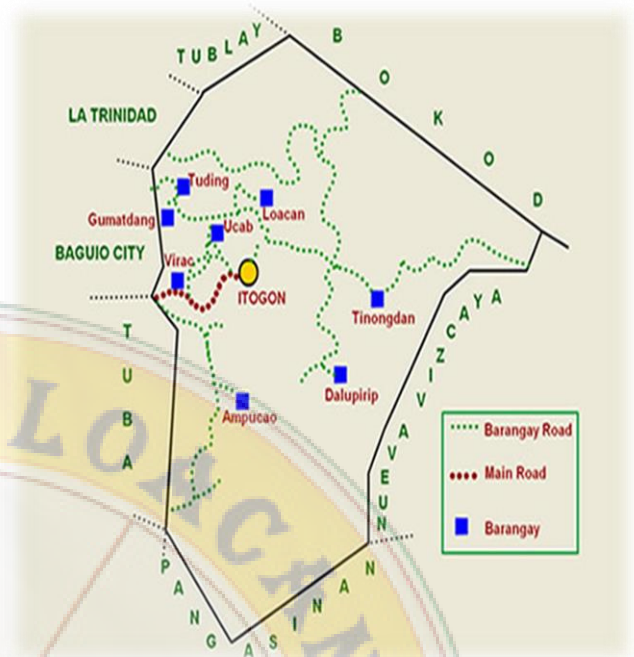


**A. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**

**1. Location and Boundaries**

Barangay Loacan is one of the nine (9) barangays of the Municipality of Itogon, Province of Benguet. It is located of Northeast: Municipality of Bokod Northwest: Municipality of Tublay and La Trinidad South: Barangay Ucab Southeast: Barangay Poblacion and Tinongdan Southwest: Barangay Tuding.

In 1966, Barangay Loacan was separated from its mother Barangay which was Gumatdang.



The Administrative jurisdiction (Sitios) includes:

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. Goldriver      | 22. Acnip      |
| 2. Geweng         | 23. Anteg-in   |
| 3. Calebow        | 24. Apalan     |
| 4. Liang          | 25. Apunan     |
| 5. Labilab        | 26. Bacsey     |
| 6. Luneta         | 27. Bakong     |
| 7. Maro-oc        | 28. Bajengan   |
| 8. Otso           | 29. Bilis      |
| 9. Peday          | 30. Bingo      |
| 10. Pekket        | 31. Bonecow    |
| 11. Pitdawan      | 32. Beda       |
| 12. Proper Loacan | 33. Calabcaben |
| 13. Riverside     | 34. Camiding   |
| 14. Sabkil        | 35. Camisong   |
| 15. Saldin        | 36. Cayapes    |
| 16. Talo-an       | 37. Dengey     |
| 17. Tocmo         | 38. Des-oc     |
| 18. Tolebeng      | 39. Diang      |
| 19. Tuangan       | 40. Docot      |
| 20. Tobob         | 41. Duppa      |
| 21. Deb-ong       | 42. Dampingan  |

**2. Land Use**

Loacan has a total land area of 4,854 Hectares classified as alienable and disposable and the barangay area and the major land use are specified as Agriculture 758 hectares, Residential 1,091.844 Hectares, Commercial 6.739 hectares, Industrial 176.7264 hectares, Aquaculture/Fisheries 2.6 hectares, Forestland 356.2406 hectares, and Grassland/open land 2,692 hectares. Seemingly, the utilization of their land for some infrastructures, not just road but also institutional and small commercial structures would bring about improvement of the socio-economic status of the barangay.

| Major Land Use            | Area (hectares) | Predominant Species  |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Alienable and disposable  |                 |  |
| Agriculture               | 758             | Rice, root crops, fruit trees, organic vegetables, flowers |
| Residential               | 1,091.844       |  |
| Commercial                | 6.739           |  |
| Industrial                | 176.7264        | Mining claims, patented                                    |
| Aquaculture/Fisheries     | 2.6             | Tilapia  |
| Forest/Agro-reforestation | 815.41          | Benguet Pine, mango  |
| Roads                     | 15              |  |
| Creeks, rivers, streams   | 49.36           |  |
| Forestland                | 356.2406        |  |
| Grassland/open land       | 2,692           | Ferns, Carabao grass, rono, Temeda                         |

**B. DEMOGRAPHY**

As of 2018, the total population of Barangay Loacan is composed of 4,572 male and female population 4,275 with the total of 8,847 barangay’s population. The total number of families is 2,153 while the number of household is 2,008 with an average of 5 members per household.

