



Head Secretariat

● **OVP Supports ZEP PH 2030** ●

The officials of the Anti-Poverty Advocacies and Programs Unit under the Office of the Vice President(OVP) invited the ADF team to discuss about the progress of ZEP initiatives.

It was agreed that OVP Angat Buhay program will work closely with ZEP clusters in identified priority areas. For their part, the OVP will coordinate with LGUs to host convergence meetings in the future.

The OVP also expressed their eagerness to support the ZEP coalition by endorsing applications for grants from international organizations and referring ZEP programs and projects to potential donors.



● **Crafting the Development Agenda** ●

The steering committee agreed on the cluster's development agenda focused on self sufficiency and food security among smallholder farmers and fishers by 2030. The agenda aims to address four (4) thematic areas - policy engagement and implementation; sustainable agriculture and fishery; access to support services; and, enterprise and market empowerment; to collectively address extreme poverty.

The cluster continues to actively participate in forums and conferences that discuss and validate issues and opportunities afforded to the sector. Regular attendance to these events strengthens networking and linkaging with different stakeholders.



● **Widening the Reach of CSOs** ●

Two new local convenors joined the Education Cluster: the Conrado and Ladislawa Alcantara Foundation, Inc. (CLAFI) for Sarangani, and the Ayala Foundation, Inc. (AFI) for Lanao del Norte. Both CSOs welcomed the opportunity to help ZEP in engaging other local stakeholders to address the specific needs of the children and youth in said provinces.

The Association of Foundations hopes to encourage more of its members to participate in the different thematic clusters of ZEP during its General Assembly on May 22.



● **Refining the Development Framework** ●

The steering committee of the cluster is currently developing the framework of the Development Agenda as well as the criteria for site selection.

The cluster is deliberating on identifying a lead organization that will spearhead the implementation of CSO initiatives for each subcomponent of the Environmental Agenda: **(a)** Terrestrial, **(b)** Urban, **(c)** Climate, and **(d)** Sea.



● **Family/Community Visioning and Planning Workshops** ●

In partnership with the indigenous peoples (IPs) and local CSO partners, ADF conducted a series of participatory workshops in the following focus areas:

- **Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro** - In the hope of achieving sustainable community development for 216 Families (1,163 individuals) of the Mangyan-Alangan tribe, the participants attended the workshop last April 5-6, 2017 co-organized by the Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSPS). The sisters have been supporting the Mangyan community through long-term missionary work since the late 1980s. They have given their commitment as the ZEP local convenor in Sablayan.
- **Puerto Princesa City, Palawan** - The alliance of IP leaders of NATRIPAL (Nagkakaisang Tribo ng Palawan) and ADF recently conducted the workshop on April 18-19, 2017 to draw out the aspirations and needs of the Tagbanua families for community development. About 1,250 families of the Tagbanua tribe will benefit from various CSO interventions in different sitios and barangays in Palawan.
- **Marilog District, Davao City** - On April 27-28, 2017, ADF and Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples' Education conducted the workshop attended by 52 families of the Matigsalug tribe. With the guidance from their elders and IP leaders, the community members have come together to discuss their goals and plans to uplift themselves from poverty.

● **IP National Summit and Validation Workshop** ●

The steering committee will conduct the event on May 27-29, 2017. This aims to validate the results of the five regional consultations held in 2016 as part of the reformulation of the National Indigenous Peoples (IP) Agenda.



● **Aligning On-going Programs with ZEP** ●

A water system development assistance project is being negotiated with the Culion Water District in Culion, Palawan, a ZEP priority area. PEF had initial discussions with Culion Foundation on a hydrological study to determine potential water resources. The water district supplies the water needed by the entire municipality.