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# MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear Good Neighbors,

As we reflect on the developments of the past year, I am gratified to share with you the Annual Report 2023 of Good Neighbors Philippines. This report highlights the significant developments, major achievements, and powerful impacts we have made together to strengthen and empower communities.

2023 was a year of progress as we continue to overcome the lingering effects of the pandemic, economic crisis, climate change, and others. We have made significant partnerships that brought new opportunities for the community people – children, women, and youth – to participate, make decisions, and empower others to become agents of change.

By addressing the critical needs in child protection, education, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, economic empowerment, transportation, disaster resilience, and environmental sustainability, we are bringing positive impact to the lives of over 202,225 individuals, of which 136,610 are children, in our community project sites all over the country.

These milestones and achievements, indicated in this report, became possible because of the dedication and collaborative efforts of our partners, sponsors, networks, and volunteers – all of whom embody the heart of a good neighbor.

At Good Neighbors, we are committed to building and nurturing communities, bringing harmony, comfort, and hope of a better future. But more than this, we are accountable and transparent in managing the resources entrusted to us in order to provide right resources and services for the communities we serve.

Just as the message from the bible, let us give love and compassion to people in times of need: “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.” (1 Peter 3:8)

  
  
**이재훈**  
**JAE CHOON LEE**  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR  
GOOD NEIGHBORS PHILIPPINES



# MESSAGE FROM THE **AMBASSADOR**

Hey, Kapitbahay (Neighbor)!

Allow me to greet you with a youthful tone and heart since this is how Good Neighbors has been making me feel as its ambassador for the past few years. While reading this message, I hope you feel the vigor and enthusiasm to help out, and eventually take on the calling to lend a helping hand especially for the Filipino children and youth. My heart is filled with immense gratitude as I share with you a glimpse of the annual report and showcase what we have achieved in the past year with our family, Good Neighbors.

Since 2008, the organization has been present in the country to promote and ensure the holistic well-being of the marginalized Filipino children and youth. Because of this common goal, many have come together to continuously empower people and transform communities.

Several projects have been actualized in 2023 thanks to the continuous collaboration with our partner communities all over the Philippines. These include donation drives for reading corners, laptop turnover for the students, inspirational talks, coffee trucks for education, music and sports activities for the Filipino children and youth, among many other beautiful initiatives.

I would like to also take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the companies and brands who have been so generous in fulfilling our shared goals.

This year, I would like to highlight the concept of “katuwang” (partner). Now more than ever, I was able to fully grasp the meaning of this word because I recently married my forever partner, Maiqui, last January 2024.

By definition, “katuwang” means to be engaged together in the same activity or to share in a relationship - “ka” means ‘with’ and “tuwang” means ‘to be supported on both sides in order to become stable’.

With this, I invite you to share in this beautiful partnership filled with meaning as we become Good Neighbors to-and-with one another.



**ROBI DOMINGO**

AMBASSADOR  
GOOD NEIGHBORS PHILIPPINES





# ABOUT GOOD NEIGHBORS

Good Neighbors is an international humanitarian aid and development NGO established in South Korea in 1991 with a mission of fostering a world without hunger, where people live together in harmony. Good Neighbors respects the human rights of our neighbors enduring poverty, disasters, and oppression and strives to empower them toward self-reliance and restoration of hope.

Operating in nearly 200 communities across 50 countries, our organization emphasizes supporting marginalized individuals, with a special focus on children. It prioritizes vulnerable communities for resilient and sustainable development. We achieve this through dedicated humanitarian aid efforts and community-driven development initiatives.

Guided by the aspirations of Good Neighbors, Good Neighbors Philippines was founded in 2008 to support the most vulnerable children and communities, particularly those devastated by poverty and natural disasters. Over time, Good Neighbors' focus has expanded to provide ongoing humanitarian aid and development support, emphasizing community-driven engagement in child protection and education, youth empowerment, health, disaster risk reduction, economic development, and climate change adaptation. The commitment of Good Neighbors Philippines remains steadfast in fostering resilient and sustainable communities in the Philippines.



# OUR COMMITMENT

## CHILDREN AT THE CENTER

Children are the heartbeat of our programming. Good Neighbors is committed to safeguarding their rights through comprehensive strategy. We empower parents with sustainable livelihoods, ensure access to clean water and sanitation, support basic health services in their communities and schools, and protect children from violence and abuse.

## ERADICATING HUNGER THROUGH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Good Neighbors exists to eradicate hunger by empowering communities to be self-sufficient. Through sustainable agricultural practices, skill-building initiatives, and fostering economic opportunities, we create a pathway to a more equitable future.

## EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

We advocate equitable access to quality education by ensuring essential resources such as water and energy reach underserved schools. Our training programs equip educators with essential skills and tools to enhance their effectiveness in the classroom. Additionally, we actively involve the youth in tackling global challenges, and offer scholarships to talented yet disadvantaged students, opening doors to brighter futures.

## SUSTAINABLE AND DISASTER-RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

We recognize the challenges of those living in disaster-prone areas and proactively work towards community protection. Through preparedness training, climate change adaptation, livelihood protection, or immediate relief in times of calamity, we stand with our communities and work with governments and their constituents to ensure they are able to build back better after disasters.