**Total Population per Barangay Health Station, 2018**

| RHS           | Total Population | Household | Family |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
| Proper Loacan | 3,412            | 767       | 860    |
| Tocmo         | 3,174            | 670       | 704    |
| Labilab       | 1,096            | 240       | 195    |
| Luneta        | 1,165            | 331       | 336    |
| Total         | 8,847            | 2,008     | 2,153  |

Source of Data: BNS/BHW 2018

**C. FISCAL ADMINISTRATION**

The Barangay is dependent on the Internal Revenue allotment (IRA) which is the main source of funding for the annual budget. The total IRA for FY 2019 is a total of Php 6,319,821.00 while the total income is Php 6,659,821.00 adding the total share in RPT, Share from CTC, clearances and certification fees and other assistance and subsidy from local government units.

The Barangay Development Council distributed budget of FY 2019 total income in the amount of Php 6,659,821.00 in compliance or as mandated by the law.

| Particulars               | Percentage | Amount              |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Personal Services         | 55%        | 2,484,708.43        |
| Barangay Development Fund | 20%        | <b>1,263,964.20</b> |
| LDRRMF                    | 5%         | <b>337,491.05</b>   |
| Sangguniang Kabataan      | 10%        | 665,982.10          |
| MOOE                      |            | 770,477.01          |
| Capital outlay            |            | <b>35,000.00</b>    |

**D. INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL BASE**

**1. Roads**

Road is critical to development since most of the roads were declared as to within the high risk prone areas especially at Antamok-Dampingan Road. However, Barangay Loacan is linked by a concrete-asphalted national road (Benguet-Viscaya road) connecting to adjacent to the Municipality and Provinces. It is also the gateway of other municipalities in the second district. The establishment of farm-to-market road, leads to efficient delivery of their produce farm goods especially from sitios Labilab, Tolibeng and other sitios who practice agriculture effective delivery of services to City central business districts and other destinations from the barangay. On the other hand, the establishment of Barangay road are also implemented and maintained for the fast delivery of gold ores to the ball mill processing with the collaboration with MLGU, PLGU and LIPMA.

**2. Barangay Hall**

There are two (2) existing barangay offices located at Purok 1, Loacan, Itogon, Benguet and the sub-Barangay Hall at Tocmo, Loacan, Itogon, Benguet. These Barangay Offices serves as venue for official functions and session. The Barangay office located at Purok 1, Loacan is a two -storey concrete building while the sub-barangay hall one storey concrete building found at Tocmo, Loacan which both offices serves various official purposes.

**3. Education**

There are six (6) Child Development Centers funded by the Barangay in collaboration with the municipality and two (2) existing private Child Development centers.

| Name of Schools                | No. of Teachers | No. of Enrollees |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Day Care Centers/Preschool/CDC |                 |                  |
| a. Loacan CDC                  | 1               | 15               |
| b. Luneta CDC                  | 1               | 15               |
| c. Beda CDC                    | 1               | 20               |
| d. Anteg-in CDC                | 1               | 15               |
| e. Tocmo                       | 1               | 12               |

|                                      |   |    |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|
| f. Labilab                           | 1 | 17 |
| g. Community Fundamental Baptist CDC | 2 | 30 |
| h. Tocmo Immaculate Conception CDC   | 1 | 8  |

The Barangay has six (6) public elementary schools and five of the school offers Grades I to VI which are the Loacan Elementary School, Luneta Elementary School, Maximino Lopez Elementary School, and Labilab Elementary School. The Liang Elementary School caters Grades I to III under the supervision of the principal of Loacan Elementary School.

| <b>Name of Schools</b>              | <b>No. of Teachers</b> | <b>No. of Enrollees</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Loacan Elementary School         | 19                     | 348                     |
| b. Tocmo Elementary School          | 9                      | 183                     |
| c. Luneta Elementary School         | 8                      | 134                     |
| d. Labilab Elementary School        | 8                      | 139                     |
| e. Maximino Lopez Elementary School | 8                      | 109                     |

Loacan National High school is the only secondary school in the Barangay which is located at Proper Loacan. Recently, Loacan National High school –Annex was opened at Tocmo, Loacan, Itogon with Grades 7-8. Presently, grades 9-10 will be opened for school year 2019-2020. Most students comprises of the nearest sitios to the school. Some students in the Barangay pursue their high school education in the Barangay including its neighboring Barangays or in Baguio City.

| <b>Name of School</b>                         | <b>No. of Teachers</b> | <b>No. of Enrollees</b> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Loacan National High School Main           | 19                     | 340                     |
| b. Loacan National High School Main Extension | 6                      | 97                      |

Tertiary education is not available in the Barangay whose students continue their college at Baguio City or La Trinidad Benguet which are easily accessible and nearest tertiary schools in the Barangay which . Most students commute daily as public jitney which are always available. The nearest vocational school is 7 kms away from the Barangay via Ambuklao road.

