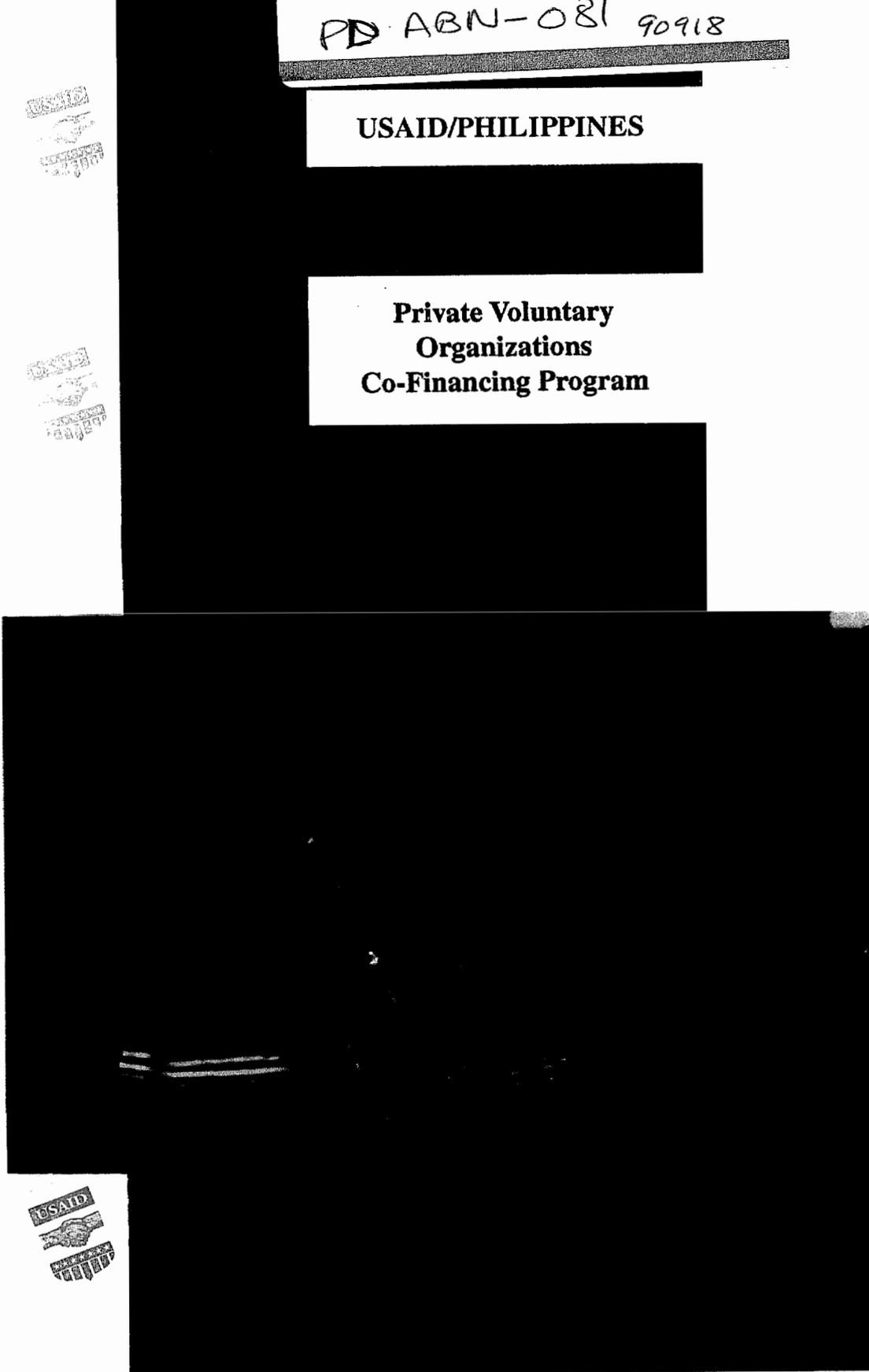
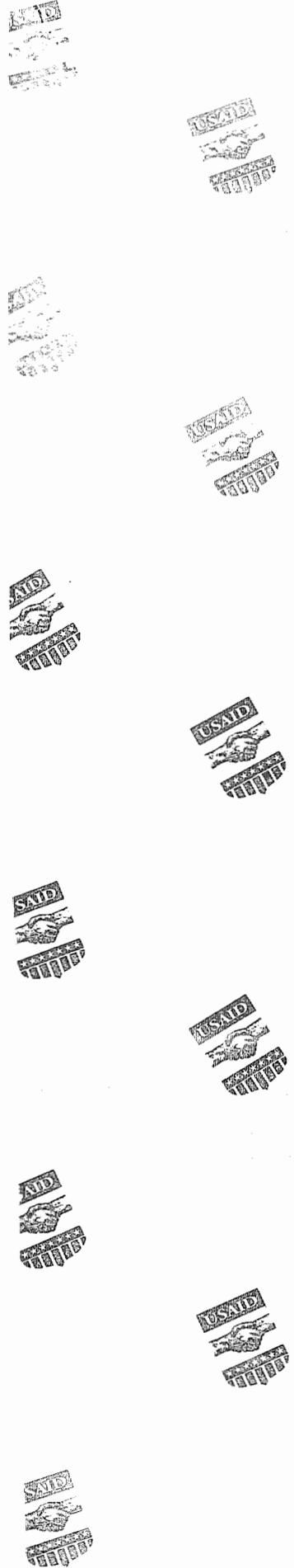


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INTRODUCTION

NEW PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

This year's annual report reflects both the depth of past results; the expanse of present activities; and future directions which stem from fifteen years of successful USAID partnership with the PVO community in the Philippines.

The activities documented in this volume are those financed under USAID's now combined PVO Co-Financing (Co-Fi) and Enterprise in Community Development (ECD) projects. From PVO Co-Fi I, that responded to the unanswered basic needs of the country's less privileged populations; through PVO Co-Fi II that stressed NGO capacity building, and PVO Co-Fi III with its emphasis on NGOs as intermediary institutions; USAID's program orientation has always been challenged to keep pace both with the rapid maturation of the PVO community and the Philippine nation, and with the expanding challenges facing them.

Through its own reflections and through dialogue with partners, USAID has come to believe that the most immediate challenge now is how to meaningfully augment, in a democratic and participatory fashion, the solidarity of dispersed common purpose efforts. In particular, priority must be given to addressing critical issues that must be successfully addressed within the next few years if the promises of social and political progress under a progressive and unique Asia democracy are to become sustainable realities.

It is with this objective in mind that the redefined PVO Co-Fi IV seeks to focus on the effective implementation of coalitions of major disadvantaged and underrepresented groups and constituents. USAID believes that the vibrant associational life in the Philippines, which has been supported by its PVO and ECD activities, must now coalesce for common purposes and concerted efforts to powerfully and rapidly resolve fundamental issues of policy and implementation that stand as clear impediments to equitable participation. USAID also believes that these efforts, to produce meaningful and sustainable results, must have as a primary aim the true empowerment of the concerned populations. Unless these populations become the masters of their own futures and fates, purported progress will just be dependency under a more modern guise. USAID recognizes that other relevant actors, including donors such as itself, must proceed in a parallel direction. Internally, USAID is consciously striving towards greater synergy across its various programs. Externally, USAID is exercising a "new partnership initiative" for more equal and effective collaboration with a diverse spectrum of institutions of local governance and civil society in the Philippines.

This past fiscal year, USAID responded to the immediate challenge of promoting participatory issue focused alliances by providing assistance for the formation, strengthening and effective operation of three coalitions of disadvantaged groups: urban poor; indigenous peoples; and, marginalized fisherfolk. Our annual report starts with a description of these three new activities, followed by updates on activities started prior to 1995.