# OUR SECTORS



**CHILD  
PROTECTION**



**EDUCATION**



**HEALTH & WASH**



**ECONOMIC  
EMPOWERMENT**



**DISASTER RISK  
REDUCTION**



**SUSTAINABLE  
ENVIRONMENTS**



# 2023

## AT A GLANCE

8,325

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH  
INCREASED AWARENESS  
OF CHILD RIGHTS

60,835

CHILDREN WITH IMPROVED  
ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

11,008

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WHO RECEIVED HEALTH CHECK-UP

₱41.45M

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT VALUE  
UTILIZED AND EARNED FROM  
COOPERATIVES, SAVINGS GROUPS  
AND LIVELIHOOD GROUPS

101,396

PEOPLE WITH  
STRENGTHENED DISASTER  
COPING CAPACITY

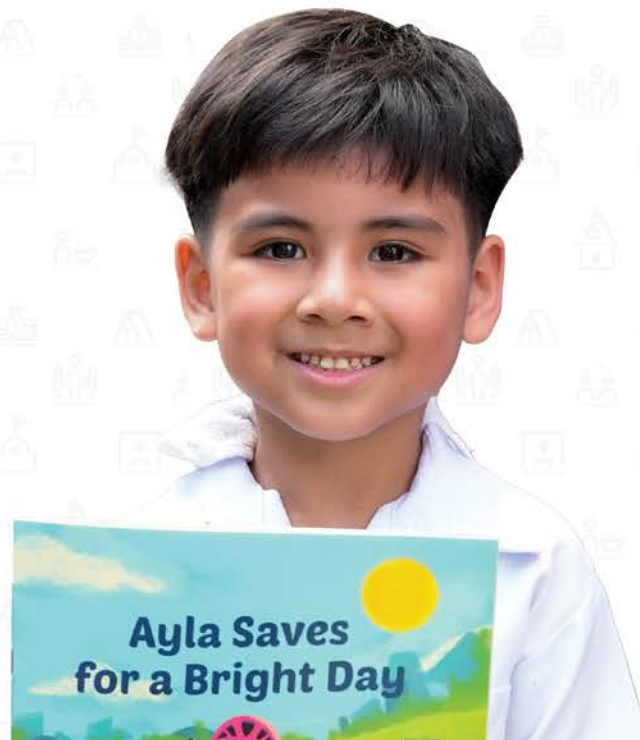
3,690

FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS  
PRACTICING CLIMATE-RESILIENT  
FARMING

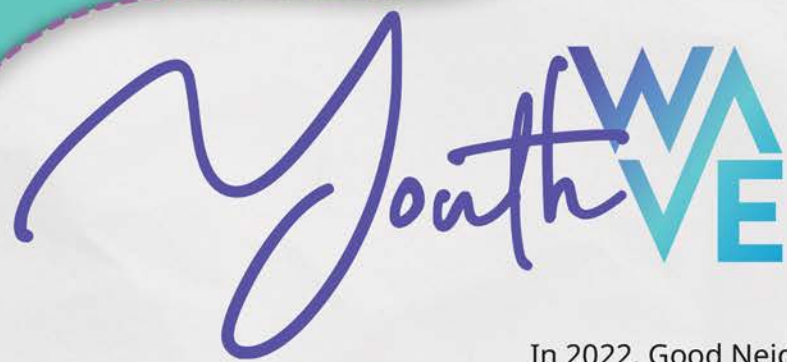




WE IMPROVE THE  
**QUALITY OF LIFE**  
AND PROMOTE  
**CHILD RIGHTS**







# EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH TALENTS

In 2022, Good Neighbors Philippines launched the WAVE Talk that sought to amplify the voices of youth and to be socially responsible individuals in their communities.

Through this, Youth WAVE: Festival of Talents was developed with the theme *“Celebrating Diversity Through Inclusive Community.”* This festival provided a platform for youth and their communities to showcase their unique talents and promote the rich culture of their municipality.

The festival of talents was participated by *10 secondary schools in the Community Development Project (CDP) areas of Tingloy, Batangas; Guiuan, Eastern Samar; and Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon.*

This talent competition has anchored the youth's talents in advocating inclusive and responsive communities and encouraged them to express their skills and talents with confidence and trust in themselves.

Just like Robelle, a scholar and one of the representatives for the Youth WAVE, who showed inspiration to her fellow youth by being an empowered and talented youth.

“ I encourage my fellow youth to use our talents and skills in uplifting each other, supporting one another, amplifying each other's voices, and working together because, through these small efforts, we can achieve big ripple effects in our community.

- Robelle Andrea Linao, Scholar, Tingloy CDP ”



**3,250**

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED FROM  
10 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

**682**

STUDENTS ENGAGED  
IN ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

**332**

STUDENTS SHOWCASED  
THEIR TALENTS

**10**

SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
PARTICIPATED FROM  
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREAS





# New Beginnings for Out-of-School Youths

Despite rising enrollment in recent years, the Philippines faces a high dropout rate. According to a 2023 report by Philippine Business for Education, *one in four Junior High School students drop out before Senior High School, primarily due to lack of personal interest and insufficient family income.*

To address this, the *Opportunity 2.0 (O2 Program) of the United States Agency for International Development or USAID was granted to Good Neighbors Philippines.* This program supports Out-of-School Youths (OSY) in Sitio Bakal Community Development Project (CDP) in Bagong Silangan to start anew, improve their education, and strengthen their capacity for livelihood opportunities.

*The O2 Program is a collaborative program designed to strengthen existing systems of improving the education, employment, and livelihood outcomes of Filipino out-of-school youth (OSY) by 2025.*

Through this program, *94 OSYs completed the program* and were assisted to their chosen tracks – continuing education, employability, and entrepreneurship. *10 learners* completed their vocational courses under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and *34 youth entrepreneurs* finished their training with QC Pangkabuhayan under the Small and Cooperatives Promotion Office. They were awarded an initial business capital of 20,000 pesos to start their business. There were *15 work and education-ready learners* who have successfully enrolled at the Quezon City University and Alternative Learning System in Bagong Silangan.

Additionally, *33 learners attended a work immersion activity* in partnership with CHA Realty Corporation and the Public Employment Service Office in Quezon City *to improve their working skills and increase their awareness of the work environment.*



"We learned a lot from each other. The 2-hour session helped me think about my long-term plans and learn more about topics like financial fitness and human rights, especially at work. I also gained insight into myself as I shared my individual life goals and skills. The program has helped us, who at times feel discouraged and lost our way, to feel that there is still hope."

