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Years of Continuing Commitment...

“Peace through Development with Justice”
“Development is the new name for Peace.”
- POPE PAUL VI

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OUR VISION

A multicultural Filipino society reclaiming its basic rights to peace and development in the spirit of faith, love and justice.

OUR MISSION

We seek to uplift, empower and transform the disadvantaged in society towards attaining their full human development, through direct intervention or in partnership with institutions and communities, as co-stewards of human and environmental resources. Our culturally-sensitive services are rooted in faith, love and justice.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Assisi Development Foundation aims to help the poor and the oppressed become economically secure, socially responsible and morally mature by making available:

- sustainable agricultural technology, farm implements & tools education (formal and non-formal)
- medical assistance, facilities and health care alternatives
- opportunities for leadership and livelihood, skills training, and values/spiritual formation
- relief and rehabilitation of communities affected by the armed conflict in Mindanao.
Thirty-six years have passed since our founding in 1975 and Assisi is now on its 37th-39th year. We will soon complete one generation of work in the Lord’s vineyard, in the old Jewish tradition where a generation is forty years. This is the favorable time for us to pass the reins to the next generation of laborers. In the past year this has begin to happen, with Viel, Ben and Dodo spearheading our Assisi’s new programs, particularly our Public-Private Partnership for Justice, Development and Peace with ten poorest municipalities and various projects for the victims of Typhoon Sendong, the displaced Ati community of Boracay and other sectors in need. Mrs. Dee is especially happy in Cebu City, in partnership with local NGOs and religious communities for the children’s program.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all of our fellow workers in Assisi whose sacrifices continue our witnessing to our Faith and to the Cross of Our Lord in the example of our patron St. Francis the Povorello of Assisi.

Our profound gratitude go to Our Lord, His Mother and St. Joseph for their constant protection and abundant blessings, to our Trustees for their wise counsel, to Fr. Arevalo and Fr. Simon for their spiritual guidance and graces, and to our partners here and around the globe for their trust and support. Thank you all!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

HOWARD Q. DEE
Chairman

We, at the Assisi Development Foundation (ADF), are constantly inspired by the gift and commitment of our Team, our Trustees and the communities we work with as well as the generosity of our partners, collaborators and friends who have helped us fulfill our mission through the many opportunities to expand our reach and engage in innovative programs.

As we mark this significant milestone, from 2009 to 2011, we compiled in this report the highlights of our 3-year journey with various communities and the stories of how people are able to discover the wealth and wisdom of their capacities and the power of collaboration in achieving a common goal. Through these stories, we hope to show you a glimpse of the remarkable accomplishments of our partner communities and institutions – stories that have propelled and encouraged us to do more and be more for others this past 3 years and which we intend to continue to do so in the future.

We are truly grateful that our humble efforts, no matter how small it seems, have contributed, at the least, positive ripple effects in the lives of our partner communities and institutions (Local Government Units, Church and Missionary Groups, and Non-Government Organizations). I have witnessed first-hand their dedication, leadership, commitment and remarkable achievements in pursuing transformative governance and in finding pro-active solutions against poverty and all forms of human injustices especially to the most marginalized and vulnerable communities in the country. To them, we extend our heartfelt appreciation and dedicate this report for their great innovations, great compassion, great generosity, great kindness and great vision.

Our deepest thanks to all our donors and friends who supported our programs for children and youth, fisherfolks, farmers, rural and urban communities, elderly and physically challenged, and other sectors in need. In a very special way, we would like to thank HOPE International Development Agency for our twenty five (25) long years of meaningful partnership, particularly in providing clean water, education and livelihood for the indigenous peoples in Mindanao.

In all things and at all times, we acknowledge that our work and mission in the ADF is both a great gift and task from God. We are truly grateful for all the graces and blessings we have received and continue to receive. As we look forward to another 3 years in our mission, we shall continue to carry with us the spirit and charism of St. Francis of Assisi – our inspiration for Faith in Action, and the guidance of our Loving Lady, the Blessed Mother – our model for loving service.

For God’s Greater Glory!

BENJAMIN ABADIANO
President
## AREAS OF COVERAGE

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PARTNERS

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS | QUANTITY
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Peoples’ Organization (PO) | 17
Diocese/Religious | 184
Academe | 26
Non-Government Organization (NGO) | 39
Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) | 146
Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) | 26
TOTAL | 438

BENEFICARIES | QUANTITY
--- | ---
Indigenous Peoples (IPs) | 310,668
Children | 312,562
Adult | 310,854
Fisherfolks | 11,215
Farmers | 87,600
TOTAL | 1,032,899
OUR STRATEGIC APPROACHES
TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Public-Private Partnership for Justice, Development and Peace (PPP-JDP)
2. Indigenous Peoples Education Program
3. Educational Assistance and Scholarship Program (EASP)
4. Advocacy Program
5. Environment & Resource Management Program (ERMP)
6. Hapag-Asa Nutrition Program
7. Institutional Grants and Aid (IGA) Program & Isaiah 61
8. Peri-Urban Development Program
9. CAP Volunteer & Leadership Program
10. Relief/Rehab Program
11. Marian Program

VISION

TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP
COMMUNITY BUILDING

PEACE & JUSTICE

SPIRIT OF LOVING SERVICE
FULL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
FOR MARGINALIZED & DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES
SPIRIT OF LOVING SERVICE

EMPOWERMENT
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS
PEACE AND SECURITY

INSTUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP & SOCIETAL SUPPORT SYSTEM
NGOs | GOV | LGUs | ACADEMIC | CHURCH | INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

CONVERGENCE BUILDING
THRUSTR
Strengthening local governance capacities towards addressing poverty and threats to human security.

OBJECTIVES
1. To strengthen 10 local model stakeholders’ capacity for program development and management
2. To harness the delivery of basic services and livelihood support at the community level
3. To improve capacities to reduce peoples’ vulnerability to conflicts and other man-made and natural hazards

COVERAGE AREAS

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MILESTONES

COMPONENT

• Empowerment

RESULTS

Leadership and Governance
• 26 people’s project committees formed
• 3,200 community leaders and barangay officials trained on leadership and good governance
• Participatory Resource Appraisal conducted in 42 barangays

Community Organizing and Values Formation
• 25 municipal staff trained on values formation
• 40 municipal staff trained on community organizing

Volunteerism and leadership
• 48 community youth leaders and scholars trained on Volunteerism and Leadership
• 4 volunteers fielded in the pilot municipality
COMPONENT

• Peace and Security

RESULTS

Peace Advocacy
• 300 community leaders attended in interfaith dialogues
• 80 peace facilitators/conflict mediators trained
• 24 IP scholars enrolled in Peace Building Course
• A network of 20 IP youth peace organizations established

Disaster Management and Environment Protection
• 2,600 community leaders trained on environmental protection and disaster management

Agriculture
• 349 farmers trained on sustainable agriculture
• 22 rice duck farms established
• 3 municipal demo farms established
• 26 vermi-composting facilities set up
• 50 farmers provided farming tools
• 23 post harvest facilities provided
• Upland rice and corn seedlings distributed to 150 farmers
• 21 community seedling nurseries established

