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A NOTE FROM THE
**CHAIRMAN
OF THE
BOARD**

“ For though we are a grant-giving Foundation, we want our contribution to be purposeful rather than merely transactional.”

What is a lifetime partnership? For the Sun Life Foundation, it is a commitment we give to our partner organizations, beneficiary communities, and circle of volunteers: to be a constant and dependable ally in building a brighter world.

Being a lifetime partner, the Foundation evaluates projects in terms of long-term and sustainable results. Aside from addressing the most urgent and pressing needs, we also aim to provide holistic support to our beneficiaries. This can only be accomplished by cooperating at the grassroots – visiting the sites, talking to stakeholders, and ensuring the timely delivery of assistance. For though we are a grant-giving Foundation, we want our contribution to be purposeful rather than merely transactional.

Because for any intervention to last, our work should be collective and consistent. Responding with concerted effort leads to more meaningful change. Persistent and intentional action builds momentum – a force powerful enough to bring hope and enlightenment even to the most vulnerable. For being a lifetime partner is more than longevity or constant presence, but about illuminating the way to a more secure future. So for generations ahead, they can be independent and self-sustaining in navigating their fortune.

For what values make a lifetime partner? Someone who believes in their dreams, one who supports their goals, one who inspires them to do their best, and one who ultimately makes life brighter. And we sincerely hope that we've embodied these ideals with our partners, one brighter life at a time.



RIZA G. MANTARING

Chairperson
Sun Life Foundation





A NOTE FROM THE
PRESIDENT

“ Action is hope.”

This statement from prolific writer Ray Bradbury captured the very spirit that invigorates and motivates the Sun Life Foundation. More than a decade after incorporation, our mission of building a brighter world inspires us to dream bigger every year.

But it is never enough to dream. We need to work. The Foundation team - compose of three dedicated personnel – takes the lead in establishing partnerships and monitoring and organizing our ever-growing volunteer force. They also empower our volunteers to be more involved in charting the course of our outreach and fundraising efforts.

We also fortify the four pillars – education, environment, health, and arts & culture – that embody our collective advocacy.

Our educational support includes scholarship grants, capacity-building, and accessible financial literacy workshops for our beneficiaries. As we sow the seeds of learning, we look forward to a fruitful harvest where the lives we touched have change and flourish for the better.

Projects focusing on sustainability and the environment take into account the human lives at stake. Stewardship, especially from communities, define our long-term partnerships in protecting the biodiversity of critical areas such as rivers and reefs.

A holistic approach is the main focus for our health initiatives. From pitching in to relief efforts for the Marawi siege survivors to funding groundbreaking concepts, we

promote physical, mental, and social wellbeing to our partners.

In terms of upholding local culture and the arts, we embrace OPM (Original Pilipino Music) and indigenous weaving. In building a brighter world, we also need to nourish our souls with beauty and melody that speak to our sensibilities.

Uniting our pillars is Sun Life’s commitment to spreading financial literacy all over the Philippines. We make efforts to incorporate this component in every giving-back activity, like putting coin banks with our back-to-school kits, starting our financial management project with public school teachers, and conducting FinLit sessions courtesy of our advisors.

This is only a big picture of how we at the Sun Life Foundation fared in 2018. Between these narratives are stories of generosity affirming that, indeed, a brighter world is within reach. And as we face a new year of giving back, we ask ourselves – how can we put into action our hope for a brighter world?

By building it together, one brighter life at a time.



ALEX NARCISO

President
Sun Life Foundation





A NOTE FROM THE
**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

“We have nurtured partnerships that focus on long-term and high-impact initiatives.”

As a donor-giving organization, the Sun Life Foundation engages with partners that complement its mission of building a brighter world. Since changing our metrics from Lives Touched to Lives Changed, we have nurtured partnerships that focus on long-term and high-impact initiatives. And the commitment has paid off.

In 2018, we marked the most expansive period in Foundation history. We now have 22 partner organizations from all over the country whose values align with our pillars of Education, Environment Protection, Health, and Financial Literacy. Inside Sun Life, our ever-growing volunteer force also organize their very own giving-back activities.

Let me take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our partner organizations who have shared their advocacy with us: ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc., AHA! Behavioral Consultancy Corporation, BGC Arts Foundation Inc., Central Mindanao University, Children's Hour, Department of Education, ECHOSI Foundation, Father Saturnino Urios University, Gota de Leche, Hebreo 12:1 Foundation, Inc., Kythe Foundation, Microventures Foundation, Inc., Mindanao State University – IIT, National Museum of Natural History, Negrense Volunteers for

Change Foundation Inc., Philippine Red Cross, UNILAB Foundation, University of the Philippines, World Surgical Foundation Inc., World Wide Fund for Nature – Philippines, World Vision Development Foundation, and Yellow Boat of Hope Foundation Inc.

Delivering on Sun Life's promise of making life brighter are the countless volunteers, composed of advisors and employees, who even invite their family and friends to be part of Foundation activities. Without their support and enthusiasm, perhaps building a brighter world, one brighter life at a time, may have taken longer. THANK YOU for being our inspiration.

However, no matter how engaged our partners may be, to be accepted by our beneficiary communities makes the brightest difference. More than beneficiaries, the Foundation treats them as partners in securing their future. Empowerment is key in ensuring that their progress can be scaled to the next generations.

To the Sun Life Foundation team, to every Sun Lifer who help us change lives for the better, to the partners past and present – THANK YOU for being the sunshine in the never-ending grind of development work.



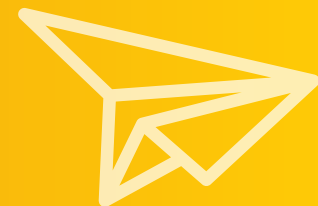
Kristine Dianne Millete

Executive Director
Sun Life Foundation





A BRIGHTER WORLD FOR
EDUCATION





SHINING ON THE BEDUK LEGACY



Hailed as a model resettlement community, the Legacy of Light Village is now self-sustaining – a far cry from its informal roots in Estero de Paco along the Pasig River. This milestone is one of many gains since the Sun Life Foundation joined the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya’s ‘Kapit Bisig Para Sa Ilog Pasig’ project. More than a decent home, the partnership has provided growth and opportunities - from livelihood trainings to scholarships for the adopted village’s underprivileged but deserving students.

Called the Bantay Edukasyon (BEDUK) Scholarship Grant, the assistance is meant to complement the employment programs generally catered for adults. From grade school to college, the Foundation provides support to select students living in its adopted village. After all, investing in their education is one way to ensure that the legacy will be passed on to the next generation.

PARTNER

For the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc., “working hand in hand to support community aspirations and seeing them through reality is the essence of a meaningful public service.” Their collective efforts include Bantay Bata 163, Bantay Kalikasan, and Operation Sagip. If you want to donate or know more about their projects, visit <https://corporate.abs-cbn.com/lingkodkapamilya/>.

BENEFICIARIES



14 to 16

students every school year.



RAISING FUNDS FOR EDUCATION, DIABETES AWARENESS

As SunPIOLogy turns 10, here is a look back at the adventure that raised millions for Hebreo Foundation scholars and inspired more Filipinos to live healthier lives.

10 Years of SunPIOLogy



2009
SunPIOLogy Exhibit – Poetry in Portraits



2010
Pursuits Journal



2011
Vertical Run + Sunset Run



2014
Adventure-Filled Run



2015
Kick Diabetes



2016
Sugar Wars



Our Beneficiaries Through the Years



2012
with Star Magic Gives Back concert
(20th anniversary of SM)



2013
Sunset Color Run



2017
Sunpiology DUO



2018
Sunpiology TR10



HELPING SCHOLARS RISE FOR THE FUTURE



Since the 1990s, Sun Lifers have been providing full scholarship grants to underprivileged students in state universities and the region's top educational institutions nationwide. With the incorporation of the Sun Life Foundation, the Sun Life Rising Scholar program has expanded its reach with seven partner institutions and 17 beneficiaries. Aside from their tuition fees, the scholars also receive allowances for books and daily expenses. And though there is no stipulation for payback service after they graduate, several of them chose to be part of the Sun Life family.

