# PURE INCUBATION FOUNDATION

The Bayanihan Project Playbook: Empowering Communities to Combat Poverty

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# Introduction

The Bayanihan Project, the flagship initiative of the Pure Incubation Foundation, is dedicated to combating poverty and empowering communities. This playbook outlines our core principles and strategies for success.

# What is Bayanihan?

Working together as a community to achieve a common goal.

In the Philippines, the word **Bayanihan** carries great significance. It's an old **house-moving tradition** where a group of men lift a house on their shoulders to relocate to somewhere saferer after a big storm. This is all done expecting nothing in return.

Why the Philippines?

What first drew us to work in the Philippines all those years?

Strategic U.S. Ally	Geographic location and diplomatic ties make the Philippines a vital partner
Tech Savy Workforce	A skilled and tech-savvy workforce ready for modern challenges
Compatible Culture	Cultural alignment facilitates collaboration and understanding
Exceptional Work Ethic	A strong commitment to hard work and dedication
Developing Economy	Opportunities for growth and development
High Quality Services	Delivering top-notch services to global markets.
Job Creation and Investment	Supporting employment and economic growth



# **The Bayanihan Project Model Of Success**

The Bayanihan Project is a remarkable endeavor that has gained recognition as a model of success within the field of community development and poverty alleviation. It serves as the flagship initiative of the Pure Incubation Foundation, embodying the organization's commitment to positive change and empowerment.

# **Key Points**

Impactful Community Development	The Bayanihan Project has a track record of making a tangible impact on communities, uplifting lives, and fostering sustainable change.
Innovative Approaches	Through innovative strategies and collaborative efforts, the project has demonstrated the power of collective action and community engagement.
Global Recognition	The Bayanihan Project has garnered attention not only for its effectiveness but also for its ability to serve as a model that can be replicated in various regions.
Pure Incubation Foundation's Commitment	As the flagship initiative of the Pure Incubation Foundation, it reflects the organization's dedication to driving positive social change through meaningful and sustainable projects.
Continued Growth	The project's success continues to inspire and drive further initiatives aimed at addressing poverty, enhancing livelihoods, and promoting education in underserved communities.



# **Mission and Story**

### **Mission**

Our mission is to help **eradicate the cycle of poverty** in the United States , the Philippines, and ultimately worldwide by partnering with local communities to craft unique solutions that work best for them, while doing so in the most financially responsible way possible.

# **Story**

After 25 years building award-winning companies, creating 1,000s of global jobs and celebrating success, we now aim to use our expertise, vast networks and resources to build **successful communities** and **make a difference in the world**.



# The Partner Network Model

# **History**

The Bayanihan Project seeks to break the Philippines' cycle of poverty. The project works in close collaboration with local communities to provide the most natural and distinctive solutions that best enable those communities to become more autonomous places.

In order to serve as community partners, the group enlists the help of local leaders from churches, schools, governmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

The Bayanihan Project is able to entrust the local administration of its programs to these leaders since they have previously forged solid relationships within the community.

The Bayanihan Project uses its extensive network of long-time Philippine colleagues, whose network of contacts spreads to distant villages in need, to discover these dependable leaders on the ground that most require assistance. The networks of these relationships and these contacts are then used to optimize programs.





# In Times of Crisis: Strengthening Bonds in the Face of Typhoon Ulysses

Amazing connections can form when faced with difficulty. The same thing happened when Typhoon Ulysses devastated Region II of the Philippines. Cara Smith was a member of a Philippine work group associated with a multinational business with a presence in the nation and would go on to become the Executive Director of the Bayanihan Project. Her crew experienced many difficulties after the typhoon, including heavy floods, extensive damage, and communication problems. They awaited word of the safety of their coworkers with trepidation, and it took two days before they heard from a site director who had traveled six kilometers to get WiFi. The bulk of the personnel from the Philippines were unharmed, but the area sustained significant damage, including flooded roads and restricted access to food and water.

