



ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the Country Director

Dear our respected sponsors, donors, volunteers, networks, and good neighbors,

I am pleased to share our activities and achievements in year 2020.

Year 2020 would be recorded as one of the toughest years in the history due to the unexpected COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the virus, we could not continue many things that we have considered as normal. Especially, the lock down that we never experienced before had brought so much fear and difficulty to the people not only health, but also economy. As a result, the most vulnerable people were the children and parents who could not afford the most basic needs such as foods and protection items.

Accordingly, the main focus of GNIP in 2020 was to protect the children, families, and communities that were in the most vulnerable situation. Thanks to the support from various sponsors and donors, GNIP could protect more than 12,000 children and families in its 11 Community Development Project areas by delivering food packs, hygiene kits, educational supplies, and vegetable seeds. Additionally, to strengthen the communities to cope with the pandemic, medical supplies such as surgical masks, gloves, and sanitizers had supported to local government units, hospitals, and other government units nationwide. Also, GNIP tried hard to continue the service of education, health, child protection, and income generation by utilizing the best resource to reach out the children and communities despite of the circumstance of the pandemic.

Without your sincere support and love, we cannot fulfill the mission. Moreover, there was also the commitment of GNIP staff members and volunteers who went through the risk of the pandemic to protect the children and communities.

Just like the bible message below, it could be done by the good neighbors who had answered to the calling from God for the good thing. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28)

Thank you.



Jae Choon Lee
Country Director
Good Neighbors Philippines

GNIP At a Glance

Throughout the challenging year of 2020, Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) continuously empowered people and transformed communities anchored in the Country's Strategic Plan 2019-2021. GNIP constantly improve the well-being of Filipino Children through building a sustainable partnership to empower families and communities.

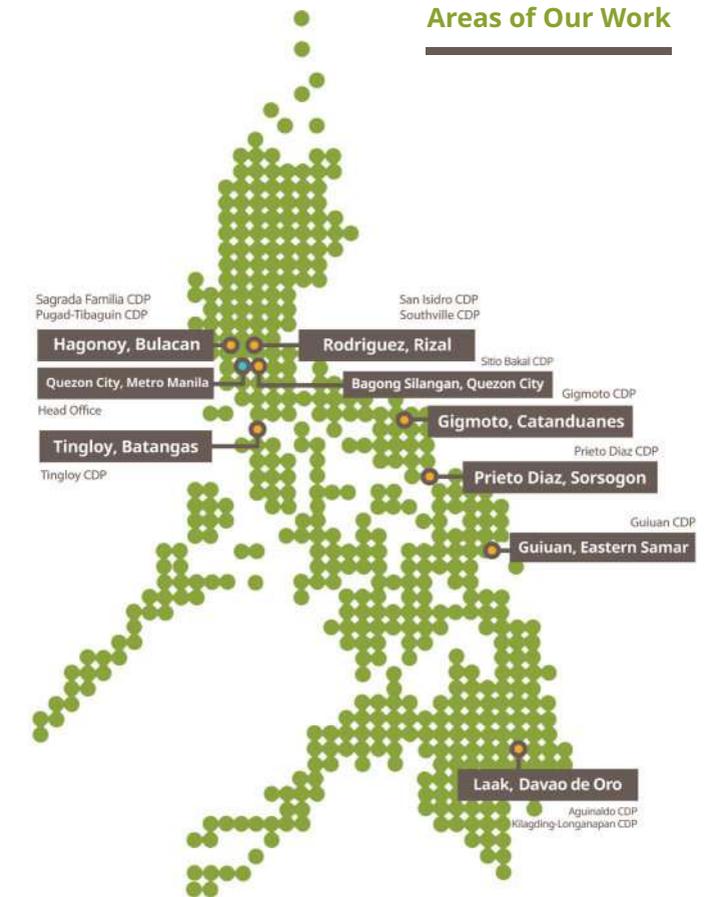
12,069 Sponsored Children Nationwide

11 Community Development Project

11 Years of GNIP in Humanitarian Service

315 Community Sponsorship Facilitators

Areas of Our Work



About Us

Good Neighbors (GN) is an international, nonprofit, child-focused, humanitarian organization that plans, implements, and raises funds for the provision of services in child education, community development, health, sanitation, and disaster relief projects. GN Currently operates in more than 40 countries around the world.

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. Formally started operations in February of 2009 with Barangay San Isidro in Rodriguez, Rizal as its pilot Community Development Project (CDP) area. By 2019, a total of eleven GNIP CDP areas are supported all over the country: six in Luzon, three in the Visayas, and two in Mindanao.

Good Neighbors Philippines (GN PHL) is the local resource mobilization or fundraising arm and daughter organization of GNIP. During the ten years since its mother organization formally started Philippine operations, its sources of funds significantly came from donor countries in South Korea, the USA, Australia, Canada, and Taiwan. To broaden and localize its services, GN PHL was established to start the initiative of introducing local sponsorship. This strategy sprung from the principle that Philippine society also has the capacity to help fellow Filipinos with a focus on marginalized children and vulnerable communities. In this effort, the Philippine social landscape was eyed as a prime source of support for more sustainable sponsorship initiatives.

Good Neighbors Mission Statement

Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.

Good Neighbors respects the human rights of our neighbors suffering from poverty, disasters and oppression, and helps them to achieve self-reliance and enable them to rebuild their hope.

Core Values

- Love
- Innovativeness
- Transparency and Accountability
- Empowerment



2020 Highlights

COVID-19 Interventions for the Children and Communities

5,000+ frontline health workers

11,977 sponsored children

The COVID-19 pandemic hardest hit are the vulnerable and marginalized sectors of the community, includes the children and communities served by Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) across the country.

In the 1st phase intervention of GNIP, over Php 2,000,000 worth of COVID-19 essentials were donated to more than 5,000 frontliners in GNIP's project areas, local government units, hospitals, and other government units nationwide. The essentials provided were 60,500 pieces of surgical masks, 1,660 pairs of gloves, 150 tents, five pieces of thermal scanners, 191 gallons, seven bottles, and 18 big containers of alcohol, 662 food packs, and others. These frontliners served communities that are isolated and in need of health care services.

Additionally, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were developed and provided to inform and educate far-flung communities about the spread of the virus. GNIP also shifted on online platforms in implementing its programs to continuously reach out to its target groups despite the restrictive movements in compliance with quarantine protocols.



Comprehensive Support to Sponsored Families

COVID-19 did not hinder Good Neighbors International Philippines from putting the children's needs and safety the priority. The organization assisted those affected, especially in project areas where it serves. As part of its 2nd Phase of intervention, 11,977 children and families in its 11 Community Development Project areas nationwide were provided with food packs, hygiene kits, educational supplies, and vegetable seeds.

Many families during this time have lost their sources of income. As support to ensure that they have food on the table, food packs consisted of rice, instant noodles, canned goods, sugar, nutritional bar, and chocolate drink.

Hygiene supplies had also helped them practice preventive measures, such as regular hand washing, wearing face masks, and others. The hygiene kit consisted of germicidal soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, sanitary pad, face masks, alcohol/sanitizer, and a nail cutter.

GNIP also distributed educational materials that were tailored to the needs of each grade level of the sponsored children. Some of the items are worksheets for alphabet, reading, and writing, art materials, ball pen and pencils, crayons, one ream of bond papers, intermediate/yellow pad papers, a plastic envelope, portfolio, notebooks, and storybooks.

Moreover, GNIP additionally provided vegetable seeds, like mustard, Chinese kangkong, pechay, okra, and eggplant, to address food shortage and poor nutrition. The families planted these to grow vegetables as part of the efforts to promote food security, especially during the pandemic.

The above interventions were kick-off developments to make a long-term impact on the lives of the children and the communities. This initiative was made possible through successful collaboration with partner local government units, volunteers, and generous donors and sponsors.



Gigmoto CDP

House-to-house distribution of food packs to the selected low-income families was conducted. This has helped the families carry on in life and brought a spark of hope in times of adversity.

Moreover, a simple appreciation was also given to the frontliners in the Rural Health Unit (RHU), Bureau of Fire (BFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Municipal Disaster Risk and Management (MDRRM) through the provision of food packs. These food packs helped them replenish and boost their energy during harsh working days.

Laak Field Office

The organization through Laak Field Office handed over food essentials to the 215 frontliners on duty in the checkpoint areas in Laak, Davao de Oro.

This support of providing meals and snacks had helped them better serve the community and strengthen the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine.

The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) and Municipal Health Office (MHO) received the food essentials and were very grateful for GNIP's generosity.

Prieto Diaz CDP

Good Neighbors International Philippines, through Prieto Diaz CDP, provided Php 350,000 worth of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Php 20,000 worth of Vitamins to the Prieto Diaz Medicare Hospital in Sorsogon.

A total of 176 pieces of hazmat suits, 500 boxes of surgical masks, 300 pieces of disposable gloves, 3 units of a non-contact standing thermometer, 484 pieces of face shields, and 80 medicine boxes of ascorbic acid vitamins were turned over.

Additionally, Php 405,000 worth of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was also donated to the Local Government Unit of Prieto Diaz. The PPE set consisted of 380 boxes of KN95 masks, 150 pieces of hazmat suits, 30 units of thermal scanners, 76 gallons of alcohol, 100 boxes of surgical gloves, 100 boxes of surgical masks, three sets of an acrylic barrier for swabbing, 100 pieces of laundry gloves, and 20 gallons of chlorine. Five mobile phones for the hotline were also provided.

Identified health facility needs were thermal scanners, a Detecto weighing scale, and Electrocardiography (ECG) which were delivered to the Rural Health Unit.

In addition, 23 bicycles were also provided to the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) to help them reach more patients, reduce their travel time, and efficiently deliver the quality of care for the patients, children, and the communities.

Guiuan CDP

The increasing number of COVID-19 cases augmented the demand for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the frontliners. To address this, the Guiuan CDP in Eastern Samar provided 30 sets of PPE and three units of a non-contact thermal scanner to an Isolation Facility in the municipality of Guiuan.

This provision fills in the insufficiency of supplies due to the prolonged battle of our frontline workers against the virus. It was gratefully accepted by Dr. Flores, Municipal Health Officer of Guiuan.

Moreover, 46 non-contact thermal scanners were donated to covered barangays in Guiuan to ensure the safety and security of children and the whole community. This was distributed for the monitoring of individuals at the isolation facility in their barangays.

San Isidro/Southville CDP

Through the Community Development Project of San Isidro/Southville in Rodriguez, Rizal, a turnover of food packages for the Rural Health Unit was conducted. Barangay Councilor Jun Mitra and the team were able to distribute the packages to the frontliners.

Book Development Project of Good Neighbors Philippines

Some selected children and youth from Good Neighbors launched a Book Development Project during the COVID-19 pandemic. The project was conceptualized to build on the capacities of the participants in story writing and illustrating stories. Two online training were organized that focused on training the participants on how to write stories and make illustrations.

E-learning Session on Book Development

On May 2020, a two-day E-Learning Session on book development was conducted to selected Child Rights Club (CRC) members and sponsored children facilitated by Mr. Alfredo Santos, an awarding-winning writer, and global publishing manager of Room to Read, an international non-profit organization focused on education and gender equality. He also holds a Master of Education degree from Harvard University and was formerly a senior lecturer of creative writing at the College of Arts and Letters of the University of the Philippines.

The participants learned the basic structure of a storybook and its importance and were taught and trained to evaluate their written stories. They enjoyed their time and were very enthusiastic about their stories based on COVID-19 pandemic real situations.



Online Book Illustration

By August 2020, a 5-day Online Book Illustration in partnership with Ang Ilustrador ng Kabataan, the Philippines' first & only organization of illustrators committed to the creation and promotion of illustration for children, were fruitfully trained by Mr. Aldy Aguirre, freelance artist, and illustrator, and Ms. Jovan de Ocampo, a visual artist. This Book Illustration training is part and parcel of the entire process of Book Development.

This training was filled with creative minds and the willingness to learn despite the challenge of intermittent connection. Apart from the online training, the participants underwent individual mentoring of their crafts/illustrations.



Book Launching

The **Children: Our Voices and Innovators for Development** or COVID Book was finally launched in partnership with the Council for the Welfare of Children - Official (CWC) during the Culminating Activity of the 2020 National Children's Month.

Partner individuals, organizations, celebrity child guests, and some of the children and youth writers and illustrators were able to partake in this meaningful event. The book launch narrated the hard work and dedication of the children and youth of Good Neighbors Philippines in creating the 10 original children's books mirrored on their experiences in the time of the pandemic.

It was graced by the Department Manager of Good Neighbors PHL on behalf of Mr. Daehyun Kim, the former Country Director of Good Neighbors International Philippines.

Mr. Alfredo Santos shared how this Book Development Project unfolds the greatness and potential of the children, even through an online platform and at these challenging times. Ms. Jovan de Ocampo, a member of Ang



Ilustrador ng Kabataan, and one of the mentors in Book Illustration have also shared how their fears and dedication in illustrating became a tool to create their storybooks.

Furthermore, some of the writers and illustrators were given the opportune time to share how the creation of these books helped them cope in a stressful situation, like the COVID-19. They are Madel Esona of Sitio Bakal CDP in Quezon City; Mary Joy Robles of Pugad-Tibaguin CDP in Hagonoy, Bulacan; and Quemh Altamera, and John Lloyd Galdo of Aguinaldo CDP in Laak, Davao de Oro.

