

HAPPY FOREST KIDS (HFK)



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Progress Report: HFK and CISV Manila

The Happy Forest Kids is a pilot afterschool intervention among Indigenous P People's (IP) children in Datu Salumay, Marilog, Davao City. This is an initiative of the CISV Manila and the HFK. The program goal is to keep IP children in school through collaboration of the community and other volunteer groups.

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● COMMUNITY ENTRY AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

■ July 2016

The visit was jointly organized by HFK and CISV Manila last 30-31 July 2016. Ma. Rosanna “DJ” Vizconde (President); Mark Flores (Vice President) and Celine Tanjuatco (Secretary), initially joined the team to conduct a consultation meeting with the community leaders and parents with regard to the purpose of the visit, and objectives of the program. From Davao City, the team left at around 9:00 AM and managed to arrive on-site after lunch due to some challenges with regard to transportation.



The consultation was held in the public school with the presence of the tribe leaders, parents and the teacher who is taking care of the different classes in the community. Some kids, who will be the target of the program, were also there for some interaction.

The consultation went well and clarified some expectations:

1. The team targets the basic education school age kids for the after school care program. The team mentioned that the same model was used in other areas, and has been successful in terms of increasing passing rate of the kids who attended the program. It has also provided motivation for some kids and teens to pursue further education (secondary and tertiary), that will eventually provide benefits to the family and the community, as a whole;



2. There will be groups of volunteers who will regularly visit the area to conduct tutorial activities, and other educational activities. The volunteers usually come from mountaineer groups passing through, and other youth and students from the nearby communities. CISV Manila volunteers will also form a team to share CISV educational principles and the BIG ED focusing on – conflict resolution; human rights, diversity and sustainability.
3. The community leaders, parents and the teacher expressed appreciation on the initiative of HFK and CISV Manila. As mutually agreed upon, a simple physical structure will be established that will host the tutorial sessions, and other activities. It will also serve as a shelter for some kids who walk everyday going to school for around 4 hours and back to their respective areas. Other volunteer groups will provide the furniture of the shelter, and donate other educational materials.
4. Construction of the shelter will be a collaborative approach wherein parents, particularly the fathers will volunteers to help build the shelter. CISV Manila and HFK will provide the materials and they share the labour.



■ August - September

During this period, enlistment of kids that will participate in the program was done, and a parent coordinator was also assigned. In September, the first and second weekend tutorials were conducted with some program volunteers. A program framework is being developed to provide guidance to set of volunteers;



■ October

- To finalise the draft of the MOU between the community and HFK/ CISV Manila, a meeting with Barangay Captain of Datu Salumay: Marilyn Uayan was held to seek better advice on how to ensure success of the program, as she has seen other initiatives failed due to lack of clarity and coordination with the officials of the community (from the government). In this meeting, steps were identified prior to the construction of the shelter.



Next Steps:

1. November – will be the signing of MOU and construction of the shelter

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