

GOOD PRACTICE DOCUMENTATION

Linking Ties Beyond Kalahi-CIDSS Kalahi-CIDSS Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Implementation in Brgy. Himakilo, Bontoc, Southern Leyte

I. CONTEXT

As of May 31, 2019, KALAHI-CIDSS-National Community Driven Development Program (KC-NCDDP) has funded and completed 6,171 community sub-projects (SP) in Eastern Visayas. A large percentage of these subprojects are targeted at post-typhoon restoration of community access infrastructure (e.g., roads, footbridges, trails, and footpaths), environmental protection and conservation (e.g., flood protection and sea walls), and basic social services (e.g., schools, daycare centers, health centers, and electrification). While these immediate needs are being met, communities are also planning ahead for livelihood recovery as they move into the reconstruction phase. These will include SP's that cover community production, economic support, common service facilities, and livelihood and entrepreneurial skills training.

On average, only 10% of livelihood SP's that were identified during the Participatory Situational Analysis (PSA) in Typhoon Yolanda affected areas have been funded under Kalahi CIDSS. The gap in funding for livelihood related SP's is expected to increase given the unmet community livelihood needs in Cycles 1 and 2 of KC-NCDDP in Yolanda affected areas. At the same time, the lack of jobs continues to be a key challenge in affected communities. Therefore, it is crucial for KC-NCDDP to be able to focus additional resources on the livelihood SP's. Income poverty is the most serious manifestation of poverty. Without sufficient income, the poor will not be able to afford or have access to their basic needs (Balisacan 2008). Thus, although poverty is multi-dimensional, income generation is an essential element of any poverty reduction strategy (Songco 2010).

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) have partnered to implement additional financing to restore livelihoods of Typhoon Yolanda victims through a Typhoon Yolanda Multi-Donor Trust Fund (TYMTF).

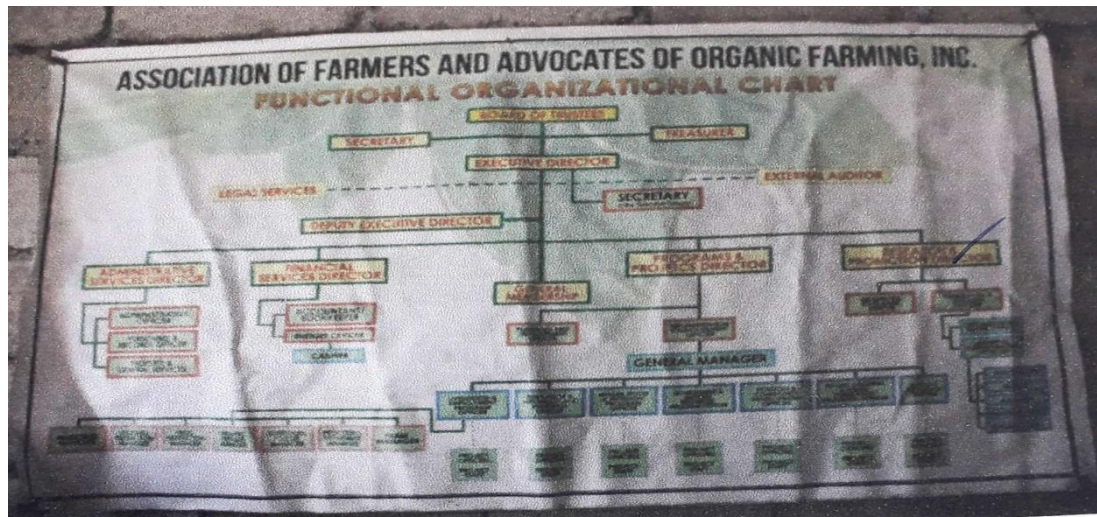
The additional financing was used to scale up KC-NCDDP by supporting livelihood-related subprojects and finance changes in project scope. It facilitated the selection and financing of livelihood-related Community-Driven

Development (CDD) sub-projects that contribute to the overall efforts of job creation and poverty reduction. It is consistent with the priority assigned by the TYMTF to restoration of livelihood in typhoon-affected communities in support of the Reconstruction Assistance for Yolanda (RAY) Plan of the Philippine government.

