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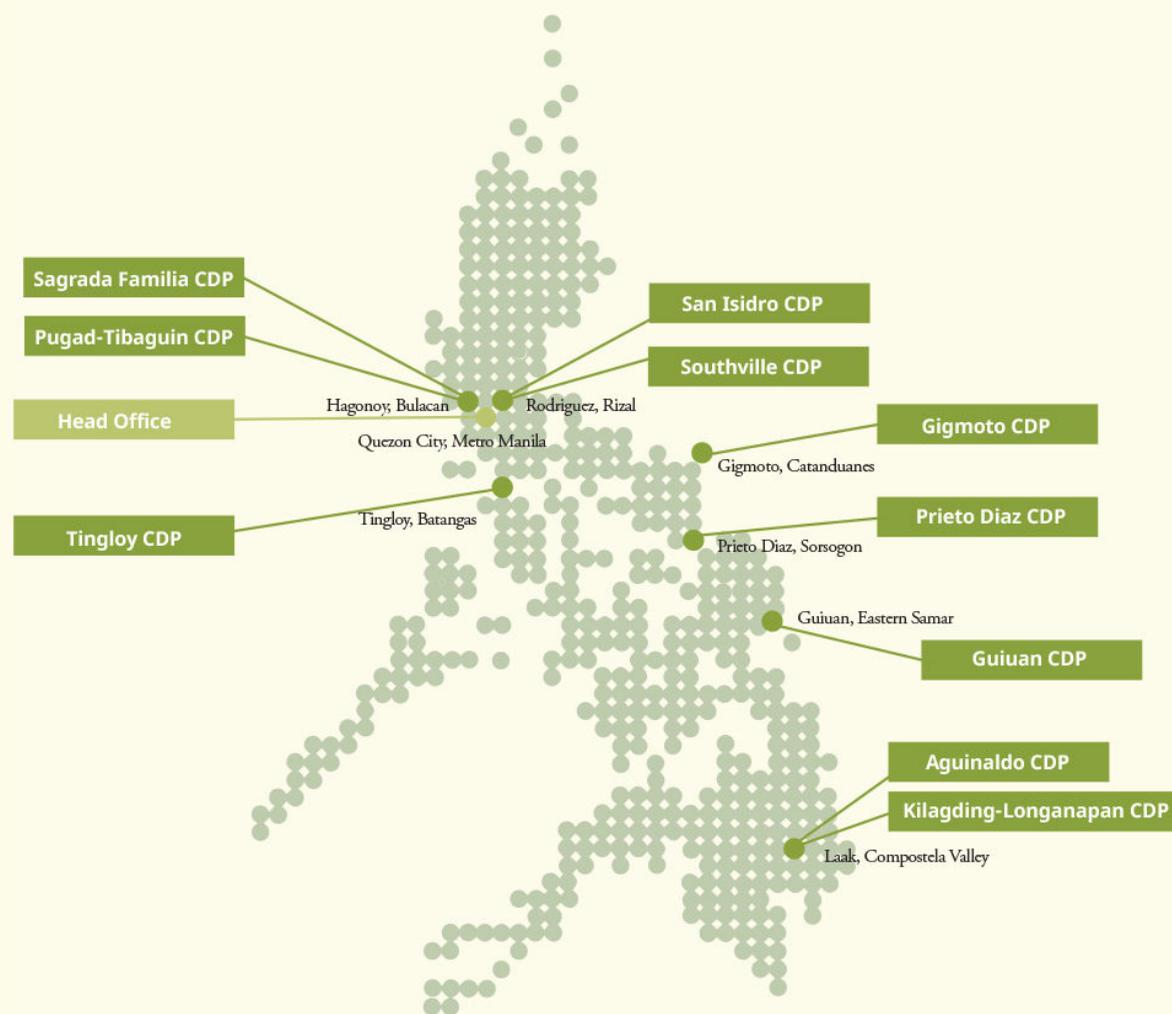
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ABOUT US

GOOD NEIGHBORS (GN) is an international, nonprofit humanitarian organization that plans, implements, and raises funds for the provision of services in child education, community development, health, sanitation, and disaster relief projects. In 1996, GN obtained a General Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). And in 2007, it was granted with a Millennium Development Goals (MDG) award from United Nations for its achievements in universal primary education. GN currently operates in more than thirty countries across the globe.

In 2008, **GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES (GNIP)** was established with the goal of improving the lives of Filipinos, especially of the children, through child sponsorship and community development programs. GNIP formally started its operations in February 2009, with Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal as its pilot community development project (CDP) area. By 2016, a total of 10 GNIP Community Development Project areas are supported all over Developmental projects under GNIP's programs are implemented with the goal of sustainability and self-reliance for these communities.



10

Community Development Project (CDP) Areas

1

Head Office

13,247

sponsored children nationwide

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



GNIP CAMPAIGNS FOR BETTER CRVS SYSTEMS IN CHILDREN'S DAY

Held annually every November, GNIP celebrates Children's Day through an advocacy event. In 2017, GNIP campaigned for better Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems in the country; this pushes for every child's right to registration, name, nationality and care.

The whole-day event featured a Zumba-for-a-cause activity, educational and fun booths, as well as an advocacy concert graced by Filipino guest singers and child rights advocates Elha Nympha and Darren Espanto.

Through this event, GNIP raised awareness and action for over 2.3 million Filipino children who are unregistered.

AID DELIVERED TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS NATIONWIDE

GNIP responded with aid to seven (7) disaster-affected areas in the Philippines in 2017.

1. Typhoon Nina(Nock-Ten) Emergency Relief in Gigmoto, Catanduanes and Tingloy, Batangas
2. Tingloy Batangas Earthquake Emergency Relief
3. Marawi Crisis Emergency Relief through ARMM Heart
4. Longanapan, Laak Armed Conflict Emergency Relief
5. Marawi Crisis Emergency Relief through Ecoweb
6. Tropical Storm Vinta(Tembin) Emergency Relief through Ecoweb
7. Zamboanga Del Norte Emergency Relief

Through the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) program and external partners and donors, GNIP is able to deliver relief goods to families affected by different types of disasters throughout the year.

22,374

FAMILIES HELPED IN EMERGENCY RELIEF

111,870

INDIVIDUALS REACHED BY AID





VARIOUS GRANTS PAVE WAY FOR PROJECTS IN EDUCATION, HEALTH

A total of eight (8) grants were given to GNIP in 2017 to develop more projects for children's education and health. Utilizing and maximizing the opportunity, GNIP implemented innovative and significant projects that will uphold the basic rights of children. Specifically these are: Learning Enrichment and Accessibility Program (LEAP) making education reachable for students in Laak and San Isidro; a learning center and child haven in Gigmoto; a new health center for the community of Pintor; HOPE campaigns in San Isidro, Laak; a new technical vocational building in San Isidro, a maternal health facility in Gigmoto; and also DRRM initiatives in different CDPs.

These special projects are implemented to further protect and uphold the rights of children.

Hope Letter (San Isidro): This project has its focus on implementing a Literacy Program that aims to improve the reading and writing proficiency of the students in San Isidro Elementary School and Balagbag Elementary School. This includes the improvement of the school libraries, development of a Literacy Program Module, and capacitate the volunteer teachers and community educators to implement the program.

Hope Letter (Laak): The project aims to construct a community Learning Center and implement a Literacy Program that will provide access for Indigenous Peoples (IPs), less privileged children, out of school youths, and other adults in the community to quality socio-cultural and educational facilities and activities that would create positive impact for their growth, appreciation of culture, and literacy development.





EDUCATION

Every child has the right to **education, development and protection**. Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) recognizes this and promotes education through the provision of **quality early-childhood education and various educational programs**.

GNIP also implements a comprehensive **child protection program** that will strengthen government strategies and will provide direct intervention to children who

are most vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse.

Through the education sector, GNIP aims to achieve the universality of equitable quality education in its covered communities.

It also aims to significantly reduce institutional, social, and economic barriers in accessing education.

PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AND QUALITY EDUCATION

Through its Education sector, Good Neighbors Philippines continues to make education not only accessible to more students but also **promotes inclusive and quality teaching**. In the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2017, GNIP implemented various activities grounded on this objective from its different Community Development Project (CDP) areas nationwide.

PROMOTING QUALITY EDUCATION

In a 2-day **Story-telling and Puppetry Workshop** organized by GNIP Laak Field Office, educators and partner teachers learned the basics of puppet manipulation and effective story-telling strategies. Led by the *Makabata Para sa Bayan, Inc.* as partner facilitators, the strategy is aimed to introduce puppetry as a fun learning opportunity for children. This may be used as part of the Learning Enrichment and Accessibility Program, also known as the LEAP Mobile Library making its rounds in the area.

Also in line with the goal to improve quality teaching, GNIP Laak Field office conducted a **learning session on Classroom Instructional Management on 21st Century** during the 3rd quarter of 2017. Held together with the Provincial Division Office of Department of Education Compostela Valley, the teachers gained new knowledge on learning techniques applicable in the current times given the changing nature of technology and participatory learning styles.



Meanwhile in San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal, Quality Assurance Workshops were held and were participated by the Department of Education in Rizal, representatives from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), and 2 partner schools of GNIP - San Isidro Elementary School and Balagbag Elementary School. As an implementer, GNIP conducted the workshop to finalize the content and layout of GNIP's upgraded education module to fit the new context appropriate and inclusive of DepEd's K to 12 Basic Education program.

The partnership of DepEd, partner schools and the Alternative Learning System was sought to ensure that the produce module would adhere to the guidelines set by the Department of Education.

Taking into account the objective of promoting quality education, GNIP also conducted several teachers' trainings, introducing to educators different strategies on Creative Teaching, Emotional Literacy and Character Development.

In Creative Teaching training, participants from Southville CDP in Rodriguez, Rizal were taught about using pedagogical songs (prayers and energizers), storytelling, play and games, puppetry and other motivational and innovative activities to engage students. As part of the workshop, participant also prepared a lesson plan incorporating their new learnings.

In a separate and additional training conducted by Southville CDP, teacher participants attended a workshop entitled "Teachers as Well-Being Facilitators: Classroom-based Strategies towards Emotional Literacy and Character Development" last December 2018.

It was a 1-day training which aimed to develop teachers' way in facilitating the class. This training helped mentors discover new strategies in handling different kinds of students' characteristics and emotional needs. They were also provided tips on how to handle stress in classrooms.

On the other hand, Gigmoto CDP in Catanduanes also trained Learning Center educators in the area. The training aimed to capacitate them on how to properly address the needs of every recipient learner. The 2-day training was held in Virac, Catanduanes. Two speakers from the Department of Education Division Office who were experts in Library Operations were invited. The following were the topics discussed: School Library as an integral part of the school, Standards for Philippine Libraries: School Library and Media Center, bookmaking and Philippine book industry today.

