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Camolinas Integrated Development Project Semi-Annual Report



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INTRODUCTION

The Camolinas Integrated Development Project, which consists of the Socialized Housing & Livelihood, SBS Scholarship and Pre-school programs/components, was officially turned over to SIGNAsia Foundation in early 2014 (the first 2 components on 8 February 2014 and the third, effective 1 May 2014) upon the instance of JusticeF, the German NGO that provides operational support funds for the Project. Prior to this and since the year 2000, the Project was administered by the Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Integrated Development Center (JPIC-IDC). The formal turnover to SIGNAsia from JPIC-IDC took place on 8 February 2014 with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement among the two parties mentioned, represented by President Francis Monera and Executive Director Fr. Anthony Salas, SVD respectively and JusticeF represented by its Board Member, Dr. Stephan Kunz.

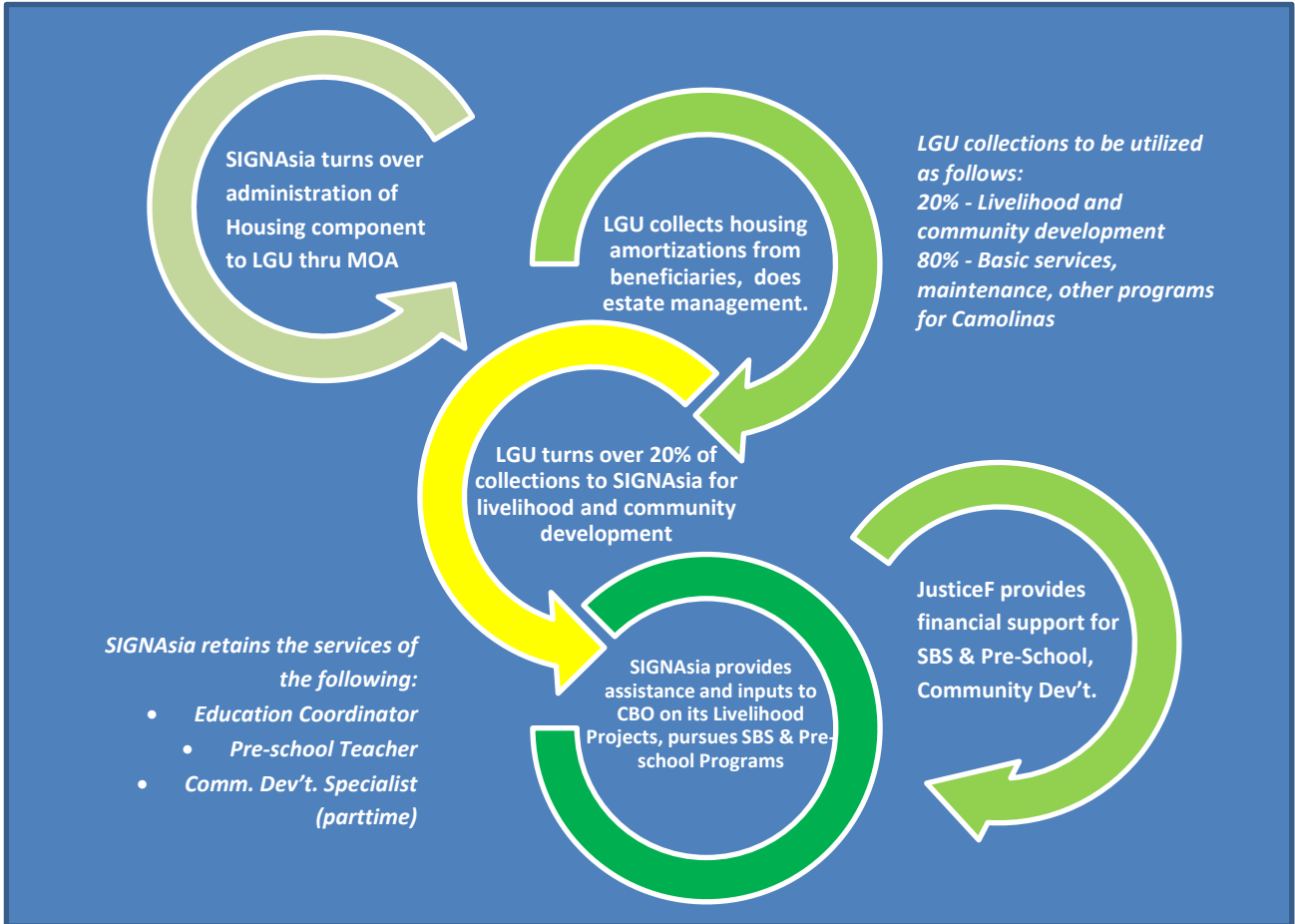
The period September 2014 to March 2015 was a time of reckoning for the beneficiaries of CIDP. Firstly, due to the newly developing cooperation between SIGNAsia and the Cordova Local Government Unit (LGU), the LGU has started to dialog with the community of Camolinas with regard to land tenure, lot amortizations and the basic services required in the community. As a result of one of these dialogs, the Mayor of Cordova with the concurrence of the municipality's Housing Board and JusticeF's Dr. Stephan Kunz, granted a 50% condonation of amortizations due for 2012-2014.

