

CANADIAN PARTNERSHIP BRANCH PROJECTS

- PHILIPPINES -

CIDA's Canadian Partnership Branch fosters development partnerships and encourages innovation and change by funding sustainable and effective development initiatives to reinforce the capacities of organizations in host countries. It is the main point of entry to CIDA for Canadian non-governmental partners. In Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005, CPB disbursed \$280 million in support of approximately 1,300 initiatives with partners in more than 100 developing countries.

The following projects funded through CIDA's Canadian Partnership Branch are currently active in the Philippines.

The **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace's** (www.devp.org) international program for 2006 - 2011 supports civil society participation in democratic development, public education on local level impacts of government and international policies, and sustainable development alternatives to bring economic benefits and improve livelihoods for the poor. The Philippines sub-program (\$1,777,000) focuses on peasants, farmers, women and the urban poor, primarily in the north and southern Luzon, Mindanao, Metro Manila and Negros. Local partners include PETA for popular theatre, Agri-Aqua Development in Davao; NASSA-Caritas Philippines; the Urban Poor Association; CEC Philippines; DEMASKU in Sultan Kudarat; Jubilee South Asia-Pacific.

The **Canadian Cooperative Association's (CCA)** (www.coopaca.com) 2006 – 2011 Sustainable Livelihoods through Cooperatives program supports two projects in the Philippines focusing on capacity building for credit unions and micro-insurance for the poor. It partners with the Asian Federation of Credit Unions (ACU) and the Risk Management Solutions, Inc. (RIMANSI).

The **Canadian Executive Services Organization** (www.ceso-saco.com) seeks to contribute to the economic growth and well-being of people in developing nations and new market economies in both the private and public sectors via short-term placements of expert Canadian volunteers, who offer a cost-effective approach to building capacity of and transfer of knowledge to businesses, communities, and private and public institutions. The Philippines program (Cdn\$ 1.73 million, 2004–2009) focuses on small and medium enterprise development, strengthening the capacity of NGOs involved in economic development, and improving hospital management standards. A special 2007-2008 project, "E-Governance for Municipal Development," will assist about 40 Luzon municipalities, through a package of training and technical assistance, to use National Computer Center software to improve business permitting and revenue generation.

The **Canadian Urban Institute's** (www.canurb.com), International Urban Partnerships Program (2007 – 2010) aims to assist in the formation of urban management systems based on principles of sustainable development. The Philippines program, budgeted at \$838,000, focuses on 3 levels: at the city level – by deepening good urban governance in Metro Iloilo, Guimaras and Malay; at the regional level – by strengthening the Department of Interior and Local Government's Region VI Local Governance Resource Center; and at the national level – with the League of Cities undertaking applied research on best practices of urban governance.

Dalhousie University's (www.dal.ca) Principles in Practice: Ocean & Coastal Governance project (2003 – 2009) supports capacity development of universities, government officials and communities in the Philippines and Vietnam towards sustainable governance and management of their countries' oceans and coastal resources. Dalhousie University also awards scholarships for one-year Master's programs in Marine Law or Marine Management. Dalhousie University partners with the University of the Philippines in the Visayas; approximately \$750,000 is allocated to the Philippine portion of the project.

The **Développement international Desjardins'** (www.did.qc.ca) Poverty Reduction Program (2006–2011) supports financial institution's development mission of restoring access to financial resources by the poor. The project's goal is to reduce poverty by providing accessible financial resources to good and dynamic local entrepreneurs. The Philippines portion is budgeted at \$1.4 million.

The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM)** (www.fcm.ca) Municipal Partnerships Program (MPP) 2007-2010 aims to strengthen the local government sector at the local, regional and global levels to contribute to selected Millennium Development Goals. In the Philippines, where there have been 12 partnerships between Canadian and Philippine local governments since 1993, the program aims to improve social services, environmental protection and local governance in partner LGUs, and to help national umbrella organizations to

advocate for more appropriate policy frameworks for local government. Working with a budget of \$483,000 over three years, FCM currently supports four active partnerships in the Philippines. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities is working with the League of Municipalities and the League of Cities on policy and advocacy. Olongapo is working with Windsor to improve solid waste management and land use planning. Escalante and Amherst are cooperating on local economic development. General Santos and Moncton are exploring ways to strengthen public-private partnerships.

The **Hincks-Dellcrest Centre** (www.hincksdellcrest.org) has budgeted \$50,000 to deliver “Learning through Play” to day care centres and caregivers.

Hope International Development Agency (www.hope-international.com) has budgeted \$500,000 over 2007-2010 for community potable water supply systems in at least 48 rural communities of indigenous peoples, principally in Mindanao.

The **Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC)** (www.ipaciapc.ca) is a network of skilled senior Canadian public servants from federal, provincial and municipal governments, and academics. They provide expertise and work with developing country counterparts to enhance public sector capacities to address governance, social development and climate change challenges. The Philippines project, under IPAC’s Good Governance Program (2007 – 2010), is budgeted at \$1.08 million. Project partners include the Local Government Academy and LGUs in the Cordillera region.