- O2 Program Completer, Sitio Bakal CDP



EDUCATION

60,835

CHILDREN WITH IMPROVED  
ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

32,025

STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL  
AND MATERIAL SUPPORT

1,976

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WHO RECEIVED  
LIFE SKILL TRAINING

389

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
COMPLETED LITERACY AND  
NUMERACY EDUCATION

142

PARTNERS SCHOOLS





## CHILD PROTECTION

# 8,325

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WITH INCREASED AWARENESS  
OF CHILD RIGHTS

# 7,361

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
INVOLVED IN CHILD  
RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

# 4,656

CHILDREN PROTECTED FROM  
VIOLENCE, ABUSE, DISCRIMINATION  
AND OTHER THREATS

# Protecting Children Against Abuse and Exploitation

The escalating number of child abuse cases, recorded *at least 17,600 in 2023* according to the Philippine National Police, is very alarming and disheartening. As a humanitarian development organization, *ensuring that children are protected from any form of violence and abuse is Good Neighbors' commitment.*

Good Neighbors Philippines strives to protect the rights of every child through various programs and projects that fulfill and safeguard their rights.

To raise awareness about child abuse and exploitation, Good Neighbors Philippines developed a video about child protection, which was shared with our communities. *This aims to educate and inform community members that help is available and preventive actions are essential to protect children from any form of abuse.*

The organization also *advocates and practices "zero tolerance" for any form of sexual exploitation and abuse*, as we uphold the best interests of the community and children. An existing policy on Protection on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) is enforced to ensure safety of vulnerable groups, especially children.

These efforts and actions to protect children are crucial, but at large scale, we can only protect what is within our control. It might be discouraging but collective actions are important for protection.

In one of the project areas, justice was served for a child who was abused. *Good Neighbors Philippines supported and guided the family in the case, particularly in reporting the incidents to the proper authorities and financial assistance.*



*Create open communication with your children so they will tell you everything that is happening to them and always believe in their stories. This way, your children will feel safe and confident enough to tell you even their personal concerns and experiences because they have that sense of security and trust in you. If you encounter a similar situation, don't hesitate to fight for your children's rights.*

- Gina, Hagonoy, Bulacan CDP





# Improving Health Access in Remote Communities

Sitio Bakal, an isolated community in highly urbanized Metro Manila, is deprived of basic access to health services. To reach a health center or hospital, residents must begin with a 30-minute walk on narrow, unpaved, or half-paved paths that are inaccessible to 4-wheeled vehicles. Only after this grueling walk can they access public transportation to a health facility. During emergencies, critical transportation to and from the community is a constant challenge.

In partnership with Sun Life Foundation, Good Neighbors Philippines initiated the **BRIDGE** (Building Resilience through Inter-Health Development and Greater Education) Project. It provided 2,975 residents of Sitio Bakal and Sitio Ibayo with better access to healthcare, including an ambulance tricycle for rapid emergency response.

Moreover, they were provided with a solar-powered public address system for health information awareness, and capacity building workshops to teach community members health referral pathways, first aid, and basic life support. Health awareness campaigns were also implemented through safe motherhood childhood seminars, adolescent sexual and reproductive health education, and physical fitness activities.



HEALTH

11,008

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
RECEIVED HEALTH CHECK-UP

10,225

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
RECEIVED FOOD SUPPORT

9,136

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WITH IMPROVED ACCESS  
TO NUTRITION

4,104

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WITH IMPROVED ACCESS  
TO HEALTH SERVICES

1,132

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WHO RECEIVED BASIC  
SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE  
HEALTH SERVICES

6

HEALTH FACILITIES SUPPORTED  
(BUILT/RENOVATED/MAINTAINED)







WASH

6,380

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WITH IMPROVED ACCESS TO  
CLEAN AND SUFFICIENT  
WATER AND SANITATION

2,819

CHILDREN AND ADULTS  
WHO HAVE ACCESSED TO  
IMPROVED WATER SOURCES

11

IMPROVED  
WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES



# Improving Safe Access to Clean Water in Schools

In remote areas, like Gigmoto, Catanduanes and Guiuan, Eastern Samar, *inadequate water supply poses a challenge to the community, affecting children the hardest.* They face lack of access to clean water, insufficient toilets, inadequate hand washing facilities, and poor sanitation and hygiene in their schools.

Good Neighbors Philippines' water, sanitation and hygiene program ensures water sources and clean water in the communities. *When water sources are available and improved, people can be productive in other ways,* since they will spend less time collecting water.

In Gigmoto, *7 sanitary toilets and 13 handwashing facilities were constructed and rehabilitated.* These facilities serve *2,363 children and 106 teachers in nine elementary schools.*

A new water reservoir and elevated water tank, handwashing facility, and toilets were constructed *benefitting 200 students at Tubabao National High School in Guiuan, Eastern Samar.*



*We are very thankful for the this provision because we will no longer use well water and rain water for our handwashing, toilets, and even for watering the plants in our school.*



*- Junril, Grade 9 student from Tubabao National High School.*





# REDUCING INEQUALITY AND FOSTERING RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITIES





# Bringing New Transport Services to the Underserved Communities



**₱14.5M**

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT VALUE  
ADDED TO TRANSPORT SERVICE  
COOPERATIVES IN PRIETO DIAZ  
AND GUIUAN

**76,005**

PEOPLE SERVED BY THE  
TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE  
IN PRIETO DIAZ, SORSOGON  
AND GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR  
(ACCORDING TO 2020 CENSUS)

The Prieto Diaz-Gubat-Sorsogon City Transport Service Cooperative (PGUSORTSCO) is the sole transport cooperative in Prieto Diaz, Sorsogon, and as of 2022, they were still operating old jeepny units. In light of the government's modernization program, these *older jeepneys face replacement due to safety concerns of the passengers because of inadequate maintenance, adverse environmental impacts and slow local economic movement*. These issues particularly affect the vulnerable children and families within the community.