PARTNER

- Central Mindanao University
 - Father Saturnino Urios University
 - Mindanao State University
 - Iligan Institute of Technology
 - University of the Philippines Cebu
 - University of the Philippines Diliman
 - University of the Philippines Mindanao
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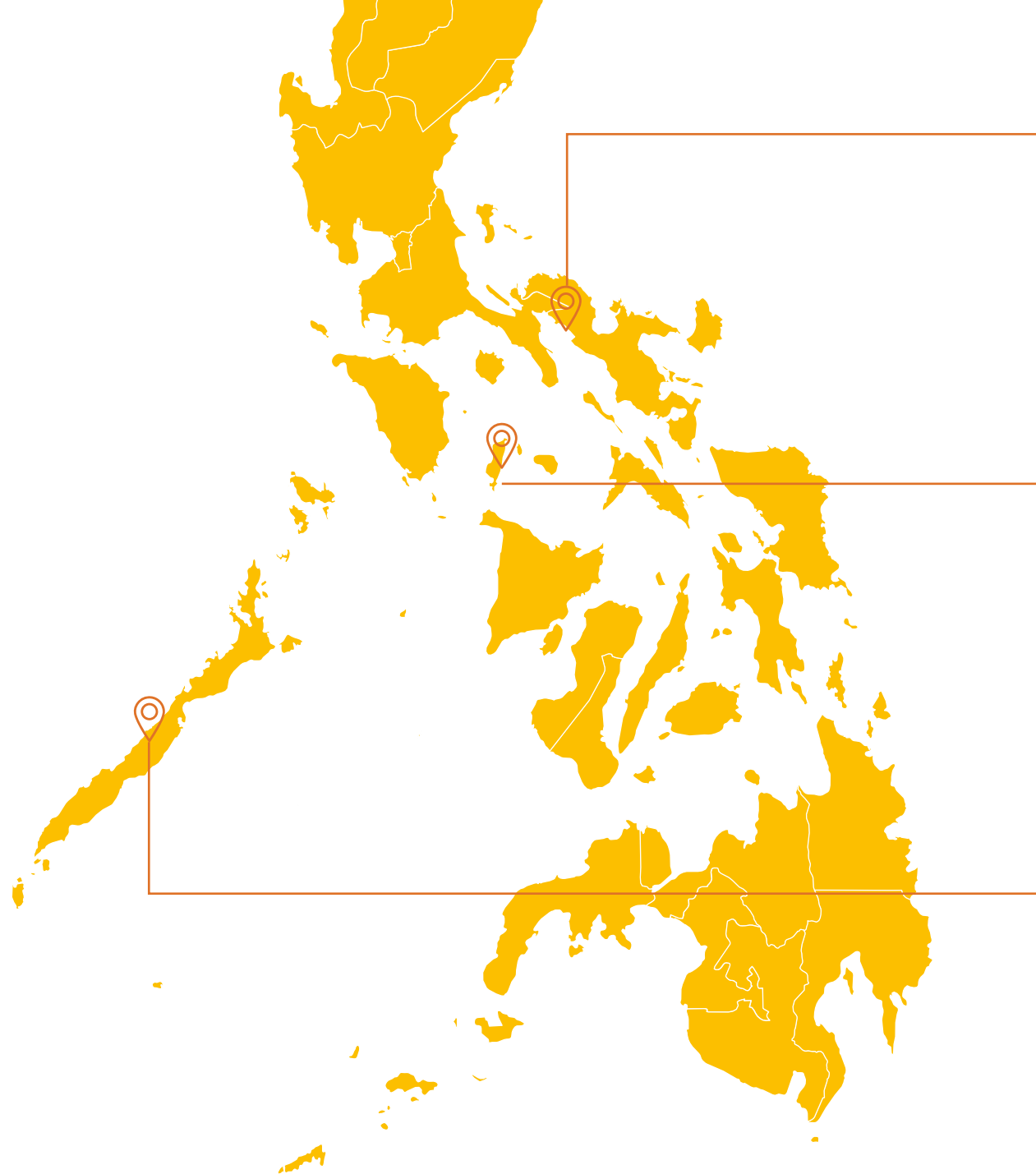
children's hour Sun 11:00



REBUILDING THE FUTURE WITH 120 CLASSROOMS

In 2013, Typhoon Yolanda and the Bohol earthquake destroyed homes and heritage sites in the Visayas region – including numerous school buildings. Three years later, Typhoon Lawin swept through the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela. As a response, the Sun Life Foundation led the 120 Classroom project in partnership with Children’s Hour. Now on its fourth phase, follow their journey to bring hope to communities devastated by these calamities.





PHASE 1&2 (2015-2016)

- Sites – Aklan, Bohol, Cebu,
- 67 classrooms with blackboards
- 19 schools



PHASE 3 (2017-2018)

- Sites – Camarines Sur, Capiz
- 9 classrooms (Leyte)
- 10 classrooms (CamSur)
- 10 classrooms (Capiz)



PHASE 4 (2018, 2019)

- Sites – Isabela, Cagayan Valley
- 24 classrooms



Iloilo, Leyte (Tunga)
boards, chairs, ceiling fans, teacher's desks, wash rooms



z, Leyte (Dulag)



ley



PARTNER

Children's Hour is "a fund raising, fund giving, and friends-raising organization that supports projects on education, health & nutrition, and child welfare & development for Filipino children in need." They do this by "asking individuals, companies, and organizations to donate at least ONE HOUR of their annual salary or earnings once a year." If you want to get involved, visit www.childrenshour.org.ph.

BENEFICIARIES



More than

44,000

students in the next ten years





NANAY NEGOSYANTES STOCK UP ON SKILLS, OPPORTUNITIES

The iconic sari-sari store, of its brimming shelves and assorted goods, has long been a fundamental fixture of communities. But as convenience stores and mini-groceries boom, this locus of MSMEs (micro, small, and medium enterprises) activity has suffered from dwindling income and minimal growth.

How do we empower these businesses, of which 95% are women-owned and generated income to support their families? With award-winning and longtime partner Hapinoy, the Sun Life Foundation rolled out another

capacity-building program called BasiKaalaman to help nanay negosyantes be resilient and responsive to the changing retail scene.

In order to address the vulnerabilities of sari-sari store owners, the program focused on three goals. First is to set up a system where they can track the store's cashflow, including pautang (debts). Second is to equip them with tools to easily identify and address personal as well as professional issues. Third is to help them scan the market for opportunities and expand their offerings, especially on the e-commerce space.

Particular attention was also given to develop their financial literacy skills, a BasiKaalamanan (a play on 'basic knowledge') for nanays to manage and grow their enterprises. The team shared affordable financial products and services that they can avail for protection, capital growth, and income security.

"Being open to new business opportunities, product diversification, and use of technology may help them continue serving their community. Also, maintaining good relationships with their sukis (customers) is key to sustaining their businesses," shared Hapinoy. After all, preserving this unique and quintessential heritage is equally important as ensuring the livelihood of its empowered owners.

BASIKAALAMAN MONEY TIPS



- *Do daily cash flow monitoring to check if your business is flourishing or failing.*
- *Identify your financial goals to make sound financial decisions.*
- *Save. Save for your dreams. Save for emergencies.*
- *Invest in new products for your store or insurance products for your protection.*

PARTNER

Hapinoy is the sari-sari store's partner in growing their business. As a social enterprise serving microentrepreneurs, they provide trainings, business opportunities, and access to additional capital for their beneficiaries to achieve personal and professional goals. For more information about their programs, please visit www.hapinoy.com and [facebook.com/hapinoy](https://www.facebook.com/hapinoy) or send us a message at info@hapinoy.com.

BENEFICIARIES



300 sari-sari
store owners

MEET CORAZON

"Simula po nong ako'y nag-workshop... sa second workshop po, nagbago po ba agad 'yong sistema nung tindahan ko. Kaya tuwang-tuwa ako... talaga pong yong kaalaman ko ay nadagdagan talaga. Sabi ko, ay ang sarap naman parang ako'y nag-aaral ulit."

– Corazon Obniala, Brgy. Sta. Ana, Taguig City



FORMING BETTER MONEY HABITS AMONG PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teachers are critical in ensuring a brighter future for the next generation. They impart knowledge and life skills to their students to prepare them for the future. Among these necessary skills are financial planning and management. But what happens if the teachers themselves find it difficult to apply these lessons and struggle to make ends meet?

Tackling a billion-pesos debt situation

When the Sun Life Foundation learned that the formal debt of public school teachers have already ballooned to P319 billion*, it resolved to take action. However, it knew that what needs to be done should go beyond traditional financial literacy trainings, which are already offered to teachers in numerous forms and ways.

An opportunity arose with AHA! Behavioral Design and their approach of developing practical and consistent positive behaviors. For the Foundation, this is more sustainable to simply imparting learning.

The partnership has since embarked on Project Araw-Araw, which was designed to analyze the existing financial behaviors of public school teachers. Instead of just offering various modes of trainings or seminars, Project Araw-Araw developed ways on how they can be influenced to develop better daily money habits using behavior design.

