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CODE-NGO joins the Lakbay Buhay Caravan to Oppose Death Penalty

As one of the convenors of Lakbay Buhay (Journey for Life), a 21-day march-caravan of core pilgrims from Cagayan de Oro City in Mindanao to the Senate in Manila to campaign against the reinstatement of death penalty, the members of CODE-NGO have actively participated in the activities organized in several key cities/provinces (Cebu, Eastern Samar, Sorsogon, Legazpi, Naga, Quezon City and Manila), together with other civil society groups, including human rights advocates, people's organizations and church people. The 15 core pilgrims come from various sectors - farmers, fishers, indigenous people, workers, urban poor and members of communities affected by mega dam and economic zone operations.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/code-ngo-joins-lakbay-buhay-caravan-oppose-death-penalty/>

DCSA-JP plays host to "LakbayBuhay"

Mario Ian N. Mosquisa

The Diocesan Commission on Social Action-Justice and Peace (DCSA-JP) of Borongan played host to the "Lakbay Buhay" campaigners who were accompanied by Rev. Fr. Robert Reyes, nationally known as the "Running Priest", who advocates for social causes through running and preaching. No less than the Bishop of Borongan, Most Reverend Crispin B. Varquez, DD, Rev Fr. Juderick Paul L. Calumpiano, the Social Action Director and his Associate Director, Mr. Mario Ian N. Mosquisa warmly welcomed the campaigners last May 12, 2017 in the Diocese of Borongan, Borongan City, Eastern Samar. Both Fr. Calumpiano and Mr. Mosquisa are also active members of the Board of ESDEV (Eastern Samar Initiative for Empowerment & Development) and EVNet (Eastern Visayas Network of NGOs and POs).

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/dcsa-jp-plays-host-lakbaybuhay/>

Financial Management Training for CSOs

Dimple Labios-Demata

Another accomplishment for the Strengthening Decentralized Governance (Strengthening DG) Project was the successful Financial Management Training for the Bicol region last May 2-3, 2017 held in Naga City, Camarines Sur. This was co-organized by the Strengthening DG Project and the Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD), one of its implementing partners, headed by its project team composed of Ronel Obar and Jessica Capricho with Joy Oropesa-Banares, Executive Director of CBD. Ms. Banares welcomed the participants and opened the program on the first day. Clarence Faye Salvador, Strengthening DG Project Officer, with Aileen Bucasas and Dimple Demata of the Finance and Administration

Unit of CODE-NGO, facilitated the 2-day activity. It was well-attended and participated in by the different Finance and Program Officers of CBD's provincial networks and base organizations - Albay Provincial Network for Development (ALPRODEV), Bugkos Catandungan (Catanduanes), Camarines Sur Network (CAMSURNET), Caritas Virac, Network of Sustainable Livelihood Catalysts, Inc. (NSLC), Provincial Alliance of NGOs and POs for Development (PANGOPOD), Social Pastoral Action Center Foundation, Inc. (SPACFI) of Daet, and Socio-Pastoral Action Multi-purpose Cooperative (SPAMPC).

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/financial-management-training-csos/>

Civil Society gathers to share findings and analysis on the DRRM Fund Watch Project

John Joel de Guzman

Quezon City – The DRRM Fund Watch is a Making All Voices Count (MAVC) funded project of CODE-NGO. The project was conceptualized to include citizen participation in monitoring public funds most specially those used for disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM). Last May 1 and 2, 2017, partner local civil society organizations (CSOs) from Partnership of Philippine Support Services Agencies (PhilSSA), Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET), Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE), Eastern Visayas Network of NGOs and POs (EVNet), and Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD) met together for the National Conference of the project to share success stories, gains, and areas for improvement of the project.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/civil-society-gathers-share-findings-analysis-data-gathered-drrm-fundwatch-project/>

Perception Survey of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on Government and Civil Society 2016

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The Perception Survey of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on Government and Civil Society is an annual survey conducted by the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO). It started in 2014 as a means to gauge the satisfaction ratings of civil society leaders across the Philippines on the performance of the government and the CSO sector. It also looks into the trust levels of CSO leaders in different government positions/officials and various types of civil society organizations. Some highlights of the 2016 survey: the satisfaction with the national government dropped to 2.90 from 3.24 in 2015; the highest trust level was given to the Vice-President, while it was the President in 2015; and for both rounds, the most trusted among the institutions are the NGOs while the least trusted are political parties.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/perception-survey-civil-society-organizations-csos-government-civil-society-2016/>

PBSP's 'Ready for School' turns 10

Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) celebrates its 10th Ready for School (RFS) campaign. The annual initiative which will run throughout the month of May will engage various companies from all over the country.

