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# **Message from the Chairpersons**



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**2019 HAS BEEN AN EVOLUTIONARY YEAR** – four years have gone by since we launched the Zero Extreme Poverty Philippines 2030 (ZEP2030) Movement, and we can say that we have come a long way: from a flicker of a tiny idea, a brief "what if" in response to the challenges of extreme poverty to where we are now, a coalition of 117 organizations (and growing) that have the same vision for families in extreme poverty across the country.

This year, we have passed on the baton to the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) as the new Head Secretariat, succeeding Assisi Development Foundation, Inc. (ADFI), which stood as our Head Secretariat from 2015 to 2018. We felt that the shared role of the backbone support was crucial to a large-scale collaboration such as ZEP2030.

There is also a change in our systematic approach as ZEP2030 partners with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). ZEP2030 has enrolled in UNDP's Accelerator Lab, which enabled the valuation of our developmental years to help us identify how we can further enrich and refine our efforts in the years to come. As we consider our next steps of intensifying local convergences, we continue to recognize the importance of collaborating with local government units and community members. This is aimed towards a more inclusive and objective perspective in generating solutions. Our drive to empower local variations has now galvanized convergences in Cebu, Bohol, Davao, and Marawi – hopefully stimulating more throughout the nation.

Besides the forming of area convergences, we can also soon begin to build bridges digitally. This year, our partners from De La Salle University and De La Salle Philippines developed a digitized platform of the PPI Survey allowing us to easily identify and monitor the number of families we profile.

Truly, it has been a year of connectivity and embodiment of collective impact. But, we are still hundreds of thousands of families away from our far-reaching and ambitious goal of uplifting one million Filipino families from extreme poverty.

We call on our members and partners to continue the work we do and to commit ourselves with even greater zeal as we fix our eyes on the finish line. And may we discover along the way that there is great joy journeying together in synergy and harmony.



# Vision

Filipinos enjoying the fullness of life in sustainable communities



To uplift one million families from extreme poverty to self-sufficiency by 2030





Our actions are anchored in

SOCIAL JUSTICE and EQUITY

We believe that all human beings possess God-given dignity and potential, and that no one should live in extreme poverty.

We dedicate our efforts to ensuring that equal access to health, well-being, peace and wealth creation is extended to all Filipinos by focusing on removing the barriers to the progress of the poor towards prosperous and meaningful lives.

This includes holding government accountable to provide social services and an enabling environment for the poor's journey out of poverty.



### We are called to SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP

We are called to offer our work and skills for the benefit of those who have less in life and all those who live in society's margins.

We will use our individual and collective talents to exercise responsible management over all resources entrusted to us, including the environment, people, technology and other assets.

We aim to ensure that the next generation will inherit from us a fairer and better governed Philippines.



### We are

We are fully aware that we are answerable to God, to our stakeholders, and to our fellow Filipinos.

We honor our promises and will do our best to achieve the best results from our programs and interventions.

Furthermore, we will be transparent in all our actions and learn from our experiences for better impact in the future.



# We honor MULTICULTURALISM

and DIVERSITY

We recognize that we are one nation composed of

many ethnicities, languages, cultures, and faiths.

We uphold gender equality in all aspects of Filipino life.

We respect diversity while building a unified and prosperous society.

We build on these platforms, harnessing culturally-responsive approaches that ensure no poor family is left behind.



# We collaborate for COLLECTIVE IMPACT

We believe that we will achieve zero extreme poverty by working together.

We complement each other's organizational strengths in accompanying families towards self-sufficiency.

We link with government, the private sector, churches, donors and others to uplift families.

We align our priorities with the aspirations and goals of communities, our main partners in the journey.

# **Historical Background**



Marked by the Philippine Catholic Church as the Year of the Poor

The Catholic Bishops'
Conference of the
Philippines (CBCP) led
a national poverty
summit: "Building
Pathways in
Eradicating Poverty
and Inequality"

Launch of the Zero
Extreme Poverty
Philippines 2030
(ZEP2030) Movement

Conceptualizing the collective action

Planning and direction setting

Crafting of thematic agenda

Mapping of services and priority areas

Defining terminologies and principles

Defining key indicators of extreme poverty

Refining tools for profiling

Identifying pilot areas

Building pool of local convenors

Linkaging with other stakeholders

Creating local partnerships for collective action

Institutional building

Coalition strategic planning and cluster action planning

Profiling and visioning with families and communities

Convergence of partners, programs and services in pilot areas



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UPLIFTED FROM EXTREME POVERTY

Goals

1M 5M+
families individuals

70 17 provinces regions 500 municipalities/ cities

**TARGET AREAS** 

### 2019 at a Glance

#### **LOCAL CONVERGENCES**

From thematic cluster approach, the coalition pivoted towards focusing efforts on area-based convergence in key areas of the country. ZEP2030 aims to strengthen its role as a collaborative platform that links together organizations with the same goals of alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable development. The objectives of the initial meetings are to initiate ZEP2030 local convergence by bringing together existing members and inviting new ones to commit to working together and address extreme poverty. In doing so, it will translate to increased reach and membership for the coalition.