• Development Rights
Approach I: Public-Private Partnership for Justice, Development & Peace (PPP-JDP)

Fisheries
• 20 inland fish ponds established
• 70 small fishing boats with fisher gears granted
• 4 fish cages, 7 fish shelters, 2 fish pens, and 1 marine sanctuary set-up

Livestock and poultry
• 340 animals dispersed
• 6 community enterprise projects (abaca handicraft making, peanut butter production, dried fish processing, coco midrib basket making, shell craft making) assisted

Education
• 66 college scholars being assisted
• 1 agricultural-vocational school building completed
• 1 LGU-TESDA Vocational school set-up

Water and sanitation
• 13 potable water systems installed; additional 8 for installation
• 680 sanitary toilets for construction

Health
• 1 hospital under construction
• 1 Rural Health Unit (RHU) renovated/constructed
• 9 barangay health centers being constructed. 1 in pipeline
• 45 Health Workers trained on Integrative Health
The people of Daram are staring at poverty and misery everyday. Most of them are fisherfolks, who depend on the sea for subsistence and survival. Unfortunately, their town’s marine resources are fast depleting due to over-harvesting of big fishing vessels and illegal fishing practices of other fishermen. This condition has forced them to look for employment as domestic helpers and laborers outside their town. It also drove many of them to support or join the Community insurgency movement in the Island.

The former Mayor Benito Astorga, who staunchly advocated for better governance at the provincial level, was killed after his second term election.

In 2007, Mayor Lucia “Lu” Latorre-Astorga decided to take the cudgels from his late Mayor husband. Upon her election, she grappled to rise from the challenges that beset her municipality by initiating reforms in the bureaucracy. As a medical doctor, she took the issue of health and nutrition as one of her flagship programs. Her conviction to end poverty in Daram has become the driving force during her first term.

In her second term, Mayor Astorga spearheaded the formulation of Daram’s Development Agenda called “Social Accountability and Viable Economy – Fishery and Agricultural Development, Access to Infrastructure and Basic Services, Information Technology, Tourism Development and Commitment to Peace and Order. Human Resource Development (SAVE-FAITh)” with the assistance of Assisi Development Foundation Inc. (ADFI). SAVE-FAITh is a convergence strategy of Daram with other partner institutions both from public and private sectors.

With its development agenda and partnership initiatives in place, Daram is gradually being transformed into a productive and livable town. In one year’s time, improvements in delivery of basic services have been observed, particularly in the provision of health care, potable water supply, agricultural production and livelihood assistance, education, and advocacy for major infrastructure projects. Meanwhile, community participation, transparency and empowerment are being adopted as part of the development approaches of the municipal government. These efforts are slowly helping the people to shift from exploitative and illegal livelihood practices to more sustainable and environment friendly ones. With these changes more organizations are now expressing their interest to support the municipal government’s reform and development initiatives.

While it is too early to judge the work of Mayor Astorga and her people, all indication shows that they are leading Daram to a new development phase. This development phase is best captured by Mayor Astorga’s statement: “starting from within and believing in one’s conviction for change would elicit participation from stakeholders and together we can make it happen.”
The Case of Transformative Governance in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte

Kauswagan has witnessed and suffered from the atrocities of war and violence for many years now. It has been considered by social observers as a barometer for armed conflict between the government and Muslim rebels, since this is where the “all-out-war” started in the years 2000 and 2008. The major causes of conflicts and unrest in the municipality could be attributed to the unresolved land disputes between the Maranaos and Visayan settlers, the experience of discrimination among different ethnic groups, and inadequate access of basic services and development opportunities in the upland areas. Many lives had been lost and many development opportunities had been missed because of this on-going conflict situation.

While living in the shadows of fear and terror, the town also deteriorated because of its corrupt and ineffective local government unit. For many years, municipal officials were disunited due to vested political and economic interests. Mismanagement of public funds was rampant, leading to the suspension of former Chief Executives and the filing of graft and corruption cases on several local officials in the Office of the Ombudsman and Sandiganbayan. Tax collections of the municipality slumped and poverty incidence increased to an alarming level, 79% in 2008.

In May 2010, the people of Kauswagan elected Mayor Rommel Arnado as their new leader with the hope significant changes will happen in their town. After the elections, Mayor Arnado began to dismantle the machineries of corruption in the municipal government and started to draw a road map for Peace and Development in the Municipality with assistance of ADFI. The road map was called the “Sustainable Integrated Kauswagan Development and Peace Agenda” or SIKAD-PA, a local term that means “to strive more”. It was adopted as a municipal development policy by virtue of SB Resolution No. 148-2011.

SIKAD-PA became the rallying point for convergence among the people, the LGU, and other support groups. Through its collaboration with ADFI and other agencies under the Public-Private Partnership for Justice, Development and Peace (PPP-JDP) Program, the LGU was able to capacitate and mobilize community leaders to implement various peace advocacy, basic services and income generating projects in both Muslim and Christian communities. Local community organizers supported by the LGU, were fielded in the barangays to ensure the implementation of the SIKAD-PA projects. Peace sensitive and performance based plans and monitoring systems were set-up to ensure accountability and transparency. Financial management and tax collection reforms were also put in place.

After barely a year of pushing for the implementation of SIKAD-PA, the people of Kauswagan were amazed about the changes that their town has experienced under the leadership of Mayor Arnado. Despite the recent setbacks in the peace negotiations, the town has not experienced any major armed clashes between government and MILF forces this year, while the crime rate is down to 0%. Meanwhile poverty incidence below food threshold level decreased from 69% in 2010 to 56.2 % by the end of 2011. Local tax collection rate is almost double compared to the previous years’, indicating increased people’s confidence in LGU. Because of this performance, it was not a surprise that the LGU was considered one of best performers in Lanao del Norte this year, and was given a Seal of Good Housekeeping by DILG. It was also nominated as among the 110 candidates for the 2011 Galing Pook Awards.
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION PROGRAM
POPE JOHN PAUL II CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

THRUST
Supporting initiatives on culture-sensitive and relevant education for various indigenous communities in the country.

OBJECTIVES
1. To improve the access of IPs to formal and alternative education
2. To increase awareness and appreciation of IPs of their Indigenous Knowledge, Systems and Practices (IKSP Promotion)
3. To develop/enhance the competence of IPs /ICCs on IP education and management systems (IP Community-Ownership and Management)
4. To set up sustainability mechanisms for IP education

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COVERAGE AREAS

PARTNERS
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MISEREOR
Approach II: Indigenous Peoples Program

MILESTONES

- 10 elementary schools turned over to the DepEd
- 13 Pre-schools turned over to the DepEd
- 26 Daycare Centers turned over to the DSWD
- 12 Daycare Centers sustained by Church Local Partners and IPOs
- 4 Daycare Centers sustained by IPOs
- 516 IP children and youth in public and private schools supported through the HOPE REACH Educational Assistance
- 4 IPOs established and remained functional
- 3 Learning Farms and Livelihood Projects established and sustained
- The Mahayag Bulega Organization utilized 4-hectare lot from the City Government of Malaybalay as school site and Learning Farm for the sustainability of its elementary school, Pigpamulahan Tribal School.