Forwarding quality education, GNIP aims to advance students' learning with the advantages of new technology.

In Laak, Compostela Valley, a 2-day capacity building activity was attended by the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Coordinators within



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1 GNIP, together with DepEd Rizal conduct a Quality Assurance Workshop to ensure effective and fir education modules set to the national standard

2 Daycare pupils of a renovated DayCare Center in Bulacan show their appreciation messages

3 GNIP meets with the Department of Education-Rizal regarding the program on education module development



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the municipality. Held in partnership with Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Compostela Valley, the training was facilitated by DepEd's ICT Department. The training was divided into 4 sessions; Cybersafe; Computer Basic Networking; ICT Learning Action Cell; Educational Tools and Computer Teaching Techniques.

Sponsored children receive a new set of school supplies before the start of classes. In 2018, the activity benefitted over 13,000 students.



PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

As a child-focused organization, GNIP believes in every child's right to inclusive quality education ensuring no child must be left behind.

Following this pursuit, GNIP conducted different activities in the latter part of 2017 all under the banner of inclusive education.

Whether through teacher trainings, modules, or strategies, these activities are designed to promote inclusion by respecting and addressing learners' needs when it comes to disability, culture, and access to education.

As part of the efforts to make education inclusive for all children, GNIP

completed an orientation workshop on the System for Early Identification, Prevention, Intervention and Referral of Development Disorders and Disabilities among Children. Held in partnership with the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) as facilitators, the training was done to capacitate various key community workers and educators engaged in the education sector. The said activity provided a venue to enhance the capacity of the participants coming from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWD), focal persons from ECCD, Child Development Workers, Special Education (SpEd) teachers and kinder teachers especially in terms of the System for Early Identification Prevention, Intervention and Referral of Development Disorders and Disabilities among children.

Also in light of the goal to make education inclusive for all students, GNIP's Kilagding Longanapan CDP in Compostela Valley correspondingly conducted a Basic Training on Indigenous People (IP) Education for GNIP's HOPE Letter Project,

an education-gearred activity currently being implemented in the area.

The training introduced the different culture and practices of IPs in the area to educators and GNIP staff with the goal to increase cultural sensitivity when implementing programs that cut across the lines of culture, ethnicity, and religion, among others.

Following the culture-sensitivity training, a 3-day writeshop was held to review the IP Education Learning Guides being produced for the community-based learning center in the area. The activity was held in partnership with the Department of Education Division of Compostela Valley. Operating for cultural sensitivity, the review was done to make the learning guides inclusive for the Dibabawon Tribe of Laak — one of a number of indigenous groups living in the area.

Accommodating differences in culture and respecting cultural traditions, a groundbreaking ceremony was also

held for the GNIP-supported Learning Center being constructed in Barangay Longanapan, Laak in Compostela Valley. Prior to this, a groundbreaking tribal ritual was conducted as part of the spiritual belief of the Dibabawon Tribe and customary laws and culture.

Also in the area of inclusive education is the aim to make education accessible to those who are deprived of it due to financial capacity. GNIP aims to bridge the gap by providing activities on Non-formal Education, addressing the needs of out-of-school youth (OSY) and children.

In a 3-month activity of the Learning Center, OSYs in the sitios of San Isidro CDP in Rodriguez, Rizal took part in the non-formal education program. Facilitated by GNIP's Learning Center, it encouraged children to continue their studies while orienting parents about the importance of finishing one's education.

2017 IN REVIEW

53

TOTAL SCHOOLS SUPPORTED IN 2017

4

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTIONS AND RENOVATIONS

42

SCHOOLS GIVEN MATERIAL SUPPORT

7

GNIP-OPERATED SCHOOLS

1,426

LEARNING CENTER GRADUATES SINCE 2010



NEW SUPPLIES GIVEN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As a new school year approached last May, Good Neighbors Philippines held its annual school supplies distribution to over 13,000 sponsored children.

The provision of school supplies is part of GNIP's effort to support children in their educational needs as well as keep their interest in their schooling.

For the 2nd quarter of 2017, Good Neighbors was able to help 13,176 children receive their school kits in for the 2017-2018 school year.

ECCD FOCUSED ON TRAINING WORKSHOP

It is part of Good Neighbors' goal to advance quality education especially in areas where it may be improved. In an effort to do so, GNIP's community development project area in Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon conducted a training workshop last April 2017 attended by 40 day care workers in the area. The workshop tackled the National Early Learning Curriculum and the New Standards for Child Development.

Held in partnership with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, Municipal Social Welfare Office of Prieto Diaz and Early Childhood Care and Development Council, the training strengthened the capacity of teachers and community educators.



1 204 GNIP Learning Center graduates perform a song and dance presentation to celebrate their moving-up and graduation ceremony

204 STUDENTS HONORED IN LEARNING CENTER'S GRADUATION CEREMONY

Over 66 graduates and 138 moving up students from San Isidro and Southville Community Development Project areas in Rodriguez, Rizal graduated last April 2017.

The 66 graduate students are from the Good Neighbors Learning Centers These operate to provide accessible and quality early childhood education

in the area of San Isidro and Southville.

The Learning Centers are fully-operated by Good Neighbors where teachers prepare lessons plans and activities fit to the learning needs of students.

Kindergarten graduates will now pursue their learning as grade 1 students.

As a new school year started in June 2017, the GNIP learning centers continue to accommodate new students while nursery pupils moved up to the kindergarten program. This school year, GNIP has 106 students enrolled.

VOLUNTEERS LEND A HAND FOR EDUCATION IN TUTORIAL CLASS

Good Neighbors Philippines welcomes all volunteers who help build a better community with their time and talents.

This 2017, volunteers from Korea facilitated a tutorial class to 21 children of Biong Elementary School in Gigmoto, Catanduanes.

The tutorial class included fun and educational activities on learning the English language and even some Korean games.

The volunteer program of Good Neighbors Philippines is open to all local and international volunteers.

In the 2nd quarter, it continues to expand with volunteers helping out in the field of education and disaster risk reduction and management.





CHILD PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

GNIP also implements a comprehensive child protection program that will strengthen government strategies and will provide direct intervention to children who are most vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse.

Grounded on the values of empowerment, GNIP also advocates for the welfare of children through enabling ways. In such cases, there is a high regard to impart to children themselves ideas and knowledge on how to protect and uphold their own rights.

CRC STRENGTHENED IN SUMMER YOUTH CAMP 2017

With the goal of improving the capacity of organized youth groups to advocate for their rights, the Child Rights Club (CRC) of Guiuan Community Development Project (CDP) area in Guiuan, Eastern Samar attended a Summer Youth Camp last April 2017.

The training tackled Youth Development Sessions as well as leadership and social responsibility topics.

Visitors from the Youth Association of the Philippines and from the Waray-Waray Youth Advocates graced the event as resource speakers.

As an organized youth group, Guiuan CRC also took the opportunity to come up with their own Plan of Action for 2017-2018.

The plan was presented with their target advocacy activities aimed to raise action and awareness on child rights. The group even started initiatives through the summer youth camp itself wherein a forum on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR), a pressing issue affecting children and youth today, was discussed.

Overall, the activity met numerous goals including strengthening the bond of the youth group's members, increasing their capacity to advocate for their rights as children, as well as strengthening partnerships with local networks.

This includes the Department of Social Welfare (DSWD), National High Schools in the area of Guiuan, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Local Government Unit of Sulangan, Guiuan.



CRCS REACH OUT AND GIVE BACK IN A RECENTLY HELD CRC-INITIATED OUTREACH

Southville CRCs reached out and gave back to children and the elderly in a recent CRC Outreach held last February 25. Over 25 CRC members brought joy to 16 people sheltered in Bahay Aruga. Bahay Aruga is a center for children and the elderly in San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal.

With the CRC's visit, Bahay Aruga Admin Aid John Verba and Houseparent Mary Ann Tiamzon expressed their gratitude as CRC donated items for the center such as school supplies and food packages. Lolos and lolas were likewise appreciative of the CRC's effort to facilitate activities and games for them and the children.

The outreach activity was also an enjoyable opportunity for GNIP's CRCs. They voluntarily joined and mingled with everyone in the shelter during the games and activities. As the activity was initiated by the club themselves, it was also an opportunity for them to learn about organizing activities.

CRCs themselves purchased and prepared snacks, rendered some songs and encouraged the shelter children to join them in the singing.

Upholding their right to participation and involvement, CRCs truly enjoyed the activity and even expressed their excitement over the next one.

GNIP ENCOURAGES CHILD PARTICIPATION IN KIDDIE CORRESPONDENTS, A YOUTH-LED MEDIA PROGRAM

Upholding every child's right to express and be heard, Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) conducted a four-day media workshop for children.

The training was attended by 30 representatives across all the supported community development project (CDP) areas of GNIP. The training improved participants' knowledge on media and journalism while introducing how these can be used as tools to further their advocacy on child rights.

Dubbed as “Kiddie Correspondents,” youth reporters from GNIP-supported areas were trained and encouraged to report the truth about issues affecting their rights as children.

Over 30 youth participants from different provinces nationwide attended the event held May 2017 at Sequoia Hotel in Quezon City; some participants even represented indigenous people communities in Compostela Valley, Mindanao.

Workshop discussions revolved on news writing, photojournalism, and digital and social media and were facilitated by University of the Philippines Professor Larissa Suarez, Subselfie.com Editor-in-Chief and GMA NewsTV Reporter Bam Alegre, TechSoup Asia-Pacific Project



1 Selected CRC membes learn from veterans on the field of journalism in the Kiddie Correspondents Media Workshop

2 The workshop focused on capacitating and empowering children to uphold their rights through media and advocacy

3 GNIP launches the CRVS campaign with a mascot-naming contest, advocating for proper birth registration

4 Child celebrity guests Darren Espanto and Elha Nympha grace GNIP's annual event for child rights through a song performance

Coordinator Jed Adao and Philippine Daily Inquirer Photojournalist and Photo Editor Rem Zamora.

In addition to these guest speakers, Kiddie Correspondents also received inspiration on campus journalism from their ates and kuyas in The Guidon, the student publication of the Ateneo de Manila University; they also gained valuable insights on public journalism from Center for Community Journalism and Development (CCJD) Executive Director Red Batario who stressed the risks and role of journalism in protecting human rights, including those of children.



GOOD NEIGHBORS PHILIPPINES ENGAGED IN NATIONAL-LEVEL CAMPAIGNS FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Ever since the issue on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility was raised, Good Neighbors has been closely monitoring its developments and updates.

A bill was proposed pushing for the lowering of the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 years old down to 9 years old.

As a child rights organization, GNIP recognized that such a decision would bring about detrimental effects to children who are in conflict with the law instead of solving the issue it aims to address.

