



## **CARITAS-CACERES 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### **1. SEARCHDev Programme**

This 3-year program was launched in May 2017 as an offshoot of NASSA's (*National Secretariat for Social Action*) experience during the Typhoon Yolanda (Hayan) humanitarian experience. The SEARCHDev Project (*Sustaining Empowered And Resilient Communities towards Holistic Development*), is aimed at improving the competencies of the archdiocese in humanitarian response resulting in the empowerment of the communities to be more resilient and sustainable. CMDRR (*Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction*), the overarching element of the program, is integrated with emergency response and climate change adaptation. The project is being implemented in five barangays located in three municipalities. Program components include Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA) capacity enhancement, resilient livelihood development and community organizing. The program has total of 150 families who are the recipients of the livelihood interventions. SEARCHDev Project ends in June 2020. The following activities were performed during the year:

- a) Trainings on Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR) Volunteer Management and humanitarian response
- b) Formation and establishment of five (5) community organizations
- c) Disaster preparedness drills/early warning systems and exercises
- d) Formulation of climate and disaster resilient business plans for 5 organizations
- e) Development and adaptation of environmental policies and guidelines
- f) Training on micro enterprise with SHEG approach and value added techniques and environment policies

Year 2 for SEARCHdev Programme began in May 2018 – May 2019 and is now on its 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year (June 2019 - May 2020). Activities have levelled up to provision of livelihood, specifically sustainable agriculture, and DRR skills trainings on basic life support, and emergency response drills (earthquake, fire, simulation exercises for the Big One).

For its third year, beneficiaries shall be assisted by the Department of Trade and Industries (DTI) for the establishment of service facilities for cocoa tablea production, chips production from rootcrops. Trainings on food production, marketing and financial literacy will be the interventions for the final year.

#### **2. SHEG**

Caritas-Caceres entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with NASSA for the Self-Help Group (SHeG) Project, an aggrupation of basic ecclesiastic communities in the municipality of Bombon that establishes the appreciation of savings and the



management thereof in the interest of the cells. The project is implemented in coordination with the Parish of the Most Holy Rosary. The cell leaders were provided with financial capacity education to enable them to properly manage their savings. The groups are provided with simple financial education to manage the savings generated, leadership trainings, values education and livelihood skills trainings. The project ended in May 2018 but in October 2019 three (3) other areas were opened anew in Haring, Palestina and San Jose (Pili). Additional three SHeG areas were opened in the municipality of Ocampo. To date there are a total of nine (9) SHEG program areas: Bombon (pilot area); expansion areas: Haring, Palestina and San Jose (Pili); Ocampo, Himaa and Anayan. With 301 SHeG members; managing a total savings of P138,882.00; total amount of loans released for all areas has reached P140,325.25. Finances are managed by the SHeG group themselves.

- 3. In June the project **Building Sustainable and Resilient Farming and Fishing Communities in the 50 Barangays in the Provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and Sorsogon in Bicol Region** started. In Camarines Sur the project was launched in the municipalities of Magarao, Calabanga and Bombon covering a total of 10 barangays. Facilitated community-based Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Planning Workshops with DRR stockpile distribution and early warning devices. By the end of the 2019, the following materials were distributed to the target barangays: Pagao & Ponong -2 Solar Panels; Calabanga, Magarao, Bombon – MDRRMOs; Barangays San Roque, Casuray and San Bernardino – 3 based and 10 VHF transceiver; Pagao and San Roque, Balatasan Balongay, Punta-Tarawal, San Bernardino, Casuray – 7 generators; Pagao – 1 water tank with pump; Casuray, San Bernardino & Punta-Tarawal – 6 megaphones; San Roque, Ponong, 4 gas stoves with tank; Balongay – Floodlight, Electrical ladder, medicine kit, Spine board, water proof tent, utility roof, flat point shovel; Punta-Tarawal – water proof flashlight, rain coats, radio with flashlight; Casuray – Electrical ladder, power chainsaw; Ponong – Utility rope.**

In 2020, rehabilitation of evacuation centers, construction of WASH facilities, comfort rooms, kitchens, repairs of evacuation centers shall be the focus of the project which is being implemented in partnership with Bicol Consortium for Development Initiatives (BCDI) and Manos Unidas.

