



# ANNUAL REPORT

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ENSURING A LEGACY
OF SUSTAINABILITY
FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT

From Batanes to Tawi-tawi, this year we have reached the northernmost and the southernmost provinces of the country in our development work. Though we have reached new places, our foot is still grounded on our goal to ensure a legacy of sustainability for future generations. We all want to be a part of this vision and at JVOFI, we are proud to be part of a family that strives to reach it.

We are committed to help communities build their capacity to uplift their quality of life through programs that preserve ecological integrity & enable access to economic resources. As a result, JVOFI has established a long history of development work, providing services not only in Benguet, where we started, but now to the whole nation. Our accomplishments would not be possible without the contribution of our donors, the management and dedicated staff who have walked with us in our journey.

We went to South Cotabato and Ifugao, two provinces on opposite parts of the country to build community seedbanks. We partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UNFAO) which received a grant from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to conserve and sustain the agro-biodiversity of these communities. Last December 2018, we turned over 17 community seedbanks which we built with local residents. These are located in five (5) barangays in Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, six (6) barangays in Hingyon, Ifugao and another six (6) in Hungduan, Ifugao. In September 2018, we experienced one of the strongest typhoons, Typhoon Ompong (international name Mangkhut). It caused widespread flooding and multiple landslides, devastating farms, infrastructure and homes. JVOFI joined Relief International, ACTED and Action Against Hunger in a rapid assessment of Itogon, Tuba, Sablan and Kapangan, Benguet. In October 2018, World Food Programme partnered with JVOFI to extend unconditional cash assistance to 3,258 affected households in nine (9) Itogon barangays.

We have reached different provinces, municipalities and communities through our continuing partnership with EMBRACE as PMFTC's corporate social responsibility implementing partner. Four years since the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals UNSDGs were launched in 2015, together with EMBRACE, we endeavored to contribute to the achievement of these goals through every project and activity we implement. We continued to promote children's rights through the Child Labor Free Communities project in tandem with the OPLAN BES (Bisita Eskwela) of the Philippine National Police (PNP). Children were provided music, arts and sports classes and the PNP campaigned against bullying.

Through EMBRACE programs, Program for the Philippines (PFP) and K3 (Kalusugan at Kalikasan para sa Kinabukasan), we supported selected UN SDGs such as, SDG 2- Zero Hunger, SDG 3 - Good Health and Well Being, SDG4 - Education, SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 13 - Climate Action and SDG 17 - Partnership for the Goals. This year we acquired a grant from the 2030 Agenda Transformation Fund, a new fund commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. This supports innovative ways of stimulating transformation required for achieving the UN SDGs by 2030. The project entitled, "Mobilizing Investments and Community Participation in SDGs through GeoMapping in the Philippines (GIZ Project)" is a one-year project which aims to instigate discussion among stakeholders and galvanize them to address the SDGs by harnessing technology and visualization tools to communicate statistics.

From day one that we started our journey, we have been working with our donors, other stakeholders and communities to bring on a better world. Indeed this year, our work has taken us from North to South, yet there are still a lot more places to venture to. Our vision is our compass and our mission and allies motivate us. Our cup brims with gratitude and we are driven to achieve even more.

Dean D. Salvosa Chairman



## SPECIAL PROJECTS UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Summarized below are our contributions to achieving specific UN SDGs, through the Special Projects Unit of Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. implementing partner of EMBRACE - PMFTC's brand of Corporate Social Responsibility





65.633 families received food packs



children benefited by supplemental feeding program



GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



54,461 individuals benefited by medical missions and provision of medical equipment

29,548 disaster victims received relief items

22,306 families

6, 359 individuals provided health and hygiene kits



318 institutions received medical equipment



39 institutions received relief assistance

QUALITY



new scholars enrolled

1,694 children benefited by Summer School Program

42, 102 school children

& 172 institutions provided school supplies, bags and equipment







organic farmer associations received shredder machines





1,100 individuals benefited by skills traininá

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scholars

graduated

1.806 families institutions received livelihood start up kits



CLIMATE ACTION



13 communities served through environmental protection ačtivities





communities provided solid waste management materials

community tree planting activity conducted



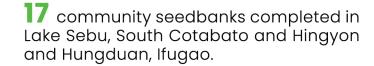


#### **ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**









The Construction of the Community Seedbanks in Ifugao and South Cotabato is under the "GCP/PHI/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 the Agrobiodiversity in Traditional Agro-system of the Philippines.