Typhoon Ulysses' destruction had a significant effect on Cara Smith's team as well as the area it hit. They saw the Filipino people's tenacity in the face of such hardship and realized they urgently needed help. The typhoon not only highlighted the vulnerability of the local populations, but it also sparked a desire to change things for the better among Smith and her U.S.-based team. They looked into creative approaches to forge a more intimate and effective relationship with the partner network in the Philippines because of their group's resolve to offer help despite the great geographic distance.





### **How it Works**

Our Partner Network Model consists of Partner Advocates, Community Partners, and Recipients.

The model is fundamentally driven by partnering with local communities to craft unique solutions that work best for those facing poverty in the Philippines.

### **Our Model of Success**

# PARTER ADVOCATES

A network of trusted colleagues who nominate community partner and act as liaison between them and the foundation

# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

A trusted leader, pastor, teacher, doctor, or social worker that resides in the local area, knows the community first-hand has a proven record of service

# RECIPIENTS

Those directly on the receiving end of the projects. We ask that they pay it forward and help others once they have been uplifted

# **Importance of Community Partners**

Community partners are the backbone of the Bayanihan Project and act as engines for long-term progress. We make sure that our projects are in line with the demands of the community, the local economy, and the unique conditions by enlisting dependable community leaders who are already committed to the cause and enjoy the respect and trust of the residents. We want to engage beneficiaries in decision-making by consulting them and utilizing their special expertise, insights, and opportunities to create solutions that are best for their neighborhood. Instead of imposing our views and actions on our beneficiaries, we take great care to listen to them and cooperate with them. This strategy has been the deciding factor.



The Bayanihan Project stressed empowerment as a fundamental tenet in their mission to end the cycle of poverty and promote community self-sufficiency in August 2023. Initiated in 2021, their relationship with the Ayta indigenous tribe in the Philippines exposed the group's struggle with food insecurity after being uprooted by a volcanic eruption. The tribal leaders asked for carabao and seedlings to foster agricultural self-sufficiency and income production rather than providing temporary aid. By providing necessary resources and working with the local administration to ensure long-term success, the Bayanihan Project complied with these demands thanks to the kindness of donors and volunteers. This move changed the partnership into a sustainable agriculture project with the tribe, demonstrating their commitment to bringing about long-lasting change.

The Bayanihan Project promoted empowerment as a key pillar in their objective to fight poverty and foster self-sufficient communities in 2023. Initiated in 2021, their relationship with the Ayta indigenous tribe in the Philippines exposed the tribe's food poverty while they were displaced as a result of a volcanic eruption. Tribal chiefs requested carabao and seedlings for agricultural self-sufficiency and income production in lieu of providing temporary assistance. The Bayanihan Project met these demands with the assistance of donors and volunteers, providing necessary resources and collaborating with regional authorities to ensure long-term viability. This project not only demonstrated the tribe's unwavering dedication to long-term development, but it also developed the partnership into a sustainable agriculture project with significant and long-lasting effects.





# **3-Tiered Approach to Poverty**

# The Importance of Livelihoods

Through education and livelihood initiatives, the Bayanihan Project aims to help families in eradicating poverty. Through this approach, we actively engage communities to understand their particular needs and work to successfully meet them. Through our unique 3-Tier methodology we aim to contribute to building a better, brighter future for future generations.



Parents unfortunately cannot afford to feed their family due to a lack of money, as a result children must work. When we give a child a means of support, we help him or her go to school, eventually land a better career, and halt the cycle of poverty.

Imagine the struggle a child would have if they were forced to look for food to feed their hungry family rather than going to school where they would learn, play, and meet new friends. As they bear a large portion of the burden of providing for their family's existence, children in the Philippines have a distant dream of going to school. Children bear a huge weight in this situation, which leaves them to choose between providing for a better future and taking care of necessities. Children are left to make difficult choices that limit their possibilities for the future and continue the cycle of poverty.



