

Partners' solidarity for World's Indigenous Peoples Day

In one day, 2,582 seedlings were planted, achieving 10% of our target to plant 20,000 trees in this year! On August 9, 2023, as we celebrated the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**, 60 groups/ organizations joined us in simultaneous tree-growing activities. Our collaborative effort to nurture back forest areas is spreading! We started with around seven partner communities in Northern Mindanao in year 2020 (at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic). For the August 9 simultaneous tree-growing, 13 more partner communities joined us and contributed their efforts to be counted as part of the 20@20 campaign. Tree-growing took place in Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Davao Oriental, Agusan del Sur, Cagayan de Oro, and Culion in Palawan in the Philippines. In addition to these areas, the Indigenous youth in Papua and South Papua provinces, Indonesia are joining this effort to grow 20,000 trees and more. Almost half of the groups who joined, (29 groups/ organizations) participated from Indonesia. Komunitas Tuli Sorong (Sorong Deaf Community) was one of the active groups during this event. The participants reported planting fruit trees such as rambutan, longan; moringa; and hardwood species such as molave, lawaan (meranti), and narra; and mangrove trees by Calamian Tagbanwa partners in Palawan, and fisherfolk in Lanao del Norte.

The 20@20 tree growing is an ongoing conservation and fundraising campaign facilitated by Samdhana Institute, to support primarily indigenous communities that are working to restore and protect their forest areas. Since we began the tree-growing fundraising campaign in late 2021, we have worked with Indigenous youth groups who have led the establishment of their community tree nurseries, through collection of wildlings and seeds, and exchanges of seedlings with other IP communities. In the pilot Higaonon tribe community of Awang in Opol, Misamis Oriental, within the Dulangan Unified Ancestral Domain, since 2020, we have planted around 6,000 seedlings and counting, through the hard work of the tribal community leader, youth and women; alongside volunteers from faith-based, academe and civic organizations, and Samdhana team and family members.



PHILIPPINES

30. Serukadang Menuvu Tribe Organization (SMT0)
31. Neumpong Ne Memenguhed te UKIMTRICO (NMTU)
32. Neumpong ne Mge Memeriten te Serukadang (NMMTS)
33. Unified Kiriteken Ilantungen Tribal Council (UKIMTRICO)
34. Neumpung ne Memeritan ne mid Kiviran te Menuvu Kiriteken Ilantungen (NMKI)
35. Basak Masayon Farmers Irrigators Association
36. Awang BLGU
37. Panaghiusa sa mga Higaonon sa Awang (PAHINA)
38. Kababayen-an sa Panlablaba (KASAP)
39. Panlablaba Youth Organization (PAYO)
40. Nangcaon Higaonon Youth Organization (NAHIYO)MMO
41. Dulangan Youth Group (DUYOG)
42. Panagsabuwa Hu mga Basbasonon ta Tingalan (PAGBATI)
43. Our Mother of Perpetual Help (OMPH)
44. Society of St. Columban
45. Columban Lay Missionaries
46. Inter - Cultural Organizations Network for Solidarity and Peace, Inc. (ICON-SP)
47. Tulunan Nabimina Peace Zone Association (NABIMINA)
48. Cumbio Multi - Sectoral Ecology Movement, Inc. (CMEM)
49. UBJP
50. La Bugal
51. Chindonan Alulad Lamud Marabal (CALM) Ancestral Domain IPS
52. Chindonan Alulad Lamud Marabal (CALM) AD Women Group
53. Chindonan Alulad Lamud Marabal (CALM) AD Youth Group
54. Strengthening Indigenous and Nurturing the Youth Leaders Association (SINLA)
55. Barangay Tumpagon Tribal Council
56. Sanggunian Kabataan (Tumpagon, Cagayan de Oro)
57. Subang Foundation
58. HEED (Human Economic and Ecological Development INC.)
59. Panaghiusa alang sa Kaugalingnon ug Kalingkawasan Inc. (PASAKK)
60. Lanao Aquatic and Marine Fisheries isheries Center For Community Development, Inc. (LAFCCOD)