NEW COALITION-BUILDING PROJECTS FY 1995

- Fisherfolk Advocacy for Sustainable Aquatic Reform
- Enhancing People's Initiatives for Housing and Urban Development
- Advancing the Participation of Upland Indigenous Peoples in the Philippine Democratic Process

Agricultural Cooperative Development International (ACDI) and Nationwide Coalition of Fisherfolk for Aquatic Reform (NACFAR)

“Fisherfolk Advocacy for Sustainable Aquatic Reform (FASAR)”

Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-5125-00

The project aims to increase the effectiveness of NACFAR and the coalition partners in advocating for sustainable aquatic reforms at the local, regional and national levels. Coalition-building activities will be directed at unifying NACFAR’s advocacy efforts with those of like-minded private and public groups and finding a common point of convergence to represent the interests of the fisherfolk. The cornerstone of the project will be the coalition’s advocacy efforts for the passage of the Comprehensive Fisheries Code and other issues affecting marginalized fisherfolk.

The project will have three mutually supporting activities. These include: (a) conduct of participative constituency consultations at various levels to develop the Advocacy Agenda and as a means for pushing advocacy work and coalition building activities with like-minded groups; (b) institutional strengthening and capacity building for ACDI, NACFAR and the coalition members; and, (c) research and data collection to support public policy analysis, advocacy campaigns and organizational development activities.

Location : Nationwide
Target Group : Fisherfolk
Start Date : 8/23/95
Grant Completion Date : 8/23/97



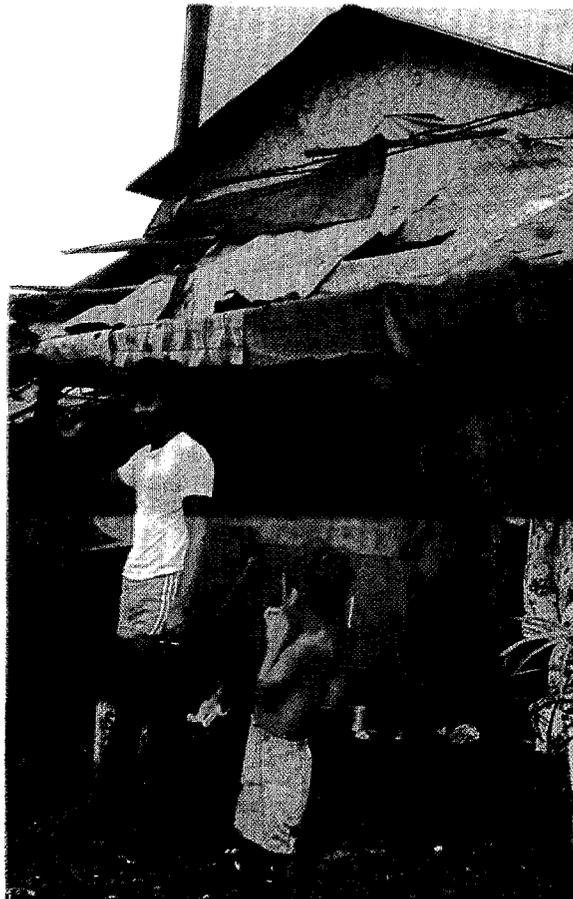
Mondragon International Phils., Inc. and Urban Land Reform Task Force (ULR-TF)

**“Enhancing People’s Initiatives and Capabilities for Housing and Urban Development”
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-5128-00**

The purpose of the project is to consolidate and empower urban poor people’s organizations for effective participation in the formulation and implementation of public policies and programs that will improve their access to land, housing and basic social services. These can be achieved through the organization of representative urban poor coalitions; improving the capabilities of urban poor leaders ; advocacy activities; assisting the urban poor in developing policy and legislative agenda; and consolidating the gains of like minded groups by supporting the implementation of specific programs.

The project is expected to make significant and meaningful changes in the following areas: (a) capability building for the urban poor sector; (b) private sector support for urban poor development efforts; (c) coordination of efforts to consolidate various urban poor advocacy campaigns; (d) government’s political will to implement existing legislation and programs; and (e) government’s policy framework in addressing urban poverty

Location : Nationwide
Target Group : Urban Poor
Start Date : 8/22/95
Grant Completion Date : 8/22/98



**Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and Upland
NGO Assistance Committee (UNAC)**

**“Advancing the Participation of Upland Indigenous Peoples in the Philippine Democratic
Process”**

Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-5131-00

The purpose of the project is to establish and/or strengthen strategic bases and mechanisms for participation and consensus building among the indigenous peoples for effective development advocacy. External resources will be used to support alternative mechanisms for the indigenous peoples' participation at the local and national levels and to develop their skills and capabilities to represent themselves. Some of the issues facing indigenous peoples are: (a) ancestral domain and tenurial rights; and, (b) inter facing of structures, values and systems with the dominant structures and culture of governance.

The project focuses on six activity areas from which specific project interventions will be drawn. These are: (a) strengthening of local participatory mechanisms; (b) multisectoral partnership, promotion and expansion; (c) policy support; (d) development advocacy work; (e) skills development; and (f) information management, coordination and dissemination

PBSP and UNAC have jointly identified specific areas of project focus, where the most urgent upland concerns are present. The final choices will be made through a consultative process with UNAC members and various indigenous peoples.

Location : Nationwide
Target Group : Indigenous Peoples
Start Date : 8/21/95
Grant Completion Date : 8/21/98



Other USAID-PVO Co-Financing Projects As of FY 1995

- Income and Employment Generation
- Institution-building and Skills Training
- Environmental Conservation and Rehabilitation
- Credit for Micro and Small Entrepreneurs
- Literacy and Health Programs for
Tribal Communities
- Human Resource Development and
Institutional Strengthening
- Resource Mobilization and Generation through
Advocacy and Networking

ABOITIZ AND COMPANY, INC.

Enterprise in Collective System on Environment Management

(ECOSYSTEM Cebu Project)

Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-0105-00

The ECOSYSTEM Cebu Project aims to: (1) initiate environmental protection and conservation activities in Cebu through community-based resource management practices; and (2) introduce appropriate development programs that respond to the identified needs of the disadvantaged communities. The project's components include: (1) basic services and site development, including primary health care, potable water systems, income-generating projects, and other site improvements; (2) environmental management, the acquisition and utilization of appropriate technologies on resource management in order to increase efficiency, reduce waste, and prevent resource depletion; (3) human resource development; (4) network and linkage development; and (5) policy studies and advocacy work in the target communities for the purpose of formulating local policies on both development and environmental issues.

Project activities are carried out through community-led advocacy work to encourage direct participation and involvement of the community-residents. The project also establishes networks from within the locality and outside of the community to generate and mobilize material and technical assistance. The active participation of community organizations in local policy formulation is likewise encouraged in the project area.

Location : Cebu
Start Date : 7/11/90
Grant Completion Date : 7/11/96



The communities eagerly contribute their labor for basic service facilities such as this potable water system.

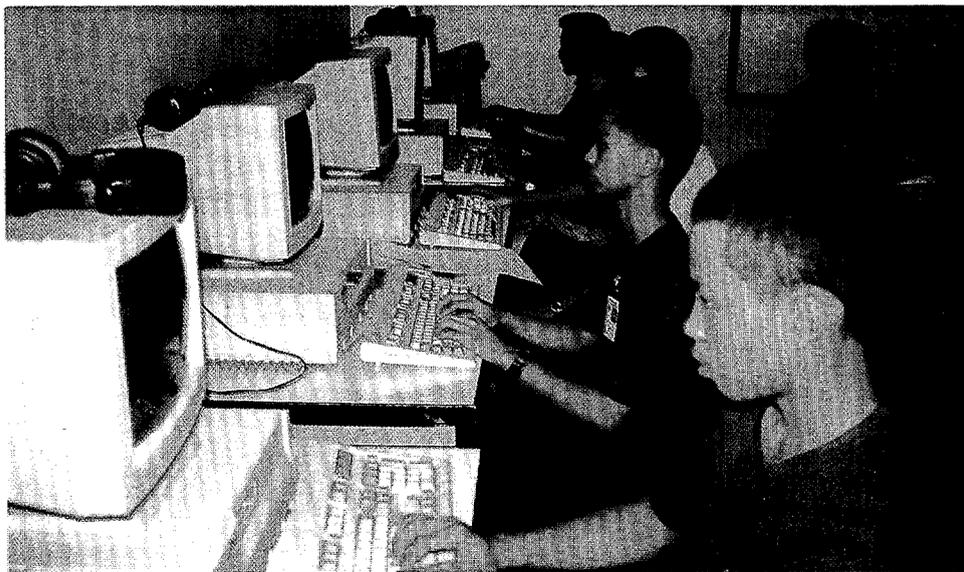
AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION THROUGH TRAINING (American ORT)

Dualtech Electronics Training Project
Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-2112-00

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the quality of electronics training offered by Dualtech so its graduates will have the knowledge and skills relevant to the needs of Philippine industries. The main objectives of the project are: to further enhance the quality of Dualtech graduates, increase and improve the quality and quantity of electronics training equipment for the electronics laboratories; and to train teachers, industry workers, and students in advanced electronic technologies. The project is currently being implemented at Dualtech's Training Center facilities in Makati, Metro Manila.