**4. Hydrogeology**

Water supply of the barangay Loacan used with majority of the population is largely dependent on the mixture of mountain spring and river spring which comprises a total of 42 water sources and water delivery, others like shallow and dug wells, are minor source of water supply. The waters from the mountain springs, in general, of good quality. Care must be exercised, the aquifers are generally susceptible to pollution caused by the activities of man and animals.

**Sources of Water in the Community**

| <b>Sources of water in the Community</b>  | <b>No. of Units/Station</b> |                    |                        | <b>No. of Households being served</b> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | <b>Total</b>                | <b>Functioning</b> | <b>Not functioning</b> |                                       |
| a. Deep well                              | 12                          |                    |                        | 12 household                          |
| b. Artesian well                          | 0                           |                    |                        |                                       |
| c. Shallow well                           | 0                           |                    |                        |                                       |
| d. Others (specify)                       |                             |                    |                        |                                       |
| e. Mountain Springs                       | 42                          |                    |                        | 1,987                                 |
| f. Commercial water Refill stations/stall | 7                           |                    |                        | 1,987                                 |

**5. Accessibility & Transportation**

The Barangay can be reached through any land transportation such as Jitney comprising a total 31 one Public utility vehicles which is the commonly used by the residents for faster and easy access to transportation. Barangay Loacan has two existing access roads which is use by Upper Loacan and Proper Loacan. Proper Loacan commonly use the Antamok-Municipal road while the Upper Loacan constituents via Ambuclao Road- Benguet-Viscaya Road. Doting-Purok 2 Municipal road is a linking road from Proper Loacan and Upper Loacan which is the alternate road of Luneta residents and Loacan Proper residents via Benguet Viscaya Road.

**Distance to Major Points (Reference point: barangay Proper)**

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| To Provincial Capitol (La Trinidad) | 22 kilometers |
| To Municipal Hall                   | 13 kilometers |
| To National Highway                 | 4 kilometers  |
| To regional Center (Baguio City)    | 17 kilometers |

**Distance to Major Points (Reference point: Upper Loacan )**

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| To Provincial Capitol (La Trinidad) | 22 kilometers |
| To Municipal Hall                   | 13 kilometers |
| To National Highway                 | 4 kilometers  |
| To regional Center (Baguio City)    | 17 ilometers  |

**6. Power Supply/Electricity**

Electricity from the barangay is served by BENEKO (Benguet Electric Cooperative). Generally, all of the 2,008 households within the barangay have access to electricity.

**7. Communications**

The available communication facilities are VHF hand-held radio. Globe and Smart Telecommunications Companies also provide an easy access to communication through cellular phones. The signal of said telecommunication companies reaches in almost all part of the barangay. Both Smart and Globe also provide internet services through mobile data and prepaid wifi.

**E. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**1. Health and Nutrition**

The Barangay has four (4) operational Rural Health Units (RHU) located at sitios Proper Loacan, Luneta, Tocmo and Labilab delivered by three (3) Midwives, four (4) Barangay Nutritional Scholars, one (1) BNAO and fifteen (15) Barangay Health Workers.

**2. Peace and Order**

The small scale mining industry in the barangay made it a host to different people especially from nearby provinces even as far as Mindanao. These people contribute to the number of cases in the barangay.

Due to the ongoing development of Alphaland Baguio Mountain Lodges Corporation and other housing projects at Upper Loacan, there are numerous cases being brought in the barangay especially on the workers of the said Corporation. Particularly on the cases of minor physical injuries, labor law and public nuisance. With the help of the ITOGON-MPS the Peace and order of the Barangay is being maintained assisted by the Barangay Officials and seventeen (17) Barangay Peace Keeping action team.

