

FACILITATING EMPLOYABILITY OF YOUTH IN HOUSING PROJECT

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ALTERPLAN, again in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Philippines, recently completed a project supported by the International Labour Organization – Subregional Office for South-East and the Pacific (ILO-SRO Manila). The project not only provided additional support for Civil Trades Training in Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao, it also allowed for replicating the training in municipalities of Guimaras Province which were affected by the oil spill of August 2006.

Like the Civil Trades Training project principally supported by the Consuelo Foundation, the ILO project targeted out-of-school youth (OSY) to benefit from the training and the links to employment that the project would provide. Seventy-five (75) OSY from Gen. Santos City and 50 OSY from Guimaras Province benefited from ILO support to finish the training course comprising four modules.



Training Module

ILO supported the development of a training module promoting entrepreneurship in the building trades among the OSY. With this, the training course now has four parts: Module 1 – Basic and Common Competencies; Module 2 – Competency Training; Module 3 – Alternative Building Systems; and Module 4 – Entrepreneurship.

TESDA Passers

Out of 125 training graduates that ILO supported, 118 (or 94.4%) passed TESDA trade tests. In Gen. Santos City, all qualifications given to 72 passers were NC I for General Masonry. In Guimaras, the testing system was different, and the OSY were allowed to qualify for NC II. 38 OSY from Guimaras got NC II qualification while 8 got Certificates of Competency.

Training graduates accepted for employment

The graduates from the Gen. Santos City training are supported by the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and the barangay local governments in seeking first-time local employment to acquire more experience and skills before they look for work elsewhere. Initially, 12 OSY graduates from Gen. Santos have been hired in the Peace Build project of HABILITAT. Various employers in different areas have already employed 23 graduates from Guimaras.

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