

A SMALL SCALE MINER'S TAWID



This is our stop, Project Officer Anthony Coliwet said as he waved to a man outside the van. The man happened to be Mr. Alfred Bugnosen, one of the board members of the Benguet Federation of Small Scale Miners. Our van stopped exactly at the deadend of the road where Mr. Bugnosen and Mr. Marzan Lubante, president of Ucab Indigenous Community Livelihood Association (UICLA) were waiting for us. After meeting Mr. Bugnosen, we started to trek the foot trails where small scale miners tread on to go their "tawid".

Tawid, as one of the miners called it, means inheritance. As most of the miners in this community, their "usok" (small scale mine tunnels) have been with their family line for generations. Unlike in large scale mining, a small scale mine tunnel, or usok in the local dialect, is dug manually. A 100 meter tunnel is gradually dug and stretches to generations of miners.

While walking through the foot trail, there were already lines of small scale tunnels identified with a metal number – like those they put in houses. The association uses this method to identify the owner and to count the small scale tunnels already operating in the area. Most tunnels are just about 4sqft, and by just going near the entrance of the tunnel I could already feel the heat emanating from it.

We continued trekking the trails and arrived at one of the miners' usok. His usok was different as compared to the previous we saw along the way. The entrance was wider about 10sqft, but just as we entered the tunnel there was another tunnel going downwards. Looking from the top, one will not see the bottom of the tunnel. According to the owner it's about 100 meters deep. They use a makeshift elevator powered by a machine to transport the ore and the miner to and from the bottom.

He recalls that their ancestors were miners, he grew up in the mines. Although their family is not from Ucab, Itogon, the mines brought them there. It was the only livelihood their family knew. It was the livelihood that was passed on to

him and to his siblings. Though he also tried construction, he goes back to his piece of tawid on the side of the mountain.

Manong Rob admits he didn't finish school. Mining was the job he grew up with. He inherited his parents' small scale tunnel and as he puts it, "Itong kinagisan namin, walang iba". However he changed his tone when it comes to his children – he has five. Not all the time mining is good. We go home with nothing, thirty days broke, one day millionaire. "I don't want this for my kids. I want them educated". He proudly continues that his eldest already graduated from college and one is also about to graduate. "I grew up in the mines," he said. "My ancestors, parents were miners. I would always go back to mining since it's the only job I know but I wanted a different tawid for my children, not a piece of tunnel at the side of the mountain, but a diploma and a wider world outside of the usok."

Just like thousands of small scale miners in the Cordillera Manong Rob and other small scale miners remain as part of this "informal" economy, illegal as others term it. The project Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Participation in Small Scale Gold Mining Governance in Benguet aimed to promote transparency and accountability in the small scale mining sector through (1.) increased public understanding of the management of small scale mining in Benguet province (2.) multistakeholder participation in the provincial mining regulatory board, the municipal and barangay monitoring councils (3.) small scale mining sector understands their responsibilities, roles and rights (4.) multi-stakeholder group agrees on a common plan for moving forward on the small scale mining sector.

Towards the end of the project, after a series of trainings, open discussion and orientations on different government agencies' mandates on small scale mining the small scale mining community came up with resolutions to be forwarded to the DENR, the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB), the National Council on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB) and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB). The resolutions call for the simplification of the application process and requirements to enable small scale miners to comply with government regulations, and the expansion of the PMRB's technical working. All being well, this could be a start of transparent and accountable sector.

PMFTC BRINGS I AM STRONG TO MARAWI



The rain poured that day, as if it was trying to drown the trauma the City of Marawi had been through for months of direct terrorist attacks. However, the images of the bullet-stricken and war-torn city could not deny that it had been through a bitter past. The images of the city just gives one a tug in the heart, heartbreaking.

Yet we remain hopeful. As we remember the bravery of soldiers, we remember the heroic acts of those who were hurt, injured and died in the name of duty to protect the land and its people. Although these ruins mark extreme terrorism that Marawi had gone through, it also cried out the people's courage and bravery. And their sacrifice is not in vain as after a 6-month siege Marawi was free at last.

