

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Ifugao Pagsasarili Montessori Preschool
2. Location : Ifugao
3. Project Sector : Teacher training
Early childhood education
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,336,250.00
5. Implementing Organization : O.B Montessori Child and Community Foundation, Inc.
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6. Duration : August 18, 2004 - September 18, 2005
7. Project Description :

The OB Montessori Child and Community Foundation, Inc. initiated the upgrading of the DSWD Day Care Centers in the World Heritage Site – Ifugao Province, in the municipalities of Lamut and Lagawe into Ifugao Pagsasarili Preschools. This project attempts to replicate the success of these Pagsasarili Preschools in the municipalities of Kiangan, Banawe, Hungduan and Mayoyao, and to other day care centers in Lamut and Lagawe.

This time-tested Pagsasarili Preschool program offers an alternative learning system for Ifugao children to become independent in caring for themselves and the environment, specifically the rice terraces.

On the other hand, the Mothercraft Literacy Training Course, which will now be called Family Craft Literacy Training Course, will be the parallel development program for both village mothers and fathers and to any adult in the family, to uplift their status in life and develop their potential to the fullest. These child guardians will also be taught literacy, maternal hygiene and child care, personal hygiene, cooking and nutrition.

8. Beneficiaries : 114 children
9. Expected Results :
 - One hundred Fourteen (114) preschool children aged 3 - 6 years old will be in school;
 - Five (5) Day Care Centers will be influenced by the Montessori Pagsasarili System;
 - One hundred fourteen (114) parents of these children will be able to learn from the functional literacy program;
 - Increased level of awareness for the children and their families in their roles to preserve the rice terraces