

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Environmental Restoration and Technical Skills Training for Out-of-School Youths (OSYs)
2. Location : Palawan
3. Project Sector : Basic life skills for youth and adults
Agricultural extension
Bio-diversity
Environmental education/training
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,366,700.00
5. Implementing Organization : Palawan Conservation Corps
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6. Duration : August 10, 2004 - September 10, 2005

7. Project Description :

The project aims to provide technical skills training for out-of-school-youths through a residential training program. Skills and technology are not only limited to the youths enrolled in the program. They are likewise trained to facilitate the transfer of skills to community members, enabling them to participate in the environmental restoration of selected areas in Palawan.

As a multiplier effect, the trained youths will increase their membership and recruit environment youth advocates from each of the 7 barangays that they belong to. These youth advocates will be trained in Basic Ecology and Mangrove Reforestation. They will also participate in the International Coastal Clean-up being initiated by the City Government in partnership with PCC.

After the youth advocates are trained, they will then come-up with small-scale projects that will benefit their respective areas (7 barangays). This will be done through the TUBIG (Tugon ay Balikatan para ligtas ang Gasangan or "Saving the Coral Beds by a Concerted Effort) Advocacy Campaign. This will include a) Theater Play Competition b) Slogan-Making Contest c) Inter-school competition on the oath for nature conservation & PCC Anthem-writing contest d) Interactive Environment Museum competition e) Poster making & essay writing e) Hardwood Tree Planting and Restoration

The requested assistance will cover:

- Residential training of 40 OSY including support activities,
- Conservation component which includes mangrove reforestation, hands-on training on environmental restoration, hardwood nursery
- Community service component where the OSY will engage in hands-on community activities related to livelihood and conservation
- Environmental awareness campaign where the recruited 385 environmental youth advocates will implement and participate in

6. Beneficiaries : 40 OSY, 150 members, 385 youth advocates

7. Expected Results :

- at least 40 youths from 7 barangays in Honda Bay and Ulugan Bay trained under PCC's 6-month residential program
- 40 youths actively engaged in mangrove nursery establishment, mangrove reforestation, and riverbank restoration projects in their respective barangays during the 6-month residential training
- 385 environmental youth advocates to be recruited by the 40 youths trained in the residential training program, to ensure multiplier effect of the project
- 385 youth advocates trained on Basic Ecology and mangrove reforestation
- 1 International Clean-up Activity implemented
- At least 1 small-scale project to be implemented in the 7 Barangays by the 385 youth advocates through the TUBIG Advocacy Campaign
- Establishment of communal mangrove nursery in Honda Bay with the LGUs and local communities actively maintaining the project
- alternative livelihood incentives to at least three organized community members or youth groups