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MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Warm greetings to all readers, sponsors, volunteers, community people, partners, and the rest of the stakeholders of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP). On behalf of our organization, I would like to thank you for sharing our vision – a vision of a country where people care and share with love for the welfare of every Filipino child.

It was in 2015 that I took on the role of GNIP's Country Director. With this new opportunity, I felt blessed and excited to work with you, as well as the rest of the GNIP staff, towards creating integrated and child-centered community development programs. Aside from the excitement however, I also felt the challenge. I felt accountable and responsible to accomplish many things in order to reach our vision and mission.

ACCEPTING CHALLENGES, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Amidst the great responsibility, we accepted the challenge and set forth towards a journey of creating sustainability and long term positive change for our Community Development Projects (CDPs). Starting with organizing and training our newly-restructured Community Development Councils (CDCs), we have initiated building ownership within our covered communities. Through this sense of ownership, we strive to enhance the involvement of our community members in the planning and implementation of various development projects and programs for sustainability.

In addition to building ownership, another highlight for 2015 was defining of our vision, mission and core values. By establishing these, we have set clear goals, guiding principles, and direction for our work and efforts. As an organization, our vision, mission and core values serve as a foundation for the work we have achieved in 2015 and the work we will be doing for the coming years.

VENTURING INTO GREATER HEIGHTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

With regards to our different GNIP sectors and programs, 2015 was a year of expansion and development. Starting from only two income generating projects under the Income Generation (IG) sector in January of 2015, we have established a total of 10 income generating projects by the end of the year. The expansion of the IG program signifies an increase in livelihood opportunities for our CDP areas – one big step towards community empowerment and an accomplishment we are truly proud of. It was also in 2015 wherein we ventured into a new project, the Solar Energy Project, under the Energy and Environment sector. Through this initiative, over 80 families living in communities without electricity were given solar panels. Geared towards promoting better quality of life for the communities, the project was an opportunity to give access to sustainable and renewable energy, a resource valuable for the community's development and self-reliance.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

2015 was also a year of expressing our gratitude to our staff, our partners, and our sponsors.

In 2015, GNIP lost a dear member of its family, Ms. Joan Burgos Fernandez. Joan, a field manager of the Bulacan Field Office, passed away from dengue fever. On behalf of Good Neighbors, we would like to commemorate her commitment and service not only to the organization, but more importantly to the community she served. She has greatly contributed to GNIP's success in 2015.

I would also like to extend our gratitude to you, our partners and sponsors. Development and progress in the GNIP areas would not have been possible without your support. Through your aid in 2015, GNIP CDPs are capacitated in disaster risk reduction

and management (DRRM) through the different projects made possible through formed partnerships. Especially with the support of the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), DRRM projects were carried out, capacitating GNIP areas for disaster preparedness and resilience.

Also with your help, progress in education was reached as students – both children and adults – receive educational support and opportunities made possible through your sponsorship and through GNIP. In addition, the Health and WASH sector ensured community development by providing sustainable and equitable access to safe water and hygiene facilities in the different GNIP CDPs.

Our Sponsorship Services also continued to expand with a total of 12,692 of sponsored children in 2015 compared to 2014's 11,898. Still closely working with the different sectors, GNIP's sponsorship services are aimed at the children's overall development.

The accomplishments I have mentioned here are just a few of what we have achieved this year. Through this annual report, I am very pleased to share with you the rest of our victories for 2015. Certainly, past year's success would not have been possible without your cooperation and assistance and we are grateful for your unwavering support. I invite you to join us as we continue to promote the well-being of marginalized Filipino children and pave the way we have started towards creating long term positive change.

Sincerely,


Yoon Seok Won
Country Director



ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

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

In 2008, Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) was established with the goal of improving the lives of Filipinos, especially of the children, through child sponsorship and community development programs. GNIP formally started its operations in February 2009, with Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal as its pilot community development project (CDP) area. By 2015, a total of 14 GNIP Community Development Project areas have been established. Developmental projects under GNIP's programs are implemented with the goal of sustainability and self-reliance for these communities.

OUR VISION

We envision a country where people care and share with love for the welfare of every Filipino child.

OUR MISSION

We strive in promoting the well-being of marginalized Filipino children through integrated and child-centered community development programs that create long term positive change.



CORE VALUES

Love, Innovativeness, Transparency
and accountability, Empowerment

CODE OF CONDUCT

1.) We work in any place where there is a need, regardless of race, religion, ideology, and beyond geographical constraints. 2.) We promote self-reliance and the sustainable development of the individuals, families, and communities. 3.) We consider the rights of children as our top priority. 4.) We create a sound global citizenship that encourages people to respect one another and live together in harmony. 5.) We organize and mobilize local volunteers in the development of their respective communities. 6.) We work in cooperation with our local partners who share our community development goals. 7.) We maintain professional accountability and give transparent report on the status of our projects and finances. 8.) We encourage as many people as possible to participate in our work as Good Neighbors sponsoring members.



HISTORY

‘08

Area research in Barangay San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal

‘09

Established the first CDP: San Isidro CDP (Rodriguez, Rizal)
Registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an international NGO
Emergency response: Typhoon Ondoy (international name Ketsana) in the three municipalities of Rizal—Rodriguez, San Mateo, and Taytay

‘10

Granted with Official Registration and License to Operate by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region IV-A
Established the first learning centers (San Isidro CDP)
Established the health center in Sitio Balagbag (San Isidro CDP)

‘11

Established new CDPs: Southville CDP (San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal), Tingloy CDP (Batangas), and Gigmoto CDP (Catanduanes)
Emergency response: Typhoon Sendong (international name Washi) in Iligan City and Cagayan de Oro City (Mindanao)

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Established new CDPs: Sagrada Familia CDP (Hagonoy, Bulacan), Pugad-Tibaguin CDP (Hagonoy, Bulacan), Prieto CDP (Sorsogon), and Diaz CDP (Sorsogon)
Inauguration of GNIP Mom Center (a community center made up of a training center, a health center, and a learning center), in partnership with Hyundai Corporation and the National Housing Authority
Membership to the National Council of Social Development (NCSD) and the Philippine International Non-Governmental Organization Network (PINGON)
Emergency response: Typhoon Gener (international name Saola) in Rizal and Bulacan
Emergency response: Typhoon Pablo (international name Bopha) in Compostela Valley

‘13

Established new CDPs: Kilagding CDP, Aguinaldo CDP, and Longanapan CDP (Laak, Compostela Valley, Mindanao)
Opening of the Good Store (San Isidro CDP) and the Good Bakery (Tingloy CDP)
Established health centers in San Isidro CDP and Tingloy CDP
Membership to the Child Rights Network (CRN) Philippines
Emergency response: 7.2-magnitude earthquake in Bohol (Central Visayas)
Emergency response: Typhoon Yolanda (international name Haiyan) in Tacloban City, Leyte; and Guiuan, Eastern Samar (Eastern Visayas)

