

INITIAL REHABILITATION PLAN * Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (www.slb.ph)
(subject to further processing) Version: November 24, 2013 * 230pm

Target Community: Culion, Palawan

- Jesuit mission island that used to be the world's largest leper colony.
- Last area hit by Super Typhoon Yolanda that had 6 major landfalls.
- Located in remote Northern Palawan composed of 41 islands hardly mentioned by Media but inputs from local contacts show 3,750 Families affected (15,518 individuals), 2003 partially damaged houses and 1,096 totally damaged houses.

Process:

1. Inputs gathered from Culion through Parish Priest Fr. Jody Magtoto, SJ. (gathered initial inputs)
2. Team SLB processing with inputs from partners especially Tanging Yaman Foundation through periodic meetings. (initial meeting 11-24-13)
3. Distillation of inputs for discussion with the Philippine Province through Fr. Provincial Fr. Tony Moreno, SJ/Social Apostolate Assistant Fr. Robert Rivera, SJ (email correspondences made on top of relief operations meetings)
4. **Validation with Culion Community through a dialogue with multi-sectoral body to be convened by Fr. Jody, SJ slated December 5-9, 2013.**
5. Implementation targeted to commence 2014 through institutional partnerships with Experts with an estimated 3-year time plan.

Initial Plans

I. REHABILITATION

House

- Targeting 1,096 totally damaged houses.
- In partnership with **Gawad Kalinga (GK)** and **Habitat for Humanity** – both partners are currently finalizing plans for approval of their Directors
- Advised Culion LGU of their need to provide for lots
- Initial plan is to create different areas for house clusters and create at least 2 whole eco-systems to boost economic activities in the island.
- Will partner with ESSC for location hazard assessment.
- *Location will be in synch with eco-tourism plans.*

Boat

- Boats are crucial for fishing communities and we will rehabilitate damaged boats in partnership with eco-tourism social enterprise www.kawiltours.com (same partner for over-all eco-tourism thrust for the island)
- Initial estimate of damaged boats: 300 small and big boats
- Cost per boat: P15,000 with a total of P4.5M
- Some of these are owned by the Indigenous People – **The Tagbanuas**
- This is an urgent need that needs to be prioritized.
- Parish will determine list of beneficiaries with the hope of prioritizing Tagbanua communities.

II. LIVELIHOOD

Eco-Tourism Thrust

- Culion was planned to become the Country's next tourist destination. The island was already mentioned by National Geographic as one of the best trips for 2011 (<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/best-trips-2011-photos/>), featured by Living Asia (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiPlcQEwYQs>), Discovery Magazine etc.
- Thus, the over-all livelihood intervention will be in the context of Eco-Tourism.
- We will support the Eco-Tourism Hotel Maya established for Jesuit mission school Loyola College of Culion through the generous assistance by Ateneo de Naga University primarily arranged by Fr. Joel Tabora, SJ (<http://www.adnu.net/ateneo-loyola-fernandez/>) then and continued by current President Fr. Jun Viray, SJ.
- We will partner with Kawil Tours (www.kawiltours.com) a finalist at the TAYO awards, Cobra Pinoy Heroes and Rappler Social Entrepreneur of the Year etc (<http://www.tayoawards.net/2013/09/groups-of-young-filipinos-show-change-is-possible/>) that will also train young Culion residents/LCC Students for Long-Term Eco-Tourism programs.
- We will explore scholarship assistance for Typhoon Victims with LCC President Fr. Bogs Tapiador, SJ.
- This project will be pursued with the community hopefully with the cooperation of the LGU.

Cooperative

- The Parish organized **Isla Culion Consumer Cooperative** that started with few members and grew to 300 and was recognized by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) as one of the most promising cooperatives.
- The ICCC has constantly wrestled with lack of capital for it to grow and benefit more people. With members affected by the typhoon the coop is challenged further.
- We can help boost this Cooperative through additional Capital contribution, Stock/Inventory support and Management and other Technical assistance.
- We can release P2,000 Membership "Scholarships" for those affected by the Typhoon which adds to the Capital and enrolls the Yolanda victims for a more long-term assistance. We can also credit P500-P1,000 ICCC Gift Cheques that they can withdraw in the coming months for sustained support. This is also considered an urgent need.
- We will also assign a Consultant to help grow the cooperative.

III. RENEWABLE ENERGY

- The island basically has 12-hour power supply even without the typhoon.
- With the ravage, the whole island is currently experiencing total blackout with an estimated power return by January 2014.
- We will be installing "small solar farms" if possible or install solar panels in key areas where people can charge, have clean water etc in partnership with Solarsolutions (www.solarsolutions.ph), an All-Filipino Social Technopreneurship that helped us have quick installations in disaster-stricken areas like Cagayan de Oro and Iligan for Sendong, Casiguran Aurora for Typhoon Labuyo and now in different parts of Visayas.

IV. PSYCHO-SOCIAL INTERVENTION

- In partnership with **SiLaBan** (Sikolohiyang Lingkod Alay sa Bayan or Psychology in Service of the Nation) and **Ateneo de Manila University's Psychology Department** we hope to pursue Psycho-Social Intervention for the victims.

V. COMMUNITY-BASED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CBDRRM)

- SLB is currently piloting a **CBDRRM** project in Payatas in partnership with DILG.
- We are currently in the middle of project implementation and we hope to replicate the program in Taytay, Rizal in partnership with Camillian Sisters.
- We can implement the same model for Culion for disaster preparedness.

VI. MANPOWER

- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) has offered financial and Manpower assistance which we hope to avail of especially for rehabilitation expertise.
- We will also launch the search for the FINE (Filipino Innovators, Nation-builders and Earth advocates) Fellows as a mechanism for hiring three (3) Manpower to be deployed to these disaster projects.