Good Neighbors Philippines, through its Economic Development program, helped these jeepney drivers who do not have the capital to join the modernization program and provided them two units of modern jeepneys. *This aims to improve the quality and accessibility of public transportation of the community, offering an environment-friendly transportation options, while also boosting economic movement.*

The modernized jeepney units now serve *more than 22,000 individuals, especially students and local vendors that frequently travel* to Gubat, which is the center market of other neighboring municipalities including Prieto Diaz, where many public and private colleges and high schools are located. Additionally, the *60 cooperative members will receive capacity-building, savings and credit training, policy making, and other organizational development training that will help them increase their management skills.*

Good Neighbors aims to duplicate this project in all of our project sites to better serve our communities. *A better transportation system plays an important role in achieving our goal of a quality of life for children and a resilient community.*





# Providing Better Economic Opportunities to Fisherfolks

Hagonoy, Bulacan covers almost 8,000 hectares exclusive to fish farming with 1,423 fishpond operators and 55 registered consignments, offering a diverse range of harvest. However, *the control and imposition on interests of commercial banks and microfinance institutions discourages fisherfolks from making long-term investments*, severely impacting their livelihoods.

On May 18, 2022, Good Neighbors Philippines solidified a partnership with Hagonoy Fish Farmers Producers Cooperative (HFFPC), *providing a 3.9M investment assistance to strengthen economic opportunities in the community*. This collaboration resulted in a better livelihood environment in Bulacan.

Over a span of more than two years, Good Neighbors Philippines' diligently supported HFFPC through entrepreneurship skills training, co-facilitation of pre-membership education seminars, and monitoring of its development.

*The committed service of HFFPC provides valuable benefits for its 212 veteran small-scale fishpond owners and fishermen*, increasing their income while maintaining competitive pricing amidst rising cost of materials.

Commencing operations in July 2023 with just two municipal branches, HFFPC progressively established their presence. They received invitations to supply additional branches in the neighboring province of Nueva Ecija.

The fruits of these endeavors *scale-up their sales revenues, totaling approximately 6.4 million pesos, or nearly 320,000 pesos weekly, in less than six months*. This enables the cooperatives and fish farmers to transform their economic landscape and lay better foundations for the future of their children.



*The HFFPC was directly vending freshly harvested sea goods to consumers every Friday to Sunday, during Market Days or Bagsakan Days, across four Walmart locations in Bulacan.*



## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

### ₱18.4M

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT VALUE  
ADDED TO FISHERFOLKS AND  
TRANSPORT COOPERATIVES

### 4,682

PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN  
BUSINESS CAPACITY BUILDING

### 2,467

PEOPLE WITH STRENGTHENED  
ECONOMIC CAPACITY

### 1,118

INCOME GENERATION GROUP  
MEMBERS IN 52 GROUPS

### 833

COOPERATIVE MEMBERS  
IN 9 COOPERATIVES IN PLACE

### 516

PEOPLE WHO BENEFITED  
BY GN MICROFINANCE SERVICE





# Building Financial Independence of Women in the Community



1,118

INCOME GENERATION  
GROUP MEMBERS

52

INCOME GENERATION GROUPS

₱7.07M

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT VALUE  
ADDED HELP SAVINGS GROUP  
DEVELOP THEIR LIVELIHOOD  
AND BUSINESSES

In Rodriguez, Rizal, a group of women and men banded together to increase their economic capabilities. The Bambanin Savings Group, established in 2018 with just *29 members, committed themselves to saving as little as 100 pesos per month.*

Good Neighbors Philippines, through Micro Business Pandemic Loan (MBPL), supported Bambanin's aspiration to improve their families' livelihoods. They availed a loan to invest in the expansion of their store operations. *Through consistent and responsible repayments, they earned the trust to access a larger loan of 150,000 pesos, which they strategically invested in expanding their rice retailing business. They are currently well-positioned in their community having four commodity businesses in their community.*

Driven by their desire to succeed, *the group actively pursued capacity-building initiatives* facilitated by Good Neighbors Philippines including *seminars on values formation, leadership training, financial management, and marketing strategy formulation.*

The Bambanin Savings Group epitomizes accountability and responsibility within the organization. Notably, they also champion women empowerment, with *46 out of 61 members being women, and one of them, Jocelyn Rustia, serving as the Vice President.*



We are grateful to be entrusted by Good Neighbors with a loan. It immensely helped to establish our own business. It has also provided jobs for our members who served as employees in our store. We also appreciate all the seminars they conducted to improve our knowledge and skills even if we were unable to finish school. Through their tutelage, we were able to promptly manage and pay off our loan.



*- Jocelyn shared as she reflected on their journey as a savings group.*





# Innovative Solutions for Banana Farmer's Climate Adaptation

The impact of climate change worsens the situation of the agriculture sector, resulting in severe loss of agricultural production and food insecurity in the Philippines. Farmers, especially banana farmers, are continuously affected and challenged by this adverse situation.

In Longanapan, Kilagding, and Aguineldo Community Development Projects (CDP) in Laak, Davao De Oro, *a huge percentage of farmers, including banana farmers, are confronted with various issues that limit their capacity to grow their income and expand their operations.* These issues include lack of access to modern technology and innovation, climate change, high production costs, plantations and procure farm inputs, and limited knowledge to propel the banana industry into more viable business opportunities among small-scale farmers.

To address this, Good Neighbors Philippines launched the project *"Innovating the Banana Industry through Tissue Culture Laboratory"* in Davao de Oro which aims for better access and capacity to innovate and produce high quality planting materials or banana plantlets and varieties and opportunities for smallholder farmers.

*Significantly, the tissue culture laboratory and a nursery in Laak CDP have been retrofitted with enhanced infrastructure and latest machinery which allowed banana growers to cultivate banana plantlets for farming and selling. They were also able to replicate disease-free banana tissues and propagate them for local farmers through research and development.*

A one-hectare demonstration farm has been identified and utilized for hands-on learning of various farm treatments to help farmers determine strategies best suits their needs.

