong
- Hon. Crispin Miranda
- Hon. Daniel U. Kuizon
- Hon. Ceferino Llido
- Hon. Marcelino G. Deypalan
- Hon. Condrado B. Delfin
- Hon. Filemon C. David
- Hon. Diosdado Corona
- Hon. Lourdes Salvador
- Hon. German Lepardo
- Hon. Epifanio Alemania

Members of the Council
from Oct. 31, 1963 to
Dec. 26, 1963 as reflected
in the minutes.

1964 – December 1967 (Elected)

Mayor

Vice Mayor

Councilors

- Hon. Atty. Tomas Bayan
- Hon. Condrado Delfin
- Hon. Bonifacio Salazar
- Hon. Teofisto Española
- Hon. Pedro Estanda
- Hon. Fortunato Busgano
- Hon. Trnaquilino Penido
- Hon. Hilario Manzano

January 1965 – July 23, 1968

Acting Mayor Hon. Condrado B. Delfin (Mayor Bayan – suspended)
November 14, 1967 election

July 24, 1968 – December 1971 (Elected)

Mayor

Vice Mayor

Councilors

- Hon. Barney L French
- Hon. Lilia C. Matullano
- Hon. Marela G. Española
- Hon. Perpetuo J. Jovero
- Hon. Filemon C. David
- Hon. Perfecto G. Alfonso
- Hon. Brigido O. Fin
- Hon. Hilario L. Manzano
- Hon. Gemino Dipus
- Hon. Ceferino Llido

1972 – December 1975 (Elected)

Mayor

Vice Mayor

Councilors

- Hon. Barney L. French
- Hon. Lilia C. Matullano
- Hon. Marcela G. Española
- Hon. Ricardo D. Reyes
- Hon. Hilarion Visande, Sr.
- Hon. Brigido O. Fin
- Hon. Filemon C. David
- Hon. Perpetuo J. Jovero

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Alfredo Jamillaren ➤ Hon. Pilario G. Tuyac
1976 – 1979 (Hold over and Appointed)	
Mayor	
Sangguniang Bayan	
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Barney L. French ➤ Hon. Lilia C. Matullano (resigned – Dec. 31, 1977) ➤ Hon. Marcela G. Española ➤ Hon. Ricardo D. Reyes ➤ Hon. Hilarion Visande, Sr. ➤ Hon. Brigido O. Fin ➤ Hon. Filemon C. David ➤ Hon. Alfredo Jamillaren ➤ Hon. Perpetuo J. Jovero ➤ Hon. Pilario G. Tuyac
Sectoral Representative : December 23, 1975-1979 (PD 826)	
PKB President	➤ Hon. Saturnino G. Caluio
PKKB President	➤ Hon. Cristita Nalugon
Professional	➤ Hon. Artemio L. Torrejas
Industrial	➤ Hon. Lory N. Asilo
Agricultural	➤ Hon. Norberto Soguilon
Brgy. Capt.	➤ Hon. Igmedio Cosep
Brgy. Capt.	➤ Hon. Rodolfo Villavecencio
Brgy. Capt.	➤ Hon. Rodrigo Guillermo
1980 – December 1986 (Elected – 6 years term)	
Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Saturnino G. Calulo ➤ (<i>May 3, 1984 – assassinated</i>)
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Perpetuo J. Jovero
Councilors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Pilario G. Tuyac ➤ Hon. Visminda G. Bontuyan ➤ Hon. Panfilo R. Jayme ➤ Hon. Edwin G. Garanchon ➤ Hon. Salvador P. Hormigos ➤ Hon. Ulama H. Nilong ➤ Hon. Rodrigo T. Guillermo ➤ Hon. Agustin N. Valencia ➤ Hon. Venancio L. Dianga ➤ Hon. Nadsid A. Akmad
ABC Representative	
KB Representative	
May 3, 1984 – Mayor Calulo assassinated	
May 4, 1984 – August 5, 1986 – by Succession	
Mayor	➤ Hon. Perpetuo J. Jovero
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Pilario G. Tuyac
SB Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Visminda G. Bontuyan ➤ Hon. Panfilo R. Jayme ➤ Hon. Edwin G. Garanchon ➤ Hon. Salvador P. Hormigos ➤ Hon. Ulama A. Nilong ➤ Hon. Rodrigo T. Guillermo ➤ Hon. Agustin N. Valencia

Appointed

- Hon. Genoneva Vda. de Calulo
- Hon. Venancio L. Dianga
- Hon. Nadsid A. Akmad

Sept. 21, 1984 – appointed Hon. Fe D. Candari (Vice Kag. Nadsid A. Akmad)

August 6, 1986 – November 30, 1987 (Appointed)

Mayor (OIC)

Vice Mayor

- Hon. Rodrigo T. Guillermo
- Hon. Salvador P. Hormigos
(*Aug. 11, 1986 – June 15, 1987*)
- Hon. Ulama A. Nilong

Vice Mayor (OIC)

SB Members :

08/06/86 – 06/07/87

06/08/87

- Hon. Shirley Lirazan
- Hon. Rodolfo Villanueva
(*Vice Kag. Lirazan*)

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08/06/86 – 06/08/87

08/06/86 – 06/08/87

- do - Youth Rep.
06/03/87 – ABC Rep.