IMPACT

- Increased pride in one’s identity and culture as manifested by awareness about their tribe’s history, ability to speak the mother tongue, and ability to present their traditional dance and songs;
- Increased ability to read, write and perform simple mathematical computation;
- Deeper recognition of the value of education as indicated by active involvement of students, parents and community leaders in the school activities and in the parents-teachers association;
• Acquisition of knowledge and skills in traditional and contemporary technologies ranging from handicraft making, weaving, sustainable agriculture to bookkeeping and organizational development;
• Strengthened capacity and commitment to ancestral domain and natural resources as demonstrated by firm stand against the entry of environmentally destructive projects like mining, logging and others
• Enhanced confidence and responsibility to exercise rights, like voting without help from others and linking with the LGUs and other government agencies to access basic services.

LOCAL EDUCATORS’ ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP)
Local Educators Advance Program (LEAP) has been organized as a continuing initiative for the empowerment of IP educators to eventually become major forces in establishing relevant IP education in IP communities and in advancing the cause of IP education as a crucial aspect of nation building. The previous themes were:
LEAP 2: Strengthening Partnership and Systems for the Advancement of IP Education, May 29 to 31, 2011
Mahayag is the farthest sitio of St Peter as well as of Malaybalay City. Located at the foot of Pantaron Range which separates the Province of Bukidnon and Agusan del Sur, Mahayag used to be the passage way of the NPAs from the mountain to the lowland and vice versa. Because of this, the people have lived in fear and insecurity. They languished in poverty and many times they have experienced hunger especially at times that they could not go to their farms. Powerless before these challenges, they began to realize the need to go to school. They dreamed of a culture-based school system in their own sitio that could empower them to stand for their rights and pursue their own development. To realize their dream, they sought the help of Bukidnon Tribal Filipinos Foundation, Inc (BTFFI), which in turn, sought the assistance of the Assisi Development Foundation. Hence in 2003, the Pre-School in Mahayag was established. Compelled by the increasing realization of the value of education, they worked for the up-scaling of the Mahayag Pre-School to elementary education in 2008. Through the assistance of ADF, 4 Cs Mapping has been conducted which helped the community in setting up a vision and a community development program that is rooted in their life and culture. More importantly, the 4 Cs mapping officially
marked the beginning of Pigpamulahan Tribal School. Pigpamulaan Tribal School emerged as the center for learning and development for the whole community, offering early childhood and elementary education for children and functional literacy for adults. Among others, the functional literacy program included sustainable agriculture, handicraft, alternative health, IPRA and Culture of Peace trainings. Through the trainings in Sustainable Agriculture as well as the installation of a water system in Mahayag, the people were able to set up a Community learning Farm, 65 household backyard gardens and nursery and 12 household backyard fish ponds. The backyard gardens and fish ponds did not only provide the families with food but also additional income. Moreover, the nursery also enabled them to plant fruit trees, coffee and cocoa in their own farms. Moreover, the mothers also continue to process herbal medicines and have become regular suppliers of the Alternative Medicine Botica of Barangay St. Peter.

Now on its fourth year, Pigpamulahan Tribal School is now temporarily financed by the City Government of Malaybalay and managed by the DepEd, the Mahayag Bulega Organization and the BTFFI. It now caters to 49 Pre-School children, 135 elementary children and 30 adults coming from five (5) communities: Puroks 6, 7 and 9 of Barangay St. Peter, Balaodo and Malilong. Since 2008, the number of households in Mahayag has increased from 40 to 65. The Higaonons of Balaodo, which has been the hideout of the NPAs in the area, have expressed their desire to go down to Mahayag so that their children can have access to formal education. In his speech during the first elementary graduation of Pigpamulahan Tribal School, Engr. Domingo Hingpit, the Barangay Chairman of St. Peter thanked ADF and said, “Mahayag used to be the smallest and most backward Sittio of St. Peter but now it has become a model for a community-initiated education and development program in the area.”
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (EASP)

THRUSt
Providing education opportunities to disadvantaged children and youth in elementary, secondary and tertiary levels with integrated values formation and life skills enhancement for socio-economic and spiritual uplifting of their families and communities.

OBJECTIVES
1. To support formal education of qualified grantee until secondary and/or tertiary (college / voc-tech) graduation;
2. To instill standard of academic excellence and provide incentives for outstanding performance or record before, upon, and after graduation from tertiary level;
3. To integrate values formation in defining character of grantees, graduates and families through proactive involvement and leadership in parish, school and community;
4. To establish alumni bases and links in the spirit of charity as St. Francis lived.

Approach III: Educational Assistance and Scholarship Program (EASP)
## MILESTONES

### Summary of College Graduates and Board Passers
(2007 – 2011)

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Thank you for the family He gave me. My father is a tricycle dispatcher and earns sixty or eighty pesos a day. It is not enough to support a family of five, including my mother and me; a younger sister just graduated from elementary and a high school graduate of a brother who now works as a laborer at a construction company. This is why I help my mother in taking laundry work or selling lotion (donation in kind of her brother), despite her being totally blind in the right eye and unable to see a doctor for a change of contact lens for a blurred left eye.

I will be in my fourth year this SY 2012-2013, taking Elementary Education major in Special Education at the University of Rizal System in Morong, Rizal. In the first semester of my third year I completed my research on “...Strategic Intervention Materials in Teaching Basic Mathematics for Mentally Challenged Pupils.” All my time was invested in preparing for my colloquium before the panel. I lacked sleep and was nervous for my turn to answer intelligently...and yes, I deserved the 1.1 grade that made it all worth it.

My apologies to the Tahanan Walang Hagdan and the Assisi Foundation, my coordinators and co-grantees, for sometimes missing out on group activities that help me persevere and do my best to attain my degree, help my family and children with disabilities. I am involved in my church, teach children in Sunday school. In my community I tutor children and help them develop their abilities. With my own instructional materials suited for different disabilities, I do weekly immersion in select (TWhI-CBR) barangays of Morong and Baras, Rizal, and conduct seminar workshops for Braille reading and sign language.

I am happy for the knowledge obtained and good decisions made; for kindness and support to achieve my goals. In prayer I always thank God for all these blessings.
Perhaps due to difficult circumstances of my family, I was disturbed by the reality of seeing my parents working so hard while I went to school. Often I caught myself thinking of my father and mother who daily walked the mountainous and rocky field. I know it’s not easy to cultivate a farm whose soil was not exactly fertile that it could mainly grow *camote*, and more *camote*, needing animal manure to increase fertility for other root crops, bananas and vegetables to grow better.

I used to be my father’s companion but I was told I must study for a good future. In college I encountered different personalities. Some teachers were so strict I felt so nervous that I withdrew into silence. I know it is good to be positive. I believe I can change for the better. I am challenged to do my best so that I can be an instrument of better life for those who are hard up like my family.

