

## **BARANGAY CENTRO**

### **Brief History**

Sometime in the year 1973 during the incumbency of the late Mayor Tito R. Espinosa, Municipal Mayor of the capital town of Masbate thru his members of the Municipal council sponsored a Municipal resolution duly approved by the members of the Provincial Board headed by the late Governor Moises R. Espinosa erouting the four Barangays in the poblacion simultaneously namely Barangay Centro, Barangay Kalipay, Barangay Pating, and Barangay Talahib. The main purpose of its creation is to accelerate the progress and development of the barangay and a closer supervision and teamwork among its leaders and in the people in general.



The Municipal council Masbate adopted name CENTRO BARANGAY because this is located in the center portion of the capital town of Masbate with a total land area of 24 hectares. The land area of Centro Barangay covers the Airport Road going down to the Provincial Road of Tara now under the city Government, it covers also the Magallanes Street, Corpuz Street, Bris Street, Mabini Street, in a portion of Danao Street. Then from the national road of Quezon Street up to Rosero street, Ibañez Street and up to Danao Street. It also covers the portion of Airport Road extension up to Masbate National Comprehensive annex residence.

The first Elected Barangay captain of Barangay Centro was Agapito F. Guadayo, Sr. followed by Dr. Ricardo Lazaga, Dr. Antonio Obang, Ariel Anonuevo, Luis Gabuyo, Jose Cesar Almario, Francisco Bien, Agapito L. Guadayo and now the incumbent Hon. Antonio Marcaida.

## GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE

### Geographic Location

Barangay Centro is situated at the center of the city and is bounded by Barangay Nursery in East, Barangay Ibingay in North, Barangay F. Magallanes in South, Barangays JT Fernandez and Barangay Pating in West.

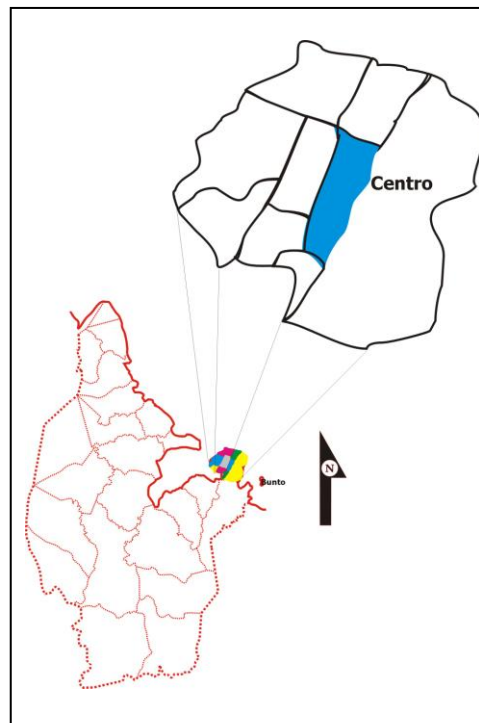


Figure 1: Map of Barangay Centro

### Land Area

Barangay Centro has a total land area of 24.58 hectares representing 0.13% of the total land area of the City of 18,789.23 hectares.

## Land Use Trend

Barangay Centro is located at the center of the city. Majority of its land use is devoted to institutional/government as the biggest school in elementary and secondary is located in the area with 57% share. Thirty-four percent of the area is residential and the rest is commercial.

**Table 1**  
**Land Use**  
**Barangay Centro**

Land Use	Area/Has	% Share
Residential	8.44	34.00
Commercial	1.77	7.00
Government	14.36	57.00
Agricultural	0.00	0.00
Pasture Land	0.00	0.00
Fish Pond	0.00	0.00
<b>All land uses</b>	<b>24.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: City Assessor's Office Cadastral Survey  
May 2000, CPDO 2004

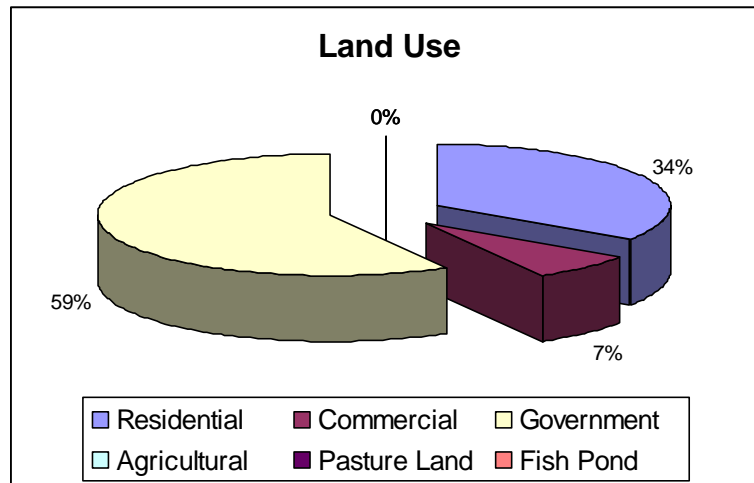


Figure 2

## Land Use Potentials/Advantage

Development of new business establishments will continue to crop-up because of its geographical location. Likewise, government and non-government institutions will likely to emerge in this area considering that it is very accessible to all people.

## **Political Subdivision**

Barangay Centro is an urban barangay which is composed of eight (8) puroks. From the name of the barangay itself, it is the center of the city. The puroks were named after gem stones. Purok 1-Jade, Purok 2-Pearl, Purok 3-Sapphire, Purok 4- Diamond, Purok 5-Gold, Purok 6-Silver, Purok 7-Ruby, Purok 8-Emerald. Every purok is administered by one (1) councilor with purok presidents in all barangay programs and activities.

## **Natural Characteristics (Soil Type, Physiography and Slope)**

Of the total land area, Barangay Centro like that of other barangays in the city is characterized to have a physiography and slope in the level of gently sloping to undulating to rolling to moderately steep. Bolinao Clay and Hydrosol are the common type of soil in the area.



