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A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

In a world of turmoil and fast changes, AIDFI has again in 2024 worked hard to do what needs to be done, namely providing waterless upland communities with easy access to an increased volume of water.

It is mindboggling why not more funds are made available for water projects which can totally change the lives of upland villagers and farmers. Water is essential in creating resiliency, especially for those left behind in far flung communities. It is a shame that only a small percentage of global climate finance goes to water and sanitation, with estimates ranging from 0.3 to 3%. Besides that, it is even harder to get funds for the simple, but very effective technologies AIDFI works with since a mechanical water pump and water kiosk do not align with the favorite terms of many funders nowadays: AI, drones, digitalization, women led organization, youth etc.

AIDFI is therefore lucky to partner with the Coca-Cola Foundation since 2012. For Coca-Cola, Water Security is a main issue, and they are one of the frontrunners in the corporate world. We were asked by them to enter a new (water) field: non-revenue water of water districts or waterworks managed by municipalities. Losses in water districts can count for as much as 60% and reducing this helps the environment and eventually the price of water. Water districts are often cash trapped and minimizing losses can make funds available for repair, improvements or expansion. The program on NRW starts in January 2025. For AIDFI that will for sure result in new experiences and knowledge.

AIDFI has in 2024 started a series of nine (9) batches of Water Summits with the theme 'Cultivating Communities', each attended by an average of ten water associations organized by AIDFI around ram pump or gravity flow systems. Already three Summits have successfully been conducted with each association represented by three key persons: chairperson, finance person and technician. Workshops were held and resulted in rich sharing of varied experiences in sustaining the systems and associations and what has been triggered in the communities by the water and organizations.

For new ram pump systems, it was a slow year for AIDFI, but works are in the making for a catalytic program covering a batch of new ram pump projects in provinces not yet covered and an intensive promotion of the too many unknown technology.

AIDFI did work on rehabilitation of 2 ram pump sites, an important aspect. Different factors play a role in the need for rehabilitation which can be organizational, technical or force majeure with the Philippines experiencing so many different calamities from typhoons, earthquakes, landslides etc.

For the essential oil program with two processing plants in upland communities, a nursery was set up for an additional crop, namely Citronella of the Java variety. The planting of around 5000 seedlings was done through the system of cooperation called 'Dagyaw' in the local language. The farmers were joined by staff from AIDFI. The nursery was harvested and the first oil processed. From the harvested plants, the farmer members are now bringing seedlings into their individual farms.

On the International stage, AIDFI continues to be recognized for its holistic program. It won two awards in Taiwan in the 2024 Asia Pacific Social Innovation Partnership Award: Social Prosperity Award and Special Jury Prize. Then AIDFI went to Washington as a finalist in the .ORG Awards. Just last month AIDFI was a winner of the Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project organized by the Global Development Network and resulting in two new ram pump projects for drinking water. Considering the focus on the earlier mentioned themes, it is a great accomplishment to achieve such recognitions with 'simple' technologies (packaged in a holistic program).

The biggest challenge for AIDFI is how to capitalize on the recognitions in order to further spread the technologies and by that 'cultivate' upland communities not just in the Philippines but anywhere in the world. The impact data gathering with trained and with mobile phone equipped water associations will provide the scientific data to proof the many immediate benefits and medium- and long-term impacts on households, villages, farms and environment from the water systems and organized communities. AIDFI has a complete infrastructure for such scaling, but it needs the funds to do so. The money is there but spent on senseless wars and different (often unclear abstract) priorities on Climate Financing.



