

Barangay Sab-a, The Philippines



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The Philippines Quick Facts

- Total Population: 74,454,000
- Population under 5: 9,800,000
- Annual number of births: 2,064,000
- Under 5 mortality rate: 42 (per 1,000 live births)
- Life Expectancy: Male 65, Female 70
- Adult Literacy Rate: Male 94%, Female 94%
- GNP per Capita: US\$ 1020

The struggle to meet daily needs

Barangay Sab-a

Population: 661

Location: 80 km due north of Cebu City in San Remigio town, Philippines

Current situation: In the community of Barangay Sab-a, Philippines, the people struggle to meet their daily water needs. Residents must walk about 1 km to the nearest water source, the Maldang spring, which is only available during the rainy season. In the dry season, the women and children must walk farther to the Bulwang spring. The people of Barangay Sab-a are prepared to pay some of the capital costs of and 100% of the maintenance costs for a new water system, but they lack the financial resources to get started. With financial support from WaterPartners International, our Philippine partner organization will work with the people of Barangay Sab-a to develop and implement a sustainable community water supply and sanitation system.

Proposed new water system description: Spring-fed, pumped water system with water storage tank and public tap-stands and communal washing facilities

Proposed sanitation facilities: Household latrines.

Project implementation schedule: Community organizational activities will commence 3 months before project construction. Project construction is estimated at 5 months.



Women and children filling containers with safe drinking water on the island of Cebu, Philippines.

The water crisis in The Philippines

Uncontrolled deforestation in the Philippines rural areas has significantly reduced the volume of groundwater available for domestic purposes. Therefore, watershed protection is an important component in the work of our Philippine partner organization.

Latrine usage is also poor in both the urban and rural areas of the country, contributing to the high incidence of diarrhea among the population's children.



WaterPartners staff inspect a watershed protection area on the island of Cebu, Philippines.