This brought to fore the question of whether it would be best if the administration of the socialized housing component should be relinquished by SIGNAsia to the LGU so that the former can focus on community/livelihood development, as well as on the Pre-school and Step by Step Scholarship Programs. In a recent meeting of the SIGNAsia Board, the officers also expressed full concurrence to the idea of turning over administration of the socialized housing component to the LGU. Figure 1 in the succeeding page shows the envisioned flow of activities upon turnover to the LGU.

As a result of the condonation of amortizations, a total of Php214,771.72 was collected from the beneficiaries in the month of December 2014 alone. However, the SIGNAsia Board opine that the balance of Loans Receivables carried in its books of accounts may be grossly overstated and may not be fully collectible at all. They, thus, decided to provide for a 50% allowance for bad debts so as to present a more realistic picture of the said receivables. Said allowance will not have an implication on the accounts to be turned over to the LGU Cordova in the event that said handover is realized.

The Pre-school and Step-by-Step remain to be the flagship programs of CIDP. While said programs accord better prospects for the Camolinas residents to improve their lives through education, they also serve as an incentive for the housing beneficiaries to participate more actively in community development.

Figure 1
Proposed Flow of Activities upon
Turnover of Socialized Housing Component to
LGU Cordova



Housing and Community Development



I. Identifying Information

Project title	: Community Based Socialized Housing Project
Project location	: Camolinas, Poblacion
Municipality	: Cordova
Province	: Cebu
Project stakeholder	: Camolinas United Women Association (Former Camolinas Fisherfolk Association)
Total number of recipient	: 56 families with house & lot (within the same project are 28 families occupying lots only)
Project implementer	: 2002- February 2014 – Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)-Integrated Development Center (IDC) February 2014-present –Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Network for Asia (SIGN Asia)
Project Partner/Landowner	: Local Government Unit (LGU) of Cordova
Funding institution	: JusticeF
Project time frame	: 2002-present

II. Project Objective:

To increase the potential of Camolinas Socialized Housing Project recipients to improve their living situation by capacitating them in undertaking the integrated development approach.

III. Project Background:

In early year 2014 the Sustainable and Inclusive Growth Network for Asia (SIGN Asia) took over the project management of 56 structures and the organizational capability development and enhancement of the project stakeholders. Within this period until present “reintegration” of all project components or elements is on-going by harnessing various strategies and approaches in serving as an initial base to ascertain that mechanisms to realize the project objective are in place.

Within the covered period various activities were implemented, such as:

- a. Series of coordination meeting with the Municipal Housing Board were participated,
- b. Close collaboration with the Project Focal Person and Municipal Engineering project staff,

- c. Implemented joint general assembly meetings with the presence of the Local Chief Executive (Mayor) and LGU project staff,
- d. Implemented joint site ocular inspection for the illegal extension of structures, v. implemented project assessment and planning workshop for the Municipal Housing Board and municipal project staff,
- e. Conducted project assessment and planning workshop for the Peoples' Organization officers/cluster leaders/members,
- f. Structure and land amortization update,
- g. Voluntary dismantling of illegal extension,
- h. Identification of potential recipients for micro finance livelihood diversification,
- i. Sustainability of on-going project components (medical, pre-school, capability development/enhancement, and education scholar program),
- j. Others.

Given, the various operational activities and which are vital in achieving the objective of strengthening and sustainability of such inputs is crucial. Further, it is a contributing factor in working out for the project operation and management turnover to the Local Government Unit (LGU). Such, occurs given the real estate is an LGU property and the project implementation is an extension period.

IV. Important Developments, Highlights & Changes

A. Partnership with the LGU

Following the undertaken courtesy call with the Local Chief Executive (LCE) by the SIGN Asia Executive Director and the CO, and an introductory participation of the SIGN Asia staff in the Municipal Housing Board and other Housing sites representatives meeting, regular participation of the undersigned during Municipal Housing Board meeting were undertaken. The said Municipal Housing Board was known by the undersigned during the conduct of coordination with the Municipal Planning Development Officer (MPDO) and courtesy call to the LCE. The said body was never mentioned by JPIC project staff during the project hand over nor at times of several coordination meetings or individual follow-ups with them.