Focusing on behaviors rather than numbers

Mainstream information about the debt incurred by public school teachers merely highlight its staggering figures. Little has been said about the behaviors and experiences that pushed them to bankruptcy. Analyzing the audience first – to understand their lifestyle and the elements unique to their profession – is key to a behavior design intervention from AHA! and the Sun Life Foundation.

One of the key findings was that for most cases, teachers resort to loaning because they are not able to stretch their budget until the end of the month. Moreover, 72% of respondents have a “reason” for taking out a loan, usually for mortgage or business capital, rather than frivolous ones. Thus, helping them manage their cash flow became the project’s main goal.



Improving cash flow management

Why cash flow management? The hope is that when teachers are able to stretch their budget, they will be deterred from overspending then resorting to loans when money runs out mid-month. Out of the six prototypes tested for Project Araw-Araw, the Peso Sobre has emerged as the most effective behavioral nudge.

The Peso Sobre is a money envelope tool designed to help teachers divide their monthly household funds into weekly budgets rather than the usual “category” budgeting (e.g. for rent, etc.). A weekly budget makes it easier for them to control their daily spending, particularly on smaller (usually unmonitored) expenses like food and leisure. They are also less likely to overspend at the start of the month because the money is already physically split into four weekly envelopes.

The results are promising. As AHA! reports: “Before the intervention, less than half of the test group can stretch their budget until the next month. In fact, almost a quarter of the group uses up their monthly budget on the first or second week. After five months of using the tool and by simply dividing their monthly budget into weekly envelopes, more than 70% of the group already gets to extend their budget until the fourth week, and none depleted their monthly budget on the first week. Since they are able to stretch their money longer, there are also less chances that they will take on new loans.”

Aside from the emergence of saving behaviors, those who have used the tool consistently saw an average 100% increase in their savings. Given the success of its prototype testing, the partnership plans to roll out the Peso Sobre tool to a wider audience.

PARTNER

As the first and only behavioral design company in the Philippines, AHA! Behavioral Design “specializes in identifying and influencing behaviors.” AHA! applies the framework of behavioral design, which is a “science-based, high-impact, and low-cost way of nudging people to take the desired action.” To know more, visit their website at www.aha.ph.

BENEFICIARIES



80 public school teachers
from Makati, Marikina, Navotas.

* About the debt situation of public school teachers - <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1128387/public-school-teachers-debts-rose-to-p319b-in-2-years-deped> – accessed on 17 October 2019





A BRIGHTER WORLD FOR HEALTH





EMBRACING THE GIFT OF CHILDHOOD



Children with cancer face an uphill battle to recovery. Though government interventions have led to an increase in survival rate from 20% to 78%*, being a survivor carries its own struggle. Given the rigors of recovery, a patient's development can easily fade into the routine of check-up and procedures. Opportunities to learn, play, and grow are critical to ensure holistic healing for these brave souls.

This is what the Kythe Foundation has been doing for nearly three decades: a hospital-based, integrated approach called the Child Life Program. It is meant to complement medical treatment with psychosocial support to both children and parents. They also extend financial assistance to underprivileged families struggling to cope with their child's treatment plan.

Inspired by these ideals, the Sun Life Foundation has pledged support for three of its initiatives: the Adopt-A-Survivor, Kythe Survivors' Day, and Share-A-Fare. The Adopt-A-Survivor program provides educational assistance to hematology-oncology patients who want to pursue a college degree.

The Kythe Survivors' Day is a day camp where cancer champions engage in team-building and various outdoor activities. The Share-A-Fare project eases the burden of transportation costs for medical appointments and even participation in out-of-hospital activities.

For aside from physical healing, a cancer survivor's quality of life is also critical in their journey – especially for a child who is still finding her way.

PARTNER

Kythe Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, non-stock organization aimed towards improving the quality of life among hospitalized children with cancer and other chronic illness. They are a group of trained professionals providing psychosocial support to over 11,000 children with cancer and other chronic illness and their families since 1992. If you want to donate or get involved, visit www.kythe.org

BENEFICIARIES



100 individuals
including pediatric patients and
their family members

* from "The Global Improvement of Childhood Cancer Care in the Philippines" (<http://www.cancercontrol.info/cc2015/the-global-improvement-of-childhood-cancer-care-in-the-philippines/>), accessed on 30 September 2019



LIVING HEALTHIER LIVES WITH IDEAS POSITIVE

Youth engagement programs can look up to Unilab Foundation's Ideas Positive for pointers. After all, Ideas Positive has been providing a platform to develop innovative health solutions for close to a decade. In 2018, they aligned their focus with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by addressing local health community issues. This resonated strongly with the Sun Life Foundation's #livehealthierlives advocacy, paving the way for a partnership whose impact can last for generations.

Ideas Positive finds creative and innovative young Filipinos with the desire to help improve the health situation of their own communities. The Sun Life Foundation grant enabled two teams to join the Ideas Positive boot camp for mentorship and capacity-building. Each team was also provided with seed money to implement their respective projects.



Project GeriaTRICKS

Set in Brgy. Baay, Batac in Ilocos Norte, Team GeriaTEAM designed an age-sensitive, error-minimizing program for senior citizens taking maintenance medications. The initiative benefited 200 elderlies and their caregivers. They learned about drug safety and received personalized medical kits with user guide as well as simulations. Lolos and Lolos were also treated to a grand Self Care Day composed of a relaxing massage, haircut, nail care, and healthy snacks.

Project Ating AmVision: Tamang Nutrisyon

For persons with visual impairment, opportunities to improve one's health and living conditions may be scarce. With Team Tamabg TeamBang's initiative, visually-impaired residents of Gawad Kalinga PWD Village (Brgy. Escopa III, Project 4, Quezon City) were provided with tactile plates to assist in navigation while helping them adopt positive health-seeking behaviors towards healthy weight loss.

With Project GeriaTRICKS and Project Ating AmVision, the Foundation hopes to make #livehealthierlives a reality to more Filipinos. The future is indeed brighter – one only needs to look at the Ideas Positive initiative to be inspired.

PARTNER

Established in 2011, Unilab Foundation, Inc. (ULF) is the corporate foundation of UNILAB or United Laboratories, Inc. True to their thrust to of providing healthcare to all Filipinos, their mission is to build a healthier nation – in body, mind, heart, and spirit. Visit www.unilabfoundation.org to know more.

BENEFICIARIES



2 teams composed of 10 youth leaders and two mentors



2 partner communities





NOURISHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Impoverished women and children are among the most vulnerable in terms of malnutrition and depleted access to healthcare. Expectant mothers face precarious odds from pregnancy to actual birth. Newborns require adequate nutrition as they risk becoming stunted. Stunting is defined as the “impaired growth and development that children experience from poor nutrition, repeated infection, and inadequate psychosocial stimulation.”*

Scarce public health services and meager earnings are factors tied to the deteriorating state of minors and their mothers. Immediate intervention is critical, especially for pregnant and lactating women as well as children with disabilities and malnourishment.

Together with La Proteccion de la Infancia, Inc (Gota de Leche), the Sun Life Foundation responded by providing nutritional support and medical services to indigent beneficiaries. Gota identified five project sites around the country classified as 'severely depressed' and 'geographically isolated.' Upon check-up, anemia and UTI (urinary tract infection) were common among mothers. Cough and cold were prevalent in babies. In response, monthly distribution of nutrition supplies (milk, vitamins, medicine) and fortified rice meals (with 23 essential vitamins and minerals in five variants) complemented the check-ups, therapy, and community education. Vegetable seeds were also given to pregnant and lactating women for planting in family farms, a sustainable step in reducing malnutrition, stunting, and wasting among their babies. Livelihood trainings such as bead-jewelry making were also part of the project's scope.

From income generation to delivery of basic nutrition, this holistic approach embraces the physical and social needs of a thriving family. In the pursuit of a brighter world, taking care of women and children is a vital first step.

PARTNER

La Proteccion de la Infancia, Inc. or Gota de Leche is the oldest existing charity organization in the Philippines. Established by patriots and feminists in 1906, its long track of social service focused on mothers and children persisted without interruption even during World War II. Its achievements include establishing the first dairy farm in the country, the first puericulture centers, and the first pediatric hospital (Manila Children's Hospital) in 1946. Visit their heritage place in Manila, declared a National Historic Site and Important Cultural Property by the National Museum. If you want to help, you may reach out at info@gotadeleche.com or visit them at **859 SH Loyola St., Sampaloc, Manila**. Their Facebook page is [@GotaDeLecheManila](https://www.facebook.com/GotaDeLecheManila).