First Cebu Province Local Convergence Meeting on August 2, 2019 at PBSP Office, Cebu City attended by 12 organizations

first convergence meetings in Cebu, Davao, Bohol, and Marawi were organized by the Secretariat Head and Cluster Lead organizations and covered an orientation on ZEP2030 and its implementation processes tools such as the ZEP2030 Poverty Probability Index (PPI) and the Family Community and Visioning (FCV).

The membership guidelines and the roles of local convenors were discussed to give organizations an idea of what it entails to be part of the ZEP2030 Movement. Part of the activity was a mapping exercise done by the participants for an overview of where in the areas are they most or least present and what types of programs are being implemented. The result of the activity serves as a springboard for future synchronization and consolidation of efforts toward collective impact.

The first local convergence meeting this year was held in Cebu Province. The Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET) took on the challenge of becoming the Local Convenor. This was followed by a series of meetings to identify priority areas, agree on the conduct of profiling using the ZEP2030 PPI tool, among others. Ongoing activities are continuing recruitment of other Cebu-based organizations and conducting courtesy calls with local chief executives to introduce ZEP2030 and look for ways to collaborate. They will also formally launch ZEP2030 Cebu in February 2020.

Succeeding convergence meetings took place for Davao Region, Bohol Province, and Marawi City. Given the regional coverage of the Davao convergence, individual organizations or networks volunteered to lead in their selected pilot areas. For Bohol, the Bohol Integrated Development Foundation (BIDEF) agreed to lead the convergence with the Provincial Government pitching in its support for ZEP2030. The first Marawi City local convergence had initial discussions on the local context and possible convergence activities. They plan to invite more organizations in the next meeting, get commitments and do mapping of programs.



First Davao Region Local Convergence Meeting on October 17, 2019 held at Ateneo De Davao University attended by 23 organizations



First Bohol Province Local Convergence Meeting on October 22, 2019 held at Bohol Provincial Capitol attended by 25 organizations

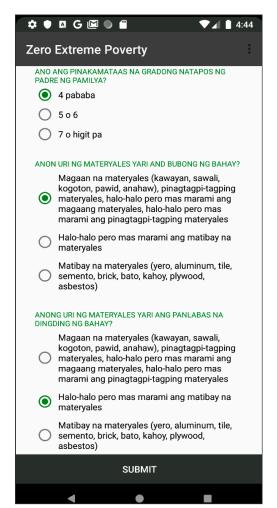


First Marawi City Local Convergence Meeting held at Café Ilaya, Iligan City on October 29, 2019 attended by 16 organizations

### **ZEP2030** Poverty Probability Index (PPI) App

The De La Salle University College of Computer Studies (DLSU-CCS), in partnership with the De La Salle Philippines (DLSP), developed the "ZEP APP", a mobile application that functions as a tool in the conduct of Poverty Probability Index (PPI) surveys. This was designed specifically for the use of the members of the ZEP2030 coalition.

The ZEP App aims to cut down the process time for data collection, collation and analysis. The application may be downloaded using an android device, and survey responses are then submitted directly to a Central Data Hub. Results and summaries are accessible through a website. Organizations are each given login credentials, where they can generate customized reports and summaries.





### **ZEP Insurance Program**

When an accident or death occurs in the family, the family's resources are suddenly depleted and their budget for other basic needs such as food, health, and education are oftentimes channelled to the more urgent necessities. The first to be approached for emergency financial assistance are the institutions or organizations that usually work with the families.

In order to strengthen the resilience of the families especially those in extreme poverty, ZEP2030 teamed up with the 1911 Insurance Agency, an affiliate of De La Salle University, to develop the Zero Extreme Poverty (ZEP) Insurance Program. This social protection for the most vulnerable sector is made possible in partnership with the Malayan Insurance Company, Inc. and Sun Life Grepa Financials, Inc. Through the members of the ZEP2030 coalition, the insurance program is offered to extremely vulnerable families and cushion them from falling further into financial loss and debt.

