

Himagso



THE COVER

Himugso in Waray language means *to give birth*. This compendium of success stories aims to conceive hope and inspiration, unveil the faces of positive change, and highlight the accomplishments of the implementation of **Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)** in the Eastern Visayas Region. 4Ps invests on human capital by utilizing the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) strategy providing conditional cash grants to identified poor households to help improve their health, nutrition, and education, and sharing with them various knowledge and skills through the conduct of Family Development Sessions (FDS).

OBJECTIVES

- 1) **Social assistance**, giving monetary support to extremely poor families to respond to their immediate needs; and
- 2) **Social development**, breaking the intergenerational poverty cycle by investing in the health and education of poor children through programs such as:
 - health check-ups for pregnant women and children aged 0 to 5;
 - deworming of schoolchildren aged 6 to 14;
 - enrollment of children in daycare, elementary, and secondary schools; and
 - family development sessions.

CASH GRANTS

- 1) **Health grant:** ₱500.00 per household every month;
- 2) **Education grant:** ₱300.00 per child enrolled in elementary and ₱500.00 per child in high school, every month for ten months (a household may register a maximum of three children only for the program)

CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE

- 1) Pregnant women must avail pre- and post-natal care, and be attended during childbirth by a trained professional;
- 2) Parents or guardians must attend the Family Development Sessions (FDS), which include topics on responsible parenting, health, and nutrition;
- 3) Children aged 0-5 must receive regular preventive health check-ups and vaccines;
- 4) Children aged 6-14 must receive deworming pills twice a year; and
- 5) Children-beneficiaries aged 3-18 must enroll in school, and maintain an attendance of at least 85% of class days every month.

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Invest in the future. Invest in people.

While there is life, there is hope. And while there is hope, positive change and progress are possibilities we can create.

Araw-araw nating kinakaharap ang mga mabibigat na isyu ng kahirapan, homelessness, depression, pang-aabuso, addiction, sirang pamilya, sakit, disasters, takot, at napakarami pa.

But we thrive because we believe in people and their capacity to change for the better. We work hard and fight for their rights, so that they will not be denied of our programs and services— so that they will not be denied of the chance to have dignified lives. We facilitate their voices because when people have a collective voice, they are more empowered, able to advocate for their rights, identify problems and challenges, provide solutions, and participate in decision-making processes.

To all our dear partners, we are all part of the global movement towards development and inclusive growth.

Let us all pave the way in bridging inequities and steering individuals, children, families and communities, towards addressing challenges for overall community transformation and nation-building.

RESTITUTO B. MACUTO
The Regional Director
Department of Social Welfare and
Development, Field Office VIII



The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program implementation has been a success for the past years and yet we continue to work on the enhancements of both its Regular Conditional Cash Transfer (RCCT) and the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT). This is to ensure the compliance of partner beneficiaries to program conditions, to facilitate distribution of the conditional cash grants, to bridge them towards other available programs and services through convergence efforts with other program stakeholders, and empower them so they can uplift their levels of well-being.

With this, I'd like to emphasize that our success was a product of our earnest commitment, team work, and convergence strategies, which we should consistently stick to as our benchmark.



As inspired by Forbes Contributor Amy Anderson, "Every single person in a program or agency is a valuable piece of the work chain. If they do their part wrong, the entire chain feels the effect. That chain is in a circle that goes round and round, with no beginning and no end. Every person matters and is equally important to the overall functions done in an organization. Everyone needs each other."

There is still so much more that together we can accomplish driven by high standard of service that is without prejudice, but a heart earnestly committed towards working for the betterment of the Filipino people.


PAULA B. UNAY
The Regional Program Coordinator
Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program



**It is easier to build strong children,
than to repair broken men**

We quote Frederick Douglass, African-American social reformer, writer, and statesman, as we encourage everyone to give importance to the welfare of children, their choices and aspirations,

their rights as well as their accountabilities in the inclusive growth and collective development of our nation.

"Our success depends on your positive acceptance of the programs and services available to you, your efforts, and your great potential to create meaningful and positive changes. You are the hope of the people. You are the face of change, change towards development and progress. The stories of your lives are proofs that despite trials, difficulties or even disasters, still you can achieve your dreams!" shared DSWD Field Office VIII Regional Director Restituto Macuto during the recent 2017 Regional Children's Congress (RCC) cum Search for Exemplary Pantawid Pamilya Child at Tierra de Milagrosa, Palo, Leyte.

The said event aims to provide children beneficiaries an avenue to learn their importance in the family and in nation-building, to discuss issues that directly affect them, and to encourage them to nurture habits and values that would mold them into good citizens who are responsible at home, school, and in their communities.



551,826

Total children beneficiaries in
Region VIII Eastern Visayas



NICHOLE L. VERUTIAO

EXEMPLARY CHILD NG REGION VIII

“
Sama-sama tayong kumilos
tungo sa kaunlaran. Ako ay
nag-aaral ng mabuti para sa
pangarap kong maging
titser. Nais kong ibahagi sa
lahat na ang edukasyon ang
pinakamakapangyarihang
armas na iyong magagamit
para baguhin ang mundo.
”



Moreover, the annual search is being conducted during the RCC to recognize the children who demonstrated excellence in their homes, schools, communities and to join DSWD's pool of advocates. Part of the selection team are the Department of Education representative Ma. Elsa Gerona, Department of Health's Lilibeth Andrade, University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College Professor Zenia Dulce, Save the Children's Philip Ariane Oledan, and ABSCBN MOR's Uncle Mac, headed by DSWD Policy and Plans Division Chief Yvonne Serrano-Abonales.



“Poverty can be alleviated if all of us —including children and the youth— will work together towards development. As for myself, I will study well, one day soon become a teacher, and share with everyone that education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world,” said NICOLE L. VERUTIAO, 14 years old, 2017 Regional Exemplary Pantawid Pamilya Child from Brgy. Union, Caibiran, Biliran.

Nichole was followed by Vanessa Galaroza (Biri, Northern Samar), Jesiel Montañes (San Ricardo, Southern Leyte), Harley Gabriel Conejos (Kananga, Leyte), King Aj Ortega (Tarangnan, Western Samar), and Mark Abuga-A (Mercedes, Eastern Samar), who each received a plaque, certificate of recognition, and cash prize.

Bata Nga Islahanon

Dreams come from every corner of the universe and are most precious to a child's heart. This is a story about a fifteen-year old boy named Jake Lere P. Boyles, a Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiary from an island barangay called Tigdaranao, in the municipality of Tarangan, Samar Province.

