

Caritas Española backs development programs in Philippines

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The Caritas Española has been supporting developmental projects in the Philippines most specifically in the countryside since 2001 through the National Secretariat for Social Action/Caritas Philippines of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

Sustainable Agriculture National Program Coordinator Ronelio Barsatan and Program Officer Cheryll E. Manuel, both staff from the National Secretariat for Social Action, Justice and Peace or NASSA have been conducted a monitoring of project implementation in four municipalities of Zambales province called as Basic Ecclesiastical Community (BEC)-Based Integral and Sustainable Development Program last February 2 and 3.

Components of the program were Lusog-Sigla, Buhay-Sagana (focused on health, nutrition and livelihood), Sustainable Agriculture, and Good Governance.

Organic farming and about cleanliness and health were part of the sustainable development program funded by Caritas Española, according to Evelyn 'Belen' Limpo, Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer, Social Action Center of Zambales.

"Zambales was one of the selected provinces of NASSA and the Diocese of Iba chose only four municipalities to implement the program. These are Santa Cruz, Masinloc, Iba, and San Felipe," said Limpo

She added that the local residences in the chosen areas were poor, yet their BEC is strong and well organized....**READ MORE**.... <http://nassa.org.ph/?p=2540>

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