

**CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF**

- 1. Project Title : Sagip Buhay Infanta Relief Operation
- 2. Location : Quezon
- 3. Project Sector : Emergency food aid  
Emergency/distress relief
- 4. CIDA Contribution : Php 2,125,000.00
- 5. Implementing Organization : Infanta Integrated Community Development Assistance, Inc. (ICDAI)  
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- 6. Duration : December 08, 2004 - March 15, 2005
- 7. Project Description :

The project involves relief assistance for the Municipality of Infanta in Quezon Province.

On 29 November 2004, tropical depression “Winnie” hit several provinces of Luzon and Metro Manila. One of the hardest hit provinces is Quezon, particularly the three northernmost municipalities of Infanta, Real and Gen. Nakar. Flashflood and landslides caused tremendous damages in lives and properties, not seen in the recent history of Infanta. **All the 36 villages of Infanta were directly under water for 2 full days.** Crops were damaged and livestock’s of families literally went berserk. Crops planted in its 3000 hectare of flatland were all wiped out by the onrushing flood of mud, rounded logs and forest debris. Many of the houses and other structures were damaged. Five bridges were destroyed isolating Infanta from the rest of the world. Telephone lines, cell sites were all submerged in water if not hit by logs with the sweeping water tumbling and destroying anything and everything in its path. With houses literally submerged in flood, people have no food to eat, water and clothing. What made matters worst was that there was a communication blackout and there was no electricity for days until to date.

It is for this reason that the Operation Sagip Buhay was launched by the Catholic Media Network (CMN) and the local NGO of Infanta, the Integrated Community Development Assistance Inc, (ICDAI) under the leadership of Fr. Francis Lucas, CMN President and CEO. The program is in cooperation with the Assisi Foundation, Ayala Foundation, Philippine Daily Inquirer, among others, and in coordination with the DSWD and the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC).

The operation Sagip-Buhay Infanta focuses on Infanta, as it is the hardest and intensely hit as well as the most isolated amongst the three towns. It is the worst hit in terms of the total number of affected population (100 %) or 50,992 people in 2000. Real has 30,684 population while Gen. Nakar has 23, 678 (NSO, 2000). The project focuses on a limited area and plans to expand later to neighboring municipalities of Real and Gen. Nakar as resources would allow.

- 8. Beneficiaries : 3,000 families
- 9. Expected Results :
  - 3,000 families (of the 5,000 families) in Infanta, Quezon assisted and provided relief
  - Better adjusted individuals and families whose confidence are boosted and are encouraged to start their life anew