



Community Based Scouting-Philippines

Title of the Project: The Davao City Council Experience

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines continually takes pride in being one of the largest organizations in the world today and is one of the leading national scout associations in terms of membership.

The Results

- One of the success stories in Community-Based Scouting took place in the year 2008 during the 5th National Rover Moot. In Brgy, Matina Pangi, Davao City, the rover Scouts assisted the members of the community in the construction of a decent dwelling for the homeless and underprivileged.
- The Davao City Rover Scouts have conducted series of successful Rover Moot immersion activities conducted in the different Elementary Schools and Barangays in Davao City.
- These activities, among others, include:
 - 1- painting (roof/wall of class room)
 - 2- Oplan Linis (Operations Clean up)
 - 3- Compost pit digging
 - 4- Gardening
 - 5- Repair (chairs, windows, blackboard, etc)
 - 6- House construction
 - 7- Feeding
 - 7- Barangay Night (Socialization)
- The beneficiary barangays/Elem. Schools:
 - 1- Wines Elem.School, Baguito District
 - 2- Malagos Elem.School, Brgy. Malagos
 - 3- Subasta Elem.School, Brgy. Subasta.
 - 4- Lacson Elem.School, Brgy.Lacon
 - 5- Quirino Elem.School, Calinan.
 - 6- Biao Joaquin Elem.School, Calinan.
 - 7- Riverside Elem.School, Calinan
 - 8- Kibalang Elem.School, Marilog District.
 - 9- Pangi Elem.School, Matina Pangi.
 - 10- Baguito Central Elem.School, Malagos
 - 11- (DayCare Center) Tugbok Central E/S, Brgy. Los Manigos
 - 12- Kapitan Tomas Sr.Central Elem School
- In May 2009, Davao City Council was chosen as one of the beneficiaries of APR's Ticket To Life Project. One troop composed of 35 street children with ages ranging from 6-17 years old were enlisted and trained to become members of the Community-Based Scouting.



- Barangay Dumoy was the first to organize and implement Community-Based Scouting. Six more barangays followed and today there are more than 300 members of Community-Based scouting.

The Reasons

In conjunction with the Strategic Priorities and Focus Areas in the APR Plan for 2009-2012, the Davao City Council included in its own Strategic Plan, community- based Scouting to expand scouting beyond school-based; to contribute to community and nation-building and to promote peace.

Aside from the basic training course on the various sections in scouting, the programs and training in community-based scouting are customized and tailored-fit to suit and respond to the needs of the scouts. They are classified according to age bracket and are given programs and trainings appropriate to the sections where they belong. An example of this is for adult members who are given skills and livelihood trainings to prepare them to land a job and/or start their own livelihood activities

The Methods

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Office, in a series of memorandums and circulars has tasked all Regional Province, City and Municipal Councils to promote, supervise and administer the program of the BSP beyond School-Based Scouting into the Community, motivating and encouraging out-of-school youth to join the Community-Based Scouting.

Sources of Funds

- Funding requirements are provided by either of the following:
 - 1- the National Council
 - 2- The Local Council
 - 3- The Local Government
 - 4- Civic Clubs
 - 5- Corporations with strong Corporate Social Responsibility Programs.

Human Resource and Technical Requirements

Program Specialists, resource Persons, Activity Officers, Technical Personnel, Administrative and Support Staff, are provided by volunteers Scout Leaders who have been trained in their respective fields without any remunerations.

Setting up the mechanism

The BSP Davao City Council designated its council Commissioner on Community-Based/ Neighborhood Scouting and tasked the Membership, Program and Training Committees to come up with their implementation Plan for the next 3-5 years.

Programs and Activities

- A variety of activities were employed not only to generate interest and motivation but to ensure interactive participation.
- Community immersion activities to different barangays and visitation to remote and underprivileged communities.
- Coordination and Partnership with different barangays and communities.
- Promotion and Information Campaign through relevant learning activities.
- Lectures/Inputs on Scouting, Basic Experiences, Group Dynamics/Discussion and video presentation

Our Learning

- Lack of response from the community to participate and lack of cooperation/support from the barangays/Schools.
- Lack of supplies and materials for the projects/Activities.
- Lack of Funds

Our Future Plans

- The Local Council coordinated with the participating barangays and designated barangay coordinators to help in the immersion activities.
- Materials and supplies are subsidized by the City Government of Davao.
- The participating barangays also contributed funds and materials.
- There will be more challenges and trials to come but with the strong support and deep commitment of the Scout Leaders at all levels, we shall overcome.
- Our duty is to serve, to help create a much better world.