*Ako may siday
Siday na haliputay
Na ipapabati ha iyo
Unta kamo malipay.*

*Usa la ako na bata
Bata na islahanon
Malipayon, buotan
Ngan makisasangkayon.*

*Ha akon kinabuhi
hingyap an pagaram
agud makaangbit
maupay na hibaruanan
Ngan makatalwas man
hini na kakurian.*

*Lugaring kay kablas
Waray kalungganayan*

*Sobra an pag-antus
Samtang nageskwela
An balon gintitipigan pa
Panisnak, project,
Panbayad sa eskwela
Ngan an tarabukon isla pa.*

*Ini nga programa
Pantawid Pamilya
An ira bulig
ha aton pagsuporta.*

*An sadang ha aton ginhimo nira
ngan ayaw gad man liwat
tanang iasa.*

*Yana nabatian
an tunog han akon dughan
an yakan han kasingkasing
pitik han kalipayan*

*akon hinihingyap
an kauswagan
agud maglakaton
ha tadong na dalan.*



Jake Lere, fourth child among seven siblings of Bartolome, a fisherman, and Armida, housewife who also engages in selling puto, moron, and other kakanin, at a young age envisions a better and prosperous life for his family.

A sweet child

According to Armida, Jake Lere is a responsible and obedient child who helps in household chores.

She also recalls how caring and loving he is, often asking them if they have eaten already and offering them food. Also, after giving birth to their youngest child last 2011, Jake Lere was more hands on in taking good care of the needs of her mother who was then still recovering her strength from the delivery while Bartolome was working.

Jake Lere helps his parents care for his siblings. He would tutor them by helping with their assignments and projects, especially in Math and Science.

Four-year old sister Jayde says that Jake Lere would often buy her bread as “pasalubong” when he goes home from school.

An achiever

Jake Lere has been consistently on top of his class. During his elementary days, he had received various recognitions, not only academically but also as Most Responsible, Punctual, Industrious and Active student in class.

He graduated in Tigdaranao Elementary School as Class Valedictorian. He was awarded with the Congressional Academic Excellence Award and Leadership Award for the excellent leadership shown and shared to his fellow schoolmates last March 2014.

For Jake Lere, education is important in achieving his dreams of becoming a chef or a scientist to be able to help his parents uplift their living condition. This gave him the encouragement and inspiration to continue high school despite all the complexities and challenges in their lives.

He is currently enrolled at Tarangnan National High School located in the poblacion that is 15-20 minutes of boat ride from their home barangay. Though sometimes it is difficult to travel to school especially during the “habagat” season when the waves are huge, he is still determined to attend classes regularly.

“Dako it amon pagpapasalamat nga nahiabot an Pantawid Pamilya bisan ha amon isla,



salit diri ko ini kakaragan nga oportunidad ngan maeskwela ako hin maupay para ha akon pamilya (We are very thankful that Pantawid Pamilya has reached even our island, so I will not waste this opportunity and I will study hard for my family),” Jake Lere expressed.

Math and Science are his interests according to his Science subject teacher Maxima Basa. She describes the child as active and enthusiastic during classroom discussions and science contests. Jake Lere has been part of different science contests and competitions where Basa is one of the teachers organizing such events: 1st place in Large Barge and water rocket and 2nd place in water transportation in 2014 and 1st place water transportation in 2015 during Science Olympics. She also said that the child is “cute” or charming and demonstrated a sense of leadership skills and volunteerism especially as an active member of Boy Scouts Organization.

The boy with many gifts

Gerlita Arcilles, Grade VIII Section 1 adviser says Jake Lere is one of his top performing students in class. She described Jake Lere as “buotan ngan aktibo ini nga bata”. He is active during class discussions and participates in workshops. He also displays leadership in any school activity and is endowed with skills, especially in drawing. In his Grade V and VI, he excelled even more, and his talent on drawing was recognized. As a growing teenager, he loves to be with his friends and share stories with them. He is also fond of playing volleyball and badminton. Aside from his passion on drawing, he is also good in singing and dancing.

A leader full of charisma

His teacher Nice Tamor described Jake Lere as a diligent and active student with a sense of leadership. He was an active leader at school wherein he was elected twice as President of the Student Pupil Government Organization during his grade V and grade VI and was an active member of the Boy Scouts Organization which enhanced his leadership skills. According to him, attending the Students Pupil Government Seminar in Catbalogan last 2012, was one of his most memorable experiences. He learned so many things on leadership, and that to be “a good leader, one must be a good follower.”

In spite his active life in school, he is a vigorous youth in the community. For three years he has been a member of Tigdaranao Youth Organization. While with the said group, he joins in various activities of the youth such as volleyball tournament.

Moreover, his strong faith with the Lord Almighty was all the more strengthened when he started attending Flores de Mayo and Catechism classes last year 2013 where his friends were also attending. From then on, he was visible in religious activities organized by the Parish Pastoral Council and fellow youth in the barangay. He is an active member of the Ministry on the Knights of the Altar serving their parish during Holy Eucharist celebration.

On year 2013, he participated in the Disaster Risk Reduction Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping in the barangay wherein he learned how to be disaster prepared. He then became a member of the Security team established in their school.

“Akos ko an pagbabago kay pursigido ako magmaupay it akon kinabubuwason para ha akon pamilya pati na gihap han akon komunidad (I can make a positive change because I am determined to have a better future for my family and the entire community),” says Jake Lere, 2015 Regional Pantawid Pamilya Exemplary Child of Eastern Visayas, who also wish to further express himself through a siday which he created.

DSWD Eastern Visayas recognizes Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya 2017

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office VIII celebrated the Family Day through the 2017 Regional Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya Awarding Ceremony cum Press Conference in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) last October 6, 2017, at the San Juanico Park Golf and Country Club, Tacloban City.

Regional Director Restituto Macuto represented by Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program Regional Program Coordinator Paula Unay shared that the activity aims to celebrate the family, especially the success stories of the Filipino families who maintain strong family ties, demonstrate positive Filipino values, and have a positive impact in the community where they reside, and whose love for one another, sacrifices, strength and resilience amidst huge challenges including poverty, enabled them to have inspiring and dignified lives.

The family of Arnel and Necitas Camposano from Brgy. Banahao, Guiuan, Eastern Samar was awarded 1st Place with P5,000 cash prize, plaque and certificate of recognition.

They were followed respectively by the families of Dan and Clarinda Casicas from Brgy. Katipunan, Silago, Southern Leyte, Denny and Lilia Gravoso from Brgy. Dolongan, Basey Samar,



Luciano and Floridel Magdalaga from Brgy. Balaquid, Cabucgayan, Biliran, Miguel and Marivic De Guia from Brgy. La Trinidad Mondragon, Northern Samar, and Allan and Jovelyn Lamoste from Brgy. Cabantug, Merida, Leyte.

