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Dear partners,

As we look back into our achievements for 2016, we acknowledge our tireless efforts to bring positive change into our communities. Focused on enhancing programs and plans for each of our sponsored areas’ development, we started the year by mapping our strategic direction with a clear end goal – to carry out programs that would transform and impact communities positively. Throughout the rest of the year, this was complemented by a series of trainings and workshops designed to enhance capacity and skill on community development.

Accordingly, our efforts were indeed fruitful as GNIP reached several notable achievements for 2016. Driven by innovation and child-centeredness, we carried out programs such as the Solar Energy Project, the Dengue Awareness and Prevention Campaign, and ILIKE: A Children’s Month Celebration. Considered as just some of the highlights of our year, these activities show a glimpse of what we, together with partners and communities, have worked and strived for in 2016.

In all these activities, however, we keep in mind our vision, mission, and core values which served as our motivation in our efforts. Truly, the work we do does not reap immediate and overnight impact to our communities; it takes time to establish capacities and build ownership among communities for them to take part in child-focused development programs. However, it is through this that we realize and make or vision true. This past year, we also ventured into programs that expanded the realization of our mission. Through the Giving Feels Good Campaign, we were able to bring services even to non-sponsored children, considered as first steps to reaching our mission to share care and love for every Filipino child.

May it be for our first steps or for our long-established programs, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you – our dear partners. Thank you for choosing to support others, for choosing to be brave and act towards injustice and inequality. As we work together in uplifting the quality of life of families in our partner communities, may we always remember to act in solidarity and unity as we collaborate to change the situation. We hope that in 2017 and beyond, may you continue to support our work for the benefit of Filipino communities and its children.


Yoon Seok Won
Country Director, Good Neighbors International Philippines

ABOUT

GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES

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

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



OUR **VISION, MISSION, CORE VALUES** AND **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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.

OUR **CORE VALUES**

Love | Innovativeness | Transparency and Accountability | Empowerment

OUR **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

2008

Area research in Barangay San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal

2009

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

2010

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)

2011

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)

2012

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

2013

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)

2014

Established two CDPs in the 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)

Implementation of WFP Phase 3 DRRM Project in Tingloy, Batangas

2015

Established new CDP: Guiuan Central (Guiuan, Eastern Samar)

Built and established community ownership in GNIP CDP areas

Formulated GNIP Vision, Mission, Core Values

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

2016

OPENING OF GNIP’S LOCAL RESOURCE MOBILIZATION ARM: GOOD NEIGHBORS PHL INC.

SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT EXPANSION IN BASECAMP, SAN ISIDRO, RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL

IMPLEMENTATION OF DRRM PROJECTS WITH WFP

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: TYPHOON NONA (INTERNATIONAL NAME MELOR) IN ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCE

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: TYPHOON LAWIN (INTERNATIONAL NAME HAIMA) IN KALINGA PROVINCE

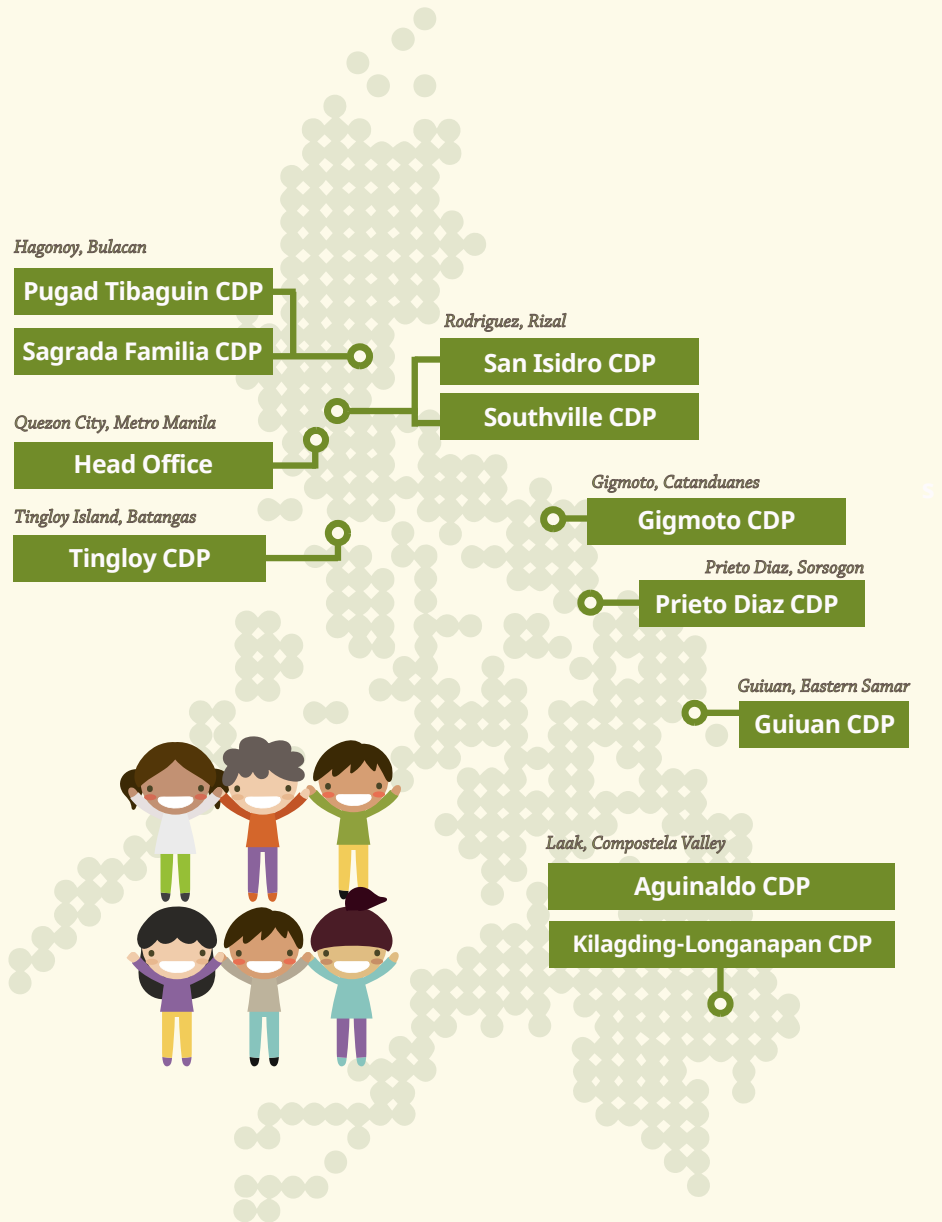
EMERGENCY RESPONSE: TYPHOON NINA (INTERNATIONAL NAME NOCK-TEN) IN TINGLOY, BATANGAS AND GIGMOTO, CATANDUANES

AREAS OF OUR WORK

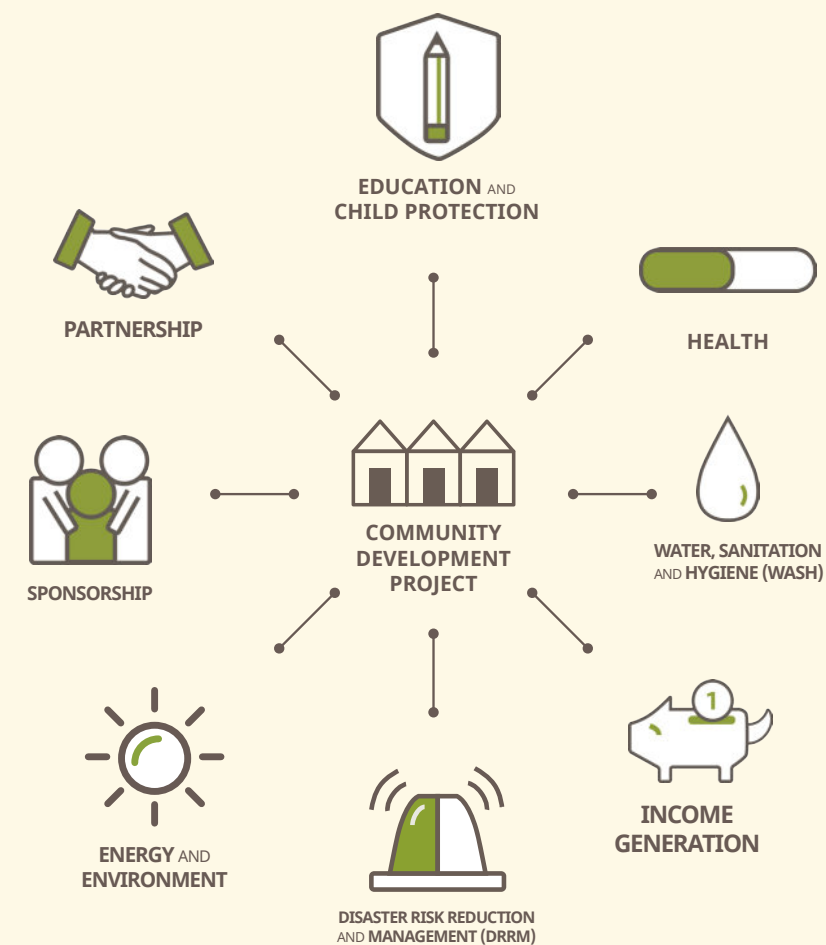
10
Community Development
Project (CDP) areas

1
Head Office

13,058
sponsored
children



WHAT WE DO



Good Neighbors implements Community Development Projects by supporting the stable and self-sufficient development of a community through projects focused on education, health, water and sanitation, income generation, energy and environment, and disaster risk reduction and management. In addition, Good Neighbors runs advocacy programs at local, national, and international levels to protect the human rights of the socially marginalized. It organizes community networks through partnerships to ensure residents are engaged in development projects and take pride of ownership.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS



- New Office Blessing
- Gearing Up for Change
- Resource Mobilization Arm Expands
- Partnership-building
- Emergency Response: Typhoon Nona (Melor)
- Emergency Response: Typhoon Lawin (Haima)
- Emergency Response: Typhoon Nina (Nock-ten)
- ILIKE: Children's Month Celebration
- DRR Partnership with WFP



GNIP OPENS NEW DOORS DURING ITS HEAD OFFICE INAUGURATION

It was a monumental event for GNIP as it celebrated the inauguration of its new Head Office, now located at Jocfer Building, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City. The office blessing and inauguration was held on 14 June 2016 and was led by GNIP Country Director Yoon Seok Won. Celebrated together with neighboring offices and partners of Good Neighbors Philippines, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the new move, followed by the office blessing, snacks, and socials.

As GNIP’s operations continue to expand, the new office offers a bigger room to grow for the organization. It is an opportunity for GNIP to serve more marginalized communities and Filipino children – having more space to invite a growing workforce who may join in caring and sharing with love for the welfare of every Filipino child.

