

JAIME V. ONGPIN FOUNDATION, INC.

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YEARS IN 2020

1980 - 2020

ANNUAL REPORT 20-21



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON & THE PRESIDENT

We all know from personal experience that 2020 has had a profound impact on our world. The experience of living through a pandemic has shifted the way we do things – how we do our jobs, how we socialize, interact, and communicate with our friends, family, colleagues, and communities. Even mundane things like our daily routines have shifted. It was also, a shifting moment for us at Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. Significantly, the pandemic has limited our physical operations, but we had to up our game to race against time, lockdowns, restrictions, protocols, and health issues so we can reach more vulnerable communities. Yet, despite this new normal, one thing remains certain, we continue to focus on people.

This fiscal year demanded that we craft a new five-year strategic plan. We remain committed to our vision that JVOFI shall be the leading foundation in Northern Philippines in the development of resilient communities harnessing their spirit of cooperation and enterprise, and nurturing their environmental capital—ensuring a legacy of sustainability for future generations. We also embraced a redefined mission: JVOFI, a seasoned development NGO, shall mobilize strategic partnerships to respond to communities in need through knowledge building, preservation of ecological integrity & access to resources.

Regardless of the challenges of 2020, these did not stop us from achieving our accomplishments through the following projects that we have undertaken this year:

Achieving the SDGs in the Philippines in the Time of COVID-19 - This 6-month project was a follow-up to our earlier project, Mobilizing Investments and Community Participation in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through GeoMapping in the Philippines, funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) of Germany. The project aimed to strengthen multi-stakeholder participation in 13 Benguet municipalities and the province in ensuring that COVID-19 recovery plans are inclusive and responsive to their UN SDG priorities.

Waste Bank Project—This Embrace project aimed to assist the communities and the local government units to address the increasing waste caused by a lack of awareness and knowledge in 10 barangays in the municipalities of San Juan and Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur.

Plastic Recovery and Recycling for Clean Coasts - This two-year project funded by Coca-Cola Foundation, Inc. aims to reduce plastic pollution in the coastal barangays of Bauang, San Juan, and the City of San Fernando in the province of La Union through the collective participation of community stakeholders in the sustainable management of plastic waste.

JVOFI was also tapped by the World Food Programme (WFP) to implement its project, DSWD-WFP Remote Household Monitoring Survey on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Implementation of the Philippine Government's Social Amelioration Programme (SAP). Through this project, we surveyed 4,848 households and collected important information on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on food security and the essential needs of the affected population in different parts of the country. Under WFP, we also implemented the Beneficiary Registration and Distribution for Typhoon Vamco Affected Population, where 1,125 affected farming households in Cagayan province received cash assistance.

SDG Tracking Progress Tool for Baguio City - The project is funded by GIZ through the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). The project's beneficiary is the City of Baguio. The project aims to establish a customized community information system portal that will enable the City and its constituents to use local data to track progress towards achieving the UN SDGs.

This year, JVOFI also implemented 5 projects under the Embrace program through strategic partnerships. These interventions were aligned with the SDGs, as well as the Philippine national targets and indicators to help the country overcome the setbacks brought on by this COVID-19 and other disasters. Cumulatively, the projects benefited 2.7M individuals and 2,043 institutions.

JVOFI also implemented the Off-Farm Initiative 2021. It aimed to progressively eliminate child labor in selected growing areas in the Ilocos Region and Abra by introducing interesting educational activities that will discourage 1,201 children from engaging in post-harvest activities. It also aimed to help achieve safe and fair working conditions among farm workers.

In December 2020, JVOFI greeted its 40th anniversary in development work. We looked back to our modest beginnings and the journey that took us to where we are today, serving the whole nation, contributing to the UN SDGs and, striving to leave no one behind. We thank our stakeholders whose unwavering support has helped us achieve this significant milestone.

Looking ahead to the next decades, we will continue to do our part, to carry on our vision and mission, to continue to see opportunities in uncertain times. Together, we can build back better.


MARIA ISABEL G. ONGPIN
Chairperson


REINALDO A. BAUTISTA, JR.
President

FORMATION 1980-1985

December 17, 1980 - JVOFI started as a Corporate Social arm of Benguet Corporation based on the principle that corporate responsibility encompasses a social dimension. Formerly called the Benguet Corporation Foundation, major programs implemented were education, community development, and social services. The main clientele were the BC mining communities in Benguet and Zambales.

1980-1981

In its initial year of operation, Benguetcorp Foundation, Inc (BFI) undertook several activities which were directly geared towards its four major thrusts: Education and Training, Community Development, Social Services, Research and Information and Data Bank



JVOFI was registered as a donee institution pursuant to BIR-NEDA Regulations 1-81

1982-1983

A five-year development plan enabled BFI to be accredited by the National Science and Technology Authority (NSTA).

