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MAY 2014

Around seven months after typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) reached out to the typhoon Survivors. In the province of **Capiz**, the SLB-assisted reconstruction of the Capiz Archdiocesan Catechetical Institute is ongoing and being monitored in partnership with the Social Action Center of the diocese. About twenty (20) communities were also given solar panels. There are also ongoing solar installations at Barangay Badiangan in the Municipality of Aljuy and Barangay Taloato in the Municipality of San Dionisio, in **Iloilo**. These areas were identified by the Jaro Archdiocesan Social Action Center (JASAC).

As for the **Province of Dinagat Islands** (PDI), motorboats were distributed to the fisherfolks of the municipality who lost their boats during the recent typhoons. The project is in partnership with the parish priests of PDI and is facilitated by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC). Educational financial assistance is also provided in the Province.

SLB had a partnership with Ateneo de Cebu for the “Roof for Relief” project. It provided roofs and other construction materials to the damaged houses in the northern part of **Cebu**. This was implemented by our partners, Gawad Kalinga, LH Foundation, Inc. and the Islands Group.

Testimonials from our Network

"Not only the lights, but even our homes. There even came a time when we were struck by an allergy to the extend that I can no longer sleep without rubbing an alcohol. But we really hoped that somebody would send help because our work and mission is for the Lord (God). The assistance came from SLB is also a service to the Lord, thus, thank you father Javy (Fr. Xavier Alpasa, SJ, SLB Executive Director)"

"First we would like to thank SLB and all the other sponsors who are helping the Diocese of Capiz. (Before the devastation of typhoon Haiyan) Many went to churches and convents because they thought it is safe there. When the typhoon made a landfall at around 11:00am we were very nervous because the surroundings were a bit calm but the storm's rage lasted from around 11:30am to 3:00pm. It was one of the worst experiences of our parish"



Sister Amelia Ninofranco

Missionary Catechist of St. Therese



Fr. Mark Granflor

Social Action Director
Archdiocese of Capiz

JUNE 2014

In general, life in **Isla Culion** goes on, this is due to recovery capacities inherent to the people. Traces of the destruction of Haiyan are gradually diminishing; trees, mangrove forest and fishing grounds are getting back to normal as well as the lives of many people in the island.

In Samar and Leyte, school year has already started but some students are still having difficulties due to lack of classrooms and financial incapacities. These provinces are expected to be visited by His Holiness, Pope Francis on January 2015. In particular, the Pope wishes to visit the typhoon and earthquake survivors in the Philippines.

June 2-4

SLB DRRM Program Manager Bernie Aton visited the Province of Dinagat Islands (PDI). She conducted meeting with the priests of the areas of Libjo, Dinagat Town, Basilisa and Cagdiano. They discussed the Memorandum of Agreement with the students and priests about the details, rules, and coverage of SLB-coordinated scholarship.

June 3-4

SLB Project Officers Rex Alfafara and Xavier Alvaran visited destroyed chapels in Salcedo, Samar Province for assessment. They were accompanied by some engineers and parish priests in doing ocular inspections. They also went to areas in Leyte to coordinate with project partners.

June 14

Bangon Pilipinas team in Culion, led by SLB Program Associate Ye Nuñez organized the final discussions and approval of the Constitution and **By Laws of all People's Organizations** (PO) formed through the coordination of SLB.



June 17

To sustain coordination with the stakeholders, SLB team has conducted a collaboration meeting with selected social enterprises in **Culion to form a "Livelihood Ecosystem Group of Culion"**. It is comprised of Kawil Tours, Hotel Maya, Loyola College of Culion, Isla Culion Consumers Cooperative and SLB

June 15

As part of SLB's coastal management project, SLB Team led a coastal cleaning activity in Barangay Binudac. This event was participated by the residents and coordinated by the officers and **members of the People's Organization**.

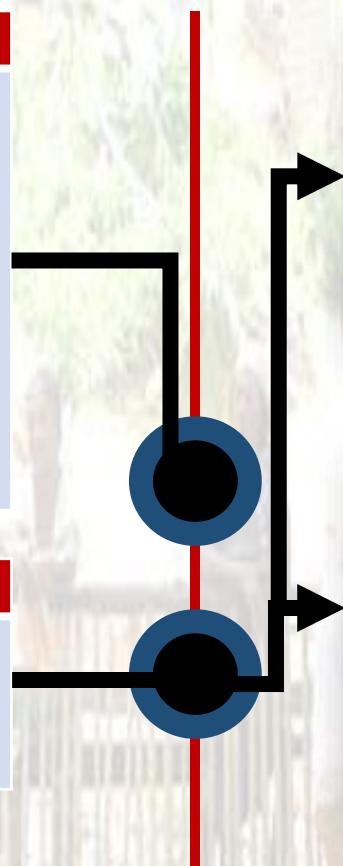
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June 25

In the Province of Dinagat Islands, SLB team started releasing funds to the beneficiaries of the Dreamcatcher Scholarship program in the municipalities of Dinagat and Basilisa. These beneficiaries were college students whose families were heavily affected by typhoon Haiyan.

