16 Years of God's Love and Hope for the Poor





Symbol of Compassion,
Hope, and Solidarity in the
Midst of the Pandemic

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2020-2021

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# SYMBOL OF COMPASSION, HOPE, AND SOLIDARITY

Covid-19 has affected many aspects of human living, especially that of the least, the last, and the lost. In this testing time, the message to become imitators of the Good Shepherd and to continue the mission of Jesus in bringing Good News to the poor could not be emphasized enough.

Pondo ng Pinoy's vision highlights its aspiration to bring the Kingdom of God, characterized by fullness of life, to all, especially the poor. It evangelizes individuals to practice regular and small acts of kindness that is rooted in the love of God and neighbor, with the aim of empowering Filipino communities. Sharing as little as twenty-five centavos (\$\P\$0.25) becomes the "integrating moment" in the catechetical framework. of crumbs, helped the poor in coping from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is the concrete expression of "love lived for others".

These are our concrete expression of love lived for others. People reached through our support to programs and projects for the poor.



29 Local Churches Mobilized

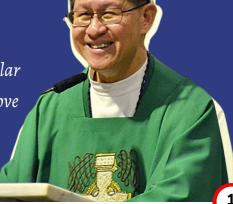


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The earth is changed by the presence of the Risen Lord, not in a spectacular way, but in simple, simple acts of love. Sometimes, routine, but where love prevails, you know the Risen Lord makes it possible.

H. E. Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D. D.

Prefect, Congregation for the Evangellization of People



## **MESSAGE**

### HIS EMINENCE JOSE F. CARDINAL ADVINCULA, D.D.



### The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila

### **MESSAGE**

It gives me so much joy and honor to be part now of the *Pondo ng Pinoy* Community Foundation. This movement of love and compassion initiated and strengthened by my predecessors, Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, must continue to form people in the love of God and to inspire them to make charity a lifestyle.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought so much suffering and pain to our people. What we are going through could be considered one of the darkest moments in our generation's history. But we know that in the midst of hopeless and despair, there are many silver linings – people helping one another, healthcare workers tirelessly attending to the needs of those who are ill, people showing care and compassion by sharing food and other goods. Isn't this what *Pondo ng Pinoy* is all about? Even amid the pandemic, *Pondo ng Pinoy* is alive!

Let our little and repeated acts of love show compassion, give hope, and express solidarity, especially in these difficult times.

Pondo ng Pinoy. Pag-ibig ng Panginoon. Pag-asa ng Pilipino, sa gitna ng pandemya.

+ JOSE F. CARDINAL ADVINCULA Archbishop of Manila

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HIS EMINENCE JOSE F. CARDINAL ADVINCULA. D.D.



## **MESSAGE**

### MOST REV. REYNALDO G. EVANGELISTA, D.D.

Vice-Chairman
Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc.



### The Roman Catholic Bishop of Imus

DIOCESE OF IMUS IMUS CITY, 4103 CAVITE, PHILIPPINES

### **MESSAGE**

After more than a year and a half, we are still experiencing the pandemic due to COVID-19. Many have been infected by the coronavirus; some were hospitalized and the more tragic consequence to some is the death of their loved ones. The poor who were already suffering before the pandemic even suffered all the more because of lack of source of living due to lockdowns. This time of pandemic is indeed very challenging and difficult to our brothers and sisters in need.

Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation, Inc. responded to the needs of the poor and is still giving help to different communities. The theme of the Annual Report "PONDO NG PINOY: SYMBOL OF COMPASSION, HOPE AND SOLIDARITY IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC" captures the vision of the Foundation:

"A Filipino Community where God reigns, and the love of God is experienced in small but repeated acts of goodness towards neighbor, bringing hope and fullness of life to all, especially the poor."

May we all be God's instruments in concretely helping those in need in this time of health crisis. God bless all of you.



REYNALDO G. EVANGELISTA, D.D. Bishop of Imus

PnCFI Vice-Chairperson

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Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D.

Vice-Chairman
Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc.

# **ABOUT** PONDO NG PINOY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC. (PNPCFI)



### **ABOUT THE THEME**

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."

- Matthew 25:35-40

To experience the love of God in small and repeated acts of goodness towards neighbor is what Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation has been advocating for the past 16 years. It is these small acts that has brought hope and fullness of life to all, especially the poor, more so in the trying times of the Corona Virus Pandemic.

At the height of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), the government provided financial aid and food packs called "ayuda." Big corporations likewise shelled out money from their millions of earnings to augment for the needs. Quite a good number of helpful Samaritans not necessarily rich but with generous hearts also opened up their pockets and helped in whatever way, no matter how small to ease the burden of our suffering kapwa. We, Pondo ng Pinoy advocates have been present all this time.

### **OUR VISION**

A Filipino community where God reigns, and the Love of God is experienced in small but repeated acts of goodness towards neighbor, bringing hope and fullness of life to all, especially the poor.

### **COMPASSION BUILDS CHARITY**

In the heart of every Pondo ng Pinoy advocate is the compassion for the poor that enabled us to give of our crumbs not just during the pandemic but even years earlier, regardless of calamities and other disasters. Our love for God expressed through regular charity has built up the Foundation that has for 16 years readily served the most vulnerable and affected especially in this time of crisis. These are the crumbs of every child, student, family, employee, teacher, lay, priest, and beneficiary, who, moved by compassion lovingly shared resources for the poor through Pondo ng Pinoy.

#### **HOPE RISES**

It was indeed the fruit of this compassion that readily made available our support to families severely affected by the crisis. To the affected still awaiting ayuda from the government, there was hope to have immediate food for their families when they received our relief packs. There was hope for urban poor families, for tricycle drivers, for those in the upland and fishing communities, for fisherfolks and farmers, for Indigenous Peoples, for the sick and indigent, for Persons with Disability, for the elderly. There was hope even for front liners such as health workers, members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Parish priests and their staff, as they await their protective shields and kits. In our small ways, we have been present in the lives of our kababayan, sharing God's love and giving hope when the pandemic struck hard.