The American ORT mission advocates the participation and cooperation of its beneficiaries. Dualtech has a commitment to a broader and stronger participation of industries in training and educating workers; always sharing with cooperating companies and staff, the value of social responsibility and service to the poor. These efforts, with the cooperation of other companies and beneficiary participation, provide the vehicle for a more comprehensive and systematic human resource development plan for the Philippines.

Location : Metro Manila
Start Date : 6/2/92
Grant Completion Date : 6/1/96



More advanced and relevant training for workers provide them with greater opportunities for job security.

ANDRES SORIANO CORPORATION

Community-Based Livelihood Assistance Project

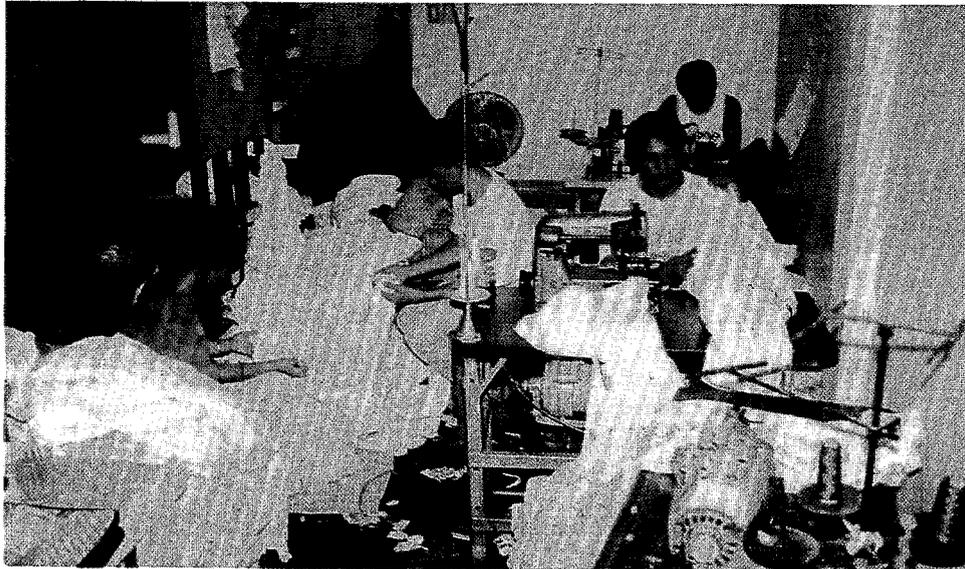
Grant No. AID 492-0395-G-SS-2160-00

Thousands of jobs and employment opportunities in the Central Luzon area were lost when Mt. Pinatubo erupted in June 1991. The Andres Soriano Corporation (ANSCOR) assists selected marginalized communities in Pampanga, Zambales and Tarlac to establish enterprises that will generate both income and employment. The assistance provided includes: community organization, capability building, skills training, marketing, and seed capital.

At present, six group enterprises with product lines consisting of garments, novelty items/handicrafts and candles, have been established in Pampanga and Zambales providing jobs to nearly 500 individuals. Meetings with more interested groups and marketing missions are currently undertaken to expand the project's reach.

The members of the group enterprises play significant roles in the management of their businesses. Starting as understudies of the project's technical staff, they have progressively assumed greater responsibilities including the development of markets for their products, financial management, and production control.

Location : Pampanga, Zambales, Tarlac
Start Date : 8/17/92
Grant Completion Date : 8/16/96



The Garments Project has employed 250 families displaced by Mt. Pinatubo's eruption.

THE ANDRES SORIANO FOUNDATION

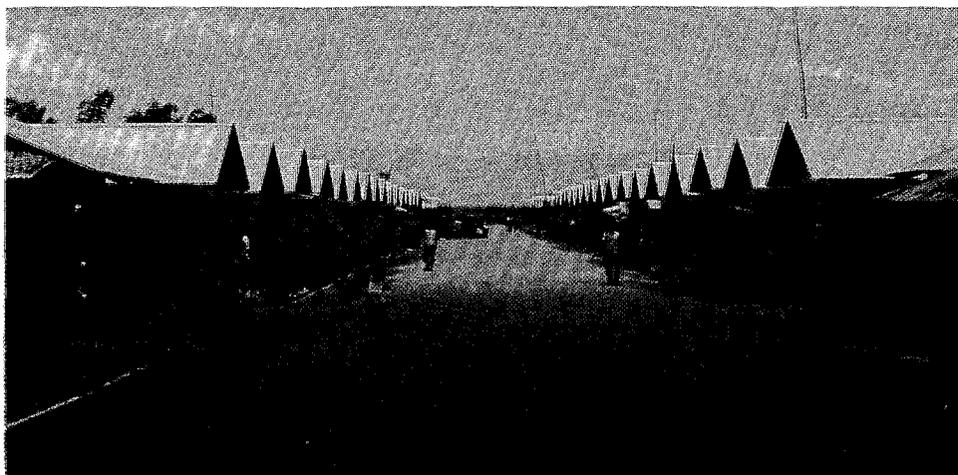
Resettlement Assistance Program
Grant No. 492-0395-G-SS-4025-00

The purpose of this project is to assist in the resettlement of non-farming families from Pampanga and farming families from Tarlac who were displaced on the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. The Andres Soriano Foundation, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, and the Mother Rosa Memorial Foundation are jointly implementing the project.

The construction of houses, roads and drainage systems, has been completed. A Homeowners' Association has also been organized. The association is responsible for preparing documents needed to award the housing units and, subsequently, the collection of amortization from the housing owners.

One of the important features of this resettlement program is the active participation of the displaced families in every aspect of the project. They have played a vital role in the selection of the resettlement site, negotiation for its purchase, preparation and development of the site, construction of the core houses, establishment of basic service facilities, and the development of income-generating projects. At the project's completion, the displaced families will assume all responsibility for managing the resettlement estate.

Location : Pampanga
Start Date : 3/11/94
Grant Completion Date : 9/7/96



Completed and fully occupied core houses in Buensuceso, Pampanga.

THE ANDRES SORIANO FOUNDATION

Livelihood Enhancement through Agroforestry (LEAF II)
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3086-00

Widespread poverty exists in upland communities of the Philippines, where conditions are deteriorating due to increasing lowlander migration to the area and the continued practice of slash-and-burn farming techniques. The purpose of this project is to expand the area and the number of families assisted by the existing Livelihood Enhancement through Agroforestry (LEAF) project which currently works with 350 families cultivating a total of 700 hectares of tree farms and 350 hectares of agricultural farms.

With the implementation of the new Local Capability Building for Agroforestry Project, the Andres Soriano Foundation plans to upgrade the managerial skills and technical capacities of the eight LEAF-assisted cooperatives to enable them to effectively replicate LEAF activities in adjacent areas. Under the project, each cooperative will manage one project area and provide assistance to upland farmers for income-generating projects.

Location : Bislig, Surigao del Sur
Start Date : 8/11/93
Grant Completion Date : 7/10/96



Part of the 712 hectares of Tree Plantation developed by eight (8) cooperatives composed of 350 families in Eastern Mindanao.

APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

Appropriate Technology for Small Scale Rural Producers

Grant No. AID 492-0419-G-SS-2127

The small-scale coconut farmers cultivating less than 3 hectares are the most disadvantaged sector within the Philippines' coconut industry. The purpose of this project is to increase the dissemination of appropriate technologies for small-scale coconut processing and small-scale enterprise development. These are intended to increase the income of the small-scale coconut farmers while improving the overall quality of coconut-based products.

The project provides for the construction of a coconut processing plant to allow interested groups to learn about viable community-based technology and product options from hands-on experience. The plant demonstrates coconut processing technologies and develops viable small-scale rural enterprises based on new technologies. Five municipalities will be provided assistance for income-generating activities based on coconut processing and has laid a foundation for replication efforts. By the completion of the project, a minimum of nine small-scale coconut processing enterprises will be established.

Location : Marinduque, Palawan, Southern Leyte, Southern Luzon
Start Date : 6/17/92
Grant Completion Date : 6/16/96

THE ASIA FOUNDATION
"Democracy Development Project II"
Grant No. 492-0470-G-SS-4085-00

Under this grant, the Asia Foundation is managing a portfolio of projects aimed at promoting effective participation, making the government more accountable and the public and policymakers better informed; encouraging public scrutiny of government and the evenhanded implementation of laws and policies; and fostering, with modest funding, reformist impulses within government.

These goals of better access to justice, higher levels of popular participation, and increased governmental accountability support two interrelated objectives: 1) enhance the opportunities and capacities of affected groups, through innovative approaches to legal services, to participate in policy formulation and implementation and to pursue redress; and 2) encourage greater accountability in the legal system.

The first objective focuses directly on the improvement of conditions for affected Filipinos. Its twin goals of enhanced participation and delivery of justice are linked through a focus on the legal services that can enable Filipinos to participate most effectively in their public processes and institutions. Enhanced participation by the Philippine public in their legal system is a key component of both objectives.

Illustrative of the organizations financed through this grant are Social Weather Stations, Women's Legal Bureau, Tanggol Kalikasan, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, Center for Legislative Development, Environmental Legal Assistance Center, NGO Technical Working Group for Fisheries Reform and Advocacy, Policy Review and Editorial Services.

Location : Nationwide
Start Date : 8/30/94
Grant Completion Date : 8/29/97

ASIA RATTAN MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC. (ARMCO)
Community Agroforestry and Microenterprise Development Project
Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-2103-00

The project aims to establish sustainable community-based livelihood opportunities, improve access to health care and potable water, and promote environmental rehabilitation in Tarlac.

People empowerment is the centerpiece of ARMCO's development program. The project's client communities are aware that the quality of their lives can only be improved through the establishment of a strong community organization where there is a sense of unity and commitment to alleviate poverty conditions among the members. The communities provided land as their counterpart to the project.

Location : Tarlac and Pampanga
Start Date : 5/04/92
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/95



Aetas from Capas, Tarlac benefit from ARMCO's development program.

ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI)

Labor Education and Counseling Center (LECC)

Grant No: AID 492-0470-G-SS-3070-00

The AAFLI project involves the establishment of a TUCP Labor Education and Counseling Center (LECC) for the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) in the CALABARZON area. The project seeks to encourage the just implementation of labor standards, child labor laws, occupational safety and health, and environmental and women's rights through civic education activities and the provision of free legal counseling services to the workers. Workers, labor and community leaders, and government officials in the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon (CALABARZON) are expected to directly benefit from the program.

The project was commissioned to assist in monitoring labor law violations in the area. Collaboration between the LECC and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) will contribute to a more efficient enforcement of minimum wage and other labor laws and standards in the Southern Tagalog Region. An agreement allows LECC paralegal officers to hold office in Public Employment Service Offices (PESO-DOLE) throughout the region. This enables the project to reach a greater number of worker-beneficiaries and reduce the bureaucracy that workers must go through for the resolution of their cases. The project also continues to entertain an increasing number of referrals from government officials for legal assistance and opinions on industrial relations issues.

Location : Calabarzon
Start Date : 6/18/93
Grant Completion Date : 6/17/96



Workers, government officials, and management representatives are trained to handle arbitration cases during a 5-day seminar on labor advocacy.

ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE

"Democracy Development Project"

Grant No. 492-0470-G-SS-4095-00

This project will specifically develop an effective and sustainable performance monitoring and evaluation system for selected judicial and quasi-judicial administrators of labor rights and social welfare laws; upgrade the knowledge and professionalism of official, quasi-official, and trade union dispute resolution professionals and labor representatives; and develop and implement advocacy programs through coalitions of workers and disadvantaged groups.

The project components include labor watch, training of voluntary arbitrators, tripartite training programs within the context of the tripartite consultative boards, development of area coalitions of like minded organizations and civic advocacy educational programs.

Location : Nationwide
Start Date : 8/31/94
Grant Completion Date : 8/30/97

AYALA FOUNDATION, INC.

Enterprise Development for Farmers' Cooperatives

Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-1180-00

The primary objective of the project is to develop the capabilities of farmer's cooperatives in managing small-scale agri-based enterprises to improve rural productivity. This is accomplished through the introduction of specific village-level and agri-based technology packages which make use of locally available raw materials. In addition, the program provides financial support as well as business training and consultancy.

The whole project was conceptualized with the ultimate end of economically empowering farmer-beneficiaries. The coconut farmers were previously under the control of the copra traders, who dictated the buying price of coconuts in a given locality. With the project, however, farmers have found an alternative market for their coconut-produce, at a price slightly higher than what

copra traders had to offer. More importantly, the farmers are themselves members of the cooperatives which own the enterprises. With economic empowerment, the socio-political awareness of these farmers will hopefully be further enhanced.

Location : Cotabato, Davao, Pampanga
Start Date : 8/29/91
Grant Completion Date : 8/28/95

AYALA FOUNDATION, INC.

Makati Development Program
Grant No. AID 492-0395-G-SS-3102-00

The purpose of the Makati Development Program (MDP) is the socio-economic upliftment of the urban poor in Makati through institution-building activities that strengthen the capability of community-based people's organizations. The program will address the immediate socio-economic problems and needs of marginalized barangays in the area. Program components include skills training and placement, vocational/technical scholarships, micro-credit, small business development, environmental management, and a barangay integrated development project (BIDP).

One of MDP's basic tenets is to deal with the marginalized barangays as partners in the process of development. As such, they are encouraged to actively participate in the program's various activities. MDP has likewise succeeded in mobilizing the resources of other partners such as the business sector, Makati-based NGOs/POs and government agencies to support various MDP activities.

Location : Makati, Metro Manila
Start Date : 8/25/93
Grant Completion Date : 8/24/97



MDP's partners are encouraged to participate in project planning and implementation.

AYALA FOUNDATION, INC.

Promoting Local Initiatives for Democracy and Justice
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-4089-00

Promoting Local Initiatives for Democracy and Justice (PRODEM) is a three-year project implemented through a consortium of NGO's and partner institutions in the provinces of Laguna, Cebu and Misamis Oriental. PRODEM's objective is to enable local institutions to participate effectively through public-private sector partnership in local governance and management of the development process. The grant will focus on program and policy initiatives that strengthen democratic processes and broaden access to justice.

Activities include justice-strengthening projects such as, "adopt-a-precinct", strengthening of the barangay courts, civic education activities, and training programs for community-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and people's organization (POs), and local government units (LGUs). PRODEM will also undertake network/linkage development, policy advocacy and economic development activities. Lastly, subgrants will be provided to local NGOs and POs for community-based activities that are supportive of PRODEM objectives.

Location : Laguna, Cebu and Misamis Oriental
Start Date : 8/30/94
Grant Completion Date : 8/28/97

BACNOTAN CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES, INC.