Celebrity guests, Xia and Baste, have read the stories Si Pilo, Ang Batang Bayani (Pilo, The Young Hero), and Superhero, which are part of the collection of 10 children's books.

Good Neighbors Philippines COVID Book Development Journey is the fruition of all our combined efforts together with the main actors, the children, and the youth. The proceeds of the produced books intend to mobilize funds that will benefit the good future of the Filipino Youth and Children of Good Neighbors Philippines.



Children: OUR Voices & Innovators for Development

written and illustrated by
children and youth



The COVID Books are available on Good Neighbors Lazada Store and partner bookstores - Rex Bookstore and National Book Store.

GNIP Emergency Responses



Taal Volcano Eruption

Good Neighbors reached out to 1,000 families in a number of evacuation centers through the distribution of hygiene kits, and learning and experiential sessions with the children. They have shown a sense of resiliency with hopes to rise above the volcano eruption-related concerns.

This support and distribution of hygiene kits were highly acknowledged by Gov. Hermilando Mandanas, and the Vice Mayor of Batangas City, Hon. Jun Berberabe. Good Neighbors sends out its deepest appreciation to the Batangas Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), Office of the Civil Defense, Coastguard, and the LGUs for their support.



One of the striking stories in the evacuation site in Batangas Sports Complex is the story of Ashelly, named after the “ash fall” byword of the people during the Taal Volcano eruption. She was born at the evacuation site. Ashelly received newborn kits and her parents received nutritious food items from Good Neighbors.



Moreover, child-friendly learning and experiential sessions with the children were facilitated. GNIP prepared different activities, games, and prizes for the children to enjoy despite their situation. In one of the activities, the group of children made a representation of the Taal Volcano Eruption. In the drawing, the “sun” was a symbolism of hope wherein soon, the sun will shine brightly and everything will be at peace.

Another group of children also made a representation of a “green smiling tree” with the hope to see more living trees when they come back to their municipalities. It was noted that the most affected places were described as ghost towns because their places were blanketed with ashfall.



Typhoon Rolly

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) provided 5 million worth of emergency relief assistance to the families and children affected by Typhoon Rolly (Goni) in Gigmoto, Catanduanes.

2,800 families were given hygiene kits, sleeping kits (mosquito and blankets), tarpaulins for temporary shelter, drinking waters, and COVID-19 essentials consisting of facemasks, face shields, and alcohol. The hygiene kits consisting of bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, sanitary pads, comb, face towels, bath towel, collapsible water container, and water bottles.

Apart from the GNIP support, the group of Gigmoteños United donated 50 sacks of rice to help ease the lack of food supply of the severely affected families due to the damage it caused to their livelihood. This support provided the immediate needs of the community and has been integrally part of helping them restore and recover from the disaster.



Typhoon Ulysses

The emergency response of Good Neighbors to affected areas of typhoon Ulysses had reached 3,250 families in the CPDs of Sitio Bakal, Quezon City; Hagonoy, Bulacan; and San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal.

In Sitio Bakal CDP, more than 605 families received food packs consisted of rice, water, canned goods, noodles, coffee, and sugar. The two Sitios were among the most affected areas in Quezon City due to their low-lying location. Many of their houses were submerged roof-deep in flood and many families were caught unprepared due to the sudden and unpredicted flow of the flood.

Moreover, about 1,745 families in the isolated and island barangays of Pugad and Tibaguin received food packs, water, and health essentials. The typhoon left the families and children with severe damages. Many houses were damaged, properties were submerged in water and even their daily food stocks did not escape the rage of the flood.

900 families in San Isidro and Southville, Rodriguez, Rizal provided food assistance, water, and COVID health essentials, like facemasks. This has benefited the families who experienced the severe damages and displacement caused by the worst flooding in the said areas.

The emergency responses were even made more achievable with the support of the Pacific Synergy Food and Beverage Corporation through the donation of 8,400 bottled waters for the affected families.



Turnover of Leadership of the New Country Director

“ We were all called according to GOD’s purpose. We are instruments of GOD’s love to reach out the most vulnerable communities. Hope we will continue to be good stewards of God as we have been doing well so far. We will love our neighbors as ourselves constantly. ”

Mr. Daehyun Kim, 2018-2020 Country Director of GNIP

2021 started with the turnover of leadership with the New Country Director, Mr. Jae Choon Lee.

Before taking on the responsibilities as Country Director of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP), Mr. Lee worked as the Country Director of Good Neighbors Guatemala.

With the pandemic, the turnover was held virtually with the Management Team of GNIP. Mr. Kim served the Philippines for two years. His remarkable achievements for the community and the children and his prompt response to the COVID-19 are greatly appreciated by the communities and children of GNIP.

The GNIP family extends its sincerest appreciation to Mr. Kim for his service to Filipino children and communities. On the other hand, Mr. Lee was given a warm welcome and support as the new Country Director of GNIP. The legacy of serving the Filipino children and communities will continue and that their rights are fulfilled.



Mr. Jae Choon Lee



Mr. Daehyun Kim



Education

Good Neighbors International Philippines emphasized the right of every Filipino child to access proper education and be protected at all times. The organization continues to live up to the standards of providing quality education with its various ingenuities in the areas where it works, despite the unprecedented pandemic. The education programs focus on literacy, parents' education, teachers' training, and social and life skills.

CLAP Project for Children of Prieto Diaz CDP

933 Direct Beneficiaries

2,997 Indirect Beneficiaries

Throughout the year 2020, the Special Project of Good Neighbors International Philippines Prieto Diaz Field Office dubbed as Every Child Has the Right to Learn and Play (CLAP Project) has achieved its objectives to provide quality learning facilities, materials, and effective capacity building training for the children, youth, and teachers of Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

On February 12, 2020, a milestone for the children of Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon CDP, as the CLAP Celebration and the opening ceremony of WISH Planet 8 Learning Hub was successfully held.

The Wish Planet 8 Learning Hub was built to strengthen the learning capacity and ability of the children and provide access to various learning materials. Children and learners now have access to different books, reading materials, toys, reading and playing areas, musical instruments, and other technology for their holistic development. It was made possible through the generous support of Nexon Foundation in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) of Prieto Diaz.

The CLAP Celebration also brought joy and new learnings to the children. The event started with a parade, where the pupils exhibited their favorite fictional characters. Afterward, all stakeholders gathered to celebrate the momentous opening of the learning hub. Then, the afternoon session was for the simultaneous activities prepared for the children, such as traditional Filipino games, creating artworks, singing and dancing, and storytelling.



Capacity Building Training for Educators

In the span of the implementation of the CLAP Project, series of capacity building training was conducted to equip teachers with diverse techniques and approaches in learning.

On March 6 to 7, 2020, **Storytelling and Creating Play and Instructional Materials Workshop** was conducted. The teachers and parents learned the basic concepts of storytelling, especially in conducting to different grade levels or even at home; learned how to innovate and repurpose materials as educational materials in the regular class processes; and emphasize the importance of differentiated learning activities.

This initiative was in partnership with Adarna House Inc., represented by Teacher Jolly Husto, Ms. Tricia De Leon, and Ms. Aileen Tadena. The creativity and artistry of the participants were shown during the training, with the aid of recycled materials, they were able to create a masterpiece that can be used during regular class conduct.

In times of pandemic, to continuously support the educators, various webinars in Learning through Play and Music, Multimedia Production for Learning and Advocacy; and Music Therapy were initiated.



A webinar on “Learning through Play and Music” focused on incorporating play and interactive activities in the Modular Learning Approach was held on November 28, 2020. It ensured that an innovative teaching strategy is in place amidst the confinement brought by the pandemic. This was facilitated by Adarna Group Foundation Inc.



Moreover, Kurit Lagting steered the **Multimedia Production for Learning and Advocacy** Webinar last November 29, 2020. This webinar helped teachers in creating lessons and materials for online learning using different platforms and applications.

Then for the Music Therapy Webinar, 37 teaching personnel of Prieto Diaz District joined the two-day **Music Therapy Webinar** that equipped teachers in incorporating Music Therapy interventions in the creative learning experience of the children.

This webinar is in partnership with the Children and Youth Wellness and Advocacy and Technical and Advocacy Center (CYWTAC) Inc. facilitated by Teacher Evangeline “Ofel” Ante who specializes in Music Therapy Intervention. As scientifically proven, this intervention is an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals.

The discussion imparted valuable insights on how teachers could localize and incorporate Music Therapy in the learning process of regular pupils and Learners with Special Education Needs.

Furthermore, as part of the CLAP Project, desktop computer sets were provided as part of the assistance of the project to the ICT class of Prieto Diaz Central School. The School Management had conducted systematized ICT classes with the use of the donated computer. These computers were maintained and regularly checked to avoid early deterioration of the equipment.



Support for Families through “Eskwelang Pamilya”

The COVID-19 pandemic had created an environment for children and families of fear and uncertainty. It also built a challenge in their education because of their lack of access to the internet.

Good Neighbors International Philippines, in partnership with AHA Learning Center, mobilized the Eskwelang Pamilya (Family School) in the 6 Community Development Projects. About 270 students and 36 teachers participated in this activity to support families through worthwhile activities.

Eskwelang Pamilya is an education solution built for lockdown. This is a series of lessons from different topics such as morning devotion, learning about COVID, wellness activities, reading sessions, creative story writing sessions, games, and many others. Through this, families and their children were informed and calmed, enhanced their reading and writing skills, helped them adjust to the new normal, and provided parents a venue to air out their concerns and be in touch with medical professionals.

Moreover, the relationship of the parents or guardians and children was strengthened and has become more reliable on each other. This initiative was conducted in different platforms tailored to fit the families and was facilitated by the volunteer classroom teachers.

House-to-House Recognition Day amid Pandemic

Recognition and Moving up Ceremony for the Learning Center pupils in the San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project became a way to boost children's confidence and motivation to pursue their studies with excellence. However, mass gatherings were canceled due to the pandemic.

Thankfully, a house-to-house Recognition Day for 124 pupils for the school year 2019-2020 was safely and successfully held. Through the teachers and the Parent-Teacher Association Officers, every learner received their certification, cards, and a simple graduation gift that will serve as their review book.

Despite the challenges, teachers and parents were happy and thankful to see the smiles of the children. Good Neighbors will continuously promote the children's right to education, most especially when they are neglected and unprioritized.



GNIP Support to Education

In the new normal, all public and private schools conducted modular or online classes that created a challenge in a child's education and development. Some learners, teachers, and schools were not fully ready for this system.

Good Neighbors International Philippines pledged to support and provide access to quality education to children. Thus, various support was turned over to schools and children that helped to continue to improve their learning.



Gigmoto CDP

In the Gigmoto Community Development Project, the CHILD Center facility was provided with books and toys. This CHILD Center facility is a haven for children's learning and development consists of books and toys where they will be able to use freely. The utilization of these items is in the process so that children will be able to use them safely.

Moreover, 10 photocopying machines were donated to support home-based learning of the children and help the Department of Education in addressing the challenges in the new normal. Municipal Mayor Vicente J. Tayam, DepEd District Supervisor Mr. Henry T. Marin, and principals from the nine supported schools and Alternative Learning System (ALS) were present.

IMPACT

New Learning Facility

1

Facility

Renovated School

10

Schools

Affiliated Schools

168

Schools

School Supplies Distribution

15,558

Children

Literacy Programs

288

Children



Guiuan CDP

To address the lack of reading materials in some elementary schools, Guiuan Community Development Project in Eastern Samar provided reading books to four elementary schools (ES). These were Mayana ES, Sapao ES, Camparang ES, and Baras ES.

About 448 pieces of assorted big books, 192 pieces of picture storybooks, and four pieces of Wikahon were distributed. The teachers and principals expressed their appreciation for Good Neighbors' meaningful support to the children. This will be a great help when face-to-face classes start and safer for children to go to school.

Furthermore, Guiuan CDP provided 439 practice books to 14 strategic barangays to support the learning of the children. A total of 284 pupils will benefit from this provision. Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Checklist was also distributed to the Day Care Centers for the assessment of children's progress in terms of health, nutrition, and psychosocial development.



Bulacan CDP

GNIP Bulacan Field Office provided learning supplies and modular boxes to Elementary Schools in Pugad-Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia CDP to support the DepEd distance learning approach.

Moreover, a multimedia teaching aid package was also provided for Pugad and Tibaguin Elementary Schools to help teachers managed their modular class lessons. This provision is in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Region III, and the Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC).

The teaching aid consisted of a TV set, solar panel with battery, and router to help teachers manage their modular class lessons through e-School-in-a-Box. A ready-to-use lessons and exercises aligned with the Department of Education K12 curriculum, which works with or without the internet.

Despite the new method of learning, responsible and collective participation of barangay officials, parents, and learners in the community were encouraged to attain quality education.



Laak Field Office

Good Neighbors International Philippines Laak Field Office turned over ten units of a heavy-duty 3-in-1 photocopier for the schools in the Community Development Project Areas in Laak, Davao de Oro.

A total of 10 covered schools of Kilading Longanapan and Aguinaldo CDP were provided and supported the equipment to ensure quality education of the community amid the pandemic. This has strongly helped and addressed the lack of supplies and equipment of the district schools in the challenges of the New Normal Setting of Learning Modalities.



Prieto Diaz CDP

To intensify the learning and development opportunities of children at the comfort of their homes and to maximize the learning resources of the Wish Planet 8 Learning Hub, **learning on wheels** was implemented in partnership with Prieto Diaz District.

Through a customized motor vehicle, different learning resources were delivered to the respective barangays. The activity has been piloted at Prieto Diaz Central School and Bulawan Elementary School where 50 pupils were able to use the educational resources of the learning facility.