Moreover, *38 farmers of Laak Farmers Marketing Cooperative (LAMARCO) were trained on climate-smart agriculture* which improves practices and mitigates the impact of climate change on their crops. Local education institutions partnerships such as the Davao de Oro State College and Mindanao State University further improve knowledge sharing and skills of farmers and research-practitioners.

This project enables the community to be equipped with better climate change adaptation and also help them reduce their farm input costs, explore other sources of income, and attain higher overall profit.



*"We consider this project as an opportunity for the local banana farmers here in Laak. As chairman of the committee on agriculture, we are thankful to GNIP for spearheading this kind of livelihood opportunity as we are optimistic that it will generate a positive impact to our farmers who want to engage in Banana Production."*



- Hon. Christopher Jovita, Vice-chair, Committee on Agriculture, Laak, Davao de Oro



## 20,000

POTENTIAL BANANA PLANTLETS  
TO BE PRODUCED IN THE  
TISSUE CULTURE LABORATORY

## 183

FARMERS WITH ACCESS TO  
HIGH QUALITY BANANA VARIETIES  
AND CLIMATE-SMART PRACTICES



# Strengthening Climate Resilience of Rice Farmers



## SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS

2,449

PEOPLE WITH STRENGTHENED  
FOOD SECURITY RESILIENCE

2,341

FARMERS  
PRACTICING CLIMATE  
RESILIENT FARMING

599

PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED  
IN CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSES

257

HOUSEHOLDS PRACTICING  
CLIMATE RESILIENT FARMING

100

PEOPLE PRACTICING IN  
SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

With the worsening impact of climate change in the Philippines, the situation of families and community farmers are at risk, including low yield of smallholder farmers, who have little to no access to climate knowledge and technologies essential to sustainable agriculture.

To address these issues, strengthening climate resilience has been Good Neighbors Philippines' mission for the communities. The farmers accessed better climate knowledge through the 2022 project titled *"Building Resilience through Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation,"* which provided technologies and capacity building training that helped them mitigate and adapt to climate change.

This project was augmented through the project *"Strengthening Climate Resilience of Agricultural Community through Organic Composting."* In partnership with the San Clemente Local Government Unit (LGU) in Tarlac and the Central Luzon State University, this project aimed to increase climate resiliency of the agricultural community by reducing agricultural waste through composting or converting it into organic inputs, while also strengthen the capacity of agricultural cooperatives.

Among the interventions of the project was the construction and establishment of full solar-powered organic composting facility, including solar-powered machines that process agricultural wastes or biowastes into organic inputs, capacity building activities on climate resilient approaches in agriculture, and cooperative development training with focus on women empowerment. This project also involved organizing a farmers' cooperative with women-led enterprise development on organic fertilizer marketing.

*The farmers' association officially became registered as the San Clemente Farmers Agriculture Cooperative (SCFAC) in October 2022 with the Cooperative Development Authority. The following year, the composting facility was completed and inaugurated, with 52 members promoting organic compost fertilizers as its main business. Additionally, 182 farmers practiced and adopted sustainable techniques on organic farming and composting on their farms through Farmers Field School.*



*For me, the Farmers Field School training given by Good Neighbors is what we needed the most. If we continue and improve from here, these skills will lead us to a better place and a better world.*

- Joseph Jay C. Garibay, Farmer and Cooperative Chairman





# Enhancing Disaster Preparedness through Anticipatory Action

*The Philippine archipelago is exposed to a multitude of hazards, particularly in coastal communities in the municipalities of Gigmoto, Catanduanes and Guiuan, Eastern Samar, which are frequently ravaged by extreme typhoons.*

During typhoon disasters, the communities often grapple with disrupted communication, threat to economic activities and food insecurity. *Their geographic location hinders them from being reached during crises, while the destruction of livelihood leads to economic setbacks and food shortages.*

While the impact of disasters is inevitable, preparedness can significantly mitigate these negative effects and save lives. Recognizing this, the *United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) introduced the Anticipatory Action framework.* This approach advocates for proactive measures to support communities before crises unfold, thereby reducing disaster losses and protecting vital assets.

In collaboration with the Local Government Units of Gigmoto, Catanduanes, and Guiuan, Eastern Samar, Good Neighbors Philippines has focused on establishing contingency plans to enhance evacuation protocols for vulnerable populations. This involves *upgrading emergency communication systems, and safeguarding livelihood equipment such as fishing boats and gear, and supporting transport cooperative.*

In Gigmoto, *designated safe areas for boat evacuation have been identified for fisherfolk, with the construction and turnover of a boat trailer to the local government.* Additionally, a dedicated boat evacuation team has been trained in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and basic life support to ensure the security of boats during severe weather disturbances.

On the other hand, in Guiuan, *a base radio has been installed to enhance existing communication systems, while portable two-way radio handsets have been distributed to island barangays to ensure connectivity during strong typhoons.* Good Neighbors Philippines is also working to complete the installation of radio systems on public utility vehicles operated by transport cooperatives, which can be utilized during emergencies.