1983 BFI directed its efforts towards the principle of self-reliance for the individual in the community, which became a working principle in all its programs and projects.

1996

The JVO Development Resource Center (JDCRC) was fully operationalized offering initially three main services: training, consultancy and microfinance. This was a strategy for generating resources under the five-year strategic plan.



1997

The Foundation became financially independent from Benguet Corporation in 1997.

GROWTH 1986-1993



1986

Beginning 1986, the Foundation expanded its services to other areas with support from the company itself; international donors such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); local government units and NGOs.

1987

JVOFI's collaboration program on primary health care with the DOH made possible the extension of services to the thirteen (13) municipalities in Benguet, Zambales and Camarines Norte including Baguio City and Bauko, Mt. Province.

1988

We were renamed in 1988 after the first Filipino president of Benguet Corporation whose vision for development gained fruition in the Foundation.

The SEC approved on August 29, 1988, the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws renaming Benguet Corporation Foundation, Inc. to Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc.

1989

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Land Bank (LB) gave recognition to the Foundation for being at the forefront among intermediary institutions for development programs.

1990

A strategic review of the past decade made us realize that while activities are focused on molding self-reliant individuals, development should be viewed holistically.

1991

The Foundation shifted its development strategy from project to program management. The Foundation implemented projects which are under five programs: livelihood development, social development / primary health care, institutional development, environment and resource development and support structures.

CONSOLIDATION 1994 - 2003

1994

In 1994 a strategic planning workshop was held to reformulate the vision, mission and goals of JVOFI. It revealed the need to shift from being a direct service deliverer to an enabler. Since this required re-orientation of development approach in the field, it necessitated attendant changes in strategy, systems, and policies.



1995

JVOFI focused on laying the groundwork for an area-focused intervention along capacity-building, ecological enhancement and enterprise development using the concept of strategic area management.

1998

external changes in the environment prompted the Foundation to review its strategic plan and accomplishments. The Foundation prepared a new Strategic Plan for 1999-2003.



1999

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2001

2001 marked a shift in the Foundation's approach in its microfinance program with UNDP technical assistance to replicate the Association for Social Advancement or ASA

2003

JVOFI received a grant from DISOP-Belgium to expand its microfinance program integrated with capacity building of clients. The Department of Agrarian Reform tapped JVOFI to implement its capacity building project for agrarian reform coops in Ilocos Norte.





MATURITY 2004 ONWARDS

2004

JVOFI adopted the triple bottomline approach, targeting 3 pillars for development: the economic, the social, and the environmental.

2005

JVOFI started the Water, Trees and Life Project through a grant from New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZAID). This three-year project aimed to: increase access to potable water through community-based water system management, development of community livelihood, increased environmental health awareness and strengthened community organizations.



2012

JVOFI made significant strides towards demonstrating that the management of communal watersheds can be effectively devolved from the national government to local government units.

2014

2014 marked the start of another five-year strategic plan effective until 2019. The vision, mission and goals of the Foundation were also reviewed and revised.



2015

JVOFI moved to its permanent home in May 2015 which was fittingly dedicated to its founder, Mr. Jaime V. Ongpin



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RIVER

2017

The microfinance program of JVOFI was spun-off to comply with the requirements of the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) and the Microfinance NGOs Regulatory Council.

2018

Through the USAID-funded project Protecting and Defending the Amburayan River, the Lower Amburayan River, and the Upper Amburayan River Systems were designated as Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu. This was made possible through the joint efforts of JVOFI and the project's multi-stakeholder's group. This milestone assured that there are structures, budgets, and policies to sustain the protection of the river after the USAID assistance.

2007

A level 2 water system project was realized through a grant from the Peace and Equity Foundation.



2019

JVOFI reached the northernmost and the southernmost provinces of the country by implementing projects from UN FAO, and our continuing partnership with Embrace implementing partner.



2008

JVOFI started to implement Embrace programs. The first project entailed organizing and strengthening four (4) farmer's associations in La Union and Ilocos Sur.

2009

Marked the end of the Foundation's five-year strategic plan. A new area the JVOFI explored in 2009 was urban poor housing under the UPSURGE project (Urban Partnership for Sustainable Upliftment, Renewal, Governance, and Empowerment) funded by the World Bank through PHILSSA.



2020

Celebrating 40 years.



JAIME V. ONGPIN FOUNDATION, INC.

Ensuring a legacy of sustainability for future generations.

PHOTOS



FEATURES

JVOFI RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION FROM DILG

The Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. received its accreditation by the Department of the Interior and Local Government as a partner CSO in implementing the agency's various programs pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular 2018-89, Guidelines on Engagements with Civil Society Organizations.

"If we talk of DILG, it covers everything that the government does. Probably that also describes JVOFI, we engage in everything. We would also like to support local government to function effectively and efficiently with transparency and accountability. That is where JVOFI can contribute. There are several programs we can partner on with the DILG."