And we do not just look away, through our own effort we help build up the city, the home of our fellow countrymen. PMFTC's #embraceMarawi activities, started assisting Marawi on June 17, 2017 benefiting more than 6,000 individuals and 5,000 families. Just this June 2018, at the start of a new school year, PMFTC brought Kimmy and Gelo, IAmSTRONG mascots, to surprise around 500 children from Mipaga Elementary School in Barangay Sagungsungan, Marawi City. The children were provided school supplies and bags and caught the tune of IAmSTRONG which stands for Smart, Talented, Responsible, Obedient, Nice and God-fearing – values promoted by the Embrace campaign and popularized by Efrén Peñaflorida, CNN Hero of the Year, who introduced the Kariton Klasrum.

Mrs. Umar Acraban, principal of the said school, shared that the people left everything behind - their houses and their belongings. Since the start of enrolment, the parents were asking if the school will provide school supplies for their children. Mrs. Acraban just advised them to pray. And she

continued to share, "Now our prayers have been heard, you are here with us now and we are really grateful".

The Oplan Bisita Eskuwela IamSTRONG (BES) made this possible, in coordination with other stakeholders such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regions 10 and ARMM, the different Police Provincial Offices of Misamis Oriental, Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte, the Iligan City and Marawi City Police Offices, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Bangon Marawi Task Force Group.

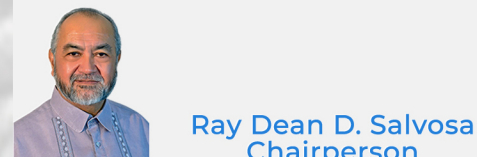
Indeed, strong partnership, coordination and cooperation with different stakeholders could bring about peace and unity and programs such as Oplan BES could teach, not only the implementors, but most especially the beneficiaries to remain STRONG despite the pains of bad experiences.



As Kimmy and Gelo danced to the tune of 'I Am STRONG', the children also tried to follow their dance steps while clapping their hands and shouting to their delight. These assured that hope is not at all lost, through the smiles of these children, the hope of the nation as Rizal puts it. Marawi has a better future, determine to rise from the ruins and prove that Maranaos are peace-loving people.

OPLAN BES (Bisita Eskuwela) "IamSTRONG" is a campaign of Embrace, Corporate Social Responsibility brand of PMFTC Inc., implemented by Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., and in partnership with the Philippine National Police. It aims to encourage stakeholders to develop and support child values, wellness and healthy lifestyle. STRONG stands for smart-talented-respectful-obedient-nice-God-fearing.

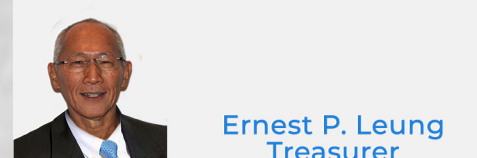
Oplan BES was introduced to 33 schools nationwide.



