The Local Government Integrity Circle (LoGIC) Project

The “Local Government Integrity Circles (LoGIC)“ project is implemented with an overall objective of establishing a culture of integrity in local government units all over the Philippines. This three-year project, starting November 2017 to 2020, is being implemented by a consortium led by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) through funding support by European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-implemented by European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), the Centrist Democracy Political Institute (CDPI), League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP), and League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP).

The LoGIC project builds from the implementation experience and results of the I4J Partnership for Integrity and Job Creation which was completed in March 2017. The I4J project was carried out to develop integrity mechanisms and models of transparent and effective small business and investment registration and promotion procedures. In the course of implementation, the I4J project formed integrity circles comprised of 60 LGUs. These informal networks called `Philippine Local Government Integrity Circles Network (LoGIC) served as a platform for systematic best practice exchange on integrity and job promotion.

One of the intentions of the LoGic project is to scale up the implementation of I4J project by expanding the number of participating LGUs in the network from 60 to 300. Moreover, the LoGic project also aims to incorporate integrity as one of the criteria of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)’s Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG).

More specifically, the Project LoGIC project aims to achieve the following in the next three (3) years:

- Develop and implement customized “Integrity Mechanisms” in 300 LGUs in the Philippines with participation of multi-sectoral local government “Integrity Circles”;
- Officially register LoGIC at SEC, to provide regular services of best practice exchange, monitoring and evaluation assistance, inter-communal cooperation and promotion of job-creating investments to its members;
- Link the LoGIC network with civil society actors relevant in the field of local governance;
- Support related legislation on improved local governance through partnership between LoGIC and national agencies working for good local governance.

To maximize the gains and achievement in improving transparency and efficient local governance thru the I4J project, the LoGIC project will adopt and improve the integrity building process (summarized in Figure 1) based on the former project’s implementation to make it more effective and context-based. Subsequent to the process is organizing the integrity circle in each LGU.

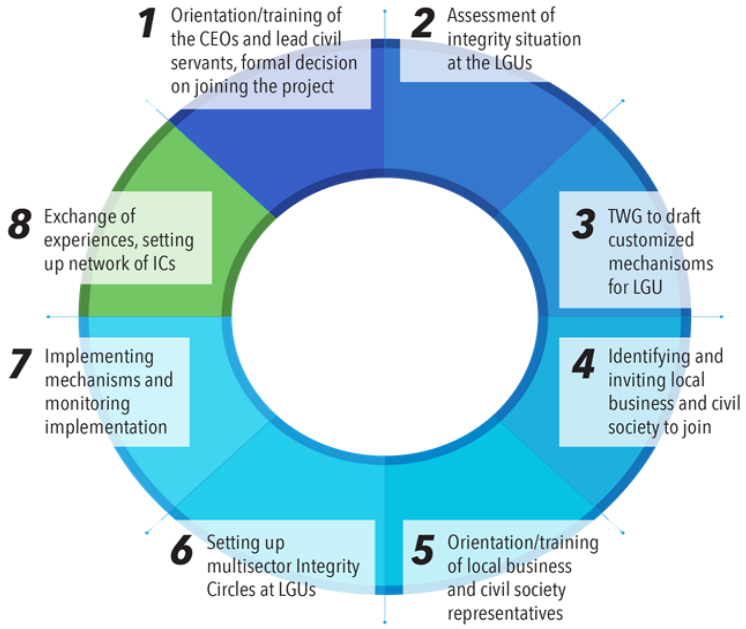

Figure 1. Integrity Building Process from the I4J Project

C. The Project Design Matrix

The overall outcome of the LoGIC Project and its implementing partners is to contribute to the establishment of Culture of Integrity in targeted LGUs over all the Philippines. To achieve this, the project laid down the following four (4) immediate outcomes where inputs and outputs are expected to contribute:

Outcome 1: 300 LGUs have improved their local governance situation through the support offered to them in the LoGIC network

Outcome 2: The majority of the relevant local governance civil society actors have connected their activities with LoGIC

Outcome 3: Improved integrity in the LGUs involved has strengthened confidence of investors and led to increased number of jobs

Outcome 4: LoGIC and its partners are assisting national agencies in implementing their governance programs more effectively

The Project design matrix as shown in Figure 2 reflects the logical relationship between the inputs, outputs and outcomes to achieve the ultimate objective.