Engr. Christopher Taclobos
President, Board of Trustees



Auke Idzenga
Co-founder & CEO

2024

AT A GLANCE



4,773,137,120

LITERS OF WATER DELIVERED



2,311

LIVES CHANGED



300

WATER FILTERS DISTRIBUTED



HIGHLIGHT

CCFPI FUNDS AGOS WATER ASSOCIATIONS SUMMIT HELD AT AIDFI

Since 2012, AIDFI has been diligently working on 180 projects as part of the water stewardship program for the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc. Through an all-encompassing approach, AIDFI ensures not just the installation of water systems but also the social preparation of community beneficiaries who ultimately take ownership of these systems. The establishment of water associations and training of officers form the backbone of this sustainable initiative. But the journey doesn't end there. AIDFI's commitment to ongoing monitoring and innovation sets a new standard in community development. From mechanical water kiosks to a cutting-edge monitoring app, the focus is not just on providing water but on establishing empowerment and sustainability within communities, ensuring a lasting impact.





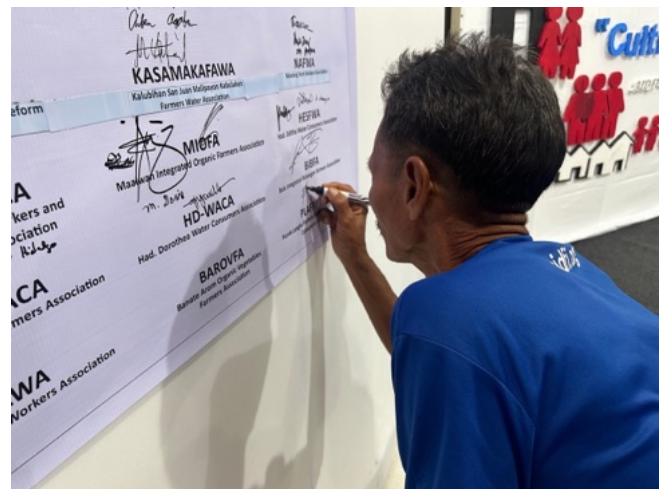
The Agos Water Associations Summit themed “Cultivating Communities” aims to gather 90 water associations from the Visayas region until May 2025.

This year, 3 water summits have been conducted gathering 34 water associations who learned and shared during the 3-day workshop held at AIDFI’s Learning Center which includes the launching of AIDFI’s monitoring app. The summit ends with the fellowship night and commitment pledge by the water associations to contribute towards sustainability, empowerment, environment, and socio-economic in their respective communities.



As we look ahead to the Agos Water Association’s Summit, the future of sustainable community empowerment

shines brighter than ever. It is not just about providing water; it is about fostering a sense of shared responsibility and commitment to building a better tomorrow, one community at a time. Join us on this incredible journey, where innovation meets collaboration, and together, we cultivate communities that thrive.





AIDFI WINS TWO ASIA PACIFIC SOCIAL INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

Our CEO and COO attended the Asia Pacific Social Innovation Partnership Award (APSIPA) which is a regional award advised by the Executive Yuan, Taiwan (R.O.C.) and held by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan (R.O.C.). It was established to explore dynamic social innovation models in the Asia Pacific and to motivate more change-makers to contribute to social innovation, aiming to discover and celebrate social innovation partnerships that connect diverse stakeholders and make significant social impacts.

The APSIPA was held during the 3-day Asia Pacific Social Innovation Summit (APSYS) held in Puli Township, Nantou from May 3 to 5. The APSIS was first initiated in 2018 and has since been one of the significant

summits on advocating social entrepreneurs.

AIDFI got two awards: The Social Prosperity Award which focuses on social innovation initiatives relevant to fundamental dignity in human society and the Special Jury Prize which was chosen by the judging panel to honor the worthiest case of the year and the theme of the Special Jury Prize for 2024 was "Harmony".



Our CEO presented AIDFI's case on the 3rd day of the summit and also featured

the miniature ram pump during the event.



Visits to social enterprises in Nantou and Taipei were also facilitated by KPMG Taiwan including a visit to the Social Innovation Lab in Taipei. Our CEO and COO learned about how the government of Taiwan stimulates and links social enterprises through different programs established that help reinvigorate communities. It also included a visit to a cultural and historic center where they learned about the historical preservation of the old city and how the community plays a role in creating liveable places.



They were also interviewed for the Impact Boom podcast from Australia which features this year's winners.