**3,361** qualified households were registered in the SCOPE and given unconditional cash assistance

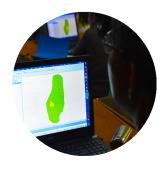
JVOFI was tasked to conduct SCOPE registration for the cash assistance for the affected households of Typhoon Ompong in Itogon. WFP uses the SCOPE Platform, a web-based application, to facilitate and ensure direct cash transfer to the beneficiary.



**COMPLETED** assessment and technical design of the irrigation system in Claveria, Misamis Oriental



**COMPLETED** biodiversity assessment in Coto watershed as source of the Masinloc, Zambales LGU proposed water system



- 13 municipalities formalized their commitment by signing the GIZ Project Partnership Agreement
- **60** project partners trained on Open Source Mapping
- **42** participants oriented on the Philippines Commitment to the SDGs
- **43** project partners trained on Data Analysis and Visualization



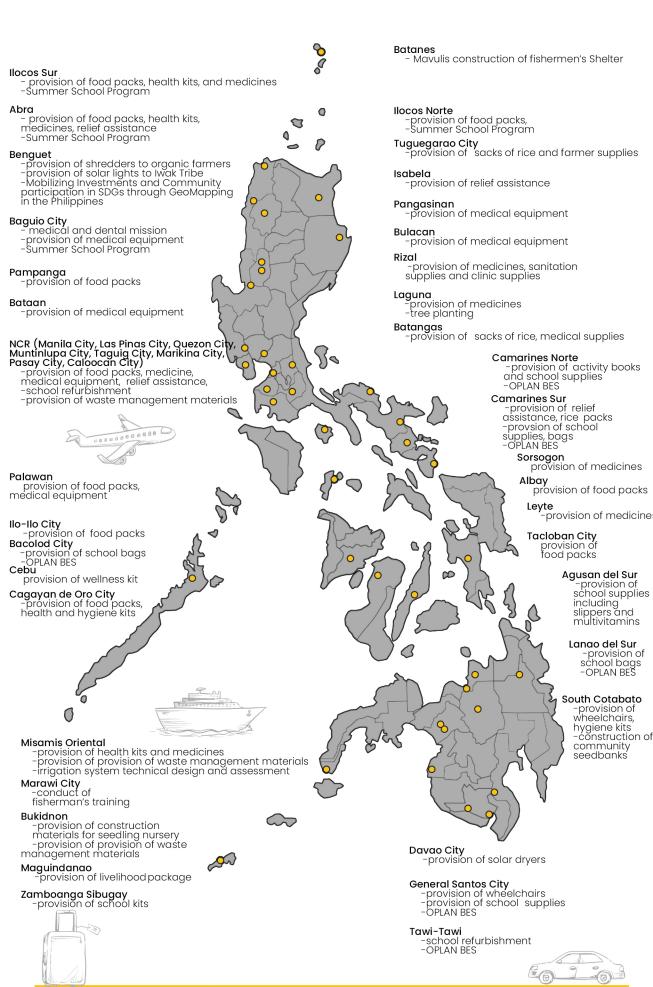
Implemented by

Oiz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale

"Mobilizing Investments and Community Participation in SDGs through GeoMapping in the Philippines (GIZ Project)" is a one-year project implemented by JVOFI under the 2030 Agenda Transformation Fund, a new fund commissioned by

the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The project aims to mobilize domestic resources and private investments for sustainable development through the development of partnerships between academic institutions, private sector networks and the government for the implementation of pilot development programs in specific communities.