June 28

Nine more boats were distributed to the fisherfolks of Poblacion in Isla Culion as livelihood assistance.



JULY 2014

With the people of **Isla Culion** showing consistent and remarkable resiliency over the effects of Yolanda, recovery had been setting milestones that laid foundations for long-term development of the region.

To cite accomplishments within the month, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan, in partnership with the La Inmaculada Parish of Culion and other partners, held groundbreaking ceremony in Alulad and Chindunan for the proposed construction of Multi-Purpose Evacuation Center in Cagait, Alulad, Chindunan and Galoc proper on July 17, 2014.

Meanwhile, SLB is involved in various programs in **Leyte**. Months after the calamity, residents of Leyte, particularly those living in Tacloban City, Tanauan, and Palo, were slowly recovering from the consequences of the typhoon. Many partners were conducting reconstruction of housing and educational facilities, parts of which received funding from SLB. Livelihood was also a priority through the initiatives of SLB that would aid tricycle operators and drivers in Tacloban City and target Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) in Tacloban City.

In **Samar**, initiatives to rehabilitate the areas under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Borongan were being organized to address livelihood problems and reconstruction of facilities through micro-credit and chapel repairs assistance respectively.

Months after the rampage of Yolanda, the **Province of Dinagat Islands** (PDI) is slowly recuperating. SLB initiated different projects to address the problems of the residents of PDI who lost their sources of livelihood and utilities because of the disaster. Among the projects organized were the motorboat assistance, scholarship, and solar installations.

Rehabilitation efforts were initiated in the northern part of the province of **Iloilo**. The projects handled by SLB, solar panels installation and the distribution of shelter repair kits, were organized to address pressing problems in housing and energy. Reconstruction efforts were underway in Roxas, **Capiz** where the CACI and mission chapels were some of the structures hit by the supertyphoon.



Construction of houses in Barangay Magay, organized by the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation (ASOLC) and partially funded by SLB, is ongoing.
(Photo courtesy of Sr. Zaida Villareal)



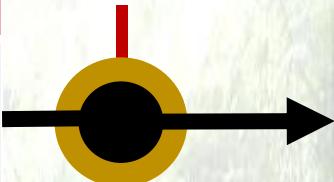
July 16

A livelihood seminar, facilitated by Fr. Xavier Alpasa, S.J., was conducted in Barangay Tiza in Culion, Palawan and attended by more than 50 participants.

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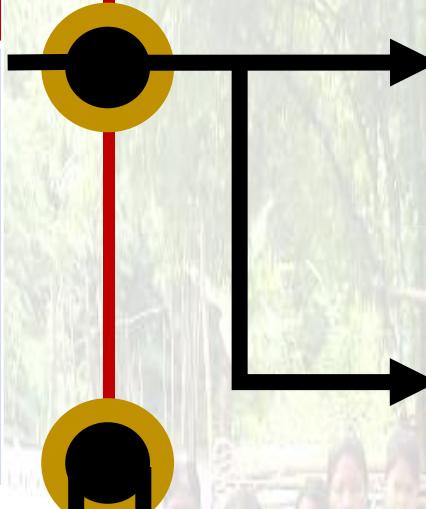
July 16

BPI-Globe BankO, the first mobile-based bank in the country and the first ever in the island, was launched in Isla Culion, graced by the presence of Father Provincial Tony Moreno during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



July 17

Groundbreaking ceremony for the planned Multi-Purpose Evacuation Hall (MPEH) buildings was held in Sitio Alulad, Barangay Baldat and in Chindunan with SLB, Cartwheel Foundation, Inc. and La Inmaculada Concepcion Parish of Culion, Palawan. The design of the buildings was already finalized through consultations by OCB architects with SLB and partner organizations.



Groundbreaking in Chindunan



Groundbreaking in Alulad



July 18

SLB organized a Basic Bookkeeping Seminar in Binudac, facilitated by SLB DRRM Programs Manager Bernie Aton and assisted by SLB Team Culion Officers.