The event was organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan (R.O.C.) and the Social Innovation Consulting team from KPMG Taiwan.



AIDFI IS A 2024 .ORG IMPACT AWARDS FINALIST

On August 13, 2024, Public Interest Registry (PIR), the organization behind the .ORG domain, proudly announced that AIDFI has been selected as a finalist for the 2024 .ORG Impact Awards. This esteemed global awards program honors exceptional mission-driven individuals and organizations worldwide for their significant contributions to society.



There were 35 finalists that represented the top five entries in each of the seven award categories: Community Building, Quality Education for All, Environmental Stewardship, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Health & Healing, Hunger and Poverty, and Rising Stars (leaders under 25 making a difference in their communities).

AIDFI was a finalist in the Community Building category. According to Auke Idzenga, Co-founder and CEO of AIDFI, "being recognized as a finalist in this prestigious .ORG Impact Awards shows that the holistic community development work of AIDFI in mostly remote upland areas is highly impactful".

The awarding was held on October 9 in the Spy Museum in Washington DC, USA. Our CEO and COO attended the 6th Annual awarding ceremony. Despite not winning in the category of Community Building, they were pleased to have made it as a finalist being one of the 35 from over 1,700 applications from around the world.



The Yellow Boat of Hope also from the Philippines won the Quality Education for All category and was named the 2024 .ORG of the Year.

AIDFI WINNER IN THE JAPANESE AWARD FOR MOST INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2024



During the Global Development Network (GDN) Conference held at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, the capital of Fiji last November 26-28, AIDF was awarded as one of the two winners (1st placers) of the Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP). The other winner was Ako Fresh from Ghana and an agricultural program from Uganda ended up as the second placer.

The MIDP is one of the two long-running

competitions of the Global Development Awards Competition (GDAC) years and has brought together a rich community of researchers and development practitioners. It is an award scheme that funds innovative social development projects implemented by NGOs that benefit marginalized groups in the developing world.

GDN's mission is to improve development outcomes and livelihood through high-quality, policy-oriented research in the social science, produced in developing countries and connected globally. In GDN's strategy, research is seen not only as a source of knowledge but also as an instrument and a process to equip development actors with critical skills, analysis, and evidence for high-impact activities. For GDN, research capacity that is put to the service of development debates and implementation, is development itself. The Global Development Award Competition exemplifies this vision by awarding excellence in individual research and implementation activities through two award categories:

'The Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP)' and The Japanese Award for Outstanding Research on Development (ORD)'.

All finalists attended the conference and were professionally guided in refining their presentation in a two-day workshop. AIDFI then presented its holistic work with the ram pump titled 'Cultivating Resilient Communities by pumping water uphill' to the international judges (including the World Bank) and participants of the conference. The working miniature model of the ram pump, which AIDFI brought

along to the Conference, became a center of attraction and triggered interest from participants.

The work of AIDFI was very much in line with the conference theme of "Global Synergies:

Climate Resiliency Strategies for a Sustainable Tomorrow" which was attended by 250 participants in person and another 500 online, coming from some 90 countries.

Water Security was one of the discussed topics and it was stated that in the Pacific, only 55% of the population has basic drinking water access. As solutions were mentioned: Participatory Planning, Community Governance, and a hefty dose of infrastructure investment. Clearly, "just add water" isn't enough anymore.

The award was handed over to AIDFI by Japanese Ambassador to Fiji, Mr. Wagabaca and M. Jean-Louis Arcand, President of GDN during the well-attended award ceremony.



Photo taken from GDN Facebook Page



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AIDFI HANDS OVER 2ND OF 3 PROJECTS FROM THE PRINCE TALAL INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

On January 18, AIDFI handed over the 2nd of 3 projects from the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development to Brgy. Camandag in La Castellana, Negros Occidental. The Prince Talal International Prize is funded through the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) in which we won in the 4th category which was awarded during the COP27 in November 2022.