The search entries were judged by a selection committee through conduct of a desk validation of packaged documentations following the criteria which include 25% for a family that



maintains strong ties and harmonious relationship and upholds Filipino values despite the challenges brought about by poverty, 20% practices and promotes healthy living and taking care of the environment, 20% actively involved in community activities, 20% inspires other member of the community, 15% strives to improve living condition amidst difficult situation. Subsequently, a field validation was conducted to visit the top 3 families in

their house and community to ensure that the data included in the documentations are correct and truthful and to acquire information that were not captured in the submitted documents.

Ultimately, these families will serve as ambassadors of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, as resource persons in Family Development Sessions and any activity where they could share their knowledge and experience, and help in the advocacy efforts of the department.

Present and also recognized in the event for their earnest commitment and hard work as program implementer which facilitated and realized the creation of success stories of the family beneficiaries were Provincial Links Febie Palines, Gina Omillo, Maneth Lagaras, Alvin Maldos, Susan Rostata, and OIC-PL Gerardo Perez, together with Municipal Links Ivy Boleche, Arvin Retana, Ma. Phoebe Abrugar, Maricar Riza Gaviola, Benita Glino, and Joselyn Macabante.

DSWD Protective Services Unit Head Ofelia Pagay also graced the event and shared the other programs and services of DSWD for the families and children especially those in need of special protection, and the Department of Health (DOH) Regional Office representative Fe Modesto.

The said press conference was facilitated by PIA Regional Director Alice Nicart represented by Aurora Casimpang and joined by media partners Sol Alarcon, Ioannes Omang of DYVL Aksyon Radyo, Roel Amazona of CNN Philippines and Leyte Samar Daily, and Edward Sañaga of RMN. Being a program which focuses on human investment, specifically on children's future, Pantawid Pamilya seeks to uplift the lives of millions of poor Filipino families. Hence, the provision of educational and health grants to children beneficiaries is a big step towards ensuring that they are healthy and in school.





CAMPOSANO FAMILY
EASTERN SAMAR

Hindi balakid ang anumang sakit kay Nanay Necitas sa mga gampanin niya bilang ina at asawa sa parent leader na si Tatay Arnel. Sa kaniyang pangunguna, naitatag din ang Barangay Banahao Rural Women's Organization. Naniniwala ang pamilya Camposano na dapat ipagdiwang lagi ang buhay nang sama-sama.

#HuwarangPantawidPamilya2017

"Pamilyang Pilipino: Handang Tumawid sa Pag-unlad."

***G*n sickness and in health**

A family that maintains strong ties and harmonious relationship and upholds Filipino values despite the challenges brought about by poverty.

The Camposano family from Barangay Banahao, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, is a beneficiary of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) for almost four years now.

Arnel, father, 51 years old, Pantawid Pamilya parent leader, undertakes a lot of jobs including fixing appliances, electrical installations, carpentry works, and many others to sustain the needs of his family.

Necitas, mother, 53 years old, presently works as the president of the Barangay Banahao Rural Women's Organization.

The inspiring couple has seven children namely, Mary Rose Nel (26), Rachel Nes (25), Reynel (23), Rea Lyn (20), Ronald (19), Ma. Rizza (15), and Shane Mae (7), who are all known to have good characters, respectful, diligent, and who excel in their academics and participative in youth activities.

Their family was doing well back in the year 1990s. They had enough resources to support their children until Necitas suffered a postpartum depression in 2000. Subsequently, she was diagnosed with bone cancer in 2002. Her medication then was so expensive, reaching around P1,200.00 total costs per day. Such adversity took a toll on their family's financial stability, especially when Necitas could no longer walk.



283,137

Total active household
beneficiaries in Region VIII
Eastern Visayas

The mother eventually refused to undergo an operation since she was saving their money for her children's studies.

They sold away almost all their properties and finally in year 2007, their family moved from Abuyog, Leyte, to Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

Arnel build a shanty for his family in the upland barangay of Banahao and continued to work on several jobs including carpentry, appliance repair, and farming among others. In the midst of utter crisis, he even joined numerous singing contests to earn more money to support his family.

To them, nothing can be a hindrance in achieving their goals which are to have the children finish their studies, obtain dignified lives, and to be of help to others who are also in dire need and become useful to the society in general.

So all the members of the family continued to persevere and among the seven children, four graduated in college, 3 children with Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED) degrees and passers of the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) and 1 child with the University of the Philippines Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences with specialization in Economics. Three more children are still in school.

Mary Rose Nel, eldest daughter, became a regular teacher last June 2017 after four years of being a volunteer day care worker in their municipality.

The family shared that they are very much grateful to 4Ps not just for the financial support, but more for the various opportunities they obtained through the program. These include learning various topics from the Family Development Sessions (FDS) such as family management, rights and responsibilities of each member, financial literacy, disaster preparedness, and many more.

Furthermore, they learned that despite all the difficulties, they should celebrate life and ensure quality time together every once in a while through activities like going to the beach, hearing mass at the miraculous Sulangan Church, karaoke at home, cleaning and working together at their front and backyards.

A family that practices and promotes healthy living and taking care of the environment.

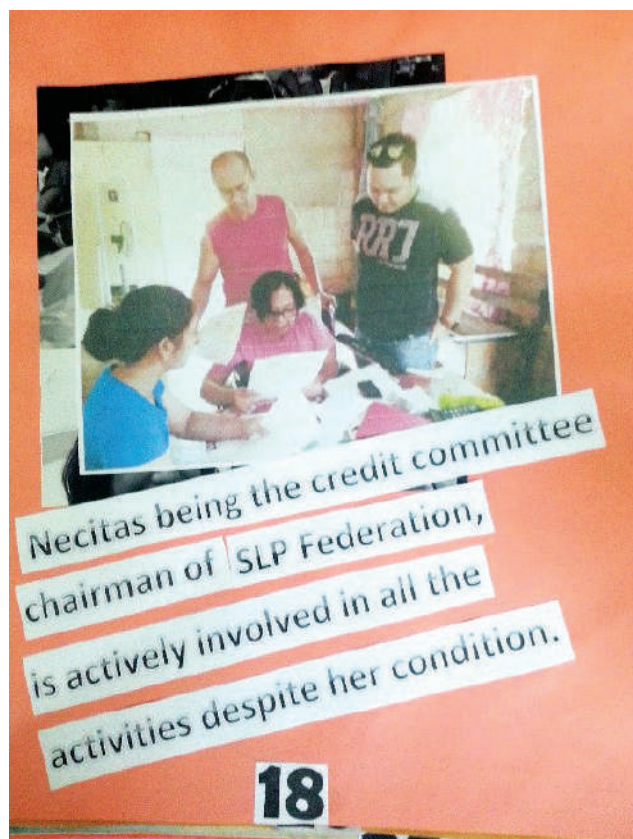
Indeed, the family gives utmost importance to the health of both the people and the environment, to nutrition and cleanliness.