July 19

SLB organized a Basic Bookkeeping Training in Galoc, facilitated by SLB DRRM Programs Manager Bernie Aton and assisted by SLB Team Culion Officers with teachers from LCC, Ms. Domenique Tabangay Pacañot and Ms. Beth Nuñez.

AUGUST 2014

Although there were challenges faced by the programs in **Isla Culion**, Palawan, the planned activities of Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) and the Culion Livelihood Ecosystem (CLE) continued to be in motion.

Around ten months after Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), many areas in different provinces were reaping the fruits of the projects supported by SLB through its donors. A good example would be the case of Roxas City in the province of **Capiz** where the reconstruction of the damaged Capiz Archdiocese Catechetical Institute (CACI), a project supported by SLB and the Ateneo DReAM Team, is ongoing and showing significant progress.

In Guiuan, **Eastern Samar**, financing assistance to the expanded micro-credit program called Small Enterprise Kapital Assistance Program, Inc. (SEKAP) had been initiated with local church partners. Meanwhile, plans for the rebuilding of chapels in Salcedo and the repairing of the church in Basey, both in Eastern Samar, are underway.

Student-beneficiaries of the Dreamcatcher Scholarship program in **Dinagat Islands** were already enrolled for the first semester. Both the solar installation and motorboat assistance projects, looked forward to restore the livelihood of the beneficiaries, are also underway.

SLB and its partner, Habitat for Humanity, are initiating efforts to locate beneficiaries for the Shelter Repair Kits project in Iloilo. Meanwhile, the solar installation project in the same area is under monitoring.



August 14

German visitors, through the coordination of SLB, installed two (2) solar-powered lamps that they brought in communal areas in Sitio Cagait and distributed 10 household solar lamps. SLB Project Officer Ye Nuñez facilitated the orientation for the selected community regarding the installation of the solar equipment while SLB staff Elee Mar Buletano and Syrine Jude Parangue organized the house-to-house facilitation.



August 7

The Samahan ng mga Responsablene Mamamayan ng Galoc (SAREMAGA) and the Hugpong Mananagat ng **Binudac (HUMABI)**, both Peoples' Organizations based in Isla Culion, had been accredited by the local government.



August 11-12

SLB officers and representatives from Kawil Tours, Loyola College of Culion, Isla Culion Consumers Cooperative and Hotel Maya Culion attended the Culion Livelihood Ecosystem (CLE) strategic planning. CLE was able to come up with the draft of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for their proposed projects.



AUGUST 2014

August 15-17

SLB DRRM Programs Manager Bernie Aton and Project Officer Ernie Taeza attended the blessing of the constructed houses in Barangay Magay, Tanauan, Leyte. 10 of the total number of houses are funded by SLB through the support of its donors. The two also met with Sto. Nino Parish priest Msgr. Alex Opiniano for updates regarding the committed support of SLB to the planned **Coordinating and Consumers' Center** project of the transport sector in Tacloban City.



August 17

The SLB team in Isla Culion conducted activities for monitoring and evaluation of the SAREMAGA organization based in Galoc. SLB Project Officer Ye Nuñez facilitated the evaluation of SAREMAGA while SLB officers Syrine Jude Parangue and Elee Mar Bulotano, together with Loyola College of Culion volunteers Ms. Beth Nuñez and Ms. Domenique Pacañot, conducted the livelihood monitoring activity for the distributed fiberglass boats by interviewing the recipients. The amount for the purchase of 2 motor banca boats were later received by SAREMAGA after the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the evaluation session.

Sustainability is definitely up-and-coming in SAREMAGA as their members and leaders showed their natural capacity to maintain efforts and organize on their own, leading to significant development in their organization.

August 16

The team assigned to Isla Culion conducted a Monitoring and Evaluation training session with JRS Trainer Yeni Kristanti. The tools learned were used for the monitoring and evaluation activity with SAREMAGA and HUMABI.