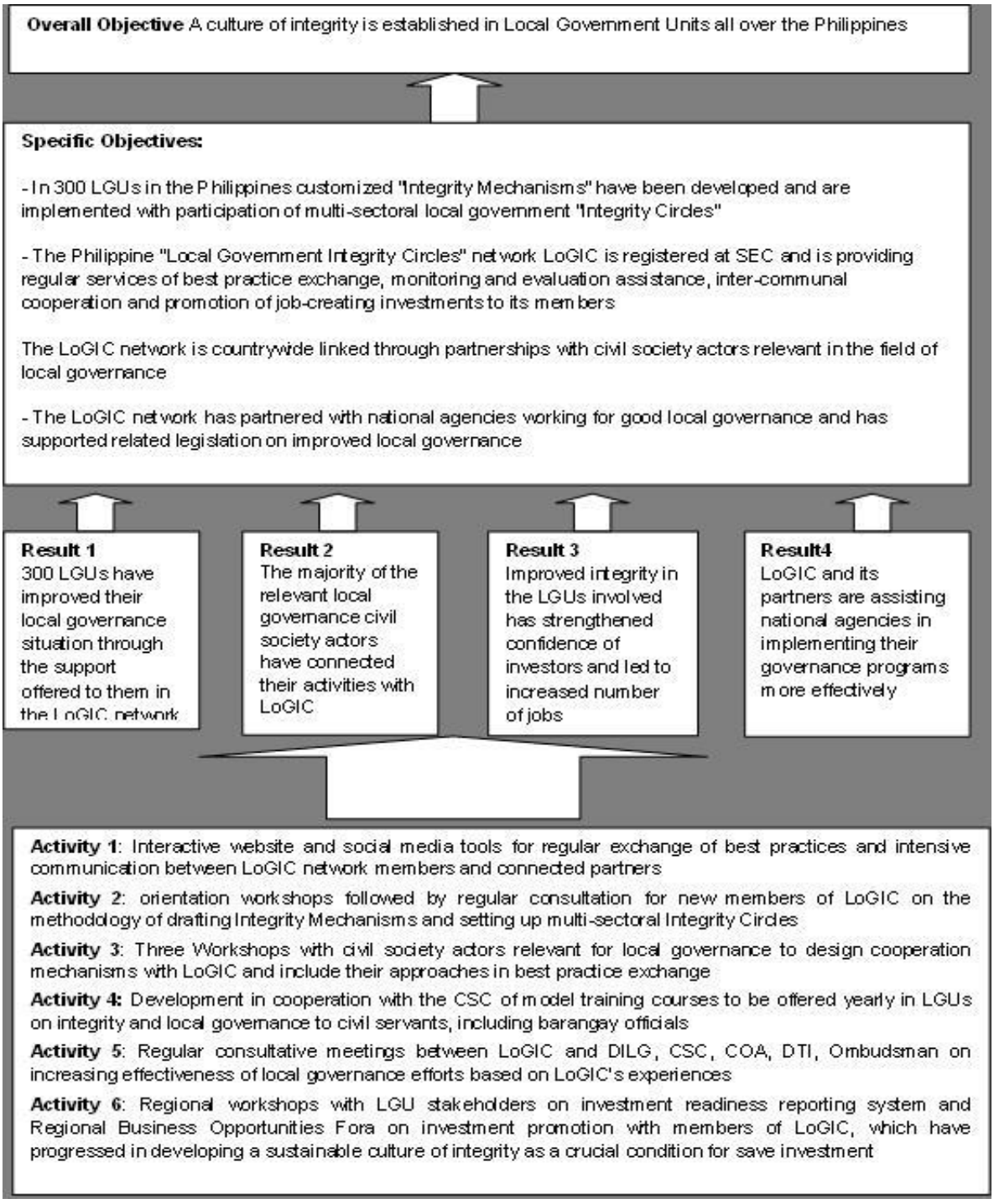

Figure 2. Project Design Matrix