During the 1st attendance at the Municipal Housing Board meeting it was felt that the project got a negative impression and as expressed by some, they never heard any project update. To gain their project interest and cooperation undersigned did regular attendance and provision of project updates and close collaboration to the project staff (MPDO), Municipal Collector, and "Barangay" governance enhances the collaborative effort in implementing different project activities such as:

1. identification/implementation of strategies to payment of amortization delinquencies;
2. increase payment of amortization;
3. compliance of agreed action (deadline of payment on amortization, voluntary dismantling of illegal extensions, conduct of joint site ocular inspection for the illegal extensions and actual occupants, and participation in community general assembly meetings);
4. Barangay Governance support in the provision of facility for the pre-school and health and sanitation related activities;
5. Barangay Governance support in conducting continuous advocacy in paying their amortization religiously and promptly; and
6. Others

The following are photo documentation of conducted activities:



Municipal Housing Board meeting where the LGU's Collector did first reporting.

Conduct of a joint ocular inspection with the representatives from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Chairman of the Demolition Task Force, Municipal Health Office, Municipal Project Focal Person, PO reps. and SIGNAsia Community Organizer.



Project Review/Assessment and Planning Workshop which was participated in by the Municipal Housing Board Chairman (Mayor Adelino Sitoy at the center) and members with JUSTICE F Board of Trustees representative (Dr. Stephan Khunz) and SIGN Asia project staff on 24 November 2014, held at Conference Room, Municipal Hall of Cordova



Joint activity with the Local Governance during the conduct of the community-based Peoples' Organization (PO) General Assembly meeting at the Dialogue Center, Camolinas, Poblacion, Cordova, on 30 November 2014. Mayor Adelino Sitoy and Barangay Chairman Hon. Casquejo gave words of motivation to the stakeholders.



Output/Remarks:

1. With the Local Chief Executive and members of the Municipal Housing Board conducted few general assembly meeting with the Peoples' organization for information of the strategy on payment of amortization delinquency (approval and implementation of 50% amnesty covering from the period of signing the amended Lease Purchase Agreement to December 2014) with deadline and voluntary dismantling of illegal constructions/extensions with a written group agreement by affixing signatures of the affected party;
2. LGU designated a Task Force (Chairman and members) with Special Order to conduct an orderly clearance of illegal construction of structures at the Housing Project site;
3. LGU designated a Project Focal Person (Mr. Norgelito Sitoy) and such speedy implementation of activities observed/noted;
4. Execution of Special Order to the Municipal Division/Sectoral Head in designating staff to be involve in the conduct of joint site ocular inspection to update/validate the existing sanitation, illegal structures, and others that affect the objective of the project and program of the government as well;
5. Enabled majority of the occupants to update their amortization payments and made 2 occupants fully paid;
6. Implementation of voluntary partial/full clearances of illegal construction of structures by the majority; and
7. Conduct of joint site ocular inspection by the representative of its concern municipal unit/division to identify areas which may cause obstructions during emergency and sanitation problem;
8. Conduct of a joint meeting with the general population at the housing project;
9. Clear understanding on both parties that the remaining 28 open spaces will be cater by the local government of Cordova;
10. Conduct of a Project Review, Assessment, and Planning Workshop to the Municipal Housing Board members and municipal project staff on 24 November 2014 at Conference Hall, Municipal Hall, Cordova; and
11. Acceptance of project turn-over.

Issues and Concerns:

1. It seems that the Housing Board meeting has no regular schedule, however, meeting is held depending on the need arises; and
2. Most of the Housing Board members composition are Sangguniang Bayan and it seems that the situation or concern which needs immediate action it takes time for them to convene considering the project time of extension and speedy implementation of various project activities.

Next Step:

To contact the Project Focal Person to follow-up update as to the: i. preparation/issuance of communication for clearances of illegal extension of structures; ii. expedite the revision of area identification (block and lot numbering), and iii. others.

B. Settlement of registered household/occupants

The approved Occupancy Rules and Guidelines need to be submitted to the Barangay Council for review and endorsement to the Municipal Council for adoption through Municipal Ordinance execution. These will be the basis for coming up with the final list of registered households/occupants.

Issues and concerns:

1. Incorrect spelling of names;
2. No legal documents or proof to serve as basis as legal occupants;
3. No conduct of resurvey and establishment of monuments;

Next steps:

1. Conduct individual interview together with legal instruments stipulating the correctness of name and photographs. This is vital in the amendment of Lease Purchase Agreement and hand over of documents during the project hand-over to the local government;
2. Assist the Municipal Project Focal Person in facilitating and expediting the activities concerning to issues raised/verbalized; and
3. Enable the Municipal project division staff concern partially implement the identified priority activities.

C. Land and Housing amortization and tenorial instrument

Collection and cost recovery

The assigned project staff for collection regularly comes to the site twice a month (every other Sunday). On collection days the CO assisted in the collection of payments. Moreover, during field visits, and meetings the CO also did the same activity to lessen mental/financial burden of the recipients. Home visitation, informal group discussion, and individual follow-up were conducted. From the 56 family occupants a total of 2 families fully paid the structure and 1 of them fully paid the lot/area.