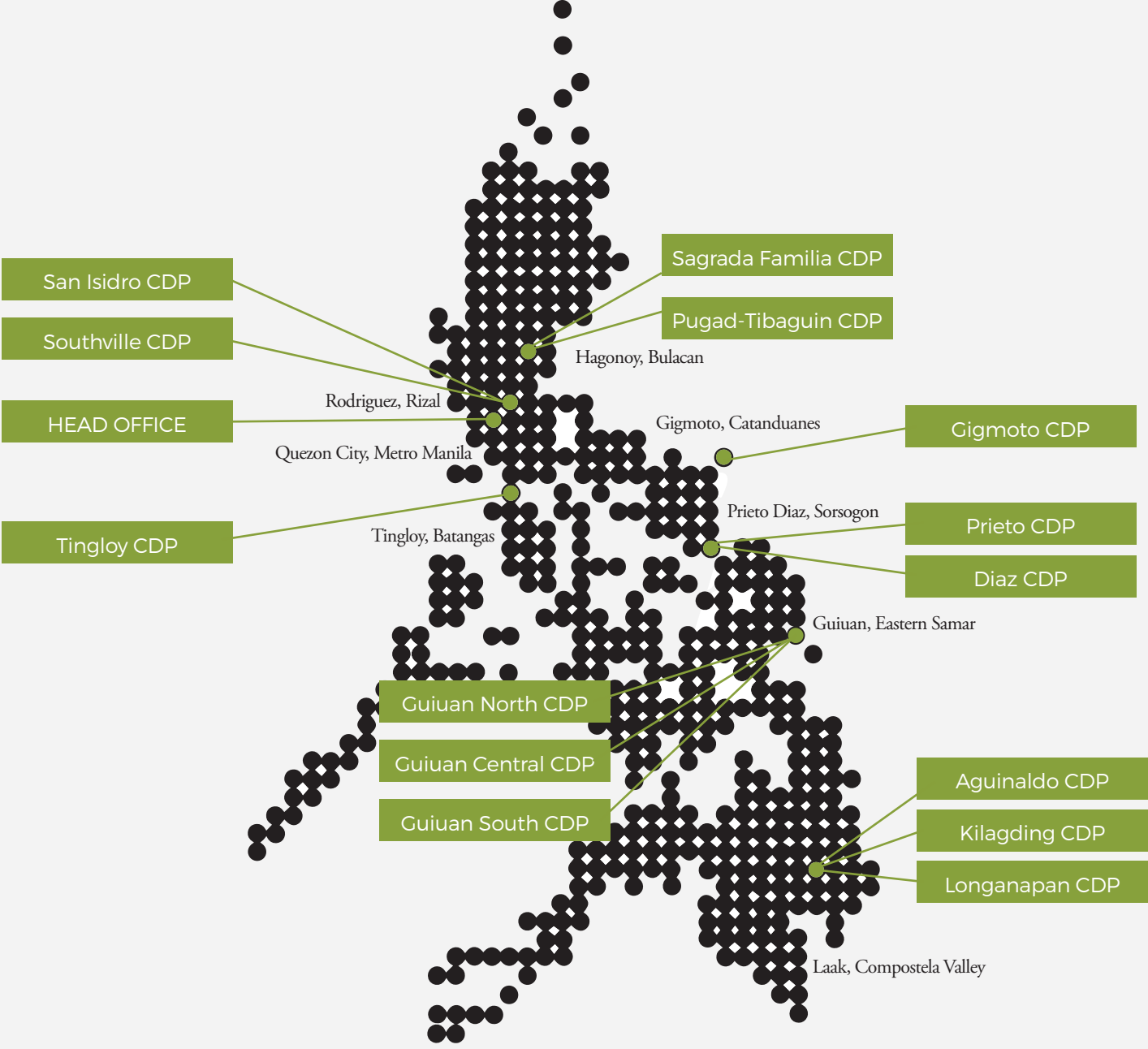
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Established two CDPs covering the whole municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar
Membership to the Disaster Risk Reduction Network–Philippines (DRRNet Phils.)
Membership to the Philippine NGO Coalition on the UNCRC Monitoring (NGO Coalition)
Granted with Certificate of Registration and License to Operate nationwide by the DSWD
Emergency response: Typhoon Glenda (international name Rammasun) in Sorsogon, Bulacan, and Rizal
Emergency response: Typhoon Ruby (international name Hagupit) in the municipalities of Can-avid, Dolores, Sulat, and Taft (Eastern Samar)

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Established new CDP: Guiuan Central (Guiuan, Eastern Samar)
Built and established community ownership in GNIP CDP areas
Formulated GNIP Vision, Mission, Core Values
Celebration of I LIKE 2015: A Campaign for Child Rights
Implementation of the Solar Energy Project
Implementation of DRRM projects with WFP and KOICA
Emergency response: Typhoon Lando (international name Koppu) in Aurora Province
Emergency response: Typhoon Nona (international name Melor) in Oriental Mindoro Province

WHERE WE WORK



OUR PROGRAMS

education



health



WASH



income generation



DRRM



energy & environment



advocacy



partnership & network building



sponsorship





GNIP CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S MONTH

I LIKE 2015

About 5000 students, educators, and child rights advocates of all 14 Community Development Project (CDP) areas of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) simultaneously celebrated the Children's Month last November 26 and 27, 2015.

Through the help of GNIP staff and local partners, the Child Rights Council (CRC) conducted a Meeting de Avance. Unlike the usual Meeting de Avance conducted for candidates to campaign for themselves, the Child Rights Council's Meeting de Avance focused on campaigning for the inclusion of the rights of every child in the candidates' platforms.

In addition, an Advocacy Walk was also done to persuade the community people to choose leaders that will put high priority in the welfare of the children.



BOTO PARA SA BATA: Karapatan at Kalinga, Pangalagaan

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) together with Child Rights Network (CRN) member organizations celebrated the 23rd National Children's Month through a Children's Festival with the theme "Boto para sa Bata: Karapatan at Kalinga, Pangalagaan" last November 28, 2015. The festival aimed to mainstream the need to fulfill, protect, and promote the rights of children in the 2016 National Election. During the event, booths were set-up promoting Early Childhood Care and Development, Film Viewing and Dance, Positive Discipline, Disaster Risk Reduction, and the *Because I Am a Girl Campaign*. Activity and booth set-ups highlighted the advocacies of each the member organizations.

Sining Kabataan, GNIP's Theatre Group composed of Child Rights Council (CRC) members of the San Isidro Community Development Project (SICDP), concluded the first part of the festival by performing a theatre play entitled "Hiraya."

A free concert with performances from child and youth advocates such as Kitchie Nadal, Kaleidoscope Eyes, Noel Cabangon, Maybunga Streetdance, Darryl Shy, Zone One Band, and Jireh Lim was also held to mainstream the need to fulfill, protect, and promote the rights of children in the 2016 national elections.

SHARING LIGHT, CHANGING LIVES

The lives of 80 families were changed as GNIP distributed solar panels to families at Sitio Balagbag and Sitio Pintor in Rodriguez, Rizal – two of many communities still without access to electricity prior to the project. Without electricity, families are exposed to the hazards of candles and gas burners. However, on October 2015, solar panels were turned over to the beneficiary families. In addition to the turnover, an orientation was conducted regarding the advantages of solar energy as well as the maintenance and management of the solar panels. Beneficiaries are given two years to pay for the solar panels; the money accumulated from the payment will then be used to install solar panels to more houses and communities under GNIP. Recognizing that quality of life is affected by lack of access to energy, GNIP pushed for the usage of renewable energy sources for communities living without electricity.



Before solar panels, children had to rely on candles as light source



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

TYPHOON KOPPU (LANDO) EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Typhoon Koppu, known in the Philippines as Typhoon Lando, is a tropical cyclone that drenched the country's northern island, Luzon. Among the hardest-hit area is the province of Aurora where Typhoon Koppu made landfall. As part of GNIP's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management program, a Quick Response Team was sent to assess, evaluate, and later on provide relief items to affected communities in the province of Aurora particularly in the municipality of Dilasag as 100% of its barangays have been affected by the typhoon at varying intensities. Moreover, Dilasag is the farthest municipality and GNIP was the first non-government organization (NGO) to intervene in the municipality since Typhoon Koppu has hit the area. Through the help of GNIP staff and volunteers, a total of 3,000 packs of hygiene kits were piled and distributed to the municipality of Dilasag, Aurora. 2,740 of which were served directly to the typhoon survivors, while the rest were given to the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

Office (MDRRMO) of Dilasag, primarily set aside for the Agta and Dumagat, the indigenous people of Aurora.

TYPHOON MELOR (NONA) EMERGENCY RESPONSE

During the last month of 2015, just eleven (11) days before Christmas Day, Typhoon Melor (also known as Typhoon Nona) made its landfall in Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. It left the families of the affected areas with nothing as they celebrate this special occasion with their loved ones.

In response to GNIP's vision which is to care and share with love, a Quick Response Team was sent to help the survivors cope up with the effects of Typhoon Melor. Through the help of Oriental Mindoro Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Oriental Mindoro Provincial Police Office, and Baco & Naujan Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, distribution of relief items took place in the first day of 2016. Each relief bag contains rice, water, sardines, sugar, and mongo beans. These were distributed in the following areas in Baco – Bayanan; Lantuyan; San Ignacio; and Baras; and in Naujan – Magtibay; Paitan; San Carlos; Melgar A; and Melgar B where a total of 3,446 families were served.