A total of 55 livelihood and entrepreneurship sub-projects have been prioritized by communities in Region VIII. Particularly, Barangay Himakilo in Southern Leyte implemented the Expansion of Accelerated Vinegar Production with the provision of purchasing production equipment and vehicle amounting to PHP 983,000.00 grant. The sub-project is being implemented by the Association of Farmers and Advocates of Organic Farming, Inc. (AFAOFI) to supply the consumer with sufficient quantity and high quality vinegar, which will sell lower than the market price in the present situation.

The community decided through the result of the (PSA) to expand the accelerated vinegar and other variety of products. The AFAOFI organization is composed of 58 members who represent 78% of the 81 total households in Barangay Himakilo.

Vinegar is considered as one of the most needed product in the market due to its affordability and economically viable. Sogod and nearby Municipalities in Southern Leyte are considered primary markets for the said product knowing that vinegar is one of the basic household commodities.



Linkaging is the way

There is a challenge in sustaining the sub-project operation. One of these is its linkages to institutions to government agencies, private entities and other organization to support and expand its operation. Previously, networking capability of the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Group is not well-established. They don't have the capacities in forging the linkages with these organizations that will help them in sustaining of the sub-project in terms of technical and financial support.

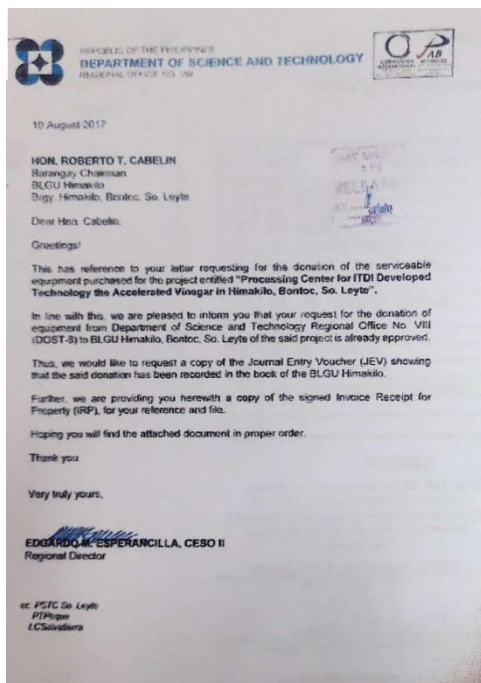
II. IMPLEMENTATION

The Sustainability Evaluation Test (SET) was conducted on April 4, 2019 in Barangay Hall of Himakilo, Bontoc 13 months after the sub-project was completed in May 31, 2019. The Sustainability Evaluation is a mechanism which determines functionality of completed subprojects and resulting benefits derived from this. It assesses the sustainability performance, actual utilization, and evaluates the quality of community sustainability program. This will be the basis in providing Technical Assistance to the O&M Groups.

One of the components in the conduct of SET is the Institutional Linkages which comprise of 20% of the overall rating. The Expanded Vinegar Production sub-project garnered 4.27 rating on Institutional Linkages Rating and an overall SET rating of 4.49 (5.00 is the highest rating). The Institutional Linkage and Support component of SET measure the provision of support by the National Agencies, Local Government and other organization in the Operation and Maintenance group which in this case, the AFAOFI organization. The high rating indicates a very satisfactorily assessment on its networking capabilities with different stakeholders.

AFAOFI maintained its collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office VIII which they provided the initial materials and equipment in the production of high quality vinegar with the total amount of Php 49,725.00.

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DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
08/10/17	49,725.00	Equipment for Processing Center	49,725.00
08/10/17	8,014.25	Technical Assistance	8,014.25
08/10/17	57,739.25	Total	57,739.25

The Department of Trade and Industry Southern Leyte Provincial Office assisted the AFAOFI in the packaging of the Vinegar product and providing additional materials to improve the production. Total assistance is worth Php 8,014.25

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY
Regional Office No. 6

INVOICE RECEIPT FOR PROPERTY

TRANSFER of property from DTI Southern Leyte to Association of Farmers and Advocates of Organic Farming Inc.