### Tier 1: Empowering Parents with Sustainable Livelihoods

Our first tier places a strong emphasis on empowering and supporting parents. Parents are able to build sustainable livelihoods through skill development, job training, and entrepreneurship. Parents are able to break the cycle of poverty by shifting their perspective from one of survival to one of education, assuring a steady income for their families. As their financial circumstances improve, their children's need to work for food money decreases, easing the way for their educational aspirations.

# **Tier 2: Liberating Children Through Education**

Our second tier centers around education as a powerful tool for impoverished students. Students manage to attend school, while facing the daunting task to stay enrolled. As a result, we work with the children to ensure they have supplies, lunch money, and transportation necessary to get to school. The Bayanihan Project recognizes the importance of breaking down barriers that hinder their educational journey. By providing essential resources such as school supplies, solar panels, nutritious meals, clean water, and transportation allowances, we fully support children in a brighter future. By alleviating the financial and emotional burdens that often impede their progress, the project enables these children to fully engage in their studies, unlocking their potential and fostering a love for learning.

# **Ecko's Journey of Hope from Darkness to Dreams in Balagtas, Philippines**

The Balagtas community in Bulacan, the Philippines, endured five lengthy years of nighttime darkness, which Ecko, then 17, and his family had to endure. Ecko, the youngest of four children, had to balance school and employment to support his poor family. He also had to complete his schoolwork in the dark.

Ecko wanted to be a businessman, but he frequently had to skip school in order to support himself. The COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted teaching and exacerbated the problems of children like Ecko, made the situation even more difficult.



An estimated 4 million kids in the Philippines were affected by the pandemic's widespread school closures, which prevented them from enrolling for the upcoming academic year. It is still quite difficult to get online and use remote learning technology, especially in rural areas. Many kids, like Ecko, were forced to start working early to support their families, turning to tasks like doing laundry or scavenging for scrap metal.

Ecko occasionally made \$10, part of which went toward his family's meals and the rest was used to purchase phone credits so he could take online courses. Since remote learning primarily relied on internet connectivity, parents and guardians started to worry more and more about the need for phone credits.

In the face of these formidable obstacles, the Bayanihan spirit was thriving in Ecko's neighborhood. This spirit reflects the cooperation and support of a group of people coming together in times of need.

\*Names have been altered for for privacy

# **Tier 3: Fostering Community Support and Collaboration**

In our final tier we work together with governmental agencies, nonprofit groups, and individuals to build an ecosystem that is conducive to long-term transformation. The community benefits from initiatives that support local business, vocational training and economic empowerment. The community as a whole benefits from joint initiatives such as water purification, community gardening, or shared livelihoods. The community now actively contributes to its prosperity and independence.

This all-encompassing approach attacks the underlying causes of poverty and makes a significant, long-lasting impact by empowering parents, liberating children through education, and encouraging community support.



# **Principles of Operation**

The Bayanihan Project's primary focus is "SURROUND." We work to foster a climate in which people and communities can prosper without becoming reliant on our foundation. The next step is "EMPOWER," where we provide communities with the information, skills, and resources they need to take charge of their life and escape the cycle of poverty. Then, we "UPLIFT" by encouraging long-term, viable solutions that result in significant advancement. In the end, we want to leave a lasting "IMPACT" on the communities we work in, creating a legacy that will help future generations.





# **Core Values**

# Sustainability

Sustainability to The Bayanihan Project refers to developing initiatives and solutions that will continue to work well and be relevant long after our involvement is over. The goal is to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Every project we work on incorporates our dedication to sustainability. We work hard to make sure that the effects of our initiatives are long-lasting rather than only a temporary fix.