**DISASTER  
RISK REDUCTION**

**101,396**

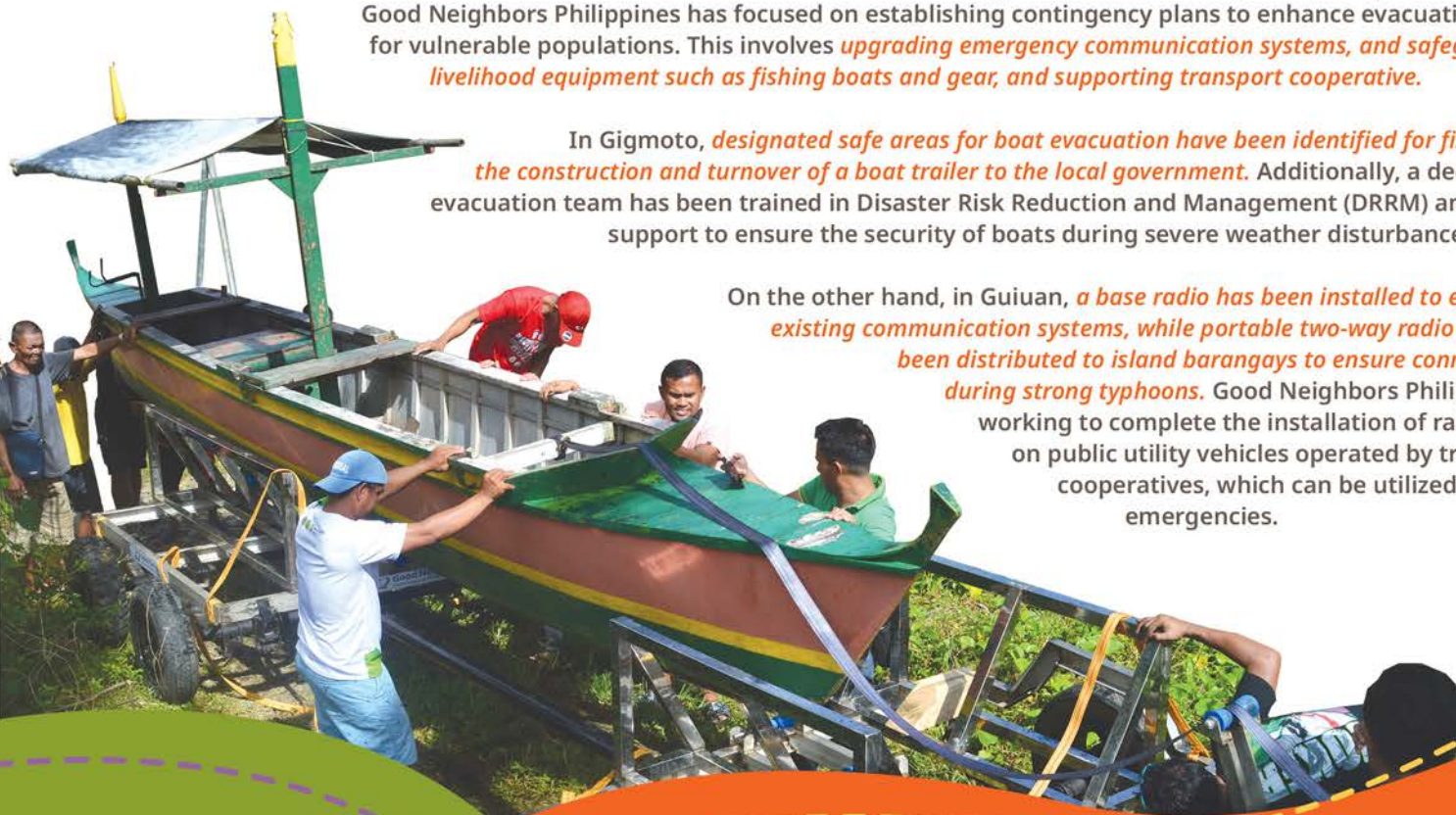
PEOPLE WITH STRENGTHENED  
DISASTER COPING CAPACITY

**8,970**

PEOPLE BENEFITTED IN  
EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAMS

**2,177**

PEOPLE BENEFITTED IN  
DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAMS





# Rebuilding the Hope for Students After Disaster

During Typhoon Odette, the province of *Bohol* suffered extensive damage, claiming lives and livelihoods, and impacting various sectors, including education. The typhoon disrupted the learning of the students and left 4,276 classrooms and other school facilities in havoc, magnifying the challenges faced by the families and communities.

Lapinig Elementary School, located in the island municipality of Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, was hard hit. *The school roofs were torn off by strong winds, while the stage and handwashing facilities were greatly damaged, rendering the school environment unsafe and unfit for learning.*

In response to this urgent need, *Good Neighbors Philippines and the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)* partnered to restore access to safe and quality education for 155 students and 8 teachers. The focus of the efforts was to rehabilitate the school's stage and hand washing facilities at Lapinig Elementary School, *recognizing the critical role these facilities play in post-disaster recovery.*

The stage is crucial for the school to hold various functions for its students, fostering a sense of community and engagement. On the other hand, *the handwashing facility is immensely helpful to promote proper hygiene within the school.* The newly constructed facilities was commended by the Department of Education and boosted a five-star rating in terms of the public school's overall performance and quality. This recognition underscores the transformative impact of collaborative efforts in rebuilding schools and restoring hope for the students affected by disaster.



*"As a parent, this is really a big help to us. When we experienced Typhoon Odette, the school stage was really damaged. We are truly thankful to Good Neighbors and PDRF for this project. As a parent and PTA President, I was able to encourage other parents to volunteer."*

*- Alfredo Boc, parent of the beneficiary*





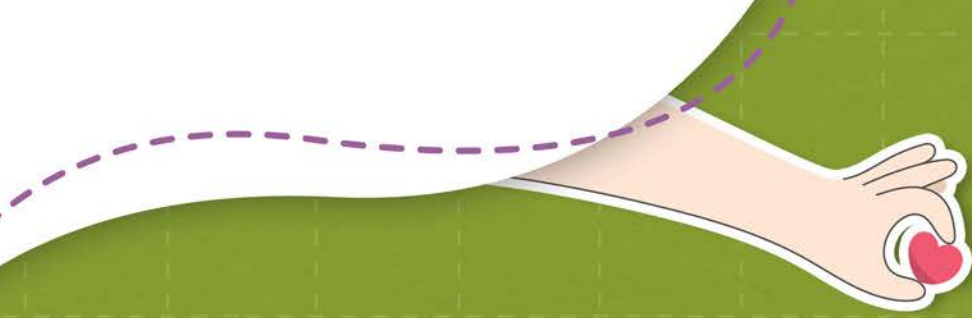


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# HEART OF GOOD NEIGHBORS: CREATING GOOD CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY







We've met a lot of volunteers who have become good neighbors.