Part of its campaign efforts were joining other networks who share the same advocacy in order to strengthen its voice and message; GNIP also conducted and hosted learning sessions where the issue was further discussed. These continued until the 2nd quarter of 2017 with the Guiuan Field Office incorporating the campaign in its school supplies distribution activity. Guiuan Field Office tackled this alongside another pressing issue of the CRVS or the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, a campaign pushing for all Filipino children to be legally registered.

Aside from Guiuan Field Office, Laak also supported the campaign in its Youth Development Council Summer Camp last May. Basic Child Rights, MACR and a symposium on strengthening the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) were done in Barangay Kilagding, Laak, Compostela Valley.

Good Neighbors Philippines has also been present in the review of the substitute bill for MACR. Campaign efforts were successful as the resolution ditched the proposal to lower the MACR, but rather proposed amendments strengthening the existing Juvenile Justice Act of 2006.

In addition to the MACR campaign, GNIP is also present and active in the CRVS campaign -- a campaign upholding every child's right to birth registration; this includes engaging in exploratory meetings with policy makers for CRVS.

CHILD PROTECTION

As part of GNIP's advocacy, a comprehensive child protection program is being implemented. Under this sector, projects aim to strengthen government strategies and provide direct intervention to children who are most vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse.



1 Children pose for a photo in front of an exhibit raising awareness on the issue of MACR, Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility

CICL WORKSHOP IN PRDZ

While GNIP stays true to its mandate to protect children and their rights through the organization-led activities,

GNIP believes in capacitating key members in the community to ensure sustainability, empowerment and self-reliance when it comes to protecting the community's children.

Continuing in the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2017, GNIP maintained its commitment by working with partners and community members.

In Prieto Diaz CDP, a workshop was held to strengthen child protection at the barangay level. The training was attended by members of the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) and other key representatives from different sectors.

The workshop focused on handling children in conflict with the law (CICL). The said training provided an avenue to have a deeper understanding on CICL and the proper ways how to handle such cases and clientele. Also, as part of the training, participants gained knowledge on proper intervention and case flow in terms of handling Children in Conflict with the Law at the barangay level.

In another BCPC activation and strengthening activity, Guiuan CDP re-oriented 14 barangay members on the importance of child protection and ways child protection issues can be addressed at the barangay level. The activity was conducted in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Governance, Municipal Social Welfare Development Office and Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. The objective of the activity is to re-orient the Barangay Council on the protection of children. Members in 14 barangays namely,

Barangay Ngolos, Baras, Cantahay, Sapao, Salug, Alingarog, Bucao, Cagdarao, Lupok, Mayana, San Pedro, Camparang, San Juan, San Antonio in Guiuan CDP took part in the initiative.

SCHOOL-BASED CP TRAINING IN SOUTHVILLE CDP

On the other hand, Southville CDP conducted a school-based child protection training last December. To implement the activity, GNIP invited speakers from Childfam-Possibilities Psychosocial Services. The facilitators were tasked to conduct a 3-day training to Child Protection Committee members of GNIP's 3 partner schools in the area.

The training started with an introduction to the role of the participants as advocates of child rights.

The Department of Education's (DepEd) child protection policy was also discussed together with the signs, symptoms and long term effects of children in crisis. Basic listening skills, topics on child protection committee and linkages were also discussed.

CHILD PROTECTION PROMOTED IN SV ORIENTATION

Over 40 participants from various target groups attended an Orientation on Management of Child Abuse Cases as organized by GNIP's Southville CDP area in Rodriguez, Rizal.

The activity was held on June 2 and was attended by representatives from LGU BCPC and VAWC, Women's Desk, barangay officials, elementary and high schools in the area of San Isidro, Southville, and Saguingan, the area's homeowners association, Community Development Council (CDC) members and Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF), GNIP staff from San Isidro and Southville, Children's Mission Philippines, Norwegian Mission Alliance, GNIP Learning teachers, guardians of sponsored children, and representatives from the Municipal Social Welfare Development office (MSWDO).

Invited as a resource speaker was Good Neighbors PHL Board of Trustees Member and former undersecretary of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Mrs. Lourdes G. Balanon, who discussed four topics on the issue.

Specifically, the speaker discussed what child abuse is and what its forms are. The discussion also included topics on the abuser and the reasons for child abuse.

This was followed by a discussion led by Rodriguez MSWDO Representative Ms. Erica Camacho tackling the Philippine laws of child abuse and DSWD's role in the issue.

The orientation was held to further strengthen and campaign child rights and child protection especially to community members, authorities, volunteers, and existing NGOs interacting with children.



HEALTH

Health Programs of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) are geared towards providing quality health services to GNIP communities, especially to children and pregnant women.

Health interventions include the provisions of medical supplies, equipment and services, the construction of community health centers, and the implementation of health awareness campaigns.

Through these projects, GNIP aims to increase the quality of health services and support for the improvement of nutritional status in communities where GNIP operate.

Through the Health program, GNIP aims to contribute in strengthening the health system of its covered communities that ensure individual's physical, mental and social well-being.

PROMOTING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

RIGHT TO HEALTH PROMOTED THROUGH ACCESSIBLE HEALTH SERVICES

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) envisions a country where Filipino children can benefit from their right to good quality health care. Thus, starting with its CDP areas, GNIP promotes access to appropriate health services by supporting health facilities and appropriate health systems.

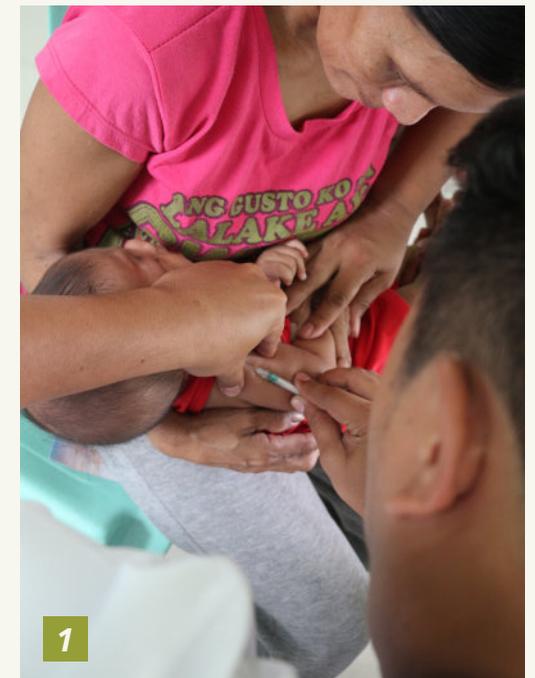
In its field areas nationwide, GNIP operates numerous health centers. These health centers were established to make health care accessible not only location-wise but also in terms of cost.

In Southville CDP, GNIP-supported health centers continued its operations throughout 2017. Clinic nurses and GNIP-employed staff attended to all patients by performing vital signs taking and health education. Patients were taught to manage their illnesses and correct misconceptions about the inappropriate use of medications.

Cases needing first aid treatments were also managed while cases needing further evaluations by specialists were referred.

SICDP supported the operations of Health Centers in Balagbag and Pintor. In the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2017, Balagbag health center accommodated over 528 patients needing medical and health services including Immunization, Pre-Natal Checkup, Family Planning, Consultation, TB Control Program, BP Monitoring, Weight Monitoring, Deworming/ Vitamin A, Post-Partum.

In addition, Pintor health center were already able to attend to over 335 medical interventions despite opening just recently in 2017.



1 The first patient of Pintor Health Center -- an infant receiving immunization shots after the center's blessing and opening ceremony.

Medicines and vitamins were also provided to the 3 health centers in Balagbag, Pintor and Basecamp. More than 1, 855 various medicines and vitamins for children and adults were supplied in December 2017 alone.



- 1 A sponsored child consults a volunteer doctor during the Annual Medical Check-up in Tingloy, Batangas
- 2 A queue of sponsored children as they wait for their turn to be examined during the medical check-up
- 3 A sponsored child receives free bottles of medicine after consultation, while a GNIP CSF volunteer assists her during the check-up
- 4 Volunteer doctors and partner hospitals and agencies provide assistance and services for the medical check-up

ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECKUP

Ensuring over 13,000 sponsored children receive access to good quality health care, GNIP annually conducts its annual medical checkup activity.

In the last quarter of 2017, GNIP completed the annual checkup of over 13,000 sponsored children with health services ranging from physical health checkup, dental checkup, and referrals to appropriate health agencies if needed.

During its conduct, GNIP tapped both private and government agencies as partners for the activity. In Tingloy CDP alone, over 882 sponsored children, and even 469 non-sponsored children were served last October 2017 -- the activity was done in partnership with Lion's International Club, Manila Achievers and Manila Campus Achievers, Rural Health Unit, Department of Health of Batangas, Local Government Unit (LGU), Barangay LGU, Barangay Health Workers, and GNIP's Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSFs).

HALFWAY HOME IN GIGMOTO

Establishment of Halfway Home Maternal Facility in Gigmoto CDP

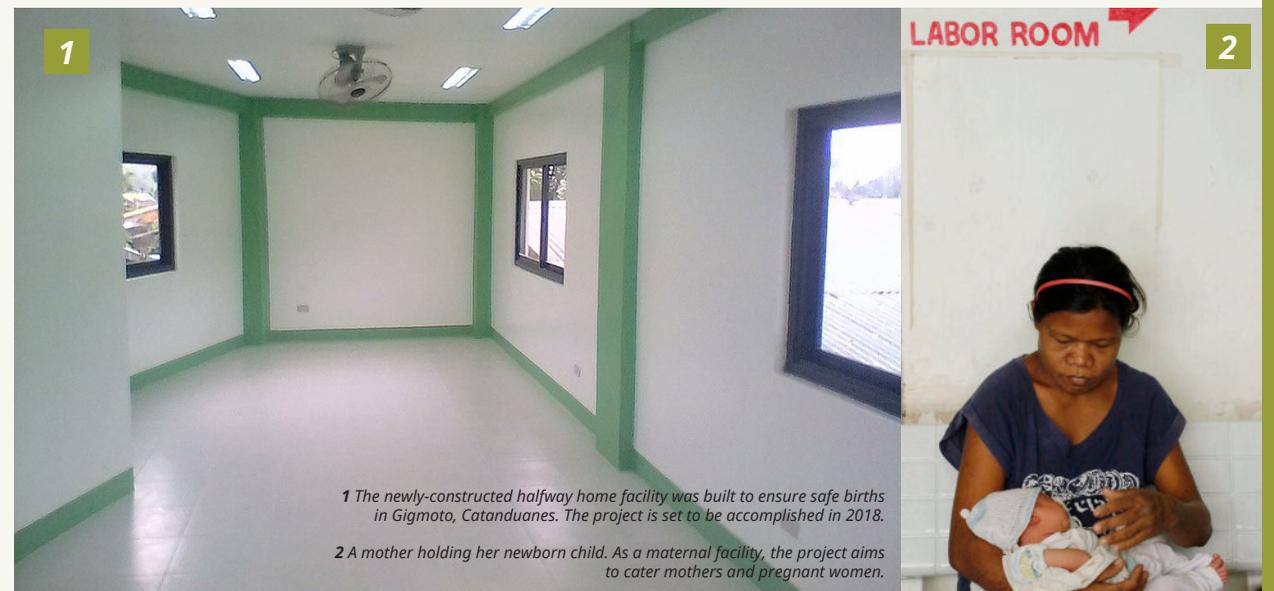
In line with the goal to make good quality health care accessible to community members, GNIP established a Halfway Home Maternal Facility in one of the GNIP CDP areas of Gigmoto, Catanduanes.

