Migrants initiative transforms community through technology and Tri-people empowerment.
Moving Forward

Ten years ago, PASALI’s founding members, envisioned to create impacts in a community characterized by long periods of conflict, deprivation, and marginalization but with potential for economic growth. Armed with skills and savings earned abroad, with the strong belief in people and themselves, they innovatively and creatively launched their own type of development strategy, called the ‘brain gain’ initiative. This year, the ‘brain gain’ initiative is on its 10th year and the scope of work is covering 15 municipalities in 5 provinces and the cities of Davao and General Santos. Sustainable peace is constantly harvested from the initiative.

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Pasali Vision

A steadfast and dynamic Philippine society where youth in partnership with migrants dedicate and integrate their skills, knowledge and resources to reverse the effects of brain drain and advance ‘brain gain’ towards building sustainable and self-reliant communities.

Colophon

A Decade of Brain Gain Work is a publication of Pasali Philippines Foundation Incorporated on its 10th year foundation anniversary. A commoration of Pasali Philippines’ 10 years (2005-2015) brain gain efforts in 5 provinces, 15 municipalities, 2 cities in Mindanao, Philippines.

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Message from Pasali Managing Director

“In the light of the 10th Year Anniversary of Pasali Philippines Foundation, I wish to congratulate the Board of Trustees of Pasali Philippines and the 70 Program/Unit Staff of Pasali Philippines, not to discount the more than 40 out-of-school youth who were contractually employed in the different Pasali’s projects on Sustainability. For sure, Pasali could not be what it is today if not because of the 10 years of commitment and dedication of its past and present working force, alongside with both local and international partners. Yes, as Pasali journeyed the 10 years path, there were pitfalls and hard times, having no guarantee that we can make it today, yet we survive and getting better off because we have taken the journey. Sometimes its good to be lost because we realize it is the best education for us. We will be celebrating our 10th Year not just today but all throughout 2015 in the midst of our actual encounter with the people we ought to serve. The meaning of this celebration is counted not on what we received but on what we gave to the “least of our brethren”. Again, the challenge I pose to all of us is “to soar Pasali to its greater heights” to the service of the less fortunate: the deprived, the oppressed.”

Paquito C. Estrebilla

Pasali Philippines
J Engr. Felix P. Pulmano
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Pasali Philippines Founders

To date, there were 10,619 farmers reached, trained and some become partner in investments. Several hundreds of them were lifted up from severe poverty and their communities become food secured. In Biao alone, a home of Manobo tribe in Palimbang, famine dominates before the ‘brain gain’ initiative started. Today, Biao with 368 household members is considered the food basket of Palimbang. Before in Biao there were no single child going to school. Today, starting school 2015-2016 more than 300 children are going to school from kindergarten to grade 4, in a school building that they helped to build.

Geared to uplift the quality of living of the marginalized sector of the society to humane standards, Pasali’s course did not leave out the persons of Indonesian descent (PID) residing in the Philippines as this group of people are at risk having no access to their most fundamental human rights – citizenship. The institution works with the Philippine and the Indonesian governments with support and guidance from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The project aims to address the issue of statelessness, a condition where one is not considered a national of any state under the operations of law. During the Statelessness mapping exercise in 2012, around 4300 out of an estimated total of 6000 PIDs were reached. This covered 7 provinces and two chartered cities in Mindanao. Eventually, this exercise led to the Citizenship Confirmation and Registration, reaching a total of 4888 PIDs. This count will still rise as the registration is continuing. This thrust is being looked up by other humanitarian institutions around the globe and considered as a best practice towards resolving statelessness issue.

The appropriate technology as one of ‘brain gain’ important tool continues to gain ground. Thousands of farm weeding implement/tools were fabricated and sold out. The spring water development using hydraulic ram pumps were installed all over Mindanao and some parts of Visayas. More than 100 barangays with more than 10 thousands households in mostly upland areas are now have access to potable water.