### **OUR HISTORY**

In 1982, from a farming town in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, the church, led by then Bishop Gaudencio Rosales, and its people began to act as one with the belief that even the smallest thing they can do, if done for and with others, will have a tremendous impact. Archbishop Rosales brought this vision with him and nurtured it in his heart when he was transferred to Lipa, Batangas in 1993. To instill in the faithful the belief that faith in and love of God do not depend on extraordinary acts, but on ordinary acts done with regularity, the Archdiocese of Lipa asked for "crumbs" from the parishioners. The "crumbs" is any amount parishioners can give. As time moved on, the "crumbs" amounted to 25 centavos, negligible to many, become a big help if pooled together and given regularly as emphasized in the phrase "Anumang magaling, kahit maliit, basta't malimit ay patungong langit." This system of gathering small donations grew over the years, expanding to other areas, and finally becoming a national movement known as Pondo ng Pinoy.

Pondo ng Pinoy came into existence after Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales was appointed archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila. Cardinal Rosales launched the Pondo ng Pinoy Program at the Folk Arts Theater on June 11-12, 2004.

## **WHERE WE WORK**

Pondo ng Pinoy has a National
Management Office with the dioceses
and parishes as local implementing
arms. While Pondo ng Pinoy works with
diocesan and parish offices, the same
is an entity distinct from the latter. The
diocese or parish cannot unilaterally
modify existing policies of the
Foundation.

Pondo ng Pinoy does not supplant but supports and enhances diocesan and parochial pastoral initiatives and programs. Particularly those directed towards the promotion of the well-being of the poor.

"Yung biyaya ng Diyos na pinagkaloob sa ating lahat, sa pamamagitan ng pagbabalik sa kanyang magandang balita na tayong lahat ay mahal ng Diyos, yan ang ibig sabihin ng Pondo ng Pinoy."

 $\label{eq:hisemone} \textbf{His Eminence Gaudencio G. Cardinal Rosales, D. D.}$ 

Pondo ng Pinoy Founder

### **MEMBER DIOCESES**

Apostolic Vicariate of Puerto Princesa

Apostolic Vicariate of Taytay

Archdiocese of Manila

Archdiocese of Ozamis

Archdiocese of Palo

Diocese of Alaminos

Diocese of Antipolo

Diocese of Boac

Diocese of Calbayog

Diocese of Cubao

Diocese of Daet

Diocese of Gumaca

Diocese of Iba. Zambales

Diocese of Ilagan

Diocese of Imus

Diocese of Libmanan

Diocese of Lucena

Diocese of Malaybalay

Diocese of Malolos

Diocese of Naval

Diocese of Novaliches

Diocese of Nueva Segovia

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Diocese of San Carlos

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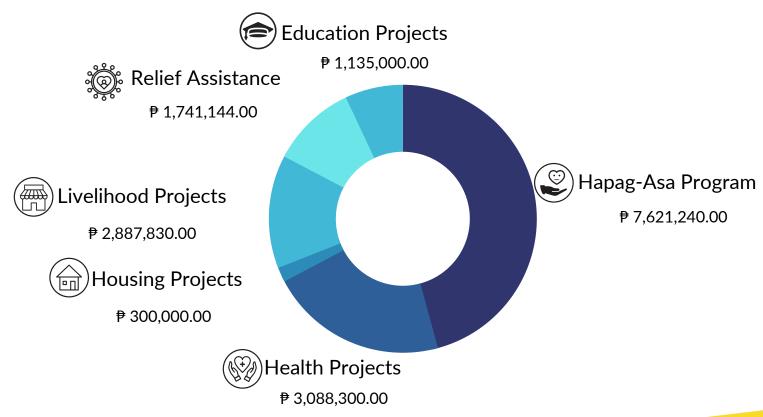
## **FUNDED PROJECTS**

FY 2020-2021

**Total amount of funded community projects benefiting** 

37,899 families and/or individuals

**₱ 16, 773, 514.00** 



Little acts of kindness, one of Pondo ng Pinoy's four pillars invites us to not only do good for others, but primarily do good for ourselves by doing short daily examinations of our life - who am I? What are my convictions? My motivations? Is it really God that I am folloing? Spending time in silence regularly can lead us to a deeper awareness of the voice of God, and to a better us - both in giving and receiving God's grace.

REV. FR. ERROL FIDEL H. MANANQUIL

Former Priest Coordinator, Pondo ng Pinoy Desk Diocese of Pasig



# **PONDO NG PINOY STORIES**

## COMMUNITY PANTRIES: A SHALLOW LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In the spirit of solidarity and together with our parish partners in the Archdiocese of Manila, Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) supported **seventeen (17) community pantries in 2021.** 

According to Rev. Fr. Joselito B. Tuazon of the St. Joseph Parish, "the community pantry came at a time when people were feeling depressed because the pandemic did not seem to be disappearing. The government reports said millions had lost their jobs. With the help of Pondo ng Pinoy, we organized community pantries as an expression of compassion for the poor. The community pantries provided free items such as rice, canned good, among others. Apart from this, the said project also encouraged community members to give whatever they can afford ".

On the other hand, Bro. Rostico Morales, Pondo ng Pinoy Parish Coordinator of St. Joseph Parish in Tondo, Manila said that the people should be reminded to get only what they need from the pantry so others in need can be accommodated.



"We distribute basic commodities such as rice, sugar, salt, eggs, vegetables, condiments, canned goods as corned beef, sardines, noodles. The parish community pantry already reached more than 3,000 poor and marginalized individuals," Morales added.