There were inevitable increase in number of Land disputes arise from the development of Alphaland Baguio Mountain Lodges Corporation and other improvements made from the heirs of certain properties in the Barangay most especially at Proper Loacan. Furthermore, they used traditional way and innovative way of resolving disputes which is presently efficient in handling Land disputes/problem. The Lupong Tagapamayapa of Barangay Loacan is composed of fourteen (14) members excluding the Punong barangay being the Chairman.

**Summary of Cases filed from October 2018 to October 2019**

| Types of Crimes                 | No. of Reported Cases |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Crimes Against Person           |                       |
| a. Murder                       | 0                     |
| b. Homicide                     | 0                     |
| c. Physical Injury              | 0                     |
| d. rape                         | 0                     |
| Crimes against property         |                       |
| a. Robbery                      | 0                     |
| b. Theft                        | 1                     |
| c. Cattle Rustling              | 0                     |
| Other Crimes                    |                       |
| a. Drug Trafficking             | 0                     |
| b. Drug usage                   | 0                     |
| Violation of special Ordinances | 0                     |
| Domestic Violence               | 1                     |
| Vehicular Accident              | 2                     |
| Others (pls. specify)           |                       |
| Land Disputes                   | 17                    |
| Non-Payment of Debt             | 9                     |

**3. Environmental Management and Natural Resources**

The existing Barangay Ecological Waste Management Council headed by the Punong Barangay enacted Ordinance/Resolutions on Solid Waste Management and formulated Barangay and Solid Waste Management Plan.

Unfortunately, the Material Recovery Facility was not operational due to its location. Presently, the BESWM are looking for a perfect site for the MRF will be transferred to cater all the household in the Barangay. The garbage collection scheme is not practical because there is no designated dumping area in the Barangay. Garbage are being manage by every household that most would dig and some would just dump everywhere.

Presently, The Barangay has no equipment yet for the Solid Waste Management. The supervision on Solid Waste Management comes from the Office of the Punong Barangay through the BESWMC in coordination with the Loacan Itogon Pocket Miners Association (LIPMA), Antamok Loacan Northwall Miners Association and the other concerned stakeholders.

The existing Waste Management Practice in the Barangay is road side dumping, dumping in pits and burning. Some residents manage their biodegradable wastes through backyard composting and by feeding food and kitchen wastes to animals. Some residents also dump garbage in the rivers and other locations.

On the other hand, the Barangay council are identifying possible tourist destination in which, just recently the Barangay Tourism Council conducted ocular inspection of Hot Spring at Denggey, Bingo. It was found out that most of endangered species are found in the area such as deers and monkeys. The Barangay council agreed to declare the area as the protected area and wild life to safeguard the particular species and habitats.

