

The quality of life in the general community and income of its residents as well, has presumably improved with the resumption of mining operations due to reactivation of livelihood development projects. The demonstrated control strategies that proved effective in previously addressing the social issues and which Atlas Mining and Carmen Copper will enhance in the resumed operations are:

- a. Use of community-based consultations or *pulong-pulong* in resolving social conflicts that involve any activity of the company and the public;
- b. Revival of the previously-proven and popular community-based socio-economic projects;
- c. Application of safe, people-oriented and ecology-friendly approach to mine operations; and
- d. Broader company involvement in local community affairs.

5. Customs/beliefs/traditions/practices

The community has varied beliefs and practices. The community still practices the “bayanihan system, especially during the planting and harvesting season, as well as the “taba” where an individual feeds his neighbors in exchange for the services.

6. Peace and Order

Except for some petty or minor crimes Barangay Don Andres Soriano, Biga, Loay and Media Once are generally peaceful.

5.0 DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

5.1 Community Issues/Problems/Concerns

COMMUNITY ISSUES /	CAUSES OF MAJOR PROBLEMS	PRIORITIZATION
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PROBLEMS / CONCERNS		
Occurrence of low income among the host and neighboring communities as manifested in the difficulty of meeting the minimum basic needs	Lack of qualification to meet and qualify for available employment opportunities due to limited educational attainment	SECONDARY
	Lack of access to employment opportunities	FIRST
	Insufficient infrastructure support to their economic base, such as irrigation systems, all weather farm to market roads	FIRST
	Limited access to credit facilities	FIRST
	Attitudinal problem among the stakeholders as well as ineffective leadership skills in sustaining projects	SECOND
	Lack of business acumen & entrepreneurial skills	SECONDARY
	Limited area and poor quality of soil	SECONDARY
High incidence of health problems and diseases	Low income which prevents families from availing health services	FIRST
	Lack of health facilities	SECONDARY
	Inaccessibility to information and lack of awareness on how to prevent occurrence of health problems and diseases	SECONDARY
No access to potable water at Level II	No source or undeveloped potable water supply	FIRST
	Lack of funds to put-up waterworks systems	FIRST
Unsanitary environment	Lack of sanitation facilities	FIRST
	Inaccessibility to information/ awareness on health and sanitation programs	SECOND

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Low quality /standard of education	Lack of trained teachers & Information & Communications Technology (ICT) learning equipment	FIRST
	Lack of classrooms and school facilities	FIRST
A significant number of the population has not pursued higher education	Financial constraints due to low income	FIRST

6.0 SDMP DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

6.1 Development Strategies

