

## **Community Meeting Report - Team 4 - Water Warriors**

Problems that the Community Expressed (also include main problem that should be focused on)

The joint community meeting between purok 1 and purok 2 of barangay Tingub, Mandaue City allowed the community members to express several problems that affect them as a community. The problems they expressed are summarized below:

- Garbage thrown in the river by the community members themselves
- Garbage coming from the upstream side
- Chemicals thrown by companies into the river
- Fecal waste from piggeries
- Absence of septic tanks for most of the households
- Little to no government help or programs implemented for the community
- Smell of the accumulated garbage in the river
- No garbage bins for the community and problematic garbage collection system
- Flooding during rainy season
- No relocation area for those who are forced to leave

It is evident that the communities alongside Butuanon River are truly at risk given that they are facing a lot of wicked problems at the same time. These challenges are really a threat to the health and safety of the community members, especially kids who are prone to being sick. Moreover, we have also confirmed with the community that the major problem that heavily affects them is the accumulation of garbage thrown mostly by the community members themselves due to the problematic garbage collection system and lack of garbage bins in the area. That is why our team decided to focus on improving the garbage collection system of the community so that the solid waste produced by the people is properly disposed of instead of being thrown into the river.