



RfP Philippines Youth Committee Multi-religious Humanitarian in response to COVID-19 TO GET THERE: REACHING OUT TO THE UNHEARD

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This project by the *Religions for Peace* Philippines Youth Committee is a response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to the different communities in Metro Manila, Philippines who are receiving less attention and help in this time of crisis. The Youth Committee aims to provide food packages and/or sanitation essentials to the communities of garbage collectors, indigenous communities, street sweepers, informal settlers, displaced contractual workers and small churches, mosques, and temples.

In order to efficiently provide aid to the target communities, the Youth Committee has organized a special team to work on the project. This team is further divided into two to distribute the different tasks needed to be accomplished for the success of the project. This team is both supervised and involved in by the two project heads, Louise Obispo and Kaye Jimenez, and the Chair of the Subcommittee on Projects and Advocacies, Ricks Santos.

The first team, the Food and Sanitation Essentials Team (FSET), is composed of Selena Lim and Fatima Lotoc. While the second team, the Point Persons Team (PPT), is composed of Gino Sanchez, John Medina, Ciara Piñol, Ricks Santos, Fatima Lotoc, and Kaye Jimenez.

This week, the PPT members and Project Heads continued to work on getting the packages of food and/or sanitation essentials to the beneficiaries. They continued coordinating with their respective contact person for each beneficiary to make sure that the packages can be delivered at the right place and time.

On the 28th of June, the second delivery was made to the Dumagat community for the remaining kilos of rice allotted for their community. On the 1st of July, the sanitation essentials and printed materials were delivered to Masjid Al-Khair, Masjid Hadji Salik Muhammad, and Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation. On the 2nd of July, the Soc Yan Temple received their own sanitation essentials and printed materials as well. On the same day, 20 packages were distributed to the informal settlers in the Lumontad Compound, Fairview and three packages were given to the families of three outpatients who have the Corona Virus Disease.

A Letter of Gratitude as well as a soft copy of the poster, the media pack and two-pager of the Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID, and the publication materials on COVID created by the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee were shared to Brother Martin of the *Punduhan ng mga Dumagat*, Khalil M. Pandapatan of the Al Huda Mosque, Thalia Yusop of the Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation, Rev. Crisencio Agbayani, JR. of the LGBT's Christian Church Inc., and to Brother Ira Ogatis of the Grace Life Church of Payatas, for the benefit of their whole community and facility.

A. Distribution Food and Sanitation Essentials Package with the Good Shepherd Cathedral

After the distribution of the packages to the Ulna Compound and to the additional individuals who reached out to the Good Shepherd Cathedral, the volunteers performed an inventory of the packages stored in the Good Shepherd Cathedral. In total, 34 packages were accounted for.

On the 2nd of July, 20 of these extra packages were distributed to the Informal Settlers in the Lumontad Area of Fairview, Quezon City. On the same day, three packages were given to the families of three outpatients who have the Corona Virus Disease.

Upon distributing these packages to each community, their demographics were also taken note of.

B. Dumagat Community

On the 26th of June, the first delivery to the *Punduhan ng mga Dumagat* was made. As mentioned in the previous report, this was possible through the coordination of Ricks Santos, Kaye Jimenez, Bro. Martin Francisco, and the delivery service.

The 2nd delivery to the community was made on the 28th of June. This delivery brought the remaining 190 kilograms of rice from Fairview, Quezon City to Norzagaray, Bulacan City. Bro. Martin made sure to document the rice that they received and shared his documentation to Kaye.

The reimbursement of the delivery fee for both services were requested and transferred on the 29th and 30th of June respectively. Lastly, on the 2nd of July a Letter of Gratitude and a soft copy of the poster, the media pack and two-pager of the Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID, and the publication materials on COVID created by the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee were shared to Bro. Martin for the benefit of the whole community.

C. Churches

After completing all deliveries to the LGBT's Christian Church Inc. and the Grace Life Church of Payatas, a final email was sent to both facilities. This email included a Letter of Gratitude and a soft copy of the poster, the media pack and two-pager of the Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID, and the publication materials on COVID created by the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee were shared to them for the benefit of the whole community and facility.

D. Mosque/Masjids

On the 1st of July, Wednesday, John Medina and Kaye Jimenez personally delivered the sanitation essentials and printed materials to Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation, Masjid Al-Khair, and Masjid Hadji Salik Muhammad.

First, Kaye and John travelled to Las Piñas City to meet Thalia Yusop, the contact person and daughter of the CEO of Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corp. After meeting up with her, she accompanied them to Masjid Al-Khair in Las Piñas City and then to the Masjid Hadji Salik Muhammad in Parañaque City.

In Masjid Al-Khair they met with Ustad Habib Abiden, and at Masjid Hadji Salik Muhammad they met Ustad Khalid Macarampat. For both locations, Thalia Yusop assisted them in explaining the project, its intentions, as well as the packages that the team has given. She also helped them in explaining the pledge, poster, and the Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID.

On the same day, the certificate, pledge, poster, and Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID were presented to Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation. In return, they presented a Certificate of Donation to the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee signed by Ustad Habib Abiden of Masjid Al-Khair, Ustad Khalid Macarampat of Masjid Hadji Salik Muhammad, and HM Omarmaya Datu Tamano Marlon Inok Yusop the CEO of Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation and of the Royal House of Omarmaya of Maguindanao Mindanaue Darusalam

After completing all of the deliveries, Thalia Yusop expressed her gratitude for being a partner for this project. She also urged the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee to contact her again if there is any other project that Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corp. and the Islam Community can take part of. She was affirmed that the committee will keep them in mind for the future projects.

To conclude the project with these beneficiaries and partner, John sent a Letter of Gratitude and a soft copy of the poster, the media pack and two-pager of the Filipino *RfP* Messages on COVID, and the publication materials on COVID created by the *RfP* Philippines Youth Committee to Khalil M. Pandapatan of the Al Huda Mosque and Thalia Yusop of the Bio-Fil Pharma Marketing Corporation for the benefit of their facilities and communities.

E. Temples

On the 1st of July, Ciara Piñol informed Ms. Susan Garzon, the contact person from the Soc Yan Temple, that the delivery of the sanitation essentials will be done on the following day. Ciara gathered more information needed such as the temple's exact address and landmarks, the contact person for the deliveries, as well as the convenient time to deliver the items.

On the 2nd of July, the sanitation essentials as well as the printed materials were delivered to the Soc Yan Temple. First, Kaye Jimenez collected the alcohol, disinfectant solution, and printed materials from Ciara's residence. She then delivered these items to the Soc Yan Temple.

Upon arriving there, Kaye was welcomed by Sister Norma who received all of the items as well as the printed materials. She enumerated and explained the items that were brought and made sure to document the receipt of the items.

As for the other temple that the team will be helping, team members are still looking for another facility that they can extend their help to. This week, they reached out to Jaymee Albos, the Organization Representative from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for assistance in looking for other facilities that the project can help.