The newly-built facility is aimed to ensure safe births in rural upland communities of Gigmoto wherein birthing facilities were previously far-flung and inaccessible.

Called as the Halfway Home, the facility was built to house pregnant mothers who are near labor, ensuring they have access to safe and appropriate birthing facilities and services.

Overall, it aims to improve child mortality, reduce birth complications, and improve health of pregnant mothers in the area.

As part of the program, GNIP also started building the capacity of health workers serving the Halfway Home facility. 9 participants completed a 5-day Training of Trainers wherein they learned topics on Early Childhood Care and Development in the First 1000 Days as spearheaded by the National Nutrition Council (NNC). The program aimed to strengthen the delivery of key interventions on health, nutrition, social services and early learning to help in the achievement of optimum growth and development of the child.



- 1 The newly-constructed halfway home facility was built to ensure safe births in Gigmoto, Catanduanes. The project is set to be accomplished in 2018.
- 2 A mother holding her newborn child. As a maternal facility, the project aims to cater mothers and pregnant women.

Kids pose with hygiene kits given during the kids day and medical checkup



GNIP, LG MAKE LIFE GOOD FOR CHILDREN IN BULACAN

On June 22, Good Neighbors Philippines, in partnership with LG Electronics Philippines held a medical mission and kids day for children in Barangay Sto. Rosario, Hagonoy, Bulacan.

In addition to the previously conducted medical mission with LG from the previous weeks, over 89 children and 89 parents received free medical check-ups and medicines in the 2nd leg of the activity.

The medical check-up was followed by a kid's day,

advocating for children's right to play and participate.

The kid's day included activity booths for children such as storytelling, building block stations, creation of coin banks, proper hand washing and toothbrushing booths, and teaching kids basic first aid.

LG's inflatable castle was also enjoyed by kids who attended the activity. Over 100 children were also given free hygiene kits for hygiene promotion.

Present in the event were Good Neighbors staff, Good Neighbors community partners, and LG Representatives.



Working in communities, GNIP aim not only to provide comprehensive health services, but also to ensure all sectors of the community are represented and participative in health programs.

IN PHOTO: Community stakeholders attend the blessing and opening ceremony of the newly-built Pintor Health Center. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Local Government Unit (LGU) office, Department of Health (DOH) in Rizal, community volunteers, GNIP representatives and community people.

MENTAL HEALTH INCLUDED IN GNIP'S HEALTH PROMOTION

Mental Health Seminar for High School Students in Southville CDP

The World Health Organization (WHO) defined human health as a state of complete well-being not only limited to physical and social health, but also mental well-being.

In this sense, GNIP promotes good quality health care by also advocating mental health as part of its health programs and services.

In a Mental Health Seminar attended by High School students in Southville CDP, Childfam Possibilities Psychosocial Services conducted a 1-day lecture entitled, "Keep Calm and Carry On" for 30 participants involving high school students and teachers.

The seminar tackled basic mental health, focusing on depression, suicide and basic life care. A mental health survey was conducted among 200 students prior to the seminar in relation to the seminar.

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HEALTH FACILITIES
SUPPORTED AND OPERATED

174

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
WORKING FOR SUPPORTED
HEALTH FACILITIES

12,433

CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES
OF THE MEDICAL
AND DENTAL CHECKUP

16

HEALTH CAMPAIGNS
IMPLEMENTED

Junior Senior High School Students and teachers help in serving food to beneficiaries during the launch of a supplemental feeding program





WaSH

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

The objective of GNIP in the sector of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) is to provide sustainable and equitable access to safe water and hygiene facilities in the different GNIP community development project (CDP) areas.

By identifying the need of each community, WASH programs are developed and implemented, including WASH campaigns, safe water development projects, and construction of hygiene and latrine facilities.

Tied with the health sector, GNIP hopes that WaSH programs can improve hygiene and sanitation practices within the community as well as contribute to the decline in the incidence of water-related diseases.

Through the WaSH Program, GNIP aims to improve access to safe water and encourage proper hygiene and sanitation practices in communities.

CLEAN AND SAFE WATER DELIVERED TO MORE COMMUNITIES

GNIP's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector started 2017 by continuing to uphold every child and community's right to clean and safe water. In its supported areas of Tingloy, Prieto Diaz and Laak, various water systems were installed for communities in need of potable and accessible safe water. Placed in communities and school areas, water systems ranged from deep and shallow wells to hand pumps. The separate projects benefited over 67 households in Laak, Compostela Valley, 487 households in Prieto Diaz, and 115 students of Corona Primary School in Tingloy, Batangas.

Throughout the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2017, GNIP implemented numerous WASH projects. In Prieto Diaz CDP, a deep well was upgraded to Level II water supply. Meanwhile in Guiuan CDP, 2 water facilities were turned-over specifically in the barangays of Trinidad and Sapao. These water facilities aim to bring safe and potable to the area.

Through these WASH projects, accessibility to safe water is not only improved but quality health and sanitary conditions are also targeted by preventing water borne diseases.

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4,355

BENEFICIARIES OF HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION

2

WASH FACILITIES NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR INSTALLED

6

WASH FACILITIES RENOVATED OR REPAIRED

8

TOTAL NEWLY SUPPORTED WASH FACILITIES

WATER SYSTEMS UPGRADED AND INSTALLED

Various installation projects of water systems were also accompanied by an orientation on proper handwashing and dental hygiene.

Apart from installing WASH facilities, GNIP also promotes ownership within communities when it comes to addressing their need for safe, accessible water.

In Barangay Timala, Guiuan CDP, BAWASA -- a water association was formed, to help the community maintain the water facility. The group crafted their own policies and guidelines to ensure the facility's sustainability.

In Aginaldo CDP, a training on safe water usage was conducted. The training was held in partnership with Rural Health Unit and Barangay Local Government Unit.

This aimed to educate the Barangay Health Workers and sponsored families in protecting the water source and proper sanitation and storage of water for drinking purposes of households.



Students of Corona Primary School in Tingloy, Batangas practice proper handwashing in an installed water system in their school



INCOME GENERATION

As a child-centered organization, GNIP ensures that children meet their right to a standard of living fit to their physical, social, and mental needs. This can be achieved by developing self-sufficiency and sustainability within families where children belong.

Through the Income Generation (IG) program, GNIP builds economic capacity and stability, contributing to an overall increase of the families' economic condition.

Ventures under the IG program are needs-based livelihood projects operating to make communities economically functional and sustainable. Aside from its economic objective, livelihood programs also develop the skills of its members while utilizing local materials and resources within their respective communities.

Through the IG Program, GNIP aims to contribute in uplifting the socio-economic condition of families and communities through sustainable income generating projects owned by empowered and socially responsible people's organizations.

SAVINGS GROUPS FORMED, ENHANCED IN DIFFERENT GNIP CDP AREAS

Aimed to increase economic resilience of community members in GNIP areas, various saving groups were either formed or enhanced in Pugad, Sagrada Familia, Prieto Diaz, and Laak CDPs.

Facilitated by the Income Generation (IG) sector, saving groups were created to improve community understanding and knowledge on savings and loans programs.



Through the formation of savings groups, GNIP hopes that parents will eventually have sustained access to financial resources to provide for basic needs of their families and also to develop livelihood opportunities within the community.

Throughout the three areas of Pugad, Laak, and Sagrada Familia, over 75 parents joined the newly-formed savings groups in the first quarter of 2017, with 21, 33 and 21 members respectively. On the other hand, 20 members of Prieto Diaz Savings Group were reoriented last April 18 as the group enters the 2nd cycle of the program.

CAPABILITY TRAININGS ENHANCE IG STAFF, IG GROUPS' SKILLS

Various capability trainings were conducted in the first quarter of the year for the Income Generation (IG) sector. Trainings were held not only for income generating groups (IGGs) but also for GNIP IG field staff.

Last March 31, 11 IGG and 6 CDC members of Barangay Tibaguin, Hagonoy, Bulacan enhanced their finance management skills in a training conducted in their area.

The training tackled the current situation and function of the income generating group identified the group's business needs versus wants; and taught the group skills on proper bookkeeping and financial management.

In addition, GNIP's own IG staff also enhanced their skills in a Training of Trainers activity conducted last March 13-17 in partnership with Missional Business Center (MBC) at CAMP Asia, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan.

From the training, 6 GNIP IG implementers are now full-fledged trainers for Generate Your Business (GYB) and Start Your Business (SYB) modules. Staff also evaluated the business plans of the IGGs in their areas for further enhancement.

KIDS AND ADULTS LEARN FINANCIAL LITERACY IN SAVINGS PROGRAM

Various savings group activities were done in 2nd quarter through the efforts of various GNIP field offices. In Aguineldo, Laak, Compostela Valley, the Women of Aguineldo Association for Savings (WAgAS) met for a group meeting while the Mag-Agbay Savings Association (MagASA) was also formed.

In Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon, various activities were conducted from April to June for the Diamond Savings Group, San Antonio Women's Savings Group, San Isidro Rural Improvement Club, and CSF Savings group. The activities ranged from orientations to financial literacy and training workshops.

Instilling financial literacy at a young age, Sagrada Familia and Pugad-Tibaguin in Hagonoy, Bulacan also held a Kiddie Savings training for children in sponsored communities. The savings training aims to teach children the value of money saving.

All efforts to teach savings to the community aims to build understanding on the benefits of Savings Program as a form of security. It also aims to encourage and influence behavior towards financial awareness and collective efforts for savings groups.



1



2



3

1 Children paint their own coin banks to encourage good financial practices at a young age

2 Organic swines will be raised by SPOFA. The offspring will be passed to other SPOFA members so they can also raise their own hogs as another source of income.

3 GYB training participants in Special Barangay Mag-agbay pose with their business workbooks

PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO EXPLORE BUSINESS IDEAS IN GYB AND IG TRAINING

As every child deserves a standard of living that meets their basic needs, Good Neighbors aims to improve the financial capacity of supported families through livelihood or income generating programs (IGPs).

