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1. Featured Project ~ *Progressive Educational Support and Accelerated Community-based Entrepreneurship in Mindanao (PEACE-Mindanao)* ~



Basic Adult Literacy Class

The Community Empowerment Program (CEP) featured this month is the “Progressive Educational Support and Accelerated Community-based Entrepreneurship in Mindanao (PEACE-Mindanao)” which started last November 2004.

PEACE-Mindanao is a 15 month project that provides basic education and livelihood skills to poor, disadvantaged, marginalized and indigenous women, men and out of school youths amidst the conflict prevailing in Mindanao. The Project is intended for the municipalities of Barira, Upi and Parang in Maguindanao, Marawi City in Lanao del Sur and Cotabato City.

About 1,500 individuals will directly benefit from Peace Literacy Education and another 1,000 individuals from Skills and Enterprise Development. The Peace Literacy Education is composed of (1) Basic Adult Education (BAED), wherein classes are conducted in Filipino and; (2) Advanced Adult Education (AAED) for school drop-outs who are literate in Filipino but illiterate in English and for graduates of BAED who may opt to continue their studies. The Skills and Enterprise Development serves the needs of those who are literate but with incomplete education or those who are neo-literates that require continuing education support in order to



Sewing Class

develop and sustain themselves as active and productive members of society. The training may include but not limited to the following: sewing, handicraft, food processing, mat weaving, electronics, vending and livestock raising.

Notre Dame Foundation for Charitable Activities, Inc.-Women in Enterprise Development (NDFCAI-WED), a Philippine NGO based in Cotabato City, is the partner of JICA for this Project. It was established in 1965 and has been serving the Muslims, Christians and Indigenous Peoples in Mindanao. For the past years, NDFCAI-WED has implemented projects in almost all regions of Mindanao through partnership building with LGUs, NGOs, Donor Agencies and communities. NDFCAI-WED gives importance on education and training as a vehicle to meet the basic learning needs of out-of-school children and youth as well as illiterate adults.



Food processing training for Muslim women

2. Featured NGO ~ *A Child's Trust Is Ours to Nurture (ACTION)* ~

Last August, the NGO Desk visited ACTION, a Japanese NGO working in Subic, Zambales. ACTION was established by Japanese students who visited the Philippines after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1994.

One of ACTION's programs in the Philippines is the construction and renovation of facilities of International Children's Advocate, Inc., also known as Nino's Pag-asa Center (NPC). NPC caters to impoverished children and those with disabilities and deformities. JIREH Children's Home (JCH) of Philippine Faith Mission, Inc. is also one of the partner institutions of ACTION. JCH caters to the physically abused, abandoned, neglected or orphaned children found in Olongapo City and other nearby towns.



Niños Pag-asa Center

Aside from these children's institutions, ACTION also holds eight yearly Work Camps wherein Japanese volunteers help in the activities of the Philippine NGO partners.

ACTION also collaborated with Aeta Development Foundation, Inc. in their project on medicinal plants and in

establishing health centers in remote areas in Zambales. In the field of education, ACTION helped establish “Hannel Christian Academy”, a kindergarten school for indigent children managed by Philippine Faith Mission, Inc.

ACTION also supports communities in Zambales by building day care centers, play grounds, deep-wells and community plazas.



One of the Children's Cottage in JIREH Home

3. Directory

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