For only PhP65.00 per person per year, members will enjoy peace of mind with the benefits of combined life insurance and personal accident insurance.





The ZEP Insurance Program was launched on July 15, 2019 through a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties involved. The formal signing of the memorandum of agreement will be between the ZEP2030 member and the insurance providers.

# **Accelerating Zero Extreme Poverty**

#### What must be done to accelerate our rate of progress?

In August 2019, ZEP2030 held a retreat to take stock of its progress and explore what else is possible. Facilitated by UNDP, the retreat helped the participants ask "deep why" questions to surface the tendencies that slow down the coalition's impact. These reflections enabled the participants to produce opportunities for prototyping what renewal might look like for the coalition. Since the retreat, the UNDP Accelerator Lab (ALab) has been supporting ZEP2030 in fleshing ideas out and testing these. Below are the prototyping opportunities and what has been done so far.

#### 1. Going All-In Local

How might we lower the barriers for local convenors and organizations to join ZEP2030 and put them in the driver's seat of the conversations?

- ZEP2030 has accelerated the convening of local convergence areas, opening opportunities in Cebu, Davao, Bohol, and Marawi through self-mobilizing local convenors and partners.
- In the process, ZEP2030 has taken stock of local convergence and the models emerging to understand the enablers and constraints that local convenors face.

#### 2. Facilitating Self-Organized Collaboration

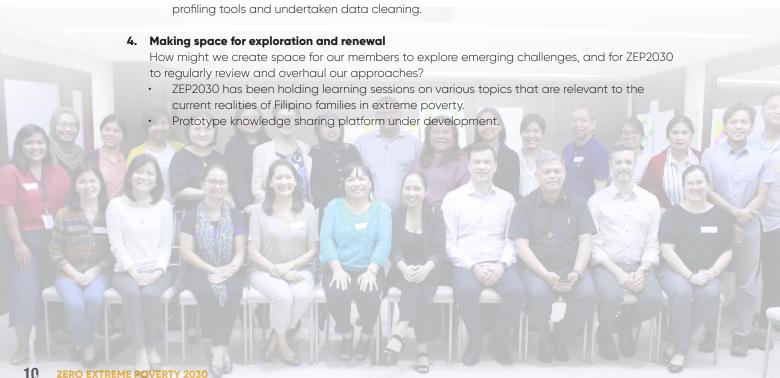
How might we connect organizations with each other and help them find the most appropriate partners and solutions without centralized convening?

 ZEP2030 through various clusters and area-based convergences have been proactively facilitating partnership building and organizing localized coordination and planning meetings.

#### 3. Empowering Local Variation

How might we enable organizations to localize collaboration and data collection while still ensuring that we have a good grasp of our progress?

- While the Poverty Probability Index (PPI) is still the primary profiling tool, ZEP2030 has decided to allow other tools and data sets to be used so long as ZEP2030's five key indicators of extreme poverty are captured.
- The ZEP2030 Secretariat has done an equivalency/comparison of different poverty profiling tools and undertaken data cleaning.



# **ZEP2030** Presence



### **ZEP2030 Lead Convenors**

- 1. Ambassador Howard Dee, Chairperson, Assisi Development Foundation, Inc.
- 2. Br. Armin Luistro FSC, President, Philippine Business for Social Progress
- 3. Fr. Manuel Guazon, Chairman, Association of Foundations
- 4. Fr. Edwin Gariguez, Executive Secretary, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines National Secretariat for Social Action / Caritas Philippines
- 5. Roselle Rasay, Executive Director, Caucus of Development NGO Networks
- 6. Ma. Gracia Africa-Lazo, Director, De La Salle Philippines
- 7. Atty. Jose Andres Canivel, Executive Director, Forest Foundation Philippines
- 8. Oliver Agoncillo, Executive Director, Foundation for the Philippine Environment
- 9. Sixto Donato Macasaet, Executive Director, Foundation for a Sustainable Society, Inc.
- 10. Michael Christopher Meaney, Managing Director, Habitat for Humanity Philippines
- 11. Dr. Milton Amayun, President, International Care Ministries
- 12. Mario Deriquito, Chairperson, League of Corporate Foundations
- 13. Edgar Chua, Chairman, Makati Business Club
- 14. Roberto Calingo, Executive Director, Peace and Equity Foundation
- 15. Ma. Cecilia Genzola, Chairperson, Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies
- Liza Lim, Board Member, Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas
- 17. Claire Papa, External Relations Head, UNILAB, Inc.
- 18. Andrew Parker, Senior Economist, United Nations Development Programme
- 19. Ramon Derige, Deputy Executive Director, Zuellig Family Foundation

