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ABSTRACT

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# Chapter I

INTRODUCTION

Information and communication technology (ICT) refers to the technologies and tools used for managing, processing, storing, and communicating information. ICT encompasses a wide range of technologies, including computers, software applications, telecommunications networks, internet services, and digital devices.It plays a crucial role in various aspects of our lives, such as education, business, government, communication, entertainment, and more.

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of ICT for improving governance and public service delivery in the Philippines. The government has launched various initiatives aimed at promoting the use of ICT in local governance, such as the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) program, which seeks to leverage ICT to improve nutrition outcomes at the barangay level (DICT, 2021). Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the crucial role of ICT in ensuring continuity of government services and communication during times of crisis, (Lagura, 2021).

Barangay system is a fundamental component of local governance in the Philippines. As the smallest administrative unit in the country, barangays play a crucial role in delivering basic services and implementing government programs at the grassroots level (Department of the Interior and Local Government, 2019). However, the barangay system is facing numerous challenges, including limited resources, weak capacity, and inadequate infrastructure (Balderrama, 2018). Moreover, recent changes in the political landscape, such as the shift to federalism, have raised questions about the future of the barangay system and its place within the larger framework of governance, (Pilapil, 2018).

Despite the importance of the barangay system, there is a lack of comprehensive research on this topic. While some studies have examined specific aspects of barangay governance, such as community participation and local leadership (Mirafuentes, 2017), there is a need for more in-depth and nuanced research that explores the complexities of the system as a whole. By addressing this gap in the literature, this research aims to provide a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the barangay system in the Philippines.

The proposed project intends to tackle the issues present in Barangay Población District I, Barugo, Leyte. Specifically, the project aims to address three major problems: first, the time-consuming, error-prone, and inefficient information retrieval process of records on barangay inhabitants; second, the inefficient and labor-intensive process of updating the records of barangay inhabitants; and third, the unwieldy and inconvenient record-keeping of transactions for document requests, such as certificates of residency and indigency. By identifying and addressing these problems, the project seeks to provide potential solutions that can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of record-keeping processes in the barangay, ultimately improving the delivery of public services to the residents.

## Objectives of the Project

The general objective of the project is to develop an information system for Población District I, Barugo, Leyte for managing records of barangay inhabitants and logging of document requests. Explode the general objective into Specific Objectives that will help realize the proposed study.

Specifically, the project aims to accomplish the following:

1. To compare the time taken to retrieve records manually versus using the system.
2. To compare the time taken to furnish the requested documents manually versus using the system.
3. To evaluate the system's compliance with the ISO 25010 standard.

## Scope and Delimitations of the Project

This project aims to create a system designed to help the stakeholders of Población District I in Barugo, Leyte to manage their community more effectively. It will include features such as organizing records of barangay inhabitants, logging, tracking document requests and generating printout records such as requested documents.

The project covers only for the barangay inhabitants by household and individual, and population. Focusing on the barangay level enables a more focused and manageable implementation of the information system. Time, budget, and manpower is allocated more efficiently, ensuring successful implementation of the project.

## Significance of the Project

The implementation of this system can be advantageous to Poblacion District I in Barugo, Leyte as it aims to reduce their workload and enhance their ability to maintain. It can also provide more organized and maintain stable records.

The project is significant to the following stakeholders:

**Barangay Officials**. They are the primary users of the system who will input, manage, and access the data.

**DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development)**. They are mostly the ones who handle the data for the barangay which they acquire.

**Barangay Inhabitants**. They are the subjects of the data being stored and managed in the system.

**Barangay Municipality**. They are the main responsible of handling and maintaining data which they collect from the respective barangays.

**System Developers**. They are responsible for building and maintaining the system.

# Chapter II

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

This literature review aims to explore the related literature on the development and implementation of barangay information systems. The purpose of this review is to identify the features and technologies that were incorporated in existing systems. Furthermore, the review aims to explore the benefits and challenges to implementing information systems for barangays. By examining the existing literature, this review aims to provide insights and recommendations for the development and implementation of an effective and efficient information system that can contribute to the transformation of barangay governance through technology.

## Review of Related Literature

In a study by Carpio (2020) , a barangay management system was developed with various features, including registration of resident profiles, online complaint reporting, document requests with SMS notifications, and reports that aid in planning and implementation of projects. The system had three user roles—the barangay chairman, secretary, and residents. A protoype methodology was used, which involved creating and testing system features, graphical user interface, and scheduling iterations. This process ensured functionality and usability testing for an effective, efficient, and reliable system. The researcher also used data from the target local government unit to conceptualize the system, ensuring it met specific needs and requirements.