Children and pupils were provided with learning materials from books, activity sheets, and learning manipulatives. These learning resources will be returned on a specific date to augment the cognitive development of the children. The District Office will continue the activity and will be strictly followed by a schedule to ensure that pupils will enjoy the benefits of the program.



Values Transformation Sessions

Aside from giving the children access to quality education, Good Neighbors International Philippine provides programs for the children for their personal development that could help hone their capabilities.

Prieto Diaz CDP

The Community Development Project Area in Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon conducted several Values Transformation Sessions for children and Barangay Children's Association for them to have an in-depth understanding of themselves and their surroundings.

Activities during sessions were self-awareness and team-building activity incorporating the Filipino Values. This has built positive relationships among their peers and understand and appreciate the importance of Filipino Values.

Each session was supported by the respective Barangay Local Government Units in Rizal, Quidlog, Buluan, Perlas, Sto. Domingo, and San Rafael; Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), and the volunteer Teachers. The participants enjoyed the activity and learned a lot, especially the importance of positive values.

San Isidro CDP



An Online Session on Values Transformation was participated by 31 sponsored children in the San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project in Rodriguez, Rizal. These children were able to process and understand more of their emotions and anxieties in this time of the pandemic.

An open and warm discussion encompassed the session, where they have shared their thoughts and aspirations in life. Children were motivated to keep striving for their dreams despite the uncertainty through the facilitation of the resource speaker.



Creative Skills Development for the Children

Good Neighbors International Philippines has been consistent in its mission to improve the lives of children through the provision of different programs and activities.

About 47 children of Tingloy CDP joined the creative development session through the playing of musical instruments. This activity achieved its objective to develop the children's creative skills.

Moreover, learning to play music triggers the brain to work in new creative ways. Music ignites different areas of development and skills for school readiness, including intellectual, social-emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words.

Additionally, it can also promote social and emotional development by integrating feelings with tasks and enhance physical development whether dancing to the rhythm of their beat or exploring the great outdoors. Creative play helps to grow gross and fine motor skills, coordination, and control.



Learning Enhancement Sessions for the Children in PTSF CDP

Good Neighbors International Philippines has been committed to providing quality education for children. One of the inclusive programs is the learning enhancement session to improve the learning and reading skills of the students.

The Pugad Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia Community Development Project conducted sessions on learning enhancement in the Elementary Schools. The non-reader and slow readers were trained and educated through the facilitation of volunteer tutors with the supervision and guidance of the school principal and teachers.

Various reading materials were used based on the improvement of the reading skills of the children.



Training for ALS

In Good Neighbors International Philippines Bulacan Field Office, one of the education programs is to continuously support the Alternative Learning System (ALS) enrollees in Barangay Pugad and Tibaguin in partnership with the Department of Education-ALS district and division level.

To support the ALS distance learning approach curriculum, GNIP provided capacity building training, supplies, and equipment to the ALS enrollees. Virtual training on Basic Computer Literacy participated by ALS enrollees was conducted to deepen their understanding of basic computers and improve skills in handling and operating the device properly. ALS learners also received school supplies for their education.

Moreover, printer, ink, and bond papers were gratefully received by Mrs. Shiella Marie C. De Guzman, ALS Coordinator, and Mr. Marcelo C. Mayor, a Mobile Teacher, to support the production of learning modules.

Online Trainings Organized for the Children and Community

In order to protect children and the community from the virus, most of the organizations' activities were done through an online platform. Utilization of available resources is one of the interventions Good Neighbors had done to empower and educate the people.

Webinar on Radio Production

The use of Radio as a learning platform is a great help for the new normal education, especially in areas where there is limited access to the internet.

Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) joined an effort with Kurit Lagting and Face Inc. in giving capacity building training to teachers, children, and GNIP Staff in operationalizing effective radio production for advocacy and learning purposes.

The webinar participated by 26 Teachers, two Child Rights Club Officers, and two GNIP Staff from Prieto Diaz Community Development Project (CDP) was filled with interactive discussion and insights on how to creatively deliver the learning process using radio and how it will develop imaginative minds to the youth.

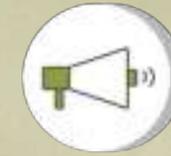
Mr. John Joseph "Totep" Perez of Schools Division of Sorsogon facilitated the activity and imparted invaluable insights and expertise in the field of Radio Broadcast.



Online Sign Language Session

Enhancing the skills and knowledge of our community members were fulfilled through a four-day basic online sign language session in the Community Development Project in Tingloy, Batangas. The participants were able to learn and understand the basic sign language which can be used to communicate with children with hearing impairment.

It was participated by nine teachers, two barangay health workers, and three Community Sponsorship Facilitators. Ms. Leah Jezerie Bagolor facilitated the activity and gave assessments to them.



Child Protection and Advocacy

FLOW CHART: REFERRAL NETWORK FOR CHILD ABUSE AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



Child Protection under the Education and Child Protection sector of GNIP refers to prevention programs on child abuse, exploitation, and discrimination that threaten the rights, safety, and well-being of every child in our communities. It focuses more on advocacy campaigns, creating child rights groups in schools and communities, and strengthening stakeholders for child rights protection.

ILIKE 2020: GNIP upholds Children's Rights in time of the pandemic

The I Live, Inform, Educate - Karapatan ng Bawat Bata or ILIKE is an annual celebration of Good Neighbors International Philippines for the children's month. This year's celebration focused on upholding the rights of the children during the pandemic anchored with the National Children's Month theme "Sama-samang Itaguyod ang Karapatan ng Bawat Bata sa Panahon ng Pandemya."

In 2020, ILIKE was celebrated in the ten community development project areas of GNIP through different advocacies and virtual contests to promote children's rights, new normal in education, parenting, mental health, online safety, and children protection.

Highlighted activities of the Guiuan CDP were online talk shows that were participated and joined by different child rights advocates and organizations in Guiuan CDP. Aside from this, online contests on poster making and poems to express and raise awareness on what children feel in times of pandemic.



In the Tingloy CDP, a virtual celebration was also joined by children and youth highlighting activities such as singing and dancing, the TikTok challenge, and poster making. Meanwhile, a series of online activities were conducted by the CDPs in Bulacan: Webinars for Sponsored & Non-Sponsored Parents, Day Care Parents, and Children and Online Kumustahan at Kwentuhan sa mga Kabataan with Young Leaders & Grown-up Adults where they shared their experiences as Child Leaders and how it impacted their lives. Moreover, virtual Contests on Singing, Dancing, Story Telling, Poster, and Essay were also conducted.

Furthermore, the Gigmoto CDP partnered with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, and Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation Inc. (HLAF) spearheaded the Family Art Contest. This activity was participated by 40 families from 9 barangays in Gigmoto aiming to strengthen families to become responsible in upholding the advocacy and promoting children's rights. The actual family art contests were done by scheduled to observe safety health and sanitation protocols.



Additionally, highlighted activities in the CDPs in Laak, Davao de Oro were the radio program "Makabatang Higitanan" in partnership with Radyo Kahimunan, a local radio station in Laak, Davao de Oro. Through this radio program, a month-long radio discussion on several topics related to children's rights, child protection, and other laws in promoting children's well-being and development was run through. Moreover, they conducted the COVID-19 dance craze, catch phrase making contest, poster making, reverse poetry, and songwriting contest.



CRC Activities during Pandemic

The Child Rights Club, a Good Neighbors International Philippines organized club in schools, remained to show their commitment to be an advocate of change and promote the well-being of children during the time of the pandemic. Despite limitations, CRC members have used their time and skills in different activities implemented.

In partnership with the Local Youth Development Office of Guiuan, the Community Development Project (CDP) of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, organized an online spoken word poetry contest to give psychosocial support to youth and children. The youth participants were given the chance to speak up and share their skills in the said activity.

As a way of commending the youth's effort in joining the contest, Guiuan CDP packed the remaining school supplies and hygiene kits as prizes. Children were encouraged to participate in any activities to increase participation and lessen their anxiety and stress.



Moreover, some Child Rights Club (CRC) officers and sponsored children in the Community Development Project of Tingloy, Batangas showed interest in growing their food during community quarantine. They have utilized their time in planting vegetables like eggplants, tomatoes, etc. Others made a ready to garden area, used recycled plastic bottles as pots to grow food, and others. Additionally, the pandemic also made the children realized the importance of learning new skills that will help them endure the fear of COVID-19.



GNIP ensures Online Safety of Children

In the 2015 cyber safe survey of the Philippines, 5 out of 10 children stated that no one has talked to them about cybersafety and this information alarms Good Neighbors International Philippines to keep children have a safe online environment, especially that there is a high demand in technology and the internet in the education system.

In Tingloy CDP, a Cyber Safe Online Seminar was joined by 12 students to provide awareness in using social media and being a responsible individual, facilitated by Ms. Juvie Ann P. Gabrieles, OIC in Tingloy Senior High School, and Mr. Rennie Jad A. Arcega.

Moreover, in GNIP Bulacan Field Office a "Virtual Colloquium on Cyberbullying" was participated by the Supreme Pupil's Government Officers & Representatives of the partner public schools. Students were able to widen young leaders' knowledge on cyberbullying and be an advocate on how to prevent and respond to this particular issue.

The children and youth were able to understand social media as a platform for responsible leaders; an overview of the rights of the child to be protected; cyberbullying, acts and their effects; and prevention on bullying and cyberbullying.



National Children's Month Celebration



November is the annual celebration of National Children's month. As a child-focused organization, the celebration of such is observed annually. For this year, several online activities were implemented in partnership with the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC).

Among the activities were training of parents, children, and advocacy initiatives to drumbeat the promotion of children's rights. These activities were jointly premiered live and cross-posted in the CWC and Good Neighbors Philippines Facebook pages. One of the highlights of the celebration was the book launch of the Children: Our Voices and Innovators for Development (COVID) Book. The books with the acronym COVID Book were authored and illustrated by the children from the different Community Development Project areas of Good Neighbors.

ToT on Parents Effectiveness Seminar

Children's rights are immensely significant for the parents and individuals to know and learn about. Every day is a battle to attain every child's rights. Thus, Good Neighbors International Philippines conducted Training of Trainers (ToT) on Parent Effectiveness Seminar for Community Sponsorship Facilitators in San Isidro/ Southville Community Development Project.

Some of the 11 CSF trained to be a facilitator of Parents Effectiveness Session for the parents of the newly sponsored children to keep their children safe from any forms of abuse inside and outside their homes. The invited resource person was Ms. Erica C. Baccay, the Department Head of Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.



Campaigns on Child Rights and Child Protection

The confinement brought by the global pandemic had heightened the risk of violence and abuse among children. This crisis added to a disturbing trend of online abuse as perpetrators is mostly at home online. Increasing awareness of child abuse and child protection is crucial and significant. Everyone must take a closer look at vulnerable communities, especially the children and youth, and ensure that they are protected and supported with equal treatment.

Good Neighbors International Philippines project areas in Guiuan, Eastern Samar; and Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon conducted campaigns in advancing the utmost welfare and security of every child in the community.

To further increase awareness on how to report such child abuse cases, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials on Child Protection Referral Pathways in 15 barangays, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, and Philippine National Police were distributed in CDP of Guiuan.

Now, community people have the information on the process and whom to report related cases of abuse, protect the children and youth who might have suffered from abuse, and promote open communication to authorities of unreported child abuse and gender-based violence in the community.



In the CDP of Prieto Diaz, a ten-day campaign and advocacy on Child Rights and Child Protection (Child Protection in Emergencies) was implemented in partnership with the Municipal Police Station of Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.

The campaign consists of community-wide information dissemination on existing policies and mandates regarding child protection aimed to enrich the knowledge and awareness of the community people on child protection and how to report and undertake actions on prevalent cases of child abuse and violence.