August 18

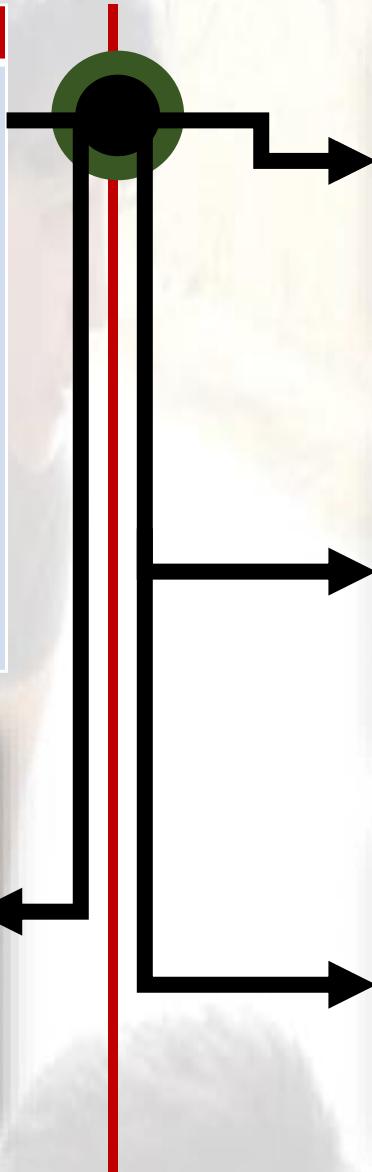
The SLB team also conducted an evaluation session for HUMABI in Binudac. They were able to assess the needs of the group and decided to provide a Leadership, Commitment, and Team-Building workshop to strengthen their commitment and realign their mission, in the immediate future.



AUGUST 2014

August 18-20

As part of its networking efforts, the SLB team facilitated the community exposure visit of Ateneo DReAM Team (Disaster Response and Management Team) in Isla Culion. Aside from fellowship with the local communities in Isla Culion, particularly in Sitio Alulad, the team also helped in clearing the area where the Multi-Purpose Evacuation Hall (MPEH) would be established. The team also visited the Loyola College of Culion. Incidentally, the Ateneo DReAM Team is **the primary donor for SLB's project, the reconstruction of Capiz Archdiocese Catechetical Institute, in Roxas City.**



SEPTEMBER 2014

In **Isla Culion**, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) and Culion Livelihood Ecosystem (CLE), together with other stakeholders, conducted the continuation of the Organizational Development and Strategic Planning Session to address some concerns and in turn, were able to clarify the roles of each CLE members, their targets, and the processes required to achieve goals. As an output, a workshop was facilitated by SLB team to further the commitment of concerned organizations. This intervention served as stepping stones for the members of the organizations to strengthen their relationships and leaders of the communities to provide as much impact as possible to their constituents.

Meanwhile, projects in other areas such as Leyte, Samar, Iloilo, and Capiz are gradually coming to fruition. New programs are also being conceptualized to provide long-term livelihood solutions to selected barangays in Tacloban City, Leyte and housing aid for residents in affected barangays in Iloilo.



September 11

Representatives from SAREMAGA, HUMABI, Culion Livelihood Ecosystem and Cartwheel Foundation, Inc., members of the Samahan ng Kababaihan sa Barangay Tiza (SKBT) and leaders of Barangay Libis, and student-leaders from Culion Elementary School and Loyola College of Culion participated in the Leadership, Commitment, and Team-Building Workshop, facilitated by SLB and held in Loyola College of Culion Auditorium. The seminar deepened their commitment to service and understanding of their mission.

On the same day, SAREMAGA received donations from the Sun Life Foundation for the purchase of five (5) motor banca boats. The donations were addition to the donations of Ms. Kat Rodrigo, which corresponded to two (2) motor-powered boats for the livelihood of recipients.

September 5-7

SLB facilitated the continuation of the Organizational Development and Strategic Planning Session of the Culion Livelihood System to discuss pertinent concerns of the organizations involved. Representatives from **Isla Culion Consumers' Cooperative**, Kawil Tours, Hotel Maya, Loyola College of Culion, SAREMAGA of Galoc, and HUMABI of Binudac attended the event. They were able to assess the particular interventions needed to create more impact and value in their activities.



SEPTEMBER 2014

September 12-14

SLB Project Officer Ash Mingi conducted a meeting with volunteers for the Shelter Repair Kits (SRK's) project for Estancia and Carles in Iloilo, in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity. She met Sr. Ting Calamba of the Carmelite Missionaries, Fr. Macky of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish and Jeanie Olvido, member of the Sangguniang Bayan.

She also conducted site assessment in Barangay Bolo and Tupaz in Carles and Barangay Bayuyan, Gogo, and Canoan in Estancia for prospective beneficiaries of the SRK project.



