

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title : Community Approach Towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor
2. Location : Negros Oriental
3. Project Sector : Teacher training
Primary education
Vocational training
Medical services
Strengthening civil society
Social/welfare services
4. Budget : Php 2,337,400.00
5. Implementing Organization : St. Ma. Goretti Development Foundation, Inc.
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6. Duration : December 01, 2006 - December 31, 2007
7. Project Description :

Negros Oriental is the third sending Province of child laborers to big cities and a growing number of children aging 5 – 17 years are found to be working at the sugarcane plantations, in deep-sea fishing boats and even in households as domestic servants. This project aims to contribute to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor by identifying working children, withdrawing them from work, and mainstreaming them to formal education or vocational courses. Their parents and families shall be organized in preparation for the implementation of alternative and/or additional livelihood projects which the Foundation, in coordination with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), will be promoting. All stakeholders, the LGUs, non-government organizations (NGOs), civil societies, the church and communities in the four barangays shall be mobilized to fight child labor. This fight against child labor shall be legitimized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among these stakeholders.

8. Beneficiaries : 1,475 in-school children, 1,233 out-of-school children

9. Expected Results :

- Integration of child labor issues and child welfare in the Barangay Development Plan and in the Pastoral Program of the Parish
- Validation and identification of working and at risks children.
- Profile of the beneficiaries organized into a database.
- Teacher's Training for tutorial and remedial classes conducted.
- At least 649 children shall have been withdrawn and protected from worst forms of child labor and given education services
- 60 children trained on vocational skills.
- Micro-savings program established.
- Trainings on micro-enterprise development and socio-economic projects given to parents/guardians of working and at risks children.