In another study (Villones, 2021), the developed barangay system incorporated several key features designed to enhance the information management and delivery of services within a barangay setting. One of these features included the ability to search and access barangay records efficiently, thereby enabling barangay officials to retrieve relevant information about their constituents with greater ease. The system also allowed for the effective management of health records, which are essential for identifying the health needs of barangay residents and providing timely interventions where necessary. Another notable feature of the system is the ability to generate comprehensive barangay reports, which serves as a valuable tool for planning and implementing targeted programs to address the needs of the community. In addition, the system offers graphical analysis of barangay census data, which can provide valuable insights into the demographic characteristics of the barangay, such as age distribution and gender balance. This information can be used to inform policies and programs aimed at improving the welfare of barangay residents. Overall, the system offers a range of features that can enhance the delivery of services and improve the quality of life for those living within a barangay.

In the system developed by Bondoc (2019), the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) methodology was utilized in building the e-Barangay system. The system implemented features such handling documents such as Community Tax Certificate, Indigency Form, Business Permit, and many others. It also managed the list of barangay residents and projects. Furthermore, it provided a platform for complaints. Evaluation of the completed system was conducted by barangay officials and IT experts using the ISO 9126 stand, which quantified the benefit of the system in streamlining barangay processes, especially in managing document requests.

In another study (Aparici & Ruelan, 2018) that covered thirty (30) barangays, a web-based information system was developed to automate barangay processes such as handling changes in the number of barangay households. The system included geotagging for locating commodities using the Google Maps Application Interface (API). In addition to users at the barangay level, the system also has users at the municipal level. It was intended to give the municipality up-to-date information regarding the commodities and population in barangays. The use of geotagging technology in the system can be particularly helpful in identifying areas that require more attention and resources. However, safeguards should be in place to protect data privacy and security in developing a system with such features.

On the other hand, a study conducted by (Olipas et al., 2019) aimed to design and develop a web-based barangay information and record management system (BIRMS) that can assist barangay officials in their daily operations. The system provides features such as keeping, managing, and monitoring old and new files, creating and updating the barangay profile, changing the details of the census, disseminating old and upcoming activities, and managing transactions. The researchers utilized the prototype methodology in developing the system, which involves creating and testing system features, graphical user interface, and scheduling iterations. This process served as the foundation for system development, which involved functionality and usability testing to ensure the effectiveness, efficiency, and reliability of the developed system. Additionally, the researchers utilized available data from the target barangay to conceptualize the entire system.

A website application developed by (Andal et al., 2023) comprises features that enables barangay officials to manage the barangay's information effectively. These features include but are not limited to the organization, prediction, modification, and identification of datasets related to personal information, barangay identification, certificates, and income records. The system has three connected users: the admin, staff, and residents. The administrative responsibilities involve the management of citizen data, creation of new staff accounts, document printing for residents, and customization of the login page banner. The staff members are responsible for managing resident credentials and printing certificates upon request. The residents can access the kiosk to view their information and update their personal data to the administrators and staff. The Barangay Management System will display the data to all users.

Based on the review of the related systems, the researchers conclude that while existing systems were shown to be effective in streamlining administrative processes and managing data, they lack a crucial feature—the ability to generate requested documents with pre-filled information from the database. This poses a significant challenge for barangays in terms of time spent on manual data input and document creation. Thus, this study emphasizes the need to incorporate a document generation function in barangay information systems to better serve the needs of the community.

## Concept of the Study

BARANGAY INFORMATION SYSTEM

INPUT

OUTPUT

BARANGAY INHABITANTS' RECORDS

DOCUMENT REQUEST

REPORTS ON BARANGAY INHABITANTS

REQUESTED DOCUMENT + TRANSACTION LOG

Figure 2‑1. Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework of the project shows a simplified view of the function of the system. The inputs of the system are the records of barangay inhabitants and document requests. The records of barangay inhabitants will include personal information, residency status, and other relevant data. Document requests may include certificates of residency and indigency.

The main function of the system is to manage and organize the records of barangay inhabitants and document requests. The system will allow for the logging and tracking of document requests. The outputs of the system are reports on barangay inhabitants and requested documents. The system will generate reports that aid in the planning and implementation of targeted programs. These reports will provide accurate and up-to-date information on the population and document requests in the barangay, allowing for more efficient retrieval of information.

## Definition of Terms

The definition of terms is essential in a study as it establishes a shared understanding and clarity of key concepts within the research domain.

**API**. Stands for Application Programming Interface. It is a set of protocols, tools, and routines used by software applications to communicate with each other

**Barangay**. The smallest administrative unit of the Philippine government (PSA, n.d.). In this project, this refers to level of the locale on which the project is conducted.