QTY	UNIT	NAME & DESCRIPTION	DATE OF PURCHASE	PROPERTY NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	UNIT VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
15	pcs	Lab Gown				260.00	3,900.00
15	pcs	Cap Sheer				1.90	28.50
15	pcs	Mask				5.00	75.00
15	pcs	Chlorine (Original 500 ML)				21.75	326.25
2	boxes	Plastic Disposable Gloves				59.75	119.50
15	pcs	Elbow Gloves				65.00	975.00
10	pcs	Slip-on Slippers (Women)				110.00	1,100.00
5	pcs	Slip-on Slippers (Men)				115.00	575.00
10	pair	Socks (White)				15.00	150.00
5	pair	Socks (White)				12.00	60.00
15	pcs	Towel (White)				12.00	180.00
15	pcs	Clear Goggles/ Welding Glass				35.00	525.00
						TOTAL	8,014.25

INVOICE

I certify that I have transferred this 26th day of June 2018, invoiced to Romulo G. Leopardas, Chairman of Association of Farmers and Advocates of Organic Farming Inc., the above listed articles, property of

DTI SO. LEYTE PROVINCIAL OFFICE

(Name of Bureau or Office)

MICHAEL B. NUÑEZ

(Signature of Invoicing Accountable Officer)

Provincial Director

(Title)

RECEIPT

I certify that I have received this 26th day of June 2018, invoiced from Michael B. Nuñez, Provincial Director, DTI Southern Leyte, the above listed articles, property of

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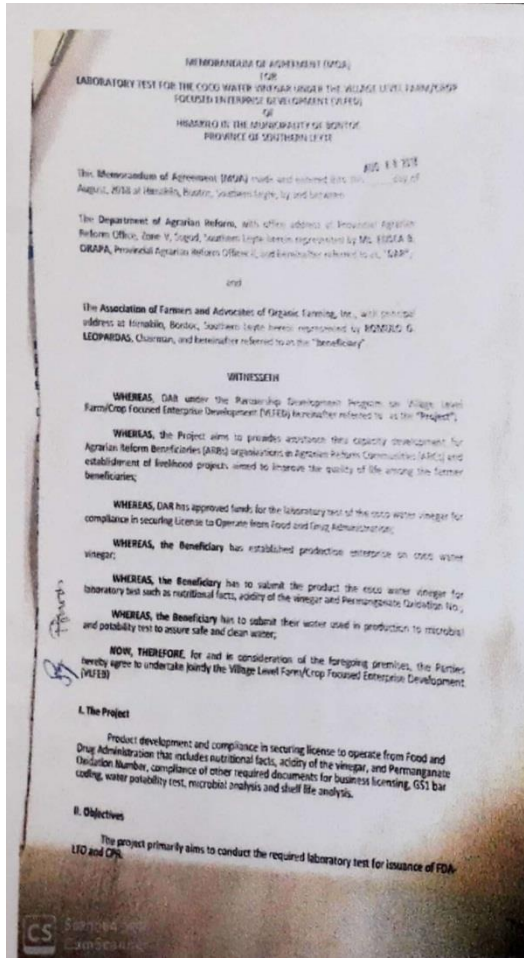
Chairman

(Title)

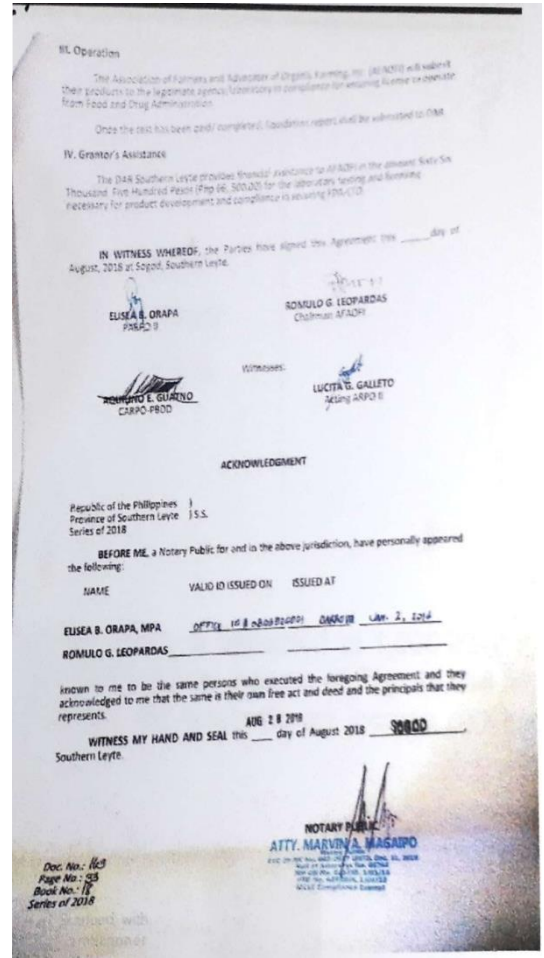
The latest assistance that AFAOFI was able to secure is from the Department of Agrarian Reform Provincial Office in Southern Leyte. The assistance amounting to PhP 66,500.00 is for the laboratory testing and licensing necessary for the product development and in compliance in securing permit from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its planned large scale production.