BCI-Community Development Assistance Project
Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-2056-00

The BCI-Community Development Assistance Project (BCI-CDAP) aims to transform target disadvantaged communities into active partners of the government and the private sector in the attainment of improved local socio-economic development. This large scale project has three major functions: transforming the disadvantaged communities into organized associations to address the basic needs and services of each community; assisting selected impoverished groups in income-generating projects; and upgrading the technical and managerial skills of its project and sub-project staff in the management of community development activities.

In support of these sub-project activities, the disadvantaged communities are mobilized, trained, and organized for a more meaningful participation and effective delivery of services. Their involvement encompasses the project development cycle starting with planning, funding, implementation and maintenance of activities. Associations are registered with the appropriate government agencies and formally linked with local government and private agencies which will provide technical and other resources for their sub-projects. Presently, there are forty cooperatives and community-based associations that are being strengthened through training activities in organizational and project management.

Location : Regions I, III, IV, V, VII, and XI
Start Date : 3/24/92
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/95



The day care center provides a venue for teaching pre-schoolers in BCI-CDAP communities.

C. ALCANTARA AND SONS, INC.

Upland Agroforestry Development Project
Grant No. AID 492-0395-G-SS-3083-00

C. Alcantara and Sons, Inc. (Alsons) initiated this project to improve the socio-economic conditions of two upland communities (Tibi-Tibi and Paiton) in Davao del Norte through the implementation of improved and environmentally-sound agroforestry and reforestation technologies.

This project assists upland farmers, who are holders of Certificate of Stewardship Contracts under the Integrated Social Forestry Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, to reforest idle land with agricultural and forestry crops. This will not only rejuvenate soil fertility but will minimize erosion as well.

The project has organized viable community groups, upland farmers, many of whom belong to indigenous cultural communities. The project provides loans for farm inputs and training on appropriate farming. The farmer beneficiaries have been actively involved in the development of their farm plans and in project management. The project has also worked closely with the local line agencies and government units to enable the beneficiaries to effectively manage and obtain sustainable economic benefits from their critical resource base.

Location : Davao del Norte
Start Date : 7/16/93
Grant Completion Date : 7/14/96



Alson's central nursery provides a continuous source of seedlings to the project partners.

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS PHILIPPINES, INC.

Vocational/Technical Education Project
Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-9060-00

In 1989, Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines, Inc. (CCBPI) initiated a project to help indigent Filipino youth acquire vocational high school education. Assistance to the beneficiaries came in the form of books, school supplies, uniforms, health care, tuition and training in self-awareness, leadership, and life-career planning. Many of the graduates are now employed in garment, food processing, and handicraft factories. Others have continued their studies as scholars in vocational/technical schools.

Of the lessons learned from the project's first four years of implementation, the Palawan experience is most unique and best illustrates beneficiary participation. Through the Palawan National Agricultural College (PNAC), the project established extension units of the high school systems in three remote towns of the province. These schools, called "Bayanihan Centers" were set up in partnership with the communities which provided the land, the school-house, and a cottage for live-in teachers from PNAC. Part of the financial assistance provided by the project is the establishment of a cooperative fund from which beneficiaries can loan for school projects and small enterprise activities. Through this system, the communities learn to run the centers as their own, and CCBPI is assured of the centers' self-sufficiency when the project phases out.

Location : Nationwide
Start Date : 7/20/89
Grant Completion Date : 7/18/96



Students at Assumpta Technical High School in San Simon, Pampanga learn basic carpentry skills under the CCBPI Project.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Multi-Purpose Human Resource Development Center

Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3078-00

In Pampanga and throughout Region III, thousands of people lost homes and jobs due to the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. In response, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians designed a project to build a Multi-Purpose Human Resource Development Center (HRDC) in Pampanga, near the site of the former Clark Air Force Base, to assist in stabilizing the lives of displaced families.

The HRDC will provide basic education for affected children, including Amerasians, and help generate employment for women and disadvantaged families, thus facilitating the establishment of self-reliant communities. It will also provide training in livelihood, entrepreneurship, vocational/technical and social skills for adults and parents. Counselling services will also be provided. At least 1,200 disadvantaged families are expected to benefit from the HRDC project over its 3-year duration.

Location : Pampanga
Start Date : 7/21/93
Grant Completion Date : 7/20/96



The HRDC will assist families whose homes were ravaged by lahar flows in Pampanga.

DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE'S FOUNDATION

Socio-Economic and Ecological Development (SEED)

Grant No.: AID 492-0470-G-SS-3035-00

The Socio-Economic and Ecological Development (SEED) Project seeks to build the capability of marginalized communities to manage and mobilize resources for their own development. SEED provides technical and financial assistance to people's organizations in Davao City, Davao del Norte and Davao del Sur so they can access and manage credit from the formal banking sector. At the end of the project, the POs are envisioned to possess the technical and managerial skills needed in dealing with commercial banks for their credit needs.

The SEED Project empowers its beneficiaries through sharing risks, investments and responsibilities. It builds the capability of people's organizations to manage technical and financial support for their own development. Community organizing and participatory research activities are some of the programs provided by the project to empower target communities.

Location : Davao
Start Date : 5/24/93
Grant Completion Date : 5/23/96

DOLE STANFILCO

Libuganon River Watershed Reforestation and Soil Conservation Project

Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-4019-00

The project aims to rehabilitate the Libuganon River watershed in Davao Province and to improve the inhabitant's quality of life. Its objectives are: initiate sustainable environmental protection and conservation activities in the watershed area with the support and participation of target disadvantaged communities; introduce appropriate development programs and basic social services that respond to the identified needs of the disadvantaged communities; and seek the

support of local government units in addressing the needs of the beneficiaries as well as promoting the rehabilitation of the environment.

The project has strong community participation in such areas as advocacy and economic empowerment through collaborative self-governing mechanisms established in the communities. During general assemblies and orientation meetings, local communities enlist their involvement and participation in the various project activities, particularly watershed rehabilitation. Each disadvantaged family actively participates in the preparation of individual farm plans. Associations are formed by the target disadvantaged communities to help monitor the progress of their rehabilitation efforts and collectively plan and implement livelihood projects to be financed through an association fund. Basic community services like the provision of potable water supply, repairs of roads, and the construction of drainage, are among those activities initiated by the community associations.

Location : Davao
Start Date : 2/16/94
Grant Completion Date : 8/16/96

GERRY ROXAS FOUNDATION (GRF)
Micro-Lending Program - Dayao, Roxas City.
Grant No: AID 492-0470-G-SS-3028-00

The Micro-Lending Program provides access to credit and enterprise support services to non-bankable micro-entrepreneurs who are unable to access funds directly from donor agencies and commercial banks. Gerry Roxas Foundation serves as an intermediary institution for micro-lending, forging partnerships with banking institutions and PVOs for a wider fund base and beneficiary reach. Major program components include institution-building, access to credit, technical support, and advocacy for economic empowerment. To ensure a broader fund base, negotiations with commercial banks were undertaken for leverage funding.

The program also provides opportunities for job creation, income-generation, and small enterprise development at the grass roots level. Capability building activities for partner NGOs/POs and partner beneficiaries aim at building self-reliance and economic empowerment. Partnership mechanisms are established between the micro-enterprise sector and the resource centers for technology, markets, and formal sources of credit for financial assistance. The foundation's vision of "a people's movement for people's development" highlights participation and empowerment, advocacy, and justice as the prevalent themes in all its programs for poverty alleviation.

Location : Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo
Start Date : 5/24/93
Grant Completion Date : 5/23/96

GERRY ROXAS FOUNDATION, INC.

Panay Alliances for Resources, Technology, Networking
and Enterprise Resources (PARTNERS) for Democracy and Progress
Grant No. 492-0470-G-SS-4083-00

The PARTNERS Project is a three-year project to be implemented in the five provinces of Panay Island, namely: Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo and Guimaras. The Project envisions to see more Panayanons organized and economically empowered, participating in democratic processes and institutions to contribute in the shaping of local public policy implementation to sustain improvement in the quality of their lives.

The project involves: (a) identification and strengthening of provincial partners to take a lead in advocacy work and resource mobilization; (b) formulation of private sector action plans; (c) establishment of viable community enterprises; (d) private sector representation in local planning bodies; and (e) formation of Panay-wide multi-sectoral coalitions.