### ZEP2030 MEMBERS

### As of September 2019

- A2D Project-Research Group for Alternatives to Development, Inc.
- 2. Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.
- 3. Anthropology Watch
- Apostolic Vicariate of St.
   Francis of Assisi Nuestra
   Senora de la Soledad Parish
- 5. Apostolic Vicariate of Tabuk
- 6. ASA Philippines
- 7. Assisi Development Foundation, Inc.
- 8. Association of Foundations
- 9. Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- 10. Ayala Foundation, Inc.
- 11. BDO Foundation, Inc.
- 12. Bidlisiw Foundation, Inc.
- 13. Bukidnon Mission District
- 14. Caritas Borongan Incorporated
- 15. Cartwheel Foundation, Inc.
- Caucus of Development NGO Networks
- 17. Center for Agriculture and Rural Development

- 18. Center for Community Transformation
- 19. Center for Conservation Innovation Ph Inc.
- Central Visayas Network of NGOs
- 21. Coalition for Better Education
- 22. Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc.
- 23. Coco Technologies Corporation
- 24. Community Organizers Multiversity
- 25. Conrado and Ladislawa Alcantara Foundation, Inc.
- 26. Culion Foundation, Inc.
- 27. Cure Philippines, Inc.
- 28. De La Salle Philippines
- 29. Del Monte Foundation, Inc.
- 30. DLSU Science Foundation, Inc.
- 31. Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc.
- 32. East-West Seed Foundation, Inc.

- 33. Edmund Rice Ministries
- 34. Edukasyon.ph
- Episcopal Commission on Indigenous Peoples – National Secretariat
- 36. Feed the Children Philippines
- 37. Fellowship for Organizing Endeavors, Inc.
- 38. Forest Foundation Philippines
- 39. Foundation for the Philippine Environment
- 40. Foundation for a Sustainable Society, Inc.
- 41. Friends of the Earth
- 42. FundLife International
- 43. German Agency for International Cooperation -Conflict Sensitive Resource and Asset Management
- 44. Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc.
- 45. Global Organic and Wellness Corporation
- 46. GNPower Kauswagan Ltd. Co.
- 47. Habitat for Humanity Philippines
- 48. Haribon Foundation
- 49. Indigenous People's International Centre for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba)
- 50. Institute of Social Order
- 51. International Association for Transformation
- 52. International Care Ministries
- 53. International Institute of Rural Reconstruction
- 54. J. Amado Araneta Foundation, Inc.
- 55. Jollibee Group Foundation, Inc.
- 56. KAANIB Foundation, Inc.
- 57. Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc.
- 58. Knowledge Channel Foundation, Inc.
- 59. Lao Foundation, Inc.
- 60. LBC Hari ng Padala Foundation, Inc.
- 61. League of Corporate Foundations
- 62. Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center
- 63. Lopez Group Foundation, Inc.
- 64. Lyceum of the Philippines
- 65. Makati Business Club

- 66. Manila Water Foundation
- 67. Metrobank Foundation, Inc.
- 68. Microfinance Council of the Philippines
- 69. The Moropreneur Inc.
- 70. National Fisheries Reform
- 71. National Secretariat for Social Action/Caritas Philippines
- 72. Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation, Inc.
- 73. Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme Philippines
- 74. Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka
- 75. Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies
- 76. Peace and Equity Foundation
- 77. PHAPCares Foundation, Inc.
- 78. Philam Foundation, Inc.
- 79. Philippine Association for Intercultural Development, Inc.
- 80. Philippine Business for Education
- 81. Philippine Business for Social Progress
- 82. Philippine Coffee Board
- 83. Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation
- 84. Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association
- 85. Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas
- 86. PinoyME Foundation
- 87. Pioneer Life Inc. / Card Pioneer Micro Insurance
- 88. PLDT-Smart Foundation, Inc.
- 89. Pondong Batangan
  Community Foundation, Inc.
- 90. Primary Structures Educational Foundation, Inc.
- 91. Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights (LILAK)
- 92. Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.
- 93. RealLIFE Foundation, Inc.
- 94. Rebisco Foundation, Inc.
- 95. Religious of the Virgin Mary Mother Ignacia National Social Apostolate Center
- 96. RIMANSI Organization for Asia and the Pacific
- 97. Rise Against Hunger
- 98. Samdhana Institute Philippines