Hydrosol is generally characterized by a brackish aqueous horizon or surface water ranging in depth from 5 to 100 centimeters or more depending upon the rise and fall Bolinao Clay is characterized

## **Hydrogeology**

Like any other barangays in the poblacion, residents largely depend on the water supplied by Masbate-Mobo Water District. Some sourced-out from shallow and deep wells for bathing and washing purpose. For drinking consumption, residents resort to purchase from water refilling stations and for some who can afford it, to water peddlers that is visible in the area.



## DEMOGRAPHY

### Population Size, Number of Households and Population Growth

As of 2005, the total population of the barangay is 2266 with 717 households. Like most barangay in the city, it has a mean household size of 5 members.

**Table 2**  
**Number of Households by Purok**  
**Barangay Centro**

PurokName	Purok Total Household	Purok Total Members	Purok Total Members (Male)	Purok Total Members (Female)
Purok 01	93	423	210	213
Purok 02	43	184	86	98
Purok 03	75	306	136	170
Purok 04	41	174	79	95
Purok 05	114	361	152	209
Purok 06	53	126	40	86
Purok 07	138	357	133	224
Purok 08	160	335	155	179
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>2266</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1274</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

The table above showed that Purok 08 has the highest number of households while Purok 01 has the biggest population with 423 members. On the other hand, Purok 04 has the lowest household number while Purok 06 has the smallest household members of only 126.

The breakdown of ages in the barangay is reflected on the table below.

**Table 3**  
**Age Breakdown**  
**Barangay Centro**

Age Breakdown	Total Population
Infants Birth (less than 1 yr old)	21
Children 0-5 yrs old	218
Children 6-12 yrs old	303
HH members 13-16 yrs old	208
HH member 10 yrs old and above	1875
HH members of the labor force	208

Source: CBMS, 2005

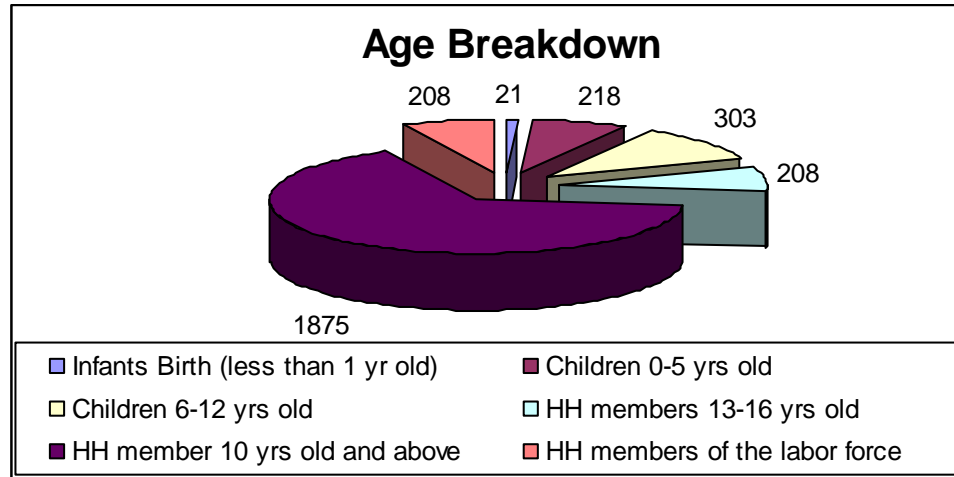


Figure 3

The table above showed that the barangay has relatively high population who are active in the labor force comprising of 1875 members as compared to the young population who are considered to be dependents.



### **Population Density**

The actual population density of the barangay is 9218.88 for 2005. By the year 2010, it is projected to increase at 9436.87 persons per square kilometer. This is due to the influx of economic activity, hence populace opt to reside in this barangay.

### **Fertility: Child-Woman Ratio**

Fertility rate refers to the number of children that the average woman will have in her lifetime.

Barangay Centro has a 0.39% or 39 children aged 0-4 to women of reproductive age (15 to 49 years old). This ratio reflects that fertility among women in the barangay relatively high but compared to barangay in rural areas, it is lower. This is due to the fact that women of reproductive age in the poblacion area are aware of the family planning and consequence of having a big family.

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES PROFILE

### Roads

Considered to be the core barangay of the city, residents enjoy improved concrete roads. It is continually being upgraded for efficient and comfortable travel within the city.



### Drainage and Sewerage

Some streets of the barangay have canals but generally, the drainage system is not good. Drainage system is considered narrow and limited in length. In fact, existing drainage needs further rehabilitation and dredging since some areas are flooded when heavy rains occur. It is imperative that the drainage system can be taken consideration in future development plans since the barangay is located at the business center of the city.

### Other Infrastructures

**Table 4  
Other Infrastructures  
Barangay Centro**

INFRASTRUCTURE	PUROK	DESCRIPTION
Barangay Hall		
Barangay Plaza and Court		
Church or Chapel		
Day Care		
Elementary School		
Health Center		
Waiting Shed		
Streetlights		

Source: Office of the Barangay Captain

### Water

Before the operation of Level III, majority of the residents of the barangay depends on deep wells. In fact, when Masbate-Mobo Water District was not yet on its operation, majority of the urban residents depend on barangay Ibingay deep wells. Water peddling is the main medium of water source to homes.



The water supply sourced from MMWD is considered to be safe for drinking. Although there are times when it the water is influenced by a salty taste or particles due to pollution, it is in general of good quality. Majority of the population still depend on deep wells. Thus, proper care must be exercise to make it safe for drinking. Since, the city is surrounded by sea, limestone formations where calcium carbonate is the major content; the water is definitely not potable. Other susceptibility of water is the pollution caused by activities of man and animals. These sources of water are utilized for domestic, agricultural and industrial purposes of the populace.



