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## PHILIPPINES: WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### VIDEO

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

COASTAL SCENERY

Rising sea levels and more intense storms will severely impact coastal areas as the

WOMEN WITH FAMILIES

earth becomes warmer, scientists say. And according to a new UN report, women who have to feed their families will face special challenges and must help shape the response to climate change. (16.5")

VILLAGE

How can poor communities adapt?

WOMEN PLANT MANGROVES

Experience from the Philippines shows that mobilizing women can make a difference in addressing environmental concerns. (9")

FISHING SCENES

Ubay, on Bohol island, has already learned the hard way that living standards fall when human activity harms the marine

WOMEN CARRY BUCKETS OF  
FISH

environment. Dynamite fishing and other destructive practices led in the 1990s to a sharp decline in the once bountiful fish catch. (16.5")

Aida Olaguir remembers what happened.  
(3")

AIDA OLAGUIR ON CAMERA

AIDA OLAGUIR: (Boholano) **F**  
*"When fewer fish were caught it affected women, since we manage the household budget. We had to buy smaller fish, and they became more expensive. That made it harder to send our kids to school. "* (15.5")

MEN AND WOMEN PLANT  
FISH SANCTUARY

NARRATION  
In the past few years, Ubay women and men have worked together to reverse the damage. With strong leadership and active community support, the town established fishing sanctuaries and imposed steep penalties for using dynamite or illegal nets.  
(15")

POLICE PATROL  
CONFISCATED DYNAMITE AND  
NETS

MANGROVE REPLANTING

Mangrove swamps, once plundered for firewood, are being replanted, restoring the habitat where fish reproduce and offering greater protection against storms. (9")

MARIVIC CUYAG WITH KID

Marivic Cuyag is a fisherwoman and the mother of seven. (3")

MARIVIC CUYAG ON CAMERA

MARIVIC CAYUGA: (Boholano) **F**  
*"The fish won't go near the shore if there are no mangroves; that's where they lay their eggs. When the mangroves were cut, we didn't catch many fish. But now that they are guarded and allowed to grow, our*

*catch has increased.” (13”)*

NARRATION

MEN AND WOMEN PLANT  
MANGROVES

The active participation of neighbourhood women was one key to Ubay’s success. The UN Population Fund’s 2009 report on *The State of World Population* says efforts to adapt to climate change must involve women and pay special attention to their specific needs. (17”)

WOMAN WASHES CLOTHES  
WITH DAUGHTER

Robert Engelman is the report’s lead author. (3”)

ROBERT ENGELMAN ON  
CAMERA

ROBERT ENGELMAN: (English) **M**  
*“Women are on the front lines as their communities are buffeted by the impacts of climate change. We’ve seen that with especially destructive storms such as Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar and hurricane Katrina in the United States. Women are often most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, as they are to other kinds of disasters and conflicts. Women also bring their own perspectives to societies’ efforts to reduce emissions and to adapt to climate change.” (30”)*

NARRATION

WOMEN PLANT MANGROVES  
  
FISHERWOMAN WITH CRAB  
CATCH

In Ubay, women not only protect coastal resources; they are helping families to escape poverty by teaching livelihood skills. With extra money mothers will be better

TWO LITTLE GIRLS	able to send their children to school. (12.5")
	Carolina Bacatan is a village captain. (3")
CAROLINA BACATAN ON CAMERA	<u>CAROLINA BACATAN:</u> (Boholano) F <i>"We plan to organize ourselves into a women's association where we can learn new ways to earn income aside from fishing and farming."</i> (8.5")
DOCTOR'S OFFICE	<u>NARRATION</u> Helping women to choose smaller families is also seen as critical to fighting poverty.
DOCTOR EXAMINES PATIENT	That is one reason Ubay invests in reproductive health care. (9")
ROSALENA'S FAMILY	Rosalena understands this well. Her husband's meagre income as a farm worker barely feeds her six children. (6.5")
ROSALENA ON CAMERA	<u>ROSALENA:</u> (Boholano) F <i>"Life is hard with such a big family. When we run out of rice I give my share to the children and to my husband. I also gather clams to sell so I can buy more rice."</i> (10")
ROSALENA IN SCHOOL	<u>NARRATION</u> But now Rosalena uses contraception, attends classes and hopes to get a job one day. (4.5")
WOMEN WITH FISH CATCH	Educating and empowering women helps to build more resilient communities that can

better adapt to current and future challenges. (7.5")

Thoraya Ahmed Obaid is UNFPA's Executive Director. (3.5")

THORAYA AHMED OBAID ON CAMERA

THORAYA AHMED OBAID: (English) **F**  
*"A world that will be dealing with climate change for centuries to come can't afford to limit the potential of half its population to contribute to the solution."* (9")

FISHERWOMAN SWIMS NEXT TO BOAT

NARRATION

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by William Ryan for the United Nations.