Families lining up for assistance



EDUCATION

Every child has the right to education, development and protection. Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) recognizes this and promotes education through the provision of quality early-childhood education and various educational programs. GNIP also implements a comprehensive child protection program that will strengthen government strategies and will provide direct intervention to children who are most vulnerable to violence, exploitation, and abuse.



SUPPORT TO EDUCATION

One of Good Neighbors' main efforts is upholding the right of children to education. That is why Good Neighbors International Philippines' (GNIP) Education Program provides various avenues to give educational access and support to children in GNIP sponsored communities. Specifically, these projects are: Scholarship Programs, Learning Enrichment Accessibility Program (LEAP), Non-formal Education projects, Support to School Rehabilitations, Technical-Vocational Programs, and the GNIP Learning Center.

In 2015, over 280 scholars were supported by GNIP. We were also able to provide supplementary educational support and promote learning enhancement through the assistance in the Alternative Learning System (ALS), as well as the maintenance of children libraries and support to Day Care Centers.

Access to early childhood education - aimed to stimulate basic learning skills - is made possible through the GNIP Learning Center while School Rehabilitation Programs ensure that children have environments conducive for learning. Furthermore, GNIP's program for Non-formal Education promotes continuing education for lifelong learning and professional development. Apart from children in their school-age, the educational program extends its support to Technical-Vocational Programs which equip graduates with skills preparing them for employment or enterprise development.



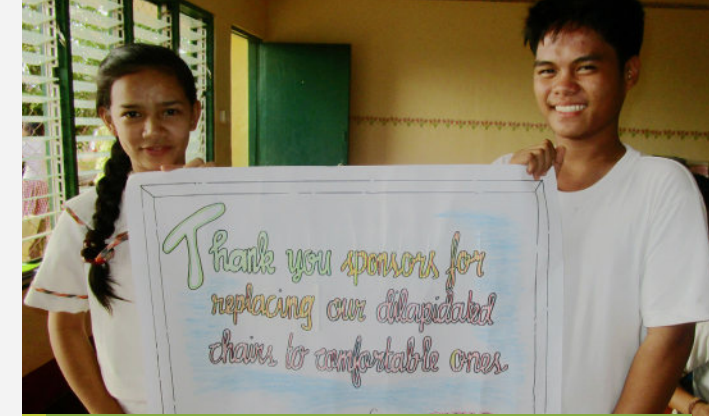
PROVISION OF SCHOOL MATERIALS AND FACILITIES

In an effort to improve the quality of education for children, Good Neighbors supports the provision of armchairs and school materials to students in GNIP communities.

The costly expense of education, together with the lack of sufficient funds, is an unfortunate reality some students face. Due to this situation, students are not only denied access to educational materials and resources, but are also denied of educational opportunities.

The distribution of materials and the provision of facilities are then targeted to contribute to better learning environments and resources for students – basic key components of quality education that unfortunately some students are initially denied of.

However, with the support of GNIP sponsors and the efforts of the educational program, children are given access to these educational materials and facilities. Seen as a way to support underprivileged students, distribution activities greatly help children in GNIP communities in furthering their studies.



Students thank sponsors for replacing their dilapidated school chairs.



SUPPORT TO SCHOOL RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) recognizes the importance of adequate and well-designed school facilities to children's learning experience. In 2015, GNIP took on various school renovation and construction efforts. One of which is the renovation of Barbo Elementary School in Guiuan, Eastern Samar, an area strongly hit by Typhoon Yolanda (International name: Haiyan).



Before and after photos of a school damaged in Taft, Eastern Samar



Barbo Elementary School right after Typhoon Haiyan's destruction



Barbo Elementary School reconstructed through GNIP



GNIP CULTIVATES LEARNING THROUGH SCHOOL FIELDTRIP

As part of the activities under the Education Program, the GNIP Learning Center (LC) held their annual fieldtrip, called Lakbay Aral, on February 2015. Kinder and Nursery pupils explored La Mesa Eco Park, an ecological nature reserve park in Quezon City, Metro Manila. A total of 126 pupils joined the fieldtrip as they participated in a guided walking tour.

Traditional Filipino games were also enjoyed by the kids as they exercised their values on sportsmanship and the right to an active body. Arts and crafts activities were also part of the fieldtrip honing their creativity skills. Overall, the educational fieldtrip was an opportunity for new and fun learning experiences for the children while upholding their right to leisure, play, and culture.



A student shows a bag she painted during the arts and crafts activity.

STUDENTS, BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS, GRADUATE WITH GNIP'S ASSISTANCE

GNIP GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation ceremony for 188 students of the Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) Learning Center was held on March 2015 at Rodriguez, Rizal. Learning Centers are located in different GNIP Community Development Project (CDP) areas specifically in San Isidro and Southville. The Learning Centers aim to promote early childhood development through Nursery and Kinder programs.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM (ALS) SUPPORT

11 sponsored ALS learners of GNIP's Gigmoto Community Development Project area received their secondary diploma and graduation certificate last June 2015 after completing and passing the Accreditation and Equivalency Test (A&E). ALS is a program of the Philippines' Department of Education, which motivates and encourages non-literates, functional illiterates, out-of-school youths and adults, and elementary and secondary dropouts to pursue their learning. Through the ALS program, students who had to stop their schooling are given the opportunity to continue and finish their formal education. GNIP has extended support to ALS learners from different communities by financing their modules, review and testing materials, transportation and meal allowance during the A&E test.



ALS passers pose for a graduation photo

SUPPORT TO EDUCATION

GNIP GRADUATES AND SCHOLARS FOR 2015

188

learning center graduates for school year 2014-2015

11

ALS graduates for 2015

284

scholars



A student from the GNIP Learning Center pose for a photo

HEALTH

Health Programs of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) are geared towards providing quality health services to GNIP communities, especially to children and pregnant women. In 2015, health interventions included the provisions of medical supplies, equipment and services, the construction of community health centers, and the implementation of health awareness campaigns. Through these projects, GNIP aims to increase the quality of health services and support for the improvement of nutritional status in communities where GNIP operate.



Eggs and milk are prepared as part of the children's feeding program, one project under the Health Sector

PROVISION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES



MEDICINE DISTRIBUTION

In 2015, families residing in the different Community Development Project (CDP) areas were given medicines and other health items through Good Neighbors International Philippines. In San Isidro CDP alone, over 1,500 households benefitted in a medicine distribution activity conducted on January 2015. A health situation assessment is made before distribution in order to provide the appropriate assistance and items fit to the community's needs. In these health programs, community members including children, are educated and encouraged to make the best use of the provided medical supplies.



SUPPORT TO HEALTH AND NUTRITION

11,634

GNIP sponsored children reached by nutritional support in 2015

125

households reached by improved facilities in 2015

188

learning center students received daily nutritious snacks

Health programs include providing items and services for health , constructing and maintaining health clinics and facilities, conducting health education and awareness programs, and incorporating children's nutritional needs in feeding programs conducted in community schools and GNIP Learning Centers.



Children during their feeding program in school



SUPPORT TO HEALTH SERVICES



Children undergo medical consultations and services

MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION

With limited and even zero access to quality health services in the underprivileged communities, GNIP aims to fill in the gap by providing not only resources but also services from healthcare specialists. Medical and Dental Missions were conducted throughout 2015 providing free medical assistance to children and their families. In Southville CDP, beneficiaries



A family receives free medical consultation with a health professional

were given free dental and medical assistance as well as health consultations. Support to health services are made even possible through partnerships with hospitals and medical professionals. Together with partners and volunteers, medical and dental missions are part of the overall program of GNIP to promote better health among the community members of its CDPs.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION

Under community health promotion, GNIP CDPs conducted Health Education Sessions. These Health Education Sessions were implemented to teach proper hygiene practices to children within the communities. Aside from the provision of medical supplies, hygiene kits, and healthcare services, community health promotion activities were tapped into as support to a holistic health program geared towards capacitating community members on educated and proper health practices.