Since majority of the occupants has amortization delinquency, an amnesty scheme where 50% of the amortizations due since the date of the amended Lease Purchase Agreement (April 2012) until December 2014 was offered and implemented. Given such strategy the results as of Dec. 2014 are:

1. Did not avail of Amnesty/paid promptly -3
2. Availed of amnesty and fully paid the balance until December 2014 – 39
3. Availed of amnesty but still with arrearages – 10
4. Applied for amnesty and no payment – 2

As a result of this amnesty, a total amount of Php214,771.72 was collected from the housing occupants as against total amortizations due of Php281,884.93 or a collection rate of 76.19%.

The two family occupants that had fully paid their units requested to avail of a discount considering that an amnesty of 50% from the amortizations due until December 2014 was offered to the delinquent project recipients. Initial discussions with management as well as to Municipal

Project Focal Person were done. In principle it is acceptable and the % must not be 50%, however, SIGN Asia project management staff expressed the current constraints that the paid amount was already deposited in the SIGNAsia account and the Board of Trustees had not approved the amnesty before it was announced by the Mayor. However, upon turnover of the housing component to the LGU, the issue may be resolved.

On land amortization it also showed progress on payments of delinquent amortization. Regular coordination to the Project Focal Person at the same time a Municipal Collector is implemented.

Tenurial instrument

Until present the 2 recipients who fully paid the structure and one of them who fully paid the lot have not been issued tenurial instruments (Tax Declaration and others) by the LGU due to the following: a) awaiting the final re-blocking and lot number allocation revision; and b) resurvey by the Municipal Engineering section project staff.

Issues/Concern:

1. Re-blocking and lot allocation revision not implemented yet by the Municipal Engineering section project staff (a bit slow);
2. Project extension period is uncertain since it is a project with several years of extension;

D. Institutional Capability Development and Enhancement

Legalization of the Organization

The elected Officers lack the time to make agency coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) for the submission of required documents. Only in late March 2014 did they do a 2nd visit to DOLE where they found out that revision to some documents is needed. Said revisions were already complied and documents are ready for submission to DOLE. As promised, they will make a visit after Holy Week.

The CO expressed to some Officers that there will be no implementation of other organizational and livelihood activities until the organization is legally registered.

Organizational meeting

Two general assembly meetings aside from a joint meeting with the municipal government officials/staff were conducted to discuss the livelihood diversification activity, DOLE registration, inventory of equipments/facilities donated to the PO by JPIC and JUSTICE-F, workshop, cluster meeting, and others.

Six cluster meetings were conducted to enhance cohesiveness and identify each cluster concerns, identify individual alternative livelihood activities for micro finance. A total of **26** families were listed with the corresponding past experiences and on-going livelihood activities. Imparted to them that a business or project proposal is required, therefore, a workshop needs to be conducted.

Cluster schedule of weekly clean up activity of the Dialogue Center and its surroundings were discussed and agreed upon. However, it was reported, noted in attendance and during the

unscheduled monitoring that there were cluster members that do not participate. However, attendance was collected and it is for discussion during the scheduled general assembly meeting.

Instead of group meetings, the CO did individual follow ups and informal discussion. PO meeting is suspended until the compliance of organizational registration.



Joint meeting with the Municipal Mayor / project staff and organizational general assembly meeting

Peoples' Organization monthly meeting



Training/Workshop activity

A workshop on Project Review, Assessment and Planning was held on December 22, 2014 with a total of 42 participants. It was held at Dialogue Center, Camolinas Housing Project, Camolinas, Poblacion, Cordova. The activity is a mixture of observation on the cohesiveness, leadership, management, planning, monitoring, and other knowledge and skills in group and project sustainability. As per observation, it seems that most of them is weak in group decision making, planning, implementation, evaluation, and other essential element for group viability and project sustainability, maybe because of past experiences on project implementation, leadership, management, and others. Individual interest and differences matters a lot and it affects to organizational and project development.

A workshop on Project Review, Assessment, and Planning with the Officers/cluster leaders/ and members on Dec. 22, 2014, Dialogue Center, Camolinas, Poblacion, Cordova



E. Livelihood Diversification

As per cluster meeting for the six (6) clusters a total of **26** families with **8** types of project were gathered as per listing. Currently, no activities were made yet. Since the organization is still processing for the organizational registration. A meeting with them in April 2015 is planned to have a preliminary orientation and discussion on possible guidelines prior to implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Moreover, initial discussion as to project documentation and capability training on business plan, problem-solving, and monitoring is conducted.