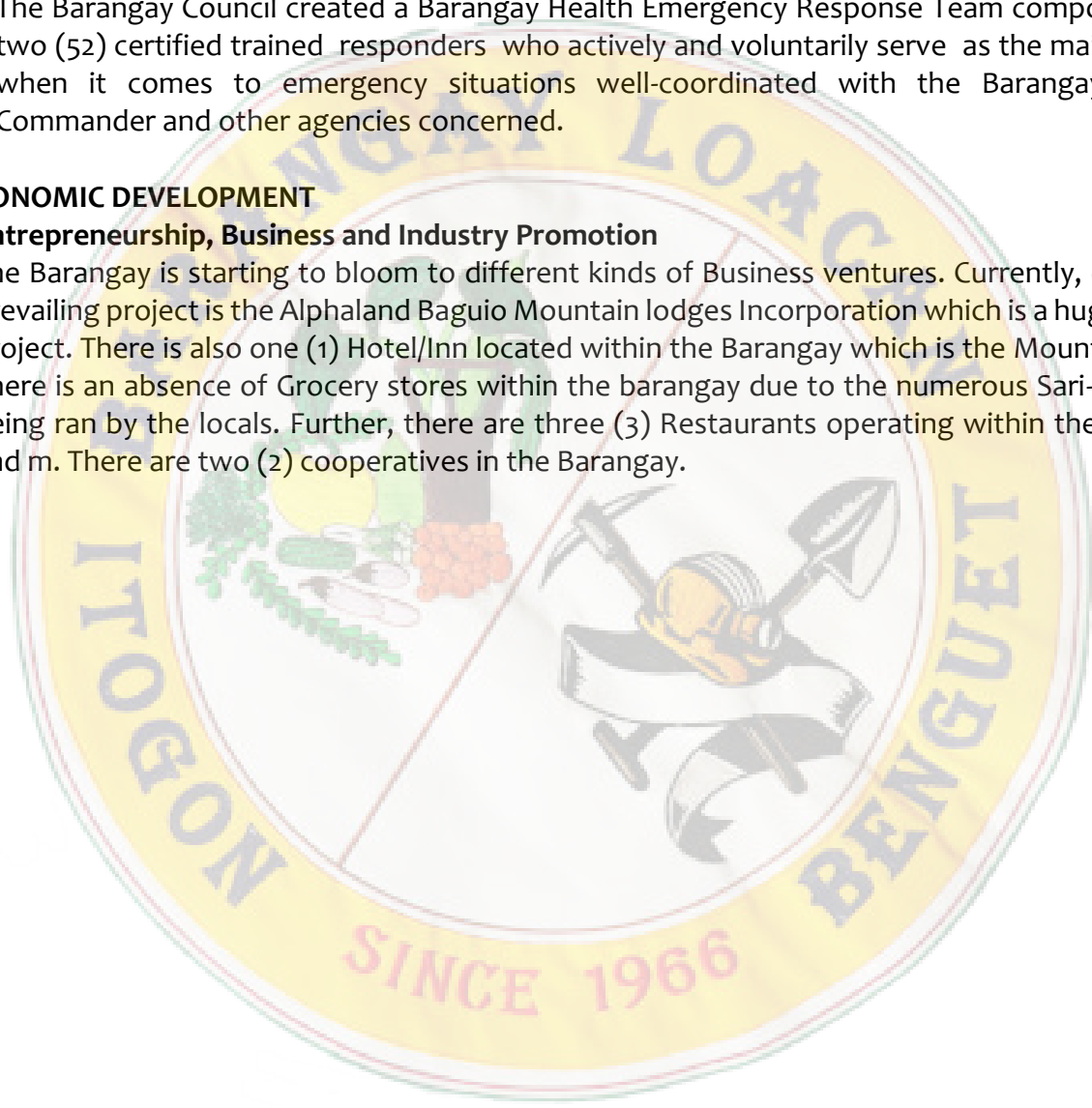
Furthermore, negotiations were made with Benguet Corporation to fund the proposed Seedling Nursery in line with Nationwide Re-greening Program of the Government. The existing Miners Association in the Barangay are cooperating with the Barangay for the carrying out restoration of the environment to convert as the pilot area for Minahang Bayan.

The Barangay Council created a Barangay Health Emergency Response Team compose of fifty two (52) certified trained responders who actively and voluntarily serve as the main respond when it comes to emergency situations well-coordinated with the Barangay incident Commander and other agencies concerned.

## **F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **1. Entrepreneurship, Business and Industry Promotion**

The Barangay is starting to bloom to different kinds of Business ventures. Currently, one of the prevailing project is the Alphaland Baguio Mountain lodges Incorporation which is a huge housing project. There is also one (1) Hotel/Inn located within the Barangay which is the Mountain lodge. There is an absence of Grocery stores within the barangay due to the numerous Sari-sari stores being ran by the locals. Further, there are three (3) Restaurants operating within the Barangay and m. There are two (2) cooperatives in the Barangay.




**G. ADMINISTRATION**

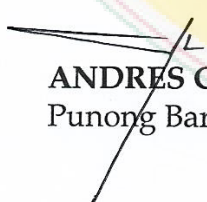
The Punong Barangay created Barangay Based-Institutions (BBIs) thru Executive order to the following stated below BBIS .

| Particular   | Chairperson                  |
|--|------------------------------|
| BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (BDC)   | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC)   | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BDRRMC)   | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY NUTRITION COUNCIL (BNC).  | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY PEACE AND ORDER COMMITTEE (BPOC)  | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY ANTI DRUG COUNCIL (BADAC)   | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY ECOLOGIAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (BESWM)  | Punong Barangay              |
| ESTABLISHING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (VAWC) DESK AND DESIGNATING KAGAWAD ESTRELLITA C. APIDOS AS THE VAWC DESK OFFICER | KAGAWAD ESTRELLITA C. APIDOS |
| BARANGAY ANTI DRUG COUNCIL (BADAC) HOUSE CLUSTER OF BARANGAY LOACAN, ITOGON, BENGUET   | Kag. Committee               |
| BARANGAY AUXILIARY TEAM (BAT)  | Punong Barangay              |
| OF BARANGAY LOACAN, ITOGON, BENGUET  | Punong Barangay              |
| BARANGAY TOURISM COUNCIL OF BARANGAY LOACAN  | Punong Barangay              |

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