BENEFICIARIES



240

malnourished
indigent children



150

pregnant and
lactating women

from Benguet, Cebu, Ifugao, Iloilo, and Manila.








MEET GRACE

Grace Hidalgo

Mula nung nagbubuntis pa lang ako, may binibigay silang vitamins at rice meal. Malaking tulong kasi alam kong nakakabuti sa aming mag-ina. Nung time na nanganak ako, yung vitamins na binibigay maganda rin po. Nakakarami ng gatas ko, lalo na may edad na ako. Dahil din sa gatas at rice meal, nasusuplyan ko ng sapat na breast milk ang anak ko.

-
-  44 years old, solo parent with three kids
 -  Brgy. Salapan, San Juan City
 -  Volunteer in Salapan Day Care
-

STUNTING LIFE**



TOP 3
Highest in Asia



Associated with
3% GDP
Loss



Earn
50% Less
than non-stunted peers

* from World Health Organization (WHO) website accessed at https://www.who.int/nutrition/healthygrowthproj_stunted_videos/en/

** from Gota de Leche website (<http://gotadeleche.com>)





MAKING SURGERIES SAFER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE

With the passage of the Universal Health Care Law (Republic Act 11223), service delivery care is expected to improve. But as government agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH) update their capabilities, the gap in terms of surgical needs for poor and underserved Filipinos remains.

Outside of urban centers, patients in rural areas travel for hours, even days, to reach hospitals with adequate resources. In terms of surgical cases, the lack of budget and manpower create a backlog of services as well as

increased risks. For indigent patients, the high cost of getting better prohibits them from full recovery.

This is where the Sun Life Foundation and the World Surgical Foundation Philippines, Inc. (WSFPI) stepped in. The Sun Life Foundation team donated surgical and anesthesia supplies to hospitals in the most remote areas of the country. WSF's volunteer healthcare professionals also empowered the local surgical team with additional knowledge and skill. Aside from operative care, they also provided free post operation medicines to prevent complications.

Accessible and affordable healthcare is a commitment that can change the fortune of future generations. A collective effort from both private and public players will ensure the fulfillment of this basic right.

For 100 million Filipinos*, there are:



27,911

health care workers nationwide**



476

government hospitals***



960

private hospitals***

PARTNER

Since 2018, World Surgical Foundation Philippines, Inc. is helping enhance the Surgical Health Care capacity for marginalized Filipinos. Their volunteers have done surgeries benefiting thousands of indigent patients, who are mostly deprived of healthcare access. If you want to help their cause, you may reach them at wsfphils@gmail.com.

BENEFICIARIES



475 indigent patients from
Aklan and Bukidnon

* from the government's 2015 Census of Population (POPCEN 2015)

** from DOH Annual Report 2017

*** from DOH data as of October 2017, accessed thru <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/946244/did-you-know-ph-has-476-public-960-private-hospitals-as-of-october-2017>





A BIRGHTER WORLD FOR ENVIRONMENT





A photograph of an elderly man with a grey beard and a wide-brimmed hat, sitting on the ground in a lush, green forest. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts. He is gesturing with his right hand, palm facing up, as if explaining something. The background is filled with dense foliage and trees, creating a warm, golden light. The overall tone of the image is natural and serene.

PROTECTING THE BEAUTIFUL BIODIVERSITY OF SABLAYAN

Photo from WWF-Philippines

As one of the 18 mega-biodiverse countries, the Philippines cares for 5% of global flora and ranks fifth in terms of plant species*. At the heart of this hotspot is Sablayan in Occidental Mindoro, where two National Integrated Protected Areas (NIPAs) are located. The first is Apo Reef Natural Park, touted as the largest and best-preserved atoll in the country as well as the second largest contiguous reef in the world, next only to the Great Barrier Reef. The second is Mounts Iglit-Baco Natural Park, home to the critically endangered Mindoro dwarf buffalo (*Bubalus mindorensis*) or the tamaraw.

Trouble in Paradise

Apo Reef suffers from coral bleaching, where corals turn white and eventually die due to high sea surface temperature. Illegal, unregulated fishing and unchecked diving activities are also pressing issues. In Mounts Iglit-Baco, the lack of a park management plan hinders efforts to preserve the tamaraws. Irreverent hunting and conversion of forest and grasslands to agricultural lands through kaingin (slash and burn) destroy their habitat.

Such threats to flora and fauna also affect human settlements. Sablayan coastal communities are categorized under high-risk flooding. Its rivers constantly shift due to climate change, rendering the municipality's decade old flood map in dire need of an update.



*from <https://www.cbd.int/countries/profile/default.shtml?country=ph> accessed on 4 August 2019



Protect from Ridge to Reef

Long-term commitment is imperative to help preserve this globally-significant biodiversity. Staunch partners World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Sun Life Foundation are working together once again to protect both communities and natural resources, in a project called Sablayan Ridge to Reef initiative. It has three objectives: habitat management, income development and food security for Indigenous People's groups, and addressing the effects of climate change.

It was a promising start. For its first year, WWF and Sun Life established two hectares of communal farm managed by the Tau Buid Mangyan tribe. To date, it yielded 3,000 kilos of rice and 180 kilos of assorted root crops, supplementing the group's existing food resources.

Enforcement activities around Apo Reef and Mts. Iglit-Baco intensified. Basic patrolling gears augmented the capability of its forty volunteer park rangers, who also received accident insurance coverage. A strategic plan for Apo Reef Natural Park was also formulated, setting the direction towards its proper management.

Still, the journey to sustain Sablayan's biodiversity and heritage has a long way to go. But the steps taken by WWF and the Foundation are creating a momentum to preserve this paradise for future generations.

EXPLORING APO REEF

- *Apo Reef Natural Park was created under Proclamation No.868 on September 6, 1996*
- *Total park area: 27,678 hectares (27,649ha is water, 29ha is land)*
- *It is made up of three islands: Apo, Cayos del Bajo, and Binangaan*
- *Habitats include fringing reefs, small patches of mangroves, a stretch of sandy beach vegetation*

EXPLORING MOUNTS IGLIT-BACO

- *Mounts Iglit-Baco National Park was established by Republic Act 6148 dated November 9, 1970*
- *Total land area: 75,445 hectares*
- *Tamaraws are part of the religious and cultural practices of Mindoro's Indigenous People*



PARTNER

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organizations, with over 6 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. WWF's mission is to stop the degradation of the Earth's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable, and promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

WWF-Philippines has been working as the 26th national organization of the WWF network since 1997. It has been successfully implementing various conservation projects to help protect some of the most biologically-significant ecosystems in Asia.

For further information on specific projects and partnership opportunities, you may check out the WWF-Philippines website at wwf.org.ph or contact teampanda@wwf.org.ph.

BENEFICIARIES

 **41,778** residents from ten Sablayan coastal barangays

MEET FAUSTO, THE PUNONG TRIBO OF TAU BUID MANGYAN TRIBE

"Noon, marami ang tamaraw sa Iglit-Baco. Kung saan ka pupunta may tamaraw. Ngayon halos wala na, pero – paunti-unti na silang dumadami uli, dahil sa pagsuporta ng mga grupo katulad ng Sun Life Foundation."

– Fausto Noveloso, Punong Tribo of Tau Buid Mangyan Tribe



PARKING THE HERITAGE & HISTORY OF THE MIGHTY PASIG RIVER

From cargo-carrying houseboats to humble shanties lining its sandy banks, the Pasig River is a lifeline for Filipinos. The nation's capital city has blossomed under its current, especially during its heyday as a center of trade and commerce. Kingdoms and industries flow in this mighty river – including Sun Life, which traces its roots to this iconic waterway. But as urban development takes its toll, pollution has replaced the magnificence that once defined the Pasig River. This has prompted government and private sector to hold a concerted effort to breathe life to a 'biologically dead' river.

One of the programs making considerable impact is “Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig” by the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation. Rehabilitating one estero at a time, this template has won recognition and is now being adapted by the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Support from private entities also strengthens the Lingkod Kapamilya project, like the five-year partnership forged by the Sun Life Foundation.

Today, the Sun Life Foundation continues to uphold its commitment. In 2018, the Foundation has funded the construction of the Tumana-Malanday Creekside Linear Park in Marikina. Livelihood, people development, and an IEC (Information, Education, and Communication Campaign) on Solid Waste Management are also part of the assistance. The impact of the linear park has been immediate, where almost 94% of respondents agreed that they “feel less sick, feel safer, and feel proud of their community.”