F. Illegal Extension of structures

Upon project entry of SIGNAsia, illegal extension of structures already existed with on-going minimal construction, due to persistent belief and advise from the previous PO Officers. However, as a result of close collaboration with the LGU, the following joint activities were implemented : i) joint inventory of illegal extension of structures got a total of **42** houses; ii) joint organizational meeting for advocacy and signing of agreement for clearance of extension on Nov. 30, 2014; iii) original project plan design is imposed through the conduct of joint ocular site inspection to verify the remaining extension for clearance and sanitation concern on March 4, 2015 and on March 9, 2015; iv.) joint organizational assembly meeting to feedback and discussion of strategies and come up an agreed action. In late December 2014 or as per deadline agreed upon voluntary dismantling

of illegal structures - both partial/full - was implemented by majority of the concerned families and the remaining is a total of **29** houses/families. Some requested for assistance from the Task Force to substantiate the proper clearance of affected area and for economic reasons.



Illegal extension of structures partially cleared

During the conduct of a joint site ocular inspection on March 4, 2015, the CO had a discussion with the Municipal Health staff about sanitation and the available facilities, i.e. septic tank dredging.



G. Others

The CO worked in close coordination with the SBS Education Coordinator as well as with the Pre-School Teacher, particularly in motivating parents to participate in the activities, as well as actual assistance and participation in both components' activities. Moreover, the CO took responsibility for coordinating with the LGU for the construction of Fire Exit facility as required for the Pre-School Accreditation and SIGNAsia Business Permit in Cordova. Activities undertaken were:

- a. Compliance of the required Fire Exit Facility at the Dialogue Center where a pre-school classroom is located as a requisite for accreditation of a pre-school operation, SIGN Asia business operation permit, and LGU accreditation;
- b. Coordinated with co-staff and Municipal agency for facility design, work contractor, canvass of materials, and final identification of material supplier; and
- c. Final revision of project proposal for funding.

OVERALL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

1. Developments in the project upon take over by SIGNAsia was bogged down by existing issues and challenges in the area, coupled with lack of documentation and information from the former administrator;
2. Further financial support is needed for community development activities;
3. Needed for corrections/revisions on legal instruments/documents in preparation for project hand-over to LGU are quite voluminous;
4. Peoples' Organization have inadequate knowledge and skills related to group/community development activity, i.e. group decision making process, problem solving, management and others.

NEXT STEPS

Priority shall be given to the preparation and correction of documents necessary for the turnover of the administration of the housing component to the LGU. However, time extension up to June 2015 is needed in order to do this. Meantime, financial support from JusticeF is requested until said turnover is effected.

Step-by-Step Scholarship Program



A. Important Development/Highlights/Changes



Nice move of the parents who groove...

Great shot for the scholars who enjoy a lot...

1. Children's Month 2014

Children's Month was scheduled in the month of October as a month-long celebration in all schools. In connection with this, Cordova and Kamagayan scholars have their own way of celebrating this activity and again, it's the first time for the active participation of the parents that made this activity more memorable for everyone. The said activity was held at Camolinas Housing, Cordova. A total of 70 participants attended the celebration. Through the activity, the children and the parents as well as the community folks were entertained and they were so amazed by their efforts. Their team work and sportsmanship was tested and proven during the Games of basketball and volleyball. A total of 45 scholars attended the said activity and a complete force of Camolinas PTCA and Ate Marlinda. Children's Month was a breakthrough for the scholars and their parents because they gave their best to make our activity successful and full participation by all the groups of scholars and parents was evident that made the community appreciate it. Children and parents strongly believe and appreciate the goals and objective of the Education Program it is because they experienced all the efforts we poured on the program and learn it on their own that all the things we have done was for their better future.

2. Children's Christmas Party 2014

Children's Christmas Party was scheduled on December 14, 2014 for Cordova & Kamagayan and it was a first joined-up activity with the Cordova Pre-school led by sir Chilo. The said activity was held at Sta. Lucia Village. Production number and presentation of the scholars was prepared and polished by the Cordova and Kamagayan scholar team with the help of the Scholars active Officers. Preparations for the decorations and props was done and properly established with the full support of all the scholars led by the pre-school parents. Food was prepared by the parents. A total of 47 scholars received gifts during their Christmas party as scheduled and a total of 33 visitors, parents & Edcoms were in the said activity as well. Through the activity, the children from the pre-school witness the joyful memories and shared it with the scholars of Cordova and Kamagayan. Companionship among children once again became a living proof of how they really enjoy each other's company despite of all the trials they faced in school and in their community. Each year they



Singing Christmas carol brings joy for all...