GOOD NEIGHBORS GEARED UP FOR GOOD CHANGES IN 2016

GNIP geared up for various changes in 2016. Among the changes is the integration of 3 Community Development Project (CDP) areas or GNIP supported communities. CDPs which share similar community characteristics and geographical positions were merged in order to implement programs and services more effectively and efficiently. Particularly, the said CDPs are Prieto and Diaz in Sorsogon, Kilagding and Longanapan in Laak, and 3 CDP areas in the municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

The CDP integration was to identify strategic barangays and respective specific interventions for child-centered community development programs. Home visit monitoring was conducted to aid in identifying the needs of the community. Also part of organizational change in 2016 was the formation of a Design, Monitoring and Evaluation team which aided planning and implementation development programs designed to meet the needs of communities where GNIP operate.

GNIP’s planning and implementation for 2016 were targeted on the direction set for the organization during its strategic planning workshop conducted at the start of the year. The strategic planning workshop was complemented by a series of capacity-building trainings for the organization wherein staff were trained on conceptualization and implementation of community development projects.

GNIP FORMS A RESOURCE MOBILIZATION ARM AS IT EXPANDS ITS REACH LOCALLY

Formed in 2016, Good Neighbors PHL Inc. (GN PHL) serves as the resource mobilization arm of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP). Now registered under the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the new daughter organization was created to pool new and additional resources for the organization, whether in terms of manpower, in-kind resources, or financial aid.

The GN PHL Team handles Fundraising, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM), and Publications and Social Marketing. In 2016, the team already started its resource mobilization efforts through working on grants, in-kind donations, earned income, volunteer and internship programs, as well as DRR projects and partnerships.

GNIP AND METROBANK FOUNDATION GRANT EASIER ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Over 80 students from GNIP project areas were given bicycles as an alternative form of transportation to school, giving them easier access to education and learning. 69 students from Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon and

18 students from Guiuan, Eastern Samar were provided with bicycles through a project made possible with Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI). Aside from separate turnover ceremonies held at Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon and Guiuan, Eastern Samar, a bicycle safety seminar was also conducted for the students and their parents. Safety measures, road signs, and proper bike usage were discussed.

Access to education is still a challenge faced by some students living in remote areas of Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon and Guiuan, Eastern Samar. With schools located far from their homes and with no regular transportation available, children have to walk a distance of roughly 2.5 kilometers daily just to attend class.

The challenge of school accessibility usually results in low attendance and high drop-out rates among students, with some even failing to pursue their education due to inaccessibility of school facilities. GNIP carried out the project together with MBFI in hopes of easing access to education for children in far-flung areas and increasing attendance rates among students.





01 Emergency Response: Typhoon Nona (international name Melor)



02 Emergency Response: Typhoon Lawin (international name Haima)



03 Emergency Response: Typhoon Nina (international name Nock-ten)

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.

GNIP DELIVERS URGENT AID AND ASSISTANCE TO TYPHOON HAIMA (LAWIN)-STRICKEN KALINGA PROVINCE

As Super Typhoon Haima (Lawin) devastated Northern Luzon on October 19, the province of Kalinga appealed for urgent aid and assistance. GNIP, under the Philippine International NGO Network (PINGON), is one of the first international NGO to respond to Kalinga’s appeal for urgent relief and aid.

On October 28 and 29, GNIP distributed relief items in coordination with Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) to over 3000 families in the municipalities of Libuagan, Pinukpuk, and Balbalan in Kalinga province.

GNIP recognizes that water, sanitation and hygiene are compromised during a disaster not only due to damages in water facilities, but also because the immediate focus for relief is shifted to providing food. However, by providing hygiene kits to affected communities, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs are addressed and may even prevent the spread of diseases after a disaster strikes.

9,746
families served by 2016 Emergency Response

GNIP RESPONDS WITH AID IN AREAS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON NOCK-TEN (NINA)

On Christmas 2016, Typhoon Nock-ten (Nina) struck through 15 provinces and over 4 regions of the Philippines including two of GNIP’s supported areas in Tingloy, Batangas and Gigmoto, Catanduanes. The category 4 typhoon caused massive destruction thus disrupting normal patterns of living for families affected by the typhoon. As communities have limited access to food, clean water, and hygiene and sanitation facilities, GNIP pledged to help families recover by delivering aid with their basic needs as priority.

In response, two separate Quick Response Teams (QRTs) were deployed to Tingloy, Batangas and Gigmoto, Catanduanes in order to assess the post-disaster situation of both areas. Upon assessment, immediate needs were identified for the two coastal towns including the need for food, water, as well as hygiene and sanitation facilities.

In total, GNIP distributed over 3,300 relief kits for 1,400 families in Tingloy, Batangas and 1,900 families in Gigmoto, Catanduanes. Relief given was in the form of hygiene kits and was distributed in hopes of preventing the spread of waterborne diseases especially during disasters.

Aside from hygiene kits, food packs and 6 liters of water were also given to certain targeted barangays wherein food and water were identified as post-disaster needs.

HYGIENE KIT FOR A FAMILY OF 5

 4 PCS FACE TOWEL	 1 PC BATH TOWEL	 1 PC MOSQUITO NET
 5 PCS TOOTHBRUSH	 1 PC TOOTHPASTE	 1 PC BLANKET
 5 PCS COMB	 2 PCS SANITARY PADS	 1 PC WATER CONTAINER
 2 BARS LAUNDRY SOAP	 3 BARS BATH SOAP	

HYGIENE KITS are distributed in hopes of preventing the spread of waterborne diseases especially during disasters.

ILIKE 2016: GNIP EMPOWERS CHILDREN IN CHILDREN’S MONTH CELEBRATION

GNIP celebrated National Children’s Month with various advocacy events throughout the month of November. Spearheaded by its 8 offices all over the Philippines, the celebration carried the superhero theme of League of Child Protectors wherein children and youth were encouraged to act as primary protectors of their rights.

Adults also joined the festivities as they pledged their commitment in standing up for the rights of children, protecting them from all violations of their rights, and empowering them to reach their full potential.



In 2016, ILIKE was celebrated in the 10 project areas of GNIP through advocacy walks and variety shows. The Voice Kids’ Winner Elha Nympha even graced one of the events through a performance in honor of children and their rights. Meanwhile, sectoral booths were also set-up campaigning for various child rights advocacies. Learning sessions were also held on the topic of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR) wherein salient issues affecting Filipino children and youth were discussed.

This year’s ILIKE event featured the role and participation of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) all over the different GNIP project areas. CRCs, which are youth councils formed through GNIP, participated in this year’s activity starting from its preparation, conceptualization, and actual event proper.

Kiddie Correspondents were also launched in this year’s ILIKE, GNIP’s youth group of youth journalists. The Kiddie Correspondents covered the event and interviewed event attendees who participated in the celebration.



Aside from these activities, some areas celebrated ILIKE with an additional Zumba-for-a-Cause activity in support to the recently-launched Fundraising Program of Good Neighbors Philippines. In the GNIP Head Office, the Zumba Activity was led by Celebrity Instructor Regine Tolentino. Dressed as superheroes, adults joined in on the fun as they danced to bring awareness on the promotion and protection of child rights. All proceeds gathered through the activity will be directed to future projects supporting GNIP communities.

Held annually, the celebration entitled ILIKE (I Live, Inform, Educate) is part of GNIP’s efforts to facilitate children’s participation in its strong advocacy to uphold child rights and promote the welfare of children. As a child-focused organization, it is also one of GNIP’s ways to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by the United Nations General Assembly on Nov. 20, 1989 and the Philippines’ signing of the CRC.



01 The Voice Kids’ Winner Elha Nympha graced the event through a performance in honor of children and their rights.

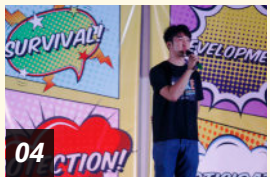


01 Sectoral booths were setup and manned by the CRC members during each of the 10 GNIP areas’ respective ILIKE celebrations.

Booths carried advocacy campaigns promoting child rights such as proper handwashing and dengue awareness for the right to appropriate health.



03 GNIP Managing Director Daehyun Kim delivering opening remarks for ILIKE 2016.



04 GNIP Country Director thanks the event attendees for supporting child rights as children’s month was celebrated.

4,097 attendees

11

community areas celebrated



05 A variety show was was part of the program for GNIP’s ILIKE 2016 kick-off celebration. It showcased talents of kids from sponsored communities with performances ranging from singing, dancing, and acting.

EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
INSTALLED IN DISASTER-PRONE
COMMUNITIES THROUGH GNIP
AND WFP PARTNERSHIP

The goal of establishing disaster resilient communities continued in 2016 as GNIP, in partnership with United Nations World Food Programme (UN WFP), entered Phase 4 of its Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) project in Tingloy, Batangas and Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

In the previous phase of the DRRM project, community members from the two coastal towns identified hazards present in their area. The identified hazards included storm surges, landslides, floods and typhoons. As both communities are threatened by the possible effects of the identified disaster hazards, Phase 4 of the project focused on establishing community-based early warning systems as well as identifying evacuation areas and routes in case an emergency strikes.

In 2016, the Phase 4 project included coordination meetings with lead agencies, government units, and GNIP and WFP wherein community leaders and partners from the target areas were oriented about the project. This was followed by the development

of a base framework for the early warning system as well as the installation of public address systems alerting the community of imminent danger in times of disaster. Over 15 public address systems were installed in Tingloy, Batangas while 23 units were installed in Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

Overall, the project provided the community thorough knowledge on early warning systems and provided essential practice through conducted community drills. It taught communities to evacuate to safety with the goal of lowering the incidence of casualties during a disaster.



01 The Early Warning System (EWS) as set-up in communities of Tingloy and Prieto Diaz

38
barangays installed with EWS

over 38,000
residents will benefit from the project



EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION



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

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

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

It also aims to significantly reduce institutional, social, and economic barriers through empowered stakeholders upholding the rights of every Filipino.

SPONSORED CHILDREN RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AS THEY PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

GNIP pledged its support to every child’s right to education by providing sponsored children school supplies for their schooling. The project is one of GNIP’s ways to give support to students by providing them with the tools they need in their studies. Pre-assembled kits with the essential school supplies were given out per sponsored child, totaling to over 13,058 student beneficiaries from all 10 CDP areas of GNIP. The activity was conducted before classes started nationwide.

To complement the distribution activity, GNIP also conducted an orientation to parents wherein the importance of education was discussed. Through this orientation, GNIP hopes that parents would be more supportive in their children’s studies and that they would take the primary part in safeguarding their child’s right to education.

Unfortunately, the lack of funds coupled with the high expenses needed for schooling results in educational inaccessibility for most students. The inability to afford needed school supplies is a harsh reality as it adds to a higher incidence of school drop-outs.