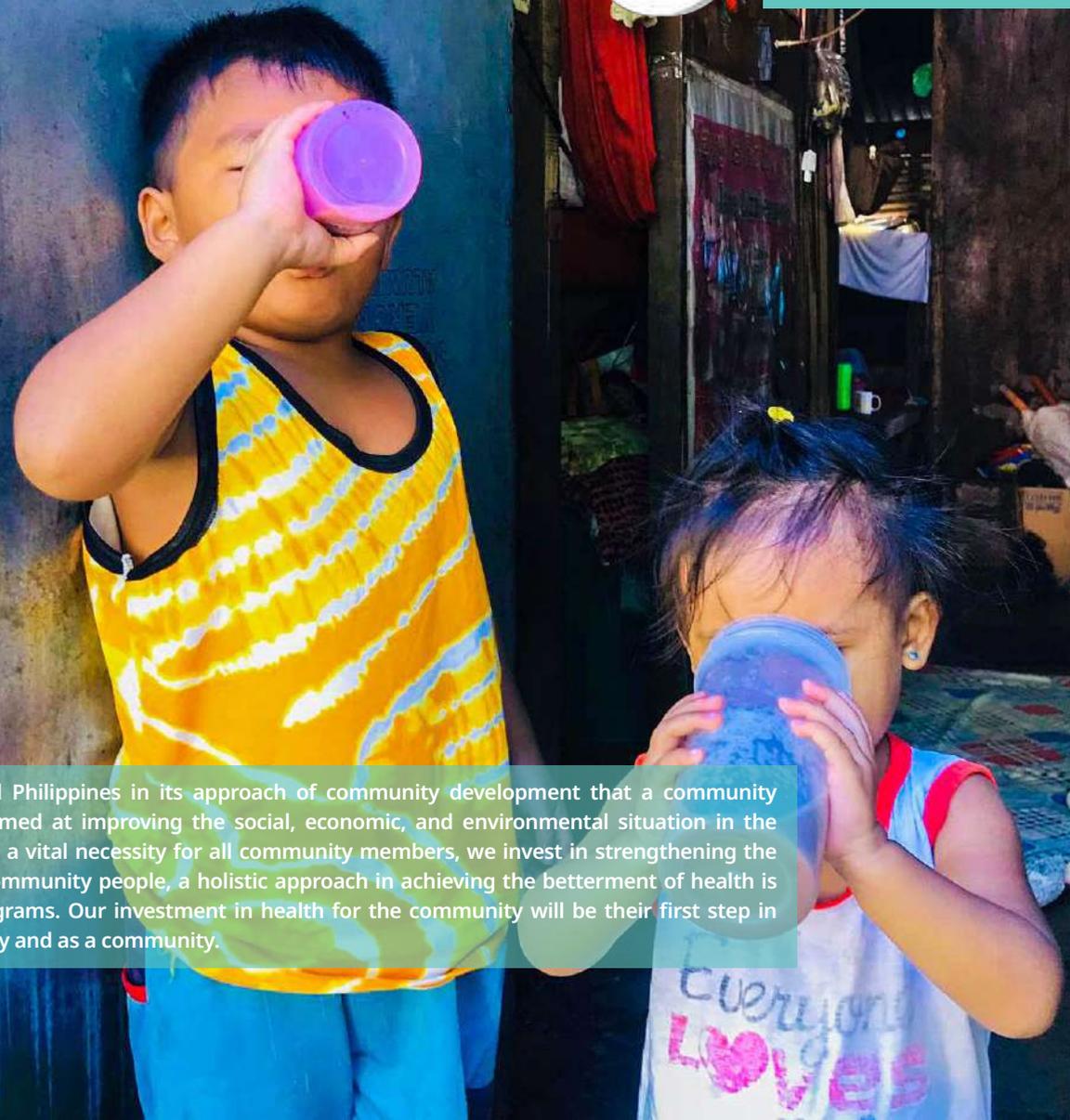
About 23 barangays were covered in the campaign through playing of audio recordings about Online Child Protection, Republic Acts 7610 and 9262, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. These were also distributed in the Barangay Councils to continuously disseminate the objective of the undertaking using their Installed Public Address System (PAS).

Moreover, a webinar on Child Protection in partnership with Kurit-Lagting and Face Inc. was organized. Child protection concepts, policies, and current initiatives combatting this dilemma were among the topics discussed. The webinar also tackled existing mechanisms and interventions against child abuse that requires vast information dissemination at the community level. About 26 teachers, 2 Child Rights Club (CRC) officers, and 2 GNIP staff participated in this webinar facilitated by the Sponsor Relation and Communications Officer of FACE Inc., Ms. Rhona B. Balderama, RSW.





Health



Good Neighbors International Philippines in its approach of community development that a community engages itself in a process aimed at improving the social, economic, and environmental situation in the community. Whereas health is a vital necessity for all community members, we invest in strengthening the services for health with the community people, a holistic approach in achieving the betterment of health is our health strengthening programs. Our investment in health for the community will be their first step in achieving their goal individually and as a community.

GNIP provided support to Health Facilities

Accessing health services and supplies is quite a challenge, especially in remote areas like the Community Development Project (CDP) areas of Good Neighbors International Philippines. Investing in strengthening programs with vulnerable community people is one of Good Neighbor’s holistic approaches in attaining and improving their health-seeking behavior.

Laak Field Office provided medicines to Botika ng Barangay

Through the combined efforts of Laak Field Office GNIP with Mag-Agbay-Longanapan stakeholders, Botika ng Barangay was provided with essential medicines. It was received by the Barangay Officials, DepEd Nurse, Health Staff and Women Organization President of Mag-Agbay, Barangay Kagawad Rep. of Mag-Agbay, PNP, and AFP based in Barangay Longanapan. This support has been a great help to the children and community in need of medicines, especially in time of the pandemic.



IMPACT

Health Facility Support	Health Campaigns	Nutritional Training	Food Support
82,105 beneficiaries	18,699 beneficiaries	2,145 beneficiaries	16,729 beneficiaries

San Isidro CDP provided medicines to Health Centers

In support of the community people in this time of the pandemic, the San Isidro CDP provided medicines and medical supplies to the three health centers in the barangay – Pintor, Basecamp, and Balagbag. The medicines provided were for respiratory treatments, treatment for pain, allergies, and hypertension, while the medical supplies given were alcohol, facemasks, a non-contact thermal scanner, gloves, and others. It was gratefully received by the officer-in-charge in the sitios and barangay health workers with Ms. Karen Hernandez, Barangay Chairman of San Isidro.



Guiuan CDP donated medicines for the community

The Guiuan CDP donated medicines to the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, to ensure that families and children are provided with quality and appropriate health care at the time of the pandemic where everyone's health is at risk.

The medicines provided were for pain relievers; allergic reactions, and anti-asthma; antibiotics; and anthelmintic. These medicines are free for the entire municipality to aid the insufficiency of medicines, especially at the Barangay Level.

Bulacan CDP provided medical equipment to community

The Pugad Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia Community Development Project provided medical equipment for maternal and child health services such as a medical examination table, doppler, weighing scale for pedia, BP apparatus, stainless long chair, consultation table, and filing cabinets. This activity is in collaboration with the Municipal Health Office and Barangay Local Government Units.

This provision recognizes the importance of providing medical equipment in island communities. Moreover, it can help foretell future public health difficulties or challenges for families and communities.



GNIP provides COVID-19 Awareness to Community

The extent of the novel virus, which was eventually named Coronavirus Diseases 19 (COVID-19), that dramatically spread globally, heightened the alert of Good Neighbors International Philippines to alleviate the spread of the virus and keep the children and families safe, especially in the covered areas. With this, various health campaigns on COVID-19 awareness were conducted in the project areas.

In the Tingloy Community Development Project, the community leaders and volunteers were convened to increase their alert level on the virus in a health education session. The Tingloy team discussed the current health concern to include specific topics on its origin, the transmission of the virus, and safety tips to prevent catching the virus.



Moreover, the San Isidro/Southville CDP initiated a Health Education Campaign on COVID-19 to decrease the risk to individuals, families, and communities by empowering them to make informed decisions and follow through with health recommendations. Dr. Felix Serrano, Jr. discussed the disease background, infection control and prevention, misconceptions to avoid, and stopping the spread of fear and misinformation across social media platforms. This was participated by Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), Homeowners Association Officers, block leaders, and community volunteers. Significantly, social distancing was practiced during the lecture, and IEC materials were given for their guide and reference.



An interactive Health Education to parents regarding Respiratory Diseases, specifically Pneumonia and COVID-19, was successfully conducted in the Community Development Project of Kilagding-Longanapan in Laak, Davao de Oro.

The parents had a first-hand campaign information awareness in mitigating the spread of the virus and protecting their children and family members from being infected. They have learned the importance of the following: proper hygiene and handwashing, social distancing, ways on how to disinfect the frequently used surfaces inside their homes, and how to act if there are suspected COVID-19 cases in their community. Significantly, the parents were educated to continue practicing health, hygiene, and sanitation practices in their homes and community.



GNIP provides Psychosocial Support to Children and Community



The pandemic has affected the livelihood of the people, their overall health, and their way of life. Thus, Good Neighbors International Philippines provided various psychosocial and psychological first aids and stress debriefings for children, parents, and frontline health workers to aid their stress during the pandemic.

San Isidro/Soutville CDP

The San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project Mom Center helped mothers cope with stress through the psychological first aid training to the grieving mothers of sponsored children.

There were challenges in their life, especially during the pandemic. Look, listen, and link are the three basic action principles of psychological first aid. These become their guide on how they will view and safely enter a crisis, approach and understand the affected people, and link them with practical support and information. The parents were very accommodating and open to their feelings and experiences. This activity was a relief for some parents as they opened their feelings and experiences with others.

Tingloy CDP

A health summit focusing on stress management in the pandemic crisis was participated by the teachers and community members of Tingloy CDP via an online seminar. This activity exhibited a healthy and positive support system among the participants. Ms. Iris Kay Recto, Philippine Red Cross, Lipa Branch Office-In-Charge, imparted knowledge that will strengthen and help participants cope and deal with the challenges of the health crisis.

Moreover, the support and conversations on mental health awareness are vital among teenagers and youth. The pandemic had impacted the development of the children, thus, a psychosocial activity was conducted on the 11 sponsored children in Barangay Makawayan to help children and parents learn more about the coronavirus and give them coping strategies through games and expressive arts. Children also learned an alternative way of handshake to avoid close contact with other people.

Pugad-Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia CDP

A “Teen Talk: Stress First Aid and Resilience Building Session” was participated by the Child Rights Club (CRC) officers and members in Pugad Tibaguin Sagrada Familia Community Development Project (CDP) areas. The CRC members learned to integrate emotion regulation, mindfulness, and self-compassion in dealing with stress. It also provided them a window opportunity on how to manage such emotions and experiences. Ms. Cherie Ann Lo, Jill Tan, and Joyce Bantigue facilitated the session. Mr. Elmer Santos from Sangguniang Bayan Committee Chairman on Health acted as the process observer.

On the other hand, a three-day virtual session on Psychosocial Support (PSS) was one of the interventions for the staff of Bulacan Field Office. It was facilitated by Melinda Tan, MA, Ph.D. (cand), RPs, a licensed psychologist. The virtual session built the skills of the staff that promotes personal and collective resilience. The staff also had a wiser perspective amid difficulty and deeper experience of interconnection with each other. It was a great refreshment for the staff to sustainably provide services to the community with care and love.



Aguinaldo and Kilagding Longanapan CDP

In the one-on-one Psychosocial Support Session (PSS) for the sponsored children, they recalled and shared various emotions and experiences during the pandemic. One of the activities was the Bata Banderitas that enabled them to express how they feel about each part of their body.

Moreover, in the Child Sponsorship Facilitator's (CSF) meeting in Aguinaldo CDP, a psychosocial support session to the parents who cannot be reached through mobile or internet was conducted. The CSFs learned the importance of the draw and tell activity and were provided with Bata Banderitas. This is where children can draw their emotions and opinions in the sudden changes of routine and lifestyle.

PSS sessions aimed to offer immediate protection and security for children by providing safe spaces for children to engage in normalizing activities. This also promotes positive coping mechanisms, recovery from stressful events and served as a venue in addressing Child Protection issues.



Supplementary Feeding for Children

The health crisis on COVID-19 had put the nutrition of children at stake due to the unemployment of parents and breadwinners. Parents only have limited income to provide food on the table for their families. With this scenario, children may suffer from malnutrition, deprivation of food, and other health-related concerns.

Good Neighbors Philippines initiated a supplemental feeding program for 80 children in the community of Sitio Bakal in partnership with the Barangay Bagong Silangan and the parents of the sponsored children. This program brought social cohesion and “Bayanihan” among parents and people in the community to address the needs of children. Community leaders and volunteers were mobilized in implementing the supplemental feeding program which was successfully done during the period of the community quarantine.



Furthermore, the Community Development Project of Prieto Diaz together with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon initiated a soy milk production and distribution to 73 children in the Brgy. Quidolog. This aimed to supplement their nutritional needs and address the food inadequacy of the families that were left with no resources of income due to the implementation of enhanced community quarantine. The soy milk production will operate to support the nutritional needs of the children, pregnant women, and senior citizens in the municipality.



Creative Therapy Session for Mothers

In order to help the mothers of sponsored children in coping with stress and anxiety in difficult times, the San Isidro Community Development Project organized an online Expressive Therapy session, such as drawing in cartolina, cardboard, and canvass.

A debriefing process during and after the session was conducted to help the parents reflect and recover from the situation they experienced. Their outputs showed how they hold up with a loss of a loved one and how they coped up during the pandemic. It was through this activity that parents healthily released their stress, sadness, traumas, and worries through creating drawings and artworks.



Health Promotion through Radio Broadcast

Regular airtime on Radio Kahimunan, a local radio station in Laak, Davao de Oro were granted for Good Neighbors International Philippines Health and Nutrition Advocacy every Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, which had been also available in the Facebook pages of Radyo Kahimunan and Moral Restoration and Reformation for Development for a New Enhance Cooperation in the Country (MRRD NECC).

The regular segment was also an opportune time for the organization to share current programs, services and discuss the COVID-19 initiatives, advocacy awareness, prevention & control. Moreover, the Laak Field Office linked Infant and Young Child Feeding Program (IYFC) counseling context that targeted parents and pregnant/lactating mothers.

In celebration of Breastfeeding Awareness Month in August, GNIP Field Manager was able to share her expertise with a total of 5 episodes relative to the promotion of Breastfeeding Awareness with the following topics:

- August 2, 2020 – Episode 1: Breastfeeding Month Theme: “I-BIDA ang pagpapasuso para sa wais at malusog na pamayanan”
- August 16, 2020 – Episode 2: Gatas Pa rin ng Ina sa Gitna ng Pandemya: First 1000 Days of Life
- August 23, 2020 – Episode 3: Gatas Pa rin ng Ina sa Gitna ng Pandemya: Exclusive Breastfeeding
- August 30, 2020 – Episode 4: Gatas Pa rin ng Ina sa Gitna ng Pandemya: Complementary Feeding
- August 31, 2020 – Special Episode for Breastfeeding Month Culminating Activity

The Laak Field Office initiated an online Psychosocial Support Sessions through online discussion on Radio Kahimunan that empowered and helped build and increase the confidence of caregivers.

