

**IKAW-AKO/PEMO/SNCDMC – JICA Grass Root Support Project: Entitled  
“IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH REFORESTATION.”**

**STATUS REPORT**  
November 07 – March 2009

**I. OBJECTIVES**

The project Improvement of Quality of Life through Reforestation has the following objectives to, wit:

1. Reforest thirty (30) hectares of vacant mangrove area in Southern Negros in three (3) years;
2. Augment income of the community involve in the reforestation project by providing financial support/assistance thru alternative livelihood;
3. Established an experimental nursery for two common and indigenous mangrove species (Sonneratia or “pagatpat” and Avicennia or “bungalon) to be utilized as planting material in mangrove areas where the substrate is not suitable for “bakhaw”
4. Provide Environmental Education Program together with local Educational Institutions.

**II. ACCOMPLISHMENT**

To date, the project in coordination with the following agencies the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental thru its Provincial Environment Management Office (PEMO), Ikaw-Ako Japan Negros Partnership for Environmental Protection and the member LGUs (Cauayan, Sibalay City & Hinoba-an) of the Southern Negros Coastal Development Management Council (SNCDMC) was able to accomplished the following:

a. MANGROVE REFORESTATION

<b>Project Site</b>	<b>No. of Seedlings</b>	<b>Hectares</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>
<b>A. Hinoba-an</b>	<b>27,000</b>		<b>85,600.00</b>
1. Brgy. Bacuyangan	14,000		44,600.00
2. Brgy. Pook	13,000		41,000.00
<b>B. Sibalay City</b>	<b>56,000</b>		<b>180,000.00</b>
1. Brgy. 4	10,500		23,500.00
2. Brgy. 5	7,000		29,000.00
3. Brgy. Cayhagan	41,000		127,500.00
<b>C. Cauayan</b>	<b>22,780</b>		<b>75,040.00</b>
1. Brgy. Inayawan	7,000		28,500.00
2. Brgy. Lina-on	8,000		21,500.00
3. Brgy. Caliling	7,780		25,040.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105,780</b>		<b>340,640.00</b>



←Mangrove planting and Coastal Clean up in Brgy. Caliling Feb. 16

←Mangrove planting in Brgy. Pook. May 30

### b. NURSERY ESTABLISHMENT

IKAW-AKO and PEMO have provided technical assistance to the POs about nursery establishment. Three (3) mangrove nurseries has been established in Brgy. Bacuyangan in Hinoba-an with 11,000 propagules, Brgy. Cayhagan in Sipalay City with 11,500 propagules and Brgy. Caliling in Cauayan with 2,000 propagules. To date a total of 8,980 propagules had been outplanted. There are still many seedlings under propagation.



Mangrove nursery in Brgy. Cayhagan

### c. LIVELIHOOD

As part of the objectives to improve the living standard of the coastal community, **“Milkfish Production”** a Mangrove Friendly Livelihood Project were provided to Cayhagan Small Fishermen Multi Purpose Cooperative (MPC) with 54 active members. Last February 19, 2009, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the IKAW-AKO represented by its President Dr. Yorihsa Goto and Cayhagan Small Fishermen Multi Purpose Cooperative (MPC) represented by its Chairman Ms. Rosemary Estellena. Fund amounting to P50,000.00 were provided as start-up capital for said livelihood project. In return the PO shall plant and maintain 10,000 Bakhaw and 4,000 Pagatpat or Bungalon seedlings at a distance of 2m×2m equivalent to 6 has. Ten percent of the profit from this project shall be used for the future maintenance and mangrove planting activities. The capital was delivered on February 25, 2009 and the fingerlings were released on March 30, 2009.



MOA signing in Brgy. Cayhagan

#### d. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



IKAW-AKO and PEMO had a meeting with the teacher in charge in community organization from NESCA Cauayan Campus for three times. The project manager had attended the class several times and conduct site visit together with the students and the teacher. The students had already established mangrove nursery but could not yet out plant the seedlings. Continued communication and meeting with NESCA is being done by the Project Manager.

←Having lecture in NESCA Cauayan Campus at Community Organization class about mangrove reforestation program. July 16.

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