The ram pump water system features 1 unit 3" with 6 water kiosks and delivers 45,120 liters/day for drinking and domestic use, the system does not emit any greenhouse gasses. The installation started on October 9 and was completed on December 19, 2023. It benefits 185

beneficiaries and supplies water to 4 elementary schools, the daycare center, the barangay hall, and the health center.





distributed as part of the prize 100 tabletop water filters to the household members of TEFFAWA and the schools, the daycare, the barangay hall, and the health center.

The Texas Farmers and Farmworkers Association (TEFFAWA) organized on April 3, 2023, is the recipient of the project. The officers of the association have undergone capability skills training, as well as, local technicians from the community have been trained in troubleshooting and maintenance of the system.



During the handover ceremony, Ricky Masanit, the chairperson thanked AIDFI and the Prince Talal International Prize for the project which is "Great for livelihood and our daily activities". Remedios David, who is a member of TEFFAWA, shared that before the project "We spent many hours fetching water, even during the rainy season when the water would become muddy. The new generation will no longer experience what we have faced. Our situation has now been made easier, even in the evening you can wash your clothes and go to work the next day". AIDFI



AIDFI SWITCHES TO SOLAR POWER IN ITS PRODUCTION AND OPERATION



On May 23, AIDFI officially switched to the newly installed 31 kW solar power (hybrid and on grid) system on the roof of its workshop which powers our shop, office, and cafe. The project was part of the prize money received from the Prince Talal International Prize.

The switching to solar power has been a long-time target of AIDFI which is committed to creating green and fulfilling jobs. This contributes further to minimizing or avoiding CO2 emission in its operation.

The solar power system was installed locally by Jan Solar Energy Shop. The system both provides power to AIDFI's operation and at the same time during weekends and peak heat hours supplies power to the local grid.

AIDFI is looking to further expand its solar power system in the coming years through savings from electricity costs.





AIDFI HANDS OVER COCA-COLA FOUNDATION FUNDED PROJECT TO AMIN IN ISABELA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

On April 25, AIDFI together with the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc. (CCFPI), LGU of Isabela represented by Hon. Irene C. Montilla, and BLGU of Amin handed over the gravity water system to the community of Amin in Isabela, Negros Occidental.

Barangay Amin is one of the 30 barangays under the Municipality of Isabela with a population of 303 households, the water system managed by the Barangay Amin Farm Workers Water Association (BAFWWA) will benefit 120 households and the Barangay Amin Elementary School with 183 students, supplying 43,200 liters per day to the community to a 60,000 liter capacity reservoir tank distributed to 13 mechanical water kiosk located over the community.

Some of the beneficiaries belong to an indigenous group called the "Babaylanes". The community is located 15 kilometers from the town proper and is divided in to eight (8) sitios. Prior to the project, water is either fetched from the water spring some 2.5 kilometers from the village or delivered on tricycles charging 10.00 pesos per container. The water system funded by CCFPI and installed by AIDFI has reduced the distance to only a few meters from the houses and the cost of water by 90%.



The social preparation started on November 16, 2023 and was completed with the registration of the new community association "Barangay Amin Farm Workers Water Association (BAFWWA)" with the Department of Labor and Employment on November 23, 2023. Our Community Facilitator conducted training with the elected officers on November 28 and 29. The project installation followed on December 12, 2023 after all legalities were completed. The project was completed on April 11, 2024.

the organization in sustaining the project. He also said that the members of the association should give value and love to the officers and especially the water technicians.



The Program Manager for Environment of CCFPI, Ms. Monina Pacheco, stressed that the most significant aspect of the project is the sincerity and eagerness of the beneficiaries to perform in the bayanihan system because it is the life and culture of being a Filipino. The program was ended with the recognition of the water technicians, handing over of certificate of conveyance, certificate of acceptance from the BLGU, and presentation of the certificate of appreciation. The certificate of conveyance was signed and accepted by the BAFWWA President, Mr. Roberto Yanson Jr. The beneficiaries and school received 150 units of water filters to ensure drinking water is clean and potable.