02/11/87 – 11/30/87

- Hon. Silvestry Salada
- Hon. Danilo Tomenlaco
- Hon. Panfilo R. Jayme
- Hon. Rosita Alabado
- Hon. Condrado B. Delfin
- Hon. Rodsak Macabangin
- Hon. David Doctolero
- Hon. Fidel Salvador
- Hon. Venancio L. Dianga
- Hon. Alfonso L. Abrea
(*Vice Kag. Condrado Delfin*)
- Hon. Lemuel Batiancila
(*Vice Kag. Rosita Alabado*)
- Hon. Rence Sumagui
(*Vice Kag. Panfilo R. Jayme*)

06/08/86 – 11/30/87

06/08/86 – 11/30/87

December 1, 1987 – March 1, 1988 (Appointed)

Mayor (OIC)

Vice Mayor (OIC)

SB Members (OIC)

- Hon. Eustaquio Candari
- Hon. Jesus Resol
- Hon. Lory N. Asilo
- Hon. Genoneva Calulo
- Hon. Lorenzo Cordevilla
- Hon. Rudy Ante
- Hon. Quinton Bernardo
- Hon. Romeo Layug
- Hon. Bernardo Salvadico
- Hon. Rodsak Macabangin

March 2, 1988 – June 30, 1992 (Elected – January 18, 1988 Election)

Mayor

Vice Mayor

SB Members

- Hon. Jordan H. Reyes
- Hon. Carlos M. Ramo
- Hon. Ricardo B. Alerta
- Hon. Jose R. Falcon
- Hon. Roberto V. Valla
- Hon. Salvador P. Hormigos
- Hon. Dominador U. Mercado, Sr.
- Hon. Reynaldo M. Donasco
- Hon. Lilia P. Deseo
- Hon. Vicente S. Angcos

- Hon. Lorenzo P. Gumbao, Sr.

March 24, 1992 – June 30, 1992 (Noontime – Appointed)

- Vice Mayor ➤ Reynaldo B. Donasco
- SB Members ➤ Hon. Ernesto B. Dolorosa
- Hon. Brigido O. Fin
- Hon. Eddie T. Labrador
- Hon. Artemio Manero

July 1, 1992 – June 30, 1995 (Elected – May 11, 1992 Election)

- Mayor ➤ Hon. Jordan H. Reyes
- Vice Mayor ➤ Hon. Rodolfo E. Doctolero
- SB Members ➤ Hon. Vicente S. Angcos
- Hon. Rogelio E. Limos
- Hon. Lilia P. Deseo
- Hon. Merlino L. Lemana
- Hon. Justino C. Norcos
- Hon. Clemente C. Tubo
- Hon. Dominador V. Mercado, Sr.
- Hon. Wilfredo J. Jandic
- Hon. Roberto Jimena
- Hon. Remus Giullermo

July 1, 1995 – June 30, 1998 (Elected – May 8, 1995 Election)

- Mayor ➤ Hon. Jordan H. Reyes
- Vice Mayor ➤ Hon. Clemente C. Tubo
- SB Members ➤ Hon. Calixto B. Salada
- Hon. Justino C. Norcos
- Hon. Rogelio E. Limos
- Hon. Lilia P. Deseo
- Hon. Wilfredo J. Jandic
- Hon. Merlino L. Lemana
- Hon. Vicente S. Angcos
- Hon. Roberto C. Jimena
- Hon. Aaron C. Andatuan

April 1, 1998 – June 30, 1998

- Mayor by Succession ➤ Hon. Rogelio E. Limos
- Vice Mayor – do – ➤ Hon. Lilia P. Deseo
- SB Members App. ➤ Hon. Artemio Manero
- Hon. Erlinda Desullan
- Hon. Salvador P. Hormigos
- Hon. Norberto Soguilon
- Hon. Arsenio Pastorite
- Hon. Lino Baldonasa

July 1, 1998 – July 30, 2001 (Elected – May 11, 1998 Election)