A GNIP staff conducts health education sessions to community children



Students learn and practice proper handwashing techniques.



Students line up as they are assisted on proper hand washing techniques



Children are given handouts on health education and awareness



SUPPORT TO HEALTH FACILITIES

Certain communities in the Philippines, such as the areas covered by GNIP, still face challenges in terms of proper health care. Marred with problems such as the absence of adequate facilities, lack of health personnel, and other barriers contributing to poor health care, community members, especially children, are put under great health risks.

To address this issue, GNIP's health program also grants support for building, establishing, and maintaining health facilities. Together with the local government and the community members themselves, health facilities are constructed with the support from GNIP.

As of 2015, there are over 20 health centers, clinics, and hospitals supported GNIP in the various GNIP Community Development Project (CDP) areas; these benefit over 120,000 individuals by providing adequate health facilities and appropriate health care services for the communities.



With GNIP's support, health facilities are now available and accessible



A GNIP partner and health personnel on duty at the health center

WASH

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The objective of GNIP in the sector of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) is to provide sustainable and equitable access to safe water and hygiene facilities in the different GNIP community development projects (CDP) area. By identifying the need of each community, WASH programs are developed and implemented, including WASH campaigns, safe water development projects, and construction of hygiene and latrine facilities. Tied with the health sector, GNIP hopes that WASH programs can improve hygiene and sanitation practices within the community as well as contribute to the decline in the incidence of water-related diseases.



DISTRIBUTION OF HYGIENE KITS



HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION

In 2015, hygiene kits were given to children in the different GNIP communities. The kits equipped and enabled children to practice better hygiene habits. The provision was also an incentive for the community members to take part and participate in other health promotion and hygiene programs implemented by GNIP. The hygiene kit distribution backs up the overall hygiene campaign of GNIP under the WASH program.

SUPPORT TO WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH) FACILITIES

PROVISION OF DRINKING FOUNTAINS

On May 2015, students from San Isidro National High School, under the San Isidro CDP area, requested for access to safe and potable water. The project was initiated by the San Isidro Child Rights Council (CRC), a community youth group organized through GNIP. Through their request, students were given access to safe and potable water as GNIP turned over drinking fountain facilities to the school. Safe and potable water is still scarce in some areas and communities such as San Isidro. Through the efforts of GNIP on the field of WASH, the right of children to have a healthy and active body is promoted. The provision of drinking facilities are just one of the various undertakings GNIP has to build access to sustainable, safe, and potable water sources for the community.



Students line up to access safe and potable water

HAND PUMP INSTALLATION

Aimed to address one of the most basic needs of a community, a safe and sustainable water source was constructed by GNIP in its different CDP areas. With the lack of appropriate water and sanitation facilities in communities such as San Isidro and Prieto-Diaz, a total of 6 hand pumps were installed under the WASH program for 2015. Since its installation, families living in the said areas, including children, have benefitted from the hand pump facilities. In addition to its construction, the project was also accompanied by developing a sense of ownership among community members through the formation of the Water Committee, a community group in charge of managing the facility and distributing safe and potable water to all beneficiaries.



A child trying out the water facility during its turnover



The water reservoir constructed in the Aguinaldo CDP

SUPPORT TO WATER SYSTEM PROJECT IN AGUINALDO CDP

Another CDP area, now in Barangay Aguinaldo Laak Compostela Valley Province, was given access to safe and potable water through a water system project developed by GNIP. One water reservoir, one spring box, and ten tap stands were installed for the community's use. With its construction in May 2015, clean drinking water is now available and also more easily accessible – a great impact given that the community members previously had to walk great distances just to fetch water before the reservoir was constructed.

Furthermore, the water project also increased the community's protection against water borne diseases such as cholera. The project was estimated to benefit over 896 households, or approximately 4,480 individuals including children.



Tap stands installed in the community schools

AN ADDITION TO PROVISION

When Good Neighbors granted the said water system, GNIP ensured that ownership and sustainability over the project is developed among the community. First, the cooperation of the barangay local government unit (BLGU) was established. By securing their support throughout the project implementation, the BLGU was able to help in monitoring the project's construction.

Second, empowerment and ownership was also developed as community people volunteered during the construction. They transported materials from the road to the construction site. They also pledged in ensuring the project's sustainability. Aided by GNIP, a Water System Association was organized by the community. The association is responsible for maintaining and managing the water system, ensuring its long term benefits for the community.

LATRINE CONSTRUCTION

Without adequate, appropriate and acceptable toilet facilities, community members especially children are deprived of safe and clean sanitary facilities. Prior to the implementation of the WASH program, the existing sanitary condition for most facilities in the CDP areas is unfortunately unacceptable; diseases are prevalent due to the unsanitary and inadequate WASH facilities.

Clearly, appropriate facilities must be designed, built, and maintained. Through the efforts of GNIP, school children and communities were given sanitary facilities fit and

appropriate to their needs. Latrines were renovated and constructed for the use of the community members. Toilets are appropriately designed, built and located not only for convenience but also to promote better sanitary practices and lessen health hazards for individuals and the community.

School children also now get to use properly designed and built WASH facilities. Built with hand washing facilities and clean and hygienic latrines, not only is disease prevalence lessened, but better learning environments are also created for the children while applying better health practices.



Students now have access to properly designed and built WASH facilities

INCOME GENERATION

As a child-centered organization, GNIP ensures that children meet their right to a standard of living fit to their physical, social, and mental needs. This can be achieved by developing self-sufficiency and sustainability within families where children belong. Through the Income Generation (IG) program, GNIP builds economic capacity and stability, contributing to an overall increase of the families' economic condition. Ventures under the IG program are needs-based livelihood projects operating to make communities economically functional and sustainable. Aside from its economic objective, livelihood programs also develop the skills of its members while utilizing local materials and resources within their respective communities.



GOOD BAKERY



Since its opening in 2013, Good Bakery has grown into a bakery business managed by the Tingloy Community Operations Group (TICOG), a community livelihood group formed through GNIP. With established operations in 2015, Good Bakery has now ventured into more efforts to stimulate sales; one of which is the reactivation of its vendor program. Upon reactivation, income generation for the community of Tingloy has been not only been more accessible and efficient, but it also provided additional sources of income for families in the Tingloy Community Development Project (CDP) area. Through the vendor program, members of the community who are in the far flung areas were given a steady source of income as well as livelihood skills – an opportunity usually inaccessible to them. Aside from being an income-generating opportunity, members also gained knowledge and skills on bread making and business operations and management.

Also through the assistance of GNIP, Good Bakery has procured a motorcycle for its operations – a more efficient means for transporting goods and delivering its products. The procurement brought about an increase in demand and sales while also maximizing the community group's material resources.

GOOD STORE

Set up to sell local products, the Good Store is a business project established by the San Isidro Generating Livelihood Association (SIGLA) to generate income. In 2015, with the assistance of GNIP, trainings were conducted to hone the members' skills on livelihood, business processes and management. Through these trainings, SIGLA members are equipped with adequate skills and knowledge they may use in their operations. Set on empowering communities in the long run, GNIP sees livelihood trainings as part of the first steps towards capacity building.



EXPANSION OF THE IG PROGRAM

A big accomplishment for GNIP in 2015 was its expansion of the Income Generation (IG) Program. With only 2 IG projects at the start of the year, GNIP has now established a total of 10 IG projects by the end of 2015.

As a result of the expansion, 11 out of 14 CDPs each have their own respective IG projects. In turn, the success of the IG program expansion is expected to provide more income generating opportunities to more community members and thus increase the community's overall economic situation.

The program expansion was carefully planned for each respective CDP. IG projects were designed based on what livelihood opportunities would be the most appropriate for each community according to its resources and location.



BUILDING CAPACITIES



SKILL BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE EXPANSION

2015 was also a year engaged in capacitating members of the IG program in terms of skill and knowledge. Members of the agricultural projects attended trainings on crop production to increase their knowledge on farming techniques and technologies. Trainings were facilitated by farming experts from the local government's Department of Agriculture. Training participants expressed that prior to the training, farmers were merely copying old, inefficient, and ineffective ways in corn farming. However after the training, they are now knowledgeable of the right and up-to-date farming practices. Members of other IG projects, such as the SIGLA group, also attended leadership and management trainings honing their livelihood and management skills.