Near their humble home is a community organic herb and vegetable garden managed by the couple. They shared that the herbs and vegetables greatly helped in their healthy living and in enabling Nanay Necitas to survive cancer and the limited 5-year life span projected by their doctor.

Tatay Arnel on the other hand, avoided vices and all other unnecessary expenditures so that he could build a better and safer shelter for his family with sanitary toilet facility, especially after super typhoon Yolanda struck Guiuan. Moreover, their family ensures the application of the learning they gain during FDS especially on waste management so that outside their home there are different recycling containers or bins to where trashes and wastes are segregated in order to treat them differently according to their type.

A family that is actively involved in community activities.

Nanay Necitas shared how devastated she was after being diagnosed with cancer and essentially after her feet lost their power to walk. But her love for her family and her dreams for her children was so strong that she could not just give up.



Tatay Arnel stood by her and became both her feet and wings until she found means to earn a living and have a place in the society.

Eventually, in year 2012 Nany Necitas became a National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) volunteer and later was elected as president of the Banahao Rural Women's Association and chairman of the Credit Committee of the Sustainable Livelihood Program Federation in Guiuan. She also participated in the Advocacy Training on Mainstreaming Population Development Issues (LPRAP-BUB), Localization of Magna Carta of Women for Reproductive Health Demand Generation, Basic Business Management Skills Development (DTI), Food Safety and Good Manufacturing Practices Training, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training, Training on Food Processing, and the Gender Sensitivity Training.

Arnel then again participated in the Kabalikat sa Kabuhayan Training for Farmers, Electrical Installation Maintenance, Carpentry Trainings, Training on Vegetable Production, Kalahi CIDSS project, and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training. While the children focus on their academics, they help their parents in community and church activities.

A family who inspires other member of the community.

The Barangay Banahao Rural Women's Organization headed by Nanay Necitas is one of the most successful organizations in Guiuan, Eastern Samar. Women members narrated that back in year 2012, Necitas encouraged and organized them into a group which was later accredited by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). She shared all her learning especially from the NAPC seminars to the group.

Then they were given grants so they started to have the *babuyan*. They have been consistent in progress until now that they already have their farm, *manukan*, sari-sari store, and *bigasan*. They also engage in food processing and all their income and fruits equally divided among them.

The women expressed that through their organization, they learned to help each other, become disciplined, and to earn a living and not just rely on their husbands. They have come to

embrace their rights and responsibilities as women, wives, and mothers. Now they are knowledgeable so they would work and actively participate in the community for the benefit of everyone and their very own households. Staying at home doing nothing nor engaging in vices are no longer on their to-do lists.

Indeed, they are very thankful to Necitas and her husband Arnel who is their 4Ps parent leader for sharing with them the opportunities to become better versions of themselves and live better lives.

Moreover, they shared how Necitas would help them in any way such as how she helped one lola to avail of the Social Pension.

A neighbor named Sylvia Gahator shared that the family is an inspiring one. Necitas is a very good role model since from the beginning, whatever Necitas has, she shares with others, from food to knowledge and skills. Even if the latter has some disability, she would still persevere to stand and walk her family out of poverty. While Arnel is an excellent parent leader who does not fail to update



them and facilitate their needs. The family members, by helping each other, are able to survive and the children are able to go to school and even graduate.

Furthermore, Guiuan Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer Zenaida Cunanan said that the family is known because they have been active in series of programs since they stay in the said municipality. Necitas spearhead several projects in the community and she is very much actively involved in leading and ensuring the functionality of their women's organization. Cunanan expressed that even she is inspired by the family. Despite their economic condition and the number of children, they can manage to send the children to school and even have them graduate. Also, the couple's sense of responsibility does not end in their own family but extends to the entire community.

Meanwhile, the previous Brgy Banahao Kapitan Francisco Tangquion recounted that the family has significantly helped their place despite their difficult circumstances. It was through Necita's persistence and the support of the family that their barangay finally availed of the National Electrification Administration's Barangay Line Enhancement Program (BLEP) back in year 2015.

A family who strives to improve living condition amidst difficult situation.

The Camposano Family has always been determined to obtain dignified lives for themselves and especially for the children. So that they work hard to send their children to school and provide their needs through the regular cash grants and by constantly looking for other means of sustainable livelihood. And whatever they have, they share with the community.

Furthermore, they happily shared that they are very grateful for the times they have been part of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. With all the learnings from the Family Development Sessions and combined with their consistent hard work, they are ready to be transitioned towards the level of self-sufficiency and sustainability. #DSWDMayMalasakit

DSWD distributes Rice Subsidy to 4Ps beneficiaries

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office VIII started distributing additional P600.00 for rice subsidy per month. It will be distributed to beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) starting this March as well as providing regular conditional cash grants.

"Following President Rodrigo Duterte's directive in his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) in June 2016, rice subsidies are one of the ways to give hope and solve hunger problems. The President wants the poor households to be able to eat daily," said DSWD Secretary Judy Taguiwalo.

The household is active and complies with any condition of 4Ps in education or health, he or she can only receive rice subsidy.

Regional Director Restituto Macuto urged 4Ps beneficiaries and all around the archipelago to participate to ensure that additional cash grants are available for purchase of rice. More than 283,960 households are expected to receive additional grant in Region VIII Eastern Visayas.

"It is a great way to help me with my children's diet, health, and education program. In addition to cash grants, we are keen on grass development through Family Development Sessions (FDS). It is the most important part of the support of the family and the rights of the youth," said Maria Teresa Deagdon, a 4Ps beneficiary from Brgy. Hamorawon, has six children.

For more information on rice subsidies, you may contact your Municipal or City Link. You can also go to or visit the nearest DSWD office.



For questions or complaints, please text 0918-9122813 or 3456 and follow the following format: DSWD (space) name (space) message.

You can also text or call 0995-3525131 or send an email to 4psreklamo@gmail.com, and message to Facebook @ [fb.me/Report.Reclamation](https://www.facebook.com/fb.me/Report.Reclamation)

The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is a step by step of the national government for improving the human situation of our people. It provides conditional financial assistance for the poorest Filipinos to improve the health, nutrition, and education of children ages 0 to 18.

4Ps beneficiaries buy rice from SLP associations

Around 1, 501 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) household beneficiaries of Hinunangan, Southern Leyte, used their P600 subsidy to buy rice purposely from the Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPA).

