



Community Extension

Twenty-three (23) practicum-students from Theology 141 class assigned to ISEDI conducted a 2-day community exposure in SMSNAI (Smokey Mountain Scavengers Neighborhood Association Inc.), its adopted community in Tibungco Relocation Area. On the first day, August 24, the students had storytelling and games to 97 children and on the second day, August 25, they conducted a Forum on Natural Family Planning to 48 men and women with resource speaker, Mr. Roy Cresencio R. Lina of the Natural Family Planning Center of the Ateneo de Davao University. Apart from the forum, a feeding activity and interaction with the kids were done by the students.

Gauging from the reflection notes of the students, the 2-day activity was a successful event, in fact some of them said “it was a life-changing experience”, “we realized how blessed we are that our parents sent us to school and feed us 3 times a day”.



Internship



ISEDI's AIESEC international students from Kenya, Ms. Cynthia Ngima Thinwa'; Vietnam, Ms. Cao Huu Thuy Lam and China -Ms. Fenzhi “Fanjo” Chen visited Apo ni Lola, ISEDI's assisted craft village enterprise, and met with the owner, Mr. Arnel Raakin. The interns had an interview with Mr. Raakin to gather substantial information for their market study. The interns also enjoyed the tasty durian delicacies of Apo ni Lola.

Balik Uma Campaign

As Balik Uma Campaign progresses its implementation, updating and monitoring of target and accomplished activities are continuously examined during the whole month of August. In Sitios Bango, Mambosao and Bongkilaton, food subsidy support and farm implements were distributed.

Farmers in Bango and Mambosao were done with the clearing and brushing of 2 hectares each of trial farm ready to be planted. The seeds will be provided by Masipag soon.

In Bongkilaton area, more than 2 hectares of trial farm has been planted with corn and 20 farmers have done clearing, brushing and planting as well.

Twenty-two (22) beneficiaries in Letter V were interviewed for baseline profile.

Twenty (20) farmers have done land preparation and fifteen (15) farmers have planted. A total of Ninety (90) kls of benhisamais (corn seeds) are yet to be accessed and supplied to the farmers.



CVEDS Monitoring (Craft Village Enterprise Development and Strengthening)

Elmars Porkskin Chicharon participated in the 4-days kadayawan trade fair in celebration of Kadayawan Festival at the Davao Convention Center last August 15 – 18, 2013. Elmars generated a total sales of about P9,000.00.



MRDP2 – AusAid Baseline Studies

ISEDI was commissioned by Mindanao Rural Development Program Phase 2 (MRDP 2) to conduct the AusAid Baseline Studies. Six (6) teams were deployed and simultaneously conducted the baseline studies in 6 regions in Mindanao. In each region, there are 4 study site municipalities except for **Region 9** which has 3 municipalities, Ipil, RT.Lim and Tungawan; **Region 10**, Mun of Baroy, Lala, Linamon and Salvador; **Region 11**, Mun of ; **Region 12**, Mun of Malapatan, Kiamba, Maasim and Maitum ; **Region 13**, Mun of Carmen, Nasipit, Buenavista and Kitcharao and in **ARMM region**, Mun of Parang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Upi and Ampatuan.

Data gathering was done through KII and FGD with different stakeholders of the sub-project, the RPCO, PGLU/PPMIU, MLGU/MPMIU, Privates sectors, contractors and P Os. They were asked on their level of satisfaction pertaining to the processes of the sub-project on the selection and implementation, social preparation, appraisal and verification and implementation of the sub-project and also their recommendations to improve the processes.

The objectives of the studies are:

- Generate baseline data on the key parameters which the WB-AusAid grant aims to measure the direct and indirect impact of the sub-projects (Rural Infrastructure RI, Community Fund for Agricultural Development CFAD and Natural Resource Management NRM)
- Produce data on the level of capacities of the LGUs participating in the MRDP-2 in performing the devolved agri-fishery services and functions.

The baseline study will be the basis for measuring the changes resulting from the WB-AusAid Grant implementation and at the same time the basis for further assessments and evaluation of the project's efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, impact and sustainability.

Encoding of regional outputs is now on-going.