Location : Panay
Start Date : 8/23/97
Grant Completion Date : 8/23/97

THE KAPWA UPLIFTMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

Together Responding to Economic and
Environment Systems Project
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3087-00

Droughts, floods, power shortages, erosion, and the siltation of rivers, canals and dams are all manifestations of the critical situation brought about by the near total disappearances of the Philippines' primary forest. As of 1989, 63% or 515,493 ha. of the total land area of Davao Province was classified as forest land. Of these, 329,825 ha. (or 64%) are under 16 commercial timber license holdings. Approximately 504,067 ha. are in various stages of soil erosion.

The TREES project aims to develop the leadership capabilities of local NGOs, Peoples Organizations (POs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) from 100 barangays in the provinces of Davao del Sur and Davao del Norte. The project will undertake measures to conserve natural resources and rehabilitate degraded sites through education, sub-grant projects, networking with government and the private sector, and establishment of an Agro-Forestry Training Center.

Kapwa plans to conduct environmental orientation and community dialogue sessions in Davao del Sur and Davao del Norte and technical training sessions on sustainable agriculture in the uplands. It will also provide PVOs with sub-grants and technical assistance for the implementation of upland development programs and establish an agro-forestry resource center.

Location : Davao del Sur, Davao del Norte
Start Date : 8/23/93
Grant Completion Date : 8/22/96

KAUSWAGAN SA TIMOGANG MINDANAO FOUNDATION, INC.

Accelerated Area Development Project (AADP)

Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-0102-00

The Accelerated Area Development Project (AADP) contributes to the promotion of the development of the Southern Mindanao region. The project provides a "quick access" fund facility for cooperatives, foundations, people's organizations, associations and entrepreneurs in the area to alleviate poverty. Kauswagan believes in harnessing the capabilities of non-government organizations to initiate and manage people-oriented and community-based projects. AADP has assisted people's organizations by providing assistance in pre/post harvest facilities, basic community facilities, various livelihood undertakings and ecology-related concerns.

Local technical and manpower resources are utilized to implement the sub-projects. Kauswagan espouses the principle that "Development is achieved only through the people's initiative and persistence to develop themselves." People's participation in all phases of the project has contributed to the projects success. Lateral institution-building activities are also integral parts of the social and economic components of AADP.

Location : Davao
Start Date : 8/21/90
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/95



Through their micro-enterprise program, Kauswagan has assisted a number of fish vendors in Agdao Market.

MEDICAL AMBASSADOR PHILIPPINES

Community-based Primary Health Care among Ethnic Communities III

Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3033-00

The highest mortality rates are generally found among tribal groups located in remote areas. For this reason, Medical Ambassadors Philippines (MAP) has targeted ethnic communities in remote locations under their Primary Health Care Program. The purpose of the project is to improve the overall health status of these remote ethnic communities.

MAP will institute a primary health care delivery system in each target community, that will eventually become community-supported and directly incorporated into the government public health system. In each community, barangay health committees and health centers will be established and approximately 135 health workers will be trained. Training and health education aims to raise community awareness on health issues, promote disease control, and ensure the delivery of a health service program on a continuing basis.

Location : Quirino, Nueva Viscaya, Ifugao, and Ilocos Sur
Start Date : 6/2/93
Grant Completion Date : 6/1/96



Ethnic communities in the far-flung barangays have benefitted from the program.

MERCY CORPS INTERNATIONAL
Iloilo Development Assistance Program (IDAP) II
Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-0089-00

The purpose of the program is to increase agricultural productivity. IDAP specifically aims to: establish a viable multi-purpose cooperative in each of the 21 communities that can provide access to farm inputs, credit, and marketing services; and establish a Federation, to provide services to the cooperative in the areas of rice trading and agricultural inputs marketing.

The Iloilo Crop Producers Federation (ICPF) was organized by the 21 IDAP beneficiary-cooperatives. With the guidance and support of MCI-IDAP, ICPF is now a viable federation in Iloilo presently engaged in farm input training and consumer goods distribution among its member co-ops. Currently, negotiations have been completed with the National Agriculture and Fisheries Council (NAFC) for the release of funds for the construction of a grain center in Iloilo, which will consist of a rice mill, warehouse, and mechanical dryers. Its managerial capability and the business viability will ensure the sustainability of ICPF.

Location : Iloilo
Start Date : 8/21/90
Grant Completion Date : 2/20/96

MONDRAGON INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES, INC.

Mondragon Urban Community Development Assistance Program
(MUCDAP)

Grant No: AID 0395-G-SS-2119-00

This project aims to empower partner communities to address their basic problems related to housing, low income, and limited access to basic social services. By combining financial and technical assistance with community organization and capability-building strategies, the project hopes to build self-sustaining communities. The project components include: community organization, training, sites and services improvement, and enterprise development.

The project staff works closely with the urban poor communities to make sure that residents are actively involved in the projects. For example, under the sites and services improvement component, Mondragon provides funds for construction materials and technical supervision through an engineer-consultant. On the other hand, community associations formulate guidelines for management and maintenance of the facilities to ensure that they are kept in good condition. Community leaders ask local government units to support such projects; thus, making the entire effort a productive partnership with the public and private sectors.

Location : Metro Manila
Start Date : 11/27/92
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/96



Community members contribute labor and skills through the "Bayanihan" system.

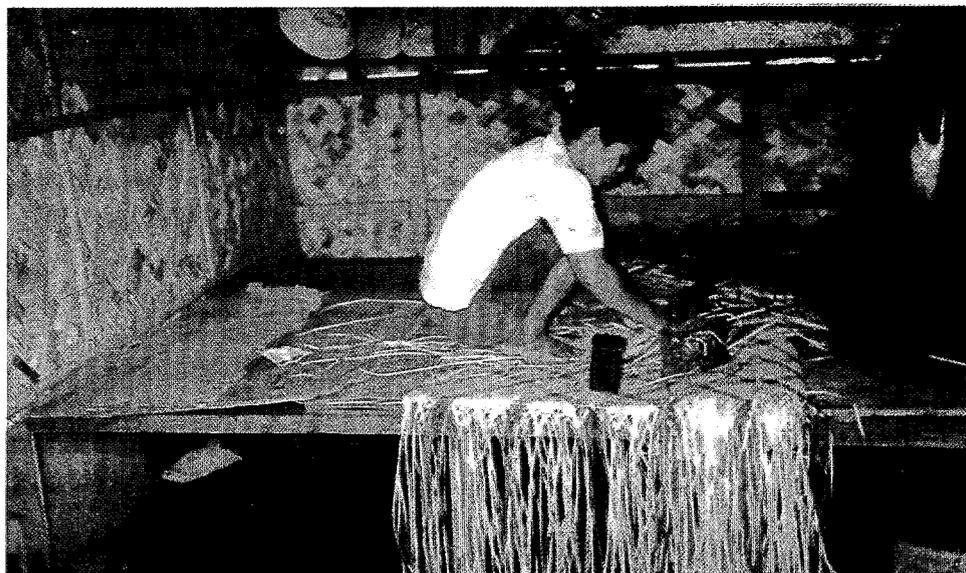
NOTRE DAME EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER

Badjao Integrated Development Program
Grant No: AID 492-0470-G-SS-3084-00

The Badjao Integrated Development Project provides basic social services such as health education, potable water facilities, and financial assistance to improve the quality of life of the Badjao tribe (sea gypsies) in their relocation site in General Santos City. This ethnic group of people originally occupied one side of the Makar Wharf but had to leave due to the wharf's expansion.

During their relocation, and the implementation of the program, the Badjaos have played a central role in various project development activities. They were consulted during the selection of the resettlement site. They also chose the site of their mosque and how it would be constructed. The Badjao mothers also participate, under the health component, in preparing food for their malnourished children, and improving their own standards of living.

Location : General Santos, South Cotabato
Start Date : 7/21/93
Completion Date : 7/20/96



Mat weaving augments the income of Badjao women in the resettlement site.