Sacks of rice were already prepositioned by the SLPA in the payout venue so that the beneficiaries will be able to buy the goods right after they receive their conditional cash grants.

Said associations include the Sto. Niño II Convenience Store, Ingan Pantawid SLPA, Badiangon Pantawid SLPA, Calinao Bigasan SLPA, San Pedro Pantawid SLPA, and Donya Martha Livelihood SLPA.

DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program is a community-based capacity building program which increases the economic opportunities of the identified poorest of the poor families through different modalities that it offers



such as skills training, seed capital fund, pre-employment assistance fund, and the cash for building livelihood assets. Most of SLPA members are 4Ps recipients.

“Napakalaking tulong ng rice subsidy. Siguradong makabili ng bigas para may makakain ang pamilya at may income pa ang aming livelihood (The rice subsidy is such a huge help. Through it, we are sure to be able to buy rice for the family and our livelihood will earn an income),” shared 4Ps parent leader and SLP participant Josephine Jimenez, 52 years old, with five children.

4Ps beneficiaries who comply with the program conditionalities recently received rice subsidy in the form of cash amounting to P600.00 per month on top of their regular cash grants.

Josephine shared that the rice distribution guidelines do not expressly limit them as to who will be their rice provider. Together with fellow beneficiaries, they agreed to intentionally buy rice goods from their very own SLPA so ensure that the subsidy will be used to its intended purpose and their bigasan livelihood will have an income.

Such undertaking was supported and encouraged by SLP officer Emma Dumas, Municipal Links Janice Arceo and Roxanne Lopos, Municipal Roving Bookkeeper Leny Rapada, Social Welfare Assistants Celine Quimen, and Hinunangan MSWDO Lolita Dadap.

Regional Director Restituto Macuto then commended the said good practice and accentuated that success and inclusive development is indeed a collective action.

Such convergence initiative of 4Ps and SLP is also being done in other parts of Eastern Visayas. “Gamitin sa tama ang pera. Bigyang halaga ang napakalaking tulong sa atin ng gobyerno (Use the grant in its intended purpose. Value the tremendous help provided to us by the government),” Josephine added.

DSWD 8 inks more partnerships toward development

The DSWD Field Office VIII recently conducted a Consultative Meeting for the year 2017 with various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at Hotel Alejandro, Tacloban City. This is to improve and expand partnerships and convergence strategies in the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

In that activity, DSWD, Auxiliary Chaplains for Transformation Philippines Inc. (ACTPhil), and Relief International signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the new partnership. While



the National Auxiliary Chaplaincy of the Philippines (NACPHIL), International Holistic Engagement for Life and Progress Inc. (IHELP), Northern Samar Children's Ministries Network (NSCMN), and Western Samar Children's Ministries Network (WSCMN) have renewed MOA to continue their previously established partnerships.

The CSOs will take part in four areas of partnership, as Gabay, Bantay, Kaagapay, at Tulay. As Gabay, they will conduct Values Formation lectures during the Family Development Sessions (FDS), support DSWD in developing character, moral and spiritual development, and will participate in the development of the modules required in the Family Development Sessions (FDS). Meanwhile, as Bantay, they will assist in ensuring the list of beneficiaries, attending Community Assemblies and assisting the Compliance Verification System.

They will serve as a bridge that will facilitate action, feedback and monitoring of the implementation of Pantawid Pamilya, and assist the Beneficiary Updating System (BUS), Grievance Redress System (GRS), and in documenting stories of positive change and success of beneficiaries.

Other partner CSOs in the Consultative Meeting are the Philippine Red Cross, Save the Children, FreedomLife Inc., and Eastern Samar Child Rights Advocates Network (ESCRAN).



Badjao community receives shelter assistance

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office VIII Assistant Regional Director for Administration Marlene Kahano attended the recent Turn-over of Funds for Shelter Assistance to Badjao Indigenous Peoples affected by typhoon Yolanda in the municipality of Isabel, Leyte.

Said shelter assistance amounting to Php 3,755,183.09 from the National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Council (NDRRMC) is provided to around 49 Badjao families, 43 of which are Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) family beneficiaries.

Mayor Saturnino Medina, Jr., emphasized the value of convergence efforts among the Local Government Unit (LGU), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), DSWD, and other national agencies and non-government organizations in delivering such services to marginalized



sectors including the Katutubo. Also, he shared that understanding each other and how others behave greatly help in achieving unity and progress.

Subsequently, Badjao chieftain and 4Ps beneficiary Jerry Sapayani expressed his gratitude on behalf of their tribe, for being given importance, a place in the community, and for their safe homes.

DSWD's Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program through its Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT) program facilitated the social preparation and identification of the primary needs of the Badjao community members by means of the Family Development Sessions (FDS) and focus group discussions. MCCT complements 4Ps and caters to families in need of special protection. These include street families, itinerant indigenous families, families displaced by natural and man-made disasters, families with a person with disability (pwd), child laborers, children in conflict with the law, and families with members with terminal disease and victims of human trafficking.



DSWD 4Ps receives award from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office VIII headed by Regional Director Restituto Macuto, through the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), was recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as an Outstanding Regional Partner for Implementing BSP Advocacies on the Conduct of Public Information Campaigns, during their 2017 Awards Ceremony and Appreciation Lunch for Stakeholders recently.

Said award was given to the department for its exemplary support in promoting and implementing BSP's currency advocacies and programs, such as the Clean Note Policy, Coin Recirculation Program, and the Demonetization of the New Design Series, during 4Ps Family Development Sessions (FDS) conducted by the City and Municipal Links.



The event was made more significant with the presence of BSP Monetary Policy Sub-Sector Managing Director Francisco Dakila, Jr., Monetary Board Member Peter Favila, Director Leonides Sumbi, Department of Economic Statistics Marriel Remulla, 4PS Regional Program Management Office staff headed by Regional Program Coordinator Paula Unay, Provincial Links Alvin Maldos, Gina Omillo, Susana Rostata, Manneth Lagaras, Febie Palines represented by Social Welfare Officer (SWO) III Elise Dulfo, and SWO III Arole Nirza, and other BSP partner stakeholders.

BSP envisions to be a world-class monetary authority and a catalyst for a globally competitive economy and financial system that delivers a high quality of life for all Filipinos. Its annual awards ceremony serves as a venue for fostering solid commitment and support toward the achievement of shared visions for the Filipino people. DSWD FO VIII earned the said recognition for two consecutive years already.

While 4Ps is a form of Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program of the national government which invests on the health and education of children aged 0-18 years from identified poorest of the poor households assessed by DSWD Listahanan.