## **PROJECT SITES**





Despite proximity to Baguio City and nearby developing municipalities there are still communities that do not have access to electricity. The Iwak tribe is one of the communities which does not have access to electricity. They live at the foot of Mt Ugo in Itogon which is only about 80 kilometers west of Baguio City.

Last July 2019, solar rechargeable lights were formally turned over to the Iwak tribe members. A brief demonstration on the proper use and maintenance of the solar lights was given by Power 4 all Sales staff.

These solar lights will benefit 50 households in Sitio Domolpos which has off grid problems in their community. The community was also badly affected by Typhoon Ompong last September 2018

Though surviving years without electricity, as we bring solar lights to the lwak tribe, we made their lives easier and the night sky less dark.

 ${\sf B}$ iao Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (BARBCO) is a leading ARB cooperative producing and processing quality Trinitario cacao beans and other agri-products in the Davao region, since 1992, with its own cacao nursery, warehousing, fermenting, drying and sorting facilities and organized logistics in place. They continually need to improve their products so they could be exported to other countries like Switzerland whose demand for cacao is high. In collaboration with SAGANA Association-Switzerland, they were provided materials for the construction of two (2) solar dryers to improve the quality of cacao beginning with the drying process. With the new mechanical dryers, the production of dried cacao beans will increase by 35% or, from 8,000 to 10,800 kgs every month.

Apart from the positive effects of the solar dryer on the production of cacao, these will also provide secure livelihood for the cooperative members and their families and other communities who deliver cacao to the coop, and will generate more employment during the peak harvest period of November to January including unpredictable weather conditions.

Farming is vital here in the Philippines with 47% of its land classified as agricultural. There was a time when several varieties of palay existed in the country. According to Mr. Zaldy Artacho, municipal agriculture officer of Lake Sebu, in the 1980s there were 186 varieties of rice. Now, the number is down to 16. It is undeniable that a large number of lost rice varieties is affecting not just the agricultural sector, but our culture and heritage to future generations as well. These heirloom rice varieties have withstood the test of time and need to be preserved to ensure indigenous communities are food secure and able to cope with climate change.

This was addressed by a short term project implemented by the JVOFI in the construction of seventeen (17) community seed banks (CSBs) which is a component of the "GCP/PHI/062/GFF PROJECT" entitled, "Dynamic Conservation and Sustainable Use of Agro-biodiversity in Traditional Agro-Ecosystems of the Philippines". Aside from the construction of the CSBs, JVOFI's role was to assist in the development of utilization guidelines and management plans by the farmers' organizations.

Today, as news of rice farmers barely making a profit and making ends meet flood the media, we hope that we contribute to the sustainability of our rice varieties and help the Philippines become a thriving rice economy once again.







LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND. Ambitious as it may seem, this statement is the core of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to tackle issues and meet the needs of all sectors defined in the 17 goals. Far more challenging is identifying those who are furthest behind and developing partnerships to address those needs.

A new fund, the 2030 Agenda Transformation Fund commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), supports the efforts of partner countries to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with innovative activities creating new impetus for the required transformation. They issued a global call for proposals for projects and activities to foster the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Over 200 proponents from 63 countries submitted their application to the 2030 Agenda Transformation Fund. JVOFI's proposal was one of the twelve (12) that were approved. JVOFI has been implementing programs geared towards the marginalized communities, and now through this one-year project "Mobilizing Investments and Community Participation in SDGs through GeoMapping in the Philippines" (GIZ Project), JVOFI together with its project partners, shall contribute to achieving the Philippines' commitment to the SDGs. The project aims to mobilize domestic resources and private investments for sustainable development through the development of partnerships between academic institutions, private sector networks and the government for the implementation of pilot development programs in specific communities. Poverty maps and visualization tools shall be employed to assist stakeholders in identifying priority SDG programs.

JVOFI has partnered with the Benguet Provincial Government, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the academe namely, Benguet State University (BSU) and the University of the Philippines Baguio (UP Baguio) for this one-year project.













































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## **Our Vision**

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.



# **Our Mission**

Guided by the principle 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.



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