- 99. Sarangani Province
  Empowerment and
  Community Transformation
  Forum, Inc. (SPECTRUM)
  - a. Conrado and Ladislawa
     Alcantara Foundation, Inc.
  - b. Dana Foundation, Inc.
  - c. Kasilak Development Foundation, Inc.
  - d. KPS-Small Enterprise and Economic Development, Inc.
  - e. Mahintana Foundation, Inc.
  - f. Malapatan Multipurpose Cooperative
  - g. OND Hesed Foundation, Inc.
  - h. RD Foundation, Inc.
  - i. Southmin iHome, Inc.
  - j. Sta. Cruz Multipurpose Cooperative
- 100. SEAOIL Foundation, Inc.
- 101. Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit
- 102. SM Foundation, Inc.
- 103. Smart Communications, Inc.
- 104. Sugar Industry Foundation, Inc.
- 105. Synergeia Foundation, Inc.
- 106. Tahanang Walang Hagdanan
- 107. Tanggapang Panligal ng Katutubong Pilipino (PANLIPI)
- 108. Task Force Mapalad
- 109. Tugdaan Mangyan Center for Learning
- 110. Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
- 111. UNILAB, Inc.
- 112. United Nations Development Programme Philippines
- 113. Uygongco Foundation, Inc.
- 114. VICTO National Cooperative Federation and Development Center
- 115. Vincentian Missionaries Social Development Foundation, Inc.
- 116. World Wildlife Fund
- 117. Zuellig Family Foundation

# **Thematic Highlights**

#### **AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**

During the 2017 General Assembly, the National Secretariat for Social Action (NASSA)/Caritas Philippines formally joined the ZEP2030 Agriculture and Fisheries Cluster and enrolled their FARMFIRST project as their commitment and contribution to the Cluster Agenda. FARMFIRST or "Farming and Resource Management for Increased Resilience and Technical Skills for Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Adaptation" is now on its fourth year of implementation in 48 vulnerable communities. The project aims to empower communities in the Philippines for sustainable management of resources for environmental protection, disaster preparedness, and food security towards resiliency. FARMFIRST was designed to help poor farmers and fishers to adapt to changing environmental and societal conditions by adopting climate-resilient and ecologically-sustainable farming and fishing technologies. The project envisions 48 resilient communities in 8 provinces by implementing three key resilience strategies – (1) climate



mainstreaming in community organizing, (2) natural resources management through sustainable agriculture and disaster preparedness through communitymanaged disaster risk reduction program. The integration of resilience approach helped farmers and fishers develop their capacities to adapt to changes

and manage their vulnerabilities as well as develop partnership with local authorities for a more felt impact to their lives and communities.

In May 2019, UN declared 2019-2028 as the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDFF). UNDFF envisions "A world where diverse, healthy and sustainable food and agricultural systems flourish, where resilient rural and urban communities enjoy a high quality of life in dignity, equity, free from hunger and poverty" (FAO & IFAD 2019, p. 13).

In the Philippines, the Agriculture and Rural Development Knowledge and Policy Platform (ARDKPP) supports and adheres to the United Nations Decade of Family Farming. The UNDFF was formally launched during the annual KLMPE conference organized by the ARDKPP in the Philippines. KLMPE or the Knowledge Learning Market and Policy Engagement is a multistakeholder platform held annually to share knowledge on key agricultural issues and discuss key policy issues and proposals for the Philippine Government as well as other stakeholders. The Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PhilDHRRA), as a member of the ARDKPP, plays an active role in organizing the annual KLMPE. And as the cluster lead for Agriculture and Fisheries of ZEP2030, together with its members, ensures and aligns its advocacy to include issues of the extremely poor smallholder farmers and fishers.

#### **EDUCATION**

The Education Cluster, led by the Association of Foundations (AF), continued to create opportunities for peer learning and partnership building among ZEP2030 local convenors and other coalition members and partners for the families and communities served. This year, cluster meetings featured sessions on providing access to quality education and training that hone life skills and job readiness, leading to gainful employment or self-employment. One of them is the Philippine Business for Education (PBEd)'s First Future Project, an initiative to increase the employability of K to 12 graduates through meaningful work immersion.

In July 2019, Cluster members visited the Dualtech Training Center in Laguna, a pioneer in the German Dual Training System in the Philippines, which combines in-school and in-plant training with partner companies. The Foundation for Professional Training, Inc. presented as well their program that likewise integrates character formation and on-the-job training and placement in prestigious hotels and restaurants.

The learning session was followed by a community outreach conducted by Dualtech in one of the ZEP2030 areas – Arteche in Eastern Samar – to promote the Electromechanics Technology course among the out-of-school youth. In partnership with Dualtech, Lao Foundation, Inc. (LFI) has offered scholarship assistance to the out-of-school youth from the municipality of Arteche as their contribution to ZEP2030. LFI aims to support more ZEP2030 beneficiaries in their next batches of scholars with Dualtech.