Inter Pares’ (www.interpares.ca) international program (2005 - 2010) focuses on citizen participation to influence policies and actions on a wide number of issues related to democratization / human rights, basic human needs and gender. The Philippines program, in partnership with Likhaan, Tricom (Tri-Peoples Concern for Peace and Development in Mindanao), the Asian Regional Exchange for New Alternatives and the Asia-Pacific Research Network, is budgeted at \$371,000.

The **Jules and Paul-Émile Léger Foundation** (www.leger.org) 2005 - 2009 program in the Philippines (\$220,000) supports the agricultural and economic development of rural communities by, for example, offering training and support on cooperatives and savings and credit management. As well, the Jules and Paul-Émile Léger Foundation supports Kaibigan, an NGO working with street children in Manila; and the Stairway Foundation, an NGO which provides an environment and a program to help marginalized street children cope with their problems and build a better life for themselves in Puerto Galera.

KAIROS – Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (www.kairoscanada.org) is a church-based social justice movement. Their Global Partnership Program (2003-2010) concentrates on the two themes of economic justice and peace building. In the Philippines, KAIROS is strengthening the capacity of the Workers’ Assistance Center which works with unions and other workers’ organizations in the Cavite Export Processing Zone. It is also partnered with the Ecumenical Consortium for JustPeace, an ecumenical response to the peace situation in the Philippines. The Consortium aims to develop and strengthen support for communities committed to creating an atmosphere conducive to peace. Of the overall Program budget, \$241,000 is allocated to the Philippine projects.

The **National Judicial Institute’s** (www.nji.ca) Judicial Capacity Building project (2002 - 2008) works with the Philippine Judicial Academy and the Judicial Studies Centre of the Americas (Chile) to build databases, websites and clearinghouse functions which will be of benefit to the three institutions as well as judges and courts served by the organizations. \$250,000 is budgeted for the Philippines.

The **Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund’s** (www.pwrdf.org) 2004 - 2009 Development Program continues its support to a rights-based program, assisting communities in crisis (refugees, asylum seekers, stateless people, internally displaced and migrants). It supports four projects in the Philippines, focusing on the rights of women labourers in the context of the impact of globalization and the empowerment and socio-economic development of civil society organizations. PWRDF partners with the following organizations: Jubilee South, the Asia Pacific Research Network Foundation, Inc. (APRN), the Episcopal Churches in the Philippines (ECP), the Cordillera People’s Alliance (CPA) and the Farmers Development Center Inc. (FARDEC). The Philippines projects are budgeted at \$361,000.

The **Terre Sans Frontières'** (www.terresansfrontieres.ca) Program for Sustainable Development (2006 – 2011) focuses on the two themes of basic education and health. In the Philippines, Terre Sans Frontières works with the Pandan Bay Institute in increasing children's access to basic education thru the reconstruction of school buildings and the provision of school materials and equipment. Of the overall Program budget, \$625,000 is allocated to the Philippines budget.

The **United Church of Canada's** (www.united-church.ca) 2005 - 2009 Development Program focuses on the issues of social and economic justice. It assists in the strengthening of local civil society movements and regional and global collaboration among networks of church peoples whose work revolves around just, participatory and sustainable development leading towards improved living conditions among disadvantaged and poor communities. Local partners are the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and the Institute of Religion and Culture, Philippines (IRCP) which is providing fair credit to poor communities in Dumaguete City. The Philippines project is budgetted at \$186,000.

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YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Canadian Partnership Branch manages programs aimed at helping young people become more aware of global issues and encouraging them to contribute to international cooperation.

One of these is the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) which offers post-secondary graduates (CÉGE, college or university) the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in international development. The program, part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, aims to help young people make the transition from school to work, by gaining skills and experiences related to their chosen careers.

In 2008-09, CIDA is sponsoring three (3) IYIP interns in the Philippines.

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INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

The Private Sector Directorate's Industrial Cooperation Program (INC) was created in recognition of the positive role that private sector investments and technology transfers could have on sustainable development and act as a bridge between development objectives and commercial interests. INC provides reimbursable financial contributions, through a cost sharing agreement, to allow Canadian companies to carry-out pre-investment studies in order to determine the technical feasibility and the economic viability of proposed long-term business ventures implemented on the basis of sustainable development activities.

INC supports mutually beneficial partnerships between Canadian and Filipino companies that enhance the quality of Canadian investments, and promote women's participation and environmental concerns, thereby promoting economic and social development in the Philippines. Canadian companies are encouraged to establish long-term relationships with local partners to promote and ensure sustainable socio-economic development whereby the Philippines gain access to technologies, foreign capital, and technical, as well as managerial skills; while Canada gains access to a growing market.

There is only one (1) active INC-supported project in the Philippines at this time:

Manufacturing Modular Housing

RCM Modulaire Inc. in partnership with Central Country Estates Inc. is requesting CIDA-INC funding to conduct a viability study to investigate the possibilities of establishing a factory for modular housing and commercial buildings. The projected investment of \$2.5M could generate approximately 300 jobs in the Manila region.

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