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As Pasali reaches its 10th year, the best practices shows that to reach its mission of building entrepreneurial, peaceful and resilient communities, there has to be an intertwine of its intervention components – the appropriate technology, sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship and community building. And in all of these components, quality education is a crucial part, as the great Confucius saying conveys,” If your plan is for one year, plant rice. If your plan is for ten years, plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate the children”. Moving forward, the Pasali ‘Brain Gain’ strategy will continue to develop and enhance, in order to meet the constant changes and challenges of the future.

Paquito C. Estrebilla
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What we have done so far...

431  IP Children registered with birth certificate

6  Newly built school for IP communities

7,189  School children received educational assistance

262  Trained School Teachers in Respect Education

72  Public School recipient of Respect Program

378  Vulnerable families received cash grants with 358 students

4,388  Persons of Indonesian descent confirmed 8 registered as of May 2015

10,000+  Households with access to potable water through Rampump technology

136  Sites installed with Rampump

15  Hectares planted with Rubber for Agroforestry

15  Municipalities

5  Provinces

2  Cities

10,619  Farming households received training

3650  Farmers accessed infrastructure support

2607  Families received relief goods, 100 houses built
Milestones

2005
- Training of rural youth on Technical skills in Technical center
- Technical Center served as evacuation center during typhoon Juan

2006
- Start of Sustainable Ecological Agriculture (SEA) projects
- Enhanced SEA practices through partnership with Southern Christian College

2007
- Start of fishing innovations
- Introduced farming to Manobo Indigenous People (IP)
- Pilot experiment of SRI in Palimbang by youth

2008
- Technical Center fabrication of farm implements
- SEA introduce ‘seeds and tools’ approach
- Strengthening of farmers association
- Innovation of organic fertilizers and pesticides
- Replication of SRI in Palimbang
- Establishment of Children’s Desk in General Santos City
- Funded by Cordaid
- Advocacy on Children’s Rights
- Educational assistance.
- Adopt-a-student, and Literacy and Numeracy support program (ALS)
- Childrens’ Desk capacity strengthening of civil society groups, Direct services and emergency responses

2009
- Technical Center youth (Techboys) exposure to ADFI in Basilan for Hydraulic Rampump
- First installation of hydraulic Rampump in Palimbang by techboys
- Continuous fabrication and innovations of appropriate farm equipment
- Experiment on system of Corn Intensification, modification of SRI practices, adoption to local conditions
- SRI initiatives developed as project, FSS funded by EED
- Exposure visit of SRI farmers in Cambodia
- Establishment of Women’s Thursday Market in Kapiangan
- Establishment of first ever school in Biao
- Children’s Desk facilitated in formation of Teatro Kawagib.
- Launch of TNKK and Consortium of Children’s Rights & Development

2010
- Continuous development and fabrication of appropriate technology (e.g. motorized weeder).
- Training of youth in development work and enhancing technical skills.
- Pasali hosts SRI Exposures visits for various organizations from all over Mindanao
- Surplus of production of corn in Biao due to SCI and appropriate technology intervention
- Children’s Desk Strengthening BCPC and active on children’s rights advocacy and development. Engaged on Older Person program

Messages

from partners

"Congratulations to the board, management and staff of Pasali Philippines Foundation on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary!
Cordaid has been accompanying Pasali in its 10 years journey and we hope to continue this. Pasali’s contribution to peace and development in Moro & IP areas is very much appreciated. We especially value the programs for care and education of children, as children are our future!"

-Mariet Mulders
Asia Program Coordinator for Child & Education
Cordaid, Netherlands

"Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Philippines would like to extend its warmest congratulations to Pasali Philippines Foundation, Inc. for your 10 years in supporting youth and the most vulnerable poor farming household communities. As a key partner in agriculture development, we are inspired by your dedication and commitment to reaching our common goal of sustaining the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in Mindanao. CRS is in solidarity with Pasali as you move ahead, contributing to the development of more communities in need."

-Brenden Williams
Catholic Relief Services
Head of Office - Davao City

"We wish you a happy, meaningful and insightful celebration and we fervently pray for the continued success of your endeavors.
Long live the Pasali Philippines Foundation!"

-NORAIK A. ABO
Executive Director
UnYPhil-Women, Inc

Messages

from migrants supporter:

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-Marjolein, Femke, Dolf, Sven, Farid and Marianne
REF - Netherlands Team

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