In Maasim, Sarangani, the Conrado and Ladislawa Alcantara Foundation, Inc. (CLAFI) engaged parents as the primary partners in education through its Parent Mentoring program. CLAFI also

mobilized and trained teachers and youth volunteers to run the Summer Big Brother (SBB) Reading Camp in Sitio Datal Basak. SBB helps learners to improve their reading and comprehension skills, using a 15-day module developed by the Department of Education.

Other highlights in this ZEP2030 area include: the registration of 31 Grade 1 to 3 pupils in the Local Civil Registrar's Office,



with funding support from Consuelo Foundation; a Training of Trainers for farmers to increase the number of abaca technicians in the community; the watershed protection project of Sarangani Energy Corporation, covering 377 hectares with 10,000 of the seedlings coming from the Philippine Coconut Authority, and providing additional income to 65 farmers in Sitio Datal Basak; and the turnover of a water system from San Miguel Corporation, PBSP, and CLAFI to Sitio Kyumad's water system association.

In Bukidnon, ZEP2030 local convenor Del Monte Foundation, Inc. (DMFI) and the community pursued appropriate interventions that align with the needs of Barangay Kulasi, the poorest barangay in

the municipality of Sumilao. Among these, skills training for the women to augment the income of their families, partnering with the LGU for the provision of sanitary toilets, and additional facilities for schools and day care centers. DMFI is also collaborating with Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc. for a level 2 water system which will benefit 154 households.

From one pilot barangay, DMFI has completed the Poverty Probability Index (PPI) survey and a series of Family and Community Visioning workshops in seven (7) other barangays in Sumilao this year. Together with the Municipal Government, they gathered various stakeholders to present and match the consolidated Community Development Plan of the eight (8) barangays with the resources available. They plan to expand ZEP2030 to three (3) more municipalities by the year 2020, and build and strengthen the convergence with other partners and stakeholders in the province.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Palawan Center for Appropriate Rural Technology (PCART) remains as the local convenor for ZEP2030 in Roxas, Taytay and San Vicente, Palawan. As the implementer of the STAR TREK project, which is enrolled as the pilot project for the Environment Cluster, PCART was able to define biodiversity baselines on Key Biodiversity Areas number 60 and 62 through a Rapid Research Appraisal. The research validated the ecological richness and abundance of species in the forest



blocks of these Key Biodiversity Areas. To protect these natural resources, the project was able to influence local government units and communities to come up with local ordinances such as banning of small and large-scale mining. The project was also able to delineate 3.100 hectares of forests blocks to protect the remaining forests and other natural resources in identified barangays. The project recognized that poverty is one of the main drivers of forest destruction and degradation, hence it also provides sustainable livelihood to at least 225 farmer-beneficiaries and 76 Indigenous Peoples households to uplift these families from dire poverty.

The STAR TREK project is a collaboration of organizations namely, Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE), Foundation for a Sustainable Society, Inc. (FSSI), Forest Foundation Philippines, and Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF).

Through PCART's effort, the PPI survey was partially conducted in STAR TREK project areas. Moreover, the Institute for Social Order (ISO) of Ateneo de Manila University, also a member of the Environment Cluster and local convenor for Jumalig, Quezon, has successfully conducted the PPI survey in their project areas.

FPE, as a member of the ZEP2030 local alliance in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), has an ongoing support through projects in forest restoration and community empowerment on natural resources management. Future activities in the pipeline are reforestation and proposal development writeshop as part of community empowerment.

#### **HEALTH**

Addressing social determinants of health is critical to promoting equity and well-being especially among extremely poor families. Our aim is to create a collective impact collaboration towards the improvement of these health inequities. But how do we do it? Our shared goals provide common ground: Contribute to the achievement of SDGs and related health indicators in the Philippines by 2030. Partners provided services through the following:

#### 1. Feeding programs

The Hapag-Asa Integrated Nutrition Program, a Catholic Church initiative, actively participates in ZEP2030 through the Health Cluster. The program is being implemented in partnership with local government units, dioceses/parishes, schools, NGOs, and other institutions. It aims to reduce the prevalence of malnutrition in the country through supplemental feeding for children; early childhood education for younger children to develop their multiple intelligences; parents' education, skills training and livelihood with organizing of women into Self-Help Groups (SHEG), ensuring the sustainability of the program.