EXTENDING SUPPORT

Conducted to parents of children in the sponsored communities, livelihood trainings are under the program of the Income Generation Unit of GNIP. Aside from trainings, cooperatives, livelihood, and social entrepreneurship are also under GNIP's Income Generation program – all targeted to help striving families and communities improve their living conditions.



EXISTING AND ESTABLISHED **INCOME-GENERATING PROJECTS** PER CDP AREA IN 2015

SAN ISIDRO

Commodity Store

TINGLOY

Bakery

PRIETO

Vegetable Farming

AGUINALDO

Corn Farming

KILAGDING

Inland Fishery

GIGMOTO

Abaca Trading

LONGANAPAN

Corn Mill

PUGAD & TIBAGUIN

Fish Drying

GUIUAN SOUTH

Tire Recapping

GUIUAN NORTH

Commodity Store



SIGLA members, together with GNIP staff, pose for a photo after their livelihood training

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Part of the new efforts of GNIP in 2015 was the establishment of the Energy and Environment Sector. GNIP recognizes that environmental factors, as well as the accessibility to energy, greatly contribute to a child's well-being and development and a community's quality of life. Tied to other GNIP sectors, the environment sector projects are integrated into other GNIP programs ranging from income generation, health, and even to disaster risk reduction and management.



GNIP staff prepare solar panels for distribution

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING



As Philippines is situated in a region prone to disasters, Good Neighbors International Philippines' (GNIP) environmental sector focuses on how environmental projects can help protect and build disaster resilient communities especially in GNIP Community Development Project (CDP) areas. Activities under this were tree planting projects implemented in the communities.

Community tree planting projects impact the community not just in terms of environmental preservation and restoration; however, its importance extends to other sectors of GNIP including DRRM and Income Generation. In DRRM, planted trees serve as a barrier or protection for the community when disasters hit; furthermore, planted trees provide resources which the community may use as livelihood opportunities in Income Generation.

CLEAN UP DRIVE



Also part of the GNIP Environmental Programs are Cleanup Drive projects within the community. Through such activities, GNIP encourages communities to be aware of the impact of a clean environment to each individual especially children's well-being and health.

On September 2015, residents of Laak conducted a coastal cleanup. Aside from protecting marine life and the environment, coastal cleanup projects also emphasize the dangers of marine pollution to the community members. By conducting the cleanup projects themselves, community members are also empowered and encouraged to act on proper waste disposal practices contributing to improved quality of their health and their environment.



GNIP staff, together with members of the community, conduct coastal cleanups

DRRM

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

Exhibiting resilience, community members participated in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) programs of GNIP for 2015. Aimed at preparing, constructing and rebuilding communities to be disaster resilient and prepared, GNIP programs for DRRM included programs targeted at addressing causes of vulnerability to hazards, mainstreaming DRRM and CCAM (Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation) into development plans, institutionalizing mechanisms for DRRM and CCAM information, building DRRM capacities and skills, and capacitating communities and institutions for disaster preparedness and resilience.



Practicing earthquake preparedness, students participate in an earthquake drill



DRRM trainers undergo a mapping activity as part of identifying areas at risk

GNIP ESTABLISH **DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITIES** IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **KOICA AND WFP**

In partnership with Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and World Food Programme (WFP), we have achieved their goal of establishing disaster resilient communities as Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) projects came to completion in 2015. The disaster risk reduction and mitigation program included coordination meetings, trainings, consultations, and community roll out activities throughout four Community Development Projects (CDPs) of GNI Philippines. Together with the GNIP Head Office, DRR projects were implemented in Barangay Pugad, Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia in Hagonoy, Bulacan; Gigmoto, Catanduanes; and Tingloy, Batangas.

Coordination and consultation meetings enhanced functional relationships with the government sector and other stakeholders with regards to disaster risk reduction and mitigation in the communities. Also part of the project outcome was the passing of a municipal resolution for the institutionalization of disaster risk reduction. Furthermore, DRR training programs increased the skills of community leaders in disseminating to the grassroots level basic knowledge and skills on addressing the effects of disasters.

In terms of community roll out activities, information, education, and communication (IEC) materials and activities enhanced the communities' level of understanding with regards to their vulnerability and capacity. Communities were also taught to read warning signs of hazards, trigger a warning system and respond effectively through pre-emptive evacuations and emergency response mechanisms. The needs of vulnerable sectors were also given importance including the recovery and rehabilitation phase. Functional community-based and hazard-specific warning systems were also established in the areas.

Natural hazards are becoming a direct threat to the Philippines due to the rapid increase of physical and social vulnerability to such hazards. The reality is that the economic impact of disasters usually far exceeds the cost of mitigation and preparedness. GNI Philippines project areas are communities also vulnerable to these hazards; through the DRR program, communities were capacitated on Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response, Early Recovery, and Assistance of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs).

IN PHOTOS : DRRM PROJECT



Participants were taught proper use of DRRM tools



Included in the project were information, education and communication (IEC) materials for DRRM



DRRM materials given to communities



Part of the project were discussions on disasters and development



A community member played the role of a victim during an evacuation drill and simulation conducted in Barangay Tibaguin, Bulacan



Participants engage in hands on DRRM training implemented in partnership with WFP



Participants were also taught basic First Aid



Established evacuation plans were one of the project outputs

METRO MANILA **SHAKE DRILL** PARTICIPATION



GNIP implements DRR programs to minimize the vulnerabilities and risks of a disaster. Through a systematic approach, risks are identified, assessed and reduced. As a DRR implementer, GNIP focuses on the specific risks faced by children and the grassroots. This includes involving the children in efforts and initiatives, and ensuring that DRR efforts reach the communities.

On July 2015, GNIP staff from its Metro Manila Head Office, as well as the San Isidro and Southville Learning Centers in Rizal, participated in a metro-wide earthquake drill. The drill simulated a disaster scenario for a magnitude 7.2 earthquake. Part of the preparedness was ensuring immediate and efficient response after a disaster strikes. GNIP's participation is largely aimed at earthquake preparedness and the children's safety. "We are taking the earthquake preparedness and DRR seriously. We want our sponsored children, field areas and the rest of the community, especially those that are affected by the East and West Valley Fault to be prepared and be aware of what to do, before, during and after an earthquake," said by Mr. Seok Won Yoon, the new Country Director of GNIP.



Students from the Learning Center participate in the Shake Drill

PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORK BUILDING

Essential to sustainable community development projects is the participation of internal and external partners. Building internal participation, GNIP partners with the community to ensure sustainability of the projects; guarantee that the community is involved in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of various activities of GNIP; and also impart a sense of ownership to the community.

On the other hand, GNIP also builds partnership with their external stakeholders. External partnership aid in the viability of the projects and help in carrying out the advocacies of GNIP. They are our allies in making the world a better place for the children.



Members of the community participate in GNIP-sponsored trainings

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP



BRIDGING THE GAP and THE TACLOBAN-GUIUAN MEDICAL MISSION

Last March 2015, a partnership between Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) and Manila Doctors Hospital (MDH) was formed. The partnership aims to fortify the relationship of the two organizations in attending to the needs of GNIP’s sponsored children for medical attention.

Part of this partnership includes free treatment for sponsored children who have cleft lip and palate under Bridging the Gap, a corporate social responsibility program of MDH. To date, 3 sponsored children from Guiuan, Eastern Samar and 1 from Pugad-Tibaguin, Hagonoy, Bulacan were already served by this program.

In addition, GNIP also extended assistance during the Tacloban-Guiuan Surgical and Medical Mission still in partnership with MDH. A total of 1,050 individuals went through a medical check-up while 24 individuals had undergone surgery through this mission.



GNIP and MDH during the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CDC) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Part of GNIP's mission is to promote the well-being of marginalized Filipino children through integrated and child-centered community development programs that create long term positive change. Vital to this mission is the partnership between GNIP and the communities that we serve. Hence, a Community Development Council (CDC) is being formed in each field areas of GNIP to make sure that the community is involved in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of various activities of GNIP.

