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**CROSSOVER** is the quarterly news bulletin of the Camillian Disaster Service International. The name **CROSSOVER** was inspired by the gospel of Mark (Mk. 4,35-41) when Jesus invited his disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake, and then a massive storm battered their boat that it almost sank. Fear had overshadowed them; Jesus rose from sleep and calmed the sea. St. Camillus himself had crossed over the confines of the hospitals when he learned about the plague-stricken people, and the victims of floods, war, and pestilence. The enormous strength and enduring compassion of the Camillians are displayed during these difficult historical moments.

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# VALUING THE RICH TRADITION OF THE CAMILLIAN MARTYRS OF CHARITY IN OUR TIME

The Camillian ministry, deeply rooted in history, has been a beacon of service to the victims of both natural and non-natural disasters. From wars to epidemics, and meteorological and geophysical disasters, the Camillians have steadfastly upheld their fourth vow, serving the suffering humanity even in the face of personal peril.

During the first three centuries of the Order's existence, serving highly contagious sick people during epidemics was the norm for the first generation of Camillians. In the 24 years of St. Camillus' Generalate, of the 311 members of the Order, 69 died infected in the fulfillment of their ministry. Until the mid-19th century, 288 names of Camillians were identified among those who died as martyrs during the "Festivals of Charity" and 10 or 15 religious died of the same cause but unknown. The worst year was in 1656 in which 96 religious died including the General Superior Fr. Marco Antonio Albiti and two Provincial Superiors of the Roman Province, Fr. Luigi Franco and Naples, Fr. Prospero Voltabio. They are the Camillian Martyrs of Charity.

The Camillians' unwavering commitment to serving the sick in the most challenging circumstances, even at the cost of their own lives, is a testament to their profound sense of responsibility. This dedication, a cornerstone of their religious life, distinguishes them as a specialized group within the Church, dedicated to ministering to the sick, even those afflicted with the most dreaded of diseases.

The invitation to be faithful to the fourth vow "etiam pestis incesserit" (always, even at the risk of one's life) is constant and unaltered today. Dedication to the point of heroism is one of the qualifying aspects of the prophetic nature of religious life, which, by its very nature, "better testifies to the new and eternal life acquired through Christ's redemption and better foretells the future resurrection and the glory of the heavenly kingdom" (Lumen Gentium, 44).

Today, it is necessary to reawaken the memory of this historical root. The commemoration dedicated to the "martyrs of charity" every 25th of May "should not be reduced to a simple moment of remembrance but should become an opportunity to draw from the memory of these brothers a renewed enthusiasm that will animate every day of the year, a ministry exposed to the foreseen or unforeseeable risks of caring for those who suffer. In this way, your Religious Family will offer its generous contribution to the reflection of the whole Church [...] (Card. Angelo Sodano, 1994).

The Camillians are traditionally associated with healthcare and healing ministries. Recognizing the interconnectedness of ecological health and human well-being enables the Camillians to expand their healing mission to include the broader concept of planetary health. In response to the cry of the earth and the poor, CADIS actively engages in addressing environmental degradation and its disproportionate impact on vulnerable communities.

By taking a proactive stance on environmental issues, the Camillians can provide leadership within the Catholic Church and the broader community. Their commitment to sustainable practices, advocacy, and education serves as an example for others,

inspiring positive change and contributing to a collective response to ecological challenges.

Through CADIS, the Camillians actively contribute to the building of ecologically converted, resilient, and sustainable communities. Through education, advocacy, and practical initiatives, they can empower communities to adapt to environmental challenges and contribute to the common good. They can respond to the urgent call for environmental stewardship and contribute to the global efforts to address the ecological crisis with faith, compassion, and action.



Aris Miranda, MI  
CADIS Director



TESTIMONY

# VOICES FROM HAITI: THE STORY AND APPEAL OF FR. ROBERT DAUDIER, A CAMILLIAN HAITIAN RELIGIOUS

*The Caribbean island is in danger of being abandoned, but the voice of those working on the ground resonates around the world*

**T**he attention on Haiti seems not to be high enough. Yet, the small Caribbean island has been experiencing a dramatic socio-political situation for months, exacerbated in recent weeks. Armed gangs sow panic in the streets, threaten the government which is unable to keep everything under control, arbitrarily kidnap for ransom and generate constant violence. Moreover, Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the world, and this crisis further widens the gap between the poor and the rich. Many international organisations have left the island and volunteers and aid workers have been evacuated. The island risks being cut off from international aid.