Through the school supplies distribution, GNIP helps relieve the financial strain and burden of sending children to school, allowing more students to attend their classes and finish their studies.



STUDENTS EMPOWERED AS GNIP’S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GROWS BEYOND ACADEMIC COMMITMENT

Part of GNIP’s education project in 2016 was a scholarship program which helped scholars financially in terms of their educational expenses. Aside from the aspect of financial aid, the program also encouraged students to perform better in school. In its last year of implementation, the scholarship program also focused on instilling the value of financial savings and management to its student beneficiaries. As the grants of the scholarship were distributed in tranches, the program taught students to wisely and effectively manage their finances and save for their school expenses.

Scholarship grants ease educational accessibility for more students. Like all educational programs of GNIP, the program was grounded on upholding every child’s right to education and ensuring accessibility especially to the most financially underprivileged. Furthermore, students under the scholarship program also had the opportunity to hone their skills not only academically but also through activities outside school. In 2016, scholars were invited to be part of the Child Rights Club (CRC) – the youth group formed under GNIP’s initiative aimed to raise children’s

awareness and action on child rights. As students, scholars took part in the various CRC activities as they exhibited their commitment not only academically, but also in initiatives that help their fellow children and youth.



HELD RECOGNITION RITES BOOSTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AMONG STUDENTS

Poverty is not a hindrance to success for GNIP-sponsored children who were given recognition in 2016 due to their outstanding academic performance. Held in various community development project (CDP) areas of GNIP, a recognition day became a way to boost children’s confidence and motivation to pursue their studies with excellence. During the recognition rites, students were awarded with medals and were even given dictionaries as a reward for a job well done. The dictionaries were also given as resource materials to further support their learning.

Acting as role models, the awardees also encouraged and motivated their fellow students to perform well in school as more students were inspired to be part of the honor roll.

The activity was made possible through GNIP’s close partnership with the schools in its supported communities; parents of sponsored children were also thanked for their continuous dedication to promote their child’s right to education and even their unwavering support to their child’s academic endeavors.

UNITY SHOWN AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORT EVERY CHILD’S RIGHT TO EDUCATION

The Filipino spirit of bayanihan, a trait that espouses communal unity, is fully alive in a Brigada Eskwela activity supported by GNIP. Brigada Eskwela is an annual national campaign that aims to generate support from the community in improving public schools in their area. During the week-long event, volunteers take time in repairing, repainting, organizing, and cleaning school vicinities.

On June 2016, community members from various sectors assembled to conduct the campaign in preparation of the start of the classes. GNIP-

organized groups of Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSFs), Community Development Councils (CDCs), and Child Rights Club (CRC) members joined the activity together with other parents and teachers.

A total of 5 schools in the Bulacan Community Development Project (CDP) area benefitted from the activity wherein GNIP adopted classrooms for repainting and donated painting materials in support to the campaign.



EVERY CHILD HAS THE **RIGHT** TO AN EDUCATION

CONDUCTED TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM ENCOURAGES LEARNING AND INITIATIVE AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Community members gained valuable knowledge as they participated in a technical vocation program supported by GNIP. The training focused on meat processing wherein 40 trainees from the Laak Community Development Project (CDP) area participated.

The 3-day training was conducted in Aguinaldo CDP. It included learning meat processing and preparation for products such as skinless longanisa, burger patties, tocino, barbeque, salted fish, pineapple jam, chayote mixed pickles and smoked fish. Aside from the hands-on activity, a review session for assessment was also part of the training. Local officials then plan to organize a group of Technical Vocational Trainees within Barangay Aguinaldo.

On the other hand, another Technical Vocational training was conducted in Southville, Rodriguez, Rizal. The training focused on technical installation and maintenance. The training produced 10 graduates with 9 of them passing the National Competency II (NCII) exam. After the training, two of program

graduates were hired as electricians. The technical vocation program of GNIP takes into consideration the interests and resources of a community prior to establishing which training to facilitate and conduct. Under the education program, GNIP ensures that learning is not only limited to children; however, through continuing education and technical vocation programs, GNIP offers opportunities for community members to learn and gain skills in which they could benefit from. Similar to the conducted projects, technical vocation trainings are considered as helpful steps for those who wish to venture into entrepreneurship as small business initiatives in the community are supported and encouraged by GNIP.

EDUCATION PROGRAM INCLUDES PARENTS IN A PARENTS EFFECTIVENESS SEMINAR

Parents from our supported day care centers in Bulacan Community Development Project (CDP) attended a Parents Effectiveness Seminar (PES), one of Good Neighbors’ efforts to help parents properly care for their children.

The session had a total of 9 modules which tackled the role of parents in a child’s development. It includes in-depth discussions on parental duties and responsibilities, early childhood development, and

offers technical assistance in leading the protection and promotion of child rights.

“The seminar would give them a better view of their role as parents and as good members of the community,” says Fe Ocmer, a Good Neighbors Community Development Worker in Bulacan. GNIP also encouraged seminar attendees to share what they have learned to other parents in the community.



186 LEARNING CENTER GRADUATES RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT

Aimed to recognize students’ educational achievements and dedication, GNIP held its 6th Commencement Exercises for its 5 Learning Centers in Rodriguez, Rizal.

186 students were given recognition wherein 120 were nursery students and 66 were kinder pupils. The recognition rites acknowledge the students’ academic progress as they advance to a higher grade level for the incoming school year. The GNIP Learning Centers in San Isidro and Southville, Rodriguez, Rizal have been operating for 6 years in the area. It aims to provide quality education and early childhood development among children in the community. The Good Neighbors Learning Centers produced 1,719 graduates from 2011-2016.

120

nursery graduates



66

kinder graduates

1,719

graduates since 2011

EVERY CHILD’S RIGHT TO
EDUCATION PROMOTED AS
GNIP SUPPORTS EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AND SERVICES

GNIP also provide support to education facilities and services especially for those that need direct assistance. Support to educational facilities includes construction and repair of classrooms, day care centers, libraries, and other learning facilities.

GNIP provides support to educational facilities through partnerships with parents from the community as well as the school administration. School repair and construction projects are also grounded on community and school needs, taking into consideration those appropriate and well-maintained facilities are conducive for children’s learning. Aside from this, repair and construction projects also encourage participation and partnership among stakeholders such as between GNIP, community members, and local government partners.

In addition to school repairs and construction, GNIP also provides support to materials needed in school facilities. In 2016, a library support project was initiated by the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) of Gigmoto, Catanduanes in the hopes of improving reading capacities of the students in Sioron

Elementary School. The same project was used as the main auxiliary in the implementation of Reading Recovery Program of the Department of Education (DepEd) in Gigmoto District. The said program will cater to school children, especially to sponsored children of the school, in the enhancing their reading skills through after-school tutorial sessions. Students from the school will also benefit as the project will include reading materials which will be accessible to all.

Apart from support to educational facilities, GNIP also recognizes that support to educational services is key in implementing quality education programs. Thus, in 2016, skills enhancement and training were conducted. Through these trainings, educators’ skills are enhanced to improve their teaching methods especially to Day Care Workers who facilitate early childhood education in the area. Basic child care and child protection was also provided during the training.

GNIP SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR 2016



GNIP-SUPPORTED CHILDREN’S PARK BRINGS
JOY TO KIDS IN GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR

On August 2016, a turnover ceremony of a newly-constructed Children’s Park was held in one of GNIP’s supported communities, Guiuan, Eastern Samar. The Children’s Park is located at the Guiuan Town Plaza of Guiuan Central CDP and was constructed on May 2016 until September 2016. Apart from upholding every child’s right to leisure and play, the project also aims to restore the well-being among children in Guiuan who were survivors of the traumatic experience caused by Super Typhoon Yolanda (international name: Haiyan) which ravaged the community on November 8, 2013.

The conducted turnover ceremony was joined by local government unit officials from Poblacion barangays, CDC members headed by Chairman Cristobal Somoray, CSF, GNIP Field and Head Office Staff with the GNIP Community Development Manager Pedro Tamayo Jr. and GNIP Country Director Steve Yoon. The municipality’s local government unit, headed by Mayor Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales also graced the event together with Guiuan’s media Radyo Natin, sponsored children from Guiuan Central CDP, their parents and other community people.

Done in partnership, the maintenance of the Children’s Park is to be shouldered by the local government unit of Guiuan.





IMPROVED LITERACY MAKES ITS WAY TO LAAK, COMPOSTELA VALLEY

In 2016, the Learning Enrichment and Accessibility Program (LEAP) – one of GNIP’s major Education Projects for the year – was launched in one of its sponsored areas of Laak, Compostela Valley. The LEAP project was designed to address and improve the literacy issues of the community.

The **LEAP Mobile Library** will cater to the needs of remote communities to help them achieve quality and accessible basic education in their areas. Part of its operations is a caravan which will roam and visit public schools of 3 community areas in Laak, Compostela Valley.

The mobile library aims to empower children through interactive learning and tutorial sessions, upholding their right to education despite being located in far-flung areas wherein educational opportunities are usually few and inaccessible.

One of the initial steps of the campaign was literacy training for community members and volunteers who will handle the program as GNIP’s project partners. A total of 31 training participants - including 18 teachers, 9 Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSFs), 2 Community Development Council (CDC) members, and 2 GNIP staff - underwent a literacy workshop as part of the LEAP project. The workshop

served as a venue for the participants to learn basic theories, principles, and best practices in literacy learning. Training an organized group specifically for the project has been planned and designed by GNIP as support in providing quality education for the far-flung community.

The community showed full support for the project as volunteers and teachers pledged their commitment in helping GNIP address the literacy issues in their respective barangays by properly implementing the program. Community volunteers further honed their skills and exhibited their commitment to the program by attending another workshop wherein they were trained in Teaching Skills and Classroom Management. Due to the success of the workshop series, it is now set to be adopted by all schools in Laak, Compostela Valley in hopes of improving the literacy situation of the community.



CHILD PROTECTION

GNIP 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.

For 2016, activities under the program include advocacy projects and campaigns as well as activities initiated by the GNIP-initiated Child Rights Club (CRC).



GNIP STRENGTHENS PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS THROUGH BCPC ACTIVATION

As part of GNIP’s advocacy to reinforce community action towards child rights in the local level, GNIP strengthened BCPCs in various GNIP sponsored areas. BCPC or the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children is the government mandated group assigned to implement programs that allow children in communities to exercise their rights and protect children from all forms of abuse. Unfortunately, either due to lack of resources or lack of knowledge of the importance of BCPCs, these councils are not fully implemented in most areas.

To address this issue, GNIP conducted BCPC orientation wherein the significance of these councils is discussed together with the steps of its formation and implementation. In 2016, one of the areas where the BCPC is activated through GNIP’s support was in Hagonoy, Bulacan.