Every year, a CDC Annual Conference takes place in order to evaluate the performance of each CDC in relation to the goals of GNIP. This is a venue for GNIP to reiterate the role of CDC in helping the community people have a sense of ownership in the projects that are being implemented and for CDC to share their opinions. The conference also aims to gather all CDC Officers and allow them to share their knowledge to other CDC Officers from different areas.

This year, the CDC Annual Conference with a theme *"Isang Layunin: Pag-unlad ng Komunidad Natin"* (*"One Goal: Our Community's Development"*) focused on the improvement of CDC's existing by-laws that aimed for a more organized and empowered community.

CDC TRAINING

The role of CDC is crucial in crafting a sustainable community development project. For this reason, trainings on Personality Development, Values Formation and Parliamentary Rules and Procedures, Community Organizing, Organization Management, Computer Literacy, Financial Bookkeeping, Project Monitoring and Evaluation, and Leadership were conducted last 2015 to aid in the development of the CDC's knowledge, skills, and attitude.

Through these trainings, the GNIP was able to instill an empowered mindset to the leaders in the community.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FACILITATOR (CSF) EXPOSURE TOUR

Community Sponsorship Facilitator (CSF), another local partner, is a group composed of parents of sponsored children who willingly and voluntarily undertake carrying out Sponsorship activities of GNIP.

Passion and hard work are two of the key elements in being an effective CSF. Knowing that they are never alone in their endeavor is one way of motivating each CSF member and officer to do more and be passionate with what they do. Thus, an Exposure Tour was conducted for the CSF to see and hear experiences of people, including local partners, from different organizations and adopt their best practices that shall be carried out in their respective communities.



A member of the Community Development Council (CDC) as she participates in the CDC Annual Conference 2015

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Good Neighbors International Philippines Internship Program is an attempt to effectively manage GNIP's workflow for the accomplishment of the organization's immediate objectives that will result to more successful programs that will create long term positive change.

Last 2015, interns from Miriam College and Ateneo de Manila University came in to help the organization as Sponsorship Services Department (SSD) and Operations Department (OD) intern, respectively. A big deal of help in Annual Child Letter writing, home visitation of sponsored children, and other community organizing activities were given by the SSD Interns while graphic designs and requests were the primary aid of the OD Interns.

Aside of it being a source of additional manpower, GNIP Interns are also visible advocates of GNIP. They are our partners in promoting awareness on the advocacies of GNIP.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

With the organization's continued expansion, the need for extra hands increases; as a result, GNIP source for volunteers that will aid in fulfilling the organization's goals.

During the Typhoon Koppu (Lando) Emergency Response, GNIP volunteers from different universities and private companies took part in the repacking of 3,000 hygiene kits that were distributed to the municipality of Dilasag in Aurora. Their help allowed GNIP to swiftly deliver the relief items to the survivors of Typhoon Koppu (Lando).



Volunteers who helped out in packing relief items for typhoon survivors



GIVING BACK: THE STORY OF VIELLE BRIONES

On October 2015, Vielle Briones returned to the office of Good Neighbors. This time however, her goal was not to ask for help; rather, it was to give back and in turn help others who are in need. Vielle was one of the volunteers who helped pack relief items for the survivors of Typhoon Lando (international name: Koppu).

According to the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Typhoon Lando was the worst storm to hit the Philippines in 2015. While the trail of Lando's destruction was immense, so was the heart of the volunteers to lend a hand and render service for humanitarian aid. Good Neighbors, together with volunteers like Vielle, was quick to respond to the situation. With their help, a total of 3000 relief kits were packed and distributed to the affected areas of the Aurora province.

In a rare opportunity, Good Neighbors sat down with Vielle for a chance to share her story.

A scholar of Good Neighbors even before, Vielle is now a student in the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. During the interview, she expressed how volunteering was a way of giving back. "I volunteered because I was one of those helped by Good Neighbors before," she shared. In addition, Vielle also expressed her gratitude for Good Neighbors and its unwavering support not just for her as a scholar, but also for helping typhoon survivors who are in need of aid and assistance. Ending her story, she left a message of hope to all Lando survivors. "We can get through this," she says.



VIELLE BRIONES
GNIP Scholar and Volunteer



"SALAMAT SA INYO (THANK YOU)."
expresses a Lando survivor as he received relief items

ADVOCACY

In accordance to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC), GNIP aims to promote the rights of every child through the following programs: Child Empowerment Program (CEP) and Community Awareness Program on Child Rights (CAPCR). Under CEP, advocacy activities for preschool, elementary, and high school levels; Child Rights Council formation; Child Rights Education Sessions; Parent Effectiveness Seminars; and Orientation on the UN CRC are being done. CAPCR, on the other hand, is a program that helps strengthen the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) and conducts child rights campaigns such as I LIKE, an annual Global Child Rights Day Celebration of GNIP.

Members of the Childs Right Council, composed of children in GNIP communities, during their rehearsals for their organized Theatre Group



ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2015

CHILD RIGHTS COUNCIL

The total number of 1,045 child rights advocates across all Community Development Project (CDP) sites of GNIP joined Child Rights Council (CRC), a group for empowered youth that are advocates of child rights.

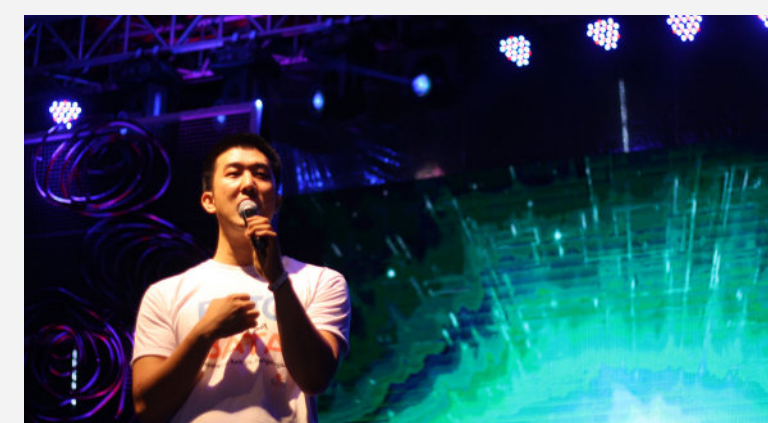
Last May 2015, a team building activity was done by Bulacan Field Office to their existing CRC members and officers. The activity aimed to strengthen the relationship among CRC members and build a cohesive team that works together, collectivity decides, and knows how to define their individual roles.

On the other hand, CRC members and officers of all CDP areas took an active part in the celebration of the Children's Month held last November where they delivered public speeches that aims to drive the candidates in the upcoming May election to include the rights of every Filipino child in their platforms.

CAPACITATING THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC)

Good Neighbors International Philippines took the lead in strengthening the child protection mechanism among all the barangays of Rodriguez, Rizal through a seminar that aimed to capacitate the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) in partnership with the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office of Rodriguez, Rizal.

Discussions on topics such as UNCRC and Legal Basis for the Child Protection; Child 21; Current Situation of Filipino Children; and Structures, Functions, and Legal Basis of the BCPC took place. There was also an open forum conducted at the end of every topic for the participants to raise their questions and also impart their knowledge to other participants.