- Mayor ➤ Hon. Clemente C. Tubo
- Vice Mayor ➤ Hon. Calixto B. Salada
- SB Members ➤ Hon. Ligaya R. Orbesido
- Hon. Glecerio O. Salmorin, Sr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Teresita A. Balili ➤ Hon. Rogelio E. Limos ➤ Hon. Ireneo J. Cabahug ➤ Hon. Eliazar G. Jovero ➤ Hon. Wilfredo J. Jandic ➤ Hon. Angeles H. Candoleta
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2004 (Elected – May 14, 2001 Election)	
Mayor	➤ Hon. Jordan H. Reyes
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Noel S. Abellera
SB Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Ligaya R. Orbesido ➤ Hon. Florence S. Bansuelo ➤ Hon. Angeles H. Candoleta ➤ Hon. Teresita A. Balili ➤ Hon. Glicerio O. Salmorin ➤ Hon. Ireneo J. Cabahug ➤ Hon. Justino C. Norcos ➤ Hon. Maximiano C. Dimamay
Ex-Officio Members:	
Expired term	➤ Hon. Roberto C. Jimena
August 15, 2002	➤ Hon. Aaron C. Andatuan
July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007	
Mayor	➤ Hon. Isidro D. Lumayag
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Ligaya Orbesido
Municipal Kagawad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Teresita Balili ➤ Hon. Angeles Candelita ➤ Hon. Eliazar Jovero ➤ Hon. Ireneo J. Cabahug ➤ Hon. Rogelio Limos ➤ Hon. Florence Bansuelo ➤ Hon. Maximiano Demamay ➤ Hon. Nilda Almencion
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2010	
Mayor	➤ Hon. Isidro D. Lumayag
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Ligaya Orbesido
Municipal Kagawad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Eliazar G. Jovero ➤ Hon. Leo J. Cordova ➤ Hon. Jude G. Bontuyan ➤ Hon. Rhyolite A. Balili ➤ Hon. Naomi C. Baitus ➤ Hon. Nilda B. Almencion ➤ Hon. Rodolfo E. Doctolero ➤ Hon. Ofelia N. Limos
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2013	
Mayor	➤ Hon. Isidro D. Lumayag
Vice Mayor	➤ Hon. Eliazar G. Jovero
Municipal Kagawad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Calixto Salada ➤ Hon. Leo J. Cordova ➤ Hon. Jude G. Bontuyan

- Hon. Nilda B. Almencion
- Hon. Jose Falcon
- Hon. Xavier Bayan
- Hon. Melanie Deypalan
- Hon. Ireneo Cabahug

Numerous events took place in the history of Polomolok, substantial developments had been introduced. Because of its favorable geographic location and climate condition, agro-industries and business establishments sprouted. The presence of industrial firms attract people from all over the country for business and employment opportunities. The untiring efforts of the constituents who shared with their common vision towards progressive and peaceful Polomolok, the municipality is popularly known as the Sub-Provincial Agro-Industrial town in South Cotabato.

III. GEOGRAPHY AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

1. Geographic Location

Polomolok is a rectangular shaped municipality situated in the South Western part of the island of Mindanao. It lies in the Southern portion of the province of South Cotabato which is 18 kilometers up North from General Santos City, 17 kilometers down South from Tupi, with Malungon at its Eastern boundaries and T'boli at its Western frontiers (**See Map 1** – Map of South Cotabato). It has an elevation of 300 meters above sea level. It lies between latitudes 5°58' and 6°20' North and between longitudes 125°1' and 125°17' East.

Polomolok is just along the National Highway between the municipality of Tupi and General Santos City. It is accessible from all points of the country and from major capital cities of the world, enabling it to develop a vigorous foreign trade relations with major export markets.

Modern land, sea and air transport are available. Travel time by land from Polomolok to MakarWharf is approximately 20 minutes and 30 minutes by taxi cab from Polomolok to GeneralSantosCityInternationalAirport.

By air,travel time from Manila International Airport – Gensan International Airport last for about 2- hourand a half while connecting flights thru the Mactan International Airport last for about two- hours and a half. Option may be made by flying the Manila – Davao route with a two-hour and a half and travel by land from Davao to Polomolok by land for three hours..

2. Land Area

Polomolok has a total land area of 33,997 hectares. It constitutes about 4.42 percent of the total land area of the province of South Cotabato. Barangay Glamang has the biggest area at 10.84 percent or 3,686 hectares; next is Palkan at 10.06 percent or 3,420 hectares and Landan at 8.54 percent or 2,902 hectares. Meanwhile, Lumakil has the smallest area at 1.71 percent or 580 hectares.

Of the total land area of the municipality, 85.16 percent or 28,951 hectares is alienable and disposable land, while the rest of the land or 5046 hectares are classified as forest land. **Map 2** - Political Map shows the boundaries of the municipality's 23 barangays while **Table 1** details the total land area and percentage distribution per barangay.