

BAYANIHAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES Partner Organizations

About De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde--- DLS-CSB is a private Catholic college in the Malate district of Manila, Philippines. The college is a member institution of De La Salle Philippines, a network of 16 schools under the De La Salle Brothers Philippine District. Through its Center for Social Action, it advocates for a socially engaged Benildean community guided by the Principles of Lasallian Social Development towards achieving the ideal Lasallian education which is a mission and ministry directed towards integral human development and liberation. The College works in solidarity and collaboration with peoples, institutions and over forty non government organizations towards life-affirming actions that respond to various social issues.

Akap sa Bata ng mga Guro Kalinga Philippines, Inc.

Overview: *Akap sa Bata* is two (2) Filipino combined words. *Akap* literally means 'to embrace' and *Bata* means 'child.' It is a movement of volunteer care-teachers (*guro-kalinga*) in the community level addressing the issues and concerns of children among the poorest of the poor from a gender and rights-based perspective.

Akap sa Bata Philippines, Inc. believes that any development initiative in the Filipino context must take into primary consideration the plight of children and women. The focus is an integrated program for



children committed to total human development of families and communities that eventually will lead to social transformation of society where values of justice and peace and the integrity of creation reign.

In this way, Akap sa Bata strikes the heart of the Filipino who love their children so much that they are at the center of their family life and society. In doing so, we must empower their families and the communities where they belong so it will become child friendly. In this way, they will be moved to work for social change in a much larger scale. In this manner, the children have not only become subjects of change but also become effective instruments of development.

Location: The organization is located in Bahay Pag-asa Bldg., Brgy. 623 Zone 62 Hall, Kalinga corner Makisig Sts. Bacood, Sta Mesa, Manila

Akap Sa Bata Website: www.akapbataphilippines.com

Checkmyschool (CMS) – ANSA East Asia Pacific

Overview: Checkmyschool (CMS) is a participatory monitoring Program that aims to promote social accountability and transparency in the education sector. It works on a blended approach by combining digital media and community mobilization. The digital media are composed of the website, social media, and mobile technology which allow people to share information and send feedback. Its community mobilization approach involves partnership building with the school stakeholders, the local school board, the private sector and various government agencies.



CMS was launched in 2011 and has established presence in 256 public schools in 32 areas nationwide. With transparency and social accountability as its thrust, CMS has a continuing partnership agreement with the Department of Education (DepEd), and is supported by school principals, private sector partners, academe, community volunteers, and the media.

On its third year, CMS aims to scale-up its operations by strengthening its current network, improving its online-offline interface, increasing its results, sustaining its operations, and packaging all of these in a learning and knowledge program that can be used for its global adaptation.

Two key outcomes are expected to be generated at the end of the third year of CMS: (a) citizens are empowered to influence policies and programs on education; and (b) greater government and citizen ownership of the CMS program.

Location: CMS is located in Mansi Building, Katipunan, Loyola Heights, Quezon City

Check My School Website: <http://www.checkmyschool.org/>

Grameen Australia (Philippines). Inc. (GAP)

Overview: Grameen Australia was the major contributor from 2007 to 2011 to the development of a Microfinance organisation working extensively in Northern Samar and Pampanga. Northern Samar is one of the poorest provinces in the Philippines and suffers from a severe lack of infrastructure and extreme climatic conditions. Grameen Australia leveraged microfinance branches enabling over 12,000 marginalised women and their families increase their income to lift them above the poverty line.



Grameen Australia ran a pilot program over 2 years commencing in 2010 to test the application of microfinance to urban slum communities. Microfinance has traditionally been applied to support rural communities to escape poverty with institutions reticent to work in urban communities that were perceived as less connected and more transient and therefore higher risk. The pilot provided loans to 600 members of urban metro Manila slum communities with a relatively high repayment rate and high demand for the product. The pilot proved that urban microfinance can be applied successfully to overcome the overwhelming issues of poverty and disadvantage in these communities.

The lessons of the pilot program have been used by Grameen Australia to establish an innovative program focused on the development of a Social Business financing microfinance for urban slum dwellers. The Program is unique through the following key features:

Location: GAP is located in MultiRational Office, 30th Floor Discovery Center, ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila

Grameen Australia Website: <http://www.grameen.org.au/>

Kasarian-Kalayaan or Sarilaya

Overview: SARILAYA is a national organization of individual women committed to promoting women's empowerment and gender equality. It began in 1994 with 105 women mainly coming from the anti-dictatorship movement. As such, it has worked on issues such as human rights and globalization and how these affect women's lives. It later added the ecology aspect to its orientation. It has worked for the passage of the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act and the Reproductive Health Law. It is currently working for the passage of the Freedom of Information Bill and the Mandatory Labeling of GMO products. With a present membership of over 600 individual women, mostly coming from the grassroots, its current main advocacy is sustainable production and consumption.



Location: Sarilaya is located at # 32 Masikap St. Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City.

SARILAYA Website: <http://www.facebook.com/Sarilayainc>

Mother Earth Foundation (MEF)

Overview: MEF is an NGO of men and women from the Philippines who seek to raise the level of public awareness on environmental issues and mobilize people to act positively on the resolution of these issues.

Mother Earth is an active member of Eco Waste Coalition, GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives), PNCC (Philippine Network for Climate Change), Partnership for Clean Air, ZWIA (Zero Waste International Alliance) and IPEN (International POPs Elimination Network). MEF lobbied for the passage of the Clean Air Act and the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. They are instrumental in changing the title from "Integrated" to "Ecological".

Location: C. Salvador, Lungsod Quezon, 1800 Kalakhang Maynila, Philippines

Mother Earth Foundation Website: <http://www.motherearthphil.org/>