The trainings discussed topics on child rights protection including the following: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols; Laws about Child Protection in the Philippines; Child 21: A strategic framework for planning programs and interventions that promote and safeguard the rights of Filipino children; The Situation of Filipino Children on the National

and Local level; Childhood as the foundation of Personhood; Barangay Development and Governance System Framework; Legal Basis in Organizing a BCPC; Community Organization as an Approach in Strengthening the BCPC; Monitoring and evaluation of BCPCs; and further BCPC implementation plans.



ORIENTATION ON BIRTH REGISTRATION STARTS CRVS CAMPAIGN

As an organization, the primary goal of GNIP is to help children uphold, promote, and enjoy their rights. Among these rights is the basic right to identity, as stated in the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child (UN CRC). In one of GNIP’s Community Development

Project (CDP) areas, Southville CDP conducted an activity highlighting the importance of birth registration.

Birth registration is one of the first legal acknowledgements of a child’s existence and is also closely tied to a child’s right to a name and nationality. When these are overlooked, children are not only denied of practical services that require birth certification, but more importantly, children are also deprived of all their rights as a child together with the benefits of their citizenship.

In response, GNIP continues to establish effective birth registrations systems as it focused on campaigning and encouraging communities to participate in the activity as well as on focusing with partners in the local level that offer birth registration services.



GNIP TAKES STAND AGAINST THE LOWERING OF MACR

Raising its voice and advocacy for child rights, GNIP started its campaign against the lowering of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility. In 2016, one of the most pressing issues raised involving children and youth was House Bill No. 2 also referred to as the Minimum Age of Criminal Liability. The bill pushes for the lowering of the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 15 years old down to 9 years old. As a child rights organization, GNIP recognized that such a decision would bring about detrimental effects to children who are in conflict with the law instead of solving the issue it aims to address.

Part of its campaign efforts were joining other networks who share the same advocacy in order to strengthen its voice and message; GNIP also conducted and hosted learning sessions where the issue was further discussed.



1,304

attendees in the MACR forum

5 REASONS WHY MACR SHOULD NOT BE LOWERED

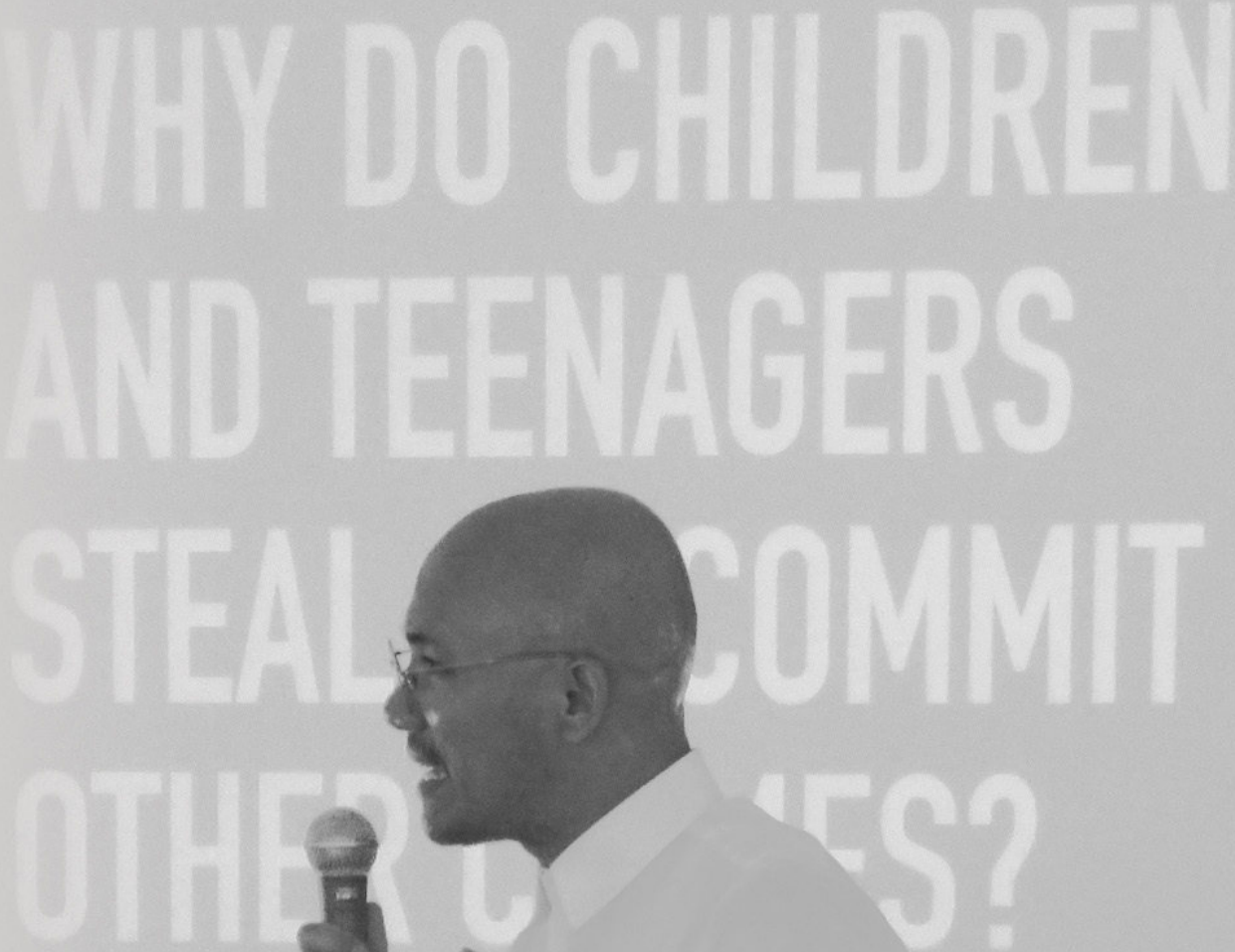
- 1. Children are not little adults.** Scientific research shows that “children and adolescents differ significantly from adults in decision-making, propensity to engage in risky behavior, impulse control, identity development, and overall maturity.” (Psychological Association of the Philippines, 2016) Hence, a child should not be held to the same standards as adults.
- 2. It will not result in lower crime rates.** According to the Philippine National Police, children commit only 1.72% of total crimes in the Philippines. Most are petty crimes like theft, which is often linked to poverty.

3. Lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility will not stop syndicates from using children. It will encourage syndicates to use children younger than 9 years old.

4. The Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006 does not need to be amended. It needs to be fully implemented. The law already provides guidelines on how children who commit crimes should be handled. Contrary to popular belief, children who commit serious offenses are held accountable. But instead of receiving harsh punishments, the child is placed in a youth care facility or Bahay Pag-Asa to undergo intensive intervention programs supervised by a multi-disciplinary team.

5. A jail is no place for a child. Due to lack of youth care facilities, children will most likely end up in jails where they may be subjected to violence and abuse. Detention should be the last resort, not the first and only option.

SOURCE: CHILD RIGHTS NETWORK AND PHILIPPINE ACTION FOR YOUTH OFFENDERS





CHILD RIGHTS CLUB (CRC)

GNIP organizes child rights clubs (CRCs) composed of children (youth) in its community development project (CDP) areas to provide a venue for children to express their concerns, issues, and needs and to plan out activities that will promote awareness on child issues to their fellow children.

FORMATION OF CHILD RIGHTS CLUB ENABLED YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

One focus of GNIP’s Child Protection Sector in 2016 was on the empowerment of children to be primary protectors of their rights. Anchored on this direction, there were various projects for the past year that encouraged youth participation in community development and their active involvement in promoting their rights as children. Among these activities was the formation on Child Right Club (CRC) groups in different GNIP sponsored communities.

GNIP organizes Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) composed of children and youth in its community development project (CDP) areas. Through the CRCs, children are given the opportunity to organize themselves and collectively express their concerns, issues, and needs as they represent the youth in the community. It is also through the CRC wherein they are given the chance to plan out advocacy activities that will promote awareness on salient child issues.

Done in partnership with academic institutions in the community, the recent CRC formation was conducted in the schools of Laak, Gigmoto, and Guiuan CDPs. Through a CRC booth that has been set up for those willing to join, over 600 students signed-up to be part of the CRC. This brought together 600 more voices advocating for child rights, engaging in proactive participation and ownership towards their community’s development.



CRC-INITIATED WASTE MANAGEMENT CAMPAIGN GARNERS SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Youth-initiated activities at the local and community level illustrate empowerment as children organize and take action for concerns that involve them. One of the implemented projects for 2016 was a Solid Waste Management Campaign planned by the Child Rights Club (CRC) of Gigmoto Rural Development High School. Prior to the project implementation, CRC members organized to identify which projects could address problems in their community. The need for proper solid waste management was brought up together with the plans to minimize and control garbage disposal issues in their campus.

Through their initiative, a school clean-up drive was conducted. The school’s teachers, student government, and administration supported the CRC’s initiative through their participation in the activity.

CRC-initiated activities promote ownership at a young age not just for its members but also for their fellow children in the community. It also develops self-determination and sense of responsibility which could also harness their ability to initiate change within their areas, as anchored on principles that protect children’s rights.

CRC OFFICERS TRAIN TO LEAD YOUTH-INITIATED CHILD RIGHTS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

To strengthen newly-organized Child Rights Club (CRC) groups in some supported schools, GNIP conducted a training workshop to build elected officers’ knowledge and skills on being effective and efficient leaders. In 2016, a CRC Leadership Training was conducted in Laak, Compostela Valley and Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon

wherein CRC members from various communities met with each other as they are united with a common goal. For all CRC members, they are committed to ensure that their rights as children, as well as the rights of their fellow youth, are always protected, promoted, and upheld. CRC officers together with their club advisers were present in the activity.

As officers, CRC leaders are expected to act as models to their fellow children and youth. They are expected to strongly influence children in communities to stand up for child rights and promote its awareness through campaigns and advocacy programs. The training, divided into 3 main parts tackled a general overview on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC), which is the basis of child rights advocacy. Registered experts from DSWD and the social work field were also invited to share insights on the topic. Aside from the UN CRC, the workshop also discussed salient points on leadership. Teambuilding activities were also part of the training, ensuring camaraderie and unity among the CRC members.

The CRC is the main arm of GNIP in youth-led initiatives; capacitating the CRC with appropriate knowledge and skill is highly crucial in order to successfully carry out advocacy activities and plans.



CRC ILLUSTRATE RESPECT FOR CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN A VISION BOARD-MAKING ACTIVITY

In an initiative of the Child Rights Club (CRC) of Laak, Compostela Valley, the rights of indigenous people (IPs) were promoted, upheld, and recognized in a Vision Board-making activity. Aimed to correct misconceptions and to deepen understanding among cultures, groups of CRC members were tasked to illustrate how they envision IPs as part of their community’s empowerment.

