

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Community Action, Philippines

Empowering communities to improve quality of life

In their own words

‘This Project will address a lack of social services in our partner communities and the need to educate people for advocacy and action.’
 Statement by the Episcopal Church of the Philippines



Philippines factfile

Capital: Manila
Languages: Filipino (official; based on Tagalog) and English (official)
Religion: Roman Catholic 81%, Muslim 5%, Other Christian 11.5%, Other 2.5%
Export: Electrical products, transport equipment, clothing, copper, petroleum, coconut oil, fruits, timber
Life expectancy: 70 years (men), 74 years (women) (UN, 2007)

USPG in Philippines

USPG's relationship with Anglican Churches in Philippines is relatively recent, dating back to 2003. In 2008, USPG sent 11,730 to support of the work of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £4,010 / €5,340 | Project 385**

This Project is helping the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) to develop its country-wide Social Ministries Programme (SMP), which is addressing a wide range of issues of concern to impoverished rural communities. These concerns include environmental issues, unemployment, support for families whose relatives work overseas, violence against women, land and labour disputes, and the need to respond to natural disasters. In particular, SMP aims to empower communities to mobilise themselves and initiate action to help build

a more humane and gender-sensitive society where peace and justice prevail. One strand of work is addressing gender issues. SMP is establishing women's self-help groups to help raise awareness of civil rights in a society where violence on women is alarmingly high. These groups will also provide women with skills to take on leadership roles in their communities, and provide loans for micro-enterprise schemes. Another strand of work in this multi-faceted Project is addressing environmental concerns such as mining and deforestation.

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