JVOFI's accreditation concretizes its mission to mobilize strategic partnerships to respond to communities in need. This is also aligned with the DILG Memorandum Circular which states that in building long-term foundations of good governance, it is important to develop and strengthen collaborative relationships between the government and civil society.

Recognizing the importance of having an active, informed, and capacitated civil society in upholding a culture of good governance, The DILG has opened spaces for the CSOs to participate in the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of its initiated programs.

DILG - CAR Regional Director Araceli San Jose said, "Definitely, this is not the only partnership that we have. JVOFI and DILG can have a lot of collaborations to help our LGUs in attaining their goals."



MOA SIGNING FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE ANCESTRAL DOMAIN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF BATAAN



A Memorandum of Agreement Virtual signing ceremony was held last June 2021, between San Miguel Corporation Global Power Foundation (SMCGPF) represented by its Executive Director, Cynthia Patoñal, and JVOFI represented by its President, Reinaldo A. Bautista, Jr. for the project "Formulation of the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan for the Indigenous People (IP) of Barangay Bataan, Mariveles, Bataan and Barangay Saysayin, Bagac, Bataan, under CADT No. R03-MAR-0119-200"

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The project aims to firstly develop the ADSDPP of the IP community of Barangay Bataan, Mariveles, Bataan and Barangay Saysayin, Bagac, Bataan that will define and protect their customary laws and practices through consultations and workshops. Secondly, it will facilitate the validation of data through general assemblies with the IP leaders and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Region 3. Thirdly, it will facilitate the approval of the ADSDPP by the Local Government Unit and lastly, it will facilitate the incorporation of the ADSDPP plan in existing LGU plans.

TRACKING-PROGRESS TOOL PROJECT GETS NOD FROM CITY COUNCIL

On June 7, 2021, the Baguio City Council authorized Mayor Benjamin Magalong to enter into a project partnership agreement with JVOFI.

This six-month project funded by the German Ministry will make use of the International Institute for Sustainable Development's (IISD) SDG Tracking-Progress tool to make official and administrative data publicly available. This will be useful for evidence-based planning and decision making, and for eliciting the participation of stakeholders and constituents in the development of the City.

The Tracking-Progress tool can be a supplement to the city as it pushes forward to its vision to be the first Smart City in the country.



ACHIEVING THE SDGS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Achieving the SDGs in the Philippines in the Time of COVID-19 Jan 2021 is a follow-up project of "Mobilizing Investments and Community Participation in SDGs through GeoMapping in the Philippines". Deutsche Gesellschaft fur International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) of Germany also funded this project. The project aimed at strengthening multi-stakeholder participation in ensuring that COVID-19 recovery plans are responsive to their SDG priorities.

The project team gathered data for the community validation workshops and website maps (<https://benguetsdg.benguet.gov.ph>). This involved government agencies, local government units, and civil society organizations which were at the frontline in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. These activities identified the most affected sectors, their location, and the corresponding help extended to them.

The assessment and planning workshops surfaced the impacts of the COVID-19 and recovery plans using the SDG indicators. These workshops were a venue for sharing among stakeholders and ensuring that recovery plans are transparent and accountable, and that no one is left behind.

The project culminated in January 2021 with the presentation of the data and plans recommended by the communities to the LGUs. Despite being a short-term project, JVOFI looks forwards to the adoption of these plans by the multi-stakeholder representatives, municipal and provincial councils, and local chief executives. The project revealed the SDGs that were attended to: SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Growth and Economic Growth). It also identified the gaps that need to be addressed such as limited benefits/incentives for front liners, limited capacities of parents and guardians to monitor/assist their children studying from home, limited livelihood programs for the displaced employees, inadequate water and health services, and poor internet connectivity and communication infrastructure that hinder them from effectively responding to the COVID-19 crisis. The project was appreciated by the LGUs for the information generated from the community at a time when COVID-19 restricted interaction and communication.



FUTURE DEFENDERS



How can you fit 10 deserving students into four scholarship slots? Last February 2020 JVOFI and the Philippine Association of University Women-University of the Philippines Chapter Inc. (PAUW-UP) forged a partnership to work together in a Scholarship Program funded by Embrace. After a series of applications, evaluations, and screenings, 10 student applicants were found equally deserving that

Embrace decided to fund not just four, but all 10 of them.

In a casual virtual meet and greet held last October 2020, the 10 student applicants put their best foot forward as they vied for the four scholarship grants. The atmosphere was filled with nervous excitement for the announcement.

