

Plan Philippines

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Sponsored Child Name : Ana-Rose Biscorro Child Correspondence Number : 0770-003795
Sponsor's Name : Company My Life Stiftung Sponsor's Number : 008-0526295

Dear Company My Life Stiftung,

Warm greetings! I would like to inform you that Ana-Rose left the community. During the latest community visit and interview with Lydia Queroda, Stepmother, there is no indication if Ana-Rose will come back in the community. She left the area to pay her last respect for her grandmother who died but since then did not come back in the area.

Sta. Margarita, Ana-Rose former community is a coastal area and offers opportunities limited to fishing and farming. Because of this, migrations to nearby cities become an option for the local people. Usually, the eldest son or daughter, or the parents leave first, and once they gain employment in the city, the rest of the family follows.

While Plan works hard to facilitate positive changes in the lives of children and families through the various community projects that we do in Sta. Margarita, some families still choose to try other means elsewhere. Nonetheless, I would like to emphasize the value of your valuable support to Plan's programs in the Philippines has helped realized significant improvements in the lives of many children and families in Sta. Margarita.

These were the following projects that Plan and the community has achieved for the past year:

LIVELIHOOD. To help augment family income and increase food production in the homes, Plan provided farm animals like mallard ducks, chickens and goats to the families. Training on care and management of these animals were conducted for the sustenance of the project. Offsprings of the animals were passed on to other families so that more will benefit.

Trainings on vegetable production, proper soil management and other appropriate farming technology were also conducted to increase farm production. This included the use of organic fertilizers using locally-produced and available materials that the farmers can use. Aside from increasing food production for family, income from selling the harvest help the families in providing for the needs of their children.



One of the farmers provided with mallard ducks. He is now benefiting from the eggs and meat of the ducks.

EDUCATION. Plan's assistance came in the form of school supplies and materials, including transportation support, especially for children who live far from school. "We reach our house at almost nine o'clock in the evening during times that we have to walk because we do not have money for fare. Through Plan's school assistance program, I receive school supplies and school uniforms every school year including transportation allowance in going to school that helped me get through a year in high school," said May Anne, a high school student.

School buildings were constructed in some parts of Sta. Margarita to replace dilapidated and unsafe buildings. Furniture, laboratory equipment and other learning materials are also provided. Children now enjoy the safety of the new school

buildings and the convenience of having an armchair for each student which motivated them to study well. Teaching methodologies of teachers also improved because of the trainings provided to them.

MORE RESPONSIBLE PARENTS AND CHILD-SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT. Local leaders were also trained on child-friendly governance to influence them to put priority on children's issues in their programs and policies. Parents also attended parent effectiveness seminars to help them become more responsible parents.



Child mapping activity enables children to locate differently-abled children, abused children, out-of schools and services in the village.

The children on the other hand, were also made aware of their rights and responsibilities, through the seminars and training that they have undergone. The children's associations that they have formed gave them opportunities to exercise their leadership skills and enhance their talents. They learn from others as they are able to socialize. They are now participating in community development activities.

In the child mapping conducted by children, they learnt to be researchers/interviewers and at the same time they were able to locate marginalized children like malnourished children, differently-abled and abused children which became the basis in

targeting specific project beneficiaries.

BETTER HYGIENE AND SANITATION IN SCHOOLS. Because many schools do not have access to water and children were often faced with the problem of personal hygiene and sanitation, Plan supported the construction of rainwater catchments or water tanks in the schools. The tanks and water catchments are now in use and provide water to the schools year-round.

IMPROVED NUTRITION AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN. To address malnutrition among school-aged children, Plan worked with schools to establish vegetable gardens. The harvests were given to undernourished children that contributed to the decrease of malnourished children in school.

These are just some of the projects which your valuable support has realized. Thank you again for your support, we hope that you will continue your support to Plan by sponsoring another child.

Sincerely,

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Vegetable gardens maintained by children in school which the teachers and parents use in school feeding.