#### **4. CCCE PAG PR**

The CCCE PAG PR project was pursued and implemented in 3 municipalities of Camarines Sur (Ocampo, Magarao and Canaman) Three municipal CSO networks were established and are accredited with the local governments and empowerment



ordinance is in the pipeline. This year, the CSOs have been recognized by the LGUs to engage in monitoring of selected government projects. Moving forward activities include inter-face meetings with stakeholders and conducting of strategic planning sessions. The project ended in November 2018.

With the end of the CCCPAG (Consolidating CSO Networks for Citizens Engagement towards Participatory & Accountable Governance for Poverty Reduction) project in November, plans were made for phase two. PHILDhrra, our program partner has submitted proposal to the European Union. The project started in January 2020 in the municipalities of Ocampo, Canaman and Magarao. Reinforce and build on the contribution of CCCE PAG-PR in strengthening civil society organizations' (CSOs) capacities in mobilising effective citizens' demand for transparency, accountability and participatory local governance in pursuit of improved service delivery towards poverty reduction. It is envisioned to strengthen and expand constituency of citizens demanding for transparent and accountable governance to have a positive impact in improving service delivery of local government units (LGUs) in the target areas.

## **INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **1. Bishop Francisco Gainza Trade Fair (BFGTF)**

The Bishop Francisco Gainza Trade Fair is now on its 10<sup>th</sup> year. 143 micro, small and medium entrepreneurs participated in the trade fair. This year's trade fair earned for the exhibitors P11.1M in sales. The trade fair is done annually in partnership with the Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) as co-organizer. The previous 10<sup>th</sup> BFGTF was conducted from September 18-22, 2018. A total of 103 exhibitors/entrepreneurs from the Bicol Region and other parts of the country participated in the 11-day fair which generated sales of ₱8.1M for the exhibitors. Co-organizer for the fair is the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI Provincial Office) with the major participation of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

### **2. Humanitarian Service**

Typhoon Usman Relief Operations were conducted in late December 2018 until the first quarter of 2019. Food packs, clothes, toys were distributed to over 1000 family victims of the typhoon mostly from the coastal barangays in Partido area. The relief operations were conducted in partnership with NASSA/Caritas-International, Caritas Philippines, Catholic Relief Services as well as some local donors in Naga City. The different parishes assisted the Archdiocese of Caceres/Caritas-Caceres, through the parish social services committees in the distribution of relief goods. Typhoon Usman hit the Samar provinces



and some part of Bicol in December 2019. Its aftermath was felt in January 2019 with flood and landslides in Bula, Buhi and Sagñay. Relief operations were managed which continued into rehabilitation activities during the months of March and April with the support of NASSA, Caritas Manila, BCDI and CRS.

**3. Lamesa nin Pagkamoot** An activity initiated by Caritas-Caceres during the Lenten season, *Lamesa nin Pagkamoot*, which literally means table of love, started as a Lenten initiative of Caritas-Caceres. Weekend lunch is prepared by different parishes for the street families of Naga City. Today the practice is not only done during Lent but has become a weekly activity in the Immaculate Concepcion Parish.

**4. Tabang Escuela and College Scholarships**

*Tabang Escuela*, meaning assistance for education, provides basic school supplies and pays for basic school fees for selected elementary and high school students. Many school children from different parishes have been recipients of the project. Tabang Escuela is now on its third year. Additionally, six students enrolled in different courses are enjoying scholarships in a private school in Naga City, provided with tuition fees and matriculation fees. Tabang Escuela was pursued in May with beneficiaries from the Penafrancia Parish (153) and St. Vincent Ferrer Parish ,Sibaguan (85). Basic education public school children were provided with school supplies. Six college students continue to enjoy college scholarship. Yamang Bukid, constant partner in education for the past years, provided school supplies basic school fees for senior high school students. This year, they are assisting 29 high school students through the provision of school supplies and school fees.

**5. Vicarial DRR Orientation cum Basic Orientation on Social Services Action Works (BOSSAW)** in September 2018 and continued until November 2019. As of July 2019 DRR Orientations cum BOSSAW have been conducted in eleven (11) vicariates; Parish Disaster Response Teams (PADRE) Teams have been organized at the parish levels. These teams serve as the parish support groups to assist Caritas-Caceres during humanitarian response operations.

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**Executive Director**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2020**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

I am pleased to report to the Board of Trustees my report for the period 2019 January to 2020 June.

The year 2019, as in the past years of my term as Director of Caritas-Caceres, were enlivening as well as enriching, making me a better leader of my flock which I know I have to lead as Catholic social development workers for the least of our brethren. Allow me to share with you the varied experiences that have transpired for the past eighteen (18) months.