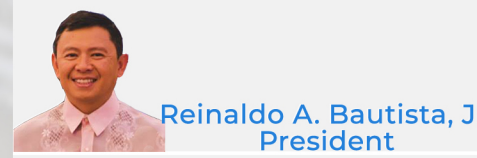
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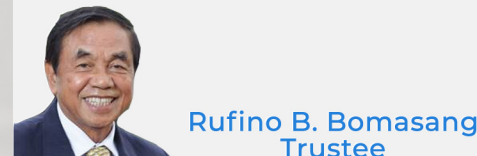
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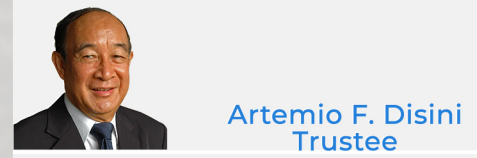
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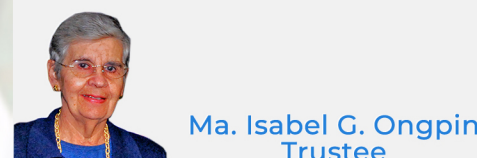
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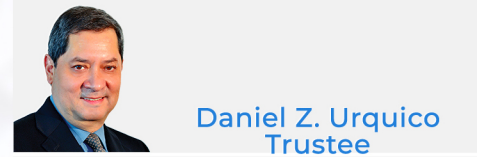
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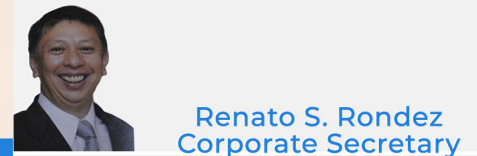
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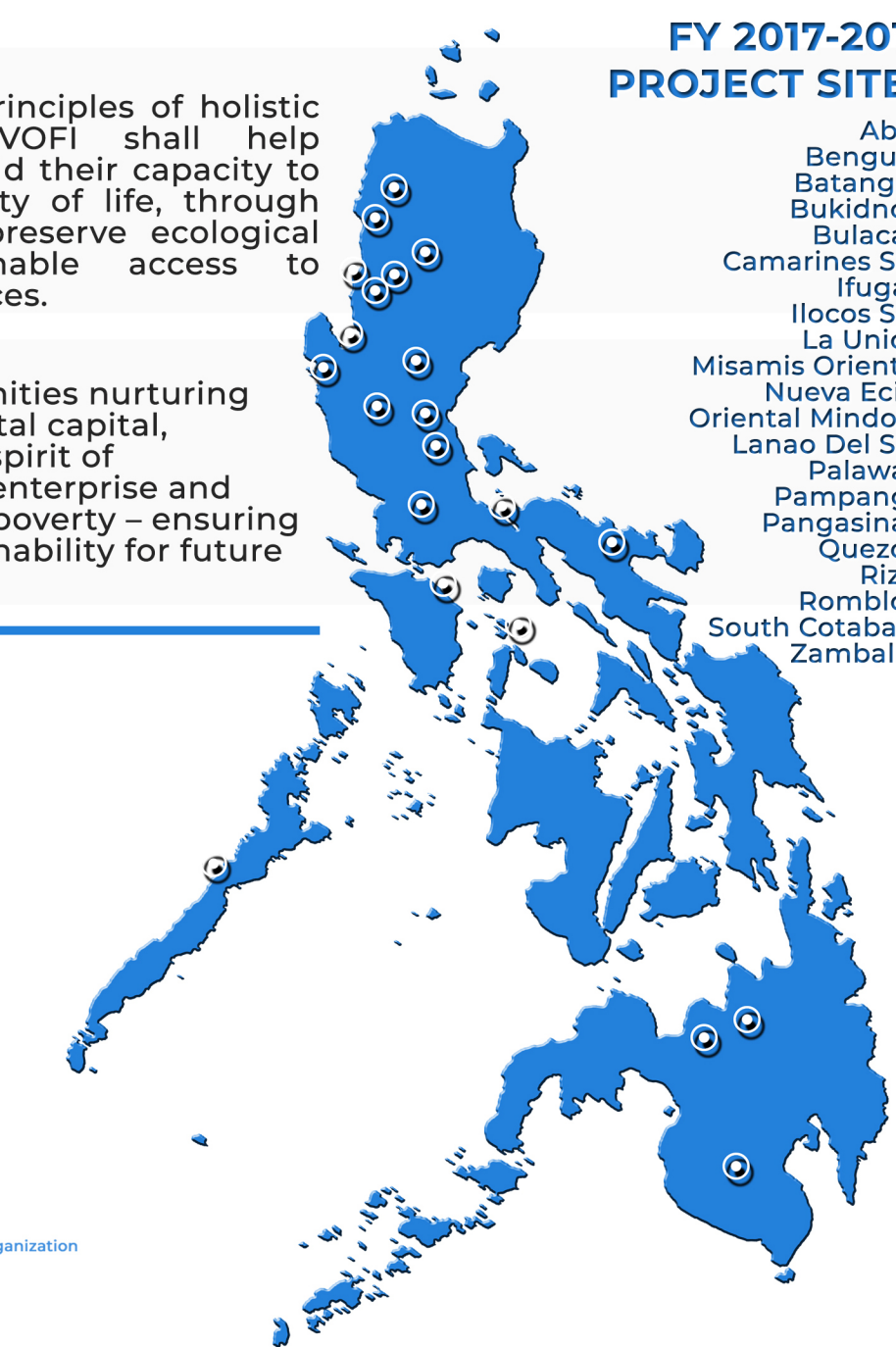
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Guided by the principles of holistic development, JVOFI shall help communities build their capacity to uplift their quality of life, through programs that preserve ecological integrity & enable access to economic resources.

