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CODE-NGO Members' Humanitarian Response to Communities Affected by Typhoons Lawin (Haima) and Nina (Nock-ten)

Roselle Rasay

Super Typhoon Lawin (Haima) made landfall on Penablanca, Cagayan on October 19, 2016. It had a massive 800-km diameter and led to placing 5 provinces under signal number 5 and 5 other provinces under signal number 4 in Northern Luzon, Cagayan Valley and Cordillera.

It took some time for CODE-NGO member networks and organizations in the affected area to send community damage and needs assessments, particularly from Cordillera. On a regular day, communication and transportation are already difficult in the mountainous terrain of the region, much more when Typhoon Lawin damaged major roads and brought landslides.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/code-ngo-members-humanitarian-response-communities-affected-typhoons-lawin-haima-nina-nock-ten/>

2015 CSO Sustainability Index for Asia

A report on the strength and viability of civil society sectors in 7 Asian countries

USAID has published its 2015 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Sustainability Index for Asia, with CODE-NGO producing the report for the Philippines. The report says that the civil society sector in the Philippines “has the strongest overall sustainability among seven (7) countries participating in the study, followed by Bangladesh. In the Philippines, CSOs benefit from a supportive legal framework that facilitates registration; ability to operate freely; various government grant programs; a variety of mechanisms to engage in policy-making processes; long-established networks that provide training and resources to other CSOs, and positive government perception of CSO work.”

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/2015-cso-sustainability-index-asia/>

CODE-NGO Celebrates 25 Years of Collaboration and Impact for Social Development

QUEZON CITY —CODE-NGO, a coalition of development-focused civil society organizations (CSOs), held its 25th anniversary and Social Development Celebration (SocDev2016) at the Sequoia Hotel in Quezon City from November 23-24, 2016. The event, the largest gathering of CSOs in the development sector, was attended by more than 200 representatives from the coalition's 12 member networks, along with esteemed resource persons from the political, economic, and socio-civic sectors.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/code-ngo-celebrates-25-years-collaboration-impact-social-development/>

CODE-NGO 25th Anniversary Book Higit Pa: Reaching Beyond What We Aim For

A Salute to Committed Citizens Changing the World

Renowned American anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

The growing legacy of CODE-NGO through the years is how its members and programs have strived to cultivate these "game-changers," these dedicated members of communities and organizations taking on varying social issues through innovation, information, and participation.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/higit-pa-reaching-beyond-aim/>

NGO Leaders Hold Noise Barrage to Condemn Marcos Burial at Libingan ng mga Bayani

Delegates of the 25th National General Assembly of the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) went out to the streets today and held a noise barrage to protest and condemn the burial of the remains of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Shouting "Hindi Bayani si Marcos!", CODE-NGO leaders and members denounced the rushed and secretive burial ceremonies of the former president last November 18, 2016.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2016/11/ngo-leaders-hold-noise-barrage-condemn-marcos-burial-libingan-ng-mga-bayani/>

SocDev2016 Youth Video Awards Winners

With the goal of promoting the development work of the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) and its member networks and their respective member base organizations as well as to get the youth interested in the work of civil society organizations (CSOs), the SocDev2016 Youth Video Awards was opened by CODE-NGO to Filipinos aged 15 to 25 years old; students or out-of-school youth; amateur filmmakers (not professionals in the field of audio-visual production) and creative story-tellers.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/socdev2016-youth-video-awards-winners/>

Chairperson's Message to the General Assembly

Our 25th year has been pivotal for CODE-NGO as we continue to pursue our mission to be a trusted national voice of civil society and to advance the capacities of our members for transformative leadership, and our vision of a developed, just and sustainable Philippine society. Our silver anniversary has been shaped by historical events in our country and in our world. This fiscal year 2015 to 2016 marks the 30th year of the People Power Revolution, 25th year of the Local Government Code, historic signing of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, ratification of the Climate Change Agreement and, more critically, a change in the country's political leadership after the May 2016 national and local elections.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/chairpersons-message-general-assembly/>

SocDev 2016 Closing Remarks

Cecile Alcantara

Good afternoon everyone!

We are at the homestretch of the celebration of CODE NGO's 25th anniversary and the Social Development Celebration 2016.

The past days have allowed us to discuss and reflect on the global-local situation that impacts our work now and in the years to come. We had break-out sessions on various current events and topics relevant to our development work.

These, and our suggestions for the direction of CODE-NGO in the next 5 years will help us collectively define our Strategic Plan for 2018-2022.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/socdev-2016-closing-remarks/>

Building Capacities Towards CSO Network Sustainability

In the course of implementing the mentoring component of the Strengthening the Capacities of Philippine CSOs Project, a 3-year project (2012-2015) of USAID and a consortium of CSOs, which was led by Ayala Foundation (AFI) and which included CODE-NGO, capacity building concerns that are unique to CSO networks surfaced. These include managing vertical and horizontal relationships within the network's membership, ensuring quality and equal opportunities for participation of members and how these relate to effective governance of the network, and sustaining the network despite internal and external challenges, among others. These concerns, inherent to CSO networks, were not explicitly covered in the main capacity building interventions that were provided by the project to the participating CSOs as only a small minority of them were CSO networks. Yet these are major considerations that need to be addressed to strengthen the capacity of CSO networks.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/01/building-capacities-towards-cso-network-sustainability/>

Drug war unsettles civil society in the Philippines

Since assuming power in May 2016 Philippines, President Rodrigo Duterte has embarked on a controversial campaign against drugs in which over 3 000 people have been killed over three months in extra judicial killings for allegedly being drug peddlers or users. CIVICUS speaks to Roselle Rasay of Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), the largest umbrella body of civil society organisations in the Philippines. She speaks on the situation of human rights in the Philippines and those speaking out against the drug war.

Read more:

<http://civicus.org/index.php/media-resources/news/2676-drugs-war-unsettles-civil-society-in-philippines>

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The Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) is the country's largest coalition of civil society organizations (CSOs) working for social development, with its 6 national networks and 6 regional networks representing more than 1,600 development NGOs, people's organizations (POs) and cooperatives nationwide. It is the trusted national voice of CSOs and it exercises transformative leadership.

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We are interested to hear about social development initiatives of non-profit organizations from all over the Philippines. If you are willing to share your news or resources through the CODE-NGO e-News, we invite you to submit your contributions to caucus@code-ngo.org. Materials should not be more than 1MB and can be in Open Office, MS Word or PDF format. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the CODE-NGO e-News, or for any comments, e-mail us at caucus@code-ngo.org.