Excited leaps for the bikes to keep...

established strong bond which led them to be one and work as one. Children were able to experience the spirit of Christmas and were able to understand its true meaning by simply being with everyone and through receiving their one of the most special gifts this Christmas and that was the bikes. Everyone expressed their love by means of sharing their quality time with each other and exchanging of gifts. The said activity made the scholars enjoy each moment of fun and excitement. Furthermore, the activity is also a venue for children to be in their natural manner where they can be better-off in their own special way. Sharing every moment on the swimming pool with everybody sealed their happiness on the entire activity.

3. Face Portrait Oil Painting –

Last February 17-19 was fun and exciting for the scholars and the parents because Nina, a friend of Johannes, was an artist and she gave a workshop on oil painting featuring the face. Three sessions were scheduled so that everybody could attend. The children together with their parents were having fun doing their own face portrait which they transferred on canvass. Everyone laughed



Where a colored face takes place...



Canvass links on the face with ink

upon seeing their faces covered with oil paints. They were also amazed that they were involved on such artistic moments. Through this activity, the children together with their parents spent quality time with each other by doing the face painting. It was the first time that their parent stayed with them until they finished their masterpiece. Both the parents and the scholars enjoyed the activity and the most important was their parents gave their children enough time to have bonding moments.

4. Bike Workshop

Last March 1, we had a very successful bike workshop. The scholars were able to learn the basics of repairing their bikes. There was a short orientation done before the workshop in which the scholars got some ideas of what to do and what will happen during the workshop. It was a long day for the scholars and for the facilitators yet it was a fruitful one because most of the bikes were repaired and the scholars were given an assurance of continuous training until they are able to repair on their own bikes.



Everyone liked taking good care of their bikes

5. Tutorial sessions

Through our series of tutorials, the children were able to understand and learn their lesson well. The children were also reviewed their exams and made it through with the help of our collaborative efforts in every sessions we have. As always they learn to value more education & made them realized that education is very important part of their existence. As a result, they were studying hard to maintain their good grades and with the help our advance discussion of their lessons, they were able to deal with it and applied what they have learned in our previous tutorials. This school

year, the children also obtain or shall I say renewed their manner towards reading books especially when EM and Denise shows up and entertain the children with their own way of telling stories that made the children re-open their thoughts on reading books as part of their routine. It was a good start and I'm quite sure that this will be fruitful on the comings years.



Learning took place by reading books with pace... Story telling is what made the books more interesting...

6. Graduation Day 2015

This school year, 9 scholars graduated from high school. After years of hard work and determination, these children have proven to themselves that they can achieve if they believe in their dreams and with our continuous support, they remain on track in their studies because they trust us and they can count on us especially when it comes to educational matters. They will always be grateful and will pass their torches to the young ones and spread the fire of their blazing hearts and influence the future scholars to continue the flame of education. Some of the graduates who received awards during the graduation were : Excellence in Sports Awardees – Glendel Mark Pacaldo and Jusper Dico, Excellence in Performing Arts Awardee – Glendel Mark Pacaldo, Department Awardee and Service Awardee – Marielle Pacaldo.



Special moment for a proud parent... Finally! We graduated successfully...

B. Challenges

1. There are still a few parents who do not appreciate what the children do in our activities in the community which caused them to be absent during such activity.
2. There were a few scholars who had problems in school and in the community due to the lack of support from their parents and the family.

C. Suggestion for solution and other recommendations

1. Together with the Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) officers, we have talked to them one by one to hear their reasons about these matters and came up with possible solutions for them to be able to attend every joint activity of the scholars and parents. One of the solutions was to have a representative, if the mother can't attend then the father will and vice versa to make sure that either of the parent have a full participation in every activity we have.
2. Together with the scholar, parent and PTCA officers, we discussed these circumstances in an interactive manner to understand the whole thing about these problems and as a result, the parents started to understand their children about the problems and they will not take this for granted as they promised. They realized the situation better and their awareness of such problem became deeper and became more supportive to their children in any possible ways they could give.

Pre-School Program



INTRODUCTION:

Camolinas Housing Learning Center is located at Camolinas Housing Poblacion Cordova, Cebu. Children enrolled in the school ranges from three - five (3-4) years old. The total children are enrolled in this school is 30. The school emphasis is to train and educate children in order to meet the requirements in elementary education. It adopts a preschool curriculum both a solid foundation in the depth and breadth of DSWD standard, while maintaining particular attention to the various learning styles and needs of the children. It also provides students with opportunities to excel in areas of special interest. In addition to the array of reading, writing, and arts, the subjects mainly focus on seven domains such as, Gross Motor Domain, Fine Motor Domain, Self Help Domain, Receptive Language Domain, Expressive Language Domain, Cognitive Domain, and Social Emotional Domain.

A. Important Developments, Highlights & Changes

1. Buwan ng Wika



Buwan ng wika was scheduled in the month of August but Camolinas Housing Learning Center celebrated it last September 11th due to inevitable circumstances. It is a month in which we Filipinos celebrate unity and understanding through the use of our own national language. The theme: "Filipino: Wika ng Pagkakaisa " (*Filipino: Language of Unity*) was adopted. In connection to this, the learners and their parents prepared different presentation.