My apologies for the headaches I gave my parents who worked and sacrificed for me. (I experienced the strict ways of my father to discipline me. I resisted my mother’s efforts to discuss with my teachers how I could be helped). For breaking the rules Ms. Fely Mordeno set for us. I hope I can still be given a chance to realize my dream to serve the *Lumads*.
THRUSt
Strengthening partnerships and collaboration with indigenous peoples organizations (IPOs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and government agencies (GAs) in advancing indigenous peoples’ rights and dignity as a people.

OBJECTIVES
1. To lobby on the different issues and concerns related to the development opportunities confronting the IPs
2. To strengthen partnership between the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), International Organizations (IOs) and other government line agencies.
3. To support the Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples’ Education;
4. To explore collaborative partnership with local and international agencies on various concerns
I. Forging Partnerships for Peace (FPP)
The FPP is a loose coalition of CSOs responding to the challenges of consolidating the various initiatives, identifying the gaps and services available for the IPs. The various meetings held since 2005 examines and provided solutions to some of the more urgent IP issues that will have an adverse impact in their peace and solidarity. FPP is convened by ten (10) members working together as its Steering Committee: Philippine Association for Inter-Cultural Development (PAFID), Cordillera Peoples’ Forum (CPF), Balay Rehabilitation Center, Gaston Z. Ortuagas Peace Institute (GZO), Anthropology Watch (AW), Inter-People’s Exchange (IPEX); Koalisyon ng Katutubong Samahan ng Pilipinas (KASAPI), Cartwheel Foundation, Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Program (NTFP) and the Assisi Development Foundation, Inc. (ADFI).

II. A National IP Agenda Crafted in Pamulaan
Recognizing the election of P-Noy as an opportunity for change, forty IP leaders coming from 24 tribes all over the country gathered for a two-day Workshop on a “National IP Agenda” at the Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples’ Education last June 24-25, 2010.

After two days of experience sharing and reflection, the IP leaders came up with an agenda that summarizes the hopes and dreams of the IPs as articulated in various national and local consultations and fora. The agenda focuses on four themes:
1. Karapatan sa Lupa (Land and Natural Resources: Tenure, Use and Management);
2. Kapayapaan (Peace, Conflict-Management)
3. Kultura at Karunungan (Cultural Integrity, Knowledge and Education)
4. Kasarinlan (Self-Governance and Policy)

As a culminating activity of the workshop, the group presented the workshop results to Richard Dee and Viel Aquino-Dee, who came over to Davao to attend the gathering. In response to the presentation of the IP leaders, Mrs. Dee promised to hand over the agenda to government authorities, with the hope that P-Noy administration will give particular attention to the IPs.

III. IP CONVERSATIONS SERIES
A Quarterly Conversation Series of the NCIP with Civil Society Organizations, Peoples’ Organizations, NGOs, International Organizations and Other IP Support Group

The series is aimed at building new opportunities for collaborative efforts between the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the various stakeholders.

Objectives:

a. To generate recommendations for the enhancement of NCIP in addressing IP issues and in supporting IP initiatives and concerns;
b. To generate recommendations in strengthening partnerships between CSOs, IPOs, IOs and the NCIP;
c. To agree on avenues for a continuing dialogue.

III. CENSUS Mapping
An IP census pilot project in partnership with the UNDP was undertaken in 2009 to map out and survey the IPs in parts of Oriental Mindoro, Mindanao, Palawan and Zambales. The activity has provided capacity building and boosted the self-esteem of the IPs as they take a participatory approach in the census process; afforded them a practical tool for community planning and analysis; furthered the cause of their recognition as part of the country’s significant population; and a sense of belonging to contribute to their own communities. The census benefitted the following:
### Area | Covered Barangay | IP Group
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Oriental Mindoro (in partnership with the Mangyan Heritage Center) | Paitan, Naujan, Baclayan, Puerto Galera | Alangan-Mangyan, Iraya-Mangyan
Mindanao (in partnership with the Pamulaan Center for IP Education) | Molmol, Jose Abad Santos, Davao Del Sur, Renibon, Pigmawayan, North Cotabato, Cananga-an, Cabanglasan, Bukidnon Siloh, Slay, Zamboanga de Sur, Cabidianan, New Corella, Davao Del Norte Bunaguit, Esperanza, Agusan Del Sur | Sarangani-Manobo, B’laan, Arumanen-Manobo, Umajamnon, Subanen, Mansaka, Dibabawon, Mandaya, Higaonon
Palawan (in partnership with the Nagkakaisang Tribu ng Palawan [NATRIPAL]; Brooke’s Point undertaken by AnthroWatch in line with their Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) application) | Amas, Brooke’s Point Mainit, Brooke’s Point Imulnod, Brooke’s Point San Rafael, Puerto Princesa Babuyan, Puerto Princesa | Pala’wan, Pala’wan, Pala’wan, Tagbanwa, Tagbanwa
Zambales (in partnership with another NGO) | New San Juan Cabangan | Ayta

This is a viable and highly effective approach in the population census of the IP communities who are often neglected if not, marginalized in the yearly national census of the government. Given the consideration, the process can be scaled up to functionally reach and cover all of the IPs living in the remotest areas in the country.

### IV. KALINDOGAN Indigenous Youth Peace Congress
Kalindogan is a Lumad term referring to a gathering of peoples of different tribes to celebrate and sustain their culture. The program responds to the urgent issues and challenges being faced by IP youth while adapting to their ever changing environment. In celebration of the Indigenous Peoples’ month since October 2007, Kalindogan convenes the IP Youth for a four (4) day conference to brainstorm and establish their direction based on the following theme:
- 2009: “Reclaiming Indigenous Leadership”
- 2010: “Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness”
- 2011: Social Entrepreneurship: “Strengthening the Indigenous Peoples’ Capacity on Sustainable Livelihood and Community Development”
V. The Tertiary Education for IPs

In partnership with HOPE International, Cordaid, Asian Community Trust (ACT), Ilawan Inc., Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF), Cartwheel Foundation Inc. and University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP), a tertiary education program was established. It is called Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples’ Education.

Pamulaan Center offers a variety of school and community-based academic and non-academic programs addressing the critical needs of various indigenous communities, and adopts a ladderized approach in education. The course offerings include: Bachelor of Agricultural Technology (BAT), Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED) specializing in teaching Indigenous Peoples, A.B. Anthropology (BAA), and A.B. Peace Education (BAPE) and a proposed curriculum on Bachelor of Arts in Social Entrepreneurship (BASE). A total of 97 students are currently enrolled in SY 2011 and twenty-four (24) has graduated as of March 2012. The 73 remaining students will be joined in by a new batch of 40 freshmen. The Center has produced a total of 81 graduates since 2010.
ENVIROMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ERMP)

THRUST
Promoting sustainable management of natural and physical resources focusing on conservation, protection, rehabilitation and maintenance of ecological stability.

OBJECTIVES
1. To assist communities for communal potable water facilities using simple, appropriate, cost effective, and environment-friendly water technologies;
2. To support food sufficiency projects such as sustainable agriculture/ agro-forestry projects;
3. To provide environmental awareness in the preservation, protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of environment; and
4. To help strengthen organizational capacities of prospective communities.