NOTRE DAME FOUNDATION FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Women in Enterprise Development II
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3104-00

In Cotabato City unemployment is a serious problem, especially among women. The economic significance of women's entrepreneurial activities has been overlooked in the area. Women lack the incentive and the support necessary to undertake entrepreneurial activities to support family income. The purpose of the Women in Enterprise Development (WED) project is to develop entrepreneurship, increase productivity and income and business opportunities of women. Adult education classes will also be conducted to promote proper health and nutrition.

This project will expand an earlier effort, also financed by the USAID, to assist the most depressed areas of Central Mindanao including Midsayap, Pikit, Datu Piang, and Jolo. This project will establish a Center in Cotabato City as a venue for the conduct of skills and literacy training program for women. The training seminars cover: WED Basic Entrepreneurial Skills Training, Basic and Advanced Adult Literacy Development (BAED), and other Adult Educational Courses for beneficiaries in Cotabato City and in other urban centers. The project will also establish a WED-Crafts Marketing Center in Cotabato City as a display area for the products of WED graduates and to encourage the exchange of information among small businesses.

Location : Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North
Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat
Start Date : 9/14/93
Completion Date : 3/31/96

PAMPAMILYANG PAARALANG AGRIKULTURA, INC.

Dagatan Family Farm School
Grant No: 492-0419-G-SS-2089-00

This program seeks to provide financial and managerial assistance and quality education to children of rural based farmers; increase income of its members through livelihood projects; and train beneficiaries in project planning, management, and monitoring.

Currently, there are several livelihood projects being undertaken to increase incomes: food processing, soap-production, swine and cattle breeding, and dispersal programs. The Sagipit Fund Project was established to provide short-term loans for beneficiaries who need cash for family or farm purposes. Also, the Students Farm Improvement Project Loan Fund was created as a low-interest, medium term loan for deserving graduates to implement improvements on their family farms.

Location : Batangas
Start Date : 4/21/92
Grant Completion Date : 4/30/96

PHILIPPINE BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

Bohol Area Resource Management Program
Grant No: AID 492-0470-G-SS-3123-00

The Bohol Area Resource Management (ARM) Program was designed to improve the socio-economic well-being of selected small, lowland farmers in the municipalities of San Miguel, Carmen, and Dagohoy in Bohol Province. It addresses the problems of the area's rice industry, especially those that hinder small farmers from obtaining a higher income from their yields. The Bohol ARM Program seeks to provide farmers with organizational and farming skills training; and access to capital, production inputs, irrigation, and post-harvest facilities.

Initial activities include the training of farmer-beneficiaries on organizational management, livelihood opportunities, organic farming instruction, and the installation of small water impounding systems. Consultations with various community organizations have been undertaken to determine the various projects that will be further implemented in the communities.

Location : Bohol
Start Date : 9/29/93
Grant Completion Date : 9/28/96



Access to farm inputs and technical assistance improved the productivity of rice farms in San Miguel.

PILIPINAS SHELL FOUNDATION, INC.
Bicol Development Assistance Program (BDAP)
Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-1163-00

This program aims to help the marginal farmers and fishermen in Camarines Sur through an integrated development approach. BDAP has five major components, namely: farm development, training, demonstration farms, irrigation systems and information dissemination.

The active participation of the beneficiaries in project implementation is an important feature of this project. Thus, upon completion of the Integrated Farming Systems Training Program, marginal farmers are given the chance to become trainers at the Shell Training Farm. Local expertise and success stories are shared with other farmers for possible replication. As a result of the training activities on the basic principles of business management, the farmers organize themselves to engage in viable projects such as fish retailing, mini-theater operation, and kaing trading. With the help of the Pilipinas Shell Foundation, the community members are taking the responsibility for their own development and sustainability.

Location : Camarines Sur
Start Date : 7/24/91
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/95



The BDAP members constructed their office out of the "RABUS" system or the bayanihan effort.

POPULATION CENTER FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (PCPD)

*"Institution Building of Medical and Nursing Schools Towards
Effective Primary Health Care Delivery"*
Grant No. 492-0470-G-SS-3113-00

This project is aimed at institutionalizing successful strategies of teaching and implementing community-based primary health care. Towards this end, two resource centers have been selected, the St. Paul's University (SPU) in Tuguegarao, Cagayan Valley and the University of San Carlos in Cebu. The training curriculum was tested in two major workshops in 1994. Training manuals and participants' handbooks have been developed.

Outreach conferences have been held and letters of invitation have been distributed to market the training program. Fellowship and scholarship funds are being sourced from the private sector. Accreditation of the training program with the Department of Education and the Philippine Nurses Association is in process.

Under this grant, organizational diagnoses of previous Health Resource Development Program (HRDP) Schools was also conducted. Small grants of up to P50,000 for the nursing schools were also made available. Towards the end of the grant, a major conference among past and current school participants will be held to establish a working and sustainable network of practitioners of effective primary health care.

Location : Cebu City and Tuguegarao
Start Date : 9/24/93
Grant Completion Date : 3/31/96

SAVE THE CHILDREN FEDERATION

Community Development through Institutional
Capability Strengthening
Grant No. AID 492-0419-G-SS-1200-00

The Bagong Tanyag community faces the struggle of transforming itself from a squatter area into a permanent and self-sustaining community. Save the Children's goals are to increase the income of community members, improve health care and nutrition services, upgrade the community's immediate physical environment, enhance the quality of early childhood through training classes, and strengthen the institutional capability of the Homeowners' Association.

The community groups receiving the most support are those from the lowest 25% income percentile. By project completion, families will be involved in year-round income-generating activities. Education for primary health care workers has been completed. Toilet facilities and drainage system facilities have also been constructed with help from the community. Three savings groups, have also been established to manage savings programs in the community.

Location : Bagong Tanyag, Metro Manila
Start Date : 9/17/91
Grant Completion Date : 9/17/95

TULAY SA PAG-UNLAD, INC.

Linking Banks with Micro and Small Entrepreneurs
Through TSPI and Other NGOs
Grant No. AID 492-0470-G-SS-3074-00

The project seeks to increase and sustain credit for the micro and small entrepreneurs using TSPI and other NGOs as intermediaries for bank loans. TSPI's strategy is to develop a network between banks and TSPI/other NGOs by accessing loans from banks for lending to micro and small entrepreneurs.

TSPI's lending programs empower the poor to seek a better way of life through active and collective participation in income-generating activities. The Sakbayan Program, a program funded under the project, works with tricycle driver/operator-clients in building collective participation themselves. A Sakbayan group establishes mutual responsibility and solidarity as they choose their members and leaders, formulate and abide by their by-laws, and capitalize on mutual guarantees and peer support. The groups also build capital funds through collective savings. The Sakbayan Program not only empowers individual members to improve their families' socio-economic conditions, it also enables them to strengthen relationships and build communities.