The Biblical narrative of Jesus miraculously feeding the multitude with a boy's offering of five loaves and two fish has been replicated more than a hundred times in the community pantries. (Yen Ocampo, PnPCFI / Photos: St. Joseph Parish - Gagalangin, Tondo, Manila)

### PONDO NG PINOY SUPPORTS SUSTAINABLE FISHING PRACTICES



PONDO NG PINOY IS RELENTLESS TO HELP BUILD SAFE AND DECENT HOMES FOR THE POOR

A house blessing was held for a housing project supported by Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) on July 28, 2021 led by Most Rev. Broderick S. Pabillo, D.D., Pondo ng Pinoy Trustee. The housing project tagged as the "Maayos at Permanenteng Pabahay para sa Kasapian ng Villa Umami Home Owner's Association Inc. Project" was an initiative of the Archdiocese of Manila thru the Most Holy Trinity Parish, Balic-Balic, Sampaloc, Manila. One hundred twenty (120) urban poor benefited from the project.

"Ang over-all goal ng proyektong pabahay na ito ay magkaroon ng sarili at maayos na tirahan ang mga maralitang tagalungsod, at mapatibay at mapatatag ang samahan ng bawat isa," according to Mr. Edwin Fernandez, Urban Poor Desk Coordinator, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Balic-Balic, Sampaloc Manila. "Pondo ng Pinoy responded to the heed of the poor and the marginalized. With the project, many poor families acquired decent and safe housing," Fernandez cited. Ms. Josie Severre, one of the leaders of Villa Umami Home Owner's Association Inc. expressed that "masaya kami! Kasi mula't sapul nakatira kami sa squatters area kaya yung pangarap namin na magkaroon ng sariling bahay ay natupad na. Malaki ang pinagbago ng buhay naming!" (Yen Ocampo, PnPCFI / Photos: Carmela Anne Nequinto)

"The kindness station was a community response – so that the community members help one another during this extraordinary situation. The diocese invited people to support the kindness station by sharing whatever they can and get what they only need. The people were taught to be mindful of other's needs.

The food items the diocese initially put up in the kindness station were purchased from poor farmers from nearby communities.

As Pondo ng Pinoy puts it "anumang magaling kahit na maliit, basta't malimit ay patungong langit."

### MO. CAMILLE MARASIGAN

Pondo ng Pinoy Religious Coordinator Diocese of Ilagan

One of the projects supported by Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) was the Sustainable Income thru Tabak Fishing Project. Together with Financial Capitalization of Puro Fishermen's Group and Self-Help Group (SHeG) of Puro Fish Vendors, the project aims to uplift the meager income of twenty-seven (27) fisherfolks. Self-Help Group or SHeG is an informal group of women in a community with the common goal of achieving economic, social, and political changes for their lives and thoir families.

According to Bro. Tony Nolasco, project coordinator, the project hopes to provide each member with an average daily income of Php 360.00. To sustain the project, members will share some of their harvests for the maintenance or replacement of the fishing implements in the event they have reached their useful life. Rev. Fr. Danny Martinez, Pondo ng Pinoy Priest Coordinator, Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia, emphasized that the spiritual formation of beneficiaries is equally important, as providing economic opportunities. The volunteers in the Archdiocese ensure that several formation activities, including the promotion of the Pondo ng Pinoy spirituality and way of life, are conducted with the beneficiaries. On the other hand, to increase self-sufficiency, management, and leadership skills, different capacity building trainings were also provide to the project partners.

"Maraming salamat po sa Pondo ng Pinoy in behalf of the Caritas Nueva Segovia dahil natututo ang mga mangingisda na mamahala ng sariling isang proyekto na malaki ang maitutulong sa kanilang pagkatuto at kabuhayan." Mr. Tony Nolasco. (Yen Ocampo, PnPCFI / Photos: Caritas Nueva Segovia Foundation, Inc.)







# **PONDO NG PINOY STORIES**

### SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE & RECOVERY PROJECTS FOR THE POOR

Covid-19 has affected all aspects of human living, especially that of the least, the last, and the lost. The livelihood of the poor has been impacted the most. Many lost their source of income as businesses closed down, informal sector jobs restricted, supply chains were disrupted, and travel remained limited.

This had far-reaching implications to the lives of the poor. One of them is worsening their already meager capacity to access nutritious food. They are also unable to purchase hygiene and protective kits nor obtain primary healthcare should they get exposed to sickness. The urban poor's plight to secure a house they can call their home are also threatened as their savings to pay for mortgage or land equity are being used up for basic needs. Obtaining quality education will also become harder for marginalized youth as schools are transitioning to remote learning and poor families suffer from a digital divide.

In this testing time, the message to become imitators of the Good Shepherd and to continue the mission of Jesus in bringing Good News to the poor could not be emphasized enough. Pondo ng Pinoy, through the distribution of crumbs, is called to help the poor in coping and recovering from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.



## URBAN FARMING FOR THE POOR IN ANTIPOLO

We help communities build their capacity to build a better future for themselves and others by unlocking their potential from existing resources and relationships. In 2020, Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) supported the Our Lady's Organic Garden (OLOG), a project initiative of the Immaculate Conception

Parish, Diocese of Antipolo through its Ministry on Social and Human Development. The project aims to improve the living conditions of at least 20 urban poor families displaced workers affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. She added that indirect benefit will accrue to the wider community in the village in the long run.

The Immaculate Conception Parish, Local Government Unit of Cainta, Rizal, Sangguniang Bayan, and the Vista Verde Homeowners' Association worked hand in hand in converting a 3,000 sq. m. open spaces into an urban organic farm. The once idle farm transformed into a food production space that translated into additional income for those who are still employed and a good source of income on the side for those heads of the families looking for a job and displaced during the pandemic. Most of the beneficiaries are women and single parents who are determined to support the needs of their families.



