

Project Completion Report

Project Title: Empowering Livelihoods for Sitio Pantay, Lourdes, and Cacandongan Communities

Beneficiaries: 6 families experiencing extreme financial hardship.

Location: Brgy. Sitio Pantay Nueva Ecija, Brgy. Lourdes Tarlac, Brgy. Cacandongan Bautista Pangasinan

Project Cost: Php 150k/ \$2,678

Project Summary:

This project successfully established four sustainable income-generating businesses for five families in three barangays. The initiatives included a mobile rolling store, two sari-sari stores, a vegetable farm, and a vulcanizing shop. These businesses were equipped with necessary supplies and equipment, providing the families with the means to earn a living, improve their quality of life, and contribute to their communities.

Vegetable Farming

One family received agricultural supplies and training to cultivate vegetables for personal consumption and potential sale, contributing to increased food security.



Sari-Sari Store

One family were provided with inventory and guidance to operate small convenience stores, offering essential goods and income opportunities to the community.



Bigasan (Rice Retail)

Two families received rice supplies and training to start a small-scale rice retailing business, catering to the community's staple food needs.



Rolling Store (Bike with Sidecar)

These mobile stores, operated by three families, provides convenient access to goods in the community, generating income and improving access to essential items.



Key Accomplishments:

- **Poverty Alleviation:** The project directly addressed poverty by empowering beneficiaries with diverse and sustainable income sources.
- **Job Creation:** Six new businesses were established, providing employment and income for five families.
- **Improved Access to Goods and Services:** The sari-sari stores, rolling store, and bigasan business significantly improved access to essential goods and food in the community.
- **Increased Food Security:** The vegetable farming and bigasan initiatives directly contributed to increased food security for the beneficiaries and the community.

Challenges and Solutions:

Extreme Poverty and Lack of Income: Six families in the target communities faced extreme poverty, struggling to meet their basic needs and lacking sustainable income sources. The project established six different income-generating businesses (vegetable farming, sari-sari stores, rolling store, bigasan), providing sustainable income sources for six families.

Limited Access to Essential Goods and Services: Residents in the communities had limited access to essential goods and services, such as food, household items, and repair services. The sari-sari stores, rolling store, and bigasan business significantly improved access to essential goods, food, and household items within the community, making them more readily available and convenient.

Challenges and Solutions:

Food Insecurity: Some families struggled to access sufficient and nutritious food due to financial constraints. The vegetable farming initiative directly addressed food insecurity by providing fresh produce for one family and potentially for the broader community. The bigasan business ensured a stable supply of rice, a staple food in the Philippines.

Lack of Economic Opportunities: The project introduced diverse economic activities in the community, creating new jobs and stimulating local economic growth. This helped to address the lack of economic opportunities and provided alternative income streams for residents.

Overall Impact:

The Empowering Livelihoods project has successfully achieved its goals of providing diverse and sustainable income sources, improving the lives of five families in the target communities. The project's impact is evident in the creation of jobs, increased access to essential goods, and improved food security. The project team will continue to monitor the businesses and provide ongoing support to the beneficiaries, ensuring the long-term sustainability and success of these initiatives



Future Recommendations:

- **Scale Up:** Expand to more communities and secure funding.
- **Strengthen Businesses:** Offer advanced training and access to markets.
- **New Opportunities:** Explore value-added processing, micro-lending, and new skills training.
- **Community Engagement:** Encourage cooperatives and community-led initiatives.
- **Monitor & Evaluate:** Track progress and gather feedback for continuous improvement.

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