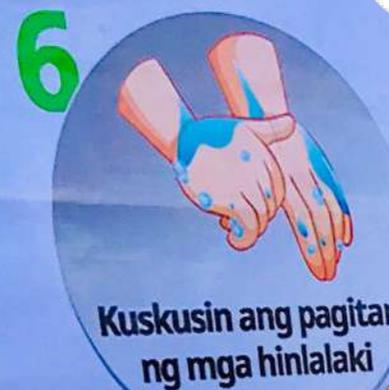
According to Radyo Kahimunan, this online activity recorded an average rate of 1500 viewers/listeners per week. The caregivers actively participated in the interactive question and answer relative to the topic to check knowledge gain in the sessions. Out of the 1500 average listeners, the majority were parents – 5.53% are fathers, 2.33% are guardians (grandmothers), and 91% are mothers.

This activity supported the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic within the five covered barangays.

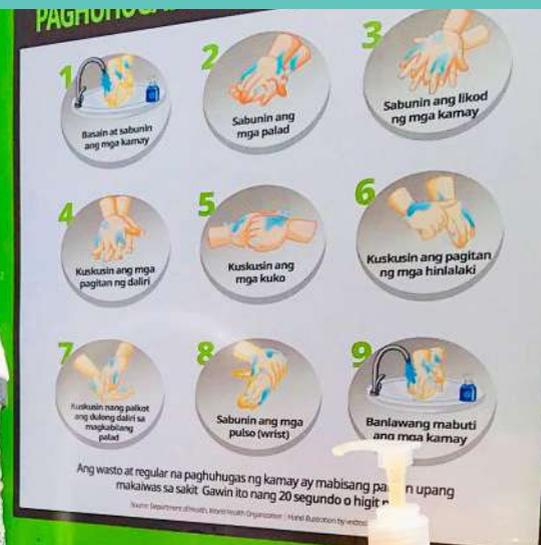
GNIP was able to help individuals in distress to feel safe and calm; help assess their needs and concerns; protected them from further harm; provide emotional support; listen to them; helped them obtain information, services, and social support; and facilitated and refer individuals with red flags to the proper network.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH)



Kuskusin ang pagitan ng mga hinlalaki



Ang wasto at regular na paghuhugas ng kamay ay mabisang pamamagitan upang makaiwas sa sakit. Gawin ito nang 20 segundo o higit pa.



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) aims to provide sustainable and equitable access to safe water and hygiene facilities in the different community development project areas. By identifying the need of each community, WASH programs are developed and implemented, including WASH campaigns, safe water development projects, and the construction of hygiene and latrine facilities.

GNIP provided handwashing facilities to Communities

Providing access to safe and clean water has been one of the Good Neighbors' WaSH in Community interventions to improve the health and safety of children and families in its project areas. With the threat of the COVID-19 virus to health, hand washing is one of first-hand protection against the spreading of disease. Having accessibility to water is a basic necessity.

IMPACT

208 Improved Toilets

11,290 beneficiaries on Hygiene Education Campaigns

5 Repaired Water Supply Facilities

1 New Water Facility

Prieto Diaz CDP

The Prieto Diaz Community Development Project (CDP) provided 11 customized foot-operated handwashing facilities to the Municipality of Prieto Diaz. This aimed to ensure that community people have access to handwashing facilities, which were placed in strategic locations such as healthcare facilities, public markets, schools, parks, and others.

Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were also posted near the facilities and strategic areas to promote proper handwashing and empower communities to protect themselves from COVID-19 and other diseases.





Tingloy CDP

The Tingloy Community Development Project provided 17 foot pedal dispenser and alcohol replenishment to the 15 barangays, Rural Health Office, and Tingloy Port - Coastguard of Tingloy, Batangas.

Barangays supported were Poblacion 13, 14, 15, Sto. Tomas, Talahib, San Pedro, Gamao, Pisa, Corona, San isidro, Papaya, San Juan, Macawayan, San Jose, and Marikaban. This helped the community to prevent the spread of coronavirus, learned the importance of hand hygiene, and increase the level of awareness of the people in Tingloy.

San Isidro/Southville CDP

In the San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project (CDP), three units of portable handwashing facilities were installed in 3 sitios at San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal. The CDP also provided Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials about handwashing and COVID-19 prevention, in the local language, right beside the handwashing facility to further increase people's awareness.

One of our beneficiaries working in one of the health centers made a thank you letter as gratitude for Good Neighbors' support and help the community be well-informed. Hon. Karen Mae Hernandez, Brgy. Captain; Kagawad Jhun Mitra, Brgy. Councilor Health-in-charge; Ms. Ghena Bolonais, Brgy. Health Department Head; Ms. Emelinda Yunapa, Barangay Health Worker; and Mr. Rogelio Ongray Lustre, Sitio Basecamp Officer-In-Charge, were present and supportive in this beneficial activity.



Laak Field Office

Good Neighbors International Philippines efforts to work closely with communities and partners to ensure children and families have access to fixed and portable handwashing facilities. Some 35 sets of portable handwashing and 35 sets of foot-operated alcohol dispensers with footbath were received by the Municipal Mayor and School Heads.

This simple tool helped promote proper handwashing to the communities where some families still do not have access to clean water and soap. As such, handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent disease transmission not just the coronavirus, but also diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid.



Simultaneous Handwashing Activities



Everyone plays a critical role in fighting the COVID-19 by adopting frequent hand washing in the day-to-day routine.

Thus, a simultaneous handwashing activity was conducted by Tingloy Community Development Project for the Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF) and Child Rights Club (CRC) in Batangas.

This aimed to promote and practice basic hand hygiene using soap and water. Engaging the community members of Tingloy Island in regular washing of hands using the right technique will help prevent the spread of viral illnesses and infection, including the COVID-19 virus.

Strengthening WaSH through Community Led-Total Sanitation (CLTS)

The Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) is one of the approaches of Good Neighbors International Philippines towards the promotion and protection of the basic right of the community for proper access to safe and clean sanitation facilities.

A 3-day CLTS seminar was conducted by the Tingloy Community Development Project through discussion of its framework, from facilitating CLTS, triggering CLTS in communities, and roles of the CLTS Facilitating team.

Sources of water per household and identifying the possible water sources in the community were also discussed. Participants were given guidelines on Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) verification and certification, how and what to observe, how to facilitate CLTS and its effectiveness, triggering teams, and plan for the declaration of ZOD.



Income Generation

Good Neighbors International Philippines aims to contribute to uplifting the socio-economic condition of families and communities through sustainable income-generating projects owned by empowered and socially responsible people's organizations. Various saving groups were either formed or enhanced in the project areas to increase the economic resilience of community members. In 2020, the income generation program had contributed to sustaining the livelihood of the community people through a micro-pandemic loan, urban gardening, provisions of starter kits for business, and many more.



GNIP promotes Urban Gardening

“ We need this handbook, as we are currently enrolled in an Organic Farming Training Course, we could utilize it for review and in our farming activities. ”

- Bahay Kubo Project Beneficiary, Prieto Diaz CDP

One of the main challenges of the COVID-19 is food scarcity, as many families lost their jobs and were unable to provide the basic needs to the families, such as food.

Good Neighbors International Philippines, through Prieto Diaz and San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project, provided vegetable seeds for the community people to plant and grow that will help them sustain their daily food on the table and as another source of income.

In Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon, a Bahay Kubo Project was initiated, about 1,000 beneficiaries were given Handbooks on Sustainable Agriculture and Vegetable Seeds to educate and empower community members on sustainable agriculture. The Department of Agriculture - Sorsogon Province also supported this project through the provision of 10,000 pesos worth of healthy vegetable seeds – Chinese kangkong, ampalaya, eggplant, hybrid pepper, watermelon, and among others.

While in the San Isidro/Southville CDP, 18 mothers from the grief recovery program of Mom Center of GNIP were provided with five sets of seeds as starter kits for planting. Alongside with promotion of food security, this also aimed to improve physical health, emotional well-being, and social interaction among mothers during the pandemic as these also have holistic health benefits to an individual.

Moreover, the provision of seeds also promotes and trains their children to eat healthy and nutritious for their development.



Solar Dryer Provision for Income Generation Group



One of the challenges that COVID-19 brought to the communities is the food shortage, especially to low-income families. Through the partnership of Good Neighbors International Philippines Bulacan Field Office and the Department of Science and Technology-Provincial Science and Technology Center (DOST-PSTC), three sets of solar dryer trays were provided to the Income Generation Group (IGG) in Brgy. Tibaguin, Hagonoy, Bulacan.

This provision aimed to alleviate the challenge in food sufficiency and support the country's goal of food security, especially during a health emergency. These solar dryers now have helped in producing healthy and nutritious dried fish goods for the community.

The turnover was spearheaded by Angelita Q. Parungao, Director of Provincial Science and Technology Center (PSTC)-Bulacan, and was gratefully received by GNIP Bulacan Field Manager and IG Staff.



Hydroponics Gardening for Sustainability

When the pandemic hits the country, food has been the topmost concern during this critical period. In Sitio Bakal alone, the majority of the heads of the families employed as scavengers, construction workers, ambulant vendors, and pedicab drivers suffered the most. They lost their jobs, which in effect caused the inability to sustain the basic needs of their families, like food.

Hence, Good Neighbors Philippines (GN PHL), through its Income Generation program, was able to provide Sitio Bakal Community Development Project sustainable and cost-effective sources of food and livelihood through hydroponics methods of planting. The organization invested in capacity building activities and the provision of necessary tools and hydroponics materials. At the community level, partner beneficiaries organized and prepared rain shelters and other materials for the hydroponics project as their counterpart.



Community people harvested and sold surplus products like petchay and lettuce. These brought income to their respective families and became a source of their healthy foods and meals daily. Likewise, to make this project sustainable, a certain percentage of the profits were saved for buying seeds and other materials needed.

In the Pugad-Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia Community Development Project, a 5-day virtual hydroponics training was held to encourage the community in planting vegetables through the new technology, Hydroponics, which is the soilless vegetable farming. It can eventually be a source of income if well-practiced and equipped.



GNIP supports IG Savings Group in Aginaldo CDP

Giving support and avenue for the community to restore their economic and livelihood situation has been one of the interventions of Good Neighbors International Philippines in creating good change and empowering the community.

In the Aginaldo Community Development Project, the Hinagtungan Savings Group (HSG) and Remember Savings Association (REMSA), savings groups organized by GNIP, received a start-up kit Banana Chips making which were utilized for a Banana Chips Business. A short demo was also organized to ensure familiarity with the tools and safety of producing their products.

Income loss has been a great challenge for many, thus, providing support for the savings group of the organization is one way to help them recover from the pandemic.



GNIP's Micro-Business Pandemic Loan for Income Generation Groups

The COVID-19 has caused damage to the livelihood of many, especially to the small businesses and vulnerable sectors of society. The months of quarantine interrupted and strained the economic productivity of the Income Generation (IG) and Saving groups (SG) of Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP).

In response to this, GNIP supported the Savings/Income Generation (SG/IG) groups in the Community Development Project in Gigmoto, Catanduanes through the Micro-Business Pandemic Loan. The SG/IG Groups supported are from Sicmil, San Pedro (SPOFA), San Vicente, and Biong.

This Micro-Business Pandemic Loan provided additional capital in the meat trading business, start-up capital for the rice trading, and lending to other members with individual small businesses with a very minimal interest in six months duration.

Additionally, our IG/SG groups in our communities nationwide access this pandemic loan amounting to Php 573,600.





Soybean Farming in Prieto Diaz CDP

The strong partnership of Good Neighbors International Philippines Prieto Diaz Field Office and the Local Government of Prieto Diaz opened opportunities to the community members in strengthening their livelihood and income.

Some Income Generation Groups of the Prieto Diaz Community Development Project have been part of the soybean farm production in contribution to the production of soy milk for the children in the community. This initiative provided an alternative source of income to the IGGs. Moreover, this also addresses food inadequacy for families that were left with no sources of income due to the pandemic.

Some of the IGGs were Ten Angels Savings Group, RIC San Isidro Savings Group, Samahan ng mga Kababaihang Calanon (SAKLAO), and Samahan ng mga Magsasakang Tribo ng San Rafael (SAMATRIS).

This initiative started during the provision of soy milk to children to supplement their nutritional needs. Soy milk has a lot of nutritional benefits not just for children but also for pregnant women and senior citizens.



Strategic Planning for Strong Cooperatives

Good Neighbors International Philippines in its effort to further build the capacities of the communities it serves to its organizing cooperatives is to provide strategic and sustainable economic development.

One of the kick-off developments for a strong cooperative is the provision of Strategic Planning among its members. The Cooperative Groups from the Community Development Project of San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal; Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon; and Guiuan, Eastern Samar have undergone strategic planning.

The Good Parents Savings and Livelihood Association (GPSLA) of San Isidro CDP participated in a 3-day Strategic Planning for Cooperative. The strategic planning provided GPSLA with a clear direction of their organization by crafting their vision, mission, and goals, core values, and developing their business plans.

Strategic Development Planning of the Prieto Diaz Cooperative achieved the objectives to set the direction, plan out activities, and concretize the business models of the cooperative. Through this, the cooperative have identified their strengths and weaknesses as a group and eventually developed their vision, mission, and core values.