Food security also comes when the beneficiaries availed the harvested vegetables at a lower price. According to Ms. Lileth Alcantara, Ministry for Social and Human Development Parish Coordinator, "beneficiaries have felt the goodness and mercy of God in the small acts of kindness from people coming together to realize the project". She added that the support from Pondo ng Pinoy is more than the financial aid, it serves as the motivating factor to continue their mission in the community. Pondo ng Pinoy being the source of funding for the OLOG project conveys the message that the church is not only interested in dole-outs during crisis such as this pandemic but more so concerned about providing

long-term and sustainable aid for them. The project is in line with the Urban Community Organic Vegetable Farming for Livelihood Improvement Program which encourages strong community participation. It is located at Phase 1 Open Space, Burgos St. and Phase 4 Cimon St. Vista Verde Executive Village, Cainta Rizal. (Gecerein Sayen Ocampo, Papp(SI)



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Mga kapatid, kabanalan sa gitna ng maliit at kaunti ang Pondo ng Pinoy. Mga baryang iniaalay at itinutulong - maliit ngunit dahil may taglay na kabanalan ng pag-ibig sa kapwa ay pinalalaki ng Diyos at marami ang natutulungan.



#### REV. FR. BENJAMIN A. FRANCISCO

Pondo ng Pinoy Corrdinato

### MISSION SCHOOLS AT PAGTATAYO NG FISH CAGES SA TALIM ISLAND

Masayang ibinahagi ni Rev. Fr. Antonio Gerado Sanchez, Priest Coordinator ng Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation sa Diocese ng Antipolo ang iba't-ibang proyekto ng Pondo ng Pinoy sa lalawigan ng Rizal. Ayon kay Fr. Sanchez, nagawang tugunan ng Pondo ng Pinoy ang kanilang mga pangangailangan lalo na sa bahagi ng programang pangkabuhayan at tulong sa mga mag-aaral sa

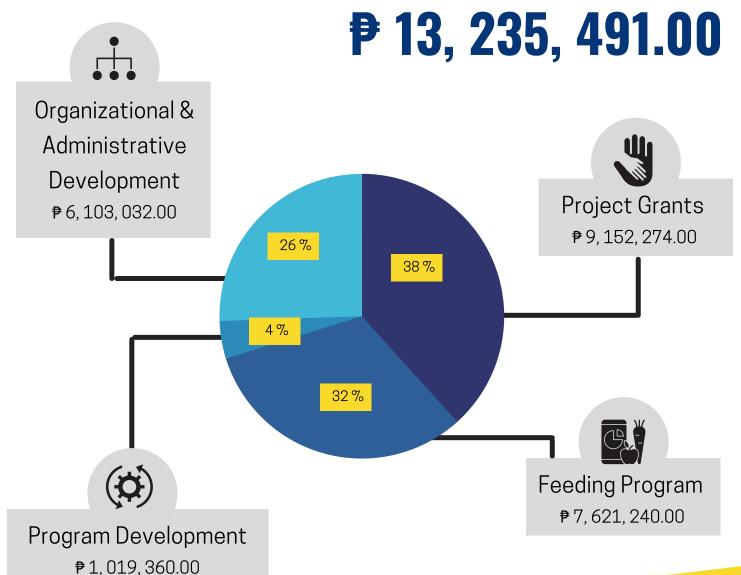
Talim Island. Inihayag ng Pari na mahigit 100 mag-aaral sa isla ang nagkaroon ng maayos na edukasyon bago ang pandemya matapos mag-donate ang Pondo ng Pinoy ng bangka na siyang ginagamit ng mga guro sa pagtawid sa Talim Island. **"Malaking tulong po bago ang pandemic nagtatag po ng mission school doon sa Talim Island yun Binangonan Catholic College para sa mga Grades 11 at 12 nag-request po kami sa Pondo ng Pinoy ng motorized boat worth Php 300,000 at na-approved naman po nakapag pagawa kami ng bangka at ito tuwing may klase yun mga Teacher from Binangonan kailangan nila** 

bumiyahe ng higit 1 oras para makapunta sa doon sa Talim Island para makapagturo sa mga estudyante Ialo na sa mga out of school youth." pahayag ni Fr. Sachez sa panayam ng programang Caritas in Action. Sinuportahan din ng Pondo ng Pinoy ang pagpapatayo ng Fish Cage sa mga mangingisda ng Talim Island para makatulong sa kabuhayan habang ang mga kababaihan naman ang nakikinabang sa organic garden na inilunsad sa Vista Verde, Cainta Rizal. "Dun sa talim island po meron din doon na fish cage marami din natulungan na walang hanapbuhay na makapag-alaga sila ng isda sa fish cage at itong kinikita dito binibigay sa mga mahihirap.

Itong panghuli ang maganda po na project ng Immaculate Conception Parish sa Vista Verde sa Cainta ang Ladies Organic Garden, organic farming worth P300,000 kung saan yun mga bakanteng lote sa Vista Verde nataniman ng mga organic na mga halaman lalo na yun mga nagbubunga." Dagdag pa ni Fr. Sanchez. Nagpapasalamat si Fr. Sanchez at ang Diyosesis ng Antipolo sapagkat kahit sa gitna ng pandemya ay patuloy silang tinutulungan ng Pondo ng Pinoy kung saan nagbahagi din ito ng mga relief assistance at iba pang mga ayuda. "dito po tayo magtataka na dahil sa 25 sentimos milyon-milyon na natutulungan para sa mga livelihood project ng mga mahihirap, yun mga relief operations kaya totoo hindi puwede sabihin na 25 cents lang kapag pinagsama ito ay nagiging milyon at marami ang natutulungan."pahayag ni Fr.Sanchez. Magugunitang taong 2004 nang simulan ni Noo'y Manila Archbishop Gaundencio Cardinal Rosales ang Pondo ng Pinoy kung saan sa pamamagitan ng mga 25 sentimos na nalilikom sa mga Parokya at mga Paaralan ay naisasakatuparan ang iba't-ibang mga proyekto para sa mga mahihirap at nangangailangan. (*Rowel Garcia, Radio Veritas*)

