

# KOHA Project, embracing the indigenous community

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KOHA in Maori (indigenous peoples of New Zealand) tongue translates as “a gift from the heart.” ASKI received a koha from TEAR Fund of New Zealand for the project Reinforcing Learnings for a Community Driven Development in the Philippines among the marginalized group.

ASKI as the lead implementing agency teamed up with Taytay Sa Kauswagan, Inc. (TSKI) in the Visayas, Hagdan Sa Pag- uswag Foundation, Inc. (HSPFI) in Mindanao.

KOHA’s core is to develop a culture-specific development framework that will assist indigenous communities out of poverty.

Specifically, it serves the Igorots of Maria Aurora and Nueva Ecija, Ati of Guimaras and Higaonon of Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon.

## ***Community-based organizational development***

On its second year, 326 Igorots benefitted from seminars such as “Sa Hirap at Ginhawa” Marriage course, Retreat/ Values Education Program for Youth, Financial Management, Leadership and Visioning Exercises and health orientation.

Five (5) Barangay level formations of Igorot working groups were functional and established. Committees on livelihood, infrastructure, health and environment, finance/ resource management and education/ culture were formed and produced 517 memberships.

## ***Economic Productivity Development***

Microfinance orientation for 18 farmers in Palale, General Tinio was conducted as part of extension of group/ agricultural loans. 43 farmers were also given training on Farm Management facilitated by the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Post Harvest Research and Extension (BPRE).

To enrich their source of income, a livelihood development program worth Php. 3.8Million were extended to 349 IP members.

## ***Community Development Projects***

Through partnerships of organized groups with private and local agencies, community- based socio cultural projects and services were accessed.

	Community Projects	Total # of beneficiaries
1	Dianawan Day Care Center	40 children
2	Punglo Day Care Center	36 children

3	Punglo Water System	450 HH population ( 160 HH)
4	Galintuja Elem School Building	16 pupils
5	Botika sa Barangay	1,260 individuals (166 HH)
6	Renovation of Pacugao Bridge	1,319 Igorot ( 304 HH)  1000 Ilongot ( 200 HH)
7	Release of Funds for the Solar Dyer of Sitio Anggo, Kadayakan	250 Individuals (40 Families )
8	Chairs for Kadayakan Day Care Center ( 28 pcs)	28 pupils
9	Educational Filed Trip for Day care Pupils of Galintuja	28 pupils 27 parents
10	Operation Christmas Child ( 848 gifts from SOWER Philippines.)	612 children ( COMDEV areas) 236 children (MED areas)
11	Palale Water System	2,026 individuals ( 171 HH)
12	Palale Farm to Market Road	2,026 individuals (171 HH)
13	Native Costumes and Instruments For 3 IP communities	304 HH ( Kadayakan) 166 HH ( Galintuja) 223 HH ( Dianawan)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,811</b> individual beneficiaries

### ***Mainstreaming***

Internal and External Mainstreaming activities are done regularly to ensure that Community Development (ComDev) activities and accomplishments were properly addressed. Exposure trips to Igorot communities, KOHA Program Orientation, consultation meetings with local and private partners are some of the activities that were conducted to incorporate the program.