CRC members from 3 different schools in Laak participated in the activity and showed great interest especially as some CRC members were Dibabawon. Dibabawon is one of the existing indigenous groups present in the area of Laak.

Based on the conducted activity, CRC members envision global competitiveness for IPs, including putting an end to negative perceptions and discrimination. Respect for culture and human rights were also main themes that were illustrated in the CRC’s vision board for IPs.



As GNIP primarily organized CRCs to promote human rights especially the youth and marginalized, GNIP expressed its joy in recognizing that CRCs are now capable of initiating their own advocacy activities. GNIP believes that empowerment may also be possible through children especially if they are given support not just to protect their own but also of others’ issues and rights.

CRCs REACH OUT, GIVE BACK, AND SHARE LOVE FOR CHRISTMAS

Giving back and sharing love became the focus of CRC-initiated outreach events held on December 2016. CRCs from Hagonoy, Bulacan and Gigmoto, Catanduanes chose to spend their Christmas Party and Socialization event reaching out to those in need.

Gigmoto CRC visited Children’s Home in Virac, Catanduanes wherein they spread joy through games, storytelling, and gift giving to over 26 underprivileged youth.

On the other hand, Bulacan CRC spent the day with 37 children from Supportive Parents of Hagonoy Children with Disability Incorporated (SPHC). “We were overjoyed as we witnessed the joy kids felt as they were receiving the gifts. The efforts are all worth it,” says a CRC member during the gift distribution activity that was part of their event.

Despite being beneficiaries of GNIP themselves, CRC members still chose to share and give back through outreach activities they initiated. As an organization, GNIP is proud of its CRC members as they choose to share to more children the love and care we give them.



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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.

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

RIGHT TO ACCESS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES ENSURED THROUGH GNIP’S SUPPORT

To promote accessibility to health facilities and services, GNIP continues to initiate and support projects that ensure every child’s right to appropriate health. In 2016, various health facilities were supported by GNIP including renovations and repair for health establishments and dental equipment support.

In one of its Community Development Project (CDP) areas in Tingloy, Batangas, GNIP supported a dental health care program through the provision of dental equipment. Implemented in partnership with the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Tingloy, the equipment and utilities were turned over to RHU on October 2016 and are now used to provide dental services to its patients.

Aside from the provision of equipment, GNIP and the RHU both conducted community orientations on proper dental care and personal hygiene with the goal of improving the community’s dental practices. The provision of dental equipment benefitted over 18,965 residents in the area.

In Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon – another CDP area of GNIP – over 23 barangays will be served by a Pedia Ward constructed through GNIP’s support. Built to provide a separate ward for children in the Prieto Diaz Municipal Hospital, the project aims to prevent the spread of communicable diseases which is a risk in shared and public hospital rooms.

In addition to constructing health facilities for communities in need, GNIP also maintained its existing health centers in different CDP areas. On July 2016, GNIP together with the community’s help, repaired two GNIP-supported health centers in Sitio Balagbag and Basecamp, San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal. Maintenance included repair and repainting of some of the facilities. During its repair, community members exhibited volunteerism and willingness to be part of the project. They

voluntarily worked to landscape plants around the health center; some even donated for the snacks and other minor materials needed by the workers during the health center construction. Medical equipment was also provided by GNIP including salter weighing scales, dopplers, steel cabinets for medicines, and sets of tables and chairs.

Repair and maintenance of health facilities aim to sustain the centers’ efficiency and conduciveness to provide effective medical care to members of communities which GNIP support.

6 health facilities supported and operated

131 community health workers



APPROPRIATE HEALTH PROMOTED THROUGH NUTRITIONAL ITEMS

GNIP looks after the welfare and well-being of GNIP-sponsored children including their health and nutrition. Protecting every child’s right to appropriate health, GNIP is committed in reducing malnutrition especially in its sponsored communities. It is in this regard that GNIP annually distributes nutritional items to sponsored families as part of its health program. The goal of the activity is to improve children’s health and to increase awareness on the benefits of good and proper nutrition to families. It also aims to encourage families to promote and practice a healthy lifestyle through nutritious yet affordable food.

To complement the distribution activity, an orientation was also conducted discussing the nutritional items and healthy food preferences. Furthermore, in response to the continuing incidence of water borne diseases especially in flood prone and coastal areas that GNIP support, proper food handling and preparation was also tackled to lessen the spread and occurrence of such diseases.

After the activity, parents expressed their commitment to prepare food using nutritious ingredients including vegetables, garden fruits, and healthy viands. Over 13,058 sponsored children among all GNIP-supported communities will benefit from the conducted nutrition project.

9,188

nutritional kits distributed

complemented by Nutrition Awareness sessions for children and parents

HEALTH PARTNERS AND RESOURCES BRIDGED TO PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY TO MEDICAL CARE

Medical doctors, health workers, volunteer pharmacists, community leaders, and partner local government units (LGUs) all came together to promote every child’s right to health and health services. Medical services and health facilities are mostly inaccessible to far-flung and poverty-stricken communities.

Without access to health services, children are particularly at risk for their medical complications especially if left undiagnosed or untreated. Through partnerships and the support shown by medical professionals, volunteers, and local government offices, GNIP’s annual medical and dental check-up activity bridges resources together to provide accessibility to basic health care especially for children in need of medical intervention. As part of the project, children are individually

assessed in terms of their health; in cases that need further intervention, laboratory tests were given and supported by GNIP.

If needed, GNIP also assists and endorses serious cases to the Rural Health Physician for follow-up consultations. If further case management is needed, patients are enrolled in GNIP’s Special Protection Program ensuring medical assistance and intervention.



01, 02 Medical and Dental check-ups are annually held in GNIP project areas

10,076

children beneficiaries of the
medical and dental check-up



HEALTH CAMPAIGN URGED GOOD PRACTICE AGAINST RABIES AND DENGUE

Health awareness campaigns were conducted in 2016 to prevent the spread of diseases prevalent in communities. Health campaigns raised were particular to addressing the issue of dengue and rabies.

Focused on information dissemination and raising public awareness on the health issue, the campaign tackled the risks, threats, and preventive measures of both diseases. GNIP provided Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials and conducted lectures on rabies and dengue. This led to the community's increased knowledge and awareness on dengue and rabies, together with altered beliefs, perceptions and attitude to prevent further cases.

The conducted campaign taught communities to exercise preventive measures including maintaining environmental cleanliness to curb mosquito breeding for dengue; on the other hand, leashing stray dogs were encouraged to prevent cases of rabies especially among children. Signs and symptoms of both diseases were also discussed teaching community members to identify and seek early and appropriate medical treatment if needed.

To further encourage preventive measures and

practices, mosquito traps and dogs leashes were also distributed.

Public health awareness campaigns were initiated as a response to the sudden rise of reported dengue and rabies incidents in GNIP-sponsored areas specifically in Tingloy Island, Batangas. Local government units and community volunteers were also involved in the campaign as tasked to scale up vigilance towards possible cases and awareness on the health issue.

6

major health campaigns implemented

**PROPER HANDWASHING
DENTAL HEALTH
ANTI-DENGUE
ANTI-RABIES**



4,629

anti-dengue campaign beneficiaries

Due to the environmental situation of these communities, particularly dumpsites and coastal areas, high incidence of dengue has been reported in the communities of San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal, as well as Sagrada Familia, Pugad and Tibaguin in Hagonoy, Bulacan. The distribution activity of treated mosquito nets is part of a bigger vector control and dengue-prevention campaign. Other activities include the distribution of Ovicidal-Larvicidal (OL) trap used to control mosquito population and pre-empting dengue outbreaks, accompanied by posting information and communication materials on dengue-prevention.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



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.

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

HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE PROMOTION

10,158 sponsored children received hygiene kits as GNIP conducted its annual hygiene kit distribution across all its 12 community development project (CDP) areas. In 2016, the campaign was accompanied by hygiene and sanitation orientations which discussed the importance of good hygiene practices. Discussed to children and their parents, the orientations were done in with the support of local partners from the rural health units of the CDP areas. It aims to raise awareness on hygiene promotion in order to lessen the incidence of illness and disease.

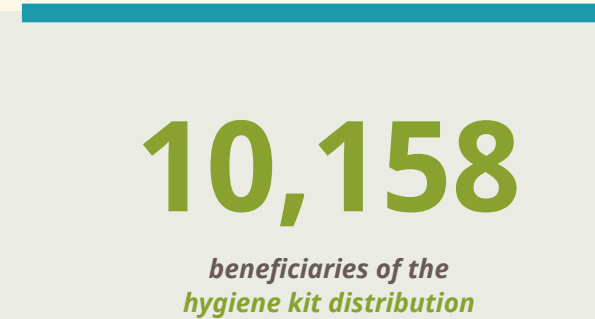
Handwashing and dental care activities are also practiced by the children during the orientation in order to demonstrate proper techniques. Mobilizing various local agencies and partners, the hygiene kit distribution garnered support from the local government unit (LGU) for the distribution logistics, from the community members themselves as they volunteered for the repacking process, and the crucial cooperation of parents in ensuring the promotion of their child’s hygiene and health.

HANDWASHING CAMPAIGN PROMOTED AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST ILLNESS AND DISEASE

GNIP initiated a Handwashing Campaign in one of its Community Development Project (CDP) areas of Southville, Rodriguez, Rizal. The campaign advocates handwashing as a habit among children in the community. Initiated under the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Program, the campaign aims to help curb the spread of communicable diseases highlighting the importance of disease prevention.

Handwashing is one of the most impactful and basic tools used as preventive measure against disease. It does not only prevent water-borne diseases but is also effective against pneumonia and other respiratory illnesses and infections. However, due to poor hygiene practices, the benefits and protection of handwashing habits are often overlooked.

To carry out the campaign, health lectures, presentation, and participatory methods were conducted by GNIP to promote proper handwashing procedures and techniques within the community. Games were also used to engage children in the campaign wherein hygiene items such as soap and toothbrush were given away as prizes.



ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) FACILITIES BRING COMMUNITIES FARTHER FROM DISEASE

To improve the access of safe drinking water to the community, 17 units of Jetmatic hand pumps were installed in a community at Gigmoto, Catanduanes. The installed water system caters to Barangay Sicmil and Sioron, benefitting over 430 households in the area.

Good Neighbors funded the construction of the said hand pumps to prioritize the need of the community when it comes to safe drinking water. Prior to the installation, the communities had to rely on a spring water source which gets muddy during the rainy season. The inaccessibility to safe and potable water poses health risks to community members especially to children. Aside from its provision, GNIP also organized a community group in charge of the water system’s maintenance serving as the community’s counterpart in the project.

In addition to providing access to safe water, GNIP also ensures that communities have access to basic sanitation facilities. In 2016, GNIP supported the repair and construction of latrine facilities in schools together with handwashing facilities.