Over the past three decades, the indigenous Aytas in the resilient municipality of Botolan, Zambales, have faced and conquered several obstacles. Catastrophic occurrences like the explosion of Mt. Pinatubo in the early 1990s were among these difficulties, which compelled them to leave their ancestral lands in order to ensure their existence. The Ayta family may have relocated to Botolan, but they still struggle with marginalization there and encounter prejudice from their "unat" (straight-haired) neighbors.

The Bayanihan Project then appeared; we initially offered basic food packages, which was a customary courtesy shown by many organizations that had gone before. But this time was distinct. The original food supplies kept the Ayta people alive for about a month.

The Aytas play a significant part in creating their own future while adhering to the values of sustainability, individual empowerment, and collective communal strength. Every project we work on is intertwined with our dedication to sustainability. We work hard to make sure that our initiatives have a lasting effect rather than just a quick fix. Leaving a lasting legacy for future generations is the goal. By assisting the Ayta tribe in achieving self-sufficiency and prosperity, we may all benefit from a more promising and sustainable future.



# **Empowerment**

Our guiding principles are built around the idea of the citizens of the Philippines and their communities. We support providing them with the resources, information, and tools they require to take charge of their lives and futures. We allow them to escape the cycle of poverty and take an active role in their own development by encouraging a sense of agency and self-reliance.

Mara, Mina, and Jenny\*, whose names have been changed to respect their privacy. They are three extraordinary women who want to provide for their families and build better futures. However, the oppressive hold of poverty compelled them into the upsetting realm of sex trafficking, a widespread problem that has negatively affected countless families in the Philippines.

When a recruiter from the city promised her a job as a waitress, Mina, a loving mother of three, fell prey to sex trafficking. She soon discovered, nevertheless, that she had been deceived after arriving.

The tough realities of poverty and a turbulent background, on the other hand, pushed Mara to find work at a nightclub as a means of living.

Jenny's older sister, who was also persuaded into working at a nightclub after being unknowingly recruited illegally, did so out of desperation to help their suffering parents. She sought assistance to lead her sister down a different road since she was determined to keep Jenny from suffering the same tragedy.

The welfare of one's family and a hopeful future should never have to be bargained away. In order to provide Mara, Mina, and Jenny's families with opportunities for a sustainable income, The Bayanihan Project teams together with <u>Wipe Every Tear</u>. The project's objective is to empower families, releasing these ladies from the responsibility of worrying about their loved ones going without food so they can concentrate on their personal development and rehabilitation.



# **Keeping it Local**

We have a strong belief in the efficacy of regional solutions. Keeping it local entails honoring and recognizing regional customs, cultures, and knowledge. In order to boost the local economy, it also entails working with small businesses and craftspeople nearby and procuring materials locally if possible. We make sure that our projects are pertinent and long-lasting by maintaining a connection to the local context.

Juanito Cortez, who lives in San Manuel, Pangasinan, saw his house burned to ashes and was in full astonishment.

Like many people in his community, Juanito struggled with money on a daily basis despite his efforts to make ends meet. He had to constantly worry about providing for their next meal as a street seller while also working nonstop to support his living.

Juanito's family was left without anything following the horrific fire. All of their possessions, which would have provided a fresh start, were gone.

However, things were about to turn around for them.

The Bayanihan Project, in collaboration with a local police organization in their town, came up with a solution: giving *negosyo* carts or business carts. They did this after seeing the major contribution street vendors make to the Philippine economy and their vulnerability to poverty.

Juanito was overcome with feelings as soon as he set eyes on his *negosyo* cart for the first time. It represented more to him than just a cart; it was a way to a better future. Once exclusively on his shoulders, the destiny of his family was now shared by his community and others who had nominated him for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Juanito was determined to maximize this new beginning with a heart full of appreciation.