As the social action commission of the Archdiocese institution's (Caritas-Caceres) the three pillars of its being are works of MERCY, works of DEVELOPMENT, and works of JUSTICE AND PEACE geared towards poverty alleviation, reduction and eradication.

**II. SALIENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**WORKS OF MERCY**

➤ **TYPHOON DEPRESSION USMAN 2019) (TD USMAN)**

A total of 7,745 households / TD Usman victims were provided with assistance through a series of relief operations conducted in the different parishes.

Assistance were provided by the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), National Secretariat for Social Action (NASSA), and the Bicol Consortium for development Initiatives (BCDI)

➤ **TYPHOON TISOY (JANUARY 2020)**

1,620 households were the beneficiaries of relief Typhoon Tisoy relief operations.

Support poured in from Caritas Manila for food items and temporary shelter and NASSA.

Different parishes were involved for humanitarian services.

➤ **COVID 19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE (April 2020)**

A total of 8,200 families benefitted from the COVID 19 Response humanitarian services. Seventy parishes were involved in this endeavor.

**No. of parishes assisted: 65**

**No. of families reached: 8,000**

**Assistance provided: Food and Food Items consist of relief packs consisting of: canned goods, rice, vegetable seeds, hygiene materials, face masks**



**Archdiocese of Caceres:** 300 sacks for Class B, C and D parishes at subsidized prices

**NASSA Assistance:** Php. 503,800.00

**Food Items:** Php. 151,000.00 (rice and canned goods)

**Parish Beneficiaries:** Php. St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Sta. Teresita, Iriga City and Our Lady of Lourdes, Caranday, Baao (200 Families)

**Non-Food Items:** Php. 72,000.00 (hygiene kits, facemasks, vitamins)

**Parish Beneficiaries:** Php. St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Sta. Teresita, Iriga City and Our Lady of Lourdes, Caranday, Baao (200 Families)

**Community Kindness Stations:** Php. 60,000.00

**Parish Beneficiaries:** St. Vincent Ferrer, Ombao Polpog, Bula and Sibaguan, Sagñay

**Community Kindness Stores:** Php. 60,000.00,

**Parish Beneficiaries:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Himaao, Pili and St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dugcal

## WORKS OF DEVELOPMENT

- **SEARCHDev Program (Sustaining Empowered And Resilient Communities towards Holistic Development)**  
A three year project (May 2017-August 2020); 3 municipalities; 5 barangays; 150 beneficiaries  
Livelihood programs with the assistance of the Department of Trade & Industry
- **SHEG (Self Help Group)** encourage savings among its members  
ALAY KAPWA PROGRAM 2-YEAR ACCOMPANIMENT 40-4-D-4 SHeG PROJECT (2 years in 4 parishes)  
WOMEN, TOGETHER, LET'S MOVE! (1-year project in 3 parishes)
- **CCCE PAG PR (which could also be a Works of Justice & Peace)** Consolidating CSO Networks for Citizens Engagement towards Participatory & Accountable Governance for Poverty Reduction Phase 2 ) extension of CCCE PAG 1; 3 municipalities (Ocampo, Canaman and Magarao) are the project areas
- **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE S/Y 2019-2020 Tabang Escuela**
  - 6 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS (Naga College Foundation
  - BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES (ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY LEVELS)
- **MANOS/BCDI PROJECT (Building Sustainable and Resilient Farming and Fishing Communities in the 50 Barangays in the Provinces of Albay, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes and Sorsogon in Bicol Region (Phase II)**  
1-Year DRR project; 3 municipalities and 10 barangays
- **SEDP-SIMBAG SA PAG ASENSO**

## WORKS OF MERCY, JUSTICE AND PEACE

- Junk the Anti-Terror Bill
- Protection Against Sexual Exploitation & Abuse (PSEA) Advocacy
- Support to COVID 19 Initiatives (T-shirts)
- Uphold Press Freedom/Support to ABS-CBN

III. OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION : Please refer to attached detailed project reports

IV. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED: Please refer to attached detailed project reports

V. LOOKING FORWARD

For the next five (5) years we shall be guided by the Strategic Plan, for which we solicit your approval. We have also revisited our Vision and Mission Statement to encompass the core values of our purpose for being:

- Concern for the poor and marginalized
- Care for God's creation
- Dignity and rights of the human person
- Commitment to service



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