RFS gathers over 700 employee-volunteers from participating companies who prepare various public schools nationwide in time for the opening of the school year in June. The activities include repainting of school chairs and blackboards, covering of books, construction of reading nooks and, and cleaning up classrooms.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/pbsps-ready-school-turns-10/>

CORDNET holds 18th General Assembly

Dom-an Macagne

Celebrating the 18th General Assembly of the Cordillera Network of Development NGOs and POs, Inc (CORDNET) with the theme “Sustaining Partnerships, Building Resilience and Growing amid Change”, fifty-two (52) delegates from five provinces of the Cordillera region gathered last May 12, 2017 at the Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary in Baguio City.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/cordnet-holds-18th-general-assembly/>

Nationwide Protests vs Co-op Tax Exemption Repeal

The 14-million-strong cooperative sector gathered in separate locations nationwide in a series of Regional Show of Force beginning on April 29, 2017, culminating on May 4 in the National Capital Region (Metro Manila).

“It is an expression of solidarity to the poor who will be affected by the possible repeal of the tax exemption of the Cooperatives,” said the Philippine Cooperative Center in a statement.

The cooperators are protesting the repeal clauses in House Bill 4774 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Bill (TRAIN Bill) authored by the Department of Finance, and filed in Congress by Quirino Representative Dakila Cua.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/nationwide-protests-vs-tax-exemption-repeal/>

Cebu Commences the 1st Provincial Youth Fair 2017

Mary Rose Malay

The youth plays a vital role in our society and in our nation as a whole. It is believed that they are the “hope of our future.” In fact, youth is considered as the key sector in nation-building as recognized by our country, in which legislations are made to provide spaces of engagement for the young people in the policy-making and program implementations that will cater to their interests and welfare, uphold their virtues and values, and strengthen their integrity and well-being in becoming a well-developed individuals. However, not all youth are aware of this role that they have. Not all youth enjoy the benefits of being involved in the different youth programs and activities provided by the government and other concerned agencies. Only a few of them have known that the issues revolving around our country are greatly affecting them in all aspects of living.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/cebu-commences-1st-provincial-youth-fair-2017/>

CBD celebrates 18th General Assembly and 21st Anniversary

Jessica F. Capricho

“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, Wonderful things can be achieved” – Mattie Stepanek

Not the scorching heat of the sun, nor the thorny grasses nor the weakened bones coming with age could stop the eagerness of each provincial network (PN) to participate and win during the CSO-lympics, being part of the two-day General Assembly (GA) of the Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD) last April 21-22, 2017 at Penafrancia Resort, Naga City.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/cbd-celebrates-18th-general-assembly-21st-anniversary/>

Open Heart Foundation conducts training on “Case Management Protocol in Handling Child Abuse Cases”

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The Open Heart Foundation is an active member-organization of the National Council of Social Development (NCSD). Its programs are focused on the four basic rights of children as grouped by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as: Survival, Development, Protection and Participation Rights.

Open Heart Foundation Worldwide, Inc. (OHFWI) is a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization founded by Robert LeGore in 1992. Robert LeGore was an American barrister who served as public defender for youth offenders in the USA. He believed that if children and youth are given the opportunities and experiences by which to develop their potentials, they would become self-directed, responsible, creative and productive members of society.

Last February 28 to March 1, 2017, the Open Heart Foundation conducted a training on **“CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL IN HANDLING CHILD ABUSE CASES”**. This was participated in by thirty (30) pax from multi-disciplinary teams that address child abuse cases. They were composed of social workers, Philippine National Police (PNP), Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) desk officers and Municipal Health Office (MHO) representatives from the LGUs of Carmona, Silang and GMA in the province of Cavite. This is one of the major training workshops that the Foundation had conducted for 2017 under its Child Abuse Prevention and Community Intervention Program (CAPCIP).

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/05/open-heart-foundation-conducts-training-case-management-protocol-handling-child-abuse-cases/>

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