# **Bayanihan Spirit**

The Bayanihan spirit, which is ingrained in Filipino culture, embodies the concepts of group solidarity and collective action. Not only do we promote this attitude among our beneficiaries, but also among our volunteers, partners, and team members. It involves cooperating, delegating duties, and supporting one another in order to accomplish shared objectives. In the Philippines, the word Bayanihan carries great significance. It's an old house-moving tradition where a group of men lift a house on their shoulders to relocate to somewhere safer after a big storm. This is all done expecting nothing in return. Today, when a fellowman is in need, Filipinos all over the world still light up the spirit of Bayanihan.

# Feeding Program for Undernourished Children in Saguday, Quirino Province: A Tale of Bayanihan Spirit

In the midst of the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a concerning problem—an increase in child malnutrition and undernourishment—emerged in rural areas of the Philippines. Many young children were deprived of vital nutrients since canned goods predominated in their diets, making them a less than ideal ally in the fight for healthy nutrition. The Ladies Club of Quirino Police, led by P/Col Rommel A. Rumbaoa and made up of committed ladies from the provincial police office, stood as a ray of hope in the midst of this food crisis. This non-profit, motivated by compassion, set out on a mission to lessen the suffering of malnourished children. Their perseverance prompted them to team up with the Bayanihan Project and ask for funding for a 30-day program that would nourish these young spirits back to health.

Through the combined efforts of the Ladies Club, the Bayanihan Project, and the local women's projects, 21 children successfully finished the feeding program and reached their desired body weight thanks to the combined efforts of the Ladies Club, the Bayanihan Project, and the neighborhood women's group. This achievement was a key step toward achieving "healthy" nutritional status. But this was not where the dedication to the welfare of these kids ended. In order to help parents maintain these achievements, the program expanded its scope. In order to provide families with the knowledge and abilities to grow wholesome produce for their households, vegetable gardening classes were provided to the families. The mothers who took part in the program also received instruction in a variety of livelihood fields, such as manufacturing soap, caring for fabrics, and cooking



regional meat specialties. These kids' bodies were nurtured by this all-encompassing approach, which also created a sustainable environment for their communities and families.



# **Partnering with Other Nonprofits**

The Bayanihan Project places a strong emphasis on collaboration with other non-profits as part of our strategy for bringing about long-lasting change. We think that by collaborating with other groups that share our values, we can increase the impact of our combined efforts and make greater progress in resolving the urgent problems of poverty, education, and community development. Our approach to partnerships is based on three core ideas:

- 1. Avoiding Duplication
- 2. Complementary Collaboration
- 3. Environmental Sustainability and Conservation

By following these guidelines, we not only aim to be efficient but also to make the most of the distinct skills and qualities that each non-profit has to offer.

# **Avoiding Duplication**

Our strategy for cooperating with other non-profit organizations is based on collaboration. We actively work to prevent wasting time and resources on redundant tasks. Instead, we search for new chances to strengthen already-existing programs. We may maximize our combined impact by collaborating and communicating with other groups effectively. Our cooperation with <a href="Wipe Every Tear">Wipe Every Tear</a> is one instance of how we cooperate and avoid duplicating efforts in partnerships with other nonprofits. They provide the girls education and release them from the sex trade, but we have stepped in to help the parents by providing a means of support. Many girls won't quit their jobs if they fear their parents would go hungry. They now have the chance to concentrate on their schooling as a result of this.

# **Complementary Collaboration**

The adage "it takes a village" is accurate when referring to nonprofit organizations, highlighting the critical importance of local connections within the communities they serve. The Bayanihan Project is aware that these intimate bonds are essential to its effectiveness. There is a transformative potential of using local networks already in place to increase the effect of our nonprofit.



Utilizing these networks opens up a wealth of benefits, which changes the game for nonprofit work.

We are aware that every non-profit has particular skills and strengths to offer. Our goal is to uncover ways in which the work of our partner organizations can be improved and complemented by the work we do. We can deal with difficult problems more successfully and effectively by working together.