# HOW WE SPENT EACH LOVE YOU SHARED

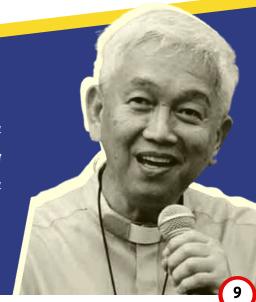
## TOTAL GATHERED DONATIONS FY 2020 - 2021



Ang Pondo ng Pinoy, hindi lang ito fund raising, walang fund raising na tatagal ng 17 years. Ito po ay evangalizing work na sa pamamagitan ng ating pananampalataya ang kaharian ng Diyos ay kumikilos sa mga maliliit na gawain.

MOST REV. BRODERICK S. PABILLO, D. D.

Pondo ng :Pinoy Trustee



### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

As of June 30, 2021 (audited)

## **ASSETS**

TOTAL	<b>₱ 101</b> , 876, 652.00
Social assistance receivable and other assets	<b>₱</b> 1,756,955.00
Property and equipment	<b>₱</b> 273, 427.43
Investments	<b>₱</b> 47, 185, 782.00
Cash and Cash equivalents	₱ 52, 660, 488.00

# LIABILITIES FUND BALANCES

TOTAL	<b>₱ 101, 876, 652.00</b>
Fund Balances	₱ 97, 397, 335.00
Accrued expenses	₱ 178, 274.00
Grant payable	<b>₱</b> 4, 301, 043.00

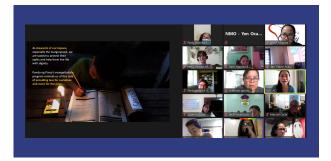
Nakakatuwang isipin na nagsimula ang Pondo ng Pinoy sa isang napakasimpleng pangarap na makatulong sa mga mahihirap sa pamamagitan ng mumu (25 cents) na ibinibigay rin ng mga komunidad, na kung iisipin ay wala namang mararating at sa iba ay walang halaga. Ngunit dahil sa simpleng pagbibigay na nagmumula sa puso, buong kababaang loob na pagtugon sa panawagan ng Diyos, ang mga mumung ito ay nakakatulong sa maraming tao at komunidad.



## **EMBRACING CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION**

### LAY COORDINATORS' RE-ORIENTATION

Aimed at rediscovering the core spirituality of Pondo ng Pinoy, a two-day reorientation session for Pondo ng Pinoy Diocesan Lay Coordinators was held on June 16-17, 2021 via Zoom guided by the recently launched Resource Manual: Pondo ng Pinoy, Embodying New Evangelization Towards Fullness of Life. This was facilitated by the National Speakers' Bureau together with the Education Sub-Unit of the National Management Office.



The activity was attended by Pondo ng Pinoy Coordinators representing twenty-eight (28) dioceses who actively participated with their sharing and reflections on the different modules which tackled Stewards

facilitators and implementers. A module on "Tips on Facilitating the Resource Manual" was presented for the participants to be more equipped on the

use of the Resource Manual. They were also given copies of the brochures and videos that could be used as well. (Mayee Abear, PnPCFI)

of the Poor; Spirituality; Organization: Programs, and Services; Kamalayan sa Damayan: Giving as a Social Consciousness; From Crumbs to Fullness of Life: Bringing Good News to the Poor, and Growing in Faith. The process which begins with a scripture reading and deepening every chapter in the module followed by the application in the program components of the Foundation enabled the participants to understand more deeply the interconnection of the Theology of the Crumbs as the core spirituality of the Foundation and the activities both of the National Management Office and the Diocesan Desks. Some of the reflections during the plenary and break out room sessions were:

- "Give a person a fish, and you'll feed her/him for a day. Teach a person to fish, and you've fed her/him for a lifetime." PnP is not just giving something that people need for the moment, but a long-term solution of a community's problem, that they help solve and own."
- "I've read it [spirituality] sa brochures but this time mas naintindihan ko in-depth. This is what makes us different as a church."
- "Maraming natutunan... naligayahan and hopeful...
  realized that we are not short of options... try new
  approaches, paigtingin ang formation, tap more
  volunteers, catechists, maximize media...."



### "E-NUMAN, KWENTUHAN ATBP."

UNLOCKING POTENTIALS TOWARD COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Opening the potential of local volunteers to promote change is one of the long-term priorities of Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation (PnPCFI). In the midst of the pandemic, it successfully held online capacity building sessions for local church coordinators.

Specifically, the e-session aims to create a knowledge sharing platform where local partners can share their knowledge, ideas, and good practices in the area of community development and Covid-19 projects that responds to the needs of the poor, thereby influencing each other to become better agents of change.

The Pondo ng Pinoy e-session was led by the Pondo ng Pinoy Projects Team, Ms. Joanne Chua and Ms. Mela Nequinto who are both community development practitioners.

Jerusalem is the symbol of the human heart whom Jesus wishes to enter. Jesus continues to look for donkeys that can carry him into the hearts of everybody. (Mark 15: 15 – 39). IN this endeavor, like Pondo ng Pinoy, what is important is to receive Jesus in our life and be a donkey, ready and willing to share the love of Jesus to others, by sharing a little of what we have everyday, as an expression of our faith, love and generosity to our brothers and sisters in need. Are we willing to listen to his call? This time he addresses us directly: "The master needs you. He wants you to be his donkey." How shall we respond to this challenge? Are we willing to share a little of what we have?