SPONSORSHIP SERVICES

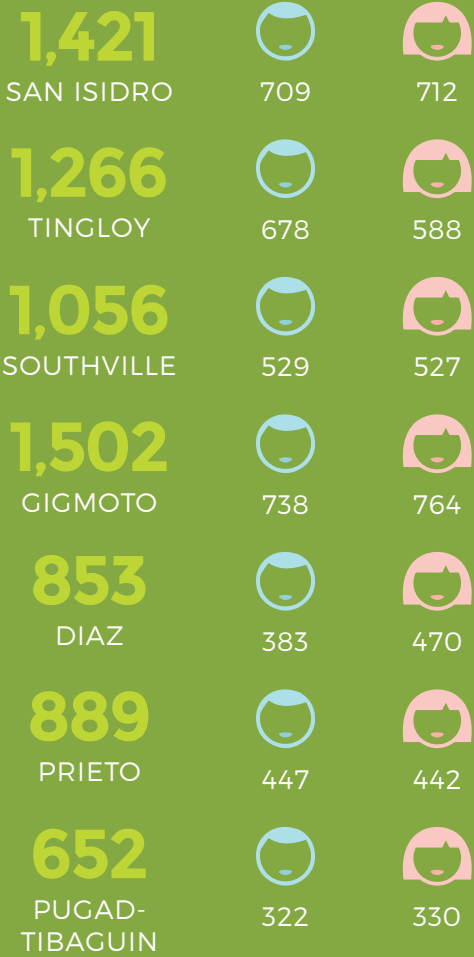
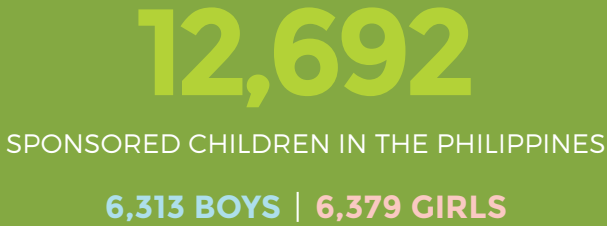
As of December 2015, GNIP's sponsorship services reached a total of 12,692 children under its 14 CDP areas. While under the sponsorship program, children are not just given materials and resources through item distributions, but they are also given access to more opportunities for quality education, good nutrition, and proper health care.



2015 OVERVIEW

For 2015, the Sponsorship Services of GNIP included activities aimed at the sponsored children's development. Specifically, these are the provision of school materials, nutritional items, and hygiene kits – activities conducted to provide supplementary materials for the programs of Education, Health, and WASH. In addition to the provision of these materials, GNIP Sponsorship Services also implemented an awarding and recognition program, child letter writing, family day, birth registration activity, medical and dental check-ups, and socialization events.

Under the support of these sponsorship services, the development of children for 2015 were tracked, monitored, and evaluated through monthly updates, quarterly home visits, house tagging, spot mapping, use of service-rendered cards, and annual progress reports.



NUMBER OF CHILDREN REACHED BY DIRECT SERVICES OF GOOD NEIGHBORS IN 2015



14,596

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



12,233

NUTRITIONAL ITEMS



9,843

HYGIENE KITS



4,384

MEDICAL CHECK-UP

DEVELOPING PROJECTS, DEVELOPING DREAMS

THE STORY OF NANAY SOFIA



Providing more than just development projects, Good Neighbors offers opportunities for fulfilling dreams.

Sofia Argolida is a mother of three children ages 20 years old, 18 years old, and a 10 year old sponsored child residing at one of our Community Development Project (CDP) areas, Bagong Sikat 2, San Pedro, Tingloy, Batangas. She is a full time housewife while her husband works as a crew on a local passenger boat. Not only is she a community health worker in her barangay, but she is also a Community Sponsorship Facilitator (CSF) for the organization. A service-oriented individual, she is selfless and finds fulfillment in volunteering and serving her fellowmen the best way she can.

Although not endowed with financial wealth, she is exceptionally rich with the passion to help others. Because of this, she is one of the most active community sponsorship facilitators in the Tingloy CDP. When asked about her aspirations, Nanay Sofia would express her dreams of making a difference in her community through her own unique ways. This includes seizing every opportunity to contribute to the community's development the best way she can.

Nanay Sofia is very grateful to Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) for the community development projects and activities being implement in her community. However, her gratitude for GNIP extends to more than just the development projects; she is thankful that through GNIP, she had the opportunity to become a community volunteer – an opportunity to live her dream of making an impact on the lives of others.

Her role as a Community Sponsorship Facilitator may be simple yet she finds great fulfillment in it. GNIP has given her, and other Community Sponsorship Facilitators, the opportunity to improve their skills and abilities by actively involving them in every activity as the organization's front liners. They serve as influencers and enablers by directly communicating to their fellow community members how they can all participate in the development and sustainability programs of their community.

Claiming to have a shy disposition before, Nanay Sofia confessed how she felt a lack of confidence and belief in her skills and abilities. However, now that GNIP has giving her the opportunity for improvement, she is now one of the well-known community volunteers in her own barangay. Nanay Sofia's story is just one of many wherein community people themselves teach us life lessons that inspire us to become a better version of ourselves. She reminds us to go beyond our limits and that seizing opportunities for our dreams is the first step of turning them into reality.



2015 WORKSHOPS



In a workshop activity, GNIP staff identify community problems that may be addressed through GNIP programs and services

OD WORKSHOP



Ms. Marivic Ong, the Operations Department Manager, presents an overview of OD, its direction and strategies for 2015

On February 2015, Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) held a workshop headed by the Operations Department (OD) from the GNIP Head Office. Conducted to GNIP staff, including those in the field, the workshop achieved a common understanding of processes and strategies used in project development, implementation, and evaluation.

The workshop focused on understanding GNIP's sectors and programs as targeted in defining development for the community. Community development workers from the Operations Department also discussed their respective sectors – specifically education, health, WASH, DRRM, Partnership, Advocacy, and Networking. The discussion served as an avenue to raise concerns and practices in the GNIP community development projects (CDPs) and deliberate how these may be addressed and improved.

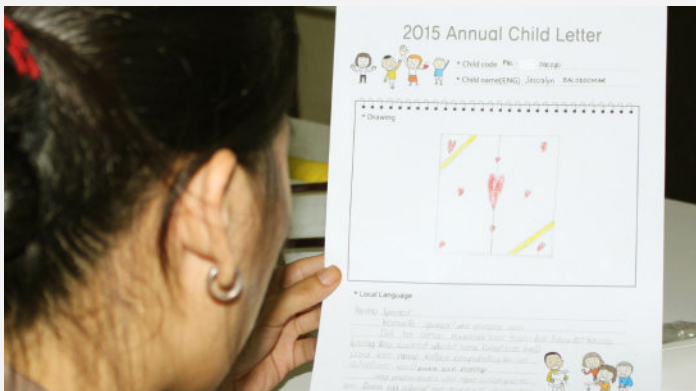
Overall, the workshop was also an opportunity to emphasize how GNIP programs must be anchored on the goal of sustainable community development, wherein child rights are promoted and communities are empowered through self-reliance. Through understanding the sectors, processes, and strategies, GNIP may work towards creating programs aimed at creating impact and change within the GNIP communities.

SSD WORKSHOP

With the goal of improving the social and sponsorship services of Good Neighbor's International Philippines (GNIP), the Sponsorship Service Department (SSD) held its workshop in 2015.

Conducted to social workers and staff in charge from the field offices, facilitators from the Head Office discussed processes and strategies of SSD. Aside from the discussion, participants were also trained on the Child Management System (CMS), a program used to track the development and progress of children sponsored by Good Neighbors.

Through the workshop, SSD aims to capacitate staff in maintaining and building trust of GNIP sponsors and benefactors. It reiterated how GNIP continues to uphold transparency and accountability by providing reports and documentation on the sponsored children's status and development. By the end of the SSD workshop, participants expressed how the activity was an effective way to increase efficiency in providing social services to GNIP sponsored children.



SSD staff reviewing the Annual Child Letter during the workshop; Child Letters are letters written by children for their sponsors

FINANCE WORKSHOP

Conducted to share information and raise awareness relative to responsible financial management, the Finance Department of Good Neighbors International Philippines held their 2015 Finance Workshop last November 11-13, 2015.

With the theme "Building Capacity through Financial Management," the workshop discussed the Finance Process, GNIP Manship, File Standardization, Asset, Risk, and Budget Management, as well as Internal Control, including dealing with Fraud and Irregularities. The workshop also tackled auditing and monitoring together with audit findings, concerns, and practices.

The workshop was not only a capacity-building tool for the GNIP's Finance Department; it was also an opportunity to develop and settle practices on finance matters resulting to efficiency and effectiveness for the organization.