Although it is difficult to hope and see a glimmer of light, the Camillians in Haiti continue their services at St. Camillus Hospital in Port-au-Prince. We asked Fr. Robert Daudier, MI, to share with us how the Camillians are surviving amid the crisis.

## **I. Can you give us an overview of the political and social situation in Haiti?**

Socio political and economic chaos describes the current state of the people living on this 27,750 sq. km island. The anarchy that has been created and organized on this island is leading the population into unprecedented misery. It's time to rebuild and give hope to this miserable and destitute population.

To tell the truth, I don't know who's in charge of Port-au-Prince affairs. I wonder if there are those who look after the city, especially the population's well-being. It's chaos! A shame and confusion! The population is suffering in misery; ignored and deprived of the means to envisage a path that might give a taste of hope. Observing the governance of public affairs for more than 30 months since the onset of the crisis is burdening more our lives instead of alleviating difficulties. The gangs and bandits are taking control of the capital, paralysing almost all activities and services.

Kidnap for ransom, street blockades, checkpoints by gangs, looting stores and public offices, and vandalism by armed men

pretending to be the people's protectors. The silence of the authorities is even deafening. They welded and monopolized power but without delivering due services to the people. There is a gross and shameful scarcity of the population's basic needs, and yet a mysterious increase in the number of firearms and ammunitions used by the gangs which are not manufactured in the country but coming from abroad, and the presence and influence of foreign diplomats which is not making any difference at all in the society. It's hard for me to find the words to describe this horrendous situation, knowing that we are not permanent citizens of this earth and thus we have to do the best that we can.

## 2. How do you cope with the risks and challenges of everyday life?

In times of crisis, men of God have to be more visible and closer to the people to guarantee hope to the population for a brighter tomorrow. We must work accordingly, taking charge of the available means at hand and seeking to create initiatives according to the demands of the time. The situation calls us vividly to engage and share concrete actions and let people feel that they are not alone in this struggle. We work with what we have. We plan everything that we have to do conscious of the current condition. Regular meetings are organized with our hospital staff to assess the situation, adapt our activities as necessary, and organize

the tour of duties and responsibilities of our healthcare personnel with planned shifts and accommodations for them.

## 3. Is the hospital active and welcoming patients?

The hospital is a living sign of the life of the population in our area. Every day, we receive patients with all kinds of illnesses. We are experiencing difficulties because some of our staff, especially the healthcare professionals are leaving the country to escape from this difficult situation in Haiti. I share with you the reports on the hospital activities for the months of December 2023, February 2024 and March 2024. This will give a better understanding of the situation of our activities. (cf:ANNEX I)

## 4. What message would you like to send to the international community and political leaders?

The peace of each individual, with the possibility of having what is necessary to meet the demands of his or her life and family, can contribute to peace in the world. Let's work for peace in our families, in our countries and in the world. Let's do our best to become responsible men and women in our daily struggles. The culture of gain at all costs must be cultivated to serve the greatest number of people, and we must work with the poorest by offering them what they need for a culture of peace everywhere. The world is going through a lot of upheaval

in this post-COVID-19 time. People are suffering! Haiti, my country, with its surface area of 27,750 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of around 12 million, is not at peace and is experiencing extraordinary socio-political and economic turmoil since its independence in 1804. The people are manipulated and mistreated, and we're still waiting for someone who loves this part of the world to take charge of this republic for the benefit of the people and of the region, too.

The quality of life on this stretch of land has become very precarious. The population is languishing in abject poverty, and the hope of a better tomorrow leaves the population perplexed.

## 5. What are the most urgent needs now?

Needs: electricity, oxygen generators, 3 ultrasound machines, equipment for a neonatology department and for our laboratory, computer equipment, salary for our employees, food for the population, and general basic needs.

## 6. What can we do? What are your feelings and hopes for the future?

We are persevering with our activities and we need to consolidate them day by day because they are useful to the population. The future and the hope of a better tomorrow are for those who are fighting today despite the socio-politico-economic difficulties. Haiti will not perish, and a better tomorrow is yet to come.