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COVERAGE AREAS

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ASSISI DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MILESTONES

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| 1. Potable Water System Projects              | Luzon - 5  
Tarlac, Palawan, Oriental Mindoro, Ilocos Sur  
Visayas - 5  
Negros Oriental, Eastern Samar and Western Samar  
Mindanao - 65  
Davao Oriental, Davao Sur, Davao City, Davao Norte, Maguindanao, Misamis Oriental, Malaybalay City, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Bukidnon, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Agusan Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga Sur, Zamboanga Norte, Zamboanga City |
| 2. Sustainable Agriculture Projects           | Mindanao – 30  
Bukidnon, Zamboanga City, Agusan del Norte, Maguindanao, Zamboanga del Sur, Davao City, Zamboanga Sibugay, Lanao del Norte  
Visayas – 1  
Western Samar  
Luzon – 1  
Tarlac |
Tandang Sora and San Jose Del Monte City |
The Municipality of Dumingag is considered 2nd class municipality with 44 barangays composed of 33 uplands and 11 lowland barangays. It is a landlocked municipality and the people mainly rely on agriculture. About 90% of population are poor based on the NSCB standards. Around 84% of the farmers have no sufficient production and income to at least support the basic needs of their family.

One of the challenges facing the Local Government of Dumingag is to liberate its constituents from poverty, sickness and hunger, and to bring the municipality on the higher level of development for brighter future of the people.

Mayor Jun together with his team developed the Genuine People’s Agenda (GPA) which aims to establish local economy through People Empowerment and Sustainable Organic Agriculture focused on food sufficiency. It envisions to make “Dumingag an Organic Capital of the Philippines.” It hopes to provide farmers learning skills on simple, culturally acceptable, economically viable, appropriate and environment-friendly farming system to produce safe and nutritious food. In the GPA program, Dumingag forged partnership with various key stakeholders.

The number of organic farmer practitioners had reached a total of 438 farmer families and the trend is growing, hence organic rice production also increased. Hunlos or labor-sharing scheme among the farmers is back and now being practiced. The LGU gives emphasis in transforming Dumingag from conventional farming into organic farming. It has a continuing program on generating and storing their own seed varieties to reduce dependency from external sources. Bringing back the environmental balance in their municipality is one of their long-term objectives.

Through continuing sustainable agriculture programs of the LGU, Dumingag was accepted as a member of International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement (IFOAM).
The Case of Mr. & Mrs. Elpedio E. Ebiza
Dumingag, Zamboanga Del Sur

In the past, they used to apply chemical fertilizers and pesticides in their farm. They were promised by the agent of the chemical company a double in their harvest/production using synthetic and chemical fertilizers. In doing so, they encountered infestation problem in the farm such as “army worm” in the rice fields. This resulted to very low production as their loans got bigger and bigger which they can hardly pay. With this experience, they decided to try organic farming as an alternative.

The shift from inorganic to organic is not easy, besides organic farming is labour intensive. The other farmers were saying that they are out of their minds or “baliw” since they cannot ever pay their outstanding loans. However, in spite of this, the family continued implementing organic farming.

When they implemented various sustainable organic agriculture technologies like rice-fish farming, planting of fruit trees, various vegetable in their farm, they decided not to hire labour or involved their neighbours to show that they can do it on their own. They believed that organic farming technology utilizes local resources and requires only minimal capital.

Over the years, they experienced positive results in their 0.75 hectares or 7,500 square meters farm. With their own initiatives, the farm was fully utilized planted with various crops and vegetables. Other farmers were inspired on farm production outputs and more farmers were interested in adopting organic farming. The farm turned out to be an area for learning where other farmers visit and see for themselves what they are doing.

The couple now act as an adviser or consultant to other farmers wanting to adopt organic farming practices in their own farm. They are also involved in propagating different varieties of rice in the area.
HAPAG-ASA NUTRITION PROGRAM

THRUST
Responding to high prevalence of malnutrition using a wholistic approach in partnership with various groups and institutions nationwide.

OBJECTIVES
1. To develop the culture of SHARING & LOVING to our neighbors as demonstrated in the Miracle of the Multiplication of loaves & fish (Mt. 14:13-21)
2. To reduce malnutrition prevalence rate among 0 to 12 years old children
3. To improve capacity of parents to care and provide for basic needs of their children

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PARTNERS

ASSISI DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
MILESTONES

Under the program, an average rehabilitation rate of 85-90% children fed was achieved.

Aside from feeding, other activities were also conducted to sustain the gains of the program.

Parents’ Education Classes on:
1. Affective Parenting
2. Health and Nutrition
3. Responsible Parenthood-Natural Family Planning and Values
4. Livelihood and Skills Training

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Barangay 373, Zone 38, Tambunting, Sta. Cruz District is the home of 163 malnourished children who have benefited from the Hapag-Asa Integrated Nutrition Program in Manila. The people in this community lived in densely populated vicinity where circumstances of deficiency are undeniably palpable. Many families experience insufficiency of nutritional food, clean water, habitable shelter, and medical and health care services. As a result, high percentage of children suffers from malnutrition.

As a response, the Hapag-Asa Integrated Nutrition Program in partnership with Caritas Manila and San Roque de Manila Parish was sealed to address the alarming situation of malnutrition.

Volunteers from the community extended their full support to the program by giving their time, particularly, on food preparation using nutrient-enriched food VitaMeal. Malnourished children are fed 5x a week for 6 months. At the end of each month, the children are weighed to measure the improvement in their nutritional status.

It is very inspiring to note that many if not most of the children under this program have dramatically improved in their health condition. These improvement can be measured through body weight, physical appearances and mental alertness.
Renzo, 2-year old and Sheila, 5-year old, are children of Leo and Merlyn Manigpit. A low income family with the father working as a tricycle driver and the wife as a plain housewife.

Due to poverty and lack of proper food intake, Renz and Sheila became severely malnourished.

With the introduction of Hapag-Asa Program in their community, Renz and Sheila were provided with regular food every day for a period of 6-months. In just 5 weeks, both kids have gained more weight and became more active. Moreover, they started to be more sociable and friendly with other kids.

The Hapag-Asa Program did not only benefit the kids but also the whole family. In the case of the Cansino Family, five (5) among six (6) children are undernourished. The family lives in the crowded place of Sta. Cruz in a house made of used-plywood and plastic scraps. They used to live happily with all the necessary things provided to their children until tragedy struck them. Mrs. Mary Jane Cansino became a single parent after his husband died from lung complication.

The death of the breadwinner brought hardship to the family especially so for 3 of her children who are attending school. Mrs. Cansino had to fend for the family and singlehandedly had to bring up her children with her income from being a dishwasher in one of the food stores in Blumentritt in the afternoon and as a ‘labandera’ in the morning. She was forced to fulfill the role of both father and mother to her children, raising them and hoping and dreaming for them a brighter future despite the hardship they were experiencing.