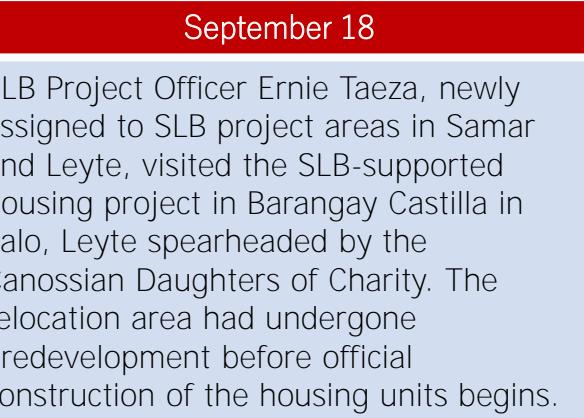
Leyte and Samar

Projects of Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) in Samar and Leyte are rolling and gaining significant progress. SLB supported a number of reconstruction and housing projects in these areas.



September 19

SLB Project Officer Ernie Taeza visited St. Michael the Archangel Parish and met the Parish Pastoral Council, Project Committee Head of Church Restoration and the priests for the turning over of approved fund for the repairs of the said church in Basey, Samar.



SEPTEMBER 2014



September 20

SLB Project Officer Ernie Taeza met Most Rev. Crispin Varquez, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Borongan, and Ms. Maricel Picardal, Project Manager of the Small Enterprise Kapital Assistance Program, Inc. (SEKAP) to send the funds for micro-finance support for the SEKAP project extension in Guiuan, Eastern Samar. After the turnover of funds, Ernie visited some of the officers and beneficiaries in Barangay 7 and Barangay Surok in Guiuan.



SLB Project Officer Ash Mingi also visited the Capiz Archdiocese Catechetical Institute (CACI) for monitoring. SLB, through the generous support of donors particularly the Ateneo DReAM Team, coordinated the retrofitting of the said building.



September 21

The next day, Ernie visited two chapels under St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, the San Antonio de Padua and San Roque Chapels, in Salcedo, Samar. SLB, through the help of its donors and in partnership with the Diocese of Borongan, will fund the reconstruction and repair of several chapels in Samar.



September 22

Ernie also visited the Sacred Heart Seminary (SHS) in Palo, Leyte. SLB supported the reconstruction of the seminary by funding through its donors the building of the high school science laboratory, computer room, and the audio-visual room (AVR). He met Fr. Aaron Quilaneta, Vice Rector, and Fr. Kim Miro, Project Coordinator.

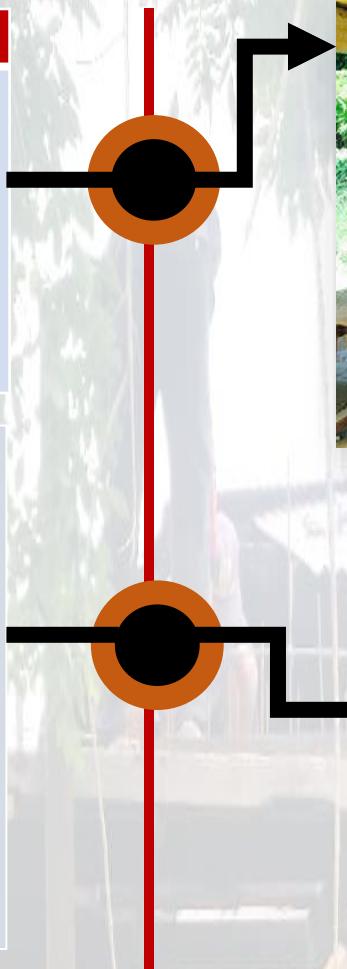
In the afternoon, he conducted an on-site project visit and meeting with the council of the Tacloban Federation of Motorcab-for-Hire (MCH) Drivers and Operators (TAFEMDO) in Barangay 110 (Otap) in Tacloban City. SLB gave support to the group through the committed start-up capital for the **organization's TODA Consumers' and Coordinating Center**. The center is under construction.

SEPTEMBER 2014

September 23

Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) coordinators, members of the Calvary Hills Alliance of Responsible Mothers (CHARMS), and SLB Project Officer **Ernie Taeza** met to discuss the SLB's planned livelihood program, in partnership with SPC Tuguegarao and Sto. Niño Parish.

Later in the day, Ernie visited Barangay Magay for the monitoring of the housing project headed by the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation (ASOLC) and supported by SLB through funding from its donors. After the turning over of the first batch of housing units to fifteen beneficiaries last August, the association began the construction of the second and third batches. SLB funded a total of ten housing units and is looking to extend the support to complete a batch.



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