HOSPITAL CENSUS	<u>Dec 2023</u>	<u>Feb 2024</u>	<u>Mar 2024</u>
Admissions	474	352	308
Observation	108	63	80
Hospitalisation	144	115	49
Treated	148	118	130
Deaths	23 (4.8%)	10 (2.8%)	9 (2.9%)
Total n. of surgeries	76	53	58
Cesarean section	30	23	18
Other maternity-related pathology	8	8	5
Surgery	25	14	19
Deaths	0	0	3

ANNEX I



## *A training for integral ecology: Laudato Si' workshop in the Philippines*

According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, the Philippines is the most at-risk country in the world under the climate crisis. It is among the world's most vulnerable nations and is threatened not only by the effects of typhoons and drought but also by human activities. The effects of these disasters cut across all sectors but disproportionately affect women, children, and other minorities.

The Climate Change Act of 2009 acknowledges the Philippines' vulnerability to climate change. It created the Climate Change Commission (CCC) to develop policies and coordinate government programs on climate change. The CCC, in turn, developed the National Climate Change Action Plan that serves as a road map for all climate change programs in the Philippines incorporated into the country's development agenda, with heightened consideration for farming and fishing industries that are highly volatile to climate change.

Catholic churches, other denominations and caused-oriented groups have gradually adopted environmental awareness into the gospel. The Catholic Church teaches that, as stewards of God's creation, humans have a responsibility towards the environment and views climate change as a moral issue that must be addressed. In 2015, Pope Francis published his second

encyclical the Laudato Si' on Care for our Common Home, whose core goals include: "response to the cry of the earth", "response to the cry of the poor", "ecological economics", "adoption of sustainable lifestyles", "ecological education", "ecological spirituality," and "community resilience and empowerment." The Synod of synodality leads environmental protection programs and capacitation as part of their pastoral care under the Laudato Si'.

The challenge is unbridled but hopeful. It is in this sense that the Central Visayas Farmers Development Center (FARDEC), with its partner POs and networks, join the campaign for environmental awareness and protection, recognizing that agriculture is severely in peril, alongside their lives and livelihood and that intersectional need for our partner peasants to become more knowledgeable on the issue of climate change adaptation is required.

Thus, FARDEC partnered with the Camillian Task Force-Philippines, Camillian Disaster Service Australia and Camillian Disaster Service International to organize a two-day activity titled "Environmental Protection Training Roll-out for Farming and Fishing Communities in Cebu and Bohol." The event took place at the Center for Development Education and Training (CENDET) in Cebu City on February 19-20, 2024. The forum was attended by a total of 101 participants representing different farmers and fisherfolk organizations from

Cebu and Bohol and guests from various civil society and religious and church-based organizations from the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, Cebu City and Lapu-lapu. Rev. Fr. Rodolfo Vicente "Dan" Cancino, Jr. M.I., Director of Camillian Task Force-Philippines, led a meaningful discussion on Laudato Si' and its Action Platform. He highlighted the interconnectedness of all living things and reiterated that care for creation is intimately connected to promoting preferential options for the poor since those with the least are most harmed by ecological degradation.

The holy mass was celebrated after the first topic on the first day by Fr. Dan of CADIS and Fr. Alan, OFM.

Atty. Christine Joy Argallo, Legal and Policy Officer of the Philippine Earth Justice Center (PJEC) discussed environmental laws and awareness, presenting the legal frameworks and constitutional rights around ecological protection in the Philippines. She emphasized the importance of public participation and consultation before executing any project.

Ms. Myrasol de la Cruz, International Linkages Officer of the Center for Environmental Concerns (CEC-PHIL), also discussed the national environmental situations which include reclamation, pollution, mining and logging, deforestation, dynamite fishing, landslides, coastal erosion, biodiversity loss, extinction, global warming and climate change as well as the threats to environmental activists.

## ACTIVITY

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TRAINING ROLL-OUT FOR FARMING AND FISHING COMMUNITIES IN CEBU AND BOHOL, PHILIPPINES

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A workshop on environmental issues that people's organizations experienced in their communities highlighted how these ecological issues affected various aspects of their lives, such as social, cultural, economic, and health. The participants presented localized actions they have been taking and their call to action, which centered on working together as communities affected by big and anti-poor projects of corporations through education and training, partnerships and networking, and advocacy, among others. There was also a call to abolish the Anti-Terror Law and the NTF-ELCAC and to continue the call to protect environmental activists and land defenders, who tried to bring attention to environmental issues in the country but were met with violence or murder, which is very crucial to ensuring the sustainability of all ecological actions and promoting social justice.