4Ps distributes conditional cash grants through PVB

The Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) started conditional cash grants distribution through the Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) last December 27, 2017, at the Palo Municipal Hall grounds.

The said payout is for around 1,853 program household beneficiaries of 4Ps without the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) cash cards, under both the said program's Regular Conditional Cash Transfer (RCCT) and Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT), from the 23 barangays of the municipality of Palo, Leyte. The grants they are going to receive cover this year's Periods 3 (June-July) and 4 (August-September).

To note, the said cash grants are distributed directly to the beneficiaries from the bank or partner conduits.

Previously, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) partnered with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) alone to distribute cash grants to program beneficiaries where they are located, through several modes of payment including Cash Cards (CC), Over the Counter



(OTC), and offsite payouts carried out by partner conduits selected through a bidding process conducted by LBP.

However, due to the rapid expanding needs of the program payout, DSWD started to explore additional partnership with another qualified and interested approved government depository banks aside from LBP to facilitate conditional cash grants distribution.

Subsequently, DSWD through 4Ps partnered with the Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) which is a private medium-sized commercial bank owned by over 400,000 Filipino World War II veterans and their families. The bank caters to both corporate and retail financial markets and is also an authorized government depository.



PVB payout process started with verification of basic information of the beneficiaries, signing of Client Information Form (CIF), handing of pin mailer and the release of the PVB All-in-One Card to the latter by PVB staff. Then the beneficiaries proceed to another table for photo capturing and signing of their cards.

The said PVB All-in-One Card is a multi-purpose ATM/ID card offering the convenience of using just one card for the beneficiaries' needs. The card can be used as Pantawid ID, PhilHealth ID, a regular ATM card to withdraw cash, do balance inquiries, and make payments via ATMs accessible via BancNet, Megalink, and ExpressNet. Moreover, the card can be used as a debit card for purchase at accredited point-of-sale (POS) terminals supplied by the bank.

“Salamat kay dako gud ini na bulig ha amon pamilya,” expressed 4Ps grantee Ma. Teresa Raquiza from Brgy. Anahaway, Palo, Leyte, who has 10 children and 2 of whom are the children beneficiaries.

Teresa then shared that while there was no payout, she continued to strive hard and work on various jobs, including washing clothes for other people and helping her husband in the farm to earn some money for their daily living.

Payout was supposed to be conducted early December but was rescheduled today due to unforeseeable circumstances like the typhoon Urduja and the succeeding disaster operations.

Present during today’s payout were the 4Ps Finance team, Municipal Links with their Social Welfare Assistant and Municipal Roving Bookkeeper, and other staff headed by Regional Program Coordinator Paula Unay and Leyte Provincial Link Susana Rostata. Together with them from the national office were DSWD Unified Financial Management Unit (UFMU) Director Natividad Canlas, UFMU Chief Administrative Officer Mary Antoinette Duero, and 4Ps Beneficiary Data Management Division representative Alnair Espinosa, PVB representatives Macvin Rodelas and Jocelyn Apora, and some peace officers assigned by the local government unit of Palo.

“We continue to earnestly work on the enhancements of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program to ensure the compliance of beneficiaries to program conditions and to facilitate distribution of the grants, especially for the needs of the children. Also, we advise our other grantees to coordinate with assigned City and Municipal Links for their respective payout schedules and other concerns relative to the program implementation,” said RPC Paula Unay.

Tomorrow, December 28 2017, the payout will continue serving the other 700 household beneficiaries from 10 barangays of Palo, to be followed by those coming from the municipality of Tanauan, Leyte, and the rest of the provinces in Region VIII Eastern Visayas.

4Ps is a program of the national government that invests in human capital by helping ensure that 0-18 years old children from identified poor households grow healthy and are able to study well.



Consultative Dialogue with Partners

DSWD Field Office VIII through the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program recently spearheaded a Consultative Dialogue with partners in development specifically from the Local Government Units (LGUs), Department of Education (DEPED), Department of Health (DOH), and PhilHealth.

Regional Program Coordinator Paula Unay encouraged all stakeholders to continuously support the program and its beneficiaries, especially the children, and to share good practices and recommendations, and to better resolve implementation gaps.



Also, during the activity, Specific Implementation Agreement and JMC No. 4 Series of 2013 were revisited, program status updates provided, and a workshop was carried out to identify impact of the program, issues and concerns for each partnership, and the recommended actions to be taken.

Series of Consultative Dialogues were then conducted in all the provinces of Eastern Visayas.





Niño C. Lom-oc

Modelong Ama ng Eastern Visayas

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Kitang tanan nga nahimugso
dinhi sa kalibutan parehas lang.
Ang bugtong limitasyon sa
atong kinabuhi mao lang usab
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Crippled Father,

Modelong Ama of Eastern Visayas

Mr. Niño, 36 years old, from Brgy. Rufina M. Tan, Ormoc City, is considered a “Modelong Ama” in his family and in their barangay through the conducted interview wherein despite of being physically challenged, he has managed to support their children through participating in income generating activities and a supporting father to their two children and a stepfather to the two children of her wife from her previous partner.

He shares responsibility with her wife, guides and supports in decision making for the goodness of their family and firmly believes that male and female are considered equal in all means.

Mr. Niño Carillas Lom-oc and Mrs. Doris Rota Delima are living harmoniously for six (6) years already along with their four (4) children in Brgy. Rufina M. Tan, Ormoc City. He is a father of two children (1 boy and 1 girl) and a stepfather of two children (2 girls) of Mrs. Doris from her previous partner. Mr. Niño is working as a Red Cross Monitoring Volunteer earning 3,000 a month while Mrs. Doris is a dressmaker in their area earning 500 a month. He is a responsible, loving, caring and hardworking partner to her wife and children as verbalized by his family. He is able to suffice the needs of his family by actively participating in income generating program and livelihood activities.



Aside from their active income, the couple also do farm labors as other source of income. They also have a small backyard garden planted with vegetables and farm animals such as chicken, goat and carabao. Mr. Niño is the one taking good care of their farm animals and Mrs. Doris is the one taking care of their children but both of them agreed to have a shared responsibilities wherein if his wife is not available, he will be the one to do her wife's role and task then vice versa. It also includes attending school meetings, health follow up check-up for their children and doing household chores.

