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PRACTICUM STUDENTS

Summer Class – 22 Marketing students from AdDU completed their practicum at ISFI. The Students' Final Output are Business and Marketing Plans of selected micro-enterprises assisted by ISFI.



TIBUNGCO COMMUNITY EXTENSION PROGRAM



Last March 10, 2006, several Tibungco scholars of Fr. Bob Hogan sought the help of ISFI to assist the Smokey Mountain Scavengers and Neighborhood Association, Inc. (SMSNAI).

The community is one of the most vulnerable in the city – for they compose of the former scavengers who used to live in a dumpsite along the Diversion Road, Ma-a, Davao City. The City Government of Davao relocated these people to a resettlement site, some 25 kilometers from the city proper. The distance has severely limited the economic options of the community, as well as their access to basic social services.



ISFI, immediately after request, deployed community organizers in the area to assess their living condition.

ISFI committed to assist SICO and National Service Training Program/Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP/CWTS) students who would be assigned in the area.

To date, the following activities were conducted by ISFI:

- Bio-Intensive Training (June 15, 2006)
- Cosmetology Training (August 2006)
- AM/FM Radio Servicing/Training (August 2006)
- Kasalan/Binyagan ng Bayan (October 20, 2006)
- Oplan Tuli (October 20, 2007)
- Medical Mission (October 20, 2007 to Present)
- Support/ Assistance on Housing Program
- ADDU Students Community Exposures
- Linkage Building
- SMSNAI 3-Year Development Plan: Making a Difference in Life

*CORDAID and ISFI-AdDU
Supporting
Microenterprises Do
Better*

For more than four years – from 2007 until 2011 – the ISFI-ADDU partnered with the Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development Aid (Cordaid) – Netherlands to provide support to micro-entrepreneurs and groups of farmers, livestock raisers and women on managing their enterprises and livelihood projects.

The partnership was sustained in three phases: 18-month Craft Village Enterprise Development and Strengthening; 24-month Catalysts for Enterprise Development; and 8-month Supporting Small Enterprises Through Consolidation: The Market Consolidation Project.

Last May 15, 2011, ISFI submitted to CordAid its Final/Completion Report

*Tudlo Mindanao
Impact Study*

- Finalization of Supervisors and Teachers Survey Questionnaires
- Revision of Timetable of the study
- Close Coordination with Peace Corps Team

Evaluation of the Economic Impact of GEM Infrastructure Projects

The Growth with Equity for Mindanao (GEM) has commissioned the Institute for Socio-Economic Development Initiatives – Ateneo de Davao University (ISFI-AddDU) to undertake the project “Evaluation of the Economic Impact of GEM Infrastructure Projects”. These projects are located in Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur and Norte, North Cotabato, Maguindanao, Region 9, Region 13 and Region XI.

For the month of May, ISFI focused on the following activities:

- Series of Meeting between ISFI Team and GEM
- Conduct of the Pre-Test of Proposed Survey Instruments and Leveling of Expectations with GEM’s BUM Team
- Finalization of the Deployment Plan/Schedule
- Finalization Survey Questionnaires
 - a) Household Survey – Transport
 - b) Household Survey – Solar Dryer, Solar Dryer with Warehouse, Trading
 - c) Vehicle Owner
 - d) Passenger
 - e) Vessel Owner
 - f) Service Station
 - g) FGD Guide
 - h) KII Guide
 - i) Traffic Count
 - j) Questionnaire for the Control Barangay
- Orientation of the Local Enumerators
- Fieldwork activities Mindanao wide
- Final List of Samples - GEM Infrastructure Projects:

Classification	Sample Size
RIPs High Conflict	4
RIPs Moderate Conflict	19
BIPs High Conflict	30
BIPs Moderate Conflict	182
BIPs Control Barangays	20
Total	255

PROJECT GENERATION

ISFI submitted project proposals and EOI to : GEM for the CLIC Impact Study, GIZ for the ACCOAST Small Grants and Feed the Children Program.

MICROINSURANCE TRAINING FOR RICE FARMERS IN LEYTE



The project “**Enhancement of Food Security in the Visayas Project (EFOS)**”, specifically the component 4 – Conventional and Parametric Crop Insurance, has introduced the microinsurance concept to the poor. EFOS chose to pilot the microinsurance awareness promotion in Leyte Island and identified the rice farmers to be the primary audience/participants.

Number of Trainings. For a five-week period which started from March 21 and ended April 29 (with break during Lenten period), a total of 57 one-day trainings (3 trainings merged) were conducted, spread across 16 municipalities in Leyte, Visayas Island.



Total Participants. For each training session, 100 people were expected to attend. With the help of the Local Government Units’ Municipal Agriculture Office and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, actual registered participants reached 6,107. EFOS exceeded its target by 107 participants or 1.78%. In terms of gender, there were more males (3,420 or 56%) than females (2,687 or 44%).

Increase in Knowledge on Personal Finance. For a four-week period, excluding the Ormoc Trainings, the increase in knowledge on Personal Finance reached 7.8% while for increase in knowledge on Microinsurance reached 12.52% resulting to an over-all average of 10.15%.

Initial Commitment from Participants. In a poll among 5,363 participants (not included in the count were the participants in Ormoc City during the first week of the training), 3,376 or 63% of the participants committed to support microinsurance; 1,880 or 35% were still undecided; and 107 or 1.9% did not give their commitment.



Most participants were interested to know more about microinsurance, based on exchanges during Open Forum. The structured learning exercises were also appropriate considering occupations/sources of income of the participants. Further, the exercises stressed the importance of team and team-owned decisions; and clarified the concept and coverage limitation of Microinsurance (MI).

The training was generally delivered in the vernacular, allowing people to express openly their views. The support given by the local officials and community leaders was instrumental for the good turnout of participants.

ISFI submitted its Completion Report to GIZ last May 15, 2011. It looks forward to a partnership with GIZ in a similar project in the Caraga Region soon.