Various IGP efforts were done in the 2nd Quarter including 31 San Pedro Organic Farmers Association members and participants completing 3 days of training on Bio-Intensive Gardening and Organic Swine Production in Gigmoto, Catanduanes.

In Kilagding and Longanapan, Laak in Compostela Valley, 36 attendees participated in a Generate Your Business (GYB) training in June 2017.

As most of the community people were not able to continue their high school education, the training will practically augment their knowledge and skills on basic financial management.

This is foreseen to be highly beneficial for income generating projects and savings group operations.

The training discussed the basic concept of a business. Business capability and experiences were also tackled as participants explore their own business ideas. To enhance the business ideas' production, field research activities within the community were also done tapping into the own community's natural resources. Based on the skills gathered from the training, an organized income generating group consisting of sponsored and non-sponsored families from the community will be trained on business and livelihood skills.

A community member poses for a photo in one of the vegetable farms supported by GNIP



TRAININGS AND TRADE FAIRS

In part of GNIP's mission to empower communities to be self-sufficient, various Income Generating (IG) projects from numerous GNIP-supported areas were continued and established in 2017.

The IG projects give communities an opportunity to have additional sources of income and learn new skills.

TRAINING ON MIDRIB PLATE MAKING IN LAAK

In Laak CDP, selected community members, specifically from the Mag-agbay Savings Group, underwent training on coconut midrib plate making. The training aimed to

develop the skills and knowledge of parents from both GNIP-sponsored and non-sponsored families. 9 trainees were able to successfully finish the 5-day training and were able to acquire the skills in making the product.

FRAMING AND COATING OF BULI PRODUCTS IN TINGLOY

In Tingloy CDP, the *Tingloy Manggagawa ng Buli* (TiMBULI) group was formed out of the abundance of existing *buli* resources in the area. In the previous years, group members attended trainings wherein they learned to make crafts and furniture out of Buli leaves. The group's output underwent a series of assessments and further consultations as part of product development.

By the 4th quarter of 2017, the group was able to proceed to the finishing phase producing quality *buli* tiles as the end-product, usually used for architectural and interior design. The tiles were coated and framed now to be used as sample products to be marketed to potential buyers.

HOG RAISING IN SAN ISIDRO

In San Isidro CDP, IG groups in the area initiated a Hog Raising Project. In partnership with GNIP, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing was done last December. The MOA detailed the counterpart of GNIP and the GPSA IG group's role in running the livelihood project.

Through the partnership, GNIP hopes to teach economic and business

independence to group with the goal of eventually making them self-sustaining.

REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL TRADE FAIR OF ABACA PRODUCTS OF GIGMOTO

In Gigmoto CDP, the Gigmoto Abaca Twine Makers IG group participated in various trade fairs last October. The group showcased their products of abaca hot pads and abaca boxes. The products made by the group were initially displayed during the Regional Trade Fair in held in SM Megamall, Metro Manila last Oct 5-8. Due to the trade fair's success, Department of Trade and Industry-Virac again invited the group to display their products in another trade fair, the Provincial Festival-Catandungan Fest in Virac.

CONTAINER GARDENING SEMINAR

As support to GNIP's Health Sector and in partnership with the Department of Education, GNIP's Income Generating sector held a Container Gardening Seminar for the Vegetable Gardening School Project in Tingloy, Batangas.

Students of Tingloy National High School were taught to grow vegetables in containers, to properly design gardens, and to learn inter-cropping and proper grouping of crops.

The training was done to develop vegetable gardening in the area and promote healthy, nutritious, low-cost meals for the students.



CASE STUDY

IG OPPORTUNITY, A SUCCESSFUL CATCH FOR KUFA MEMBERS OPERATING AN INLAND FISHERY PROJECT

“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; show him how to catch fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”

Indeed, nothing is truer for the members of the Kilagding Upland Farmers Association (KUFA) of Laak, Compostela Valley who are now operating an inland fishery project.

Organized as an income generating group (IGG), these fishermen learned that the way to uplift one’s economic status in not necessarily served on a silver platter; rather, one needs to make the sincere effort and commitment to catch and harvest the opportunity.

2 years after its conceptualization, Good Neighbors Philippines revisited the IGG which was formed in 2015. Located in the mountainous region of Laak, the terrain of Kilagding is paved to be a difficult trek for visitors of the community as roads stretch to hectares of land and mud. However, tucked in a quiet part of the mountains, one would not suspect a tilapia cage used to culture the produce of KUFA fishermen.

In our visit, we chanced upon KUFA Board of Director and caretaker Amado Ambos tediously tending to the cage. Amadao recalled how KUFA developed as a livelihood opportunity with the help of Good Neighbors since 2015 – from the

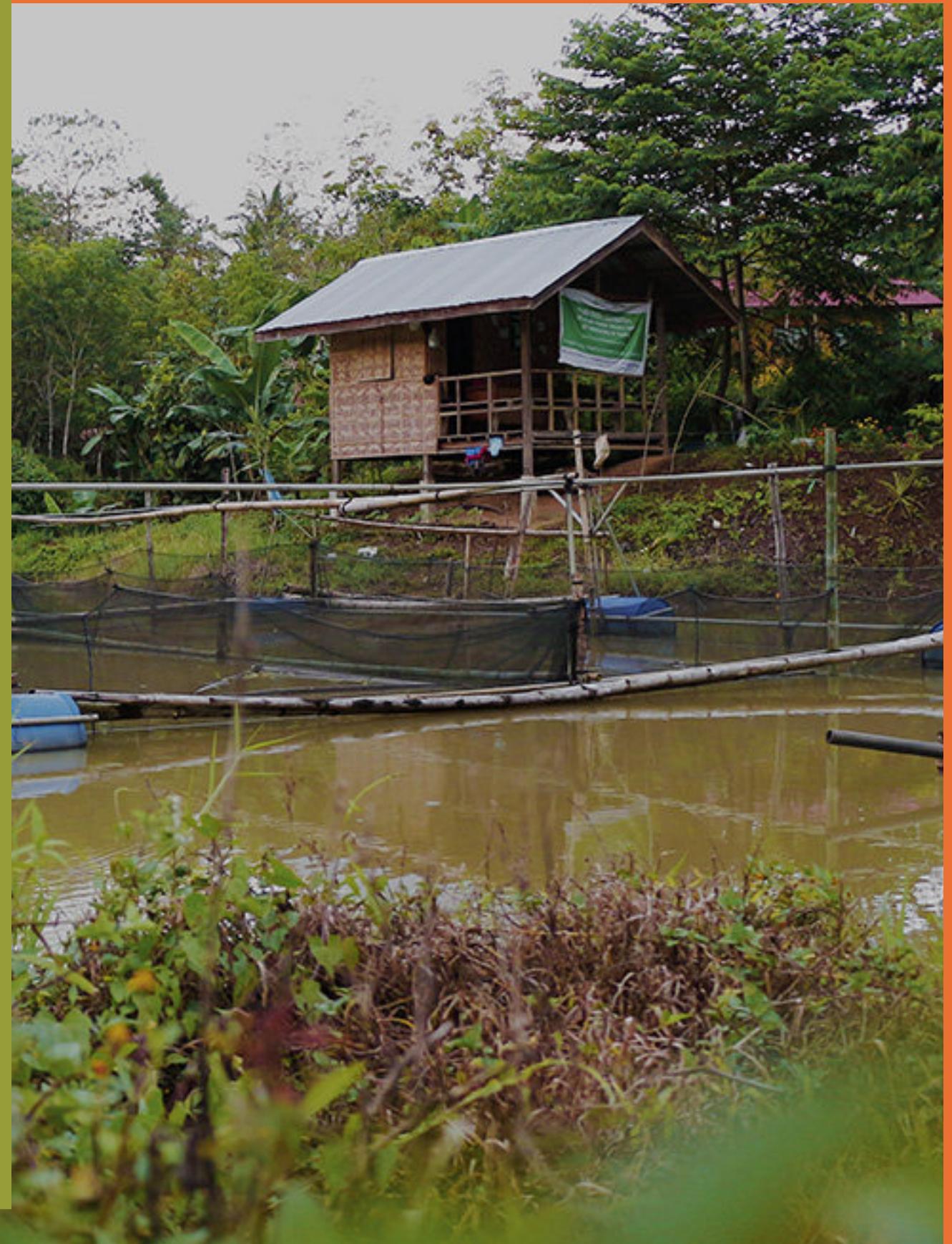
construction of their loaned warehouse in 2016 to the purchase of their post-harvest supplies. He shares how the 1st harvesting of tilapia fish products was successfully done with the active participation of the association members; indeed, they were able to sell all the harvested products within the community.

Now in 2017, KUFA has been active in forming partnerships with other local agencies to further develop their project.

One successful partnership was with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). As a partner, KUFA was engaged in the research of BFAR on the culture of 700 fish fingerlings wherein KUFA’s 5x10 meters cage was used a hatchery for the experiment. In exchange for their help, BFAR provides free training and fingerlings to KUFA members.

Despite their success, KUFA has yet to surpass challenges in their growing livelihood project including securing fish feeds which is currently not available in Laak. KUFA members have to travel to Tagum City for the fish feeds, adding to the group’s operational expenses.

Regardless of difficulties and the laborious work, KUFA members have shown their relentless cooperation and commitment for the success of the IG project. Certainly, kilos and kilos of fish are not just the harvest for these fishermen. Aside from the caught fish, they also caught a chance to uplift their families’ standard of living and quality of life.





Abaca twine produced by income generating groups in Gigmoto, Catanduanes

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CAPACITY BUILDING
AND SKILLS TRAINING
ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

24

TOTAL NUMBER OF
INCOME GENERATING
PROJECT (IGP) GROUPS

30

TOTAL NUMBER
OF EXISTING
SAVINGS GROUPS

SAN ISIDRO

RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL

vegetables and other organic products
dry goods and frozen goods

SOUTHVILLE

RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL

mushroom growing
vetiver handicrafts
meat products

PUGAD-TIBAGUIN

HAGONOY, BULACAN

fish drying

TINGLOY

TINGLOY ISLAND, BATANGAS

bread and cakes
buri made furniture

GIGMOTO

CATANDUANES

abaca trading
abaca twine, bacnoc and lupis making
organic backyard gardening

PRIETO DIAZ

SORSOGON

vegetable farming
rice farming
seaweed products
medicine and health care products
poultry

GUIUAN

EASTERN SAMAR

tire recapping
commodity store

LAAK

COMPOSTELA VALLEY

cultured tilapia fish
pork meat
corn mill



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

GNIP recognizes that environmental factors, as well as the accessibility to energy, greatly contribute to a child's well-being and development. Both factors affect a community's quality of life.