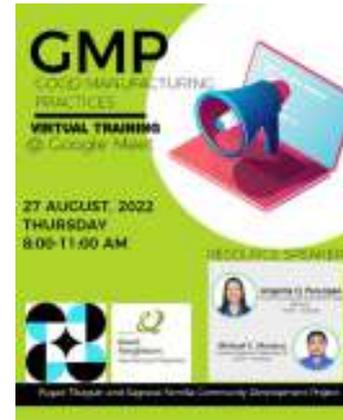
While in the Guiuan Community Development Project, the Guiuananons Good Marketing Cooperative (GUGMACO) was able to craft and finalize their shared Vision, Mission, and Goals Objectives during their Strategic Planning. This will serve as their guiding principles towards their success.



Virtual Session on Pre-Membership Education Seminar

Good Neighbors International Philippines organized cooperatives are among the affected by the pandemic. Empowering and strengthening their capacity will help with their recovery.

The Hagonoy Fresh and Dried Fish Producers Cooperative of the Pugad Tibaguin Community Development Project conducted a virtual session on the Pre-Membership Education Seminar (PMES). This activity capacitated members to be effective team leaders of the cooperative and to have a common understanding of what is PMES among the members. It was facilitated by the selected presenters from the Board of Directors and Education Committee of the cooperative. This training helped in disseminating information in the community and invite more possible members.



Empowering Income Generation Groups of GNIP

Empowering and educating the community through programs that will improve their livelihood and economic condition is one of the thrusts of Good Neighbors International Philippines.

Good Neighbors International Philippines conducted a Virtual Training on Good Manufacturing Practices, in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Trade and Industry in Bulacan Province.

The Income Generation Group and Cooperative members learned the applicable principles for good manufacturing practices and standard operating procedures. The discussions revolved around safely handling ingredients, products, and packaging materials and processing food products in a suitable environment.

This activity was participated by Fresh and Dried Fish Producers Cooperative Members and Pintig sa Isla Income Generation Group Members for Pugad Tibaguin & Sagrada Familia Community Development Project areas.

The Rise of Timbuli Products

Empowering people and transforming the lives of the communities has been the organization's mission through the provision of integrated community development programs. Thus, seeing communities' growth and development is a great fulfillment.

In the Tingloy Community Development Project, the products of TIMBULI-Papaya Income Generation Group (IGG) were continuously patronized during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the products, such as the tampipi, were marketed and purchased online. These are produced by the parents/guardians and individuals coming from marginalized groups. Most of their products were availed by different individuals in Batangas and even in Metro Manila.



Product Development Session for GUGMACO

The Guiuananons Good Marketing Cooperative (GUGMACO), together with the IG Staff of Guiuan Community Development Project (CDP), participated in the One Town One Product (OTOP) Next-Generation Assessment Consultation Triage (ACT) Sessions and Product Development.

This session provided intervention on the development of their products to be more competitive and have a wider market range. The products of GUGMACO were made from abaca, which is abundant in the area.

Good Neighbors International Philippines continuously contributes to uplift the condition of families and communities and make them economically sustainable through sustainable income-generating projects.





Energy and Environment

Good Neighbors International Philippines 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.



GNIP Prieto Diaz Field Office participates in 2020 search for 1st Best Mangrove Award in Bicol

Good Neighbors International Philippines greatly values the established partnerships with stakeholders and Local Government Units, especially in improving the livelihood and environmental situation of the community people.

Last June 13, 2020, the Prieto Diaz Field Office in Sorsogon participated in the site inspection and validation activity for the 2020 search for the 1st Best Mangrove Award in Bicol Region. The vital role of the organization was the creation of awards-based criteria.

Good Neighbors has been actively supporting the Prieto Diaz mangrove management of the municipality through reforestation activity, advocacy, and coastal clean-up drive. Thus, in July 2020, the Prieto Diaz Mangrove Ecosystem has won the Best Mangrove Award in Bicol.

This recognition for Prieto Diaz Municipality is the fruition of combined efforts of the LGUs, community people, and the organization towards a sustainable environment.



Intensive Campaign on Waste Segregation

In Brgy. Sicmil, Gigmoto, Catanduanes proper waste segregation is a major concern to address and ensure a safe and clean environment for the children and the community.

Good Neighbors International Philippines, through the Gigmoto Community Development Project, held its Intensive Campaign in Waste Segregation. The community now has the right knowledge and information on proper collection, transportation, processing, recycling, and disposal of waste and garbage.

Through the facilitation of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources (MENRO) and the Municipal of Social Welfare and Development, the community members were able to know the positive effects of waste segregation on them and the environment.

Waste Segregation Campaign is one of the stepping stones to address different environmental concerns of the communities and contribute to the sustainable development goals.



Ecologically Responsible Parent of Pugad Tibaguin CDP

Everyone plays a key role in fostering that sense of connection to the natural world by being that image of change in conserving and protecting our natural resources.

In the Pugad Tibaguin Community Development Project, Airen Gonzales, a parent of a sponsored child, produced handcrafted bags, sling bags, a decorative vase made from recycled plastics which were sold in the market.

Through various training and workshops of Good Neighbors International Philippines, she has been empowered to be an ecologically responsible parent and role model of her community.



Disaster Risk Reduction

Good Neighbors International Philippines believes every child has the right to appropriate aid and protection given the hazards and risks they face, especially during disasters. GNIP continuously increased the capacities of vulnerable groups in the communities through various Disaster Risk Reduction related activities in collaboration with other concerned agencies and organizations. These DRRM activities include not only capacity-building training but also drills that are being conducted in the school and the community as well. Good Neighbors works towards achieving zero casualties during disasters.

Special Project on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Laak, Davao de Oro

Good Neighbors International Philippines Laak Field office elevates its disaster preparedness through a special project on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM).

The Special Project on DRRM provides a beneficiary community in Laak, Davao de Oro, a Public Address System, and an Evacuation Center, which will be critically useful in times of disasters.

Last February 28, 2020, a groundbreaking ceremony and memorandum of agreement signing was conducted participated by the Vice Mayor himself, Mark Anthony Libuangan, and other stakeholders of this project.

Furthermore, the Laak Field Office expedites the delivery of the materials for the construction of the Public Address System (PAS). The installation of the PAS will address the need for a faster and wider reach of disseminating information. The Barangay Mag-Agbay was the first barangay out of five barangays to receive the materials for the construction of PAS.

To date, the project was on the bidding process last February and aims to finish the construction before September of 2021.



DRR Summit in Tingloy



Last February 2020, a two-day Disaster Risk Reduction Summit was conducted focusing on the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) and Incident Command System (ICS) in the Community Development Project in Tingloy, Batangas.

The summit was participated by 30 community members and facilitated by the Philippine Society of Emergency Medical Technician. Through this, community members were able to have a system and process in providing care in disasters and emergencies, identify their roles and responsibilities in the community, maximize their resources, and learn to improvise or collaborate with other stakeholders.

Moreover, they have realized the importance of prioritizing their patients and victims based on the current status of a person, environment, and handle MCIs, and application of ICS in Tingloy.

Basic DRR Concept for Children

The Philippines is prone to hazards and natural disasters due to its geographical location. Thus, educating the communities and children is one of the key strategies to create awareness and preparedness when a disaster hits.

In the San Isidro/Southville Community Development Project, the basic concept on Disaster Risk Reduction was given to the Learning Center students of the CDP. Children were taught of the different kinds of calamities and what they should do during an earthquake, and the Duck, Cover, and Hold. An earthquake drill was also conducted in Basecamp Elementary School.



DRR Poster Making Contest for Children

In line with the 2020 Disaster Resilience celebration, the San Isidro Community Development Project (SI CDP) conducted a poster-making contest on disaster resilience. The theme was “Sama-samang Pagsulong tungo sa Katatagan sa Gitna ng Bagong Normal,” focusing on strengthening disaster resilience in the country while adapting to the new normal caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The activity was participated by 34 sponsored and non-sponsored children coming from the primary and secondary levels. Through this, the children were able to communicate their thoughts and ideas on the importance of understanding and strengthening disaster resilience and protecting themselves against the virus. The prizes of the winners were safely delivered through a house-to-house distribution.



Child Sponsorship

The child sponsorship program is the foundation of Good Neighbors International Philippines since its inception. The organization bridges the gap to bring support and assistance closer to those in need through establishing a link between the child and their potential sponsors overseas. The community development approach is also being applied in line with the implementation of different activities of the sectoral programs of Good Neighbors.



GNIP provides PPE and Gears to Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF)

The Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF) is one of the significant partners of Good Neighbors in the community. They play valuable roles in delivering services and information dissemination to every sponsored family. Most of all, they provided the needed information and updates about the sponsored children.

To keep them safe and protected while providing service for the community, Good Neighbors International Philippines, through the Community Development Projects, provided Personal Protective Equipment and essentials gears that will help their home visits to our sponsored children, meetings, and fieldwork in their community.

Among the CDPs that provided gears were San Isidro and Southville CDP in Rodriguez Rizal, Gigmoto



CDP in Catanduanes, Pugad Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia CDP in Hagonoy, Bulacan; Aginaldo and Kilagding Longangapan CDP in Laak Davao, de Oro.

Among the CDPs provided with PPE were San Isidro and Southville CDP in Rodriguez Rizal, Tingloy CDP in Batangas, Gigmoto CDP in Catanduanes, Pugad Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia CDP in Hagonoy, Bulacan; Aginaldo and Kilagding Longangapan CDP in Laak Davao, de Oro and Guiuan CDP in Eastern Samar.

A total of 202 CSFs were given essential gears, while 309 CSFs were given PPE. Putting their heart into their work always inspires the organization to work hard and do good for our neighbors.



Home Visitation on Hard-to-Reach Areas

In the face of all trials and crises, Good Neighbors International Philippines has been committed to support and serve marginalized Filipino children and families. Monitoring of the children's condition, especially for children with special concerns, was conducted through home visitation.

During the quarantine period due to the pandemic, the Laak Field Office in Davao de Oro conducted a home visitation, interview, and counseling to the hard-to-reach areas of the community in Davao de Oro. The staff assessed the condition of the sponsored children and identified their emerging needs.

Aside from this, before the lockdown due to pandemic happened, the sponsored children from 7 CDPs (San Isidro, Tingloy, Southville, Gigmoto, Pugad Tibaguin, Sagrada Familia, Guiuan) were home visited by our CSF volunteers. Other CDPs were not able to conduct their schedule for the home visits due to the pandemic.

Home visitation ensures that children and their families are holistically well and that their rights are protected and fulfilled.



Distribution of Token of Appreciation to Community Sponsorship Facilitator (CSF) Volunteers 2020

TOTAL CSFs WHO RECEIVED TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

San Isidro/Southville CDP

48 CSFs 1 mug plus certificates, bowls and glass cups for those with special awards

Tingloy CDP

38 CSFs Noche buena package

Gigmoto CDP

24 CSFs 1 set of cup and saucer, 4 pcs. of plates set, 4 pcs. of glass bowl and 1 box of chocolates

Bulacan CDPs

32 CSFs Noche buena package

Guiuan CDP

68 CSFs Noche Buena package and special awards; 3 pcs. of burner gas stove, and 3 pcs. of electric kettle (Donated by CDP staff for Raffle)

Laak CDPs

54 CSFs Set of kitchenware, keychain and certificate of appreciation

Prieto Diaz CDP

46 CSFs Sling bag

Sitio Bakal CDP

5 CSFs Sleepwear

Socialization is one of the Good Neighbors International Philippines' annual activity to celebrate the hard work and selfless commitment of volunteers, staff, and children in the whole year. Due to the pandemic, a different kind of thanksgiving celebration was held for the Community Sponsorship Facilitators (CSF) and Child Rights Club (CRC) of the communities.

A total of 315 CSFs received the token of appreciation.



Facilitation of Gift Money and Letter

Good Neighbors International Philippines received Gift Money and Letters from sponsors until June 2020. The gift money, other than regular sponsorship, is to sponsor the child's birthday or holidays by cash. Through the gift money, sponsors can fulfill their wants for direct support and reinforce a sense of closeness and bonds between the sponsors and sponsored children (SC). For 2020, 238 sponsored children received sponsors letters while 336 sponsored children received gift money.



Annual Progress Report

Annual Progress Report is a report to inform sponsors about changes, growth, and development of their sponsored children annually. It provides updates to sponsors regarding the education status, health, and family information of their sponsored child. Through the report, sponsors will know how their contributions helped the families.

Due to the pandemic, the usual content of the Annual Progress Report was not delivered. To ensure the safety and security of our sponsored children, recent photos of sponsored children were also not obtained. Instead, we provided our sponsors' photos of Sponsored Children's guardian, who received the COVID-19 assistance on behalf of the sponsored children.

11,278 is the total number of target children for the Annual Progress Report 2021.



Managing of Sponsored Children for Dropout due to Age Limit

Sponsorship ends when the sponsored children reach the age of 18 years old. This activity started in 2020, wherein the photos of target sponsored children were taken. Aside from this, Good Neighbors was also able to submit case stories that will show how the sponsorship activities help the sponsorship children in the CDP.

A total of 385 sponsored children were able to support this activity and the organization.



Food Assistance to CSF with No Sponsored Children

Not all CSF volunteers have sponsored children. Some of them just want to offer their service and good heart to the organization even though they have no child or siblings being sponsored by Good Neighbors.