REV. FR. HEINTJE L. CAÑETE

Priest Coordinator

Pondo ng Pinoy Desk, Military Ordinariate

To make the sessions a little lighter, different sets of games related to the topics were held in between the modules with prizes for the winning participants. The session ended with a challenge to the desks on how to creatively implement the program components of Education, Promotion, Gathering of Crumbs, and Distribution of Crumbs in their respective dioceses, a key strategy being the echoing of this session to their Pondo ng Pinoy

### PONDO NG PINOY SIMBANG GABI ONLINE REFLECTIONS

Pondo ng Pinoy: Pag-ibig ng Panginoon, Pag-asa ng Pilipino continues its journey to proclaim Christ as good news to the poor, encouraging the faithful to live the life of humble stewardship of whatever gifts the Lord has given as preferential love for the poor, through little but regular acts of goodness exemplified by the "crumbs" as little as 25 centavo coins. The National Management Office of Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) presented its spirituality through reflections and messages of 9 Bishops together with His Eminence Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle during the traditional religious practice of "Simbang Gabi" or Misa De Gallo.

Video messages had the main theme "Gifted to Give" in the light of the 500 Years celebration of Christianity in the Philippines and shown via live stream during the "Simbang Gabi" mass with different themes each day. In case you missed the reflections of the Bishops and message of Cardinal Tagle, please visit the Pondo ng Pinoy Youtube channel. Bishops who participated in the first-ever video series of Pondo ng Pinoy are as follows:



















Feel free to revisit the reflections of our Bishops and H. Em. Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D.D. through the Youtube channel of Pondo ng Pinoy (Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc.).

Pondo ng Pinoy are born out of a vision for all of God's people to attain fullness of life in the family, community in the Church. It aims to bring about the total development of people-both the giver and the recipient—of assistance to be rendered by the Church to address widespread poverty caused by material, economic, cultural, political and social starvation. The vision of Pondo ng Pinoy as expounded by its founder, H. Em. Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales was the fullness of life for all, especially the poor through the love of God and neighbor. So, it was then when Pondo ng Pinoy was launched in 2004 ... so it still is 16 years after.

The "crumbs" amounted to 25 centavos, negligible to many but can become a big help if pooled together and given regularly as emphasized in the phrase:



"Anumang magaling, kahit maliit, basta't malimit ay patungong langit." This collection of funds was called Pondong Batangan. This system of collecting small donations grew over the years, expanding to other areas, and finally becoming a national movement known as Pondo ng Pinoy. (Gecerein Sayen Ocampo)

### PONDO NG PINOY FIRTS-EVER SONG WRITING CONTEST HELD

#### **ALWAYS BEEN YOU**

VERSE 1:
As I look to the dark gray sky
I say a prayer and ask God why
What's with all the pain inside
t eems that I can't figure it out
As I wander through this road
path seems hard and I can't control
What the future really holds
Its only You who knows.

PRE-CHORUS: But still I trust in You

CHORUS:
It's always been You
Who lifts me up and carry me through the valley
It's always been You
Who loves me so and never falls to guide me
It's always been You
Who walks with me in the darkest days
And Iknow that when

VERSE 2: I see You in everything that I do Your love for me shines through Even if I fail Still there You are waiting comeback into Your warm embrace

PRE-CHORUS:

CHORUS (2x) BRIDGE-

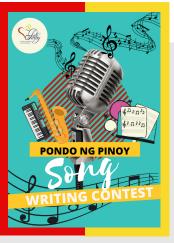
CHORUS: (2x)

OUTRO: There are things in my mind I can't explain There are fears in my heart I want to say But I know that Your love will keep me safe That's for sure

I know You have a plan for my life will trust your word and do what's right I'll sing this song so the world will know That it's always been You

Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) in line with the celebration of its 16th anniversary and 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines conducted its first-ever Songwriting Contest, which aimed to engage the public on the vision of Pondo ng Pinoy through music and to sustain the commitment and support of Pondo Pinov ng stakeholders.

With the theme "Pondo ng Pinoy: **Symbol** of Compassion, Hope and Solidarity," entries revolved around the message of hope, encouragement, love of God and neighbors, compassion, solidarity amid the desolation, and despair. The competition opened to all novice, amateur,



and professional Filipino songwriters as well as solo and group participants. All entries were the original composition of the participants and were based on the following genres: Pop, Jazz, Ballad, Classical, Soul, Blues, R&B, Gospel, Rock, Hip Hop, and Rap. Hundreds of entries were received by the National Management Office and fifteen were selected as finalists.

Participants shared

"Through Pondo ng Pinoy, I was able to continue my passion, and it is composing music. I was given a chance to create music for the people amid the pandemic. Pondo ng Pinoy has been true to its goal, not just supporting the poor but also the talented people," said Jeremy Roldan People's Choice Award via Youtube.

"Salamat sa Pondo ng Pinoy sa pagsasagawa ng ganitong activity masaya na makasali. Dahil sa ganitong sitwasyon natin na tayo ay nasa pandemic ay madami ang na sa bahay, kaya naman sa ganitong paraan ay mas nailalabas namin ang aming mga talento sa musika. Maraming salamat sa Pondo ng Pinoy dahil nakapag bigay ito ng hope and courage to be creative and express our emotions," said Jeremiah Conejos, grand winner. (Bebot Sabangan, PnPCFI)

> Ang pagbibigay sa Pondo ng Pinoy ay pagtupad din sa ating tungkulin na mahalin ang kapwa lalung-lalo na ang mga mahirap.

> > SR. MARIA LEAH C. JAPOS, PVMI

Pondo ng Pinoy Trustee Programs Committee Chairperso



### **NEW MEMBERS** OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECT DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY



New members of the Board of Trustees of the Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) were elected during the General Assembly held on January 22. 2021 via Zoom.