The projects of the environment sector are integrated into other GNIP programs. These range from income generation, health, and even to disaster risk reduction and management.

Through the Energy and Environment program, GNIP aims to make renewable energy sources accessible.

In turn, GNIP hopes that this will open opportunities for development of children and families in GNIP covered communities.

GNIP PARTICIPATES IN ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS FOR 2ND QUARTER

GNIP has always made its effort to support initiatives of national and local government units for children's welfare.

In the 2nd quarter of 2017, different GNIP offices from its various community development project areas joined numerous government-led environment activities.

In April 2017, Laak field staff from Laak, Compostela Valley attended the 1st Summit for Tagum-Libuganon River Basin initiated by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Mindanao Development Authority. Together with the government offices, GNIP pledged its commitment and support for the sustainable management of the river basin which affects the GNIP-supported area in Laak, Compostela Valley.

Aside from GNIP's pledge to environmental protection, Laak field staff also participated in the tree planting activity together with the local government of Laak in celebration of National Environment Month last June while Guiuan field office participated in the coastal clean-up drive initiated by the municipal government of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

SET OF CONSULTATION MEETINGS SIGNALS THE START OF SOLAR PROJECT IN TINGLOY

A set of consultation meetings for the Solar Energy Project was held in Tingloy Island, Batangas.

Due to the lack of power supply in the area, Good Neighbors Philippines started its Solar Project for certain areas in the island municipality.

The consultation meetings introduced the solar project to the community including an orientation on the program's goals, objectives, background and implementation.

An introduction on solar energy through the use of solar panels was also discussed during the meetings with community members.

The Solar Energy Project in Tingloy is targeting to reach 40 households with 20 households in Sitio Capiz, Barangay Papaya and 20 households in Sitio Bago, Barangay Talahib.

INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS

The Solar Energy Project continued its expansion in the latter part of 2017.

Now reaching areas as far as Gigmoto CDP in Catanduanes, GNIP aims to bring light to lives of more families and communities.

In Gigmoto CDP, Public Address Systems (PAS) used to signal incoming disasters

in the area are now solar-powered through GNIP's initiative.

Several communities in San Isidro and Tingloy CDPs also continue to benefit from the previously installed solar panels in their area.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Increasing awareness on proper waste management, GNIP provided eco-carts to Sagrada Familia CDP in Hagonoy, Bulacan. Prior to the turnover of the eco-carts, GNIP had a short input with 28 Solid Waste Committee members. The input

discussed the significance of proper waste management especially in communities. Over 1,675 households are targeted to benefit from the provision.

Aside from this, GNIP also conducted 4 awareness campaigns on proper waste management. These are in Gigmoto, Pugad-Tibaguin, Sagrada Familia and Southville.

TREE PLANTING

Tree planting activities were conducted by GNIP community areas in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2017.

Addressing the pressing need to conserve the environment, community members came together to protect biodiversity.

In Hagonoy, Bulacan, GNIP joined a partnership with One Tree, One Child People's Organization. Together with the Municipal Local Government Unit and the Barangay Local Government Unit of Tibaguin, 400 seedlings were planted in the seashores of the area.

Aside from Hagonoy, Aguineldo and Kilagding-Longanapan CDPs also conducted an awareness campaign on tree planting. In addition to raising awareness on the significance of environmental conservation, environmental issues were discussed to participating children.

¹ Household beneficiaries pose for a photo during the solar panel turnover ceremony in Tingloy, Batangas



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NEW SOLAR HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES

13

NEW SOLAR-SUPPORTED FACILITIES

11

ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS

5 Tree Planting Activities
4 Waste Management Campaigns
2 Clean-up Drives

SHARING LIGHT, CHANGING LIVES

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) initiated a **SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT** in San Isidro Community Development Project (CDP) in Rodriguez, Rizal through the installation of Solar Home System – an off-grid solar power system capable of up to 100 watts.

Implemented in areas that have no access to electricity for more than 10 years, the project carried the goal of improving the quality of living in the community through the use of solar renewable energy.

IN PHOTO: Without electricity, students are forced to study and read in the dark.

The project aims to improve the academic performance of the students and sponsored children, to hone the community organizing and management capabilities of the Community Development Council (CDC), and to promote a community of secured and safe environment against violence and various crimes.

San Isidro CDP has chosen two (2) pilot project areas where the project was implemented namely, Sitio Balagbag and Sitio Upper Pintor.

2015

The project started in August 2015 where a series of **consultation meetings** in the community were conducted to ensure that the consent and opinions of community members were heard and gathered and also to determine the feasibility of the project.

There were eighty (80) beneficiaries coming from the two (2) pilot areas and all are sponsored families, as the main proponent of the project.

During the implementation stage of the project, GNIP **worked with the community and other stakeholders**. Involvement of the target communities especially on the decision making is one of the key strategies in pursuing the project.

Under also this project, **two associations were organized as primary partners** of the project namely, Balagbag Solar Energy Project Association and Upper Pintor Solar Energy Project Association. The two associations are in charge of the monthly collection of the payment for the Solar Home System per family. Two members, one from each association, were also **trained** in the maintenance of the solar home system.

2017

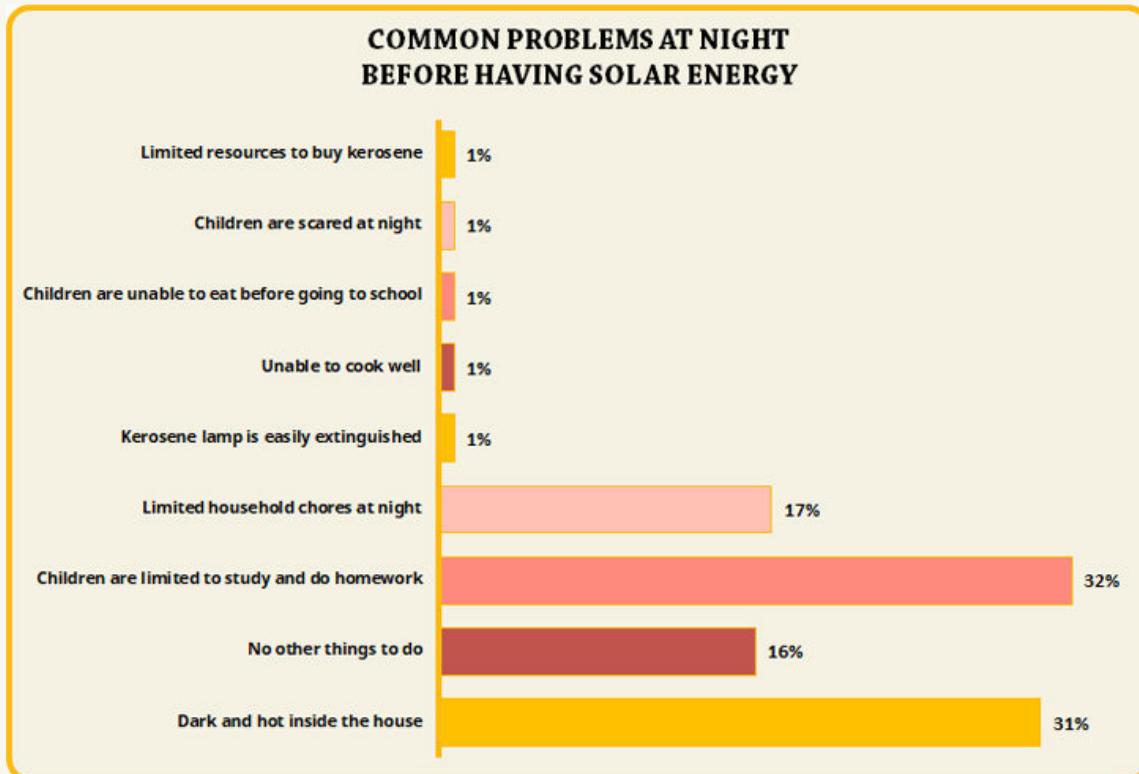
In 2017, GNIP conducted an evaluation to determine the changes in the quality of life among the beneficiaries of the Good Solar Energy Project.

The evaluation aims

1. To determine if there is any **progress in the academic performance** of sponsored children after the installation of the solar energy source;
2. To know if there is an **improvement in the community organizing and management** of the CDC;
3. To identify the sense of **security and safety** at household level against violence and various crimes; and
4. To know if there are **unexpected outputs** of the projects

The evaluation methods used were the following: 1) Documents review of Project Plan, Monthly Operational Reports and Report Cards of the sponsored children; 2) Series of focus group discussions with sponsored children, sponsored parents, Community Development Council and non-beneficiaries; 3) Household survey with 62 beneficiaries from Sitio Balagbag and Sitio Upper Pintor.

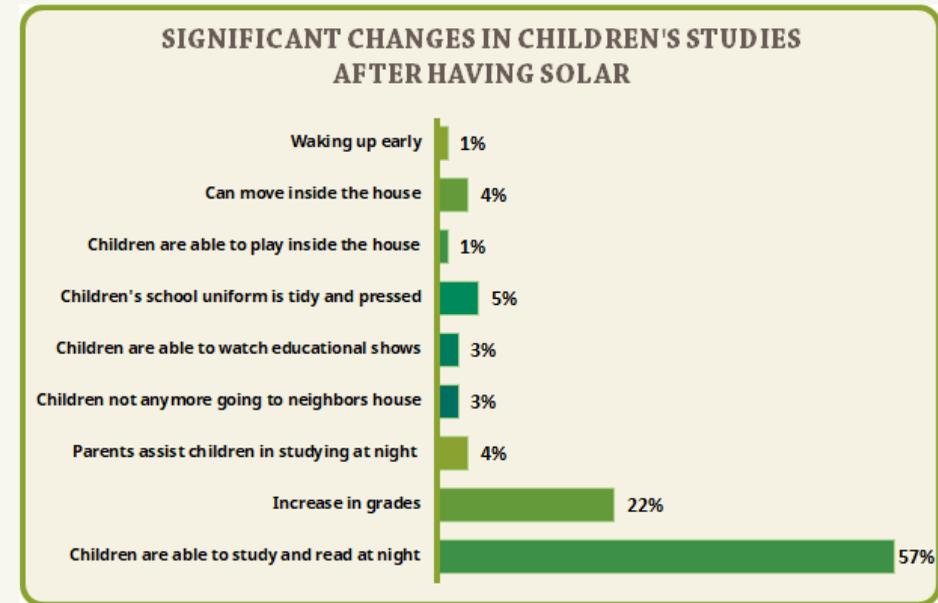
RESULTS



CHANGES IN ACTIVITY

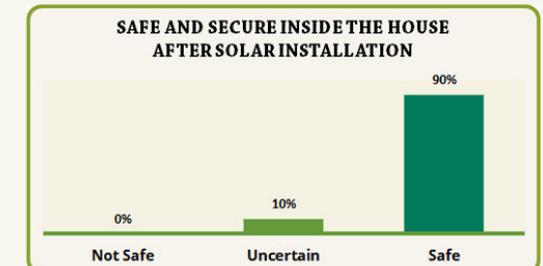
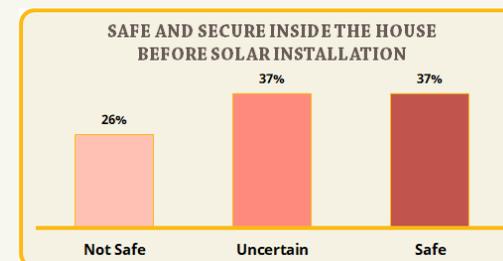
The respondents shared their common problems occurring at night before having solar energy. The top problem identified is the children are limited to study and do homework at night. 32.26% said so because it is very dark and they can only use kerosene lamp for lighting.