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Some of the equipment/material purchased from grants from different partner agencies

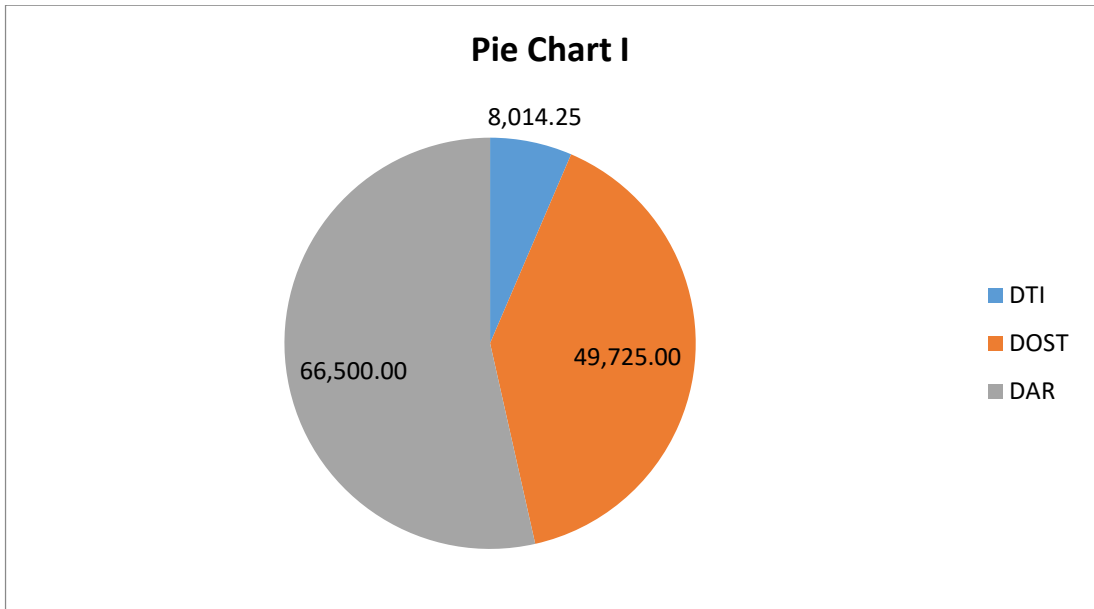
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III.RESULTS/IMPACT

Innovating for a greater purpose

The innovation in strengthening the linkages of the stakeholders beyond the minimum requirement of the program secure the sub-project's sustainability to strive. This generated a total amount of Php 124,239.25 grant from DOST, DTI and DAR



The amount equates to boost the vinegar production which is expected at 1,000 liters a day. At PhP 15.00 for 330 mL ordinary vinegar will generate an income of PhP 45,454.50 per day while PhP 20.00 for 330 mL spiced vinegar will generate an income of PhP 60,606.00 per day.

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AFAOFI Members showing their finished products



IV. LESSON LEARNED

The initiative of the O & M group of the Livelihood and Enterprise sub-project to connect to different organization ensures its sustainability.

The AFAOFI resourcefulness widened their networking coverage that would expand their product portfolio and reach a wider market. Their strong partnership creates a link between this organizations in sharing best practices to benefit the vinegar industry. Also, the regular contact to these agencies would be beneficial to the O&M Group for the up-to-date technologies.



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A sari-sari owner says the AFAOFI vinegar pouch is one of the best sellers in her store

VI. IMPLICATIONS FOR REPLICATIONS

Ensuring sustainability

To ensure sustainability and recognize its structure, AFAOFI registered their organization and enter into agreements with the local government units. A resolution was made to recognize their legal existence. They are currently coordinating with the Department of Agrarian Reform Southern Leyte Provincial Office in preparation for their application with the Food and Drug Administration which has more stringent requirements. Also, capacity building in a form of Bookkeeping was attended by 5 staff of AFAOFI to properly manage their financial transactions.