MISSION

Resilient communities nurturing their environmental capital, harnessing their spirit of cooperation and enterprise and helping alleviate poverty – ensuring a legacy of sustainability for future generations.

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of Sustainability for
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

This year has been challenging as projects culminated and we started new ones, and as we spun-off our microfinance activities to comply with the requirements of the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) and the Microfinance NGOs Regulatory Council. Challenges test the limits of our capabilities, make us resilient and prepare us to do much more. Our 38 years in development work have melded us to what we are today and bring hope that we continue making a positive difference.

The USAID-funded project, Defending and Protecting the Amburayan River, ended in July 2017 with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Environmental Management Bureau in the Cordillera Administrative Region and Region 1 taking the helm from JVOFI. It may be recalled that this project aimed to promote transparent and accountable governance of the river that spans fifteen (15) municipalities in three (3) provinces and two (2) regions. Through the joint efforts of the Technical Working Group composed of partners from national and local governments, academe and the private sector, the lower and upper Amburayan Rivers were declared in January 2018 as Water Quality Management Areas by DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu. This milestone assures that there are structures, budgets and policies to sustain the protection of the river after USAID assistance.

Similarly, on environmental protection, JVOFI implemented a six-month project financed by the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Grant Fund under the USAID/Facilitating Public Investments Project. Implemented through USAID's partner, the Development Alternatives, Incorporated (DAI), our project aimed to promote transparency and accountability in small scale gold mining sector governance in eight (8) Benguet municipalities. Key project outputs were a scoping study on small scale mining in Benguet province, capacity building on the Small Scale Mining and the Indigenous Peoples Rights Acts; the development of a website, now managed by the Benguet provincial government, showing the location of Minahang Bayan applications and disseminating relevant laws. This project was able to informally organize key stakeholders that will continue to advocate transparency and accountability in the small scale mining sector more so that it has proliferated as an informal activity with no record of its contribution to the economy. Small scale mining is a major source of income in the province and estimated to account for 80% of mining revenue nationwide.

For the last five years, we have been working to bring safe water access to the communities of Pinagrealan, Taltal, and Bani in Masinloc, Zambales. We organized three community water associations that manage the water systems donated by AES Philippines Power Foundation, Inc. (APPF), the corporate social arm of AES Philippines which operated the Masinloc coal fired plant. Through the efforts of these people's organizations, APPFI and JVOFI, water is now readily available at the household taps, a service that households have longed for decades. In 2017, AES Philippines was acquired by SMC Global Power which has committed to continue corporate social responsibility projects in its host communities in Zambales.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations tapped JVOFI in March 2018 to construct community seed banks in 17 pilot communities in Ifugao and Lake Sebu, South Cotabato and assist communities in formulating the guidelines on its use. These storage facilities are a component of FAO's project, Dynamic Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agro-Biodiversity in Traditional Agro-ecosystems of the Philippines, funded by the Global Environment Facility and implemented with the Department of Agriculture.

We have long moved out of our comfort zone and reached farther communities that need our help through our continuing partnership with Embrace, PMFTC's corporate social arm. We have won numerous children over child labor through the Child Labor Free Communities project which engaged these children in music and art classes. Through Program for the Poor and Project H.E.E.D. (Empowering Communities on Health, Environment, Education and Disaster Alleviation) we have contributed to the achievement of selected United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) by implementing interventions focused on women empowerment, economic opportunity, access to quality education, and disaster preparedness.