As reflected on table 6, 30% or 215 households don't have access to safe water. This is a minimal reflection of the population who are more likely to be vulnerable to water-borne diseases.

**Table 5**  
**Inventory of Water Facility**  
**Barangay Centro**

Type of water facility	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Total</b>	717	94	43	74	41	114	53	138	160
Community water system-own	140	2	5	10	6	12	2	24	79
Community water system-shared	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deep well-own	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Deep well-shared	320	67	23	35	15	62	31	58	29
Artesian well-own	35	0	0	3	0	0	9	5	18
Artesian well-shared	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dug/shallow well-own	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dug/shallow well-shared	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
River, stream, lake, spring, bodies of water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bottled water	214	24	12	26	19	39	11	51	32
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: CBMS, 2005



**Table 6  
Access to Safe Water  
Barangay Centro**

<b>PUROK</b>	<b>Total Households</b>	<b>Households W/ Access To SWS</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Household W/O Access To SWS</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
01	93	69	74.20	24	25.80
02	43	31	72.10	12	27.90
03	75	48	64	27	36
04	41	22	53.66	19	46.34
05	114	75	65.79	39	34.21
06	53	42	79.25	11	20.75
07	138	87	63.05	51	36.95
08	160	128	80	32	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>30</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

### **Electricity**

The barangay populace enjoys power connection from MASELCO, round the clock.



### **Communication**

Some residential houses and most commercial establishments still subscribed from telephone communication served by PLDT. Cellular phone users are enjoying signal from Globe, Touch Mobile, Smart, and Talk and Text. PILTEL and SMART main telecommunication equipment are located in this barangay. Internet Service Provider (ISP) powered by PLDT is existent. Philippine Postal Office served the mailing activity of those who still avail the snail mails.

Two local cable companies offer cable TV connection, which proffer at least 40 channels. For households who cannot afford these, GMA 7 and ABS-CBN can be viewed vividly in their television at home. Music, news and other radio programs can also be listened from local radio stations. Thus, communication is highly accessible in this barangay.

### **Transportation**

Being at the heart of the city, almost all modes of land transportation are present in the barangay. Tricycle is available anytime at cost of Php 6.00 as of 2006.

## ENVIRONMENT PROFILE

### Solid Waste Management

Solid wastes within the barangay are primarily composed of domestic wastes such as food or kitchen wastes, leaf litters, and non-biodegradable materials like plastics, cans, boxes, etc. Some residents throw their garbage practically anywhere.

The garbage collection of Masbate City is roaming everyday to collect the garbage on every purok of the barangay. There are also some households who practice recycling and composting.



## POVERTY PROFILE

### SUMMARY OF INDICATORS Barangay Centro

Area of Concern	Indicator	Number	Proportion	Rank
Health	1. Proportion of children 0-5 years old who died.	0	0	13
	2. Proportion of women who died due to pregnancy related-cause.	0	0	14
Nutrition	3. Proportion of children 0-5 years old who are moderately and severely underweight.	6	2.80	7
Shelter	4. Proportion of households who are squatters.	11	1.5	8
	5. Proportion of households with makeshift housing.	3	0.4	10
Water & Sanitation	6. Proportion of households without access to safe water.	215	30	1
	7. Proportion of households without access to sanitary toilet facilities.	6	0.8	9
Education	8. Proportion of children 6-12 years old not in elementary.	63	20.8	3
	9. Proportion of children 13-16 years old not in high school.	50	24	2
Income	10. Proportion of households with income less than the poverty threshold.	106	14.8	4
	11. Proportion of households with income less than the food threshold.	58	8.1	6
	12. Proportion of households who eat less than three meals a day.	2	0.3	11
Employment	13. Unemployment Rate	110	13.7	5
Peace and Order	14. Proportion of household members victimized by crime.	3	0.1	12

Source: CBMS, 2005

The result of CBMS showed the top five (5) Minimum Basic Needs of Barangay Centro comprising of: 1) Proportion of households without access to safe water; 2) Proportion of children 13-16 years old not in high school; 3) Proportion of children 6-12 years old not in elementary; 4) Proportion of households with income less than the poverty threshold; 5) Unemployment rate

### **Summary of Issues/Concerns and Challenges**

#### **1. Proportion of children 13-16 years old not in high school/ children 6-12 years old not in elementary**

- Grant scholarship to poor but deserving students.
- “No tuition policy” or free education for students who cannot afford the expenses of the school.

#### **2. Proportion of household with income less than the poverty threshold/ household with income less than the food threshold/Unemployment rate**

- Encourage investors in the barangay to open new livelihood opportunities that will provide the residents job that will give them a permanent monthly income.
- Provide capital for food processing projects and other small scale business.
- Skills enhancement training for residents in preparation for job opportunities such as welders, mechanics, and other related works.

#### **3. Proportion of households with no access to safe water.**

- Construction of Level II water project (communal faucet) or Level III should be implemented to cover the whole barangay. Such project will reduce the contamination of water source.
- Chlorination of open dug well as well as deep or shallow well.
- Periodic monitoring of water source.