They have become invaluable members of our community, championing quality education, advocating for children's rights, and creating harmony and good changes in our communities.

An affirmation that anyone can be a good neighbor.







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The UPS Foundation is proud of what we accomplished together in 2023, from supporting vulnerable youth to providing disaster recovery assistance, focused on delivering hope and helping people in need.

Partnering with Good Neighbors in Korea and the Philippines to help create resilient and safe communities is a perfect example of how UPS is moving our world forward by delivering what matters.



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At Metrobank Foundation, we believe in the power of collaboration and collective efforts to bring about positive change in our communities. We are happy to have partnered with the Good Neighbors Philippines for projects aimed at empowering the marginalized and unemployed, such as the project implemented in Brgy. Campamanog, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia, Province of Bohol. The partnership aimed to provide 26 unemployed women the means to establish a rice retail store that would contribute both to the local economy and the livelihood of the women and their families.

Our collaboration underscores a shared mission and vision to excel in uplifting the lives of the underprivileged and marginalized, particularly women, by providing them with opportunities to engage in sustainable livelihood and support them through their economic empowerment. Through our joint efforts, we have made significant strides in successfully establishing sustainable businesses for their economic prosperity, capacitating and empowering women in entrepreneurship and financial management, and enabling them to take on leadership roles within their communities and inspire positive change.

These achievements stand as a testament to the efficacy of our collaboration and the transformative impact it has had on the lives of the women we serve. As we reflect on our accomplishments, we reaffirm our commitment to continued collaboration and partnership in furthering our shared objectives of empowering marginalized women and fostering community development. Together, our hearts to serve will continue to work tirelessly to expand opportunities, strengthen capacities, and create/a more inclusive and prosperous society for all our good neighbors.

Let us continue to journey together toward a brighter and more prosperous future for all.



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In the middle of the night during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Philippines was in the middle of a hard lockdown, and I was confined to my apartment, I would gaze out into the blackness of the night at a city whose lights were mostly shut down. Then I spied a string of lamps hanging from the tops of cruise ships in Manila Bay. They had docked there to drop off their mostly Filipino crews.

To me, those lights blazing defiantly in the darkness are like the programs of Good Neighbors Philippines. The Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, one of the world's premier private-sector disaster management organizations, has worked closely with Good Neighbors to assist communities devastated by Super Typhoon Odette (Rai) in December 2021. We funded the repair and rehabilitation of Lapinig Elementary School in Bohol and the installation of a hand-washing facility and rainwater catchment. Our thanks to the men and women of Good Neighbors for their invaluable help in this important project. The Philippines is a better place because of the partnership between PDRF and you.

May we continue to work together in both good and bad times, and may the friendship between Filipino and South Korean peoples grow and prosper over the years.



**RENE S. MEILY**

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Corporate Social Responsibility is one of the cornerstones of PascualLab's values. Our company was in fact, founded to provide for the post-war health needs of Filipinos. Inspired by this history, our company has since been supporting the evolving health needs of various underprivileged sectors through our quality, affordable, and family-friendly products.

Through the years, as CSR has taken a wider perspective of sustainable development, we have also pivoted to this approach, contributing what we can in terms of environmental, social, and governance goals. It heartens us to know that many charitable organizations all over the world have taken this stance as well. This is the reason why Good Neighbors' mission "to support communities to create sustainable and lasting solutions to people's environmental needs" resonates with us.

Last year, we were fortunate to have been given the chance to donate our products to Good Neighbors, which looks out for people, planet, and governance. What is particularly exciting about this partnership is that it opens our doors to more opportunities to help Filipinos, even in communities outside the country.

Thank you, Good Neighbors for the chance to take our CSR program further and may God continue to bless you more.



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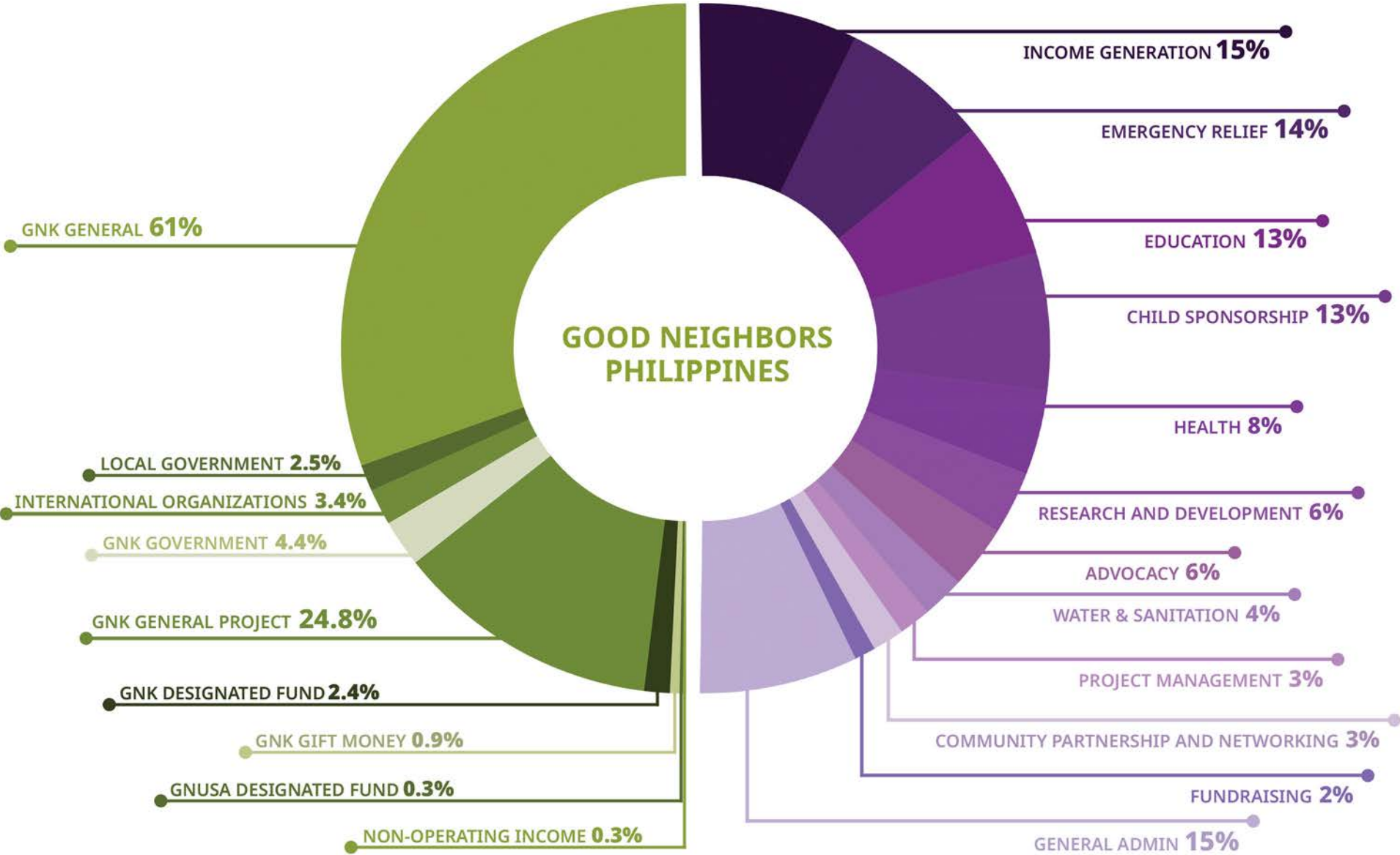
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TOTAL: ₱144,178,659.08