Reaping the Reward

The association of Farmers and Advocates of Organic Farming, Inc. (AFAOFI) reaped its success for its initiative in collaborating with other agencies as they received an award last August 9, 2019 from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office VIII for its entry, Expansion of Accelerated Vinegar.

It won the 2019 Best Science and Technology Livelihood Project, besting other entries in demonstrating high receptivity to science, technology and innovation leading to inclusive and sustainable growth and development for members of the organization and the community.

Also, they are heralded as the 6th Regional Bayani Ka! Winner for Sustained Community Volunteer's Group on November 29, 2019 in Tacloban City.

This only tells that communities most especially the poor, vulnerable and marginalized sectors can be a huge asset and partner of change.



AFAOFI members receiving the award from DOST Secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña , Governor Leopoldo Dominic L. Petilla and DOST 8 Regional Director Edgardo M. Esperancilla last August 9, 2019 at Robinsons' Place , Marasbaras Tacloban City



The AFOAFI members receiving the award as the bayani ka!winner for Sustained Community Volunteers' Group from DSWD Regional Director Marie Angela Gopalan, OIC-DC Natividad Sequito, DRPM Gerardo Peneda and RCIS Betsy Estorninos



VIII. ANNEXES



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
CEBU EXTENSION OFFICE
Cebu City

COMPANY REG. NO. CN201433918

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

This is to certify that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of:

**ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS AND
ADVOCATES OF ORGANIC FARMING, INC.**

were duly approved by this Commission on this date upon the issuance of this Certificate of Incorporation in accordance with the Corporation Code of the Philippines (Batas Pambansa Blg. 68), and copies of said Articles and By-Laws are hereto attached.

This Certificate grants juridical personality to the corporation but does not authorize it to undertake business activities requiring a Secondary License from this Commission such as, but not limited to acting as: broker or dealer in securities, government securities eligible dealer (GSED), investment adviser of an investment company, close-end or open-end investment company, investment house, transfer agent, commodity/financial futures exchange/ broker/ merchant, financing company, pre-need plan issuer, general agent in pre-need plans and time shares / club shares/ membership certificates issuers or selling agents thereof. Neither does this Certificate constitute as permit to undertake activities for which other government agencies require a license or permit.

As a registered corporation, it shall submit annually to this Commission the reports indicated at the back of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this Commission to be affixed at Cebu City, Philippines, this 14th day of October, Two Thousand Fourteen.



Lindeza Rogero-Gavino
LINDEZA ROGERO-GAVINO
Director
SEC CEBU OFFICE

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MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC

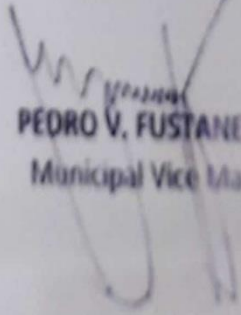
CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, having satisfactorily complied with the requirements for accreditation pursuant to the Local Government Code and as promulgated in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2010-73 dated August 4, 2010, the

ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS AND ADVOCATES OF ORGANIC FARMING, INC.

an organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and established in accordance with law is hereby awarded this Certificate of Accreditation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Municipality of Bontoc to be affixed hereto this 8th day of December 2014 here at Bontoc, Southern Leyte, Philippines.


PEDRO V. FUSTANES, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS,
AND ADVOCATES OF
ORGANIC FARMINGS, INC.
(Name of Organization)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

We, the undersigned incorporators, all of legal age, have this day voluntarily agreed to form a non-stock and non-profit non-government organization under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines:

THAT WE HEREBY CERTIFY:

Article I: That the name of the said corporation shall be:

ASSOCIATION OF FARMERS, AND ADVOCATES OF ORGANIC FARMINGS, INC.