Mr. Niño's role in their family is really extraordinary that he also shared that role to their community. He is a volunteer and an active President in their Lupon ng Tagapangasiwa in their barangay for almost three years in behalf of their barangay chairman wherein he is the one who settle issues and mediates in discussion on cases of physically abused wife, physically abused children, problem within families and problem within their barangays such as residents who violates their barangay rules and regulations and farm animals damaged to livelihood of other residents. He is also the Vice President for almost three years in Group 4 & 5 of Heifer Association, a livelihood program in their area wherein they have regular monthly meetings every last Saturday of the month for their progress and other concerns. He is also an active member for three years in Rufina M. Tan United Farmer's Association (RMTUFA) wherein they have regular meeting twice a month every year about the livelihood activities, giving of seedlings and fertilizers in their barangay. Lastly, he is also an active member for almost 10 years in PWD Association in their barangay wherein they have regular meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month for updates and other concerns.

As a husband and a father, he always make sure that he will meet their needs and complete his responsibilities that makes their living peaceful and a happy loving family. He has full support and equal treatment to their children and helps everyone in their studies by helping them in their home works, projects and reading their books. He make sure that his wife can always count on her when problem arises, they have open communication with each other and always have quality time for each other like going in the park and going to church.

Mr. Niño has a burning desire to help others through sharing his time and his knowledge that help families build stronger relationship, encourage others to actively participate in any income generating activities in their barangay, whole heartedly contributes to the welfare of their

community and inspire others to do their roles and responsibilities as a father, as a husband and as a resident of their barangay. Despite of being physically challenged, he doesn't limit his capabilities to what he just can do or able to do. He exceeds to what he thinks he cannot do and eager to learn new things to gain more knowledge and skills. Other skills he gained are house wiring, simple cellular phone repair, and some carpentry skills. It may be hard for him to do things by his own but he never stops doing things he can for the welfare of everybody.

Tatay Niño never see the obstacles in his life as a reason to stop, but as both challenge and inspiration to be the best version of himself. He is really an extraordinary person with extraordinary skills and extraordinary desire and aspirations in life.



Gambler-turned-exemplary tatay heads Huwarang Pamilya

What does it take to change? What does it take to realize that family comes first; that one should love his wife and share her journey, dreams and aspirations; that one should toil and save to support his children and give them a good life; and that it is important to contribute to the peace and progress of the community?

This is a story about the Gaña Family from Brgy. Cat-iwing of the municipality of Hinundayan, Southern Leyte Province.



GAÑA FAMILY

Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya ng Southern Leyte

“Dako ug tabang ang Pantawid Pamilya ug mga leksyon sa FDS kay nakatunan man namo ang maayo na pagdala sa among mga anak ug sa pamilya.”

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Nelson, a young lad from Cat-iwing, Hinundayan catches and sells fish for a living. Eldest amongst ten siblings and only able to finish Grade 1 because of his family's constant relocation every time his father is reassigned as a driver. Nelson was compelled to do odd jobs and to work hard at an early age.

On a nearby sari-sari store, Rosaly at age 22 was employed as an attendant. She decided to come home to care for her Lolo after working as a house maid in Manila for three years. Born in the municipality but grew up in Davao where her father works in upholstery, Rosaly managed to finish high school as her parents were no longer able to send her to college. The two became acquainted through a common friend who was Nelson's cousin.

They were ordinary friends. Nelson had a girlfriend then. But when the girl left, Rosaly would often jeer at Nelson, teasing him of his heartbreak. It must be fate's humour. They never were a couple but the two ended up marrying each other. This, after the help of community gossips when someone saw Rosaly visiting Nelson's place and speculated that the two have eloped. Protective and eager to save Rosaly's pride, Nelson like a knight in shining armour instantaneously asked Rosaly's hand in marriage.

Despite the shortcuts and not having to undergo the normal girlfriend-boyfriend relationship, Rosaly and Nelson had less trouble adjusting with each other. They decided to reside in Cat-iwing where Nelson built a quaint little house for them to have a "roof" of their own. The first year of marriage was characterized by the couple's meek evasion, as they never ask each other's feelings toward one another. It was only when Maria Jessa was born that they confirmed their emotional connection, having realized their profound love for the other.

Through the Family Development Sessions, they learned how to deal with their differences and how to communicate well. Unlike before, they never shared ideas or plans. Now like a team, they always consult one another before arriving with a decision.

But Nelson fell into the ills of gambling specifically tong-its and it ruined their relationship. Nelson became a neglectful head of the household. In 2002, Rosaly dauntlessly left her husband and together with their kids, went back to Davao. The husband having realized what he has done, pursued his family. Nelson tried to abandon his vices for the sake of his wife and children but failed. He recalled being tasked by Rosaly to deliver mangoes which was their livelihood in Mindanao. He only came home after two weeks after gambling away all their money. Life was suddenly hard. There were times when the couple had to skip meals for the children.

In 2009, after living in Davao for seven years, Nelson and his family agreed to return to Cat-ewing. Fate may have again worked its way for the couple as the family was included in the enumeration of the National Households Targeting System for Poverty Alleviation (NHTS-PR), now known as Listahanan. That time, they were only living in a shanty and sadly, the husband husband went on with his gambling.

Following the family's inclusion to the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in 2011 as Set 5 beneficiaries, both Rosaly and Nelson have no idea that it was the beginning of a new life. The family came to learn the goals of the program and their co-responsibilities, including policies against gambling. At first, it was just Rosaly being the registered grantee who religiously attends the Family Development Sessions. Realizing the importance of the FDS, she always encourages her husband to do the same but Nelson would refuse. In 2013, the topic on Family and Family Relationship required the attendance of all husbands in the FDS. While listening to the discussions of the session, Nelson felt that he has a lot of shortcomings towards his family. The FDS served as his eye-opener. That first attendance resulted to Nelson never missing any FDS up to the present except for occasional times when he has work matters to attend to.

The couple shared that since they are both attending the monthly Family Development Session, their marriage has been happier and more orderly. Through FDS, they learned how to deal with their differences and how to communicate well for the family. Unlike before, they never shared ideas or plans. Now like a team, they always consult one another before arriving with a decision. Guided by and applying what they learned in the FDS, the family has started to prosper. Nelson has

deserted his gambling and focused his time and attention to his work, family and in helping the community.

Nelson earnestly said, “Dako ug tabanga ang Pantawid Pamilya ug mga leksyon sa FDS kay nakatun-an man namo ang maayo na pagdala sa mga anak ug sa pamilya. Mao kinahanglan gud nga ang gihatag sa gobyerno diri na to abusuhan. Aton pay dugangan para sa atong pag-uswag. (Pantawid Pamilya and its FDS lessons are such huge help to us since we learned how to take care of our children and the family. That is why we should not abuse what the government provides us. Instead, we should contribute more for our development.)”