The Hapag-asa brought a ray of hope in the Cansino family. The hopeless mother has turned optimistic after attending the series of parent’s classes included in the Hapag-asa; Mrs. Cansino is now one of the active volunteers in the program. She brings her five (5) children regularly to the feeding site. Her efforts bore fruits after 5 months of feeding; Mrs. Cansino observed progress in her kids physically, mentally and spiritually. Her 3 elementary children are now more motivated in attending classes with no records of absences. The result is higher grades that they now belong to the top ranking pupils. Mrs. Cansino has only words of thanks and gratitude to Hapag-Asa. She said, “Maraming salamat sa feeding na ito natulungan ang mga anak ko ang pamilya ko”.

Approach VI: Hapag-Asa Nutrition Program
INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS & AID (IGA) PROGRAM AND ISAIAH 61

THRUSt
A modest funding facility of ADF that aims to build a “Partnership of Service and Resource Sharing” with various charitable institutions, missionary groups, civil society organizations and peoples’ organization in the country.

ObjeCtIve
To assist projects developed by local people, NGOs and other civil society and church organizations with the purpose of improving people’s quality of life in their own communities and sharing their successes with others.

Project Categories:
1. Agriculture and Rural Development
2. Education, Children and Youth Development
3. Livelihood Opportunities
4. Health and Medicines
5. Environmental Conservation
6. Faith-related Activities
MILESTONES

Agriculture and Rural Development
• 15 NGOS and IPO’s formed and assisted livelihood program benefitting 16 barangays and 120 households

Education, Children and Youth Development
• 13 Partner Agencies assisted in educating children from marginalized communities. Supported 300 teachers and 700 street children and out of school youths

Livelihood Opportunities
• 10 Organizations and institutions assisted and provided with capital in sustaining their livelihood benefitting 68 barangays and 1,400 households

Health and Medicines
• 3 Partner Agencies and NGOs supported for their health programs, benefitting more than 45 barangays and 355 households

Environmental Conservation
• 3 Community and Non-Government Organizations provided with means to sustain and promote their activities within their own towns and provinces providing the best quality of air, water and source of living to 34 barangays with 189 households

Faith-Related Activities
• 15 Religious organizations assisted in their various religious undertaking
A Case of Empowered Handicapped Beneficiaries

Caridad Quilacio is a resident of the Bahay Kanlungan ni Maria Domenica. She is a member-beneficiary of a program for handicapped elderly women managed by the Camillian Sisters. Before her death last August 9, 2011 she left these touching words:

“We all have disabilities, whether they are visible or not. We all have things we are forced to overcome in life; I’ve learned that it’s not the disability that stops people from doing things in life; It’s people who stop themselves.

With the support from Assisi, this institution intends to keep going. Life is simply too short and too wonderful to do otherwise.”
**Thrust**
This program aims to help alleviate the condition of the life of the marginalized people and communities living outside formal urban boundaries.

**Objectives**
1. Develop economically-viable, environmental-friendly and community-based vegetable production or organic farming;
2. Promote ecological sanitation systems;
3. Integrate urban and peri-urban food production and ecological sanitation systems into community planning by using participatory, asset-based approaches;
4. Promote the use of herbal medicines and;
5. Establish health centers that promotes and processes medicines from herbs.

This program is dedicated to the late Simeon Dee and his family for their generosity and great concerns for the poor and marginalized communities in the Philippines.
BIG UP (Bio-Intensive Gardening for the Urban Poor)
Established sustainable agriculture and farm programs, through communal vegetable gardens, including vermin-culture production, chicken, goat, swine production and water system; organized three (3) functional self-help groups benefitting 104 households in Montalban, Rodriguez Rizal; Tandang Sora, Quezon City and San Jose, Del Monte, Bulacan.

Wholistic Medicine
The partnership with the Kabalikat Botika Binhi, Inc., has provided access for affordable medicines to communities outside of Metro Manila, benefitting 159,045 individuals in forty (40) communities, within 65 barangays in eight (8) provinces. The details are as follows:

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Children’s Concerns
Supported programs for children in difficult and vulnerable situation:

- Fellowship for Organizing Endeavors, Inc. (FORGE, Inc.) Project Rescue (rescued sexually-exploited children under eighteen years old) provided scholarships for secondary education.

- FORGE’s ALTER Program (Alternative Livelihood Program) established a Teen Dreamer’s Home, which sheltered 7 children rescued from prostitution in Cebu, Mandaue and Lapu Lapu City. The 7 children underwent values formation and 75 children attended alternative learning classes for cooking, accessory-making and cosmetology; collaborated with 8 institutions/organizations to market their products; 28 children were able to finish their courses.

- Kariton Klasrum Klinika Karinderia Project of the Dynamic Teen Company headed by CNN hero for the Year 2009, Efren Penaflorida—some 200 children benefitted from the free rolling class sessions, free food, medicine and play area in Barangay San Bartolome, and Bagbag, Novaliches, Q.C.

Micro-enterprise (Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship)
Provided micro-enterprise and livelihood opportunities for 60 beneficiaries of the Orthopedically Handicapped Victims Livelihood Association, Inc. (OHVLA, Inc.) through ice-cream on stick making and cart vending in Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela area.
COMPANIONS OF ADF FOR PEACE (CAP)
VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

THRUSt
The program seeks to produce volunteers who are led by the spirit of volunteerism and passion for loving service in their quest for sustainable development and lasting peace.

OBJECTIVES
1. To provide opportunities for young professionals and ADFI grantees to journey with the marginalized communities through involvement in different programs of the Assisi Development Foundation
2. To support the partner organizations by providing CAP volunteer/s
3. To form and empower the youths to be community leaders through formation sessions (formal and informal) that are rooted in their faith and cultural values
4. To help seminarians have deeper appreciation of their priestly and apostolic ministries through engagement in various development programs/projects
5. To create avenues for life’s sharing and promote the value of service to various communities

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MILESTONES

1. **Spiritual Formation and Skills Training**
   The volunteers were given an in-service formation and training on: Spirituality, Leadership, Community Organizing, Culture, Education, Livelihood, Health, Peace and Security, and Program Management.

2. **ADFI and Partner Programs’ Support**
   The volunteers were assigned to and engaged in different programs/projects and other partner organizations/communities of the Foundation.

3. **Monitoring and Follow-up**
   The Program Coordinator conducted regular visit to supervise the volunteers at their respective assignments.

4. **Group Gathering**
   The volunteers assembled to deepen their commitment to service, to intensify their bonding with and among each other, and to assess their service experience.
“My volunteer experience helped me realize the true essence of service. No matter how difficult it is to help organize a certain community, happiness is still felt at the end. It is because I know that deep within my heart, I have become an instrument of positive change in these far-flung areas where I worked with.”

MELVIN GUILLENO
(as Community Facilitator for PPP-JDP Program in Cervantes)

“The CAP Volunteer Program of Assisi Foundation was indeed a very good opportunity and ground for us volunteer-seminarians to grow in our vocation and to widen our understanding of authentic love and service to our people”.