The event's first objective is to increase environmental and climate change awareness among partner people's organizations to encourage them to adopt more sustainable agriculture practices; and secondly, to strengthen linkages among POs for environmental programs and campaigns in the future. And further, to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on this planet.

One of the many environmental issues presented during the training is the Waterfront Development Reclamation Project in Bohol. During our monitoring, we found out that the heartfelt sentiments of the people, including a statement made by His Excellency Bishop Alberto Uy have reinforced Mayor Jane Yap's decision to deny entry to the proposed reclamation project in Tagbilaran City which involves the reclamation of 153 hectares of land located along the coastal areas of Barangays Mansasa, Poblacion I, Poblacion II, Cogon, Booy and Taloto. This has been made possible due to the collective effort of all sectors in the community with the Church taking the lead as responsible stewards of God's creation.

Aside from the above-mentioned issue, is the targeted 200 hectares of coastal area to be reclaimed in Minglanilla fishing grounds that will affect 500 residents in four (4) sitios in Barangay Calajaoan.



# FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, THE FILM 'THE LETTER' TRAVELS THROUGH ITALY WITH CADIS INTERNATIONAL

The fourth and fifth screening of the film inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical touched down in central Italy. After Rome, Messina and Padua, CADIS International arrived in Florence and Pescara.

On Sunday 21st April, in the shadow of the evocative setting offered by Brunelleschi's dome, the central Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Florence opened its doors to the CADIS team.

The tourists, the faithful and the curious watched the projection of the film recounting the testimony of the four representatives of the Earth invited by Pope Francis to a dialogue with him in Rome.

The Amazon, India, Senegal and Hawaii in different ways, suffered the consequences of climate change which has devastating effects on human beings, flora and fauna and marine life.

The uniqueness of this meeting lies in the proximity, for the first time, between faith and science, which thus becomes the key to reversing the effects of climate change.

At the end of the screening, those present took part in the reflection initiated by Fr. Aris Miranda, MI, CADIS Director, paraphrasing the words of Pope Francis in the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*:

*'We are not separate from the planet we share with other life forms; we are intimately connected to it and therefore we are also responsible for its care. We must move beyond an exploitative relationship with our planet to one based on stewardship and care.'*

*'People and communities must come together to ensure that those who make decisions and hold the greatest responsibility and power understand that action on these issues is a priority for the people they serve and that they are held accountable. As much as this is a time of crisis, it is also a time of opportunity: we can renew our relationship with the planet in a way that not only sustains us but also thrives and flourishes.'*

It was with the same enthusiasm that we were welcomed in Pescara, Abruzzo, on 25 May for the commemoration day of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity and the birthday of St. Camillus de Lellis.

Surrounded by the taste of saltiness but looking towards the Abruzzo Apennines, the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary hosted people of all ages.

After viewing the film, amidst the amazement and emotion of some present, a debate was opened that provided interesting food for thought. 'What can we do?', 'How can we overcome prejudice?', 'How can we forgive those who cause evil in the world?'.

This is what our journey into the communities is all about stimulating reflection and generating awareness that each of us can make a difference in our own small way.





# MARTYRS OF CHARITY: 30 YEARS OF WITNESS AND ACTION, EVEN AT THE RISK OF ONE'S OWN LIFE

*CADIS and Camillian activities around the world to celebrate the Martyrs of Charity*

On 25 May 2024, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity and the 474th anniversary of the birth of St. Camillus de Lellis.

To commemorate the heroic commitment of the Camillians who offered their lives in service to the suffering, CADIS International has relaunched the symbolic Martyrs of Charity campaign. It is an invitation to provide humanitarian assistance and to support humanitarian workers in providing aid to climate refugees, such as shelter, food, health and mental health care services. CADIS encourages particularly among the Camillians an annual contribution to its emergency fund to mobilise rapid response to climate disaster survivors.

This symbolic sum can concretely help fund the travel and logistical and medical support of CADIS personnel to organise a rapid emergency response when a disaster strikes; it can help buy basic necessities (food, water and medicine) for those affected by the disaster at least during the first month of the disaster; and it can provide access to means of communication for those affected by disasters.