“With the construction of the linear park, we will be able to provide space where the residents can interact,” said Marikina City Mayor Marcy Teodoro* during the project’s groundbreaking ceremony. The active participation and full support of the local government are key to the bright gains of the Tumana-Malanday Creekside Linear Park. More remarkable is how much the community takes ownership and empowerment of the area. Volunteers conduct regular clean-ups and plant watering, even though it entails out-of-pocket expenses like higher water bills. However, the most promising effect can be seen on how children pitch in the maintenance efforts. This ensures that the next generation would be more conscious of their interaction with nature.

PARTNER

Launched in 1998, Bantay Kalikasan (BK), ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc.’s environment advocacy arm, has propelled massive changes towards the protection and sustainability of the country’s natural environment. For almost two decades, it has initiated different projects such as watershed rehabilitation and management, recovery and recycling of Used Lead Acid Batteries (ULABs) and used oil, advocacy building through Information and Education Campaigns (IEC) and community empowerment. As part of the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, you can reach them via social media [@abscbnfoundationinc](https://www.facebook.com/abscbnfoundationinc) or call **(02) 84152272 loc. 3797 / 4551**.

BENEFICIARIES





MEET CIELO MACARAYA

- 👤 15 Years old, Grade 8 at the Araullo National High School Manila
 - 👋 Active member of Eco Strummers and acts as leader of the group
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Cielo is a daughter of one of our first batch of River Warrior volunteers, Sofia Macaraya trained by KBPIP in 2010. Sofia is now employed as Community Organizer under the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission also assigned in Paco. At a young age of 6 Cielo was already exposed to the advocacy of KBPIP. Cielo's family is also an informal settler before estero de pacos was rehabilitated. They are among the beneficiary who were relocated in the resettlement site in BNJ Calauan Laguna.

She was 8 and the youngest among the other members of the dissolved Paco Youth Ensemble which was formed through KBPIP's program for the PACO MARKET Activity Center Music and Arts workshops for estero children. These kids were taught how to play different musical



instruments such as flute recorder, saxophone, glass instruments and others for free. Paco Youth Ensemble usually performs during KBPIP activities at the Market's Activity Center and other events when invited. The group was later on dissolved when all other members have grown up. Cielo was the only remaining member that continued her passion for music. She now leads the Eco Strummers (a group of kids from estero who plays ukulele).

“Ang mama ko po ay River Warrior 2018 sinabi po nila na may activity daw para sa mga bata, tuturuan daw kami ng ukulele. Maraming salamat po sa ABS-CBN Bantay Kalikasan dahil naturuan kami tumugtog ng flute at ukulele at sana marami pang mga bata sa estero tulad ko ang matulungan nila”





Pasig River in Numbers**

From serenades to historical annals, the Pasig River never ceases to inspire. Though a far cry from its glorious past, the Pasig River is bringing communities together once more, in a journey of revival and preservation.

Passes through 5 cities (Taguig, Pasig, Makati, Mandaluyong, Manila) and 1 municipality (Taytay) Supports 4 major tributaries (Marikina, Pateros-Taguig, Napindan, San Juan) and 43 minor tributaries (mostly in Manila)

The main Pasig River passes through five cities (Taguig, Pasig, Makati, Mandaluyong and Manila, and one municipality (Taytay). The river system has 4 major tributaries (Marikina, Pateros-Taguig, Napindan and San Juan) and 43 minor tributaries mostly located in Manila.

(Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission 2014)



Beyond Legacy: Our Five-Year Milestones for the Pasig River Rehabilitation

- YEAR 1 (2010 - 2011) - Construction of 115 houses designed and built with the most eco-friendly material to build the Legacy of Light Village (LOLV) – hailed as a model relocation community
- YEAR 2 (2011 - 2012) - Construction and development of LOLV community facilities; integration of homeowners to a feasible labor market thru the BayanJuan Training & Livelihood Center
- YEARS 3 & 4 (2013 - 2014) - Infrastructure and programs targeting LOLV youth
- YEAR 5 and onwards - Moving towards sustainability and re-focusing efforts on river rehabilitation (construction of the linear park along the Tumana-Malanday Creek)

* lifted from "Mayor Marcy Leads Groundbreaking Ceremony for Linear Park" <https://www.marikina.gov.ph/article/mayor-marcy-leads-groundbreaking-ceremony-for-linear-park> , accessed on 28 September 2019

** Water Environment Partnership in Asia (WEPA) website - <http://www.wepa-db.net/policies/asures/background/philippines/pasigriver.htm>





BANKING ON PROGRESS WITH SUSTAINABLE ECO-TOURISM

Eco-tourism seeks to balance environmental protection and income generation. Private and public entities play key roles to ensure the integrity and maintenance of eco-destinations. As tourists discover more hidden gems, like the surfing haven of Gubat in the province of Sorsogon, sustainable practices become even more imperative.

One of the ecological gems that has long defined Gubat is its lush 13.7-hectare mangrove forest. This group of trees and shrubs protects low-lying coastal communities from erosion, flooding, and storm surges. Given the high typhoon frequency of Bicol, taking care of these natural barriers is essential. And with mass tourism flocking the

coastal town of Gubat, eco-tourism could play a key role to ensure that its mangrove forest will survive the tourist swell.

Together with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. – Bantay Kalikasan, the Sun Life Foundation plans to build the Panganiban Mangrove Boardwalk. Envisioned to be the centerpiece of Gubat eco-tourism, visitors can take a walk among the mangroves and even adopt or name one. Educational tours will also be possible, as guests take in a breath-taking background of Mt. Bulusan and the mangrove forest.



But even before its construction, the project's rehabilitation and regular clean-up efforts increased the sense of stewardship among its beneficiaries. Community members now prevent grazing animals from eating the seedlings and trees of the mangrove forest. As watchdogs, they become the first line of defense from major threats such as garbage and illegal logging activities. By bringing the community together, Bantay Kalikasan and the Sun Life Foundation help ensure that sustainable progress will be part of Gubat's brighter future.

How Mangroves Protect our Biodiversity

Mangroves live in a unique environment – between land and sea. They are also self-propagating, as its seeds develop directly on mature mangrove trees. There are approximately 70 different mangrove species worldwide. Some of their benefits include:

- Protecting human settlements from erosion and typhoons
- Sheltering aquatic species from natural and man-made threats
- Providing a home for migratory birds
- Trapping pollutants and turning them into food
- Filtering and cleaning water from harmful sediments
- Storing thrice as much carbon per hectare than terrestrial forests
- Potential revenue generation via eco-tourism and educational excursions

*from <https://www.cbd.int/countries/profile/default.shtml?country=ph> accessed on 4 August 2019

PARTNER

As the environmental arm of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Bantay Kalikasan has been “ a catalyst in addressing the concern over the worsening state of the Philippine environment characterized by air and water pollution, denudation of forests, irresponsible waste disposal and their life-threatening effects.”

BENEFICIARIES



23

members of Panganiban People's Organization

70

members of Gubatnon for Adventourism Inc.

40

members of Seeds of Dreams and Seeds of Love

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Coastal barangays benefitting from the stewardship and enhancement of the mangrove forest

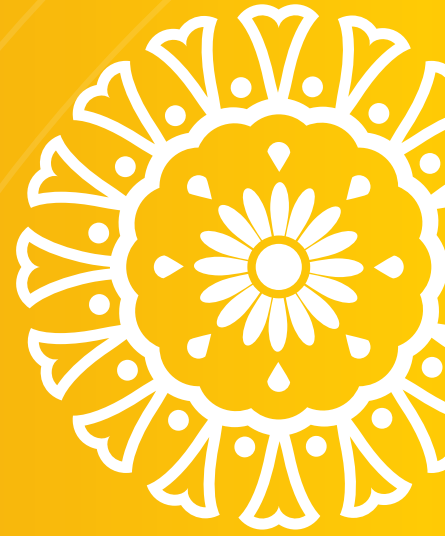
OTHER POTENTIAL IMPACT

Impact to farmers, local producers of food and delicacies, transport providers, and increase foot traffic to other ecotourism sites in Sorsogon.





A BIRGHTER WORLD FOR
ART & CULTURE









PRESERVING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

Open to the public in 2018, the National Museum of Natural History holds the country's largest repository of botanical and animal specimens.* To show its support for "protecting, preserving and disseminating the legacy of the Filipino people," the Sun Life Foundation funded the completion of Natural History's Gallery 1. This wing houses the skin and skeleton of Lolong – touted as the largest crocodile that has been in captivity.

