

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Integrated Agriculture and Rural Improvement for Peace and Development Project
2. Location : South Cotabato
3. Project Sector : Agricultural development
Agricultural inputs
Food crop production
Livestock
Agricultural education/training
4. CIDA Contribution : Php 985,500.00
5. Implementing Organization : Mahintana Foundation, Inc.
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6. Duration : February 28, 2005 - March 30, 2006
7. Project Description :

The Sumbakil Tree Farming and Rural Improvement for Peace and Development Project intends to provide technical and financial assistance to at least 100 members (50 households) of umbakil Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SMPC). It seeks to increase productivity and income, and at the same time improve their management capacity as a community-based Muslim cooperative. This is part of the confidence building assistance in promoting lasting peace and development in Mindanao.

The project activities will consist of training, establishment of fruit three orchards, goat raising and vegetable farming.

8. Beneficiaries : 50 households
9. Expected Results :

The project expects the following outcomes as a result of its implementation:

- The existing forest cover is improved through the establishment of 50 hectares of fruit three orchards with each hectare achieving at least 80% survival rate for the 5,000 assorted fruit trees planted;
- The consciousness of the community on environmental conservation and protection is heightened through agroforestry;
- The occurrence of flash floods in the area is reduced as a result of the increase water holding capacity of the soil;
- The farm production and income of at least 50 households are improved and increased through organic methods as to be indicated by volume of harvest and sales;
- New opportunities for additional income generation (fruit tree farming) are introduced to the farmers;
- The women, on their own free and informed choice, have participated to and gained benefits from the project;
- The peace situation in the area is enhanced as to be indicated by improved economic productivity, food security and cultural tolerance between and among the beneficiaries and their fellows in the area.