Atty. Gaby Concepcion, President of PAUW-UP, mentioned that PAUW-UP had been a way for reaching out and helping the UP community, and Embrace had been a partner of PAUW-UP in several undertakings already. Somehow along the way, the idea of investing in these students' law education came about. She further mentioned that PAUW-UP, JVOFI, and Embrace are making a GOOD investment in each of the students. Though the road to law school seems long, these organizations make the road easier to travel. Atty. Concepcion said that JVOFI, PAUW-UP, and Embrace were looking for four students. The scholarship criteria were need, merits, and advocacy. It was really difficult she said to shortlist four so she recommended ten and left the decision to Embrace.

"Because of the pandemic, the number of students in need in UP increased." Atty. Concepcion said. It is a university-wide problem. The number of students who need help multiplied, even in meeting their basic needs to survive at this time. As the level of unease was felt across the screen, Atty. Concepcion continued, "We were supposed to choose four because of the budgetary constraints. We have to inform you, though, that Embrace made it ten, we accept all of you as scholars."

There was a moment of silence as the news broke out. And as the anxiety was lifted, all ten students were smiling through their tears.

The scholarship will cover Academic Year 2020-2024, as long as they meet the minimum qualifications such as maintaining a 2.5 GPA and having no failed or dropped subject. Each scholar's budget covers their tuition and any excess will be allotted to their stipend, books, and other needs. They were also provided a laptop, an iPad, or a tablet to assist them in their studies.

PLASTIC RECOVERY AND RECYCLING FOR CLEAN COASTS

In the last quarter of 2020, Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc., received a \$148M grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation. The grant is for the project Plastic Recovery and Recycling for Clean Coasts. This project targets the contiguous municipalities of San Juan and Bauang and the City of San Fernando which are rapidly urbanizing because of the influx of tourists to its beaches and the attendant issues on waste management. A total of 39 coastal barangays are targeted: 5 barangays in San Juan, 20 in Bauang, and 14 in the City of San Fernando.

The project aims at partnering with the local government units of three of the most visited LGUs in the province of La Union to come up with feasible and sustainable activities to improve plastic waste management and other recyclable/residual waste along coastal barangays.

Activities lined up for the two-year project includes capacity building in waste management and environmental protection, Financial Literacy Training for People's Organizations (POs) and Leadership training that will strengthen the POs.

FY 2020 -2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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ACHIEVING THE SDGs IN THE PHILIPPINES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

The project aimed to determine whether COVID-19 response and recovery programs in the province of Benguet were responsive to the priorities of the 13 municipalities of Benguet along the UN SDGs which were identified in the earlier project. The 5 SDG principles guided the following activities:



Leave No One behind: Community validation and planning workshops with sectoral representatives were conducted physically due to the weak internet signal that made virtual meetings impossible. COVID-19 social distancing and safety measures were complied with. These workshops provided the venue for the community members to identify issues and concerns, to share how they were able to cope, and to confirm if they benefited from the government's COVID-19 response and recovery programs. It also paved the way for the LGUs to review the appropriateness of their plans to community concerns.



Accountability: Participation of the community in assessing whether their priority SDG needs were responded to before the COVID-19 encouraged LGU accountability in addressing them. The research on the Programs Projects and Activities (PPAs) of the different Government Agencies provided the 13 municipalities of Benguet and the Provincial LGU data on the initiatives of the government and other organizations in addressing the concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Publishing this information on the website made it widely available and contributed to encouraging the accountability of all stakeholders.



Shared Responsibility: The project showed that COVID-19 is not only a health problem and that recovering from its socio-economic impact requires the collaboration of the community, LGUs, and subnational agencies. It also demonstrated that academe can contribute their technical expertise in helping resolve problems.



Universality: The project contributed to the Global Goals particularly on Goals 1: No Poverty; Goal 2: Zero Hunger; Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being; Goal 4 Quality Education; Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth; Goal 15: Life on Land; Goal 16: Peace, Justice and strong institutions and Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals.

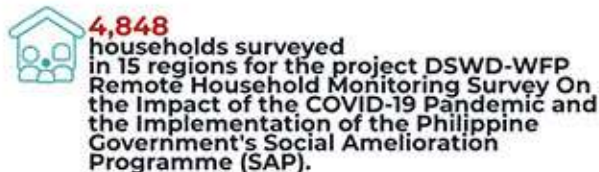
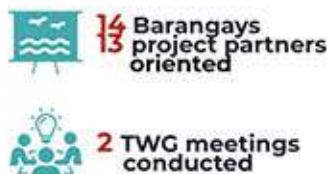


Integrated Approach: Through the community validation workshops, the research, and the updated SDG website, the concerned LGUs and other interested stakeholders identified gaps that need to be addressed and will be able to do evidence-based planning.

PHILIPPINE WASTE BANK PROJECT



THE Coca-Cola FOUNDATION PLASTIC RECOVERY AND RECYCLING FOR CLEAN COASTS



8
proposals approved

2.7M
Individuals

2,043
Institutions

17
Regions
72
Provinces
207
Municipalities & Cities



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