JVOFI continues to stand strong with our commitment to adhere to the standards required of NGOs. Knowing that integrity is top of mind of our partners and stakeholders, we acquired our renewed PCNC certification as a donee institution for another five (5) years from 2017 to 2022 and applied for the renewal of our registration, license and accreditation with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

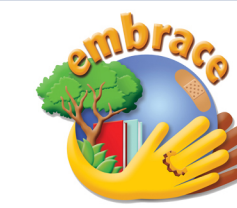
In 2020, we will be celebrating our 40th year. We have travelled far, yet still a lot can be done in the name of development. This could only be sustained if we remain committed. Despite challenges, we move on. Despite setbacks, we stand up. Despite loss, we acquire anew. We consistently move on, not because we have become a household name, but because the next generation depends on us. They follow what we have started. They watch as we live out our values of Service, Openness, Fairness, Integrity, Resourcefulness and Excellence and in turn live them out too. Our accomplishments become their platform for them to do more. We move on because we have taken on the task to ensure a legacy of sustainability for future generations.


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FY2017-2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Special Projects



Ecological Enhancement

STRENGTHENING MULTISTAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION IN SMALL SCALE GOLD MINING GOVERNANCE IN BENGUET

OBJECTIVE #1: Increased public understanding of the management of Small Scale Mining in Benguet province

1 WEBSITE established



OBJECTIVE #2: Multistakeholders participate in the provincial mining regulatory board, the Municipal and Barangay Monitoring Councils



12 stakeholders signed the project partnership agreement

176 participants attended Benguet Small Scale Mining Symposium

178 individuals oriented on PH-EITI Standards

OBJECTIVE #3: Small scale mining sector understands their responsibilities, roles and rights

128 individuals oriented on roles and functions of different government agencies on small scale mining

73 individuals capacitated on Occupational Safety and Hazard, DRR and Basic Life Support

36 individuals capacitated on geographic information system (GIS)

130 oriented on mining laws



OBJECTIVE #4: Multi-stakeholder group agrees on a common plan for moving forward on the small scale mining sector.

sustainability plans and resolutions drafted

CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY SEED BANKS IN IFUGAO AND SOUTH COTABATO

3 community seed banks completed in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato

The Construction of the Community Seedbanks in Ifugao and South Cotabato is under "GCP/PH/062/GFF Project" of The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Project. It is an integral part of the FAO-UN project entitled "Dynamic Conservation and sustainable use of Agrobiodiversity in Traditional Agro-system of the Philippines".



BUILDING THE CAPACITIES OF AES COMMUNITIES THROUGH WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

business permits completed

Site visit to successful water associations in Benguet

Completed requirements for National Water Resource Board permits

3 People's Organizations capacitated on bookkeeping and values orientation

3 strategic plans, operations manual and business plans crafted for sustainability

2 level water system projects turned over

41 meter cages completed in barangays Bani and Taltal



In September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Building on the principle of "leaving no one behind", the new Agenda emphasizes a holistic approach to achieving sustainable development for all.¹

Summarized below are our contribution in achieving specific UN SDGs, through the Special Projects Unit of Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., implementing arm of Embrace - PMFTC's brand of Corporate Social Responsibility.

2 ZERO HUNGER



87 undernourished children enrolled in supplemental nutrition programs

3,158 families received food packs
7,177 children benefitted by feeding program



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



22,608 individuals benefitted by various medical and dental missions/ medicine distribution

64 institutions, 28 schools and 111 barangays provided with small medical equipment

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



14 learning centers provided learning and instructional materials

13,249 school children provided school bags and supplies, uniforms and learning materials



6 Kariton Classrooms provided

41 schools provided computer units

18 schools refurbished

3 learning resource centers built

31 scholars financially assisted,

63 students received educational support

6,088 children in 173 schools benefitted by summer school program

4 scholars awarded Internship grants in Israel,

11 schools benefitted by provision of school implements

4,958 women benefitted from medical and dental services

500 women benefitted from provision of IEC materials

500 individuals benefitted from provision of IEC materials

13 CLIMATE ACTION



2,268 stakeholders trained on Disaster Risk Reduction Management



2,000 brochures on Disaster Awareness distributed

9 communities provided rescue and response equipment

130 individuals received IECs and advocacy materials

4,109 individuals provided with emergency relief



9 environment protection campaigns conducted

3 plant nurseries established



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1. <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envison2030.html>