Buwan ng Wika is also about going back in history and studying the change in the language over time. This is the time when the public is reminded of the importance of loving one's own language. But *Buwan ng Wika* is not just appreciating the Filipino language but also all languages all over the world. The language of a nation is not just a trivial thing; it's one nation's identity. A person could identify another from his or her spoken language. Language is one of the things that can spark a revolution. It's one of those things that can bind people together with the sense of nationalism.

2. Educational Tour 2014



The Educational Tour was scheduled in the month of October. It is a month wherein our children get out of the school to experience the real life situation in the other places where they can see the beauty of nature observe how animals live. The parents also observed recycling in the Archival Eco House which they can really apply in their daily living most especially gardening in the potted plant such as (allugbate,malunggay and etc.)

The children were be able to get out of the classroom just to observe and visit for the purpose of viewing or inspecting something, and just to see the live animals, other places and people around us. They were be happy to experience what is really inside the play house due to the fact that some of the parents cannot afford to send them to the said play house. Our young learners were most happy playing inside for the very first time in their life. The total numbers of participants was 55 together with the parents and the staff of SignAsia Foundation.

3. Fund-Raising Activities

There are some activities in December like Christmas party but before the Christmas party, the PTCA were having gaining funds for their project for the year, the target project is kitchen utensils for the preschool for the feeding, "The Search for MR. AND MS. LITTLE CHRISTMAS 2014.

"We gained more than five thousand pesos and we come up our new **PTCA project 2015** thru the help of the parents and the KING FRANZ JANWAYNE FUENTES and



QUEEN ELIZA EVE CENABRE, the parents were very happy during the coronation. The parents and the teacher were joining their hands together so that they can come up their targets project for the school year and also we develop strong tie-up or cooperation between the teacher and the parents as well as the entire community, and therefore we recommend that we need to have fund raising activity every year so that we can contribute development to the school.

4. The Second Joint Christmas Party of SBS and Preschool



The Christmas Party happened last December 14, 2014 at Santa Lucia Village Cordova Cebu, it is a joined party of the Scholar of Sir Erlee Adrian Lera and the Preschool, and we joined our hands in practicing unity, sharing

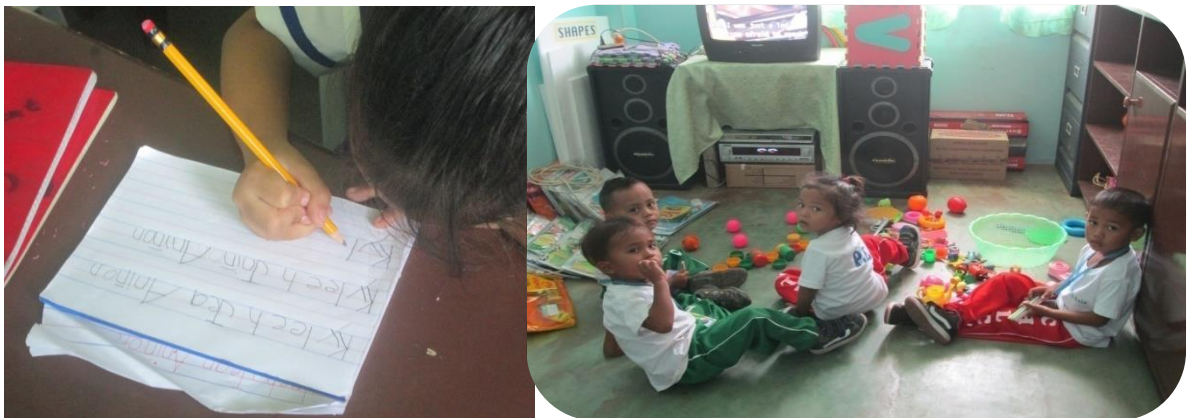
as we celebrate the Christmas season. There were be presentation of scholars, the learners in preschool and at the same time production number of parents in which everyone were happy and excited in performing their task. The total number of learners is twenty eight (28) and twenty eight (28) parents, visitors from Justice F in the person of Dr. Kunz, Johannes Lieb and the German Bikers Foundation which distributed Bikes to the scholar. The preschoolers also received Christmas gifts and prizes for our parlor Games.

Through this activity, we develop unity, bonding each other with their parents and meet new friend in a new surrounding, the learners were able to experience the true meaning of Christmas by sharing their gifts, most especially their fun and excitement. This is the second time we get out of the school in celebrating Christmas party in which we can see the eyes of each every learner were happy most expressing their feeling most especially in playing and swimming in the pool together with their parents.