**<https://www.nationalmuseum.gov.ph/nationalmuseumbeta/Collections/Natural%20History.html>*



SULONG, OPM!

From karaoke to the global stage, Filipinos are renowned for their talent and penchant for the musical arts. A festival celebrating OPM (Original Pilipino Music) artists would be a landmark tribute. This devotion to the creativity of Filipinos inspired the Sun Life Foundation to be part of the very first OPM feast called Pinoy Playlist. Together with the Bonifacio Art Foundation, Inc., this landmark event was curated by National Artist for Music Maestro Ryan Cayabyab, seasoned performer and music producer Moy Ortiz, and prolific talent manager Noel Ferrer.



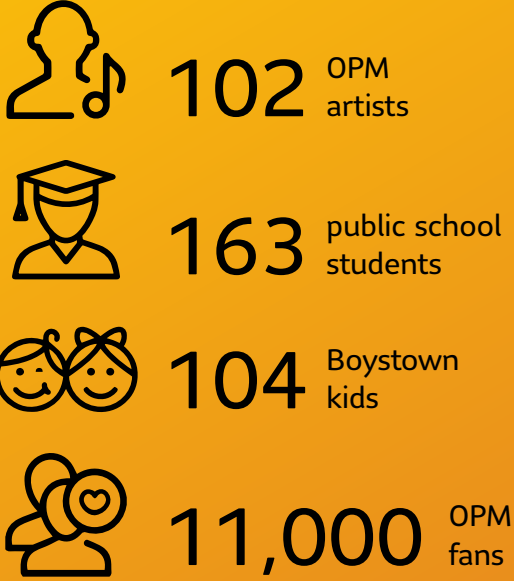


For six days, OPM fans were treated to 102 artists covering all genres. Intimate performances, an art mart, and other cultural events made Pinoy Playlist an affair to remember. Until next year!

PARTNER

As a nonprofit organization, the Bonifacio Art Foundation, Inc. "champions the arts and sciences in elevating community and national life."

BENEFICIARIES



WEAVING LIGHT AND LOVE TO THE *INABAL*



They are telling their stories in an unlikely medium: fabric. Yet for the women weavers of the Bagobo-Tagabawa tribe in Davao del Sur, the inabal has long evoked their identity and heritage.



A traditional textile made from abaca, the inabal features exquisite patterns colored with vegetable and natural dyes. With designs reserved for women tribe members and ancestral royalty, this indigenous craft is also an outlet of creativity and livelihood. However, changing market behaviors and aging mentors (called Master Weavers) have made inabal weaving an unfeasible profession. Also, cotton has replaced abaca to make the fabric more versatile and easy to use.

Preserving this beautiful custom has led the Sun Life Foundation to partner with ECHOsi Foundation for Project TALA (Tradition, Arts & Livelihood Advocacy). Capacity-building activities such as mentoring and product development trainings form the core of this initiative. Provisions of back strap handlooms, cotton threads, and fabric dyes empower beneficiaries to start their design business. With a free hand in ideation and design, the program also teaches them to capture their artistic process and articulate the story of their creations. Aside from putting premium to their textiles, this practice also makes reproduction easier, in case several buyers request

for similar designs.

With Project TALA, the team hopes to help strengthen the bond between preservation and sustaining a decent livelihood to its women weavers. As of this writing, at least 25% of their capsule collection have been bought by designers, as compared to 10% at the onset of training. They are also selling more than 60% of their cotton textiles. As their families rely on seasonal farming and livestock, inabal weaving augments their household income. And to complement their roles in domestic affairs, experienced weavers can bring home their looms and work from its comforts. Financial literacy sessions are also conducted, adding to their business acumen and skills.

Every piece of inabal textile carries its weaver's expertise, grace, and narrative. Such is the beauty of its creation. Yet this tradition is also fighting to remain relevant and rewarding for future generations – both for its artists and the Filipino public.

THE INABAL WEAVING PROCESS



Ideation & Design



Weaving



Marketing & Merchandising



PARTNER

ECHOsi Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization focused on sustainability issues that empowers marginalized groups, women's groups and cultural communities. The acronym "ECHOsi" stands for Empowering Communities with Hope and Opportunities through Sustainable Initiatives. You may reach them via echosifoundation@gmail.com or visit their website at www.echosi.org.ph. Their merchandises, including the beautiful inabal creations, are available ECHOstore Sustainable Lifestyle and GREAT Women Philippines.

BENEFICIARIES



Bagobo-Tagabawa
tribe of Bansalan,

Davao del Sur

MEET JOCELYN

"Dako jud akoang pasalamat tungod kay kaming mga bisaya nahatagan ug chansa nga mag toon sa Inabal. Kung kami naka-bana ug Bagobo makonsidera nasab kimi nga Bagobo. Busa importante jud sab ma tun-an ang kini nga tradisyon. Kini makadugang sab sa amoang income sa panimalay ug makatuon mi ug dugang nga kahibalo sa nagkadalain-lain nga trainings.

(I am very grateful because we, Bisaya, were given the chance to learn how to do the Inabel. We are already considered Bagobo because we are married to a Bagobo. It is also important to learn this tradition. This also is giving us additional household income and knowledge through various trainings.) "

– Jocelyn Tesoro, weaver trainee





DISASTER RELIEF







RELIEF IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

The swiftness and scale of response to natural disasters is testament to the fortitude and resilience of Filipinos. We can count on one another to bring relief in the face of adversity. And the Sun Life Foundation takes inspiration from such generosity of spirit, organizing disaster relief operations whenever possible.

In 2018, two typhoons devastated the country, including a site playing host to another Foundation initiative. Sun Lifers rose to the occasion with relief operations for communities affected by Typhoons Karding and Ompong. Volunteers also prepared hygiene kits for evacuees of the Mayon eruption.

Typhoon Karding

It was August 2018 when heavy rainfall flooded 90% of Marikina City. One of the affected areas was the Foundation's project site in Tumana (Tumana-Malanday Creekside Linear Park), where water levels reached 12 feet from the ground. In response, Sun Lifers prepared 300 relief kits to tide distressed families.

Typhoon Ompong

Sun Life Baguio International Satellite Office joined hands with the Foundation to provide hygiene items and kilos of rice in Brgy. Virac and Sitio Luneta, both located in Itogon, Benguet. With mining as the town's main economic activity, landslides made it harder for disaster response team to deliver aid. This did not deter local Sun Lifers to bring their packed goods to the communities.

Mt. Mayon eruption

In 2018, Mt. Mayon was in a state of unrest. For most part of the year, the volcano was put under Alert Level 2 by PHILVOCS (Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology). This led Sun Lifers, especially advisors from Naga, to extend assistance. One of these instances was the distribution of 1,000 hygiene kits to evacuees from the town of Sto. Domingo – which was part of the Extended Danger Zone. From Albay, the site was 3 hours away but these much needed items were promptly delivered with the help of a community-based organization.

BENEFICIARIES



300

Relief kits for affected communities Marikina City



500

Relief kits for affected communities in Itogon, Benguet



1000

Relief kits for affected communities in Sto. Domingo, Albay



DONOR DRIVEN



A tropical beach scene at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. In the foreground, a palm tree's fronds are visible on the right. The water is calm, and several yellow outrigger boats are anchored in a line. The text "TRANSPORTING HOPE WITH YELLOW BOATS" is overlaid in a bold, yellow font on the left side of the image.

**TRANSPORTING
HOPE WITH
YELLOW BOATS**

In the beautiful islands of Bantayan in Northern Cebu, a fleet of “school buses” dots its expanse of sea and shore. Here, kids need to travel by boat in order to attend their classes. They pay a daily fare of P25 for a roundtrip ride from passing bancas – a luxury for fishing families who earn P10,000 (USD200) every month. Highly reliant on weather conditions, this number changes when typhoons or unfavorable conditions hit their stride.

With their source of income disrupted, these families need to cut corners in order to survive. Transportation is one of the items that they can cut from their budget, affecting the schooling of their children. Consequently, the erratic schedule of passing boats make students vulnerable to tardiness or, worse, being stranded until the next day.

This is where the Sun Life Foundation and the Macaulay Club – composed of Sun Life financial advisors at the top of their game – extend their assistance. In 2018, Yellow School Boats set sail to shuttle students living in ten remote island barangays of Bantayan. Seven boats can

accommodate up to 35 passengers while three have room for 90 people. The ferry schedules are monitored with daily logs, ensuring that kids stay in school. Custodian from beneficiary communities look after the use and maintenance of the boats.