To assist them during the time of the pandemic, Good Neighbors provided Food Assistance to CSFs with no sponsored children. A total of 22 CSFs received food assistance in Tingloy (2), Gigmoto (2), Aguinaldo (1), Prieto Diaz (7), Kilagding Longanapan (1), Guiuan (8), and Sitio Bakal (1).



Intervention to Special Protection Project (SPP) Cases

Special Protection Project or SPP refers to one of the projects of GNIP under the Sponsorship Service Unit. It aims to provide specialized service to our sponsored children and promote their rights, protecting them from deprivation and circumstances. It is also to uplift and restores their social functioning as a child through the medical intervention or assistance given by GNIP. Assistance provided under SPP is Medical Assistance, Burial Assistance, Calamity Assistance, Food Assistance, and Transportation/Meal Assistance.

For 2020, we were able to assist a total of 278 sponsored children from 11 CDPs.



Good Neighbors PHL



Good Neighbors Philippines or GN PHL is the daughter organization and local resource mobilization arm of Good Neighbors International Philippines. To broaden and localize its services, GN PHL was established to start the initiative of introducing local sponsorship. This strategy sprung from the principle that Philippine society also can help fellow Filipinos with a focus on marginalized children and vulnerable communities. In this effort, the Philippine social landscape was eyed as a prime source of support for more sustainable sponsorship initiatives.

MOA Signing and Pledge of Commitment of Barangay Bagong Silangan



The extensive network and partnerships with different individuals, organizations, and government units and agencies are greatly valued by Good Neighbors Philippines.

Another breakthrough for Good Neighbors PHL to extend its community development programs in Sitio Bakal in Barangay Bagong Silangan in Quezon City, as the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Pledge of Commitment Signing was held. The signing of the MOA was led by Mr. Willy Cara, Brgy. Captain of Bagong Silangan, Ms. Marissa Padrequilla, President of Neighborhood Association of Sitio Bakal, and Mr. Daehyun Kim, former president of Good Neighbors PHL.

The barangay officials and employees of Barangay Bagong Silangan and officers of the Neighborhood Association of Sito Bakal were also present. Furthermore, the Barangay is in full support of the community development programs in the community of Sitio Bakal, such as in education, environment, water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH), and health.



COVID-19 Response to Sitio Bakal Community

Alongside COVID-19 Emergency Response and support distribution, many generous organizations have supported Good Neighbors Philippines' donation drive to help address the pressing health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus.

On April 2020, 618 households in Sitios Bakal and Ibayo were provided with food packs. The Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. (FFCCCI) and Odyssey Foundation donated 20 sacks of rice and 1000 protective masks, and 2,000 canned goods, respectively. Moreover, Good Neighbors Philippines also donated additional 11 sacks of rice and boxes of noodles to augment the food essentials.

During the 2nd Phase Assistance Distribution, some 190 bags and 198 towels were given to the sponsored children of Sitio Bakal Community Development Project in Bagong Silangan, Quezon City.

The said items were generously donated by Ms. Ching Ching Lim, for the towels, and Rames Trading Corporation, for the bags.

The organization extends appreciation to the generous donors who stayed with us to give the children the opportunity to tap their potentials and fulfill their rights, especially in times of pandemic – Vikings Group, LWYK Foundation, and GS Cool Enterprises.



Bringing Christmas to the Homes of the Children

A generous number of individuals and organizations responded to the Good Neighbors PHL 2020 Christmas Campaign for the children in need in the Sitio Bakal Community Development Project (CDP).

The donations and support provided had given the 188 sponsored children various gifts of joy during Christmas Season. Among these were pillows, towels, and a Noche Buena package, which the families have shared and enjoyed during Christmas.

Good Neighbors extends its gratitude to Philippine Amusement Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Philippines, Ramesh Trading Corporation, Boldr Inc., Kim Hyun Joo PH Family, and Lopa Family for bringing Christmas to the homes of the Children.



Strategic Planning for Sitio Bakal Community

A two-day Strategic Planning for the Sitio Bakal community in Bagong Silangan, Quezon City, was held for the local Community Development Project (CDP) area of Good Neighbors Philippines.

The activity had given a premium to the development and growth of the community, particularly in providing strategic direction to the target group it serves. The highlights of the activity conducted include the validation of data gathered from the community; SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis; development of vision, mission, and goals; planning of community activities and programs; and discussion of the association's constitution and by-laws.

Significantly, the activity was actively participated by the community leaders, officers of the Neighborhood Association of Sitio Bakal, and barangay officials.



Fundraising Activities of Good Neighbors PHL

During the emergence of COVID-19 in the Philippines, Good Neighbors PHL quickly responded to the needs of the frontliners, vulnerable sectors, children, and the communities the organization serves.

The Good Neighbors Philippines fundraising was a big challenge for 2020. Many lost their jobs, companies were closed, and the movements of the people were constrained. Different partnerships with e-commerce and online platforms were made possible to support the communities.

The organization partnered with Lazada, Shopee, Zilingo, PayMaya, and other online fundraising platforms such as Airfunding, Simply Giving, Giving Hero, and Juan Cash. These had opened opportunities to Good Neighbors Philippines and raise funds to aid the needs of the community.

Other fundraising strategies such as Face to Face (F2F) Fundraising were executed in the months of January and February. When the protocols for the pandemic were called in March, the F2F was put on hold. Donation boxes were also placed in different Metro Stores in National Capital Region.

Moreover, UPS Foundation, in coordination with UPS Philippines, donated an amount of \$15,700 for COVID-19 response to help vulnerable groups through the provision of food packs and other essentials.

Good Neighbors PHL 2020 Donors

Child Sponsorship



Mr. Nelson Guevarra
Mr. Roger John Fontelera
Ms. Charmie Petuco
Ms. Sangyoung Lee
Ms. Athena La Puebla
Ms. Michelle Cabreross
Ms. Melchora Baoit
Mr. Jan Thomas Villanueva
Mr. Lyndon Malanog
Mr. Stanley Gajete
Mr. Bong Lacson
Ms. Luvina Mae Aro
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Ms. Mylene Lopa
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Mr. Alejandro Lopez III
Ms. Cindy T. Mangaya
Mr. Reagan Mark Malaca
Mr. Miguel Christian Durana

Special Protection Program

Atty. Karlo Marco Estavillo

Ms. Ma. Cecilia Estavillo

Emergency Response



Individual Donors from Lazada, Shopee, PayMaya, Ticket2Me, and Giving Hero
Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. (GIK)
Mega Global Corporation (GIK)
Ma-Igting na Samahan ng mga Panlipunang Negosyante ng Towerville (GIK)
Pacific Synergy Food & Beverage Corporation (GIK)
Gigmoteño Association (GIK)

Php 2,046,765.58

Total Donations Mobilized

Other Activities and Special Projects

MOA Signing of GNIP and San Clemente Tarlac on Climate Change in Agriculture

On February 12, 2020, Good Neighbors International Philippines and the Municipality of San Clemente in Tarlac sealed a partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a special project on Climate Change in Agriculture. The project focuses on the operation and management of the climate information system and community and municipal seed bank; organization and implementation of Farmer Field Schools; and other capacity buildings for the farmers. Efforts like this are vital in building resilient communities like San Clemente, where the effects of climate change are most felt.

The MOA signing was led by Municipal Mayor Elma L. Macadamia and GNIP former Country Director, Mr. Daehyun Kim. The Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (MDRRM), and Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) heads were also present and in full support of the project.



Radyo Kahimunan and GNIP Laak Field Office Partnership

Good Neighbors International Philippines Laak Field Office tied its partnership with Radyo Kahimunan 101.3 FM, a local radio station in Laak, Davao de Oro, whereas the organization has been an official part of the community radio council and segment holder of the radio station.

Through this, a regular segment every Sunday was utilized to promote nutrition advocacies and good practices of Good Neighbors. It was an opportunity to introduce the organization, the thrust, and its program in the Sunday Program. This partnership enabled the organization to discuss what Good Neighbors have been doing to mitigate the spread of coronavirus to its community project areas, specifically in Aguineldo and Kilagding-Longanapan.

Radyo Kahimunan, through Ms. Virgie Elmido, an anchor of Radyo Kahimunan, invited GNIP and offered a regular Sunday guesting. This has served as a venue in promoting alternative activities and advocacies.



GNIP and UNICEF sealed partnership for inclusive DRR



Good Neighbors International Philippines (GNIP) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) sealed its partnership for a project dubbed Inclusive Child-centred Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). This project is pivoted to address the needs of vulnerable children, including children with disabilities and indigenous children, and capacitate them on disaster response and preparedness.

The geographical coverage of the project is centered in Angeles City, Pampanga. It targets to reach out and support 9 schools, 4, 500 students, 675 caregivers/parents. About 180 teachers and school personnel, 180 Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee members.

Within any crisis-affected community, children are among the most marginalized. Children with disabilities are often excluded in the disaster risk reduction planning and decision-making process. Similarly, indigenous children can be excessively affected by disasters due to their remoteness. Their indigenous identity, cultural heritage, and intrinsic connection to their lands can be threatened when faced with natural disasters and socio-political upheavals. It is on these premises that there's a need for ardent intervention such as the inclusive child-centered DRR.

This partnership with UNICEF will bring us closer to our goal of improving the lives of marginalized Filipino children contribute and attain the sustainable development goal 11 that aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable, as DRR is an integral part of social and economic development.

GNIP's recognitions for 2020

Good Neighbors International Philippines was recognized by different partners in its project areas as one of the active stakeholders engaged in ensuring that the rights of the children are fulfilled and for the steadfast commitment of the organization in responding to the needs of the communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bulacan Field Office

In Bulacan Field Office, the Department of Education (DepEd) in Hagonoy West District awarded Gawad Pagkilala at Pagpapahalaga to Good Neighbors International Philippines as one of the stakeholders who actively engaged in ensuring that quality basic education of the children and learners are continuously achieved despite the challenges posed by COVID-19.

The Bulacan Field Office has supported schools and learners in the Community Development Project Areas in Pugad-Tibaguin and Sagrada Familia through the provision of learning materials that can be used in their distance learning. The award was given through the Brigada Eskwela Virtual Ceremony. It was spearheaded by Public District Supervisor, Dr. Edelmira S. Dorega.

Moreover, the organization was also recognized in the 4th Gawad Samabaralan (Sama na sa Pambayang Kaunlaran) of the Bulacan State University. This award acknowledges the steadfast commitment and compassion of the GNIP Bulacan Field Office in providing services to communities despite the challenges brought about COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters.

Among these are the COVID-19 assistance distribution, partnership with local government units, providing capacity building through online platforms, emergency response due to Typhoon Ulysess, and many more.

Laak Field Office

In the Laak Field Office, various certificates of appreciation and recognition from the covered schools of Laak South District were received. These recognitions were given as one of the active partner institutions and the support Good Neighbors had provided for the continuous education of the children of Laak.

GNIP Laak Field Office thanked San Antonio National High School, Kilagding Elementary School, Kilagding National High School, Longganapan Elementary School, Laak Central Elementary School for their unending support to the organization.



Prieto Diaz Field Office

Good Neighbors International Philippines has been recognized as the top partner organization of the Department of Education Prieto Diaz District in Sorsogon at the Brigada Eskwela 2020.

Through the Prieto Diaz Community Development Project, we have been able to support and provide access and quality education to the children and community in the municipality of Prieto Diaz. Among the interventions and support of GNIP are: the CLAP Project and Wish Planet 8 Learning Hub; various learning/reading materials and developmental resources; and other computer equipment in need.

Good Neighbors was also recognized by the DepEd Region V during the Regional Virtual Press Conference.



GNIP goes Online

Good Neighbors International Philippines offers comprehensive programs and services to ensure holistic and sustainable development among marginalized children and vulnerable communities.

During the time of the pandemic, GNIP relevantly designed online programs that will adapt to the situation. The customary practice of implementing the activities face to face with the people has quietly shifted. Different online sectoral programs (health, education, income generation, and others) were posted on the social media platform. The materials have vicariously and virtually provided experiences that had maximized the time and effort while everyone was at home.

Income Generation

The Income Generation Department program aims to build economic capacity and stability, contributing to an overall increase in the families' economic condition. Various topics on agriculture were shared including, making organic fertilizer from kitchen leftovers, making of fermented fruit and plant juice, making of lactic acid bacteria serum or LABS, and setting up a hydroponics, and vertical gardens. Topics on business planning were also shared to capacitate communities on effective business planning, entrepreneurial skills, and among others. This also aimed to build a better understanding of sustainable strategies for their businesses, beneficial to their families and communities.



Health and WaSH

The Health Sector has also stepped up and continued to deliver the knowledge, attitude, and practices for the betterment of the entire community through the Home Good Nutrition Series and the Home Care for the Vulnerable Sectors.

In the Home Good Nutrition Series, different nutritional, affordable, and easy-to-do recipes were introduced including Veggie Patty with liver; Potato Croquettes and Chicken Lumpia; and Sardines Fish Ball with Sweet and Sour Sauce, and Champorado.

While, the Home Care for the Vulnerable Sectors provided knowledge and health education series in taking care of the children, elderly, women, and others. Topics included were how to take care of pregnant women and the elderly during a pandemic. Informational materials about protection against the virus were also shared such as the step-by-step process of using face masks, the do's and don'ts, and additional information on whether to wear masks while exercising; promotion of better and healthy sleep; and proper handwashing.



Child Sponsorship

Good Neighbors International Philippines strongly believes that the well-being of children is highly significant to enhance their overall quality of life and achieve their sense of purpose in society.