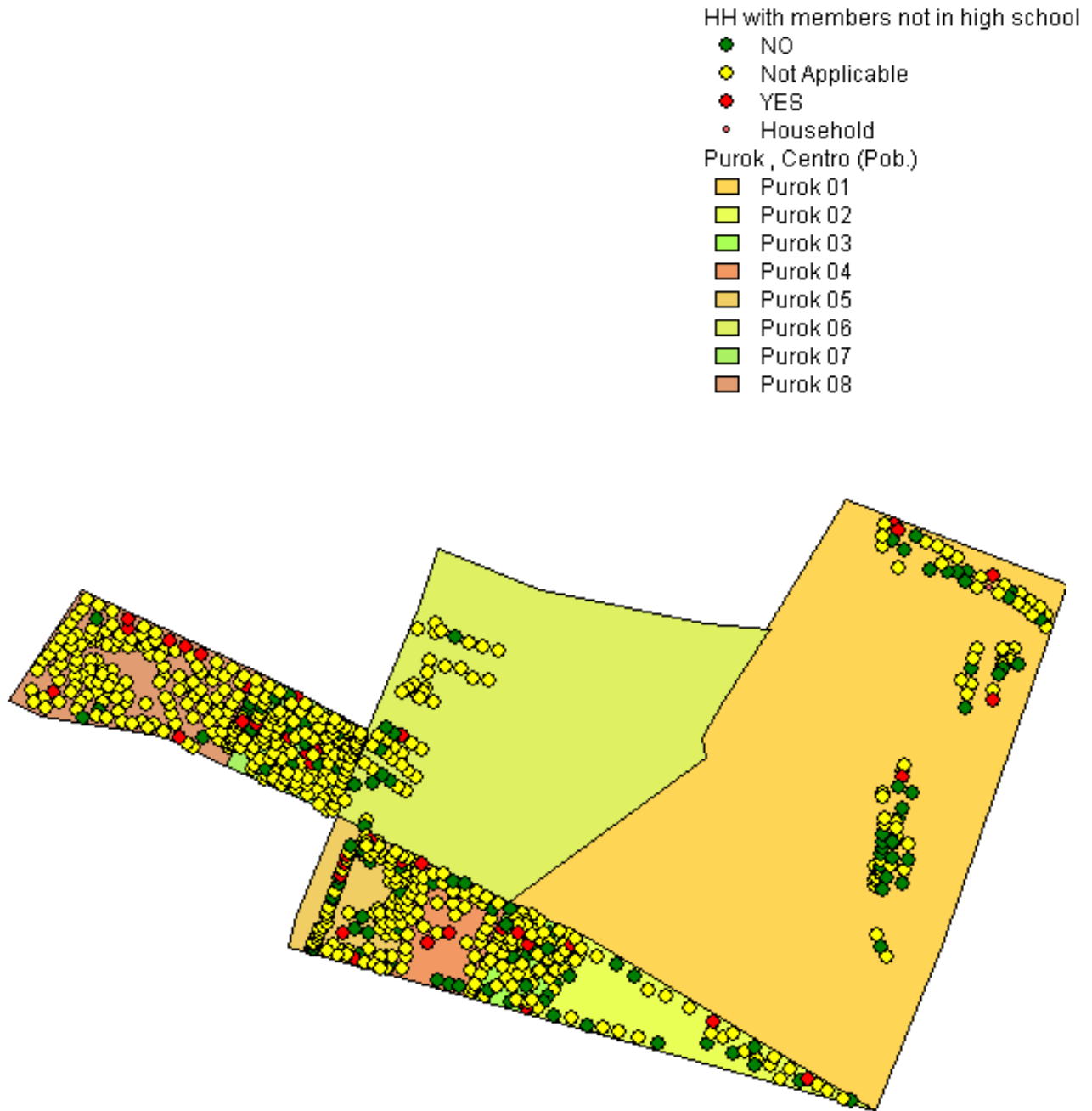
#### **4. Other social concern that should be given priority:**

- **Health-** upgrade health facilities and provide additional health equipment to provide better health care services to those in need. Also increase in the allotment for medicines should be included in the budget of the barangay.
- **Social Welfare-** there is a need to construct an additional day care center to cater children 3-6 years old. Moreover, day care centers should be given budget for the provision of educational materials to children as well as the classroom for better comprehension and familiarization of the pre-school children. For the vulnerable groups, mutual aid system should be given.

