

# Project Completion Report

**Project Title: Food Assistance and Seed Capital**

**Beneficiaries: 25 Ayta indigenous families**

**Location: Binuklutan, Botolan, Zambales**

**Project Cost: Php 212,568.87 / \$3987.62**

# Project Summary:

The Indigenous Community Livelihood Support Project aimed to assist the Ayta community in Binuklutan, who faced the loss of their borrowed farmland, in establishing sustainable farming practices on their individual farm lots. The project provided food assistance during the land preparation phase and seed capital to purchase non-GMO seeds, enabling the community to continue their agricultural livelihood and achieve self-sufficiency.



# Key Accomplishments:

## Ensured Food Security During Transition

The project supported the community transitioning to individual farm lots by providing essential food packs to 25 families, ensuring access to nutritious meals during land preparation. This action addressed food security needs and showcased Pure Bayanihan's commitment to community support.



# Sustainable Agriculture

The project focused on sustainable agricultural practices in the community by supporting the purchase of non-GMO seeds. This initiative aimed to enhance crop quality, nutrition, market value, ecological balance, and biodiversity. Encouraging seed saving promoted self-sufficiency and reduced reliance on external sources.



# Empowerment and Self-Reliance

Empowered the community to take ownership of their livelihoods by supporting their transition to individual farm lots and providing them with the resources needed to establish sustainable farming practices.



# Built Capacity for Sustainable Development

The project empowered the community through education and training on organic farming, sustainable land management, and biodiversity preservation. This knowledge not only improved their farming skills but also fostered environmental stewardship.



# Challenges and Solutions:

**Loss of Farmland:** The sudden loss of their borrowed farmland presented a significant challenge for the community. The project addressed this by providing immediate food assistance and supporting the development of individual farm lots as a sustainable alternative.

**Remote Location:** The remote location of the individual farm lots posed logistical challenges in delivering supplies and providing support. This was overcome by establishing a strong partnership with the community representative, Randy Bernales, who facilitated the distribution of resources and coordinated project activities.

**GMO Seed Dependency:** The community's reliance on genetically modified organisms (GMO) seeds, which yielded lower-quality crops, was a concern. The project addressed this by providing funding for non-GMO seeds, ensuring the production of high-quality, sustainable crops.

# Overall Impact:

The project has significantly impacted the Ayta community by enabling them to overcome the loss of their borrowed farmland and establish sustainable farming practices on their individual lots. By providing food assistance and seed capital, the project has ensured the community's food security and economic resilience. The project has also empowered the community to take ownership of their livelihoods and has strengthened their capacity for sustainable agriculture.





# Future Recommendations:

- **Ongoing Support:** Continue to provide ongoing support to the community, including training, mentorship, and access to resources for sustainable farming practices.
- **Market Access:** Assist the community in developing market linkages for their produce to ensure fair prices and sustainable income generation.
- **Community-led Initiatives:** Encourage and support community-led initiatives to further develop their agricultural practices and explore additional livelihood opportunities.
- **Advocacy:** Advocate for policies and programs that support the land rights and livelihoods of indigenous communities in the Philippines.

**Thank you, Pure  
Bayanihan!**