Good Neighbors continues to expand its WASH program in schools through integrated inputs of infrastructure construction, hygiene education and promotion activities. It is expected that a large part of these efforts will be carried out in cooperation with coalitions and partnerships with the school teachers and parents. This will assist us to achieve greater outreach and enhance children’s awareness of the progress towards a community in which schools have safe drinking water, appropriate sanitation facilities and a healthy environment for them.



INCOME GENERATION



As a child-centered organization, GNIP ensures that children meet their right to a standard of living fit to their physical, social, and mental needs. This can be achieved by developing self-sufficiency and sustainability within families where children belong. Through the Income Generation (IG) program, GNIP builds economic capacity and stability, contributing to an overall increase of the families’ economic condition.

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

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

Most of 2016 IG activities focused on efforts of strengthening the foundations of Income Generation Groups (IGGs) and building their knowledge on business.

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

Expanding business opportunities of community members through social and solidarity economy projects

Enhancing business capacity and entrepreneurship of community based economic organizations and members

Managing internal operations of IGGs

8

*training series
for IGGs in 2016*

GENERATE YOUR BUSINESS IDEA TRAINING

START YOUR BUSINESS (SYB) TRAINING

SAVINGS TRAINING

BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

TRAINING ON TIRE RECAPPING

TRAINING ON PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION

BURI DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

TECHNICAL TRAINING ON INLAND FISHERY

**SERIES OF TRAININGS CAPACITATE
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON INCOME
GENERATION**

Community members in San Isidro, Rizal attended a series of income generation trainings as initiated by GNIP in collaboration with Missional Business Center (MBC). The trainings were conducted to guide the community members in setting up their own business ventures. The 2-part training ran throughout August 2016 and were divided into Generate Your Business (GYB) and the Start Your Own Business (SYB) trainings.

Both trainings were conducted with the goal of improving livelihood skills and employability among families in the community. Taking into careful consideration the community’s resources as well as the skills of its members, possible business opportunities were listed during the GYB training.

As the advanced part of the training series, the SYB focused on basic concepts and principles of running a business. The SYB module discussed and carried out by the Income Generating Groups (IGGs) included conducting market research, seeking skills enhancement, preparing business plans and managing business finances. Through the training, the IGGs were guided on the concept of value chain wherein they can produce profitable and marketable goods and services from raw materials widely available in their own communities.



A father working in a fish drying facility in Pugad-Tibaguin, Hagonoy Bulacan.

GNIP SUPPORTED IG PROJECTS

GNIP supports Income Generating (IG) projects with the goal of gradually improving the socio-economic status of families in its sponsored communities. Through the IG projects, members can generate income to provide the primary needs of their children and families.

36

existing income generating groups (IGGs)

SAN ISIDRO

Commodity Store

PUGAD-TIBAGUIN

Fish Drying

TINGLOY

Bakery

PRIETO DIAZ

Vegetable Farming
Rice Retailing

GIGMOTO

Abaca Trading

GUIUAN

Tire Recapping

KILAGDING

Inland Fishery

LONGANAPAN

Corn Farming



SAVINGS GROUPS FORMED IN OVER 4 CDPS OF GNIP

As part of GNIP’s initiative to help community members attain a standard of living that meets their needs, GNIP organized and trained savings groups in its different project areas in Tingloy, Pugad Tibaguin, Sagrada Familia, and Aguinaldo. A savings group is a social organization formed to help community members save money for specific purposes, either individual or at the community level.

Through the organized savings group, members are given the opportunity to manage their finances with a secure place to save as well as the opportunity to borrow in small amounts and in flexible terms. As part of the savings group, members may also avail affordable basic insurance services.

In 2016, the different savings groups held meetings in their respective

communities. The meeting discussed the goal and objectives of the created savings group together with their policies, forms, and records on savings, loans, and management.

Members showed their interest in the program and considered the opportunity as a simple form of assistance with financial management. The formed savings group is composed of 255 members from the different GNIP supported communities.

With the ongoing savings group project, members expressed their willingness to manage their finances saying that the initiative helped them save money for future plans. Members also realized through the project that their economic status is not a hindrance for them to set up their own business and investments, nor is it a hindrance for them to pursue their dreams and even financially help others who are in need.

SIGLA: A COMMITMENT TO GROWTH SPARKED BY ENTHUSIASM

The word SIGLA literally translates in English to having full enthusiasm or life. For a group in Rodriguez, Rizal, however, SIGLA means so much more.

To them, it is a commitment to growth and sustainability. A journey to self-reliance, development and perseverance, taken with the first steps of enthusiasm.

This story talks about members of the San Isidro Income Generating and Livelihood Association also known as SIGLA. SIGLA is Good Neighbors Philippines’ first income generating project established in 2012. The group manages a commodity store, branded as Good Store, within their barangay. Through the Good Store, SIGLA provides income opportunities not only focused on their group but also for farmers and producers within their community.

Since its formation, SIGLA managed the operations of Good Store in partnership with GNIP. During the early years of its operation, GNIP helped SIGLA by hiring managers to guide the income generating project. GNIP also shouldered the store’s monthly bills and utilities and supported the sustainability of SIGLA’s goods and products.

By 2015, GNIP initiated a series of trainings for SIGLA in order to build their capacity in handling the business venture. Skills on livelihood, business processes, and profit management were developed and honed.

3 years after its establishment, SIGLA is now one among the 35 IGGs formed by the end of 2016.

What separates SIGLA among the other IGGs however is that by 2016, the group now stands on its own as an independent livelihood group without relying on the support of GNIP.

In 2016, SIGLA expressed their interest to lead and manage Good Store as their own livelihood project. This was followed by a turnover ceremony wherein GNIP formally and officially entrusted the Good Store operations to SIGLA.

According to SIGLA members, they are grateful for 3 years of GNIP’s partnership and guidance as it equipped them with the necessary knowledge and skills in operating their own business. With the sense of ownership and responsibility for their now fully-owned livelihood project, SIGLA members lessen their dependency on GNIP. It is a story of empowerment, sustainability, and self-sufficiency to alleviate poverty.

The story rings true to the popular adage “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

HISTORY OF SIGLA’S GOOD STORE

SIGLA was formed

Good Store was initially established in Amityville (Tagumpay)

November 2013: *Good Store was relocated in Sitio Tanag Public Market*

July 2014: *Underwent renovation*

August 15, 2015: *Good Store re-opened*

June 2015: *SIGLA continued to manage GS operations with GNIP’s assistance*

2015-2016: *Trainings were conducted to hone SIGLA’s skills on livelihood, business processes and management*

2016: *The Good Store was turned over to SIGLA after receiving more than 3 years of support from GNIP; the turnover was done after SIGLA expressed their interest to handle Good Store operation by themselves*

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



GNIP recognizes that environmental factors, as well as the accessibility to energy, greatly contribute to a child's well-being and development. Both factors affect a community's quality of life. Tied to other GNIP sectors, the projects of the environment sector are integrated into other GNIP programs ranging from income generation, health, and even to disaster risk reduction and management.

Through the Energy and Environment program, GNIP aims to make renewable energy sources accessible that will in turn open opportunities for development of children and families in GNIP covered communities.

GARBAGE BIN AND MRF PROJECT BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS

A Garbage Bin Distribution and Material Recovery Facility (MRF) project was implemented to bring awareness on cleanliness and environmental sanitation in Laak, a community development project area of GNIP.

Through GNIP, proper waste disposal methods were made available to the community. The facilities, built in partnership with GNIP and the community, promote positive change in terms of environmental issues and concerns. It seeks to promote environmental sanitation and lessen health risks related to poor environmental conditions and cleanliness.

Aside from the environmental aspect, the project also created a sense of ownership and empowerment within the community as community members themselves helped out in the labor and installation of the facilities.

11

improvement on solid waste management and facilities

TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

To promote environmental awareness and action, tree planting activities are held in GNIP-sponsored areas especially in upland and coastal areas.

Done last November 2016, a tree planting activity was held as part of Environmental Awareness Month. The activity was attended by members of the community from various sectors such as the Child Rights Club (CRC) members, Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF), Community Development Council (CDC) members and members from the municipal and barangay local government unit.

Over 300 seedlings of the talisay and pili tree variety were planted. The activity was an opportunity to involve the community, especially the youth, in environmental awareness and in the conservation of natural resources.

Quarterly monitoring and safeguarding of the trees will also be done through a fence installation, assuring the trees are protected and that its development is monitored.

Aside from its environmental impact, the trees planted may also protect the community from possible effects of natural hazards such as landslides.

CLEAN-UP ACTIVITY DEVELOPS A SHARED SENSE OF PRIDE AND RESPONSIBILITY IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Showing support to the local government’s efforts on coastal conservation in Tingloy, Batangas, GNIP joined a coastal clean-up activity for the area. Held on November 2016, the clean-up was conducted in over 15 barangays of Tingloy Island.

Through the activity, members of the community learned that the clean-up drive activity is not just merely for clearing the coastline of trash and litter, but more importantly, it is also to protect marine life in the coastal area especially since it is one of the food sources for the community.

Clean beaches and clear shorelines also develop a shared sense of pride for the coastal community which they pledged to maintain as a shared responsibility.

2,597

beneficiaries

provision of seedlings, planting, installation of fences, monitoring



INNOVATIVE POT-IN-POT COOLER ADVOCATES FOR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Implementation of Appropriate Technology is one of the advocacies of Good Neighbors as it aims to restore and to manage natural resources through protection and conservation of energy. It is also aimed to implement environment related projects in order to help communities realize the value of conserving energy through appropriate and available resources in their area.

Under this objective, GNIP launched a Pot-in-Pot Cooler project. The project campaigns for the use of clay pots as storage for fresh produce like vegetables and fruits. The feasibility of the pots to be used as an alternative for fresh produce storage was studied by GNIP prior to launching the campaign. Through the project, it has been identified that with the optimum temperature for the Pot-in-Pot cooler, proper preservation and longer shelf life of produce are possible.

The Pot-in-Pot innovation greatly helped families

in GNIP-sponsored communities realize the value of energy conservation especially as some areas still have limited access to energy and electricity. Moreover, the project brought greater awareness in appropriate technology and its practical applications such as in food preservation, also bringing into light its economic advantage instead of using electric appliances. To date, the Pot-in-Pot project provides alternative sources in food preservation, easing welfare and livelihood in communities as it maintains fresh and quality farmers produce.

HOPE SHINES BRIGHT AS THE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT EXPANDS TO MORE HOMES

Since 2015, GNIP has been helping bring light to more homes in its sponsored communities. In 2016, 26 more households in Sitio Lukutan Malaki, San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal were given solar panels through GNIP's solar project. The initiative aims to address the problem of lack of electricity in the area which in turn affects the community's standard of living.