The official handover ceremony on April 25 started at 8:30am with a trek to the water reservoir, blessing, and ribbon cutting which was followed by a demonstration of the mechanical water kiosk. The official program then followed after. During the handover ceremony, our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Auke Idzenga, expressed the importance of cooperation and the role of



AIDFI HANDS OVER COCA-COLA FOUNDATION FUNDED PROJECT TO CAMINDANGAN IN CAUAYAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

On July 24, AIDFI together with the Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc. (CCFPI) handed over the gravity water system with a daily output of 82,080 liters per day to the community of Brgy. Camindangan in Cauayan, Negros Occidental.

The project started on March 17 and was completed on June 16. The 8-kilometer gravity line brings water daily to 356 households, the Camindangan High School, Barangay Hall, Day Care Center, and Health Center.

The gravity line delivers water to a 60,000-reservoir tank and is distributed to 10 water kiosk in different areas in the communities.



The project benefits 1,528 people. A total of 150 tabletop water filters were also provided to the households, school, and barangay buildings.

Barangay Camindangan becomes the 180th project funded by CCFPI under the Agos Ram Pump Project Philippines since 2012.



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PROJECTS TO DATE



RAM PUMP PROGRAM

AIDFI RENOVATES ITS FIRST AND OLDEST RAM PUMP WATER SYSTEM

It was in 1990 when Auke, who was busy co-founding AIDFI, was experimenting with a locally fabricated ram pump on an upland farm in Brgy. Mambugsay, Cauayan, Southern Negros. The first models were of the piston type and in the absence of any budget and availability of for example HDPE pipes, bamboo was used as delivery pipe. The system later started using the AIDFI model. The ram pump was placed on top of a very big stone in the middle of a stream and has over the years endured many floods and damages, and therefore repairs. But despite the simple set up and 'defects' it served since 1990 the 55 meters higher elevated farm. The farmers family became active member of the by AIDFI organized Mambugsay Essential Oil Producers Association and used the 5000

liters of water delivered per day for irrigation of lemongrass and a 50000 liters fishpond.





are settling, an HDPE drive pipe with strong support stands and a ram pump house to protect the pump against floods. In the past AIDFI used galvanized iron pipes as drive pipe but good quality of such pipes is costly. Also in many sites, the acidity in 'violent' back and forth movement of water in the pipe, has resulted in lots of pinholes in the drive pipe. HDPE is cheaper and resistant to the acidity. The system is now very durable and sustainable and increased the delivery of water to 7000 liters per day.



With a donation from Connect International, a Dutch NGO, and a counterpart of AIDFI, this oldest system was re-designed by AIDFI technicians and constructed in January 2024. The system improved the intake of water, which in the past was affected often by sediments in the water, especially during and after floods and increased the head/fall for bigger output. The system now has a micro-dam, screened intake structure, diversion pipeline, intermediate box where sediments





SUPPORTING FARMERS: HOW DONATIONS FUEL THE ESSENTIAL OIL PROGRAM AND EMPOWER FARMER FAMILIES

AIDFI is always looking for new ways to help support its essential oil farmer communities in Anangue and Mambugsay.

Through continuous support from donors such as Hotel and Spa Essentials we were able to provide yearly Christmas packages to our supported essential oil communities.

In 2023, we learned about Benevity a global platform helping the world's top brands create social impact. Joining the platform we thought about connecting our essential oil program with them with the idea of expanding support to several other activities that would build a learning, earning, and playing environment around the project for farmer families.

Through the donations from Benevity we were able to provide rice support during the El Niño period that had affected the livelihood of the farmers.

In January 2025, each farmer family will receive a solar street light at their house.

In the coming year, a small library with internet access is planned at the two factories along with other support activities for the children of the farmers including a small playground.

Recently, AIDFI decided to channel all donations to its essential oil program. We continue to receive donations from supporters such as the Ikthus Kerk (Elburg) from the Netherlands as well as other individual donors. Would you like to donate also, visit <https://www.aidfi.org/get-involved> and see how donations (big or small) can make a difference in the lives of the farmer families.