On the new normal, the Child Sponsorship sector provided flexible learning materials to ensure that their well-being is being taken care of. The parents and family members of the children play vital roles in ensuring their safety. As such, the learning contents targeted the parents, guardians, and all family members, such as helping children cope with the changes resulting from COVID-19.

Moreover, topics on child protection and online safety were shared, especially that pandemic caused the shift of more online materials for the children. Informational videos on the consumption of media, such as social media sites, television, and others had helped parents and guardians to be aware and responsible. Additionally, practical tips for parents or guardians on monitoring and setting limitations on the children's use of gadgets or television were a great help for the blended learning of the children.

During the quarantine period, most of the children are spending and enjoying their time watching online videos or checking different online applications without being aware of its negative effects on them. GNIP provided tips on how to check and protect children from the negative effects of the internet and from the abuse it may cause and basic safeguarding tips in sharing children's photographs on social media sites.

Education

The pandemic has also affected the education sector which in effect closed face-to-face classes. Through the informational comic series of Education Sector of GNIP, a creative and exciting way of educating was shared online.

A comic series that revolved in educating regarding COVID-19 and parenting including basic information on the difference between Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and its importance; preparing the children for the new normal education; positive parenting; building a new routine together with children; ways to be calm and controlled in responding to the children's behavior during this quarantine period; guiding and helping children cope in this overwhelming situation; and how can parents healthily discuss the pandemic to their children.

Moreover, a stress management session was also conducted with Ms. Aimee Gonzaga, a clinical psychologist, to help in reducing stress more healthily during the pandemic.

The Human Resource and General Services Unit also shared an indoor workout that helped strengthen the immune system and improve mental health.



Stories of Good Change

Abundant Harvest of Courage and Patience

Mr. Prospero Daruca is known as Kuya Nonoy in the community, a 58-year-old agency driver who has six children - one of whom has a brain tumor was one of the affected due to the pandemic. Kuya Nonoy was laid off by his company, where he worked for eight years, because of economic instability.

This limitation leads and inspires him to join the initiative of Good Neighbors Philippines that introduces the technology of urban farming through hydroponics. This project aims to provide the Sitio Bakal community a sustainable and cost-effective source of food and livelihood. The organization invested in the technical aspect of the project through capacity building activities and the provision of necessary tools and hydroponics materials to initially start with the implementation. After attending several online orientations and meetings with Good Neighbors, other volunteers, and community leaders, Kuya Nonoy was convinced to try the new technology. He grabbed the opportunity and signed the agreement between two parties (Good Neighbors and the partner beneficiary) to ensure that he fully understood the goals and objectives of the project.

Kuya Nonoy's interest and love for farming had become his fallback to address their family's concerns on food and other sources of income. He appreciated the new technology compared to soil planting since it does not require much space and supervision once the necessary materials and techniques are set up. This is beneficial to him because he can still have the time to attend to other household chores and the needs of his son who is sick.

Through the hydroponic method, Kuya Nonoy was able to harvest pechay and earned 600 pesos or 12 dollars in the span of two weeks. He was amazed by the result, took time to learn the process, and was able to add more crops like lettuce, mustard, cucumber, chili pepper, and tomato. This generated income for his family and, at the same time, became their daily source of healthy foods and meals. Likewise, a certain percentage of the profits will be saved for buying seeds and other materials needed to make this project sustainable.



Kuya Nonoy envisioned himself to be a full-time farmer, advocate, and supplier of the vegetable crops that he is planting to promote healthy food for the community and to have sustainable income for his family.

Life beyond the School Campus

Eddie Bernacer is a former sponsored child of the organization and former Child Rights Club (CRC) President in Gigmoto CDP. For two years, he effectively led the CRC in Sicmil Integrated School. He attended and actively engaged in training and capacity building conducted by GNIP that honed him and made him realized the importance of being a child rights advocate. Now, he entered college and has brought a change in his community in times of unforeseen crisis. He created an impact beyond the fence of the school campus.

Eddie had major adjustment under new normal education. From face to face, he transitioned to the screen mode of studying. Eddie is residing in Brgy. Sicmil, a far-flung community in Gigmoto with no access to the internet connection, no network signal, and no facility like computer shops or Wi-Fi hubs. Eddie left with no choice but to go through the process of blended learning, by going to the upland site which they called Signalan - the infamous place in their barangay perfect for those who want to connect online or make a call. He endured walking the 2-kilometer distance from their residence every day. As they arrive in the said area, they have to look for the perfect spot in a place crowded with other students. The location is not conducive for studying because there is no roof or protected shelter. Rocks served as chairs and tables, trees served as shade as they stay for hours just to learn. Some are in a squat position with their phone, pen, and papers going through the inconvenient learning. This whole experience moved him to do something about the situation which eventually became viral on social media and reached many media outlets in the country.

Eddie decided to take photos of the situation in Signalan where students are preoccupied online. He posted it on his Facebook account without the intention of making it viral. For him, the condition of his fellow students is meant to be shared. He is also facing the same experience under the same circumstances. Unknown to him, the photo he posted was shared by one of his Facebook friends has led to gradual social media attention. It gained more shares and reposts. Province-wide it became viral and caught the attention of radio station, Major TV network, and various news page accounts, although, they did not give him the proper credit.

For Eddie, credit is not the endpoint of the photo. The good thing is that his action paved a way for other students to do something about the issue and influence others to use social media positively. It's a domino effect that led others to do the same. Some students appealed online to help their barangay using their FB accounts. Since then, they were flooded with support such as load, solar light, construction materials, and even snacks. Wooden tables and chairs were installed for their convenience and called Sicmil Online Studying Shed. It revived the Bayanihan spirit among residents in their barangay and has led Barangay Local Government Unit to take action. Indeed, the experience brings out the best in him not just as a former CRC president but as an advocate of change for the welfare of the children.

Through this, the pro-active engagement of children and youth is vital in addressing issues in the community especially matters that affect them. Capacity building activities for children and youth must be sustained in regular programming. It developed them to become more concerned citizens and eventually become champions in the community.



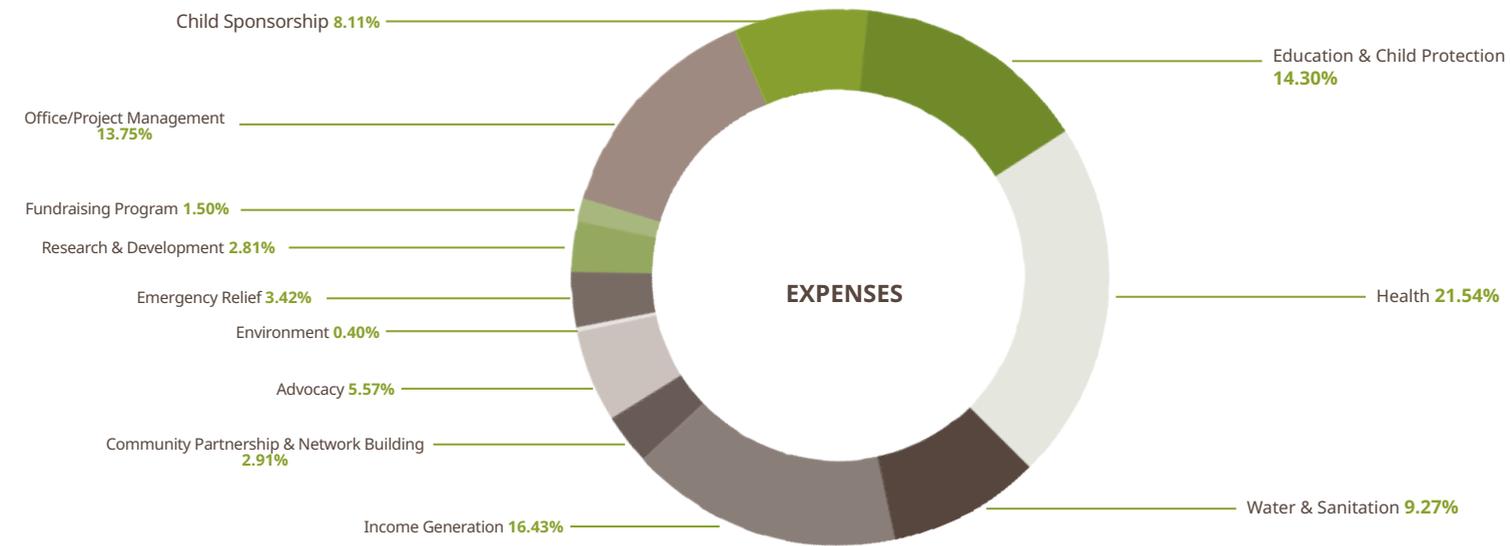
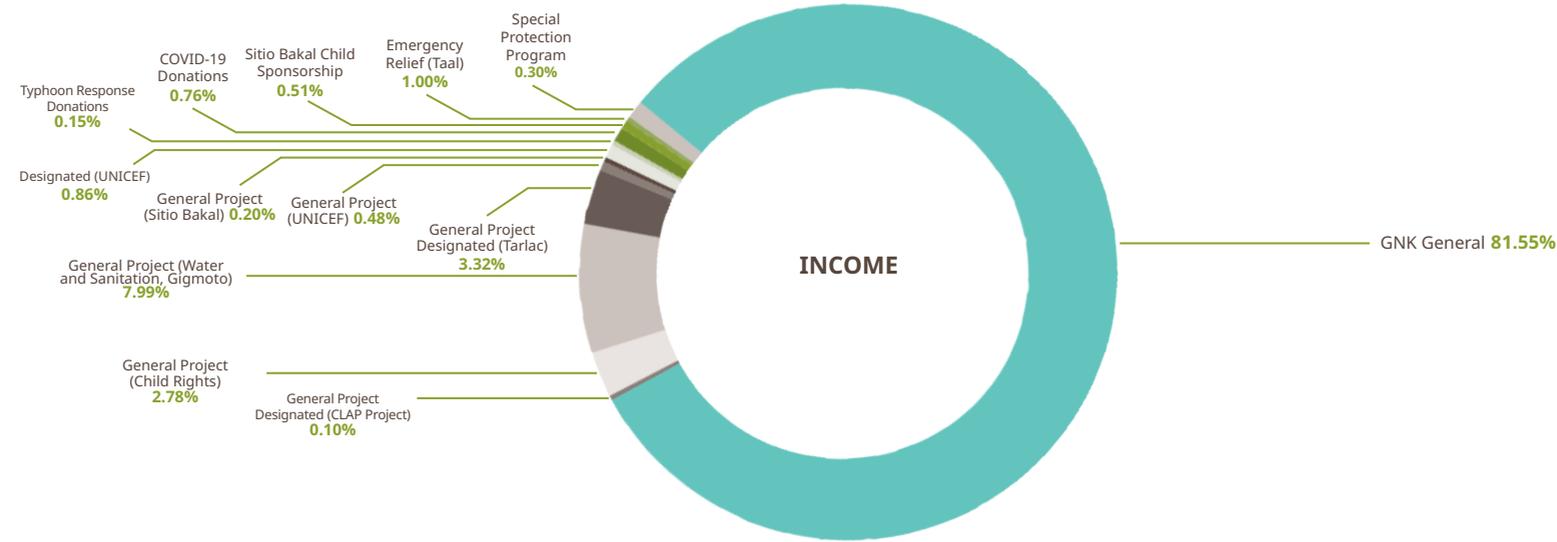
Financial Overview

As a non-profit organization, Good Neighbors is committed to transparency and accountability of our finances. This graph shows the expenses utilized in the different programs and activities accomplished by Good Neighbors International Philippines.

Income & Expenditure

The total income for 2020 was Php 128,859,788.00 through Good Neighbors Korea General, General Projects in different sectors, Emergency Relief, Designated Funds, Typhoon Response and COVID-19 Donations, and made it possible for GNIP to implement projects and programs for children and communities.

Category	Total (P)	%	Category	Total (P)	%
Income			Expenses		
GNK General	103,448,463.00	81.55%	Child Sponsorship	10,284,130.75	8.11%
General Project Designated (CLAP Project)	126,602.76	0.10%	Education & Child Protection	18,143,022.03	14.30%
General Project (Child Rights)	3,528,000.00	2.78%	Health	27,331,871.82	21.54%
General Project (Water & Sanitation, Gigmoto)	10,130,000.00	7.99%	Water & Sanitation	11,753,729.14	9.27%
Emergency Relief (Taal)	1,266,250.00	1.00%	Income Generation	20,836,915.03	16.43%
General Project Designated (Tarlac)	4,211,952.70	3.32%	Community Partnership & Network Building	3,690,708.04	2.91%
General Project (UNICEF)	613,730.75	0.48%	Advocacy	7,065,004.64	5.57%
General Project (Sitio Bakal)	253,750.00	0.20%	Environment	503,000.44	0.40%
Designated (UNICEF)	1,085,500.00	0.86%	Emergency Relief	4,344,328.02	3.42%
Good Neighbors PHL (Donations)			Research and Development	3,558,568.39	2.81%
Typhoon Response Donation	196,049.00	0.15%	Fundraising Program	1,902,196.13	1.50%
COVID-19 Donations	963,263.79	0.76%	Office/Project Management	17,446,313.56	13.75%
Sitio Bakal Child Sponsorship	653,226.00	0.51%	Total	126,859,788.00	100.00%
Special Protection Program	383,000.00	0.30%			
Total	126,859,788.00	100%			



Our Workforce



Good Neighbors workforce is **diverse, passionate, collaborative, and connected** towards working a good change for the world and improving the lives of the marginalized Filipino Children and Youth.

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