Location : Nationwide
Start Date : 6/28/93
Grant Completion Date : 12/31/95

VICTORIAS MILLING COMPANY, INC. (VMC)

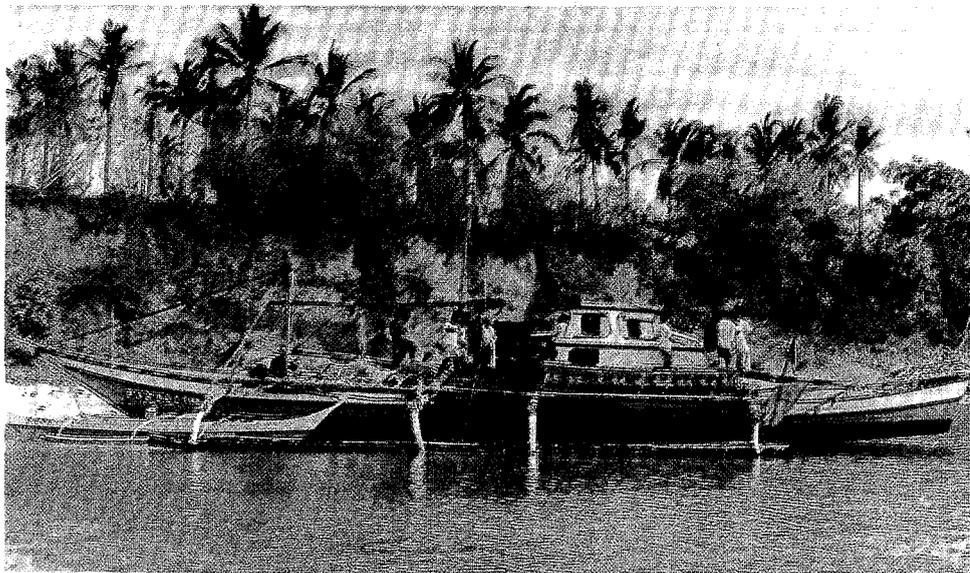
Socio-Economic Development Assistance Project II

Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-1101-00

The Socio-Economic Development Assistance Project II (SEDAP II) is an integrated development project that involves displaced sugar workers and marginal fishermen in Northern Negros Occidental. NGOs and Peoples' Organizations within the area assist marginalized groups in implementing and effectively managing their own community development activities. VMC provides assistance in the areas of barangay health care, livelihood development and training.

Participation of the marginalized groups is fundamental to all phases of project implementation. They decide on the type of projects to be assisted, attend training activities, volunteer their labor/services and formulate their own policies and systems in project management. All of these serve to give them experience in entrepreneurship and development. Participation of the marginalized in community development is well exemplified by their involvement in natural resource management, including the establishment of artificial reefs, promotion of health education, and management of community projects such as water and day care programs.

Location : Negros Occidental
Start : 8/26/91
Grant Completion Date : 8/25/95



The fisherfolk beneficiaries have increased their catch due to bigger boats loaned out by the project.

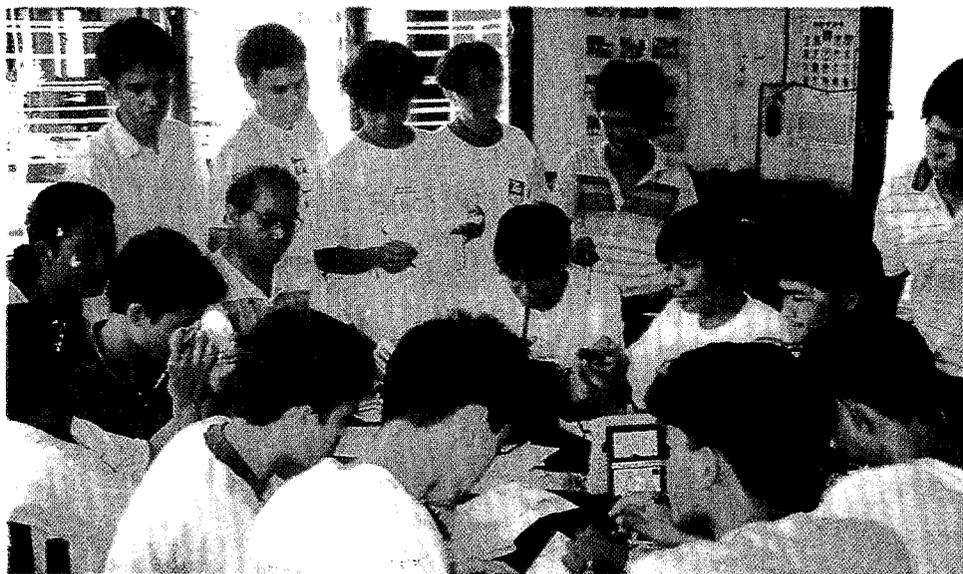
VITARICH CORPORATION

Vitarich Resource Enrichment Advocacy
for the Community and the Home (VITA-REACH)
Grant No: AID 492-0395-G-SS-3017-00

The VITAREACH project aims to enhance the living conditions of selected disadvantaged communities in Bulacan. The program will specifically develop entrepreneurial skills by providing a support system of technology transfer, credit assistance, vocational skills development, product development, and market research. In addition, the disadvantaged communities will have access to basic social services such as potable water systems, and day care centers.

Vitarich, in cooperation with the Sarmiento Foundation, consistently works with local government units (LGUs), and NGO networks for institution-building activities. These include training in: (a) community organization to provide empowerment to resolve their own problems and identify their own goals; and, (b) cooperative development, project development, and small business management. The community groups have been formally organized and trained to ensure the sustainability of projects.

Location : Bulacan
Start Date : 4/29/93
Grant Completion Date : 4/28/96



An outreach project for out-of-school youth in Marilao.

YAKAN MINISTRY FOUNDATION, INC.

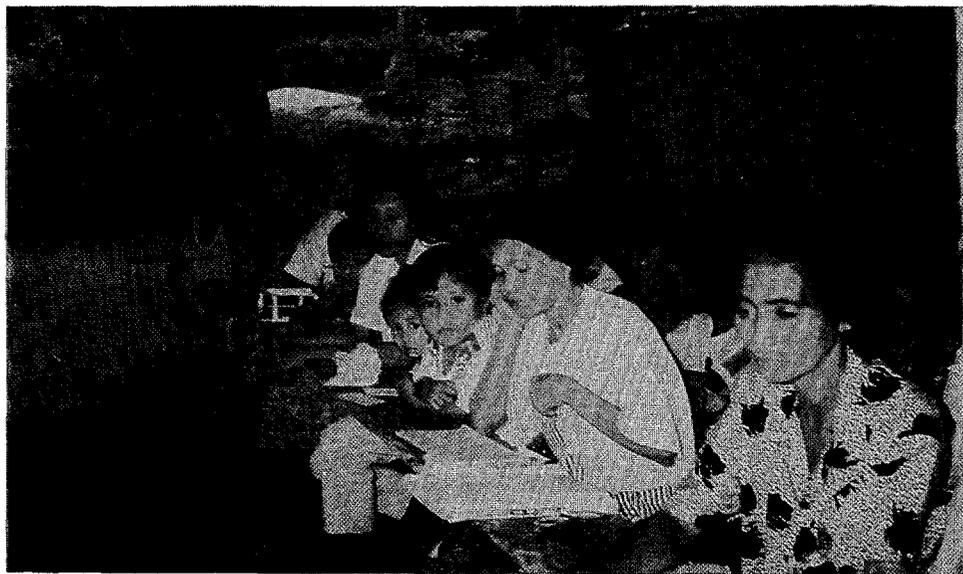
Yakan Integrated Literacy and Health Program II
Grant No: AID 492-0419-G-SS-2077-00

The program aims to increase the level of adult literacy and to improve health practices among the Yakans on Basilan Island. The target beneficiaries are the marginal Yakan households whose access to better economic opportunities are limited by poor health and environmental conditions.

Project activities include literacy program, trainees enhancement training, and reading contests. Under the health component, health education campaigns, nutrition and family planning, environmental sanitation, community organizing, community health volunteers' training, gardening, and green revolution are undertaken.

Organized Barangay Councils assist in implementing health and literacy activities. The councils are organized by the community and assist project staff in the assessment of community needs. The formation of the mothers' organizations encourage the implementation of activities purely for women. Some have realized their leadership potentials and have aspired for elected positions during the recent local elections. They advocate for change, economic empowerment, and improved access to justice to bring about development.

Location : Basilan
Start Date : 3/25/92
Grant Completion Date : 9/30/95



An on-going session for learners in Barangay Tipo-Tipo.

JAIME V. ONGPIN FOUNDATION

Integrated Area Development Assistance Project (IADAP)
Grant No. 492-0395-G-SS-4017-00

The purpose of the grant is the socio-economic upliftment of the targetted communities in Zambales and Benguet through improved access to basic services, employment opportunities, credit assistance, training and institution-building, and agro-forestry activities.

The project will work through existing local structures and strengthen local capacities to enable communities to manage and sustain development activities in the area.

Location : Benguet and Zambales
Grant Start : 9/7/93
Grant Completion Date : 9/7/96