After the solar installation, some of the visible changes shown are 38.24% respondents mentioned that children are able to study and do their homework at night which was identified as the most common problem before having solar. Almost the same number of respondents, 32.35% said that they can now watch TV or listen to the radio for news and entertainment.



In relation to the previous graph, this data shows the significant changes in the children's studies after having solar. There are 57.14% respondents mentioned that children are able to study and read at night as compared before. Having a fluorescent lamp helped the children to study and read well at night.

The second highest peak in the data, 22.08%, shows that the children increased their grades according to their parents. Analysis of students' report cards showed an increase in the average scores of children.



SAFETY AND SECURITY

Almost all of the respondents, 90.32%, answered that they now feel secure and safe inside their houses. They mentioned that having lights at night keep away the potential thieves to enter their houses. Also, they could easily see if there are wild animals inside the house. Accidents at home can also be prevented.





DRRM

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

GNIP believes every child has the right to appropriate aid and protection given the hazards and risks they face especially during disasters.

Aimed at preparing, constructing and rebuilding communities to be disaster resilient and prepared, GNIP programs for DRRM included programs targeted at addressing causes of vulnerability to hazards, mainstreaming DRRM into development plans, institutionalizing

mechanisms for DRRM information, building DRRM capacities and skills, and capacitating communities and institutions for disaster preparedness and resilience.

GNIP has increased capacities of vulnerable groups in the communities through child-led and community-based DRRM in collaboration with other concerned agencies and organizations.

GNIP DRR EFFORTS PROMOTE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN

15 community members from Southville CDP gained a deeper understanding of basic first aid in a training conducted last March.

The training included a series of examinations, lectures and demonstration to test the participants' mastery on first aid management.

First aid demonstration and assessment skills were also honed such as bandaging techniques, transfer techniques, splinting and immobilization, head stabilization and proper transfer to spine board.

The training was conducted with the goal of improving the community's preparedness to respond and deliver basic first aid especially in cases of emergencies and disasters.

On the other hand, Prieto Diaz continues its disaster preparedness and response efforts through a Municipal Inter-Agency Council (MIAC) Meeting held last March 3.

The meeting was held to enhance the public address (PA) system used by the community as an emergency warning signal. Prior to the meeting, community drills and disaster simulations were conducted in 2016. Areas of improvement found in the said drill were addressed by proposing an enhanced system protocol and remodeling of the PA system. The enhanced plan was then presented in the MIAC meeting.

Also present in the discussion were representatives from the Municipal and Barangay Local Government Unit (LGU), KALAHI-CIDSS, 4Ps, Philippine National Police (PNP), and Provincial and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (P/MDRRMO) representatives.

Before the March 3 meeting, initial discussions were done with partner agencies for the project, particularly with the municipal mayor, MDRRMO, PDRRMO, and World Food Programme (WFP) to talk about the enhancement of the system protocol.

SUMMER FIRST AID TRAINING PREPARES ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN DISASTER-PRONE RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL

Due to the nature of disasters and its unpredictability, GNIP continues to strengthen Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) programs in its sponsored areas.

In GNIP-supported San Isidro and Southville areas in Rodriguez, Rizal, the risk is especially great as according to the West Valley Fault System (ATLAS), the area is known to be one of the disaster prone areas of Rizal. Since Barangay San Isidro also includes a relocation site which is Southville, its residents have different beliefs, cultures and approaches in handling diseases especially during emergencies.

In a recent DRR training conducted by GNIP in both areas, over 90 participants were tested on their skills, attitude, and preparedness on emergency situations.

The uniqueness of the training rests on the **participation of its attendees** which were **not only adults and parents in the community but also school-based participants or children** who were also given prime importance and participation.

Students from Gigmoto, Catanduanes participate in a school-wide emergency earthquake drill.

Select students also led the practice drill, exhibiting their gained knowledge from the series of Child-based DRRM training sessions.

Community-wide drills were conducted in Prieto Diaz Sorsogon, Gigmoto Catanduanes and Tingloy Batangas.

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BARANGAY-LEVEL
CONTINGENCY PLANS
CREATED

7

SCHOOL-BASED
CONTINGENCY
PLANS CREATED

Aside from these, GNIP also initiated DRR efforts in its Head Office. This includes the construction of solar-powered Public Address Systems (PAS) in all the Barangays of Gigmoto to alert during disasters and also the creation of two modules that would guide the implementation of the DRR project in other areas.





SPONSORSHIP

GNIP's operations take root mainly in its one-to-one child sponsorship program.

Linking supported children to donors overseas, GNIP bridges the gap to bring support and assistance closer to those in need.

The sponsored children are thoroughly monitored through monthly updates, quarterly home visits, house tagging, spot mapping,

service-rendered cards, and annual progress reports.

While under the sponsorship program, children are not just given materials and resources through item distributions, but they are also given access to more opportunities for quality education, good nutrition, and proper health care.

GNIP EFFORTS STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN ITS SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Community members, especially parents of sponsored children, were encouraged to actively participate in GNIP sponsorship activities. In a CSF Monthly Meeting conducted last February and March 2017 by Guiuan CDP, 86 CSF members were tasked to provide updates and consultation for various upcoming CDP activities.

Community participants were also encouraged to take part in decision and planning.

On the other hand, 582 parents of sponsored children in Gigmoto, Catanduanes were re-oriented in a meeting held last March 21-28. The meeting discussed new sponsorship guidelines and policies together with a re-orientation of GNIP's programs and services.

The said orientation aims to increase engagement of parents in the various GNIP development projects for the community.

GNIP'S SPONSORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE TO ATTEND TO CHILDREN IN NEED

GNIP's operations take root mainly in its one-to-one child sponsorship program. Even until 2017, GNIP sponsorship services continue to grow with over 13,000 sponsored children for the year.



Like previous years, the sponsorship program continued to update sponsors about their sponsored children's status through the Annual Child Letter (ACL) activity.

As part of monitoring the children's status and ensuring their development, Home Visit Monitoring was maintained as an activity for the 2nd quarter.

Aside from ACL and Home Visit Monitoring, sponsorship services proceed to connect sponsors with the opportunity to send special gifts to their sponsored children through the Gift, Money, or Letter (GML) program.

100 KIDS OF PRIETO DIAZ WELCOMED AS GNIP'S NEW SPONSORED CHILDREN

With the goal to improve the well-being of children through sponsorship and child protection, Prieto Diaz CDP conducted a Kasunduan Signing for newly sponsored children. The activity was attended by 100 parents and their children.

After hearing the orientation on GNIP's programs and services, parents signed a

contract of agreement signifying their support to Good Neighbors' sponsorship program.

SSU STRENGTHENS ITS SERVICES THROUGH STAFF TRAINING

To review the work Good Neighbors does for sponsored children and their sponsors, the sponsorship services unit (SSU) conducted a training last May 9-11. The training was attended by field managers, sponsorship staff and support staff of Good Neighbors Philippines.

Also conducted in preparation of Good Neighbors' Annual Child Letter (ACL) activity, the training equips staff with enough knowledge and understanding on how to conduct ACL better, an activity linking sponsored children their sponsors overseas.

Through the training, SSU aims to improve the well-being of children through sponsorship and child-protection services. Quality sponsorship services and timely submission of reports were also discussed in the training.

"This training will help not only the field staff in charge of sponsorship but also the Field Managers and other program staff who will assist in sponsorship activities to understand more the sponsorship works," says the Sponsorship Services Officer.



A sponsored child poses for a photo after receiving the gifts her sponsor sent her through GNIP's Gift, Money, Letter (GML) activity. The GML activity links sponsors by giving them the opportunity to send gifts and love directly to their sponsored child.



13,247

GOOD NEIGHBORS SPONSORED
CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES



6,615 BOYS | 6,632 GIRLS

1,264

SAN ISIDRO



621



643

1,397

GIGMOTO



690



707

1,079

SOUTHVILLE



533



546

1,739

PRIETO DIAZ



833



906

713

PUGAD TIBAGUIN



345



368

2,745

GUIUAN



1,375



1,370

817

SAGRADA FAMILIA



421



396

1,076

AGUINALDO



521



555

1,253

TINGLOY



670



583

1,164

KILAGDING
LONAGANAPAN



606



558



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Good Neighbors PHL

Good Neighbors PHL (GN PHL), as a daughter organization of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP), envisions a country where

people care and share with love for the welfare of every Filipino child.

Good Neighbors PHL is created to serve as a resource agency that will conduct emergency relief programs, volunteering programs, capacity building programs, and fundraising activities.

GN PHL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET TO DISCUSS PHL PLANS

The first quarter Good Neighbors PHL Inc. (GN PHL) Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting was held last February 24 at at Good Neighbors PHL Conference Room in Quezon City. In the meeting, PHL's accomplishments and plans are presented for the board's discussion. PHL Program Manager discussed the organization's implemented Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Resource Mobilization activities in the recent months.

The meeting also tackled areas of improvement for the presented programs together with raised possible partnerships.

Key issues in child protection were also raised to further strengthen GN PHL's campaign for child rights.

Present in the meeting were Good Neighbors PHL President Yoon Seok Won, Vice-President Lourdes Balanon, Secretary Ferdinand Sabillo, Treasurer Pia Manalastas, Auditor Christina Diesta, and Member Pastor Baik Sung Bum.



**MANULIFE VOLUNTEERS
SPREAD CHEER TO LEARNING
CENTERS IN RIZAL**

All the way from Quezon City, the team visited our learning centers in Rodriguez, Rizal and shared joy and love to over 180 nursery and kinder students in the community.

The children welcomed the visitors with a performance. “We’re glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love,” sang the learning center students.

They danced to the song entitled Welcome to the Family – a song appropriate in acknowledging the good deed the team carried out for the kids.