Since 2015, Hapag-Asa is now in 67 ZEP2030 areas feeding 48,933 children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, with 16,899 program recipients catered to for the current year. The Self-Help Groups are in 27 dioceses and LGUs in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, involving about 5,000 women organized into 351 groups. They are empowered politically, economically, socially, and spiritually using the 4 pillars of Self-Help Approach. The first Cluster Level Association (CLA) has already been born in Baco, Oriental Mindoro from 8 Self-Help Groups. More CLAs are expected to follow as a supportive structure to existing Self-Help Groups to enable them to mobilize resources, undertake more livelihood projects, and help their families and their communities.



The International Care Ministries (ICM) offers a home-based feeding program for identified malnourished children and has helped 1,712 children cure of malnutrition. ICM's health curriculum expands awareness of health and hygiene issues leading to improved family well-being. Nutrition support is provided to all families, creating ongoing well-balanced feeding at home. ICM also helped and supported 2,160 pregnant mothers, screened 109,075 for TB, and assisted patients in need of surgery (119 cleft lip/palate; 16 clubfoot/ 28 cases on tumor and provided medical assistance to 1,678.

Feed the Children, one of the core group members of the ZEP2030 convergence in Cebu, provides supplemental feeding; encourages healthy behaviors through training on water, sanitation and hygiene; promotes access to education; and empowers families and communities to overcome poverty and become self-sustaining, including formation of community-led and community-funded savings groups.

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger-relief organization that is committed to end hunger by 2030. It distributes food and other life-changing aid through mobilizing the network of hunger champions from partner civil society organizations, corporate, schools and local government, among others.

Year 2019 marks its 4th year of operation in the Philippines. To date, Rise Against Hunger Philippines (RAHP) has served over 5 million fortified meals. Together with its in-country partner organizations, it strives to provide nutritious food specifically to young children, pregnant and lactating women and their babies, and to displaced families affected by crises.

RAHP launched the first food bank project - the Good Food Grocer in Taguig City. It aims to provide safe and nutritious food to nutritionally-at-risk children and their families. It works in the premise that "good food is for all". Moreover, San Miguel Foundation partnered with RAHP to implement another food bank project in Tondo called Better World Tondo.

#### 2. Support on capacity building of local government units (LGUs) and communities

The Zuellig Family Foundation's Bridging Leadership partnership program aims to help its partner LGUs to improve health and nutrition governance outcomes.

UNILAB is part of the War on Worms multisectoral collaboration together with the Department of Health, Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development, AIRFORCE, SFELAPCO, Florida Water District, UP- CPH Student Council and UP Manila, and the LGU of Floridablanca in Pampanga. UNILAB piloted a community-led Zero Open Defecation in Barangay Nabuclod with the LGU of Floridablanca, in partnership with PRIME Water System.

UNILAB also implemented the First One Thousand Days Program in Rapu-Rapu Island, Albay and in Barangay 105 in Tondo, Manila. This includes the monitoring and implementation of Manual and Journals for Barangay Health Workers, parent leaders and tribal leaders of Batan, San Ramon, and Caracaran and partner MHO, midwives and nurses from the Municipality of Rapu-Rapu.

East-West Seed Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Education, supports the school-based Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (School Gardening Program) by providing training to teachers, students, and parents in vegetable gardening, with the support of partner donors.

Culion Foundation helps build capacity to deal with various challenges to human development, primarily the prevention and control of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and leprosy, and other health problems. Culion Foundation hosted this year's 20th International Leprosy Congress.

#### 3. Provision of medical services

ASA Philippines provides medical and dental services to cater to the needs of marginalized communities. They are also very active in providing disaster relief assistance.

#### **HOUSING AND SHELTER**

The Housing and Shelter Cluster continued its work in several municipalities in Oriental Mindoro (San Teodoro, Baco, Naujan, Victoria and Socorro), with the CBCP National Secretariat for Social Action (CBCP-NASSA) leading the initiative. Household profiling was done, as well as the Family and Community Visioning was conducted. The housing units for the beneficiary families had been awarded, with additional support for livelihood projects and disaster risk reduction.

An orientation on ZEP2030 was facilitated in the General Assembly of Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA) last June 2019 to generate interest on the movement and its work among member-NGOs, especially those engaged in housing for the poor.

As a result, PHILSSA member-NGOs, Alternative Planning Initiative (ALTERPLAN) and Iligan Medical Center College Center for Community Extension and Social Development Services (ICESDEV), who had been assisting internally displaced persons and families (IDPs) affected by the the Marawi

siege, had proposed Marawi City and Iligan City as areas of work for the cluster. The IDP partners had been organized into a federation, Lombay Ka Marawi (Arise Marawi). Household profiling was done among the members of Lombay Ka Marawi. Family and Community Visioning was conducted to identify community needs and priority projects. Participatory risk-sensitive shelter planning is underway to develop appropriate settlement and housing plans.