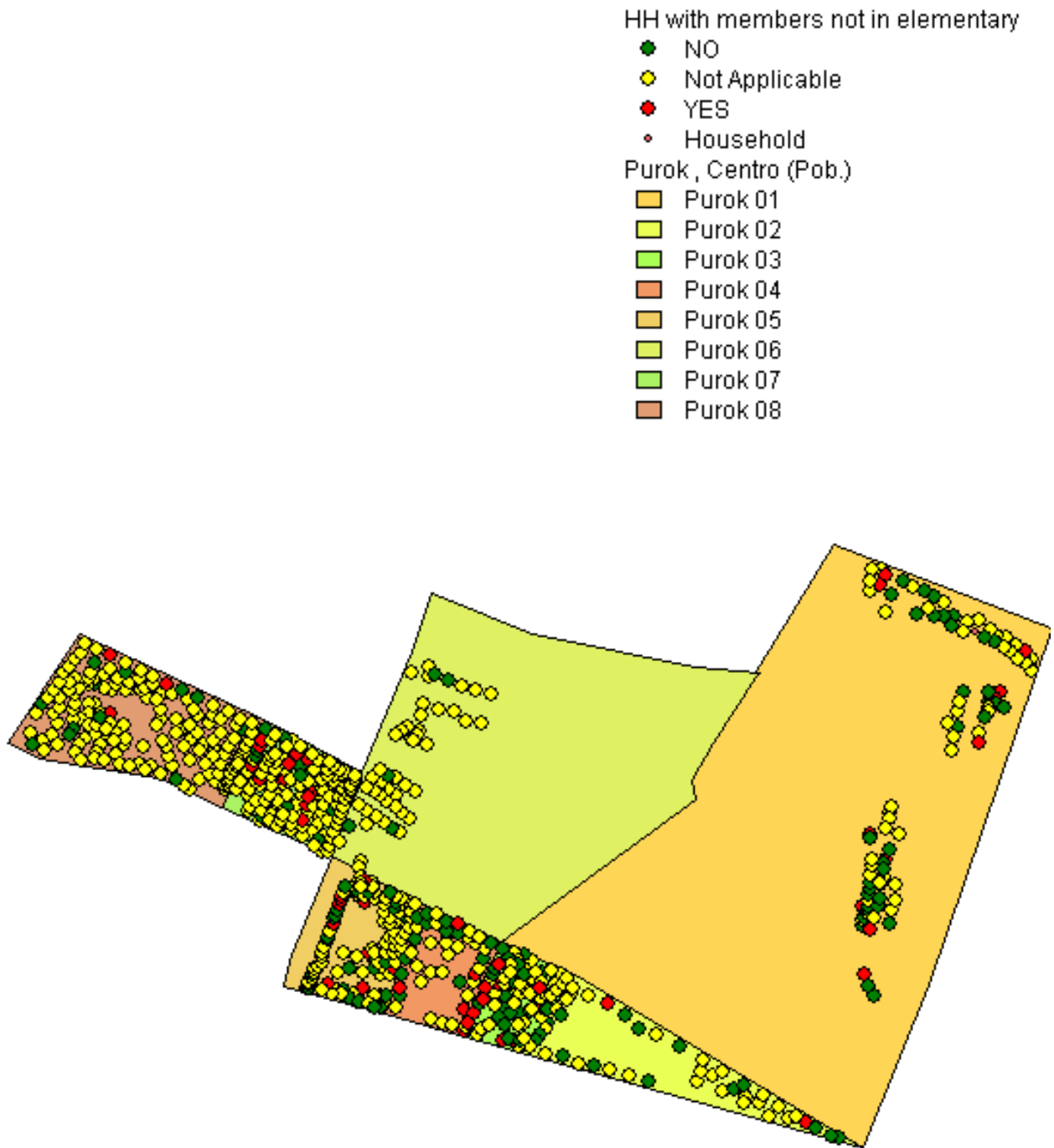
## 30% HH WITH NO ACCESS TO SAFE WATER



## 24% HH WITH MEMBERS NOT IN HIGH SCHOOL



## 20.8% HH WITH MEMBERS NOT IN ELEMENTARY



## 14.8% HH WITH INCOME BELOW POVERTY THRESHOLD





## 13.7% HH WITH UNEMPLOYED MEMBER



## SOCIAL PROFILE

The programs of the city government are geared towards poverty reduction. Developmental social programs and projects are being conceived to provide quality education, better health care, security, and empowering all sectors of the society.

### Education

The greatest challenge of the Department of Education is to provide quality education among children in elementary and secondary level with the cooperation of the LGU. It may seem elusive but it can be achieved through provision of programs and projects anchored on academic excellence and education for all.



This barangay has the biggest enrollees for elementary and high school children in the city. The elementary education is served by Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School (JZSES) and secondary education is accessed at Masbate National Comprehensive High School (MNCHS).

The JZSES caters to children 6-12 years old residing not just in barangay Centro but from other barangays of the city and even of the entire province of Masbate. However, there are children above 12 years old who still avail elementary education. This is a complete elementary school complemented with \_\_\_ teacher-classroom ratio and approximately \_\_\_ teacher-pupil ratio. Performance indicators of the elementary school also reflect that it has a participation rate of 85.29%, graduation rate of 98.02% with almost 0.74% drop-out rate. Other indicators are found on table 11.

JZSES has almost complete facilities as to classrooms, library, canteen, industrial arts and HE building which is very significant in the total



development of the child. With these, better learning and hands-on experience on the lessons taught are provided.

Secondary education of the majority of children 13-16 years old of the city is provided in Masbate National Comprehensive High School. This is the most preferred high school as reflected on the number of enrollees it has, because of its complete educational facilities needed for better development of the children in terms of academic learning. It also conducts night classes for high school children who are working during the day.

This school is complemented with \_\_\_ teacher-student ratio and \_\_\_ teacher-classroom ratio. Performance indicators of the elementary school also reflect that it has a participation rate of 85.56%, graduation rate of 99.62% with almost 5.81% drop-out rate. Other indicators are found on table 16.

A private tertiary school is also located at the barangay. Masbate Colleges (MC) is one of the colleges in the city and the province as a whole which offers four degree courses such as education, nursing, bank and commerce, secretarial and computer related subjects. They also offer masteral courses for Education and Public Administration as well as Bachelor of Laws.

The accessibility of elementary and secondary education poses another problem of the barangay. Barangay Centro has 63 children (6-12 years old) or a proportion of 20.8 who are not attending elementary education. For secondary or high school, a total of 50 children ages 13-16 years old or a proportion 24% who are not attending secondary education.

## **Elementary**

**Table 7  
Number of Enrollees  
Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School  
Barangay Centro**

Grade/Level	Number of Enrollees
	2006-2007
Preparatory	
I	601
II	558
III	555
IV	516
V	539
VI	532
<b>TOTAL</b>	

Source: City DEP ED, 2006

**Table 8**  
**Inventory of School Facilities**  
**Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>School Facilities</b>	<b>With</b>	<b>Without</b>
Library/Reading Room	X	
Laboratory	X	
Sports Facilities/Playground	X	
School Clinic	X	
Comfort Rooms	X	
School Canteen	X	
Auditorium	X	
Admin. Office	X	
Industrial Arts, Agriculture & H.E. room	X	

Source: City DepEd, 2006

**Table 9**  
**Inventory of School Classrooms and Construction Materials Used**  
**Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Type of Classroom/Building</b>	<b>Construction Materials Used</b>	<b>Condition</b>
I	4	Fil-Chinese-Concrete/Masonry	Needs Repair
II	4	TEEP-Steel, iron, cement	Good
III	4	TEEP-Steel, iron, cement	Good
IV	4	Bagong Lipunan-Steel, iron, cement	Needs Repair
V	4	Bagong Lipunan-Steel, iron, cement	Needs Repair
VI	4	TEEP-Steel, iron, cement	Good

Type 1 – Nipa and Wood

Type 2 – Wood with protective fire new front

Type 3 – Masonry and Wood

Type 4 – Steel, iron, concrete and masonry

Source: City DepEd, 2006



**Table 10**  
**Number of Teachers and Classroom per School and Level**  
**Jose ZurbitoSr. Elementary School**  
**Barangay Centro**

