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Brgy. Mintal launches waste management project



Davao City – Another barangay in Davao City has partnered with environmental groups to implement a Zero Waste Management project which will address the increasing waste concerns in the barangay. The project is entitled PHINLA which stands for Philippines, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka, aims to empower the waste collectors in the barangay and address poor waste management concerns.

PHINLA project is being implemented by World Vision in partnership with Eco Waste Coalition and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Global Development (BMZ). The empowerment of waste collectors and communities affected by poor waste management will be done by using waste as a resource to create meaningful employment and for them to earn income, while tackling health and environmental issues associated with waste. It will also help communities in establishing the waste collector's association as a business.

In the Philippines, this project is being implemented in Barangay Mintal, Davao City, in Barangay Cugman in Cagayan de Oro and Barangay Bagong Silangan in Quezon City. The project provides capacity building and provision of equipment necessary to aid the community and its waste workers.

For Barangay Mintal, Davao City, the waste collectors will be provided with equipment like seventeen (17) trisikads, five (5) motorized tricycles, PPEs (gloves, respirators, and raincoats and boots) while the establishment of barangay Material Recovery Facility (MRF) will be equipped with biodegradable shredder, weighing scale and mobile phones for the BinBank

application. Other supplies will also be provided for the documentation of the MRF and creation of the Community Savings and Credit Association (CoMSCA).

“This project is in line with our advocacy for Zero Waste here in Davao City. We are excited for the full implementation of this project and for its future results. We do hope that with the cooperation of the barangay officials and residents, this will really solve the local waste management concerns and eventually will make Brgy. Mintal, a role model in Zero Waste practices. IDIS and members of the Sustainable Davao Movement are also committed to contribute in increasing the public awareness of this project and in other needed assistance,” Chinkie Pelino-Golle, IDIS Executive Director, said.

“Here at Brgy. Mintal, we plan to start our zero-waste weekly challenge. We start from bringing your own water tumbler then next week bringing your own eco bags at public markets and so on. With this challenge, we can gradually adapt and really commit on the zero-waste campaign,” Brgy. Captain Reynaldo Bargamento said. “We are also grateful to PHINLA for all these assistance in strengthening our campaign for a better solid waste management. Tackling proper solid waste management is challenging more so in these times that the pandemic is getting in the way of all our actions and plans. Nonetheless, we see this as an opportunity to reach out to the members of our community to ask for their hearts and hands that we may begin our first few steps to make a new culture in solid waste management,” he added.

“PHINLA is a very timely initiative which is responsive to the current needs of the target community especially during this time. While it responds to the problem on waste management, it also tries to harness local skills and resources towards improvement of the economic and health situation among the waste workers and community,” Betty Cabazares, Kinaiyahan Foundation, added.



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