Nelson and Rosaly have six children, namely, Maria Jessa (16 years old), Maria Eralyn (15), Nelson Rin Jr. (14), Jasmine (9), Glesia (6), and Junelyn (4). The children’s education comes also as a top priority. All their six children are attending school. As responsible parents, they ensure that their children go to school with complete school supplies wearing neat and clean uniforms as attested by the school teachers and co-residents. Their children even received awards for being the Most Neat and Clean pupils in school. According to the teachers, the parents also make sure that they pay school contributions on time.

Maria Jessa, who is the eldest, graduated as salutatorian and is continuing her secondary education at the town’s public high school. The rest of the siblings are also performing well in school, receiving various recognitions. The couple ensure that their children study hard and contribute to the household chores.

As a community member, Nelson has always been elected to head the Parents-Teachers and Community Association (PTCA). He never let his low educational attainment stop him from being active in the community. One of the teachers of Cat-iwing Elementary School described him as a responsible PTCA president. Nelson is also a Bantay Dagat volunteer who helps in taking care of the barangay’s marine life. Furthermore, he is a Lupong Tagapamayapa member tasked to promote peace in the community.

Admirably, it is not only the husband who is active in the community, but the rest of the family. The couple were also active volunteers of the Kalahi CIDSS-NCDDP 1st cycle. They had their own assignments as volunteers. The wife was in the Procurement Team and the husband was the foreman and the mason. Also, Rosaly and the children help in coastal clean-ups.

Financial management learned through FDS comes in handy. They are now more organized when it comes to their finances and have come to prioritize savings. Little by little, they improve their house every summer when there are no school expenses.

With six children, the couple is venturing into different livelihood activities. They are now raising three hogs. Nelson who had a background on massage therapy availed the skills training provided by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development in partnership with the LGU. The trainer was even impressed at his skills that he even gave Nelson a rabbit as a token after a relieving massage. Aside from that, the family has planted bananas, pineapples and different varieties of vegetables. Nelson also collects coconut sap to make tuba or coconut wine. Recently, they started making and selling charcoals for cooking. Nelson also do carpentry and masonry jobs. With the bountiful blessings they receive, the family always thank God by sharing their yields and blessings to their relatives, neighbors and friends.

Their neighbor Florenda Baguinang, 61 years old, shared, “Maajo ni sila nga pamilya maam, maasikaso sa ilang mga anak, tagaan og maayong pamisti ang mga bata inig ngadto sa iskoylahan, pirme jud na andaman ang mga bata usa mungadto sa iskuylahan. Ang mga bata pud nakita nahu nga interesado jud muiskwela. Isip silingan pud, si Nelson kung magpahilot mi, dili sija manukot og bayad, kung pila lang ang amung ibayad, mao lang pud ang ijang dawaton. Muhatag pud ni sila sa mga panahon nga magpahinungod sila ginagmay sa mga adlawang matawhan sa ilang mga anak kay di man lagi ta dato maam maong ginagmay lang pud. (They are a good family. The parents are attentive to the needs of their children. They dress their children well and prepare them for school. Also, I can see that the children are interested in schooling. As neighbors, Nelson does not ask for anything in return whenever we need his massage service. He accepts any amount we pay and does not demand for more. In his little ways, he also shares to the needy, though it is given that he also doesn't have much.)

The Birth of Hope

Ako po si Rezalina Hondelero Dela Cruz, 34 taong gulang may asawa at nakatira sa Brgy. Balucanad, Capoocan Leyte. Kasalukuyan po akong nagtuturo sa Unang baitang dito sa Mababang Paaralan ng Balucanad Elementary School. May limang anak, dalawang babae at tatlong lalaki. Si Rudirick Niegas Dela Cruz na taga Balud ang aking napangasawa.



Simula pa lang pangarap ko nang maging isang guro upang makatulong sa mga batang mahihirap at para na rin maitaguyod ang aking sariling pamilya.

Sa bawat pagsubok, ang aking amilya ang aking lakas at inspirasyon upang patuloy na mangarap at magpursige sa buhay.

Nang ilunsad ang Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) taong 2011, ang pamilya ko ay isa sa mga maswerteng benepisyaryo nito at ako ay isa sa mga napili upang maging 4Ps Parent Leader. Masasabi ko pong malaking tulong sa akin itong programa. May P2,800.00 po kasi akong natatanggap kada reles, ibinili ko po ito ng bigas at mga gamit ng mga bata at pantulong na rin sa iba pang gastusin. Napakalaking tulong ang naibigay nito sa aming pamilya. Hindi man po kalakihan ang aking natatanggap subalit biyaya na rin kung maituturing dahil sa pag-asa at mga oportunidad na bigay ng programa.

Natutunan ko mula sa programang ito ang magkaroon ng positibong pananaw sa buhay, ang magsumikap na mabigyan ng magandang pamumuhay ang mga anak. Sa tuwing FDS kasi may iba't ibang topic na ibinibigay sa amin. Tulad halimbawa kung paano maging isang mabuting magulang upang maayos naming magabayan ang aming mga anak sa kanilang paglaki. Iminumulat din kami sa iba't-ibang isyu ng ating pamahalaan at kung paano kami makakatulong sa kapwa.

Taong 2016 ang aking pamilya ay nag-waive ng aming membership sa programa. Ito ay dahil naging regular permanent Teacher na po ako.

Masasabi ko po medyo umangat na nang konte ang aming pamumuhay. Dahil syempre may permanente na po akong trabaho. Hindi tulad ng dati na nasa bahay lang ako, nag-aantay sa konteng kinikita ng asawa lahat ng aming gastusin nakaasa lang sa kanya. Naranasan naming hindi kumain ng isang araw dahil walang maiabot ang asawa ko. Ngayon kahit papano nakakain na kami ng tatlong beses sa isang araw.

Nabibili ko na rin ang mga anak ko ng ulam na gusto nilang kainin. Dati kasi pilit naming pinagkakasya ang pera na nakukuha ng asawa ko sa pamamasada ng motor.

Sa mga benepisyaryo ng 4Ps, gamitin niyo ng tama ang perang nakukuha ninyo sa programang ito. Maging katulong ninyo po lamang ito na maibigay ang pangangailangan ng inyong mga anak higit lalo na sa mga pangangailangan nila sa school. Huwag ninyo iasa dito ang mga pang araw-araw na gastusin. Bagkus gamitin ninyo itong katuwang sa pagtustos na magkaroon ng magandang kinabukasan ang inyong mga anak. Isipin po sana ninyo na hindi lahat ng pamilya ay swerte na nabigyan ng pagkakataong mapabilang dito. Magpursige po sana kayo upang matupad ang inyong mga pangarap.

Sa mga staff po at sa mga taong nasa likod ng programang ito. Saludo po kami sa inyo at taos puso po kaming nagpapasalamat sa inyo at sa inyong serbisyong tunay na may malasakit.

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