GABRIEL DAYONDON
(assigned in Marian and PPP-JDP Programs)

“Here, I learned how to be confident and patient in dealing with other people. I was also able to enhance my knowledge and skills while working under the Indigenous Peoples’ Education program”

LEOVIC BANOSOC
(assigned in IP Education Program)

“This is indeed a life-changing experience. The opportunity to grow that Assisi has given me inspired me to work more for my people; so I may also inspire other youths, and in God’s time, Filipinos will no longer entrust their fate to other people’s hands”

KRING SUMALINAB
(assigned in IP Advocacy Program)
RELIEF & REHAB PROGRAM

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
& DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

THRUSt
To provide site-specific actions, response plan, aid and procedures that can lessen the impact of man-made and natural disasters

OBJECTIVE
1. Save human lives through the quick response plans and mechanisms
2. Address the gaps during emergency and disaster relief operations
3. To provide an overall preparedness, response and program useful in times of emergency and disasters
MILESTONES

2009: Ondoy Relief Operations

Typhoon Ondoy (international codename: Ketsana) devastated the National Capital Region in September 2009, Marikina and Rizal as the hardest hit areas. Food and relief assistance were extended to a total of 6,114 families, in partnership with the parishes near the affected barangay. Details on the beneficiaries are as follows:

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<th>Community Served</th>
<th>Partner Parish</th>
<th>No. of Family Beneficiaries</th>
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<td>Kasiglahan Village, San Jose</td>
<td>Maria, Ina ng Kapayapaan</td>
<td>1,800</td>
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<td>Montalban, Rizal</td>
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<td>Poblacion, Cainta, Rizal</td>
<td>Our Lady of Light</td>
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<td>Bagong Farmers, Tumana, Marikina</td>
<td>Our Lady of Guadalupe</td>
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<td>St. Anthony de Padua</td>
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Rehabilitation of the Kayan Community in Tadian, Mt. Province

ADFI supported the church initiated Relief and Rehab Program for the Kayan Community of Tadian, Mountain Province devastated by Typhoon Pepeng (International codename: Parma) in October 2009. Aside from relief operations, ADFI also assisted the rehabilitation of the community houses.

2010: Relief Assistance in Isabela

Typhoon Juan (international codename: Megi) is considered as one of the strongest typhoon in the world in the year 2010. It swept through mostly farming and fishing areas of northern Luzon and roads were left impassable due to continuous rain. ADFI provided funds for the purchase of temporary shelters and medicines were distributed to some 10,000 people in evacuation centers, public and private school buildings; municipal halls and churches in Isabela Province, Region 2.
Medical Relief in Mt. Bulusan Sorsogon
After Mt. Bulusan spewed a series of ash and pyroclastic materials that flowed down to its rivers, the whole area of Sorsogon was declared in a state of calamity in 2010. In response to the Municipal Health Unit of Irosin’s reported 187 cases of acute respiratory disorders, gastrointestinal diseases and acute gastroenteritis; ADFI provided medical assistance as part of an emergency medical relief operations in Irosin, Bulan and Magallanes, Sorsogon Province in Region V.

Capacity Building on Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness for the High Risk Areas in the Province of Antique
After a devastating storm Frank (international codename: Fengshen) caused a massive landslide in the Province of Antique, ADFI in partnership with the Diocesan Social Action Center (DSAC) conducted a Capacity Building on Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness for the High Risk Areas in the municipalities of San Remigio, Sibalom, Belison, Valderrama, Bugasong, Barbaza and Tibiao for the whole year of 2010. The program included ecology awareness and basic leadership, empowering the community to mitigate the risks and making the community resilient to all types of disasters. The project beneficiaries included 105 Barangay Officials and residents of the 6 communities within Antique’s neighboring towns.

2011: Japan Tsunami Emergency Aid
Relief assistance amounting to USD 10,000.00 was given to the tsunami victims of Northeast Japan after an 8.9 magnitude earthquake occurred in March 2011. The assistance was made possible through a partner donor agency, HOPE International Development Agency-Japan, through an Emergency Aid and Rehabilitation program where direct help to the survivors living in shelters and community centers were provided with food, water, milk, hygiene products, mattresses, cleaning supplies and blankets.

Training on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur
In preparation in the event of disasters, a training on DRRM was undertaken in April 2011 by a major ADFI Local Government Unit (LGU) partner in Mindanao. The Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur facilitated the training
and actual drills for some 569 members of its Barangay Development Council (BDC). The 44 participating barangays adapted 44 DRRM plans which uniquely covers an Ancestral Domain area—with representatives coming from the Subanen indigenous tribe, along with the farmers, women and the youth sector. A total of 660 participants learned skills on First Aid and Rescue and Operations and Actual Drilling and formulated a Community Disaster and Response Plan. A Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee was formed and the members committed to meet regularly for the program’s sustainability.

Cotabato River Flooding Relief Operations
In June 2011, people in Cotabato City experienced waist-deep flood waters as water hyacinths blocked the rivers’ natural flow to the Cotabato Delta River. The heavy downpour submerged almost 36 barangays and the whole province was declared under a state of calamity. ADFI provided 300 sacks of rice as part of the emergency relief and response plan, which included medical and financial assistance to 18 individuals through the Archdiocese of Cotabato City and other partner NGOs in the area.

Assistance to the Survivors of Typhoon Sendong
In solidarity with the survivors, ADFI immediately provided financial assistance amounting to Php 2M to the Archdiocese and the Assumption Sisters of Cagayan de Oro City and the Diocese of Iligan City, including some clothes, medicine and water to the affected families through a separate relief operation. Overnight, typhoon Sendong (international codename: Washi) submerged two urban cities in Northern Mindanao: Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental and Iligan City, Lanao del Norte when floodwaters rose to more than a meter deep as the people slept through the evening of 17 December 2011.
The driving force behind Assisi’s various programs is to give expression to a simple, tender love for our Queen, Mary, and the childlike faith and love for God in the spirit of St. Francis.

The Marian Program activities combine the three essential elements of true Marian devotion: Prayer, Service to the Poor, Study and the propagation of the Good News. It completes the wholeness of Assisi’s mission to serve as instruments in fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ on earth.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

NO. OF PARISHES & DIOCESES SERVED

3,511
MILESTONES

2009
Supported the Year of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Year of the Priest for the universal Church.

2010
“The 13th Day, miracle at Fatima, a message of hope” is a story of hope and of miracles. It is an advocacy campaign to bring the message of the Our Lady of Fatima – prayer, repentance, self-sacrifice, reparation and peace to each one and to bring the plight of hungry children in the Philippines. Supported the Hapag-Asa, as feeding program of Assisi, is the beneficiary of the proceeds of the movie.

2011
In response to the theme of Family Rosary Crusade Reaching Out to the World, “A Million Roses for the World, Filipinos at Prayer, Peace for All Nations” was launched 8th October 2011 at the University of Sto. Tomas – to enlist one million Filipinos to pray the five decades of the Holy Rosary everyday from October 10, 2011 to May 30, 2012, each day from Monday to Saturday dedicated to one nation in the world while the Sunday Rosary is reserved for our own families and nation, the Philippines. The goal is bring all peoples in all the nations of the world to Jesus and His Father and the Holy Spirit… through Mary our Blessed Mother… to bring His Peace, Love and Joy and tranquility to every people and every nation, no matter how great or how small, as a gift of love, faith and goodwill from the people of the Philippines.