As part of their outreach, the team also donated over Php20,000 worth of books for the learning center libraries apart from conducting games and giving out snacks.



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**SPARE CHANGE BRING GOOD
CHANGE**

More children will benefit from healthy meals as the Spare Change for Good Change, the coin bank fundraising campaign of Good Neighbors.

Philippines continue in the 2nd quarter. More partner establishments are now on board in the mission to provide healthy meals to students in the Good Neighbors Learning Centers of San Isidro and Southville in Rodriguez, Rizal.



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1 Kids from GNIP Learning Center pose for a photo with Manulife volunteers

2 Volunteers give gift of snacks, aside from their book donations, to Learning Center students

3 Partner establishments join GNIP is raising funds for the snacks of learning center pupils

4 Students pose for a photo during the turnover ceremony of donations raised in the coin bank campaign

**BOOK DRIVE LAUNCHED TO HELP
SCHOOLS IN GUIUAN**

As response to the call for assistance of Tubabao National High School in Guiuan, Eastern Samar to build their library, Good Neighbors responded by initiating a book drive through an online campaign.

After Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) wrecked their school in 2013, the school is still in dire need of instructional and library materials.

The lack of reference materials and books greatly affected the academic performance of the students, which is currently below 60%.

Through an online call for donations and books, Good Neighbors Philippines was able to gather Php 24,800.00 worth of books for the school.



2017 IN REVIEW

21,209.65

PHP RAISED
DONATIONS ONLINE

337,626.17

PHP RAISED
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2017

22,374

FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED
DISASTER AID IN 2017

1,400

TYPHOON NINA(NOCK-TEN)
EMERGENCY RELIEF IN TINGLOY

2,000

TYPHOON NINA(NOCK-TEN)
EMERGENCY RELIEF IN GIGMOTO

3,492

TINGLOY EARTHQUAKE
EMERGENCY RELIEF

101

LONGANAPAN ARMED
CONFLICT EMERGENCY RELIEF

10,699

MARAWI CRISIS
EMERGENCY RELIEF

1,776

TROPICAL STORM
VINTA(TEMBIN) EMERGENCY
RELIEF THROUGH ECOWEB

2,906

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
EMERGENCY RELIEF





ZUMBA FOR A CAUSE RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILD REGISTRATION

As part of GNIP's Children's Month Celebration, a Zumba for a cause fundraising activity was held to raise awareness on the importance of birth registration.

Through corporate partnerships and ticket selling, GNIP was able to raise over Php 300,000 for project sponsorship funds.

Various partners pledged their support specifically the Office of the Vice Mayor of Quezon City, Manila Water Inc., Adarna

House Publishing, Metro UP Town, and Mogu Mogu.

The raised amount will be used to support more projects across GNIP-supported areas nationwide.

PHP 326,850.00

AMOUNT RAISED IN THE FUNDRAISING EVENT

CORPORATE PARTNERS PLEDGE AID FOR MARAWI CONFLICT SURVIVORS

The latter part of 2017 focused on gathering aid and support for survivors of the Marawi Crisis.

With the help of partner organizations, Ecoweb Inc. and the pledged relief goods from Banco de Oro Foundation and Manila Water Inc., GNIP was able to deliver aid consisting of hygiene kits, food packs and water.

Over 4,700 families in different evacuation centers and communities received both

food packs and hygiene items while 2,000 families in Marawi City were given clean and safe water.

4,700

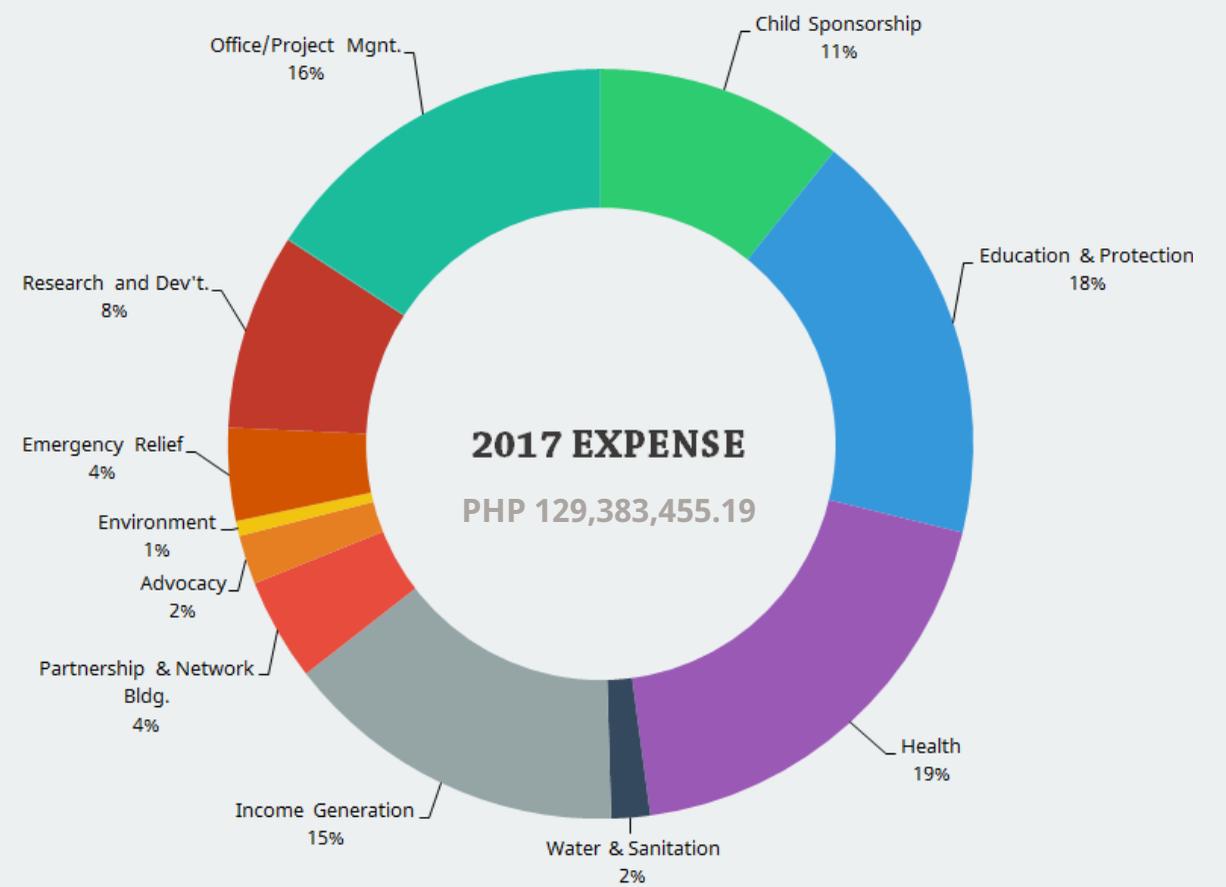
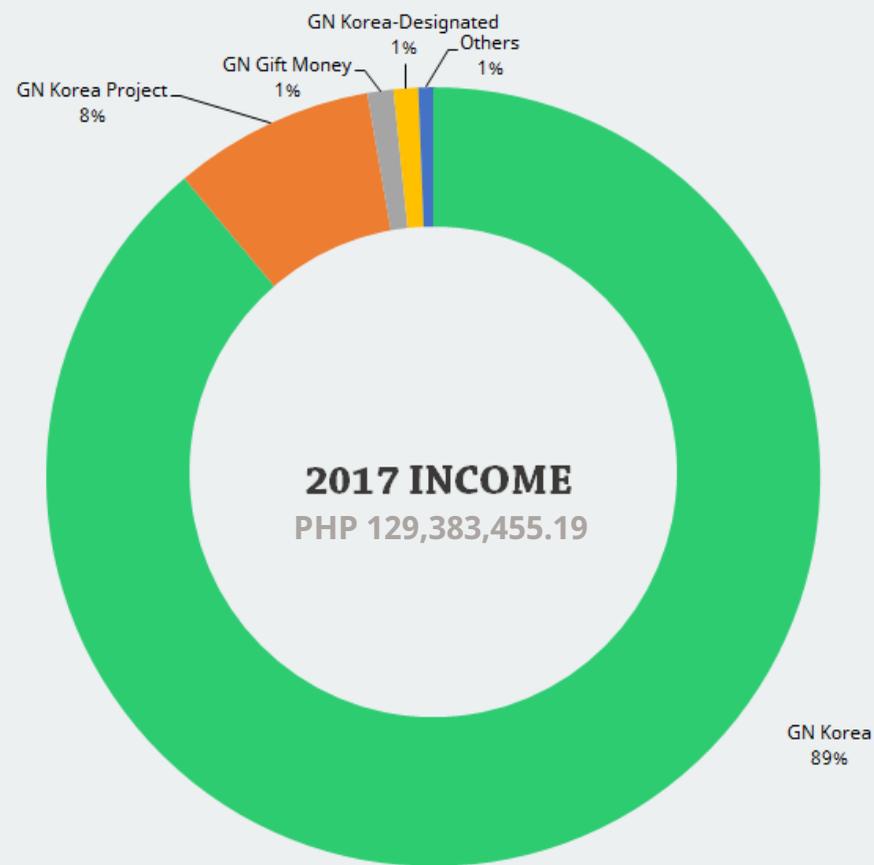
FOOD PACKS AND HYGIENE ITEMS

2,000

5-GALLON BOTTLED WATER



2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT



OUR WORKFORCE



LOCAL NETWORK



COALITION/NETWORK

- Child Rights Network
- Civil Society Coalition on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CSC-CRC) Inc.
- Philippine International Non-government Organization Network (PINGON)
- Bicol Network for Children
- Area-Based Standards Network (Sorsogon Cluster)
- Area-Based Standards Network (Catanduanes Cluster)
- DRRNet
- LCPC Consortium
- National Council for Social Development Committee on Children in Urban Poor Areas (CUPA)

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Department of Education Division of Hagonoy, Bulacan Division
- Department of Social Welfare and Development-Guiuan

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

- Banco de Oro Foundation
- Crepeman Cafe
- Fishermall
- Happy Dough Bakery and Cakery
- LG Electronics Philippines
- Manila Doctors Hospital
- Manila Water Corporation/Foundation
- Manulife
- Maybank
- Mercury Drug Corporation-Hagonoy, Bulacan Branch
- Ponferrada Polymedic Hospital
- Prinsayas Corporation
- Radyo Natin - Guiuan
- Robinson's Supermarket Corporation
- Sampana Clinical Laboratory
- Sorsogon Integrated Health Services Foundation
- Urban Chick Restaurant

OTHER NGOS

- World Food Programme (WFP)
- ARMM Heart
- Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits (EcoWEB), Inc.

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- Support countries
- UN Liaison Office, International Cooperation Office
- Field countries

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