School/Level	No. of Teachers	No. of Classrooms
Preparatory		
I	15	15
II	14	14
III	13	13
IV	13 advisers, 6 special teachers	13
V	13 advisers, 6 special teachers	13
VI	13 advisers, 8 special teachers	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Source: City DepEd, 2006

**Table 11**  
**Performance Indicators**  
**Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School**  
**SY 2006-2007**

INDICATOR	RATE
Participation Rate	85.29
Retention Rate	95.76
Transition Rate	100
Cohort- Survival Rate	85.95
Repetition Rate	1.77
Dropout Rate	0.74
Graduation Rate	98.02
Completion Rate	95.28

Source: City DepEd, 2006

## **Secondary**

**Table 12**  
**Number of Enrollees**  
**Masbate National Comprehensive High School**  
**Barangay Centro**

Level	Number of Enrollees
	2006-2007
I	1504
II	1071
III	1181
IV	1056
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4812</b>

Source: City DEP ED, 2006

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**Barangay Centro**

<b>School Facilities</b>	<b>With</b>	<b>Without</b>
Library/Reading Room	X	
Laboratory	X	
Sports Facilities/Playground	X	
School Clinic	X	
Comfort Rooms	X	
School Canteen	X	
Auditorium	X	
Admin. Office	X	
Industrial Arts, Agriculture & H.E. room	X	

Source: City DepEd, 2006

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Source: City DepEd, 2006

**Table 15**  
**Number of Teachers and Classroom per School and Level**  
**Masbate National Comprehensive High School**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>School/Level</b>	<b>No. of Teachers</b>	<b>No. of Classrooms</b>
I		
II		
III		
IV		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Source: City DepEd, 2006

**Table 16**  
**Performance Indicators**  
**Masbate National Comprehensive High School**  
**SY 2006-2007**

INDICATOR	RATE
Participation Rate	85.56
Retention Rate	90.48
Transition Rate	118.89
Cohort- Survival Rate	55.43
Repetition Rate	3.37
Dropout Rate	5.81
Graduation Rate	99.62
Completion Rate	67.35

Source: City DepEd, 2006

### Literacy

The barangay is considered to have a “high level of education” with a literacy rate of 98.10%. This implies that most constituents have the ability to read and write. Another factor is the accessibility of schools and colleges of the people. Of the 4637 total population of 10 years old and above, 1.90% are not literate or 24 individuals are not able do simple reading and writing. Basic literacy course under the Alternative Learning System (ALS) is the DepEd program in cooperation with the city government to address illiteracy in the barangay.



**Table 17**  
**Literates 10 Years Old And Above**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Literate		Not Literate		Total	Percentage
	Male	Female	Male	Female		
01	152	174	5	3	8	2.39
02	67	78	1	0	1	0.68
03	97	135	2	3	5	2.11
04	62	78	0	2	2	1.41
05	123	169	2	9	11	3.63
06	34	80	1	2	3	2.56
07	100	195	0	3	3	1.01
08	133	161	1	2	3	1.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1.90</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

## **Health**

Barangay Centro has one (1) Barangay Health Station (BHS) which is located in the multi-purpose hall of the barangay. It has one (1) midwife and three (3) barangay health workers assigned to monitor and conduct health services. Barangay health personnel are assisted by doctors, nurses and dentist from the city once a month to carry-out medical services and implement health programs and projects. The health station/center is equipped with table, chair, weighing scale and cabinet. This signifies that lack of basic health apparatus and equipment as well as medicines are the main problem of the barangay's health sector.



Residents usually sought medical care and attention at private hospitals located at the poblacion like Masbate Medical Group (MMG) and at the Masbate Provincial Health Office. Most of the programs of the city health are accessed in the barangay health station like immunization and “operation tuli” (circumcision).

Mortality rate of Barangay Centro is 79/1000 population and morbidity rate is 46/1000 population.

### **The Leading Causes of Mortality:**

1. Diabetes Mellitus
2. Senile Debelity
3. Liver Cirrhosis
4. Acute MI

### **The Leading Causes of Morbidity:**

1. Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI)
2. Wound
3. Hypertension
4. Arthritis
5. Asthma

Malnourished children are very minimal in the barangay as reflected on the CBMS. It has a malnutrition rate of only 2.80%. This signifies that children in this barangay have proper nutrition intake.



**Table 18**  
**Malnutrition Rate Per Purok of 0-5 Years Old**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Malnourished Children		Total	Percentage
	Male	Female		
1	2	2	4	8.33
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0
8	1	1	2	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.80</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

Health is likewise concern with the use of contraceptive among couples in Barangay Ibingay. The barangay has 717 couples. Of the said number, only 35 couples are practicing family planning methods. Among the enumerated methods below, the majority use the pills. The pill is only used by female partner. Other family planning methods used by couples in the barangay are enumerated in table 20.

With small number of couples engaged in family planning method as then data reflected, there is a big possibility that the population will continuously increase. Thus, advocacy on responsible parenthood, proper care for children, etc. is needed. This is necessary to help parents realize their important roles to their families.

**Table 19**  
**Inventory of Couples Engaged in Family Planning Method**  
**Barangay Centro**

Family Planning Method	Total Number Couples Engaged in Family Planning
Rhythm method	11
Mucus	0
Body temperature	0
IUD	2
Condom	0
Diaphragm	0
Pills	14
Injectible	3
Vasectomy	0
Tubal ligation	0
Other (withdrawal)	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

## **Sanitary Toilet Facilities**

Out of 717 households in 2005, only 6 or 0.80% do not have access to sanitary toilet facilities with Purok III of 3 households. On the other hand, all households in Purok II, IV, V, VII, and VIII have access to sanitary toilet facilities.

