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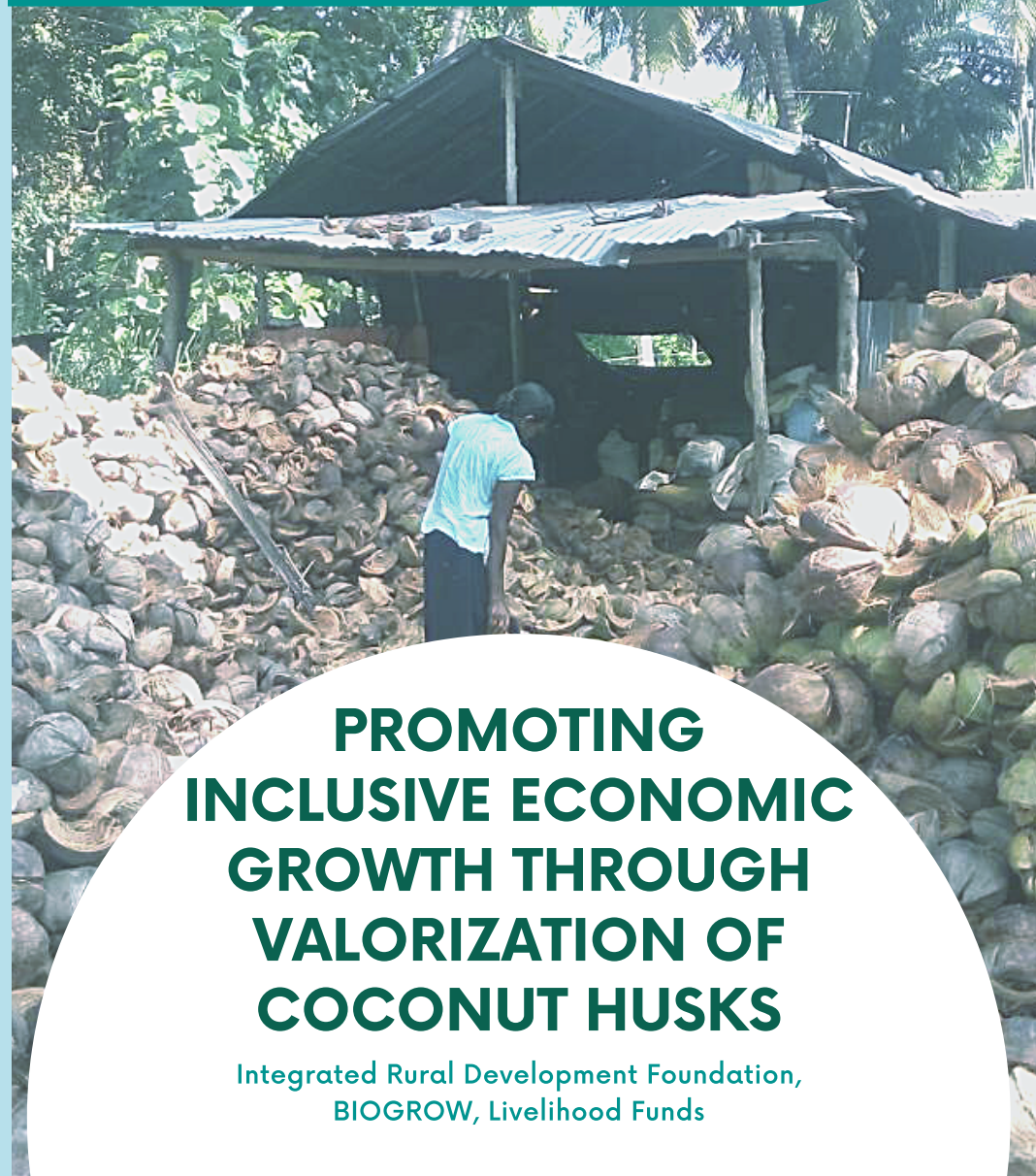
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**PROMOTING
INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
GROWTH THROUGH
VALORIZATION OF
COCONUT HUSKS**

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About the project

The Philippines -- the world's top 2 producer of coconuts, have over 3.5 million (m) coconut smallholder farmers (CSHF) and 23m people depend on coconut for their livelihoods. However, over 60% live below the poverty line, deprived of financial and technological resources. Farms yields are low (down to 43 nuts per tree and year) and so are farmers' revenues. There is an urgent need to increase and diversify income in local communities beyond the sale of whole coconut nuts to secure their livelihoods.

In 2016, the Philippines produced 13.8m tons (t) of coconut, but also tremendous amounts of husk biomass (4.8mt) which is dumped as waste into rivers or community surroundings or burnt in open air releasing greenhouse gases (GHG) and polluting the surrounding soil. Only 5-10% of the husks produced in the country are further processed and commercialized. Lacking information on the economic benefits brought by valorized coconut by-products and markets in which to sell, much of the value inherent in coconuts is wasted.



Project objectives

Main objective

The overall objective of this project is to establish a coconut-based enterprise to valorize waste streams from the coconut industry (mainly to coconut husk) and expand economic opportunities available to poor farmers and farmworkers especially women and youth) so they can diversify their incomes, set-up a viable community business from their own savings, and promote a more socially-inclusive economic growth in 3 municipalities in Mindanao (Magsaysay in Davao del Sur, Makilala and Kidapawan City in North Cotabato).

Launched in 2019, this project aims to promote sustainable and socially-inclusive economic growth in Mindanao by establishing a new enterprise focused on the production and commercialisation of otherwise un-valorised coconut waste (husk). This partnership and associated business case will support the establishment of a network between CSHF and key actors within the coconut supply chain.

This project will
contribute to the following
Sustainable Development Goals:

