



KI NEWSLETTER

Believing in Change but Keeping the Faith

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KI Spearheaded National Volunteering Roadshow

KI as a key player in promoting volunteering, spearheaded a National Volunteering roadshow visiting Cagayan de Oro City, Davao City, General Santos City, Zamboanga City, Isabela City in Basilan, Jolo, Sulu, and Tawi-tawi from November 2009 to March 2010.

In partnership with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), the roadshow was organized to promote RA 9418 or the Volunteer Act of 2007. The Act institutionalizes volunteerism as a strategy for national development and international understanding and cooperation. This landmark legislation brings with it the assurance of providing a conducive and enabling environment for volunteering in the Philippines.

Ms. Cora Macaraeg, Project Officer of Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) shared the elements of RA 9418. One of the highlights of the roadshow is the work of Kapamagogopa Inc. in promoting volunteerism among young Muslim professionals. KI Executive Director Mariam Barandia shared the KI experience and the role of Muslim volunteering in peacebuilding and rural development in Mindanao.

The event was also designed to bring relevant stakeholders together, such as Non-government organizations (NGOs), academe, corporate sector, government line agencies, youth-oriented groups and students to discuss about the legislation.

Ang Pagtatagpo: The Returned Volunteer Conference

On February 19, 2010, 60 young people from all over the Philippines, converged in Cebu for the 1st Returned Volunteers Conference dubbed as "Ang Pagtatagpo". The participants had previously given their time and skills to be volunteers for peace and development through projects based in Mindanao.

Over the three days, there was a learning exchange between partners and returned volunteers about youth leadership, participation and peacebuilding. The participants also designed frameworks and strategies for continuing engagement of returned volunteers.

The conference was organized by Kapamagogopa Inc. and Global Xchange through VSO Bahaginan with the support of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and CUSO-VSO (Canada) was held in Mactan Island, Cebu between February 19-21, 2010.

On the final day, the participants took part in a community action day to boost the spirit of volunteerism already present among returned volunteers together with a local environmental campaign in Olango Island, home of the largest concentration of migratory (continue on page 10)

Message from the Executive Director

Is change equated with sustainability? This is a question that is always asked and gets different views and responses. But for KI, we always have a pro-active response to the question. We always believe that change will make us stronger, more developed and a sustainable organization.

There are changes that have been happening within KI. In March 2010, VSO Philippines the main partner of KI exited the country and in July 2010, Haslaida Abubacar the Project Officer/Volunteer Manager will leave KI for her two-year study Program. New staffs were hired to compliment the manpower shortage and on April 30, KI has its new elected officers of the Board of Trustees.

All these changes both external and internal affected the organization and its programme. Will KI be able to cope with these changes? Will it sustain its programme? The answer is YES! InshaAllah, KI can definitely do it!

For the last two years VSO Philippines has been preparing its partners for the 2010 exit. Capacity building on Resource Mobilization and Knowledge Management were given to its partners. VSO volunteers had left their legacies by transferring their skills to the staff. These have been utilized to its maximum use.

The recent organization planning of KI geared towards its sustainability. Considering the present situation KI planned for the next 3 years. Partnerships with corporate and creative fund raising were given emphasis as linking and networking were also given importance. National and diaspora volunteers were likewise considered in lieu of the international volunteers. With this I can say with the help of Almighty Allah that KI will still be alive, will surpass any obstacles and will cope with any changes. Ameen.

Wasslaam.

Engr. Mariam B. Barandia
Kapamagogopa Inc.

Insights from KI Volunteers

365 Days Being a KI Volunteer



Assessment Day. I'm very much eager and highly motivated to showcase my knowledge and skills just to impress the Selectors. If I will become a KI volunteer, it will provide a venue for me to harness my potentials and offer my hand to those in need of help.

Placement Day. Finally a KI volunteer at last. Enabling people in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte proves that I have skills and knowledge to impart and I possess the characteristics that KI is looking for in a volunteer. I have the heart to share that is my most powerful weapon. Being able to be part of the lives of the people give me self-satisfaction and fulfillment. This is why I keep pursuing the fruitful ventures of a volunteer with passion and commitment.

Yesterday was another successful team activity and after every eventful day, we will always gather together to celebrate. This is one thing that I appreciate in my journey as a volunteer; it paves a way for us to be closer to other staff and community members. This is one of the things I will surely miss after my placement this August 2010.

*Today, I suddenly felt I lost the enthusiasm to pursue volunteering. All the sleepless nights, burn outs, nonstop workload and continuous activity challenged my faith and dedication which gave me a hint to quit the fight but God is good. He is always on my side to give magical strength and long-lasting fighting spirit. I came to think that this is not the way KI trained us. This is not the way KI taught us. I should make a stand and overcome the barricades that impede me to pursue what I have started. Today, I learn to anticipate problems and enjoyments as a normal path in the meaningful and rewarding journey of a volunteer. Continue to inspire others and always bear in my mind, **-Believing in CHANGE but Keeping the FAITH-** as I always did. (Written by Jamil Macadaag, KI Volunteer placed at Pakigdait Inc. based in Iligan City)*

Alhamdulillah and Congratulations to

KAPAMAGOGOPA INC.

for winning the prestigious
2009 Banyan Tree Value Challenge Award
in recognition of the impact made by its
Muslim Volunteering Program.

Insights from KI Volunteers

Me Talking To Myself Everyday

Its 6:30 AM and my room mate sounds like an alarm clock singing annoying songs – it's morning! I hit the snooze of my phone. Oh, better get up this time! I don't want to be late!

I drag my feet all the way to the kitchen, where i turn on the coffee pot. Then stumbling to the bathroom I comb my hair and brush my teeth. It's my usual ponytail. I put on the radio - the same station I always listen to. Back in my room I looked through my clothing - have they always been so boring? White shirts, black slacks, pants and my under garments ...maybe i should go shopping sometime. Oh, I say that every day!

Back in the kitchen I make quick work of my usual coffee and breakfast before grabbing my bag and heading out the door.

As usual, traffic is crawling- road under construction. I turned on the radio in my phone, but it is playing the same three songs it has played for the last month. Finally I reach work, and fall into my daily routine - encoding, paper work, computer screens, go to the community and do organizing, and... Of course your usual lunch of "Pater" and a soft drinks and some times, rice and fried fish "mangayo ko og sabaw sa tilapiya ha?."

And at 4:55 I sit at my little desk thinking about how difficult volunteering life is. My work is stressful! Every day is just like the last. But wait, here is something different! Your boss is coming and you don't like the look on his face. "Ash," he says, "you know that our office has been going through some rough times lately and we have to double our work...." I don't hear the rest of what he says because i already know what it is. He is not satisfied.

It 6:00 PM, it's time to go to KI Office (which is just in the neighborhood) there is Alex, Madz, Ganz, Jerson, Beethan and Shiba. "Ay patay my meeting pala tayo. Buti nalang napadaan ako" I almost forgot the meeting "Asan na yong mga taga Marawi?" Beethan asked. But before she end up talking, here comes Pats, Jal, Jam, Naimah, and Kim. What my co-volunteer didn't know about me is that they are my source of energy the next day I go to work. I'm happy just by looking at them. "Sana nga hindi na kami magkakahiwalay."

On the way home I think about my mistakes at work and said to my self " I will make it up next time". That night I am in my room with my room mate doing his stuff (Oh please don't sing!) The people in the room



next door are talking and sharing some of their difficulties in life. "Mga studyante pa kasi akala nila mahirap pinagdadaanan nila" I have this book I used to read before I sleep. It's all about how to manage stress. That book also tells some real stories of people in their hardest experiences. That time I realized my life wasn't so difficult after all. When I look on the bright side I realized I chose this work not because of some benefits I get from the office where i was placed but because of the things I learn from the people around me. I do volunteering not because of material benefits, but more on the experience and the blessing i get from our creator. (Ashary Dimaacor is a Ki Volunteer placed at Samahan sa Maayong Magbalantay (SMM) Inc. based in Iligan City).



A Real Volunteer at Last!

"My desk was already prepared for me, so, at least they knew I was coming, which was a relief! Indeed, the staff at KI, most of whom I had met before, were very welcoming to this strange Irish guy who was coming to work with them for 6 months. I was introduced to the local area, including the local eateries, and to some wonderful Maranao dishes, and allowed to settle in.

My role in KI was to be Volunteer Management and Development Advisor, to help KI, where possible, to deliver on its services to its own volunteers, of course, but also to assist with the KI partners in helping them to develop their own appropriate models of volunteer management. I discovered that KI is a model of professionalism in how it approaches its relationship with its volunteers, and also with its partners. Its systems and procedures are in place, and it follows them with rigorous attention to detail. The reports that it is obliged to submit to donors, etc, are all filed on time. I was recently asked to suggest ways that KI might improve and I struggled to suggest ways to do this!

That same meticulous approach is also evident in the way it generally treats volunteers. It trains and prepares the volunteers in a thorough manner, inculcating in them an ethos of service and comradeship, and as a result, when I met them, I found that the volunteers themselves were not only



a delightful group, but also very dedicated, committed and enthusiastic.

They were (nearly) all there when we meet at Midway beach resort for the teambuilding weekend, and it was good to get to know them through this gathering, and subsequent meetings have only strengthened my appreciation of their achievements. At such a young age, these young

man and women are credit to themselves, and to Islam. Their voices and their works should be heard throughout the world.

Meeting with the Partners, too, has been a real pleasure and seeing the work they do in the communities shows how much can be done with limited (or, often, no) resources. They demonstrate a commitment to the principles of mutual cooperation and shared endeavour in what they do.

It was a real pleasure meeting you all, and being involved in your activities and lives. You made me feel welcome, and I am grateful to all of you for that!

Of course, this, for me, is not a final farewell, as I will be involved with KI for as long as I can. Even now, as I type, I no longer have the support of VSO Philippines at my back. Instead, I am here, still working in KI of my own free will, and on absolutely no pay whatsoever. I can truly claim to be a real volunteer – at last!" (Gerry Merriman is the Volunteer Development Adviser of KI.)

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'I Enjoyed Every Minute'



"Mindanao!!! Are you crazy?" is the usual reaction in Manila when I tell people what I do. In Iligan, I am asked if I am scared to go to Marawi as I will be kidnapped, I reply in the negative, I tell them that I love going to Marawi, that the lake is very beautiful. I explain to them that here in Lanao, I feel safer than London and that what I was most scared about was Videoke. Luckily I have now overcome that particular phobia, a definite significant change.

a Resource Mobilization advisor and be an effective volunteer, as the staff were so accommodating.

Over my two years, I have seen KI grow as an organization, expand in terms of volunteers recruited and in new areas of recruitment and I feel very proud to have been part of that and to have contributed in some way. The KI volunteers inspired me to work even harder. I remember seeing them during the assessment days; many nervous, having nosebleeds just at the sight of me, praying that they won't get the foreigner for their interview. Now, I see them confident in their work,

I think more about the usual daily annoyances, Jeepney drivers who like to go back more than forward, continual brownouts and the worst is the ants, they are everywhere, I just shook about 2000 out of my keyboard before writing this. I might be working in Peace and development but in my house its WAR! Unfortunately despite my constant use of chemical weapons etc the ants are winning and so I have conceded defeat.



eager to help t h e i r organization and always eager to help KI. Fantastic!

I am new to volunteering, aside from a short spell in India, this was my first time in my life to try to give something

"Are you a vegetarian?" was the first question asked when I arrived at KI for my first day as a VSO volunteer. The look of relief on Mariam's face when I said "no" was evident; "Oh very good" she smiled and so began my 2 year relationship with KI and its staff and volunteers. In London, I had spent many years working in Muslim communities and with Muslim staff but of course this would be very different, people might have the same religion but their cultures are very different, I was now working with Maranaos. How will they react to me? Shall I tell them I am an atheist? My concerns were soon forgotten, everyone at KI made me very welcome and I felt like a member of the team straightaway, it was easy for me to get on with my role as

back; before I was just interested in the money aspect. I have done many things that I thought I could not do and I have learnt a lot about myself over this time. I think the approach to volunteering really is to ask "how may I help you?" not 'I can do this for you'. I hope that I have been of some help to KI as they have certainly been of some help to me.

(Mark Boot is the Resource Mobilization Adviser of KI. He was able to acquire 6 new funding partner for KI during his placement for 2 years).

The best way to lose yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. -- Gandhi

Working For, Through and With Volunteers



Pervasively high youth unemployment, masses of people uprooted by war, and ineffective public governance these are some of the reasons why Kapamagogopa Inc. was established. For almost 5 years that I have worked with KI, I have seen the impacts it has made to Muslim youth as well as in the bigger community.

Working with KI for almost 5 years is indeed an achievement. I thought I will not last for a year because of the complexities of the job and my immaturity to manage such a unique programme. But five years is five years. The experience opened my eyes to the reality around me. I learned a lot of things that was never taught in school or maybe taught differently in school. I gained new competencies, enhanced my knowledge about Islam and enriched my personality.

Working through volunteers is another rollercoaster ride. It didn't only challenge my professional skills but I am amazed with the capacity of these Muslim youth to transform other people's lives including mine. The ways in which the identity of Muslim youth has shifted from the self-centered to the selfless volunteer via the process of self-reflexivity

within Mindanao's changing political, cultural and social context has been evident in the recent years with the increasing number of development projects initiated by Muslim youth volunteers. I admire their versatility in adapting to abrupt change in the environment unfazed by risks and their resilience in combating their own challenges in life while trying to help other people who in some way have similar plight with them.

Working for peace and development is reciprocal.

walk for peace and even play bowling for peace. Other than befriending 99 Muslim and Christian youths in just 3-days conference, I also learned to take extra time to fulfill my social obligations.

I'd say working through and with Muslim volunteers had brought colorful years in my life. It impacted me so much that it prompted me to seek higher education to better understand and contribute much to peace and development. I may not be there to witness other KI batches to be transformed



It doesn't mean only sharing and delivering services to people but it provides me different insights in life as well. Every day is a learning experience when you work for peace and development. You respond to disasters, participate environmental campaign,

as volunteers for peace but surely in some other time and place we will meet in this journey called Volunteering. (This article is written by Haslaida B. Abubacar. She is the Editor of KI Newsletter and Project Officer managing the youth volunteering program of KI. She is awarded with a FORD scholarship under its International Fellowship Program to study MA in Sustainable International Development in Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA this 2010 school year).

**Don't ever question the value of volunteers.
Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the
Titanic was built by professionals.**

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KI BOT New Set of Officers

On February 28, 2010 KI Board of Trustees elected its new set of officers. The election happened smoothly in accordance to KI rules on election. Dr. Abd Nasser C. Mendoza is the Chairman, Vice Chairman is Mr. Rashid M. Bangcolongan, Treasurer is Ms. Amenah S. Taratingan, Auditor is Prof. Fatimah L.M. Natangcop, Corporate Secretary is Executive Director Mariam B. Barandia. Mr. Musa Sanguila and Mr. Amenodin Cali are still members of the Board of Trustees.

"The Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives of KI have already been set and it is the duty of the BOT to ensure that KI is heading to attaining them. However, our immediate needs are also known to the BOT and the Staff of KI. We need to strive more to connect to the different funding agencies and NGOs.

As an organization our goal is the attainment of peaceful, self-reliant, multi-cultural and well developed communities through what we have been doing (advocacy and volunteering supposedly, the Islamic way). We need to stress more on the values of Islam because all solutions to our daily problems have practical solutions in Islam. It's a question of seeking the answers from the Book of Allah [Swt] and applying them in our life" Dr. Abd Nasser C. Mendoza said in his speech. This is the second term of Dr. Mendoza as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of KI.

KI Welcomes 2 New Staff



Ms. Saida Pagayawan joined KI family this April 2010. She is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in International Relations at Mindanao State University in 2007. Her experiences were more on the academe and now she looks forward to more rewarding experience with KI. Ms. Pagayawan is the new Project Officer who will manage the youth volunteering programme. *"I'm elated to be here and very excited to take part in all KI activities as I know it would be very meaningful in my professional and personal growth."*



"I am excited to be working back although not directly with the community but with KI people. I am looking forward to share my skills and experiences with the volunteers" Amerah said. Ms. Amerah Mangacop has an extensive volunteering experience with different organizations. She had a more than 4 years experience working particularly with Star-CM projects in Marawi City. Ms. Mangacop is the new Project Assistant of KI. She will be mainly focused on the Administrative and Financial operations of KI.



VSO Volunteers Despidida

KI organized a summer chillax party for VSO volunteers Mark Boot and Gerry Merriman who have worked with KI during their placement in Lanao. This is to thank the two for their support and contributions to KI. Mark is from UK, he started volunteering with KI in March 2008, and he has been mainly involved in resource mobilization while Gerry is from Ireland who started volunteering with KI in October 2009 to help improve the volunteering program.

The party was held at Frosty Bites, Tubod, Iligan City, last March 27, 2010. KI Volunteers Johairah Gumampong and Ashary Dimaocor led the acoustic band and played songs all throughout the event. Some of the volunteers rendered songs and video presentation as a tribute for Mark and Gerry. The afternoon turned into a stand-up comedy show when Dawin Omar Jr., a KI staff did a hilarious impersonations of Mark and Gerry.

"Though our placement contracts with VSO have ended, our volunteering continues with KI. We are now KI E-volunteers" Mark and Gerry said.

KI Board of Trustees, volunteers from first to fifth batch, staff and host partner organizations like SMMI, Birthdev, Lypad Min and CSOFP joined the party. Jayshree Boot, also a VSO volunteer placed at CSOFP was also at the chillax party.

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KI Volunteers Celebrates Earth Day in 2 Cities

KI volunteers attended a mangrove planting activity which was held as part of the Earth Day celebrations on April 22, 2010. Over 50 people took part in the event which took place along the bank of the Bayug River in Purok 7, Barangay Santiago in Iligan City. The mangrove enhancement activity resulted in more than 200 seedlings being planted, which will help to build up natural defences against storm waves and erosion. The event was organized by DENR-CENRO in Iligan City in partnership with CSO-FP, it was also attended by NPC - Watershed management and officials from Barangay Santiago.

Another KI volunteer Ms. Naimah Abdulrachman placed at Kalimudan Foundation Inc. organized a Clean Up Drive at MSU Main Campus, Marawi City. The earth day activity in Marawi City was joined by almost 1,000 people from different youth groups, local government units, non-government organizations and academe.



KI Volunteers Ganie Amlain and Jamil Macadaag planting mangrove seedlings during the Earth Day Celebration in Iligan.

5th Batch Volunteers' Midyear Assessment

Half way through Volunteers placement, the 5th batch (Elm) of KI volunteers held their Midyear Assessment and Reflection Workshop at Chali Beach Resort, Cagayan de Oro City on February 25-26, 2010. The workshop was attended by 15 KI volunteers and 7 Host Partner Organizations.

Facilitated by Mr. Rashid Bangcolongan, fresh from his volunteer placement in Ghana, the workshop aimed at reviewing the volunteers' accomplishments for the past 6 months and formulate plan of actions for the remaining 6 months of placement. Volunteers together with their direct supervisors identified and assessed some changes brought about by volunteering and their engagement with volunteers.

"We are having fun sa among project kahit naglisod lisod" says Lotlot Morales of Ecoweb Inc., direct supervisor of KI volunteer Madania Malang. Although most of volunteers are happy with their placement there are also some experiencing gaps and challenges in their placements in terms of volunteer-staff relations. The presence of both the volunteers and supervisors provided an avenue to discuss sensitive matters.

The activity also turned into a get-together occasion as this is the first time that volunteers were gathered together after their development training in August 2009.

PNVSCA and VSO Visit KI

Ms. Fe Nadado of PNVSCA and Malcolm Quigley of VSO Ireland visited KI last February 2010. Ms. Nadado is the VIDA Program Officer of Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA). She came to monitor VSO volunteers Mark Boot and Gerry Merriman. She interviewed staff and others pertaining the contribution of volunteers to KI program. PNVSCA is the government agency in charge of promoting and coordinating all volunteer service matters in the Philippines and is under the NEDA office.

Mr. Quigley is the Country Director of VSO Ireland and it is his first time to visit KI. He was accompanied by Ms. Malou Juanito, Executive Director of VSO Bahaginan. The two spent a couple of hours talking to KI Volunteers; Jamil Macadaag, Naimah Abdulrachman, Jalandie Pangalisan, Johairah Gumampong, Ganie Amlain, Madania Malang and Abdul Hakim Limug shared their motivations and experiences as Muslim volunteers.

VSO is a long time partner of KI in development in Mindanao through VSO Peace Mindanao Programme.

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size; but by the depth of commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. - DeAnn Hollis

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VMS Workshop for HP

Ten Partner organizations of KI successfully attended the Volunteer Management Workshop at Gardenia Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City on January 19-20, 2010.

Facilitated by Mr. Gerry Merriman, Volunteering Development Adviser of KI, the workshop lasted for 2 days mainly to assist organizations to formulate their systems and policies in volunteer management. Host Partner Organizations like RDRRAC, Birthdev, Afrim, SMMI, Lafccod Inc, PMWS, Kalimudan and Mindanao Peoples Caucus are already been receiving KI volunteers and have gained experience in managing volunteers. While CSOFP and RWCRC has long been engaging with local community volunteers.

"I often time treat my volunteers for lunch or dinner. That way I was able to talk and learn more about them like their cultures, upbringing and dreams in life. Good relationship with volunteers helps to build teamwork in the office. The treat is also part of the rewards/ recognition to the volunteers for a successful job" says Lotlot Morales of Ecoweb Inc.

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framework for the spiritual and physical well being of humanity has been provided for. There are more than 500 verses in the Qur'an that constitute as guidance for us on matters relating to the environment and how to deal with it. Furthermore, there are many examples in the life of the Holy Prophet and in his sayings, that provided us a model for justice and equity.

According to **Islamic law**, the elements of nature, such as land, water, air fire, water, forests are considered to be the common property of all, not only for human beings, but for all creatures. For example, the Qur'an states:

Say: 'Whose is the earth, and whoever is therein, if you know?'. (Qur'an 23:84) ..Surely the land is Allah's,- He gives it for an inheritance to such of His servants as He pleases. And the end is for those who keep their duty. (Qur'an 7:128)

The Qur'an instructs us on how to use these resources: *O children of Adam, attend to your adornment at every time of prayer, and eat and drink, and be not prodigal ; surely He love not the prodigals. (Qur'an 7:31)*

When the Prophet (peace be upon him) became ruler of Makkah and Madina, he laid down **decrees** covering



From Right: Charlie Trozo of Lafccod Inc., Tess de Leon of Afrim Inc., Gerry Merriman of KI and Fely Rose Intal of SMMI during the Volunteer Management System Workshop for KI Host Partners.

Participants have developed key principles in, and practical applications of, Volunteer Management strategies. After the workshop, Gerry conducted individual consultations with the organizations to improve more their VMS.

water, land, forests, animals and human transaction. Early Muslims understood and respected these decrees. In later years, Muslim lawmakers based the Islamic legal system on such decrees and formulated similar laws covering conservation of physical resources.

Sadly, most of us are not aware of this rich legacy of environmental consciousness in Islam and how these relate to contemporary issues.

The 2002 WSSD presented an occasion to reflect on how the issues and debates in that Summit relate to Islam and to the Muslims. Indeed it was an opportunity to strengthen our commitment and build networks and partnerships to achieve common objectives. Most importantly, we should see it as a chance to ingrain in the Muslim's heart and mind a living spirit about **local** and **international struggles**, and the need for them to get involved.

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Volunteer Recruitment goes around Mindanao

The Recruitment Committee of KI conducted volunteers' recruitment in General Santos City, Zamboanga City, Basilan, Jolo Sulu, Tawi-tawi, Marawi City and Iligan City between December 2009 to March 2010. The team invited graduating students and fresh college graduates for them to learn more about the Muslim volunteering programme of KI.

This is the second time that KI expanded its recruitment in those areas. Last year's recruitment, KI received more than 10 applicants from outside Lanao. This year it is expected to triple the applications as recruitment was more organized and intensive. KI tapped prestigious universities like Mindanao State University, Iligan Medical Center College, Western Mindanao State College, Basilan State College and Notre Dame College of Jolo mobilizing its Muslim Student Associations and partnered with local Muslim organizations like Islamic ACT of Tawi-tawi and United Youth for Peace and Development (Unypad).

Pre-screening for 2010 Volunteer Applicants Started

Kapamagogopa Inc. started its pre-screening for the 6th Batch of KI Volunteers. It is the first stage of the selection process of Muslim Volunteer applicants. It consists of two parts; a written exam and a panel interview. The written exam aims to check how well an applicant constructs his/her sentences on a well organized thought, the choice of vocabularies, and correct grammar. On the panel interview, applicants are asked with questions that would determine

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birds from Siberia, Northern China and Japan. The participants planted ten thousand mangrove seedlings. There was also the opportunity for a reunion gathering for Kapamagogopa and Global Xchange returned volunteers for the first time. Kapamagogopa and VSO Bahaginan have a long-standing partnership in the promotion of national volunteering in the Philippines through supporting Mindanao based institutions working on achieving a just and peaceful society.

Global Xchange is an international exchange program that promotes volunteering and community development. It is a fully reciprocal program, which reflects contemporary values, building mutual respect and understanding between young people from the United Kingdom and from the Philippines. Global Xchange is managed and implemented by the British Council and VSO. For more information about Global Xchange go to www.globalxchange.org.uk



their Commitment and Willingness; Professionalism and Competency; Interpersonal and Team Building Skills; and Flexibility and Adaptability.

The members of the panel are Board of Trustees Dr. Abd Mendoza and Mr. Rashid Bangcolongan, Executive Director Mariam Barandia.

The first pre-screening was held in Kalimudan Foundation Inc. in Marawi City in which applicants are those come from Marawi City and Lanao del Sur and the second pre-screening was held at KI office in Iligan City for the applicants from Lanao del Norte and Iligan City. A series of pre-screening are still to be scheduled for the rest of the applicants as the deadline for submission of applications is until April 30, 2010.

Volunteer applicants who will pass the pre-screening will qualify for the Assessment Day.

Calendar of Events

May 16, 2010 – Refresher Workshop. KI Selectors will be having a refresher workshop to revive their core skills in assessing KI volunteers.

May 17-21, 2010 – Assessment Days. KI will be selecting volunteer candidates that will be part of the roster of 6th Batch of KI Volunteers.

May 29, 2010. Parents - Volunteers Convergence. Orientations for parents and volunteers about the nature of volunteering works. This time, parents will sign the Parents' Consent.

June and July 2010 - Volunteers' Development Training. Capability building activities for volunteers to prepare them in their volunteering works.

July 10, 2010 - Launching of the 6th batch of KI Volunteers.

July 14-17, 2010 - 5th Batch Yearend Evaluation. Volunteers with ending placements must attend to this workshop. This workshop will evaluate the one year placement of volunteers and prepare them for their future careers.

July 21, 2010 - KI 6th year Anniversary Celebration of KI.

July 30, 2010 - Volunteer Send-off. A one day activity for volunteer to get familiarized with the Volunteers Manual and M and E mechanisms of KI.

August 1, 2010 - Start of Volunteer Placement.

Knowledge in Islam Corner

Global Development Sustainability:

An Islamic Mission

By: Dr. Abd Nasser C. Mendoza



During the 2002 UN World Summit on Sustainable Development held at Johannesburg, South Africa governments and the civil societies were involved. The South African government has set up a Multi Stakeholder Advisory Committee which includes representatives of Civil Society and other interest groups such as, business and others. The Civil Society secretariat was composed of NGOs, women's groups, faith-based organizations, trade unions, traditional leaders and civic associations. The overarching theme of the summit was the eradication of poverty as a means to sustainable development. The Global NGO Forum has identified 3 crosscutting issues; Governance and self-determination; Globalisation and Building Social Movement. In the same breadth seven daily themes were identified such as: 1. Human security; 2. Environment; 3. Financing Development; 4. Trade and Economics; 5. Science and Technology; 6. Health and Education; and 7. Food Security. Most of these issues are inextricably interlinked and reflect wider global debates and in most cases government and civil society differ on how these issues should be addressed.

While in Islam Sustainable Development or SD is not a new concept. Governments and civil society may have recently adopted it but the principles, which underpin it, have existed for centuries. In the Qur'an and in the Sunnah of our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW), the (cont. on page 9)

Kapamagogopa at a Glance

Vision

"Sustained communities that are peaceful, prosperous and self-reliant."

Mission

"A Muslim organization working with partner organizations for the attainment of peaceful, self-reliant, multi-cultural and well developed communities through advocacy and volunteering. "

Goals

- To foster a better understanding and mutual respect between and amongst various cultures and faiths;
- Mobilize skilled Muslims to promote effectively peace and development in service of Muslim and non-Muslim communities;
- Establish a center for volunteer development, management, training and promotion and a venue for cross cultural exchange, interfaith dialogue and discourse on community development perspectives;
- To ensure sustainability of the organization through an effective system/strategy;
- Establish a good effective working relationship with partner organizations.

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KAPAMAGOGOPA INC. (KI) adheres to the conviction that volunteering is a very powerful modality in mobilizing youth in addressing development and peacebuilding.

With the current situation that Philippines is in right now and the plight of the Muslims in general, we say that the Muslim youth can make a difference and contribute a positive impact in the society.

KI is recruiting Young Muslim Professional Volunteers who are willing to become peace weaver volunteers and willing work for social development in Muslim and Non-Muslim communities.

KI opens a unique opportunity to all Young Muslim Professionals to share their skills and be of service in the community. This is also an avenue for personal and professional growth as they would:

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