**Table 20**  
**Inventory of Sanitary Toilet Facilities**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>Purok</b>	<b>Total Households</b>	<b>With No Sanitary Toilet Facilities</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>With Sanitary Toilet Facilities</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Purok 01	93	1	1.07	92	98.93
Purok 02	43	0	0	43	100
Purok 03	75	3	4	72	96
Purok 04	41	0	0	41	100
Purok 05	114	0	0	114	100
Purok 06	53	2	3.77	51	96.23
Purok 07	138	0	0	138	100
Purok 08	160	0	0	160	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>99.20</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

## **Social Welfare**

Improved quality of social services is one of the major concerns of the city. It aims to provide all the essential needs of the people particularly to those who are underprivileged. Social services are geared to reach even the remotest barangay of the city. Services such as family counseling, gender and development, pre-marriage counseling, day care services, senior citizens, and self employment assistance and emergency assistance are provided.

There is no existing day care center in the barangay, nevertheless the preparatory in Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School and private preparatory schools located in other barangays serve the 3-6 year-old children. There are three community organizations present in the barangay. These are Women's Organization, Senior Citizen and Youth Organization (MCYC). These organizations remained strong and continue to help in empowering women and youth alike and support to elders. However, there are residents who are affiliated with various religious/family organizations stated in the religious sector of the SEP.

Intervention to persons with disability is also a main concern of the social welfare. The barangay has a total of 19 physically challenged individuals.

**Table 21**  
**Number of Persons with Disabilities**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Number of Persons with Disabilities	Type of Disability
I	3	-Partial visual impairment -Cerebral Palsy
II	2	-Mongoloid -Epileptic
III	1	-Total paralysis from neck down
IV	2	-Total paralysis from neck down
V	6	-paralysed legs -speech disorder -total paralysis from neck down
VI	0	
VII	2	-Bulag ang isang mata -Mongoloid
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	

Source: CBMS, 2005

## Housing

Based on Community Based Monitoring System, the actual count of household belonging to informal settlers in this barangay is 1.50% or 11 out of the 717 households. It shows that majority of the residents own their houses, others are renting. This is due to the fact that commercial housing abounds in the area. The most popular is the Santiago Apartment.

**Table 22**  
**Households Living in Squatter**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Number of Squatters	Total Households	Percentage
Purok 01	6	93	6.45
Purok 02	2	43	4.65
Purok 03	1	75	1.33
Purok 04	0	41	0
Purok 05	0	114	0
Purok 06	1	53	1.88
Purok 07	0	138	0
Purok 08	1	160	0.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>1.50</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

Based on the table above, Purok 01 has the highest informal settlers while Purok 4, 5 and 7 has zero informal settlers.

**Table 23**  
**Households Living With Makeshift Materials**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>Purok</b>	<b>Households With Makeshift Materials</b>	<b>Total Households</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Purok 01	1	93	1.07
Purok 02	0	43	0
Purok 03	2	75	2.66
Purok 04	0	41	0
Purok 05	0	114	0
Purok 06	0	53	0
Purok 07	0	138	0
Purok 08	0	160	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

On the other hand, there are just minimal households living with makeshift materials. In fact, it has only 3 of the 717 households or 0.4%. Presence of such houses in the barangay is an indication that the residents don't have durable housing within the next five years. These houses made of makeshift materials are found in Purok 1 and 3.



### **Protective Services**

To maintain the peace and order of Barangay Centro, it has about 11 police personnel. Seven of these are barangay tanod and the rest are Barangay Unified Force (BUF). The BUF is deployed to augment the barangay's protective services particularly at night. These police personnel are equipped with police paraphernalia (see table 20) to effectively implement the peace and order within the barangay.

Barangay Centro has an organized barangay justice system represented by their corresponding Lupon. The presence of barangay justice system shows that crimes committed by individuals can be easily settled at the barangay level. This is mirrored by the very low crime rate of 2.3%.

**Table 24**  
**Victims of Crime Purok**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Victims of Crime		Total	Percentage
	Male	Female		
01	0	0	0	0
02	0	0	0	0
03	0	0	0	0
04	1	2	3	1.72
05	0	0	0	0
06	0	0	0	0
07	0	0	0	0
08	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

**Table 25**  
**Inventory of Police Personnel Paraphernalia**  
**Barangay Centro**

Paraphernalia	Number
Night Stick	5
Flashlight	√
Handcuffs	√
Arnis	None
Whistle	√
Uniform	7 sets
Multicab	√
Others (pls. specify) Horse( serve as transpo)	None

Source: Office of the Barangay Captain

### Sports and Recreation

The Masbate Athletic Ground which is often a venue for sports competition in the province is located in barangay Centro. Beside it, is the Rodeo Arena where the annual Rodeo Masbateño is held. This event is a tourist attraction and basis in the proclamation of Masbate Province as the rodeo capital of the country. In addition, this event is participated by different universities and ranches in the all over Philippines. During summer, some residents avail of the Olympic-sized swimming pool at Masbate National Comprehensive High School.



Other recreational facilities are billiard, restaurant, and karaoke bar.

## **Religion and Culture**

The people of barangay Centro is predominantly catholic. The St. Anthony de Padua Cathedral serves as their worship center. A Baptist Chapel and Lamb of God worship centers are likewise present to serve their followers. There are residents who are followers of Jehovas Witness religion. Other religious groups are presented in table below.

Barangay Ibingay observes its Patronal Fiesta every 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in honor of Saint Philip. The traditional dance after the coronation of the selected reigning beauties is held in Jose Zurbito Sr. Elementary School Auditorium. There are, however, two other fiestas celebrated within the barangay.

**Table 26**  
**Inventory of Religious Center and Religious Organizations**  
**Barangay Centro**

<b>Purok</b>	<b>Religious Center</b>	<b>Religious Organization</b>
VIII	Masbate Baptist Church	Baptist
I	Lamb of God Worship Center	
		Divine Mercy
		Couples for Christ Family Ministries
		Later Day Saint
		Marriage Encounter
		Neo Catechumenal Way
		Mother Butler
		Catholic Women's League

Source: Office of the Barangay Captain, 2006

## ECONOMIC PROFILE

### Employment

Majority of the residents are working in the government or employed in private institutions. Others run business and some are skilled workers working in construction, machinery, enterprising, craftsmen, and similar jobs. Some of them prefer to work in the city and province while others chose to work in urban areas like Manila, Cebu and Legazpi.