Article II: That the purpose for which this corporation is formed are:

To establish a non-stock and a non-profit non-government organization for the interest and benefits of the people particularly but not limited to the farmers, their families, their communities and environment by initiating, conducting, managing and/or implementing any and/or all kinds of programs, projects and/or activities such as but not limited to those that would help alleviate poverty such as but not limited to:

- 1.) Agricultural programs or activities particularly and with emphasis, but not limited to, organic farming, raising and/or dispersal of livestock, production and/or processing of agricultural products and/or by-products, participation and/or collaboration in any or all kinds of coconut programs of the government and to avail of any and/or all kinds of possible assistance from the government and/or private sectors in connection thereof,
- 2.) Livelihood and employment programs or activities including but not limited to the formations, development and/or operation of enterprises or income generating project/s; and
- 3.) Environmental programs including but not limited to the advocacy of caring and/or protecting the environment and its components,

under the spirit of unity, love, and cooperation, making them aware of their significant role in shaping the society, in coordination with the private sectors, the government, the religious organizations/institutions and other non-government organizations, domestic or foreign, and in the doing of or performing of any and all kinds of acts or activities necessary, proper or convenient for, incidental or connected to the furtherance and/or implementation of the purposes or objectives of the organization such as but not limited to tri-media programs and services, and other tri-media related programs and services, and that the resources are to be utilize directly for the active conduct of the activities constituting the purposes or functions of the organization for which it is organized and operated, and in the event of dissolution, the assets of the organization would be distributed to another accredited non-government organization organized for similar purpose or purposes or to the State for public purpose or purposes, or would be distributed by a competent court of justice to another non-government organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the said court shall best accomplish the general purpose or purposes for which this organization was organized and that no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall belong to or inure to the benefit of any member, organizer, officer or any specific person.

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Article VIII: That the sources of this organization shall be from membership fees, annual dues, and special assessment of members, contributions, gifts, or donations of individuals, business firms, other organizations and other possible sources allowed by law, here in the Philippines and abroad. No part of the net income or asset shall belong to or inure to the benefit of any member, organizer, officer or any specific person, subject to the provisions of the Corporation Code. Any profit obtained by the organization as a result of its operation, necessary or proper, shall be used for the furtherance of the purposes in the Article II of the Corporation Code of the Philippines. The level of administrative expenses on an annual basis does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total expenses and of the total donations for the taxable year. However, in the event the organization is dissolved or would cease operation, its assets acquired after its incorporation shall go or will be distributed to another accredited non-government organization organized for similar purposes, or to the State for public purposes, or would be distributed by a competent court of justice to another non-government organization to be used in such manner as in the judgment of the said court shall be best accomplished the general purposes for which the organization was organized.

Article IX: That **CRISPIN T. DE JESUS** has been elected by the members as Treasurer of the Corporation to act as such until his successor is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the By-Laws, and that as such Treasurer, he has been authorized to receive for and in the name and for the benefit of the organization all contributions or donations paid or given to the organization.

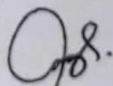
Article X: That the incorporators undertake to change the name of the organization immediately upon receipt of notice or directive from the Securities and Exchange Commission that another corporation, partnership or person has acquired a prior right to the use of that name or that name has been declared as misleading, deceptive, confusingly similar to a registered name, or contrary to public morals, good custom or public policy.


Article XI: That the organization shall comply with the requirements for non-stock corporation in the course of its operation.

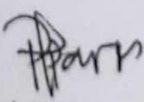
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed this Articles of Incorporation, this 29 day of August 2014 at Bontoc, Southern Leyte, Philippines.


Teresita S. Dulog
TIN: 406-151-799


Ernesto S. Torrejos
TIN: 281-589-363


Maria Lina G. Leopardas:
TIN: 291-360-531


Crispin T. De Jesus
TIN: 944-452-895


Romulo G. Leopardas
TIN: 927-119-218

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Signed in the presence of:

GILBERT M. VILLANUEVA

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE)S.S.
MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for Sogod, Southern Leyte, Philippines, this
01 SEP 2014 day of August 2014 personally appeared:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Competent evidence of identity</u>
Romulo G. Leopardas	Driver's License No. 1105-03-00062 to expire on 2017-07-06
Teresita S. Dulog	CTC No. 33469306 issued at Bontoc, Southern Leyte on 8/9/14
Crispin T. De Jesus	CTC No. 33469307 issued at Bontoc, Southern Leyte on 8/9/14
Maria Lina G. Leopardas	CTC no. 33467088 issued at Bontoc, Southern Leyte on 6/25/14
Fernesto S. Torrejos	Driver's License No. 1102-07-018595 to expire on 2016-09-04

known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their own free and voluntary act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this ____ day of August 2014 at Sogod, Southern Leyte, Philippines.

[Signature]
ATTY. FE B. LENTE-OBUS
NOTARY PUBLIC
SOUTHERN LEYTE
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