

**CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF**

1. Project Title : Arms are for Hugging - Expanding the Reach of Basic Education Services in Conflict Affected Mindanao
2. Location : Maguindanao
3. Project Sector : Teacher training  
Primary education  
Basic health care  
Basic Nutrition
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 1,810,577.00
5. Implementing Organization : Community and Family Services International  
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6. Duration : September 24, 2004 - May 30, 2005
7. Project Description :

The aim of the proposed project, to be carried out from 01 October 2004 through 30 April 2005, is to expand the reach of basic education services provided at the Inug-ug Elementary School while improving the educational achievement of war-affected children and youth in the target communities. In order to achieve these objectives, the assistance of the Canada Fund is requested to: (1) sponsor ten teachers and two ulama needed at the Inug-ug Elementary School; (2) support training for the teaching staff in addressing the unique issues faced by war-affected students in the target communities; and (3) provide the necessary educational materials and supplies for the school.

8. Beneficiaries : 700 children

9. Expected Results :
- Inug-ug Elementary School will have a teaching staff of 13 teachers and 2 Alims that will be sufficient and capable of meeting the increased demand for basic education.
  - At least 75% of students will have met the minimum attendance requirements and completed one academic year.
  - The teaching staff of Inug-ug Elementary School will demonstrate new knowledge, attitudes, and skills in working with war-affected children and youth.
  - The teaching staff of Inug-ug Elementary School will be equipped with knowledge and skills to promote the benefits of working together and non-violent means of resolving problems.
  - The teaching staff of Inug-ug Elementary School will be equipped with knowledge and skills to contribute to a decline in the spread of communicable diseases within the community.
  - Educational materials will be available that are useful for working with war-affected children and youth in Central Mindanao.
  - Evaluative efforts will reflect project achievements, problems encountered, lessons learned, and recommendations for the future.