Aside from ferrying the kids, the yellow school boats are also used for other community needs such as medical emergencies. Indeed, the Foundation and the generosity of Sun Lifers have set into sail the hope for a brighter future for the kids of Bantayan.

Project Details

Macaulay Club's Yellow School Boats set sail in Northern Cebu last 2018. These motorized boats continue to serve as "school buses on water for kids" living in 10 remote islands spread across Bantayan, Cebu. Seven boats can accommodate 20-35 passengers per way while three can accommodate up to 90 passengers per way.

During a site visit, beneficiaries (comprised of teachers, parents and boat custodians) shared stories about the yellow boats. One site recounted that from paying P25.00 everyday, kids now pay only P25.00 a month to get to and from school. While P25.00 may seem like a small amount, its value is significant for fishing families earning an average of P10, 000 below every month with 2 or more children in the household. Fishing is also highly reliant on the weather so families not only experience loss of earning opportunities but also typhoon damages from time to time.



Ever since the yellow school boats were turned over to the island barangays, kids are now ferried to and from school leading to a significant decrease in the number of school dropouts. Prior to having the yellow school boats, the kids have to pay expensive boat fares or hitch a ride from passing bancas. They get to school late and at times, get stranded at school overnight. Consequently, they will have to skip class the next day. With the new school boats, ferry schedules are constantly monitored with daily log making sure kids get to and from school on schedule. Each beneficiary school/community has assigned boat custodians that look after the use and maintenance of the boats. Aside from ferrying kids to school, the yellow school boats are also used for family and medical emergencies.

BENEFICIARIES



1350 lives touched from ten project sites

At least 270 Direct lives touched and 1,080 indirect lives touched

Primary beneficiaries are school children from 10 island barangays in Northern Cebu and their families.

Project sites:

- Mambacayao Daku Island
- Panangatan Gamay Island
- Panangatan Dako Island
- Byagayag Diot Island
- Gilutungan Island
- Panitugan Island
- Lipayran Island
- Botong Island
- Silagon Island
- Sagasa Island



PROJECT	Yellow School Boats
Partner	Yellow Boat of Hope
Grant	P1,568,350.00
Duration	January – June 2018
Objectives	To ensure that every child in the Philippines can experience quality education through the provision of solutions that allow them to access schools daily.
Beneficiaries	Schoolchildren in scattered islands in Bantayan, Northern Cebu

 Macaulay Club Yellow School Boats





**NOURISHING THE
FUTURE OF MARAWI**

According to a report from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, there are still more than 66,000 IDPs (internally displaced persons) from the Marawi Siege. Though majority stay with host families, 20% live in evacuation centers and tent cities two years after the war.

This arrangement leaves children most vulnerable to displacement issues such as crime and poverty. However, their most pressing concerns are hunger and malnutrition, prompting the Sun Life Foundation to support the Mingo Meals Nutrition Program of the Negrense Volunteers for Change Foundation, Inc. (NVC Foundation).

As a staple of NVC's feeding program, Mingo is made from moringa (malunggay), rice, and mung beans (mongo). Whether eaten as a rich porridge or in its original form, Mingo is a convenient and nutritional emergency food in disaster relief and rehabilitation operations. For six months, kids from Bakwit Village and Bahay Pag-Asa temporary shelters receive daily packs of the nutritious instant powder mix.

Aside from their physical well-being, these young evacuees also need to develop their mental faculties. The Foundation funded the improvement of the Bakwit Learning Centre, which serves as a temporary classroom space. Support includes the labor and construction materials; visual aids



and learning supplies; educational books and toys; chairs and tables; as well as stipend for two volunteer teachers. Monthly contributions from the beneficiaries themselves sustain the Centre.

As Marawi Siege IDPs fight for their right to return home, efforts to bring a glimmer of hope to the next generation continues should persist. Through organizations such as the Sun Life Foundation and NVC, may the future of a stronger and brighter Marawi soon be a reality.





PARTNER

Negrese Volunteers for Change Foundation, Inc. (NVC Foundation) was “established in August 2010 in Bacolod City, Philippines by private citizens who believe that by pooling the energies, resources, talents, and skills of individuals, we can bring about a better future for Filipinos.” If you want to donate or volunteer, visit www.nvcfoundation-ph.org



BENEFICIARIES

 **250** children at the Bakwit Village

 **373** children at Bahay Pag-Asa





VOLUNTEERISM





SPREADING THE LIGHT WITH BACK-TO-SCHOOL KITS

Every year, the Sun Life Foundation prepares 1,500 back-to-school kits for students of public elementary schools located in urban poor communities, depressed rural areas, or geographically isolated places.



500

school kits for Ana Elementary School, Pateros



112

school kits for a geographically isolated and depressed area in Agusan del Sur



300
school kits for
Calauan, Laguna



408
schoolbags distributed in
smaller activities nationwide

180 school kits for Sta. Teresita of
Miarayon Community School
in Sitio Abel, Miarayon

Located in a highland barangay in the fourth class municipality of Talakag, Bukidnon, this community school has been educating Lumad children for more than a decade. It is composed of 13 teachers serving 180 students from Kindergarten to Grade 6, most of them from neighboring sitios who walk several kilometers every day to earn an education.





**DONATING THE
GIFT OF LIFE**

Together with the Philippine Red Cross, generations of Sun Lifers have participated in blood donation drives by one of the country's premier humanitarian organizations. For 2018, the Sun Life Foundation is consistent in maintaining the nationwide and accessible scope of this legacy project.

AREA	VOLUNTEERS	SUCCESSFUL DONORS	LIVES SAVED
Metro Manila (Head Office)	294	222	666
Bacolod	39	7	21
Cagayan de Oro	23	10	30
Cebu	35	26	78
Davao	35	12	36
General Santos	38	13	39
Iloilo	44	22	66
Kalibo	8	4	12

PARTNER

The Philippine Red Cross is “committed to provide quality life-saving services that protect the life and dignity especially of indigent Filipinos in vulnerable situations.” At present, they provide six major services: Blood Services, Disaster Management Services, Safety Services, Health Services, Social Services, Red Cross Youth, and Volunteer Services. If you wish to donate, visit www.redcross.org.ph.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:





**USHERING A
BRIGHTER FUTURE WITH
BRIGADA ESKWELA**

Every year, the whole nation participates in a modern-day bayanihan (communal work) to repair and refurbish public school classrooms. Led by the Department of Education, Brigada Eskwela is held two weeks before classes officially start.



In 2018, Sun Lifers from all over the country (Bacolod, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, and Manila) trooped to their adopted institutions for a day of camaraderie and service. Together, they refurbished school classrooms, equipment, and facilities in seven public schools nationwide. They are now part of a long-standing tradition in one of the Sun Life Foundation's legacy projects. Padayon, Brighter World Builders!



PARTNER

The Department of Education's Brigada Eskwela initiative traces its roots in Republic Act 8525 or the Adopt-a-School Act of 1998. It "allows private entities to assist public schools, whether elementary, secondary, or tertiary... in, but not limited to, the following areas: staff and faculty development for training and further education; construction of facilities; upgrading of existing facilities, provision of books, publications and other instructional materials; and modernization of instructional technologies."



BENEFICIARIES



7,330

students and teachers nationwide



392

Sun Life volunteers nationwide



COMING INTO A FULL CIRCLE OF KINDNESS

Generosity and volunteerism are moving forces embraced by every Sun Life generation. Harnessing this energy, the Sun Life Foundation named their volunteer corps the Brighter World Builders. They have been a defining element in bringing the Foundation's mission to more communities nationwide.

In 2018, Brighter World Builders has joined hands to create an impact anchored on the four pillars of education, health, sustainability, as well as the culture and the arts. Welcome to the Circle of Kindness, a volunteer engagement program that advisors and employees can participate in, from an individual capacity to a branch-wide activity.

From one heart to another. From one Filipino to another.