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# HOW YOUR GIVING HELPS

TOTAL: ₱108,322,946.91





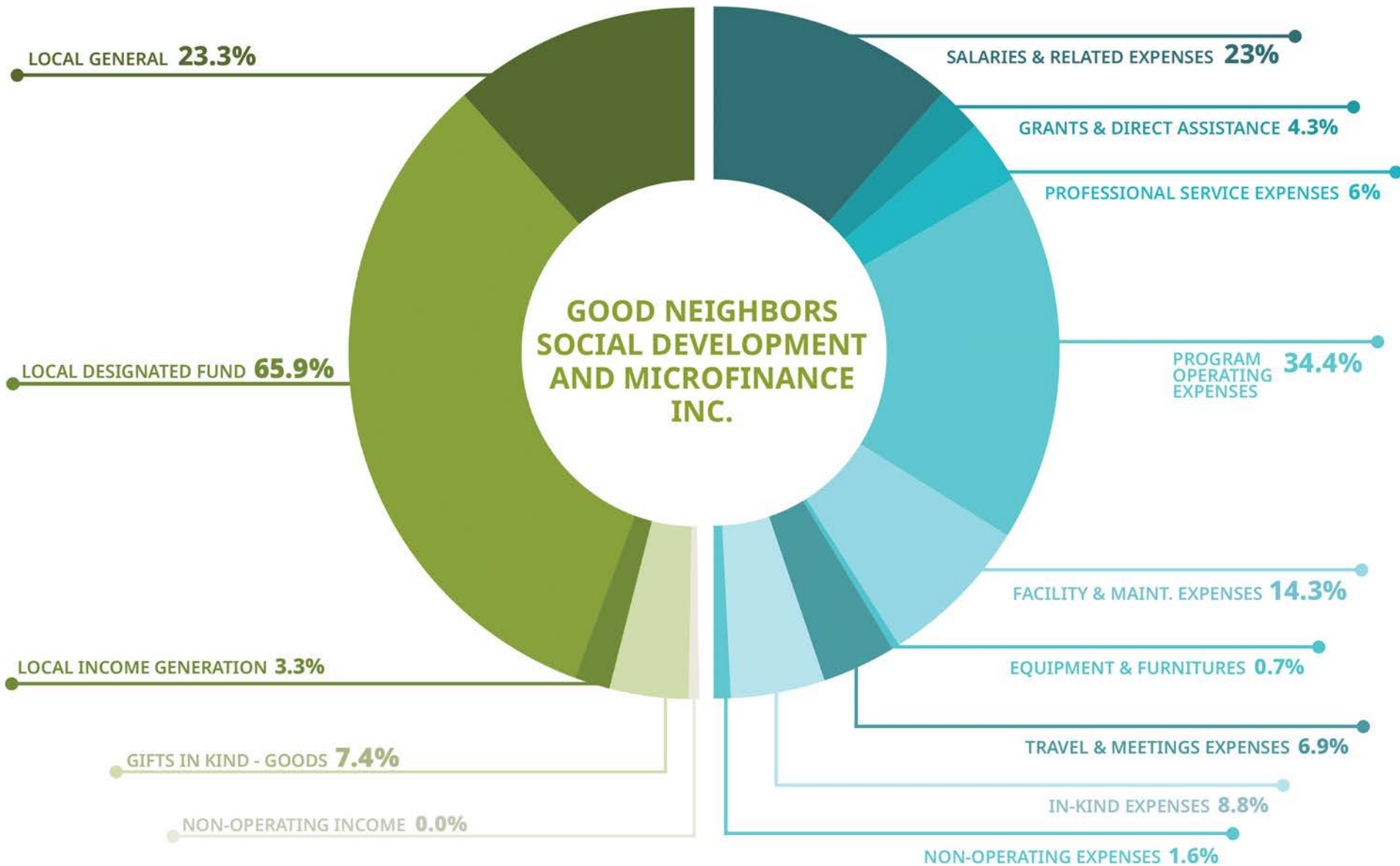
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TOTAL: ₱6,567,760.64





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