#### **LIVELIHOOD**

Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF) continues to be the Livelihood Cluster's lead organization – providing support on crop production, organic production, and water operations.

In the municipality of Impasug-ong, Bukidnon, PEF, in collaboration with the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), facilitates and monitors training activities on corn and abaca production. PEF also administers training in coffee bean quality sorting to help peoples organizations (PO) be familiar with coffee quality and trends to avoid the trading of only commercial-grade coffee.

Similarly, in T'boli, South Cotabato, PEF, with Joscual Trading, supports coffee farmers in trading, consolidation, post-harvest, and capacity building to increase the profit of the farmers. A Memorandum of Agreement will be formalized in November 2019 to form a regional consortium among the local government unit, PEF, PhilFIDA, Protect Wildlife, Joscual Trading, United Maligang



Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and Kinoon Farmers Association.
This convergence hopes to build the capacities of the farmers, to facilitate linkage to the market, and to provide basic social services. In addition to this, PEF pursues the expansion of the water systems in the area, and to train a team from Tribal Leaders Development Foundation, Inc. to improve their operations and develop their management skills.

On the other hand, PEF has begun the installation of a water system for irrigation for a PO in Barangay Tumarbong in Roxas, Palawan. PEF is also in collaboration with the Palawan

Center for Appropriate Rural Technology, Inc. (PCART) in the capacity building of the farmers in the area to assist in promoting sustainable operations and increasing entrepreneurial opportunities. Another key intervention under the Livelihood Cluster is the Hapag-Asa Integrated Nutrition Program.

Apart from the feeding and education components of the program, Hapag-Asa also focuses on skills training where the parents of the community are supported in organizing small to medium-sized livelihood enterprises to earn additional income for the family. Sustainability of the program relies on the adaptation of the Self-Help Group Approach (SHA) that is tailored to organizing mothers and women in the community into groups, or self-help groups (SHeGs). This group formation prompts the discussion of social, political, economic and spiritual issues and concerns and how to act upon them, such as through administering income generating activities to earn funds. Areas covered by this program under ZEP2030 include Masbate and Rapu-Rapu, Albay in the Bicol Region.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

The Partnerships for Indigenous Peoples (PIP) and Pockets of Poverty in Urban and Rural Areas (POP) Cluster continues to partner and journey with various indigenous peoples (IP) communities and families living in extreme poverty in 39 pilot areas in the country.

On its 4th year of implementation, ZEP2030-PIP&POP Cluster continues to establish alliances which highlight cooperation and complementation between and among government agencies, civil society organizations, academe, faith-based organizations, and private entities in implementing



various development programs articulated by the partner families and communities. Local alliances provide venue for sharing best practices and experiences which can be replicated or adopted by other partners in their respective communities.

The Cluster's foundation in achieving its agenda from 2015-2030 is based on the 2010 National IP agenda tagged as "Our Common Agenda." This document highlighted specific issues and concerns as well as concrete interventions that IPs would respond to in the next six years. When the ZEP2030 Movement was launched, the Cluster committed to further address the needs of the IPs. In partnership with the cluster members, a nationwide consultation was conducted by the steering committee to review and revisit the 2010 IP Agenda.

There were five (5) thematic concerns that the IPs would like to focus on. These are Ancestral Domains and Natural Resources, Self-Determination and Self-Governance, Cultural Integrity, Human Rights and Social Justice, and Strengthening of Institutions.

These thematic concerns paved way to expanding the network of stakeholders and partners highlighting the importance of meaningful and active participation of IP leaders and families in the pilot areas. Following the ZEP2030 implementation process from identifying pilot areas and poverty incidence, meeting with active partners in the community, profiling the families, conducting a Participatory Visioning and Planning (PVP) workshop, initiating convergence building activities with the LGU and other partners to the implementation and monitoring of development interventions, the Cluster continues to strengthen partnerships collaborative towards sustainable communities.

To date, the Cluster has already profiled, mapped, and served more than 11,000 IPs and urban poor families in 39 pilot areas nationwide, in six thematic areas: (1) Land Security and IP Rights Advocacy; (2) Culture-Sensitive Health Care; (3) Culture-Based Education; (4) Food Security through Sustainable Agriculture; (5) Livelihood and Community-based Enterprise; and (6) Environment and Natural Resources Management.

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