

CARMEN SUSTAINABLE UPLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Report/Plan December 2009

REPORT of DECEMBER

The month of December highlights the formal closing ceremonial of the 2-year project Carmen Sustainable Upland Development. . The efforts and hard work of our Rotarians (both RC Davao and the funding Rotary Canada) and farmers are paid off because the main objectives of implementation are achieved: the tree plantings and the goat for enterprise development as a sub-project. However, it was noted also that, although both activities are in good progress, it gives the impression that one more year is needed for consolidation. Thus, for future replications in neighboring villages, a total of 3-years have been projected: 2 years with in each semester a new batch of farmers and 1 year for enterprise development and consolidation. To enable us to pursue the implementation of the 3rd year, we are looking hard for funding for this. In fact, any project of this kind needs 6 to 9 years before it is fully sustainable in economical and ecological sense; the basic commodities are forest trees and fruit trees that are only mature after 6-9 years.

- 1) The planned activities for the first part of December such as goat husbandry and enterprise development training was postponed as well as the forest/fruit tree planting. It was decided during the monthly PME meeting that the best time to pursue it is around Christmas or New Year combined with a formal project closing ceremonial (of the existing 2-year part);
 - 2) A standard PME meeting has been held on 16 December;
 - 3) The goat husbandry training was deferred to 22 December;
 - 4) Forest and fruit tree planting was held last on 30 December;
 - 5) The enterprise training will be proposed for next year (2010).
- a) Hedgerow planting – The (7) farmers are all ready to continue with forest and fruit tree planting, although entering the planned trees in the logbooks revealed several inconsistencies regarding the number and the area available; therefore Zandro is asked during the 16 December PME meeting to review the numbers and to discuss revision of plans.
 - b) Goat husbandry training – A one-day training has been held on 22 December at the DA-FITS Center in Father Selga st. Davao City: 6 lecture presentations have been attended during morning and early afternoon by selected farmers, Rtn Yos, Agri-Extensionist Ben, and the MAO. In the afternoon, the Dairy Farm of Mr. Darwin Tinasas has been visited and an agreement for delivery and support of goat husbandry at the learning center with 6 goats has been made. Zandro also agreed to fast track the finishing of the goat house after which Mr. Darwin will inspect and deliver the animals early January 2010.
 - c) Forest tree / Fruit tree planting – On Tuesday 29 December, together with the formal closing ceremonial, a tree delivery and planting activity had been combined. We are honored with the presence of PD Wiebe and his wife and Rotary-ann Bea whom were in Davao for the seasons holiday. Also were Ben, Alex and Brian of PCEEM.
 - d) Enterprise development – This activity had been scheduled to take place after the goat training and it seems better to start this activity, including consolidation, in the scope of a 3rd year extension in 2010.

Gifts obtained:	Lechon (RCD), petrol costs (Wiebe & Bea), Drinks (Jos & Jane)	3,813 Php
Costs made:	Transport costs for meetings, trainings and seminars	4,200 Php
	Forest trees / Fruit trees, hauling (including fruit trees for delivery in January)	3,025 Php
	Food (Farmers' contribution in kind not calculated)	3,313 Php

PLAN for JANUARY 2010

- 1) Check goat house, buy and deliver goats: 1♂ and 5♀ (1st or 2nd week).
- 2) Standard meeting on 3rd Wednesday in Carmen: 20 January.

Costs expected:	Transport costs	1,000 PhP
	Goats and hauling Carmen-DA	25,000 PhP
	Seedlings and hauling	3,000 PhP

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Attendance list Carmen meeting 16 Dec (Zandro, Ben, Jos)
- 2) Attendance list Carmen training 22 Dec (Zandro, Lita, Antonio, Magno, Jos, Ben, MAO)
- 3) Attendance list Carmen tree distribution and planting 30 Dec (see list below)
- 4) List beneficiaries of distributed forest and fruit trees, 30 December 2009

Davao, 25 January 2010. JB - BH

PHOTOS

PME meeting, 16 December 2009



Discussing farm logbooks with Rtn. Yos



Discussing goat house construction with Lita and Zandro



Goat husbandry training, 22 December 2009



FITS Manager Marie Ann Constantino gives opening remarks



Farmers are listening attentively as Mr. Darwin Tinasas gives his presentation



Visit at the Dairy Farm of Mr. Darwin Tinasas

Forest / Fruit trees planting, 30 December 2009



Farmers on the move..



Rotary Ann Bea



PD Wiebe



Opening message by PD Wiebe



Zandro gives message in behalf of CASAFE



Rotary-Ann Jane

List beneficiaries of distributed forest and fruit trees, 30 December 2009

Name	Narra*	Gmelina*	Mangium*	Falcata**	Flower tree*	Mangosteen
Total:	50	50	50	220	50	35
Elisa Credo	3	-	3	20	3	-
Belen Viloría	3	-	3	-	3	-
Joseph Madria	3	10	3	20	3	9
Magno E.	3	-	3	-	3	9
Virgilia C.	9	-	3	50	3	7
Andres	4	-	3	20	3	5
Rogelia F.	3	3	3	50	3	7
Lita T.	3	-	3	60	3	-
Imelda dela T	3	-	3	-	3	-
Jenny Yu	3	3	3	-	3	-
R V	-	-	3	-	3	-
Escartin	3	-	3	-	3	-
Nicolas F.	3	-	3	-	3	1
Antonio M.	3	-	3	-	-	-
Learning Center	10	20	10	-	15	-

* from CENRO Bangkal (donation)

** from nursery learning center

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