# **Environmental Sustainability and Conservation**

The Bayanihan Project has formed effective alliances with numerous groups, each of which contributes particular capabilities and expertise, in order to further our aim of eradicating poverty and bringing about long-lasting change. Our relationship with Green Earth is one of these priceless alliances.

The Green Earth Heritage Foundation shares our dedication to preserving the environment and promoting social harmony. They specialize in eco-friendly programs that strengthen neighborhood communities while simultaneously preserving the environment. We have included sustainable principles into all of our projects—from agricultural initiatives to livelihood programs—thanks to this relationship.

In the heart of San Miguel, Bulacan, Romnick Blanco faced daily challenges as the son of a farmer, but his life took a dramatic turn when the Green Earth Heritage Foundation's Child Sponsorship Program arrived in his community. With their support, Rom applied to multiple universities, ultimately securing a spot at Harvard, a feat once unimaginable.

His extraordinary journey, propelled by faith and supported by groups like the Green Earth Heritage Foundation, not only changed his life but also served as a source of inspiration for many others. A deep lesson—that dreams are not constrained by circumstance or background—is at the core of Rom's story.

Rom's dedication to sharing his experiences with others, along with the collective efforts of organizations like the Bayanihan Project, empowers the next generation of Filipinos to dream big and envision a future free from the shackles of poverty.



Together with Green Earth, we are pursuing a more promising and sustainable future for all, one in which thriving communities and a healthy environment coexist.



# **Finances**

We take seriously our commitment to financial openness. Donor contributions go entirely toward our efforts to reduce poverty. We receive a range of financial support that keeps our programs going, including grants, corporate partnerships, individual donations, and profits from sister companies who share our values.

# **Administrative Cost Coverage**

Thanks to the help of our devoted board and kind contributors, we are pleased to be able to pay for all administrative expenses internally. This ensures that resources are used as effectively as possible for the benefit of the communities we serve and that 100% of every donation goes directly to our efforts to reduce poverty.

# **Funding Sources**

Diverse financing sources, such as grants, corporate donations, and individual donors, are responsible for our financial stability. These sources of income give us the tools we need to start and maintain our programs, allowing us to reach and affect more people.

### Grants

Grants from foundations and organizations that support our mission of bringing about constructive social change are actively sought by us. These funds offer essential support for particular activities and projects.

# Corporate Partnerships

Corporate collaborations are essential to our long-term financial viability. We collaborate closely with businesses who uphold social responsibility and understand the value of fostering community growth and reducing poverty.



### Individual Donors

Local and foreign individual contributors are essential to the success of our mission. Their efforts, no matter how big or small, have a big impact on our capacity to complete projects and enhance the lives of others who are less fortunate.



# Profits from Sister Companies

We are fortunate to have sister companies that are committed to the same goal of having a positive social effect. These businesses' earnings are invested back into our programs to increase our reach and influence.



# **Operations**

The Bayanihan Project's Operations are centered on our constant dedication to eradicating poverty, empowering local communities, and promoting long-lasting change. Our procedures have been created to support these goals. Each component is precisely tuned to guarantee our organization functions with efficiency and purpose, from utilizing the strength of volunteers and offshore resources to the crucial responsibilities performed by marketing, administration, accounting, and web development. These systems work as a unit to form the backbone of our mission, moving us closer to our goal with every step we take.

### **Volunteer Utilization**

The Bayanihan Project is aware of the enormous contribution that volunteers make to our initiatives. Our committed volunteers are essential to making a difference.

### Offshore Resource Utilization

Our creative use of offshore resources ensures cost-effectiveness while promoting local growth by utilizing global resources to benefit local communities.

# → Marketing

Our marketing tactics and how we make use of them to spread the word, involve supporters, and advance our cause.

### → Administration

We rely on this essential administrative task to keep our organization functioning efficiently so we may concentrate on what really matters — changing lives

# → Accounting

We uphold openness and honesty in our financial dealings to make sure that every donation is put to good use in the fight against poverty.