Organized a Retreat Seminar on Coping with Aging and the Preparation for the Safe Passage to Eternal Life with Fr. Alfonse Deeken, S.J. and in partnership with Bishops-Businessmen’s Conference for Human Development.
Insights

“Thank you, Excellency, for bringing to the attention of this Apostolic Nunciature the Campaign, “A Million Roses for the World, Filipinos at Prayer, for Peace for All Nations”… “The initiative to dedicate 29 May 2012 for the intentions of the Pope and the Vatican is very much appreciated, Excellency. It is a joy to know that millions of Filipinos will offer their rosaries on that day for the welfare of the Holy Father and his collaborators at the Holy See.”

MSGR. GABOR PINTER
Charge d’Affaires, a.i.

“I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for this noteworthy campaign… it is my pleasure to inform you that in line with the scheduled prayer intentions for Chile on 4 January 2012, no less than Santiago’s Archbishop Ricardo Ezzati has indicated that he wishes to be present at the event which is to be held at the Embassy’s premises.”

AMB. MARIA CONSUELO PUYAT-REYES

“In the Diocese of Maasin, we assure you that a rosary prayer is organized daily in all barrio chapels, at dawn or in the evening for some who cannot make it in the early morning.”

BISHOP PRECIOUSO D. CANTILLAS, SDB, DD.
Bishop of Maasin

“Is it with joy that I enclose the list of names of the Mother Butler Guild members who pledged to pray the rosary daily for 200 days… there are 6,169 members x 200 days = 1,233,800 rosaries from MBG… May this one million rosaries for peace ignite a resurgence of devotion to the Holy Rosary and evoke a favourable response from our Mother Mary to ask her Son to grant us the peace we so badly need – in our families, parishes, communities, government, our nation, and in the entire world. I remember Fr. Peyton’s firm belief that “a world at prayer is a world at peace.”

AMBASSADOR HENRIETTA DE VILLA
National President of Mother Butler Mission Guild
ASA PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY
Association for Social Advancement (ASA) Philippines Foundation was incorporated in July 2004 on the initiative of Kamrul Tarafder and Ambassador Howard Dee. Originally from ASA Bangladesh, Mr. Tarafder was a consultant of the United Nations Development Program working on improving the systems and operations of various microfinance institutions in the Philippines and in other countries. Towards the end of his UNDP contract, he approached Ambassador Dee with a proposal to establish a new non-profit microfinance institution. Ambassador Dee was excited to partner with Mr. Tarafder on this venture. Seed funds were provided by the Assisi Development Foundation and within a few months the Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Foundation was invited to become a partner. A few years later, PLDT Smart Foundation was brought in as a third partner. All three foundations have provided grants to support ASA’s first four years of operations. They also have representatives in ASA’s seven-member Board of Trustees.

THrust
ASA Philippines has chosen to concentrate on two main products:
1. financial services (or loans) and
2. capital build-up (or deposits)

Initial loan release ranges from P1000-P5000. The loan is charged an add-on interest rate, deemed to be the lowest in the industry, payable in 23 weekly installments. Loans are given to entrepreneurial women who engage mostly in retail trade.

CLIENTS
A majority of ASA’s clients are sari-sari store owners. Some loans are used for the manufacture of food products, garments, handicrafts and even bags from recycled waste materials. A few other ASA members are into fishing or backyard farming.

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Loan Package
In general, a P5000 loan is able to generate additional income for the household of up to P1000 per week. ASA clients are also required to set aside a minimum amount of savings per week. Because of ASA's stringent collection practices and as a testament to its success in instilling discipline on its clients, loan collection rate has been maintained at the range of 98-99+%

Corporate Social Responsibility Program
With an accumulating surplus, ASA since 2009, has been able to implement its own Corporate Social Responsibility program. It has allocated P40 million as educational assistance for 1000 college level scholars (all children of clients). During several natural calamities, ASA had also disbursed a total of P15 million as relief and rehabilitation assistance for typhoon and flood victims.

Future Direction
In the next three years, ASA plans to open more branches in harder to reach provinces. It is probably not an impossible task if ASA will aim for 500 branches servicing over 700,000 clients with a total staff of at least 3,000 by the end of its tenth year of operations. Clearly, ASA Philippines Foundation has emerged as an important driver of economic growth and job generation.
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ASSISI DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
ADFI DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY

ADFI affirms the spirit of peace and Christian love as expressed in the life of St. Francis of Assisi—the Lordship of the Almighty Father over life and all the resources of this world by upholding the dignity and solidarity of all men and women as children and co-creators of God.

ADFI's role in society as a forerunner in announcing God's kingdom on Earth made humans as the greatest of God's creatures, endowed with the creativity and responsibility in transforming our world into God's Kingdom coming to His people.

ADFI's goal is to return to society its lost ideal to “love your neighbor as yourself,” and through the love of God, all of His creations and thus every person are all brothers and sisters.

ADFI's responsibility is to espouse and practice a common philosophy of being a society of men, women and children responsible to God, to each other; by encouraging responsibility toward each other especially the poor and the disadvantaged in the society.

ADFI primarily seeks solidarity with the poor, the dispossessed, and the outcasts by recognizing in them God's presence in the world—by building with, and among them, human communities of hope, creativity and joy that ultimately become the cornerstones of a society aspiring for lasting peace, justice and love.

ADFI believes that the fullness of life is due to every man, woman and child, particularly among the poor and the disadvantaged—by addressing their concern for basic economic security, opportunity for work, health of mind and body, spiritual and moral growth, access to education and cultural development, community solidarity, and care of the environment. Human development is the underlying work philosophy of ADFI.

ADFI's development initiative is based on the realization that God prefers those who are poor and dispossessed—these qualities enables them to fully receive God's peace, love and joy—and that we can be one with them.

We can achieve their full human development by using the resources and by putting Christ and St. Francis in mind—through respecting, giving value, recognizing their dignity and thereby returning to them their inherent rights as children of God and co-heirs of this world.

The poor and the disadvantaged have their own capacity and creative energies in improving their lives and contribution to the society. Their energies however, are hampered by lack of opportunities and ignorance of alternatives to re-create and provide personal options for their social mobility. Mindful of the complexity of their problems, ADFI nevertheless seeks to respond by initiating and providing opportunities that will enhance capacities for the poor to help themselves and foster a sense of moral and social conscience within the society.

As a development agency, ADFI hopes to reach the poorest of the poor by responding to their most urgent needs and concerns by providing short-term assistance and long term-solutions through meaningful and sustainable educational, livelihood, and human security interventions.

ADFI's approach in providing programs for social justice ensures short-term assistance by addressing equality in the distribution of resources and upholding reforms in the existing social structures.

ADFI believes in the stewardship of God’s resources by bringing service to the poor as a duty and a privilege to sustainably provide for their needs and aspirations.

In solidarity with the poor and in partnership with institutions seeking to “make all things new,” ADFI recognizes the spirit of goodwill innate within the human heart, with the resolve that all things are possible.

ADFI look at all the challenges as a common cause and beyond self interest, provides a path ideal in building a responsible Christian society in working towards social development; bonded by a common goal, upholding brotherhood and genuine solidarity with the people.