The unavailability of energy supply poses a lot of limitations to the community may it be in economic, social, or educational development.

The turnover of solar panels was conducted on December 22, 2016, three days before Christmas day. Beneficiaries of the project then expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the project considering that it is the best gift of hope for the season.

The project served as a continued commitment of GNIP to give light and an improved quality of life to families without access to electricity wherein it plans to help over 600 families within 5 years.

“ULTIMATELY, THE GOAL OF THE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT IS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR COMMUNITIES, ITS RESIDENTS AND ITS CHILDREN.”



01 Located in far-flung areas not reached by electricity, GNIP distributes solar panels for communities and families



02 Solar panels are delivered to community areas wherein a solar panel orientation is held prior to distribution



03 A family checks out a solar panel they received from GNIP. Under the solar project, GNIP aims to uplift the quality of life for homes without electricity.



2015

the year solar energy project started

80

beneficiaries in year 2015

26

new household beneficiaries for 2016

106

total project beneficiaries

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.

GNIP has increased capacities of vulnerable groups in the communities through child-centered and gender-sensitive Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in collaboration with other concerned agencies and organizations.

In response to various disaster situations that hit the country in 2016, Good Neighbors Philippines conducted **Emergency Relief Operations** throughout the year.

Particularly, these are for the following:

Typhoon Nona (Melor)

January 2016

Typhoon Lawin (Haima)

October 2016

Typhoon Nina (Nock-ten)

December 2016

3,446
families

Typhoon Nona (Melor)

3,000
families

Typhoon Lawin (Haima)

3,300
families

Typhoon Nina (Nock-ten)

9,749
total families served



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TRAININGS CONDUCTED TO BUILD RESILIENCY AMONG COMMUNITIES

Basic Life Support and First Aid trainings were conducted throughout 2016 to different groups as part of building preparedness and resiliency among GNIP-supported areas.

The participants of the first leg of the training were GNIP Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) staff themselves. GNIP employees were trained as first aiders and responders in disaster or emergency incidents in the community. The training was done to boost the confidence of the GNIP staff in conducting Basic Life Support (BLS) and first aiding in the respective GNIP-supported communities they serve.

Aside from honing the skills of its staff, GNIP also capacitated community members in conducting BLS and First Aid. Frontliners in disaster and emergency response, particularly at the barangay level, were attendees of the trainings; the effort was supplemented by the active involvement of the community in emergency drills and simulation.

Community drills simulated different casualties as set-up scenarios, such as individuals with burns, spinal cord and head injuries, loss of consciousness, and other challenges that community members may encounter if such disasters happen.

Trained participants are set to be tapped as

community-based first aiders as well as promoters of disaster preparedness with their families, co-volunteers, and community. They will be utilized as information disseminators during disasters are to be mobilized in hazard mapping.

LITTLE RESCUERS

In addition of promoting every child’s right to be protected during disasters, GNIP also recognizes that children’s participation and involvement in disaster preparedness is crucial and significant. Thus, Basic Life Support trainings for kids were also conducted in three different covered areas in Laak, Compostela Valley. Entitled “Little Rescuers,” the two-day training was conducted to selected students of three schools supported by Good Neighbors. Done in partnership with Philippine Red Cross-Comval Chapter and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Council of (BDRRMC), the two organizations gave their full support for the training and even helped in echoing the activity to different areas.

Both teachers and students were trained on BLS and First Aid. The training equipped them with proper knowledge on disaster response within or outside school premises.

Despite being one of the most vulnerable during disasters, the training capacitates and empowers children to act for their own as well as for other’ protection during emergencies.

GNIP PROVIDES SUPPORT TO DRRM FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Part of the support given by GNIP to disaster and emergency response frontliners in its supported communities would be equipping them with appropriate and necessary tools to perform their job.

In 2016, GNIP provided safety uniforms to rescue volunteers in one of its CDP areas, Southville, San Isidro, Rodriguez Rizal. The safety uniforms were given to lower risks volunteers face especially in water-related incidents. Reflector strips in the uniform also give them additional safety when responding to emergencies at night or in the dark. Aside from providing additional safety, standard uniforms also promote the group’s existence in the community, helping them to find more committed volunteers who will respond to disasters.

Apart from uniforms, GNIP also provided first aid kits to 3 schools in Compostela Valley. The first aid kits came with portable oxygen tanks and were turned over to during the Little Rescuers training program. Teachers and students expressed their gratitude for the provided equipment as it is very useful to schools during emergencies. Having first aid kits ready enhances the chances of life preservation and helps lessen casualties in times of disasters and emergencies.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP



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13,058

GOOD NEIGHBORS SPONSORED
CHILDREN IN THE PHILIPPINES



6,512 BOYS | 6,546 GIRLS



1,283

SAN ISIDRO



637



646

990

SOUTHVILLE



493



497

662

PUGAD TIBAGUIN



333



329

754

SAGRADA FAMILIA



384



370

1,226

TINGLOY



643



583

1,422

GIGMOTO



706



716

1,763

PRIETO DIAZ



839



924

2,775

GUIUAN



1,385



1,390

1,066

AGUINALDO



512



554

1,117

KILAGDING
LONAGANAPAN



580



537

MORE FILIPINO CHILDREN CARED FOR AS THE CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM SERVICES GROW

Staying true to GNIP’s vision and mission to care and share for every Filipino child, GNIP strives to serve more children in its sponsored communities. Conducted annually, the New Child Finding activity aims to fulfill this goal.

Thanks to the love and support from our dear sponsors, GNIP is able to reach 100 more children this 2016, totaling to 13,052 sponsored children who receive various services from GNIP. These services are targeted towards children’s holistic development including their right to education, appropriate health, and a quality of life that meets their needs.

The New Child Finding is part of the Child Sponsorship Program of GNIP. The program grew along with the unwavering support from a number of donors who value their sponsored children as their own family. GNIP continually strives to bridge donors and their beneficiaries by delivering quality programs and services, and providing accurate and timely reporting, all in the effort to maintain the integrity of its operations and to keep the trust of both sponsors and communities.



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN MEASURED IN THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Staying true to the organization’s value for transparency and accountability, GNIP conducts Annual Progress Report (APR) activities every year. The APR provides updates to sponsors regarding the education, health, and family status of their sponsored children.

Done across all communities of GNIP, the Sponsorship Services Unit (SSU) consolidates the report to inform sponsors about changes, growth, and development of their sponsored children during one year.

The conducted APR is one of GNIP’s efforts to inform sponsors of their contributions to help improve the quality of life of children and their families.

For 2016, GNIP reached a total of 96.69% submission rate for the Annual Progress Report with over 12,604 sponsored children monitored.



A sponsored child writes a thank you letter to her sponsor for the gifts and support she received.

& Good Neighbors PHL

Good Neighbors PHL (GN PHL), as a daughter organization of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP), envisions a country where people care and share with love for the welfare of every Filipino child. Good Neighbors PHL is created to serve as a resource agency that will conduct emergency relief programs, volunteering programs, capacity building programs, and fundraising activities.

Good Neighbors PHL aims to provide funds that will aid GNIP in achieving their goals as a social welfare and development agency.

It creates a venue where Filipinos can participate in upholding the rights of every Filipino child.

It provides emergency relief assistance and empower the community through capacity building activities towards attaining disaster resilient communities.



SPARE CHANGE AIMS TO BRING GOOD CHANGE IN GNIP'S SHARE-A-BAON CAMPAIGN

As Good Neighbors Philippines started its fundraising efforts this year, one of its activities was the production of GNIP coin banks done to bring channels of donation closer to the public.

With the aid of partner establishments who expressed their willingness to help, GNIP was able to set-up the Share-A-Baon campaign in 2016 through coin bank donations. A GNIP coin bank can amount to as much as Php 800 when full and may be donated to GNIP afterwards. All proceeds collected from the campaign will directly support nutritious snacks of students in GNIP learning centers in Rodriguez, Rizal.

The campaign aims to support the feeding program of GNIP's Health sector, addressing the prevalent issue of malnutrition in supported community areas. The campaign is also set to be further strengthened in 2017 as it targets more partners who are willing to help bring good change to communities.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NOW REACHES MORE CHILDREN THROUGH GOOD NEIGHBORS PHILIPPINES' FUNDRAISING ARM

One of the new efforts of GNIP in 2016 was its support to Special Protection Program (SPP) cases for non-sponsored children of GNIP. The SPP was created to attend to specific medical needs of children in GNIP covered areas. However, prior to forming GNIP's resource mobilization function, the SPP is limited to sponsored children supported by the organization.

Fortunately, the growth of GNIP's Fundraising arm in 2016 also meant growing resources to further expand and serve more children in its supported communities – even those outside its sponsorship project.

Through donations collected in 2016, GNIP was able to provide medical assistance, ranging from medical checkups and procedures to provision of medicines, to various children in our covered areas.



PRODUCTS FROM GNIP-SUPPORTED LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS INTRODUCED IN BAZAARS AND TRADE SHOWS

Another fundraising venture entered in 2016 was the participation in bazaars and tradeshow. Carrying products from GNIP-supported livelihood projects, participating in bazaars and tradeshow became a great opportunity to introduce GNIP's income generating projects and products to a greater market.

Specifically, the products range from banana vinegar, vertiver baskets, seaweed pickles, and seaweed cracklings from GNIP-supported communities in Rodriguez, Rizal and Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

Aside from its fundraising aspect, it was also an opportunity to augment the marketing efforts of GNIP-supported livelihood programs.



LEAGUE OF CHILD PROTECTORS RAISE ADVOCACY THROUGH A SUPER ZUMBA ACTIVITY

In support to GNIP’s celebration of the children’s month in November 2016, its fundraising arm - Good Neighbors PHL - initiated a Super Zumba-For-A-Cause activity which carried the superhero theme of League of Child Protectors. The Zumba event raised the advocacy of child protection and encouraged children and youth to be the primary protectors of their rights. Led by Celebrity Instructor Regine Tolentino, adults joined in on the fun as they dressed up as superheroes and danced to bring awareness on the promotion and protection of child rights.

Awards were also given out including a special mention to the most active group dubbed as the best League of Child Protectors.

Proceeds of the event will directly fund development projects in GNIP-supported communities.



THE JOY OF GIVING SPREADS IN RIZAL THROUGH GNIP’S GIVING FEELS GOOD CAMPAIGN

Over 500 families received the joy of Christmas spirit in a recent gift-giving activity held by Good Neighbors Philippines (GNIP). The Christmas campaign, entitled Giving Feels Good, encouraged donors and volunteers to give back this season by helping spread cheer to less-fortunate families in Rodriguez, Rizal. Through the help extended by donors and volunteers, over 500 gifts – in the form of a media noche packs – were given away during a distribution activity held today, December 28.

