



Dominican Family COVID-19 Response Project

In response to challenges posed by COVID -19 crisis, the **Dominican Family for Justice and Peace and Care of Creation - Philippines** has started the **Dominican Family COVID-19 Response Project**. The overarching goal of this project is to supplement the efforts of the public sector to counter the tides of the pandemic. Through this humble effort, we hope to combat the onslaught of the pandemic in our country. The flagship initiatives of JPCC-Philippines are the following:

A. PPEs and Rosaries

We purchased **two thousand (2,000) PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment)** for our frontliners. We have initially delivered one hundred (100) PPE and rosary sets to the University of Santo Tomas Hospital in Manila. Due to delivery restrictions and observance of the Holy Week, delivery will resume on April 13. PPEs and rosaries will be distributed to **42 hospitals** in **22 cities** and **14 regions** in the country.

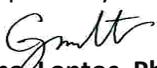
B. Food assistance for affected individuals / families

1. **“Bigay Bigas sa Barangay”** - We have intensified the food security component of the project. Rice consists the bulk of our distributable donations which come mainly from generous donors and patrons. On April 8, 2020, we started the distribution of **one hundred thirty-five (135) cavans of rice** to **six (6) poor barangays** in Metro Manila.
2. **Pak na Pak Pakbet (Pinakbet Packs for Barangays)**- This is in coordination with the **Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED) of the University of Santo Tomas** through **SOAP (Sustainable Organic Agriculture Project)**. The production of vegetable packs aims to address food security challenges by supporting the livelihood of farmers and providing nutritious food to poor areas. One interesting aspect of this project is that the inmates prepare the packs. The participation of the reformatory/correctional institutions hopes to augment the income of the inmates. However, more than financial support, this project empowers them who are deprived of opportunities.
3. **Share a Meal (food packs for inmates, medical frontliners, and barangay frontliners)** - This component of the project is desirous of providing rice meals to inmates and frontliners. Initially, we intend to distribute rice meals to **4,837 inmates** in **Manila City Jail Male Dorm**. Due to restricted manpower, we intend to do this per batch which entails preparing rice meals for 1,000 inmates per day. Other target beneficiaries of *Share a Meal* project are medical frontliners and barangay frontliners.

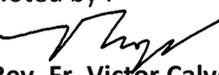
C. Distribution of other essential items (in the pipeline) - This subsumes giving out of sanitary items like toiletries, alcohol, sanitizers, etc. to identified recipients.

D. Short-term livelihood assistance for affected families (in the pipeline) - We hope to assist individuals in the creation of short-term economic opportunities which could help them weather the uncertain times. Thus, this can be considered as a post-COVID-19 program.

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