

Project Completion Report

Project Title: Fishing Boat Livelihood Project

Beneficiaries: 15 Indigenous families

Location: Sitio Guh-ban, San Manuel, San Nicolas, Pangasinan

Project Cost: PHP 292,650 / \$ 5,454.69

Project Summary:

The Fishing Boat Livelihood Project was designed to address the unique challenges faced by 15 indigenous families residing in the remote Sitio Guh-ban. This community, characterized by limited access to basic necessities and economic opportunities, relies heavily on subsistence fishing, agriculture, and livestock farming for survival. Recognizing the difficulties they faced in transporting goods and accessing markets due to the lack of proper roads and transportation, Pure Bayanihan initiated this project to empower the community through a multifaceted approach.



Key Accomplishments:

Improved Transportation

By providing a reliable mode of transportation, the project eliminated the need for long, arduous treks or expensive motorcycle rides, making it easier for the community to transport goods to market and access essential services in the city.



Enhanced Livelihood Opportunities

The provision of a fishing boat significantly improved the community's fishing capabilities, enabling them to access better fishing grounds and increase their catch. This, in turn, enhanced their income potential and food security.



Enhanced Quality of Life

The provision of solar lamps and water hoses addressed critical needs for lighting and irrigation, improving the overall quality of life for the families.



Community Empowerment:

The project fostered a sense of ownership and collaboration within the community, as they actively participated in the project planning, implementation, and maintenance of the provided resources.



Raised Awareness and Advocacy

Through its efforts to secure permits and address the issue of illegal fishing, Pure Bayanihan raised awareness about the challenges faced by the community and advocated for sustainable fishing practices.



Challenges and Solutions:

Complex Permitting Process: The project encountered significant delays due to the complex and time-consuming process of obtaining permits from multiple government agencies. Pure Bayanihan navigated this challenge through persistent follow-ups, clear communication, and collaboration with local officials.

Communication Barriers: The remote location of Sitio Guh-ban, with limited access to communication networks, posed a challenge for coordination and information dissemination. This was addressed through regular field visits, establishing a local point of contact, and utilizing alternative communication channels..

Fishing Ban: The unexpected implementation of a fishing ban in San Roque Dam due to water toxicity issues presented a significant setback for the project's livelihood component. Pure Bayanihan responded by adapting its strategy, focusing on the transportation aspect of the project, and exploring alternative livelihood options for the community.

Overall Impact:

The project has significantly improved the quality of life for the 15 beneficiary families by easing transportation burdens, enhancing their fishing capabilities, and providing essential resources for daily living. While the fishing ban poses a temporary setback, the project has laid a strong foundation for future livelihood development and community empowerment.



Awarding Ceremony:

The project was officially launched last March 5, 2023 with a gift-giving ceremony attended by community members, local officials, and representatives from Pure Bayanihan. The event was covered by the Daily Tribune, highlighting the project's impact and recognizing the contributions of various stakeholders.



Future Recommendations:

- **Explore Alternative Livelihoods:** In light of the fishing ban, explore and implement alternative livelihood options such as agricultural training or handicraft production.
- **Strengthen Community Partnerships:** Continue building relationships with local organizations and government agencies to ensure ongoing support and sustainability of the project.
- **Advocate for Policy Change:** Work with relevant authorities to address the issue of illegal fishing in San Roque Dam and advocate for policies that support sustainable fishing practices.

Future Recommendations:

- **Expand Project Reach:** Replicate the project model in other communities facing similar challenges to create a broader impact.
- **Monitor and Evaluate:** Regularly assess the project's outcomes and gather feedback from the community to continuously improve and adapt strategies for maximum effectiveness.

**Thank you, Pure
Bayanihan!**