Unemployment rate of Barangay Centro only constitute 13.70% or 110 members 15 years old and above active in the labor force with Purok 1 obtaining a highest number of 23 members while Purok 2 has the lowest with 2 members. Some of these individuals who are 15 years old and above are studying in schools and colleges.

**Table 27**  
**Unemployment Rate of 15 Years Old and Above**  
**Barangay Centro**

Purok	Unemployed		Total	Percentage	Total Labor Force	
	Male	Female			Male	Female
01	13	10	23	15.43	78	71
02	2	2	4	5.79	34	35
03	4	11	15	13.51	52	59
04	11	6	17	21.52	33	46
O5	8	8	16	12.90	63	61
06	4	5	9	23.68	16	22
07	4	6	10	7.93	54	72
08	6	10	16	15.09	53	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>13.70</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>419</b>

Source: CBMS, 2005

### Trade and Commerce

Being at the heart of the city, Centro is the center for commerce. All types of business establishments are located in this urban center such as banks, groceries, and hotels. Major business establishments are enumerated below:

#### **Business Name**

##### **BANKS**

1. Landbank of the Philippines
2. United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB)
3. Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)
4. Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC)
5. Card Bank

### GROCERIES

1. MI-T Mart
2. Sweet and Sassy

### HOTEL/LODGING HOUSE/APARTMENT

1. St. Anthony Hotel
2. Santiago Apartment
3. Sampaguita Lodging Inn

### RESTAURANTS

1. Jollibee
2. Ihaw-Ihaw
3. St. Anthony Restaurant
4. XIAMEN Restaurant
5. Edens Cowboy Bar and Grill

### OTHER MAJOR ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Charles Center (AVON, Computer Shop, and Photocopy)
2. Sampaguita Department Store
3. Alsons Trading Appliance Center
4. Manila Sales Center
5. M. Lhuiller Pawnshop
6. Oasis Pawnshop
7. Speedwin Co. Motorcycle Dealer
8. FBR Furniture Shop
9. Broadway Gems
10. St. Anthony Arcade
11. LBC
12. MCE Educational Supply
13. Fuji Developing Center
14. KONIKA Photo Center
15. Eden's Computer Shop
16. Vacation Travel and Tours
17. Divine Educational Supply
18. Video City
19. Botica Nelly

## **Tourism**

Barangay Centro boasts a century old house called the Villa Ana. The house is owned by the Bayot Family whose daughter Chita Zaldarriaga was adjudged Miss Philippines in 1936.



## LOCAL GOVERNANCE

### Vision

Maunlad na barangay tungo sa 2010. Magkaroon ng malinis na kapaligiran, malinis na tubig, magkaroon ng ibat-ibang livelihood project sa bawat pamilyang walang trabaho at magkaroon ng sarilinh health cente para sa lahat.

### Mission

Makipag-ugnayan sa iba't-ibang ahensya ng gobyerno para maisakatuparan ang lahat ng proyektong pampamilya. Pangkabuhayan at panlipunan.

### Barangay Officials 2002-2005

Antonio V. Marcaida	- Brgy. Chairman
Domingo J. Bien	- Brgy. Kagawad
Arthus C. Eclipse	- do
Norberto E. Camata	- do
Josefa M. Almario	- do
Miguel O. Lorque	- do
Purissima R. Danao	- do
Eleanor L. Recio	- do
Marlon P. Espinosa	- SK Chairman
Hanelyn Z. Asia	- Brgy. Secretary
Jesus S. Dalanon	- Brgy. Treasurer

**Table 28**  
**List of Barangay Captains**  
**Barangay Centro**

Names	Term
Agapito F. Guadayo	1973-1981
Antonio Chang	1981-1984
Ricardo M. Lazaga Jr. M.D	1984-1987
Ariosto Añonuevo	1987-1990
Luis G. Gabuyo	1990-1991
Jose Cesar D. Almario	1991-1995
Francisco J. Bien	1995-1997
Agapito L. Guadayo III	1997-2002
Antonio V. Marcaida	2002-present

Source: Office of the Barangay Captain, 2006

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Table 29**  
**Total Revenue of Barangay Centro for the Last Three Years**

Item	2004	2005	2006
IRA	685,934.00	740,407.00	
Real Property Tax	62,962.41	55,486.54	
Operation and Service Income	920.00	34,400.00	
Business Taxes and Licenses	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Income	380.85	259.84	
Aids and Grants and Subsidies	25,000.00	100,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>775,197.26</b>	<b>930,553.38</b>	

Source: City Budget Office, 2006

**Table 30**  
**Total Expenditure of Barangay Centro for the Last Three Years**

Item	2004	2005	2006
Personal Services	432,132.00	462,356.77	
Maintenance and Other Operational Expenses	282,661.03	341,883.57	
Capital Outlay	59,900.00	121,085.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>774,693.03</b>	<b>925,275.34</b>	

Source: City Budget Office, 2006

**Table 31**  
**20% Annual Development Plan**  
**Barangay Centro (2004)**

Name of Project	Location	Amount	Status
Street Lights Project		19,900.00	
Land Mark ( SK Fund )		40,000.00	

**Table 32**  
**20% Annual Development Plan**  
**Barangay Centro (2005)**

Name of Project	Location	Amount	Status
1 unit Multi-Cab ( City Grants )		100,000.00	
Repair & Maintenance of St. Lights		21,085.00	

Source: City Budget Office

**Table 33**  
**20% Annual Development Plan**  
**Barangay Centro (2006)**

Name of Project	Location	Amount	Status

Source: City Budget Office