With the theme "Pondo Ng Pinoy: Symbol of Compassion, Hope and Solidarity in the Midst of the Pandemic (16 Years of God's Love and Hope for the Poor)," the virtual event was presented by the priests and lay coordinators of the 29 member dioceses all over the country led by the PnPCFI Executive Director, Morena A. Cosare.

Retained Board of Trustees members are Bp. Rey Evangelista, Vice Chairperson; Atty. Ira Agustin, Treasurer; and Atty. Maria Liza A. Lopez- Rosario, Board Secretary & Legal Counsel. While the new members of the board are as follows:

- Ms. Marissa L. Bernardo (Diocese of Daet)
- Ms. Joan April A. Chang (Diocese of San Jose City)
- · Rev. Fr. Noel B. Conopio (Projects Sub-Committee Chairman, Diocese of San Pablo)
- Most Rev. Oscar Jaime L. Florencio, D.D. (Finance Committee Chairman/ Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of the Philippines)
- Most Rev. Gerardo A. Alminaza, D.D. (Bishop of San Carlos)
- · Most Rev. Roberto C. Mallari, D.D. (Bishop of San Jose Nueva Ecija)

The General Assembly also highlighted the awarding of virtual certificates of recognition to the outgoing board members such as Bp. Antonio M. Maralit Jr, D.D.; Bp. Roberto O. Gaa, D.D.; Bp. Mel Rey Uy, D.D.; Fr. Benjamin A. Francisco; Amb. Henrietta T. de Villa; and Ms. Ma. Ava Cattleya A. Istino. (Gecerein Sayen Ocampo, PnPCFI)

Taos-pusong nagpapasalamat ang Pondo ng Pinoy sa mga "Good Samaritan" o mga taong may busilak na pusong nag-aalay ng bente singko sentimos o "mumo para sa pangangailangan ng kapwang naghihikahos.

BARYA SA PANDEMYA

Inihayag sa Radio Veritas ni Rev. Fr. Benjie Francisco, Programs Committee Chairman ng Pondo ng Pinoy na dahil sa "mumong" ipinagkaloob ng mga may dalisay na puso ay marami na ang nagkaroon ng kaayusan at kaganapan sa

Mula "mumo" na kaloob ng mga Good Samaritan ay nakapagbigay ang Pondo ng Pinoy ng 7-milyong pisong relief assistance sa mga lubhang naapektuhan ng COVID-19 pandemic kabilang na ang mga mangingisda sa Rosario, Cavite na nabibiyaan ng bangkang pangisda.

Ikinagagalak ni Fr. Francisco ang lumalaganap na kultura o "way of life" ng mga Filipino na pag-alay ng bente-singko sentimos sa Pondo ng Pinoy na umabot na ng Php470, 660,064.00 donasyon simula ng itinatag ito. Ayon pa din kay Fr. Franciso, dahil sa maliit na binhi ng kabutihan ay naghari ang pagmamahal ni Hesus sa mga higit na nangangailangan. Ang kabutihan ng mga nag-aalay ng "mumo" o barya ay sumasailalim



sa pangarap ni Cardinal Emeritus Gaudencio Rosales na "anumang magaling kahit maliit, basta malimit ay patungong langit". Ibinahagi ng Pari na mula 2004 hanggang taong 2020 ay tinatayang nasa 245, 181 mga kapuspalad ang nabiyayaan sa programa ng Pondo ng Pinoy sa housing, edukasyon(mga scholar), nutrition(feeding program) at relief assistance sa mga naapektuhan ng pandemya. Nanawagan din si Fr. Francisco sa mga nais magpayaman ng binhi ng kabutihan sa kapwa na ang sentro ng Pondo ng Pinoy ay sa lahat ng parokya, ilang mga paaralan at tanggapan sa buong bansa. Tiwala si Fr. Francisco na lalo pang lumaganap at maging inspirasyon ang nais ni Hesus na ibigin ang kapwang nagdadarahop sa buhay. (Arnel Pelaco, Radyo Veritas)

"Ang Pondo ng Pinoy ay patuloy sa kanyang misyon na akayin ang mamamayan na magbalik loob sa Panginoon at buksan ang puso sa

kapwa upang makabuo ng isang nagkakaisang sambayanan. Hangarin ng Pondo ng Pinoy na itaguyod ang pagbabago sa sarili para sa kabutihan ng iba. Tatlong P : Pagtataguyod, Pagaaruga at Pagmamalasakit sa kapwa".

Ambassador Henrietta de Villa

### HINDI MAAARING I-LOCKDOWN ANG PAGKAKAWANGGAWA **BISHOP EVANGELISTA**

### "There is no room for selfishness in time of pandemic".

Ito ang diwa at tema ng Pondo ng Pinoy para sa ika-16 na taong anibersaryo ng community foundation na itinatag noong taong 2004 ni Manila Archbishop Emeritus Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales. Ang pilosopiya nito ay "Anumang magaling, kahit maliit, basta malimit ay patungong langit". Sa gitna ng COVID-19 pandemic, inihayag ni Diyosesis ng Imus Bp. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D., Vice-chairman ng Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation Inc. (PnPCFI) ang paglulunsad ng programang "Pondo ng Pinoy: Simbolo ng Pag-asa, Pagmamalasakit at Pagdadamayan" sa panahon ng pandemya.

Iginiit ni Bishop Evangelista na hindi maaring i-lockdown ang pagkawanggawa sa mga nangangailangan lalu sa mga apektado ng COVID-19 pandemic. Kaya't ang Pondo ng Pinoy noon 2020 hanggang sa kasalukuyang taon ay nagbahagi ng tulong sa halos apatnapung (40) diyoses sa bansa. Lubos ding nagpapasalamat si Bp. Evangelista sa mga "good samaritan" na patuloy na nagbibigay ng tulong at nag-iipon ng munting barya upang makatulong sa kapwa sa kabila ng pagdaranas ng kahirapan at kawalan ng trabaho. "Hindi puwedeng ilockdown ang kawanggawa, bawat araw ay sinisikap ng mga mananampalataya na makatulong sa kapwang nangangailangan. Nakakatuwa at salamat dahil sa nabuong catechesis o kamalayan ay patuloy na nag-iipon ng 25-sentimos para sa Pondo ng Pinoy," pasasalamat ni Bishop Evangelista.



Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D., PRPCFI Vice Chairperson and Bishop of Imus presided the first General Assembly of Pondo ng Pinoy since the pandemic starts in March 2020 organized by the National Management Office headed by Ms. Morene A. Cosare, PnPCFI Executive Director.

Ayon kay Bishop Evangelista, ang nalikom na barya ay ginamit ng Pondo ng Pinoy sa pagtulong sa mga naapektuhan ng pandemya, sa pagpapakain ng mga batang malnourished at nagugutom, pagbibigay ng kinabuhayan sa mga mahihirap na paimlya, pati na ang pagbabahagi ng protective equipment para sa mga frontliners at mahihirap na komunidad. Muling nanawagan si Bp. Evangelista sa mga mananampalataya na ugaliin ang pag-iipon ng munting "mumo" para sa kapwang nangangailangan. "Kumpletuhin natin ang bawat araw na may kawanggawa sa pamamagitan ng pag-iipon ng 25-sentimos," apela ni Bishop Evangelista. (Arnel Pelaco, Radyo Veritas / Photo: www.veritas846.ph)

### PONDO NG PINOY FOUNDATION. NAGPAPASALAMAT SA GOOD SAMARITANS

Nagpapasalamat ang Pondo ng Pinoy sa mga Good Samaritan na patuloy sa pagkakaloob ng kanilang 25-sentimos na barya o tinatawag na "mumo" Sa panahon ng COVID-19 pandemic, ipinagmalaki ni Amb. Henrietta de Villa, Pondo ng Pinoy Promotion Sub-Committee Chairperson, na dahil sa kaloob na 25-sentimos ay nakapagpabigay sila ng cash donations sa programa ng Caritas Manila at iba't-ibang arkidiyosesis at diyosesis para sa mga lubos na apektado ng pandemya. Ang cash donations ay bukod pa sa mga ipinamimigay ng Pondo ng Pinoy na relief goods at face masks.

Ikinagagalak ni Amb. De Villa na ibahagi sa Radio Veritas na ang Pondo ng Pinoy "caught the imagination of the people" at nagdulot ng himala. Ayon kay Amb. De Villa, "dahil sa Pondo ng Pinoy ay nakaugalian na ang paglalaan ng "mumo" para magbigay ng pag-asa sa mga kapuspalad at isinasantabi sa lipunan".

"Ang pag-iipon ng 25-sentimos para sa Pondo ng Pinoy ay pinanggagalingan ng katuwaan, feeling of fulfillment. Caught the imagination of the people, kaya marami ang nagbabahagi. The habit become a virtue". Ang pakikibahagi sa Pondo ng Pinoy ay pagpapakita ng pagmamahal ng diyos at pagmamahal sa kapwa", pahayag pa ni Amb. De Villa.

Tiniyak din niya na ang Pondo ng Pinoy na itinatag noong 2004 ni Manila Archbishop Emeritus Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales ay **"patuloy sa kanyang** misyon na akayin ang mamamayan na magbalik loob sa Panginoon at buksan ang puso sa kapwa upang makabuo ng isang nagkakaisang sambayanan". "Hangarin ng Pondo ng Pinoy na itaguyod ang pagbabago sa sarili para sa kabutihan ng iba. Tatlong P: pagtataguyod, pag-aaruga at

Nabuo at naitatag ang Pondo ng Pinoy sa pamamagitan ng motto at principle ni Cardinal Rosales na "Anumang magaling kahit maliit basta't malimit ay patungong langit". (Arnel Pelaco, Radyo Veritas )

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Nowadays, the mission of Jesus in establishing the Kingdom against the many faces of the devil like sickness, poverty, and ignorance is being continued by Pondo ng Pinoy. Pondo ng Pinoy has come, not to destroy, but to rebuild what is being continually attacked by the devil. Like Jesus, we echo His words: "Quiet! Come out of him!" But what is more inspiring is that the army of against the devil is not coming from the big and sophisticated structures. He uses little yet consistent acts of love! Simple people, often called "powerless", become agents of change and transformation in the communities. That is the power of the "little ones"!

**REV. FR. ALFRED T. VIERNES** 

Priest Coordinator, Pondo ng Pinoy Desk Diocese of Alaminos



Such little but very helpful acts is also what Pondo ng Pinoy is advocating to be a follower of Jesus. All we need to do is to share what we have to our neighbors who are also experiencing hunger, fear, anger, and depression with what is happening to us now. And as usual, mga barya-barya na galing sa pamalengke na unti-unting iniipn sa loob ng bote, kahit ngayong may pandemic, para sa common fund ng Pondo ng Pinoy ay malaking bagay pa rin ang magagawa sa kapwa.

Ms. Alejandria Dacquel

Consultant Catechist Pondo ng Pinoy NMO



My mission now with Pondo ng Pinoy is truly a gift - a chance to become a bridge to help the less fortunate, a chance to have a family in every person who is part of this community, a chance to learn and grow in this kind of community where you can share the same passion, struggles, and joy along the way. Whatever smallest gift that you have, when you give it out of love, of love for Jesus and love for the poor, that gift will be big and meaningful. And it is in giving that we also receive the chance to meet Jesus... a chance for me to meet Jesus during a memorable moment when we were looking for our beneficiaries of Pondo ng Pinoy Livelihood Program.

Ms. Joan April Chang

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