

Organisadong Damayan

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Mobilizing social capital

- As people, especially the poor, suffer losses in income (financial capital) and have limited opportunities to make use of their skills (human capital) during the lockdowns caused by the pandemic, are there ways of mobilizing social capital to make up for these losses?



Social capital theory

- People can combine and make use of different forms of capital (physical, human, cultural, financial, social) to improve their lives
- Social capital can make up for deficiencies in other forms of capital
- Important elements of social capital = trust and social networks
- Studies among the Filipino poor have shown that the poor have abundant bonding capital (trust within their family and circle of friends) but little bridging capital (connections of trust with persons or institutions outside family and friends)



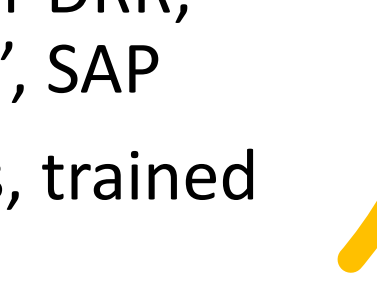
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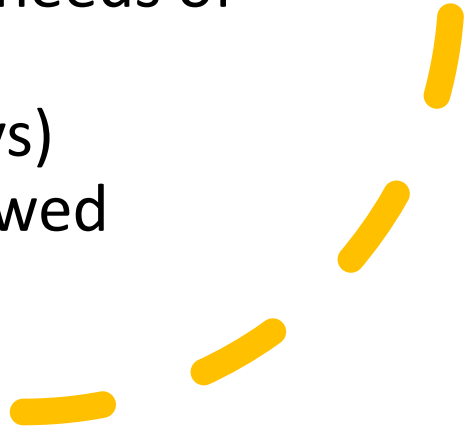
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Baseco:
Caring for
community
members
and family
members in
quarantine

- Baseco – an urban poor community of 22,417 families
 - Linking communities with local institutions
 - Community association of 700 members
 - Years of building a relationship with the barangay on housing and DRR-related concerns
 - Built up a database on the 22,417 families in partnership with the barangay for DRR; facilitated distribution of “ayuda”, SAP
 - Mobilized community volunteers, trained them
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Baseco: Caring for community members and family members in quarantine

- Training of 4 barangay health workers (BHWs), 4 community leaders, 12 community volunteers as quarantine frontliners
 - Training sessions provided by health NGO on covid-19 management and response, gender sensitivity, psycho-social support, best practices in covid-19 quarantine management, interviewing, safety protocols, use of PPEs; some of the training also included community members under quarantine
 - Devised a system for providing the needs of people and family members under quarantine (e.g. food good for 3 days) immediately after they are interviewed
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Baseco: Caring
for community
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family
members in
quarantine -
Outcomes

- Removed the trauma and stigma of being COVID-19 positive:

“Nawala iyong trauma ng mga nagpapa positive sa test na sila ay madi discriminate at mag-iisa.”


- Support system for daily needs

“Malaking tulong na iyong pamilya na naka quarantine ay may natatawagan o grupo ng mga tao na puede nilang hingan ng tulong mula sa pagbili ng kung anu-ano para sa kanila. tulad nung minsan may naubusan ng gasul o may kailangan bilingin na mga gamot at gatas ng bata ay may nakakausap sila o nakakatext ”

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Outcomes

- Increased bonding within the community
“Kuwento nga ng mga volunteer naging ka close nila iyong kanilang mga binabantayan maging hanggang ngayon marami daw kasing naging iyakan sessions nung nakaquarantine tapos naging morale booster nila iyong mga nagbabantay sa kanila sa labas.”
- Removed discrimination against COVID-19 infected persons
“Maganda din sa programa kasi nawala iyon discrimination sa mga nagpa-positive sa test - narealize ng marami na hindi naman nila kasalanan na sila ay mag positive sa Covid.”

BECs of St.
Vincent de
Paul Parish –
food security
for the
poorest
families

- BECs in the poor communities of the parish have identified poor families among its members even before the pandemic
 - Kapitbahayan was launched to ensure food supplies during the lockdown for families with PWDs, elderly, children and pregnant women
 - Using social media, donations were solicited from humanitarian organizations
 - Food supplies purchased in bulk, sold at lower price
 - Soup kitchens per prayer group of 5-10 families (arroz caldo, champorado using fortified rice from Assisi Fdn (“manna pack”))
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SUSI SA PINTUAN NG
BAGONG PAG-ASA

SULONG
SIMBAYANAN
Enterprise

TAGUYOD-SIKAP NG MGA MUMUNTING
KRISTIYANONG SIMBAYANAN NG SAN-
TUARIO PARA SA MGA MUMUNTING
KRISTIYANONG SIMBAYANAN
NI SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

Introducing our Entengpreneurs!

In this time of pandemic, amidst fear of the virus and not to mention the many negative effects of a prolonged community quarantine period, we at [#VincentHelps](#) and [Santuario De San Vicente](#) de Paul Parish and Shrine of the Poor, see opportunities of collaboration, creative pastoral response, effective and affective s... See more



Social Enterprise

- Sulong Sambahayan Enterprise – social enterprise of BECs selling rice, eggs, honey, vegetables, chicken, pickled vegetables to better-off village residents
- Poor families living under the bridge were provided income for delivering the goods
- BEC families given 45k loan for ihawan ng manok on wheels (Manok ni Enteng) to teams of 4 families per ihawan. To be launched.
- Two community gardens tended by volunteers from prayer groups, growing vegetables, herbs and ornamental plants – income goes to BECs, free soil from QC government



At times a commendable human ecology is practiced by the poor despite numerous hardships. The feeling of asphyxiation brought on by densely populated residential areas is countered if **close and warm relationships** develop,...

if the limitations of the environment are compensated for in the **interior of each person** who feels held within a network of **solidarity and belonging**. In this way, any place can turn from being a hell on earth into the setting for a dignified life.”

#Laudato Si, 148

Cultivate solidarity

How beautiful those cities which overcome paralyzing mistrust, integrate those who are different and make this very integration a new factor of development!

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Thank you!