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The Impact Assessment study at the community level is intended to measure and analyze the changes in the key performance indicators as a result of project interventions under the Second Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP2). It also aimed to provide insights and lessons learned regarding the approaches and strategies for assisting the agrarian reform communities (ARCs). Six ARCs were selected as sites for the case studies spread geographically across the major island groups and in various stages of organizational development and with varying access to credit. Changes in key performance indicators for each major component were compared before and after the interventions and then compared with the targets for each performance indicator. The specific interventions by project component are as follows: a) Community Development and Capacity Building (CDCP); b) Agriculture and Enterprise Development (AED); c) Rural Infrastructure (RI); and d) Support to Rural Finance (SRF). Under the CDCB Component, there was a general upward trend in Organizational Maturity (OM) rating for the period 2003 to 2008. The AED Component shows an average increase of 47.4% in business assets per household in nominal terms three years after joining the project which is higher than the target of 10%. As regards the Rural Infrastructure Component, a reduction in travel time amounting to 75% was observed, higher than the 50% project target. Under the SRF Component, 13 of the 15 POs had access to external funding while 11 out of 15 POs have current savings programs. The POs' capitalization as indicated in their capital build up increased by 82 percent, higher than the project target of 50 percent.