Each media noche gift pack contained 1kg of tomato sauce, 1kg of spaghetti noodles, 200g of cheese, cans of sardines and carne norte, as well as 5kg of rice.

Sponsored families and children covered under the Good Neighbors Philippines’ sponsorship services program receive goods, educational materials, and health items every year as support to their holistic development. However, other members of the community who are not included in the program receive indirect benefits from sectoral projects.

“This is the first time we received gifts from an organization like Good Neighbors that’s why we are very thankful and happy. Despite not being part of their sponsorship program, we are grateful Good Neighbors extended the joy and spirit of giving to us,” says one community member from Sitio Pintor in Rodriguez, Rizal.

The campaign was held to bring joy to families just in time for celebrating the holiday season and new year. The gift-giving activity was accompanied by a Christmas party for the community.

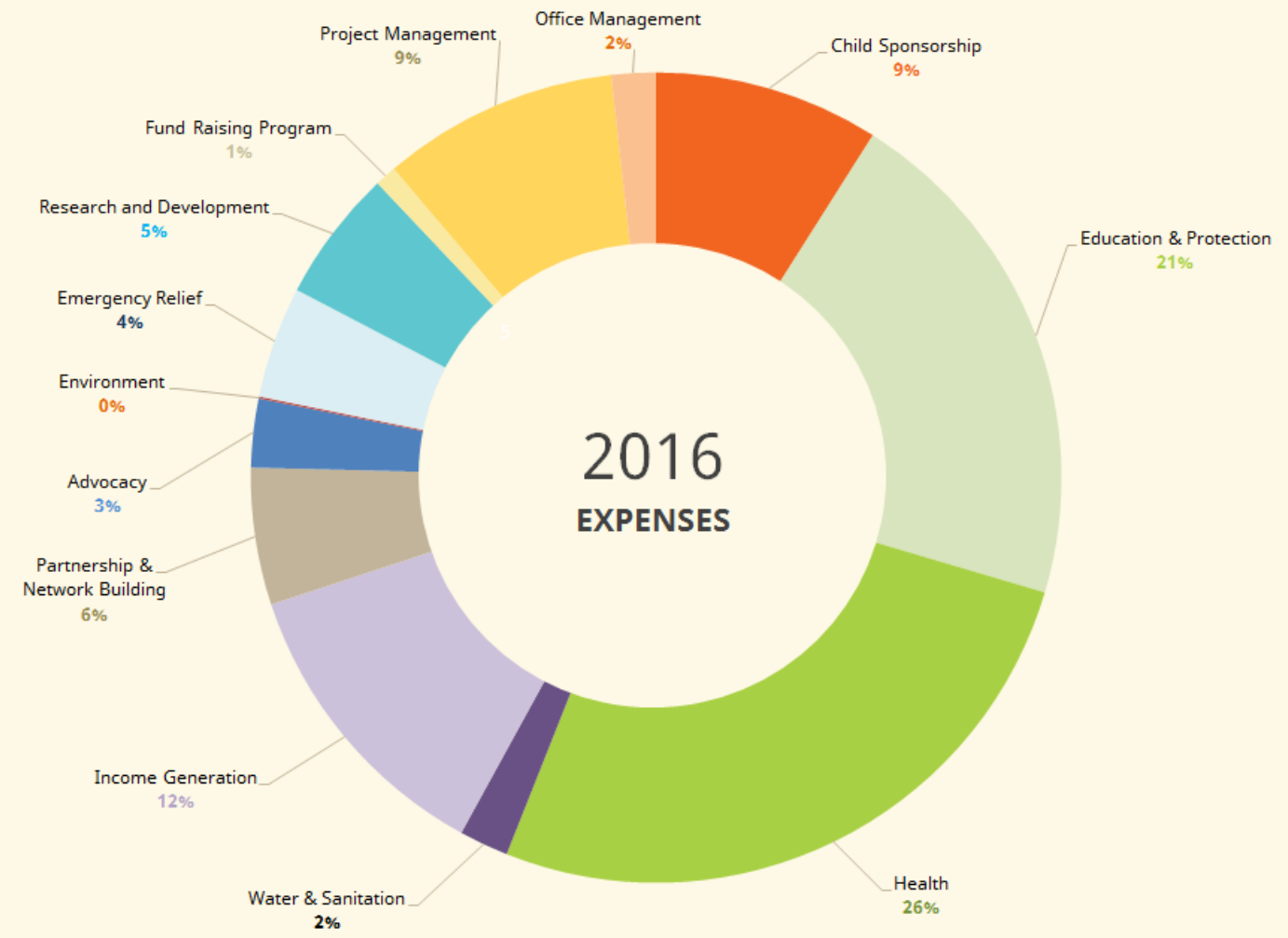
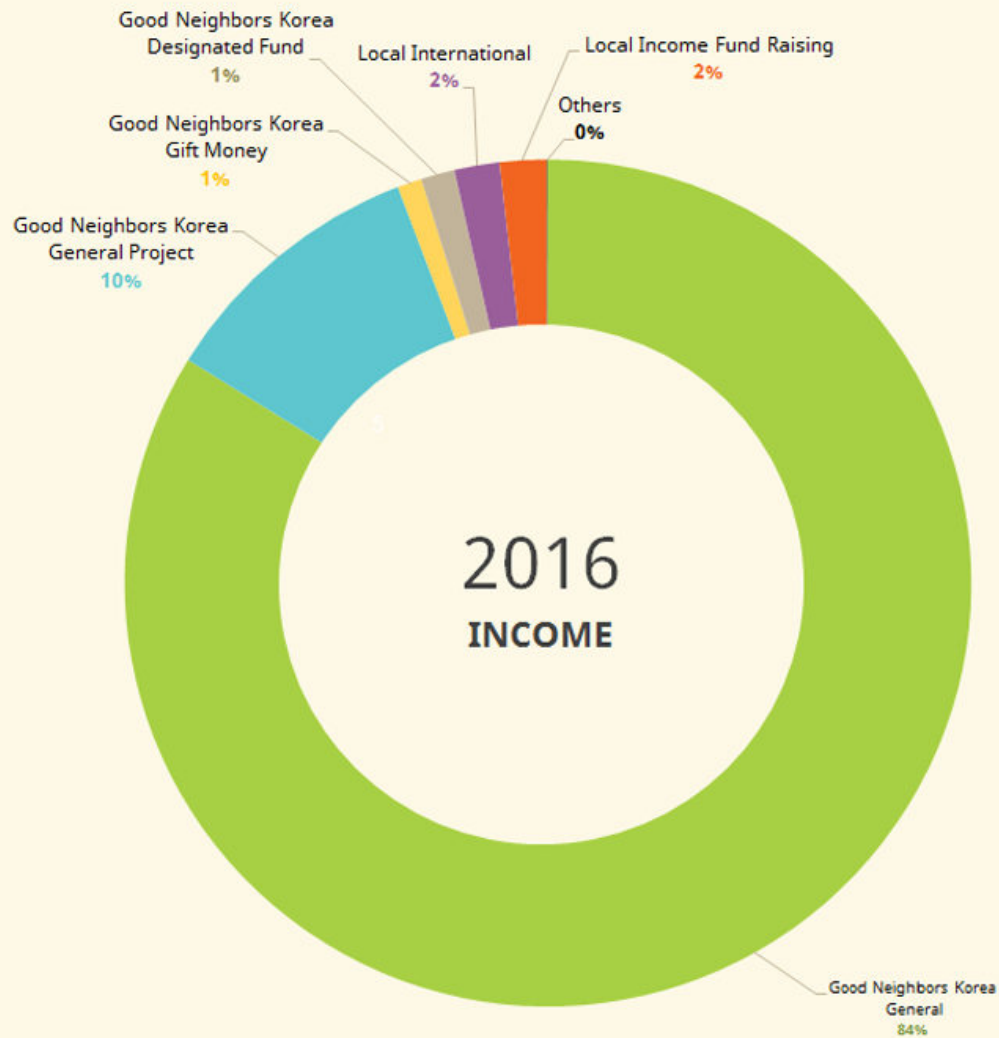
500

non-sponsored families received gift packs

550

pesos worth of food items per gift pack

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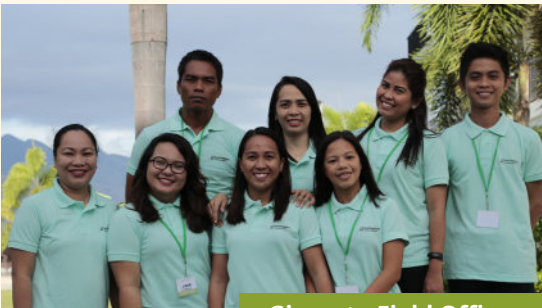
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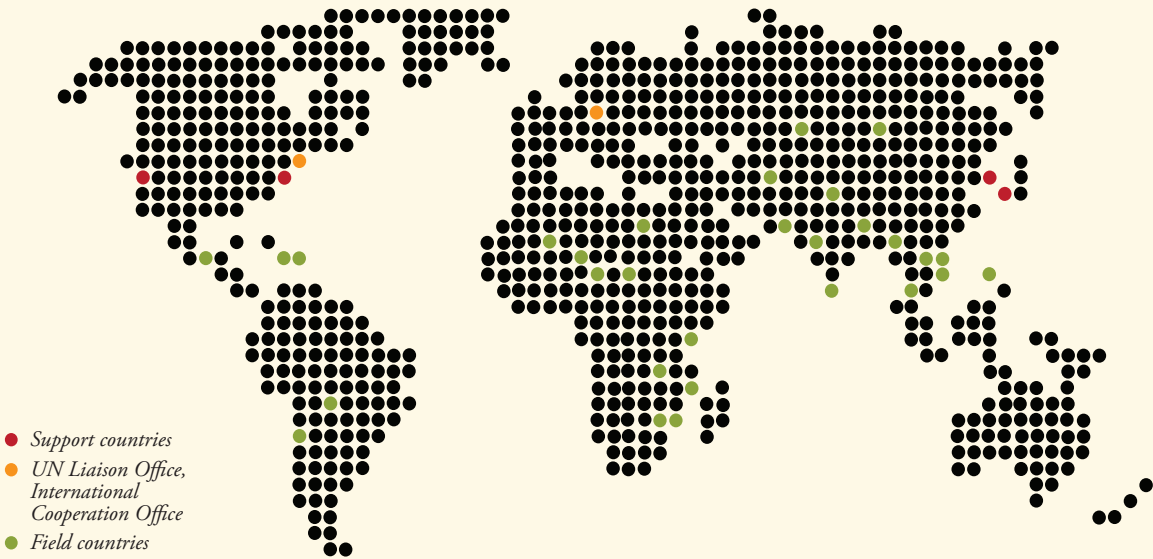
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