**Document Request**. Refers to a process in which an individual or organization formally requests a document or information from another party. In the context of the project, this refers to the process of an individual or business requesting a document from the barangay.

**Figma**. A cloud-based design tool used for creating user interfaces, icons, and other graphics for web and mobile applications.

**Git**. A version control system used to track changes in software code and collaborate on projects. It will be used to save snapshots of the source code of the system.

**GitHub**. A web-based platform that provides a version control system through Git and provides collaborative tools for software development projects.

**Information System**. A is a set of components that work together to collect, store, process, and distribute data and information within an organization. The information system in the project will work within the context of the barangay.

**Transaction Log**. A record of all the transactions or activities that occur within a system or application. Specifically, it is used to keep track of document requests made through the barangay system.

# Chapter III

OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

## Materials

### Software

Table 3‑1. Software Specifications

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Software | Description | Vendor | Version |
| 1. Visual Studio Code | Code editor | Microsoft | 1.78.x |
| 2. Python | Programming language and environment | Python Software Foundation | 3.11.x |
| 3. Django | Web development framework | Django Software Foundation | 4.2.x |
| 4. Google Chrome | Web browser | Google | 113.0.x |
| 5. Windows 11 | Operating System | Microsoft | 10.0.22000 (21H2) |

### Hardware

Table 3‑2. Hardware Specifications

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Device | Specifications | Vendor |
| Laptop | CPU: Intel Core i3 (11th gen)  RAM: 8 GB  Display: 1080p 60Hz  Storage: 512 GB  Keyboard: 101/102-Key  Pointing Device: Touchpad/Mouse | ASUS |
| Laptop | CPU: Intel Core i5 (11th gen)  RAM: 8 GB  Display: 1080p 60Hz  Storage: 500 GB  Keyboard: 101/102-Key  Pointing Device: Touchpad/Mouse | Acer |

### Data

Table 3‑3. Data Requirements

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Type of Data | Source | Date Acquired |
| RBI Form A: Record of Barangay Inhabitants by Household | Form Document | Barangay Secretary | April 12, 2023 |
| RBI Form B: Individual Record of Barangay Inhabitants | Form Document | Barangay Secretary | April 12, 2023 |
| Transaction Log | Table/Logbook | Barangay Secretary | April 12, 2023 |

### Systems Environment

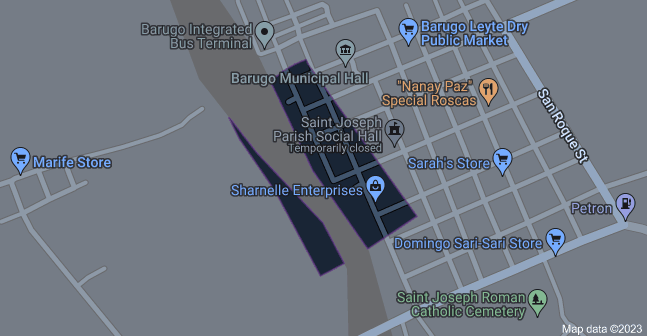


Figure 3‑1. Locale

The local of the project is at Poblacion District I of Barugo, Leyte. The barangay secretary was interviewed to acquire the issues with the present system and to acquire information for the development of the system.



Figure 3‑2. Organization Chart of the Barangay

The figure above shows the organizational structure of the barangay local government unit. Shown are the barangay captain, secretary, treasurers, and councilors.

The population of the study are the barangay inhabitants of Poblacion District I of Barugo, Leyte. The current system relies on the manual record of writing down the each record of barangay inhabitants in both individual and household forms. The encoding of requested documents is manually done word processors and the transaction logbook is written by hand. The current system used by the barangay is prone to errors and more labor intensive due to the manual steps involved. The present medium of storage used is inefficient for the purposes of retrieval of facts and other information from the data collected by the barangay.

## Methods

### SLDC Model

The project will utilize Iterative Waterfall Model software development approach that combines the sequential steps of the traditional Waterfall Model with the flexibility of iterative design. It allows for improvements and changes to be made at each stage of the development process.

### Requirements Gathering

The proponents travelled to the location and interviewed officials,

### Requirements Analysis

The business requirements and required functionalities in the system are identified.

### System Design

Technical requirements for accomplishing the required functionalities are identified.

### Development

The components of the system are written and tested. Then integrated into the system and the system as a whole is tested.

### Deployment

The system is delivered to the user for evaluation.

### Evaluation

The project will use ISO 25010 as the standard for evaluating the system. It is a standard that provides a comprehensive framework for evaluating the quality characteristics of software products.

# Chapter IV

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

## [Results by phase of study]

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# Chapter V

SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Summary

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## Conclusions

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## Recommendations

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