DRIVER'S TRAINING

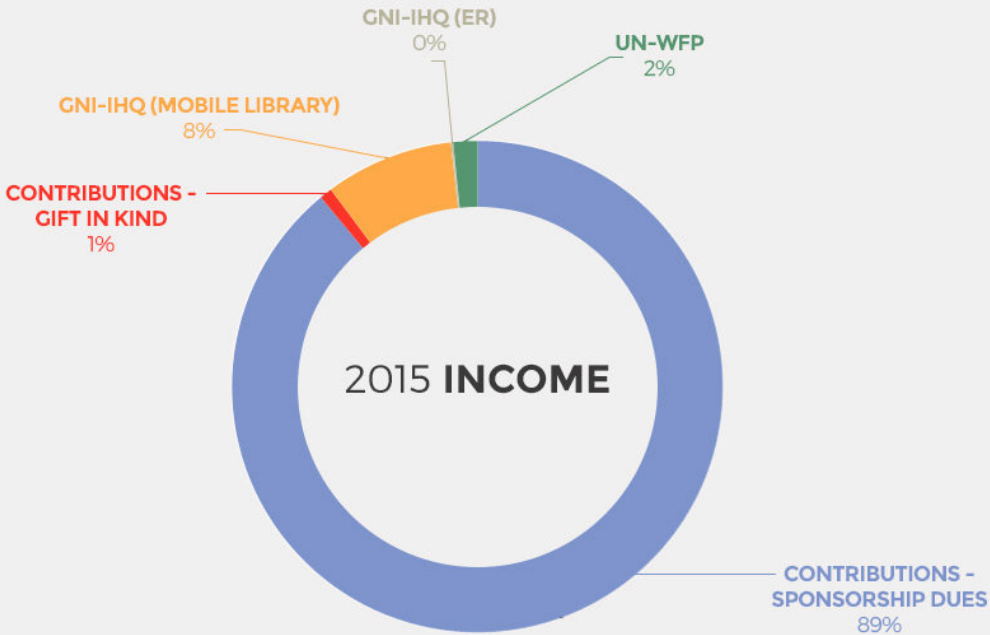
Aside from the Operations Department and Sponsorship Services Department, Good Neighbors Philippines also ensures the efficiency of the Administrative Department (AD) through trainings. In 2015, one of the workshops conducted for the AD was the Driver's Training.

Recognizing that our company drivers have vital contributions to the work we do in Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP), the Admin Department arranged a Driver's Training on May 7-8, 2015. Aimed at better equipping drivers with knowledge on road safety and ethics, the training included a discussion on basic operating and driving laws, vehicle basic maintenance and repairs, and driver's training modules.

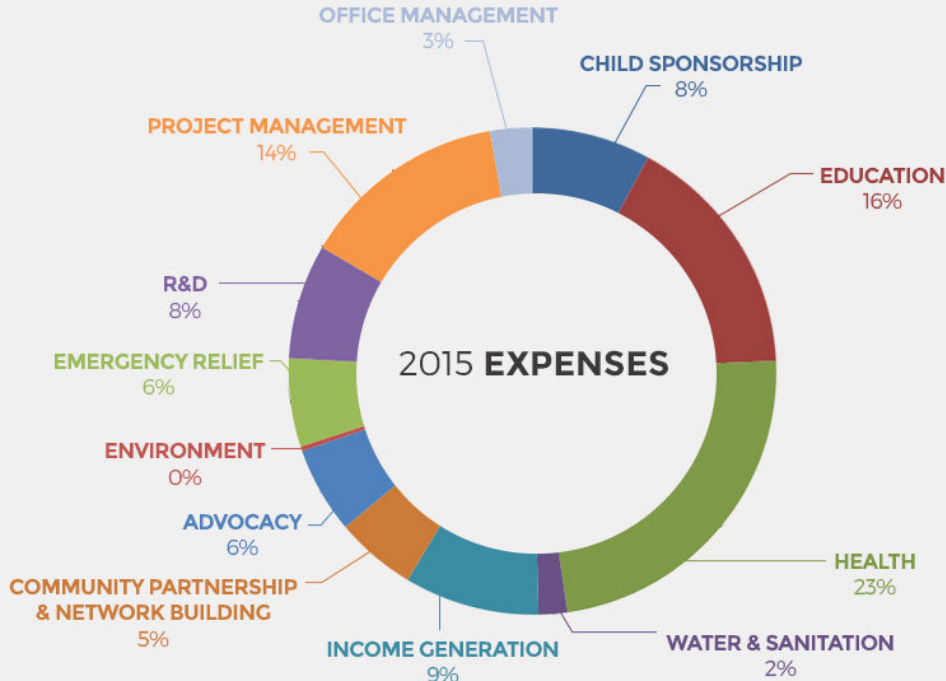
In line with the training, a reorientation was also held by the Human Resources Department discussing the roles and responsibilities of GNIP official drivers together with an orientation of GNIP's history, mission and vision, projects, and activities.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT



CATEGORY	AMOUNT (USD)	%
Contributions - Sponsorship Dues	2,138,815.78	88.99%
Contributions - Gift in Kind	19,603.36	0.82%
GNI-IHQ (Mobile Library)	203,394.63	8.46%
GNI-IHQ (ER)	3,553.21	0.15%
UN-WFP	38,084.14	1.58%
Local Donations	-	0.00%
Other Revenues	-	0.00%
TOTAL	2,403,451.12	100.00%



CATEGORY	AMOUNT (USD)	%
Child Sponsorship	189,149.65	7.87%
Education	395,573.74	16.46%
Health	562,583.35	23.41%
Water & Sanitation	45,722.43	1.90%
Income Generation	215,089.29	8.95%
Community Partnership & Network Building	128,964.36	5.37%
Advocacy	137,624.35	5.73%
Environment	7,444.44	0.31%
Emergency Relief	140,745.12	5.86%
R&D	183,094.30	7.62%
Project Management	329,701.50	13.72%
Office Management	67,758.58	2.82%
TOTAL	2,403,451.12	100.00%

2016 GOALS



STRATEGIC DIRECTION

After establishing community ownership in 2015, Good Neighbors Philippines will be shifting its gear in 2016 towards community development and empowerment. Strategic and operational planning sessions will be held to lay out the foundation for 2016's plans together with a newly-established 5-year goal. Programs will be designed and implemented with the objective of capacitating communities to be self-reliant and self-sustaining.



LOCAL FUNDRAISING

Also part of 2016's plans is the beginning of local fundraising activities. Fundraising activities are not only meant to raise funding for GNIP; moreover, it is also targeted to build the visibility and presence of Good Neighbors in the Philippines. Integrated with Networking, fundraising activities will also be designed to build, enforce, and expand partnerships with our stakeholders.

Through local fundraising, funders that have high regards to projects being implemented in the Philippines can easily contribute and participate. With a high regard for transparency and accountability, GNIP will also ensure that funders can easily track the progress of the programs they support.



DME

DESIGN, MONITORING, EVALUATION

To be incorporated into our 2016 activities would also be a stricter approach of Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation (DME) of our programs and strategies. Through DME, we aim to ensure relevance, impact, and effectiveness of our programs and projects. DME also ensures accountability as we are able to assess our performance against our goals and clear objectives, a value we highly give importance as an organization.



GOOD CHANGE

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING

Good change is also set in 2016 as we will be implementing a restructuring within our organization. Through the restructuring, we aim to establish and define clear roles and responsibilities within our workforce. This is to assure quality performance and even ensure efficiency as we implement our programs towards community development and empowerment.

OUR **WORKFORCE**

LAAK
FIELD OFFICE



BULACAN
FIELD OFFICE



PRIETO DIAZ
FIELD OFFICE



**HEAD
OFFICE
AND
LEARNING
CENTER**



SAN ISIDRO
FIELD OFFICE



TINGLOY
FIELD OFFICE



GIGMOTO
FIELD OFFICE



**SOUTHVILLE
AND GUIUAN**
FIELD OFFICE

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

- Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health
- Bicol University
- Child Rights Network
- Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines (DRRNet Phils.)
- Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Manila Doctors Hospital
- Miriam College
- National Council of Social Development Foundation of the Phils, Inc (NCSD)
- Philippine International NGO Network (PINGON)
- Philippine NGO Coalition on the UN CRC (NGO Coalition CRC)
- World Food Programme (WFP)

GLOBAL NETWORK



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

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