28
ACTIVITIES



447
VOLUNTEERS



12,412
LIVES TOUCHED



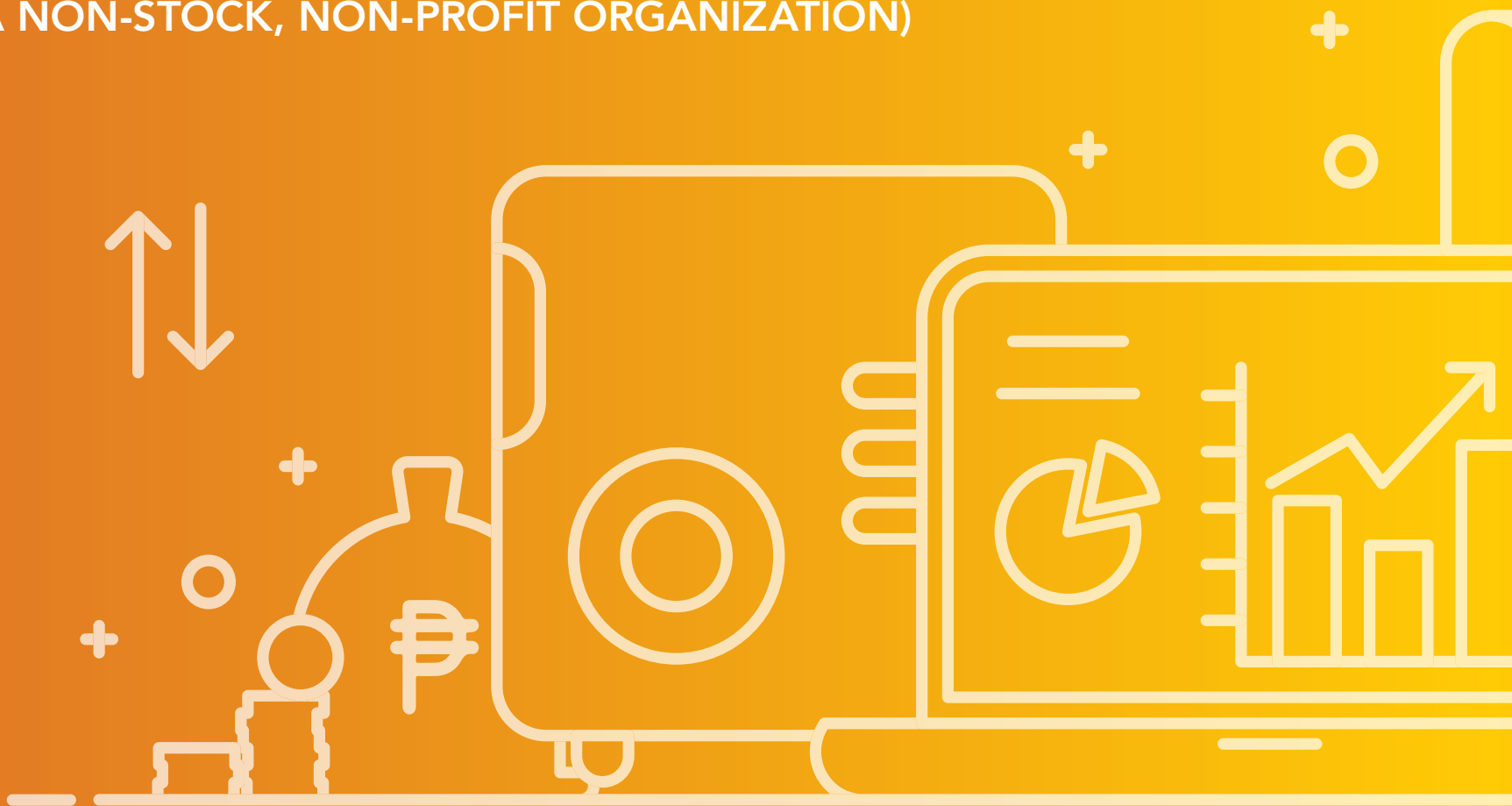
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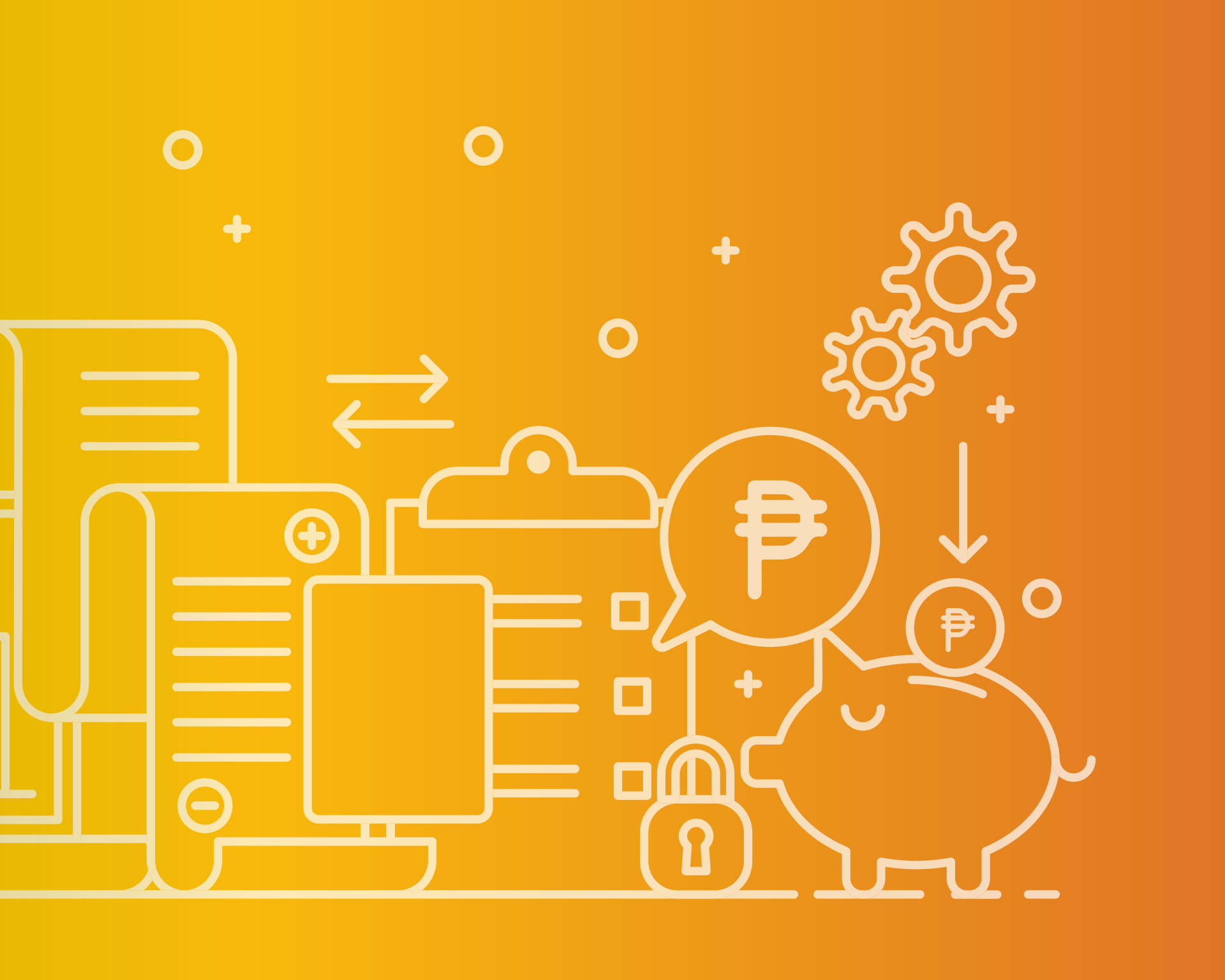




FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC.
(A NON-STOCK, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)





STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

	Note	2018	2017
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	5	P15,430,332	P41,414,425
Interest receivable	6	1,306,830	-
Prepayments and other receivables	7	49,345	17,802
		16,786,507	41,432,227
Non-current Asset			
Investment in bonds	8	44,944,871	-
		P61,731,378	P41,432,227
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	P1,366,627	P1,353,981
Due to a related party	10	251,845	196,183
		1,618,472	1,550,164
Fund Balance			
		60,112,906	39,882,063
		P61,731,378	P41,432,227



STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31

	Note	2018	2017
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net receipts (expenses) for the year		P20,230,843	(P10,538,919)
Adjustments for :			
Interest income	13	(3,156,309)	(13,736)
Unrealized loss on investment in bonds	8	2,896,266	-
Operation cash flows before working capital charges		19,970,800	(10,552,655)
(Increase) Decrease in prepayments and other receivables		(31,543)	274,335
Increase in :			
Trade and other payables		12,646	959,636
Due to a related party		55,662	120,988
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		20,007,565	(9,197,696)
Cash Flows from an Investing Activities			
Purchase of investment in bonds	8	(47,841,137)	-
Interest income received		1,849,479	13,736
Net cash from (used in) investing activities		(45,991,658)	13,736
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(25,984,093)	(9,183,960)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Begining		41,414,425	50,598,385
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End	5	P15,430,332	P41,414,425



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