5. The Daily Activities



The daily activities in which the learners are handling clay/crayons on how to determine the basic shapes and colors, They were prepared to master motor coordination in preparation for writing (mastery of different strokes) and we developed each child's personality as they grow up. 98% of our Kinder 1 know how to handle pencils in the proper ways and they already know how to write their names.



Every Friday, they play games, watch educational movies, dance and sing in the Physical Education classes. This is one way of developing sportsmanship and sharing of toys to their peers and expressing enjoyment with their classmates.

The parents were able to contribute a little amount for the feeding every Friday after the physical education. The parents serve their child during lunch time but the main challenge we face is that, there are some Fridays that we don't have a feeding because some of the parents can't contribute due to financial problems. We therefore recommend that there should be a budget allocated for feeding even if it means asking the parents to contribute so that the learners can eat nutritious food because most of our learners are underweight.

6. Visitors Who Have A Heart for the Kids



The teacher and the learners entertained visitors by welcoming them. Showing the respectful manners. During class time, each learner received a teddy bear as a gift from the visitors for being good during the visit and also the learners met the father of Johannes and gave Christmas gifts to them. This made everybody happy and excited in receiving the gifts.

7. Recognition Exercises



The thanks giving mass during the Recognition Day which was held at exactly 10 in the morning was sponsored by the Inoc Family and the Parents of our learners.

The 3rd Recognition Ceremony of Preschool learners of Camolinas Housing Learning Center for the school year 2014-2015 with the theme of “ Saktong Buhay: Sa Dekalida na Edukasyong Pinanday “ they were be happy in wearing white clothes and toga while in marching together their parents despite of so many obstacles they fight for it in order to escape from the bondage of poverty and they put in their mind that education is the weapon of the poor.

The Learners were exciting to go to another school to fight the next chapter of education of their life and acquiring knowledge and skills in preparation for their formal schooling.



The event was successfully done through the help of our parents, thanks to the SIGNASIA management and also to the funder, we would like to express profound gratitude for the full force support. These could not have happened without your support to our learners. We have 50 participants including visitors from Sign Asia Foundation staff headed by Ms. Teresa C. Pono our Executive Director, a representative from office of the Vice Mayor and others.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:



The complete fencing in front of the school building (Dialog Center) to avoid vehicular accidents to our learners. (the first PTCA project)



New uniforms and design with logos of SignAsia Foundation and JusticeF



The school beautification during Christmas season.



We have our second PTCA project for the school year (kitchen utensils, microphone stand and Back drop for the stage).



The PTCA agreed to make a logo for the school as we prepare for the accreditation with DSWD.



We invited a resource person from JPIC to evaluate the learners according to the ECCD checklist of DSWD.



Some learners celebrated their birthday inside the classroom, sharing their blessings with the other children.

CHALLENGES/CONCERNS

❖ FEEDING

- Some of the parents were not able to contribute amount due to financial problem.
- Some parents did not cooperate during cooking time as they were busy in taking care of their younger kids at home and of their daily needs.

SOLUTION/RECOMMENDATION

The teacher called a meeting with the parents and conducted a consultation about the problems being encountered. It was surfaced that poverty is the main problem that we are now facing in our community and the laziness of the people to find a solution to the particular problem that they encountered.

We therefore recommended that the parents contribute one peso per day to lessen the burden on their part and it is very easy for the collector/ purchaser during cooking time.

Every parent is assigned a specific task during cooking time so that everybody must cooperate in our activity of the day.

❖ MONTHLY MEETING

- Most of the parents are not attentive during our monthly meeting especially our beneficiaries.
- Latecomers
- Some parents make own decision without consultation with the other members
- Some parents do not have the courage to speak up, thus, they always agree to the majority decision but end up uncooperative in the end.

SOLUTION/ RECOMMENDATION

The teacher grouped the parents according to their session and assigned a leader and secretary so that there will be an accountable person who can guide other parents and respond right away to the tasks and responsibilities if there is an activity.

Strict discipline on time was imposed by the PTCA during meeting. Parents who do not attend monthly meeting are not allowed to attend programs/activities like Field Trip and Christmas Party. Teacher assigned PTCA officers to take good care of the child of sanctioned parents during the program or parties.

❖ **NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE : STAGE, PLAYGROUND**

- During the Recognition ceremonies, the Barangay LGU provided the stage for us.
- Budget for playground equipment shall be included in the proposed budget

❖ **NO PERMIT FROM DSWD TO OPERATE**

Final documentary requirement, Mayor's Permit, has been stalled due to the delayed construction of Fire Escape. The playground is also a requirement of DSWD.

PLAN FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- Work out for the DSWD accreditation
- Play ground as one of the requirements of DSWD
- Standardized Classroom for the Preschool
- Repaint of classroom, tables and cabinets
- Screening children for the school year 2015-16 including outsiders or non members.