AIDFI RENOVATES LEARNING CENTER WITH DORMITORIES AVAILABLE FOR TRAININGS AND EVENTS

As AIDFI was set to host the Agos Water Associations Summit, a key aspect it looked at was to be able to host it in-house that meant space for at least 50 people both for the venue and 36 people who can be accommodated for sleeping.

After completion of the renovation, AIDFI hosted the first 3 out of 8 water summits planned. It now also offers the learning center and accommodation to outside groups or individuals who are looking for a venue to host their events or parties. AIDFI also offers in-house catering services.

For those interested you may book directly at our office or message us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AIDFI



WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR



54
BILLION LITERS OF
WATER DELIVERED
EQUIVALENT TO 21,600
OLYMPIC SIZED POOLS



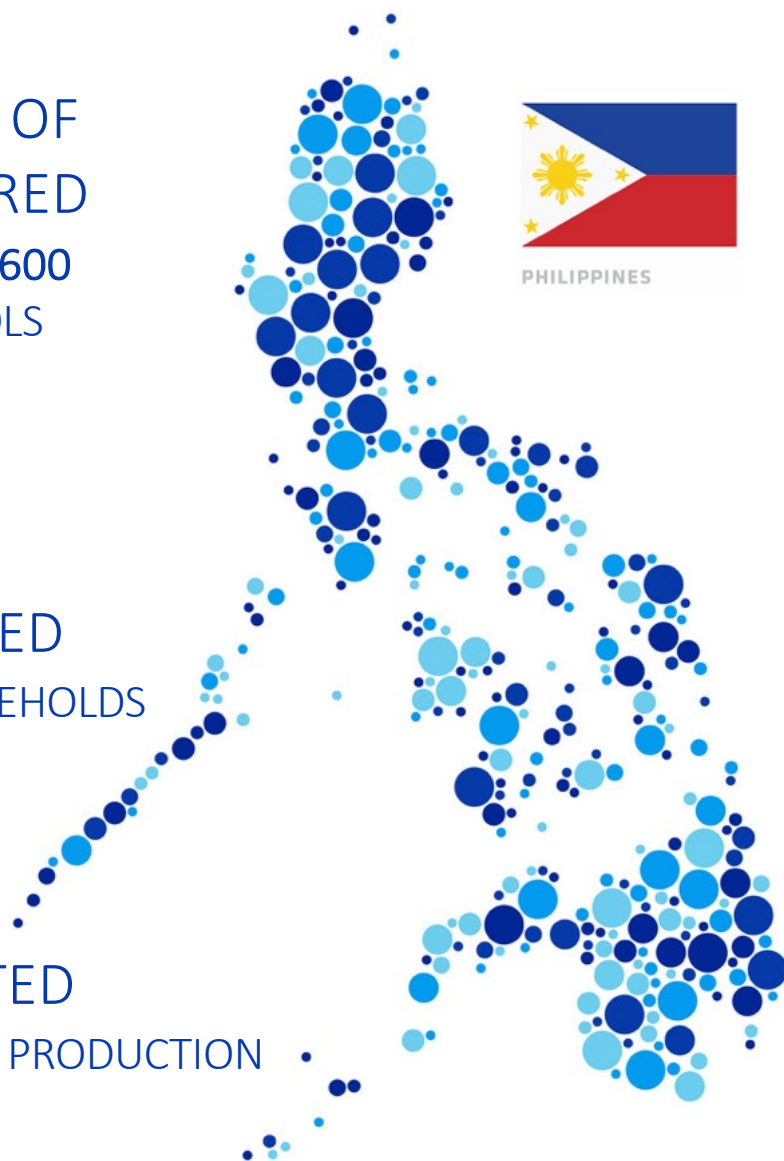
602
VILLAGES SERVED
WITH 60,000 HOUSEHOLDS



138
FARMS IRRIGATED
FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION



303,000
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