# → Web Development

Using web development, we build a digital platform for storytelling, interaction, and reaching out to supporters around the world.



# The Importance of Video

In our attempts to share and promote The Bayanihan Project's impact, our <u>YouTube</u> channel has become a vital and dynamic medium. Within our operations, it fulfills **FOUR** key functions:

# 1. Creating a Historical Record of the Project

We can track each project's progress from beginning to end using video documentation. We establish a permanent historical record that not only safeguards the heritage of the project but also offers insightful information for upcoming endeavors by documenting milestones, difficulties, and triumphs. It guarantees that our work is remembered and serves as an inspiration for future generations.

# 2. Allowing Donors to Be a Part of the Project

The distance between our donors and the communities we serve can be filled using video. It gives donors a first-person, immersive experience that enables them to see the transformative influence of their donations. We increase contributors' sense of connection and commitment by virtually connecting them to project locations.

# 3. Showing Life Beyond Words

The greatest way to communicate some parts of our work is via images and sound. In a way that words usually cannot, video brings to life the experiences, struggles, and victories of the communities we work with. Viewers are able to relate and connect on a very emotional level because it offers a vivid insight into the daily lives, aspirations, and resiliency of the people we serve.

# 4. Capturing the Heart of Each Project

Video highlights each project's spirit and heart, going beyond facts and figures. It displays the real-world experiences, feelings, and cultural diversity that characterize our work. We highlight the effects of our programs on individuals, families, and entire communities through compelling graphics and anecdotes, which helps people relate to and be inspired by our purpose.



# **Inspiring Stories**

# From Fields to Hope:

# **Eduard's Journey as a Rice Farmer's Son**

When Jose glimpsed a shadow, his heart skipped a beat as he peered into the dense rice stalks. His mind immediately turned to the awful tale of a fellow rice farmer from a nearby village who had been bitten by the infamous Philippine cobra, which was known to lurk in these fields and feed on rats.

Eduard, his son, stood behind him rigidly, realizing the seriousness of the warning. When they realized it was merely a shadow, they sighed a breath of relief.

They went back to their laborious rice harvesting work knowing there would be additional difficulties throughout the day and that the approaching grain threshing would not bring any relief.

Even though they worked nonstop, the landowner only paid for the costs, not the effort, thus they only earned a little share of the produce.

Jose and Eduard struggled daily to make ends meet on \$6. Even if they could get there, they couldn't pay the \$10 transportation fee, so visiting the hospital in an emergency was out of the question.

When their local church collaborated with the Bayanihan Project to provide chances to suffering people, their lives took a hopeful turn.



# Changing Lives in Sierra Madre's Heartland with Deep Wells: Watering Hope

Filipino farmers like Albert Adriano struggle against the harsh summer sun and a lack of water in the searing heat of the Sierra Madre foothills. For these farmers, their little parcels of land provide a safety net that keeps their families out of the shadow of abject poverty. Albert travels a rigorous distance to the closest creek every day in the hopes of gathering enough water to irrigate his crops. However, this water source is erratic and frequently insufficient to support their agricultural activities. These farmers are left at the whim of erratic weather when the stream inevitably dries up, and a poor harvest could result in hunger and misery. The hard work is not worth giving up on. Albert and his fellow farmers know that giving up is not an option because farming is more than simply a way of life for them.

A partnership between <u>Green Earth Heritage</u> and the Bayanihan Project has provided optimism in the face of this difficult reality. A deep well was built as a result of this collaboration, with considerable funding provided by the Bayanihan Project. With the help of this deep well, farmers like Albert will finally have a dependable source of water for their crops throughout the entire year, free from the stress of the sweltering summer months. This program not only improves the quality of their lives but also cultivates agricultural communities that can survive under the most challenging circumstances. With your assistance, more rural people in the Philippines may have access to this essential resource, promoting sustainability and resilience. Join us in this effort to provide these communities more power and resources.