In 2023, CADIS implemented four (4) emergency response projects and completed seven (7) resilience-building projects in Africa, Asia and America, benefiting over 50,000 people (17,000 households).

There is a disproportionate burden of the impact of natural disasters in low-income countries compared to high-income countries, leading to a serious situation of injustice. The high index of suffering is borne by the poorest of the poor. Here, the Camillian's fourth vow is challenged and recalled.

Every year CADIS and the Camillians promote and organise activities in their respective communities on 25 May.

## Italy

On the 24th of May (Friday), the General Secretariat for Ministry of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillians) and CADIS (Camillian Disaster Service International) Foundation organised a conference - 'The martyrdom of charity today: challenges and opportunities for the Camillian Charismatic Family'.

A moment of reflection retraced the heroic commitment of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity and discussed the new challenges through the direct testimonies of those who, today, place themselves at the service of the sick. Almost one hundred participants and eight speakers shared their views from a historical, theological and socio-contemporary perspective. After the greetings of the moderator, Fr. Medard Aboue, MI, Consultor for Ministry, Fr. Pedro Tramontin, MI, Superior General of the Order of Camillian Ministers of the Infirm, shared his greetings and reflection to those present, followed by Fr. Felice de Miranda, MI, who gave a historical excursus of the Martyrs of Charity. Fr. Aris Miranda, MI, Director CADIS International, shared the Foundation's humanitarian mission and the importance of the Camillian commitment to humanitarian work today.

At the conclusion of the first part of the conference, Fr. Giuseppe de Virgilio, a biblical scholar, provided a biblical-theological perspective of the martyrdom of charity.

The second part resumed with a panel of testimonies from the Camillian religious and lay people serving in the most difficult situations: Fr. Mathieu Ouedraogo, MI, a surgeon working in Pescara shared his medical and pastoral experience during the first dramatic months of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Following, Dr Enrico di Salvo, surgeon and lay missionary to Benin, took us around the world with his numerous missions in the most difficult medical and socio-political conditions in Africa. Sister Maria Ruby Chilito Penagos, a nurse from the congregation of the Daughters of St. Camillus, and Sister Teresa Laksanavadee Kitbumrung, a nurse from the congregation of the Sisters Ministers of the Infirm of St. Camillus, shared their ministries as health workers especially during the critical phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The recording is available on the YouTube channel of CADIS International.

### Burkina Faso

The celebration of the Day of the Camillian Martyrs of Charity by CADIS Burkina Faso began on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 with a triduum that ended on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Another activity in preparation for the Day was a blood donation campaign for the sick, which took place on Wednesday May 22, 2024.

In addition, this year CADIS-BF commemorated the Camillian Martyrs on Friday May 24 at the parish church of Saint Camille through a Eucharistic celebration presided by the Vicar Provincial of the Burkinabè Camillian Province, Reverend Father Luc Zongo. The mass was concelebrated by a number of Camillian confreres together with many lay faithful from the parish.

During his homily, the presidee recalled the glorious witnesses of the Camillian martyrs of charity, and invited the congregation to be Christ's comforting presence to our suffering brothers and sisters today, following the example of the commemorated martyrs.

### Benin - Togo

CADIS Benin-Togo celebrated the martyrs of charity in the Central African Republic (CAR) with a team of volunteers led by Fr. Michel Coulibaly, amidst war, and social violence in CAR. According to OCHA, "every hour, two people become victims of violence in CAR, including sexual violence. 5,938 cases were reported during the first four months of 2023".

CADIS Benin-Togo is currently trying to launch a project for young people on building resilience and supporting strategies to end the crisis in CAR. One of the key themes of the training held from May 7 to May 31 was "As certain as the sky is blue in CAR. Building traditional resilience".

### India

In a heartfelt tribute to the Martyrs of Charity, a blood donation camp was organized on June 2nd in Bangalore at Snehadaan Hospital. This event was conducted in collaboration with St. Martha's Hospital and the Camillian Task Force India. The camp witnessed an overwhelming response from the community, with nearly 50 individuals donating blood. Their participation also serves as a beacon of hope for those in need of life-saving transfusions.

