Project Completion Report

Project Title: Transportation and Alternative Livelihood

Beneficiaries: Ten (10) kangkong farming families

Location: Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo

Project Cost: Php 250,000/ \$4,660.44

Project Summary:

The Transportation and Alternative Livelihood Project aimed to empower kangkong farmers in Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo by providing them with transportation and alternative livelihood opportunities. The project sought to address the farmers' reliance on middlemen, who often exploited them by buying their produce at low prices, and the seasonal fluctuations in income due to the dry season.



Key Accomplishments: Enhanced Market Access

Successfully provided ten families with motorcycles ("kolong-kolong") for transportation, allowing them to bypass middlemen and sell their produce directly at the market, thereby increasing their profits and improving their livelihoods.



Diversified Income Sources

Introduced alternative livelihood options to the families, such as hog raising, sewing, sari-sari stores, and other small businesses, ensuring a stable income even during the dry season when kangkong harvests are low.



Empowerment and Economic Independence

Empowered the farmers to take control of their economic futures by giving them the means to transport and sell their produce independently, as well as providing them with the resources to explore diverse income-generating activities.





Challenges and Solutions:

Logistical Coordination: Coordinating the delivery of motorcycles and livelihood resources to the remote farming communities required careful planning and collaboration with local partners. The project team worked closely with community leaders and volunteers to ensure smooth implementation and timely delivery of resources.

Sustainability of Livelihoods: Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the alternative livelihoods was a key concern. The project team provided training and mentorship to the beneficiaries, helping them develop business plans, manage finances, and market their products effectively.

Challenges and Solutions:

Maintenance and Repair: Recognizing the importance of maintaining the motorcycles for long-term use, the project established a fund for repairs and maintenance, ensuring that the farmers could continue to benefit from the transportation provided.

Market Fluctuations: To address the potential challenges of market fluctuations for both kangkong and alternative livelihood products, the project team facilitated connections with local cooperatives and market vendors, ensuring a more stable demand and pricing for the farmers' products.

Overall Impact:

The project has had a transformative impact on the lives of the kangkong farmers and their families. By providing them with transportation and alternative livelihoods, the project has significantly increased their income, improved their standard of living, and empowered them to become more self-reliant. The project has also fostered a stronger sense of community and encouraged collaboration among the farmers.





Future Recommendations:

- Expand Project Reach: Secure additional funding to extend the project to more kangkong farming families in Iloilo and other regions.
- Financial Literacy Training: Provide ongoing financial literacy training to the beneficiaries to help them manage their income and savings effectively, ensuring the long-term viability of their businesses.
- Market Linkages: Establish stronger connections with local markets and buyers to facilitate the sale of kangkong and other products produced by the farmers.
- Community Development: Engage with the wider community to promote awareness of the challenges faced by kangkong farmers and encourage support for their livelihoods.

Thank you, Pure Bayanihan!