

The Green Village in Lagiqliw: Organic Agriculture as Climate Change Adaptation Measure

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Sitio Lagiqliw in the Municipality of Bilar in Bohol province is a farming community. Like any other farming communities, people have now been affected by the onset of climate change so that the need to plan and participate in the realization of more resilient mitigation measures are called for, thus, the Green Village Program.

The Green Village Program's entry point is community-based gardening where *Bahay-kubo* (Nipa Hut) concept is adopted putting into effect genetic conservation of traditional plants and vegetables as well as underutilized rootcrops for climate change adaptation. Traditional vegetables that include *lagway* (string beans), *malunggay* (horseradish) and *ganas* (camote tops) and underutilized rootcrops that include *camote* (sweet potato), *pao* (taro), *araro* (arrow root) and *pungapong* are grown in the community garden. These plants are as nutritious as those commonly cultivated but are more resilient to climate change.

At present, the community garden is maintained by the people. They have not only harvested the vegetables and rootcrops for consumption but also earned additional income from their sale. An upscaling of this program is the replication of the garden in each of the households in the community.