Beyond the blood donation camp, a marathon was organized to amplify the message of blood donation. Participants ran with a sense of purpose, spreading awareness about the importance of donating blood and saving lives.

This initiative not only commemorates the sacrifices made by the Martyrs of Charity but also emphasizes the crucial role each individual can play in contributing to the welfare of society. These events are a reminder of the profound impact that acts of kindness and generosity can have on society.



Italy



Burkina Faso



Central African Republic



India



# CADIS' LONG JOURNEY FOR THE RESILIENCE OF THE MARGINALISED AETA INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

**A**mong the first known immigrants or residents of the Philippines are the Aetas. Most of their people have been able to maintain their traditional customs and practices over time. However, regrettably, while being one of the most prosperous indigenous communities in the nation, they still have to deal with issues like poverty, marginalization, and relocation.

*In the Philippines, Aetas as well as other indigenous groups, belong to the marginalized sector of the country. They're often displaced because their homelands have been destroyed due to illegal logging, mining, and slash-and-burn farming. Thus, these situations have forced them to relocate and leave their ancestral lands. While the Philippine government has implemented mandates and acts such as the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997, it's not enough to protect them and help them cope with matters such as access to jobs and livelihood support. (cf. <https://theculturetrip.com/asia/philippines/articles/the-aeta-the-first-philippine-people>)*

The long-term project "Developing the Capacities of Tribal Indigenous Communities towards Poverty Reduction Philippines" started in 2018. Its aim is to approach this situation from health and agri-enterprise development as a jump-off point towards addressing the structural causes of poverty and marginalization among the Aeta indigenous communities.

The Health and Development for All Foundation (HADFAFI) and the Camillian Disaster Service (CADIS) International share the idea of a complete existence in resilient communities for these individuals. The approach is to support the indigenous peoples in achieving the goal over an extended period of time. Throughout its

years of operation, HADFAFI's primary goal and strength have been its health services. The project's main interest is the health status of both Aetas in the uplands and Aetas and non-Aetas in the lowlands.

The second year of implementation, which ended in December 2023, marked a reinforced strength of HADFAFI in delivering health and education services to the Aeta communities. Health service delivery to the upland sitios has been consistent with the partnership with the PHO of Tarlac. It is reflected in the health statistics of the communities that are now with the barangay health center. The biggest challenge was agricultural production. Most of the production was for food sustainability and did not reach the level of market supply. With the limited human resources of HADFAFI, it cannot replace the middlemen as aggregators of the products and it has to find the right business model to scale up production and have sufficient supply to respond to demand.

The third and final year of 2024 is focused on finding sustainability for the community and for HADFAFI as an enabling organization, building successes and mitigating the challenges. This will include focusing on the youth as the new leaders, looking for market-driven products, synthesizing and fully using the skills learned in the past years and continuing the partnerships that have helped achieve the outcomes. Health and education services delivery and sustainability will continue to be a major focus.

On March 2024, the Director of CADIS Fr. Aris Miranda conducted a monitoring visit. The purpose of the monitoring was

to verify the achieved program activities as per the activity plan for year 2; to identify issues regarding the implementation of the project; and to meet and listen to the direct beneficiaries of the project. Three project sites were visited: **Pesapungan**, where the discussion was focussed on the mini-dam because of serious issues and concerns; **Manalal**, where the community received 10 goats and 30 coconut seedlings from the project; and **Duray**, a small but perfectly setup community that took responsibility for the programs implemented by the project.

The overall feedback of the monitoring visit is positive. In particular, health programs are quite dynamic and most appreciated by the community. The animal dispersal program (goats and ducks) is growing and gaining despite harsh climate conditions. The majority of them were able to raise and multiply those animals. Programs are on track as planned; getting good collaboration from the people.

The project staff is dedicated and collaborates with each other despite the overload of activities. They are trying their best to deliver the outputs.

Nonetheless, some challenges emerged at the organizational and program levels. While it is unrealistic to expect a complete turnaround of the current situation of Aetas, at least certain behavioral changes that are vital for their continued development and an adequate response to the program objectives must be secured at the end of the project. Furthermore, livelihood and leadership development are the essential needs expressed by the Aetas which can be focussed on in the second phase of our engagement with the Aeta communities.

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## WHERE WE ARE

We are active in more than 20 countries around the world including America, Asia, Africa and Europe, where our professional teams and volunteers operate



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