

# CONSTRUCTION OF CAMELEON NEGROS CENTER FOR 20 GIRL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN SILAY CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL **PHILIPPINES**





# 22 YEARS OF ACTION & 7000 SMILES IN THE PHILIPPINES

*"I want to be an inspiration to other children and I believe that positive things will happen as long as you open yourself to changes and opportunities"*





## OUR VISION

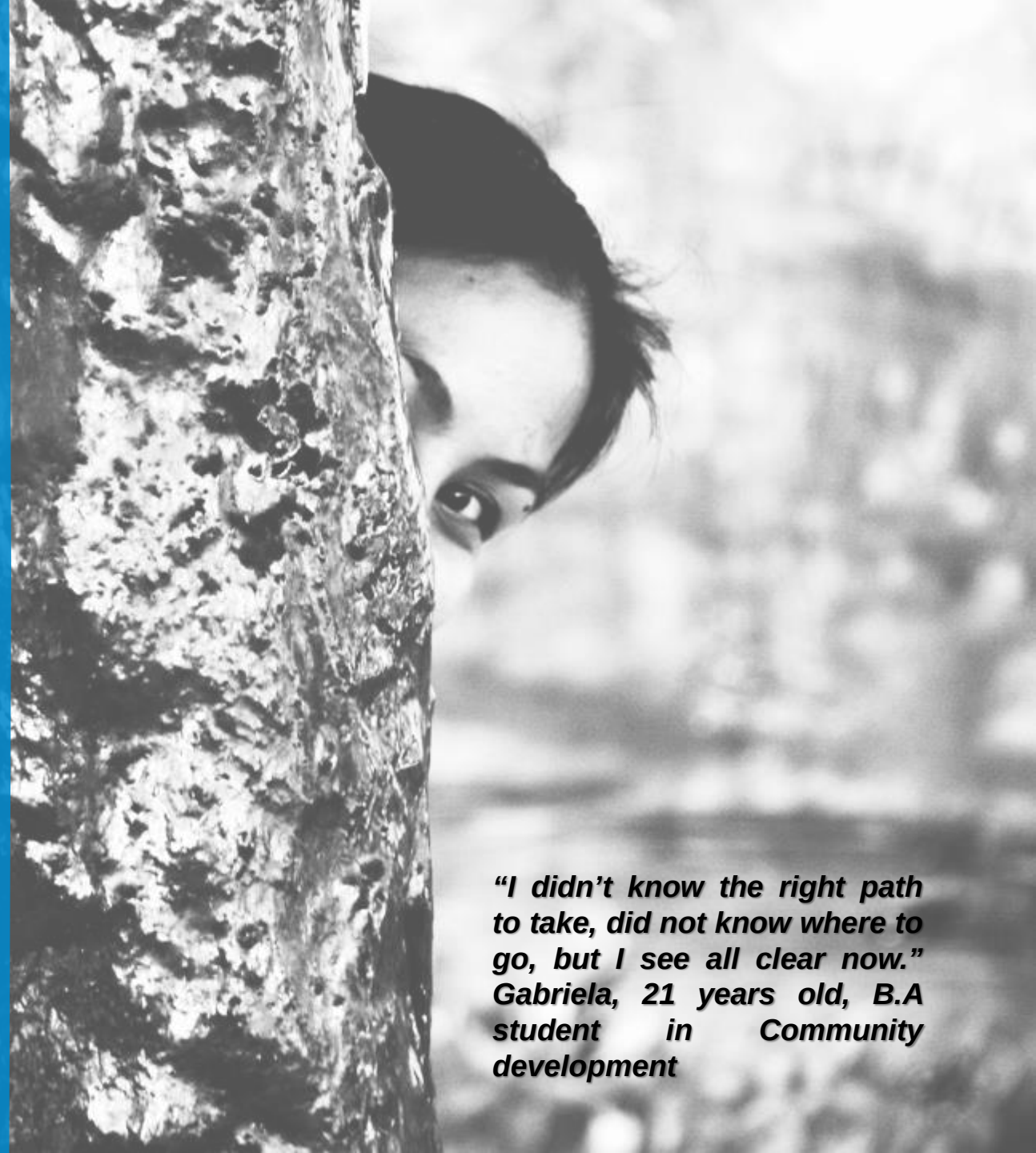
**CAMELEON aspires to a world without sexual violence.**

In a world where sexual violence is insidious, common, considered taboo and rarely punished, encouraged by a culture of silence due to ignorance, fear, shame or denial, it is necessary to act.

## OUR MISSION

CAMELEON develops a holistic approach to act on the causes and effects of sexual violence, on children and teenagers.

- TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT victims of sexual violence in the Philippines by accompanying them and their families on the path to resilience.
- TO ENCOURAGE beneficiaries' autonomy and the socio-economic development of the families in their communities.
- TO TRAIN AND ACCOMPANY beneficiaries and encourage them to get involved as spokespersons and active supports of CAMELEON.
- TO RAISE AWARENESS among the general public, especially young people in the Philippines and in Europe, in order to promote Children's Rights and free the voices speaking against sexual violence.
- TO ADVOCATE for Children's Rights and against sexual violence to local, national and international institutions and the media.



***“I didn’t know the right path to take, did not know where to go, but I see all clear now.”  
Gabriela, 21 years old, B.A student in Community development***



## OUR FOUNDRESS

After several years travelling and volunteering in the Philippines, **Laurence LIGIER** was **only 25 years old** when she saw an enormous need to help the sexually-abused survivor girls. In 1997, she left her family and friends to found an NGO in Iloilo (Western Visayas Region) named **CAMELEON Association**.

Quickly, her initiative grew and became an important actor in the Philippines: a few years after its foundation, CAMELEON Association was accredited **by the Department of Social Work and Development** in the country; opened **2 shelters** for girl victims of sexual abuse, organized **several events** gathering communities and developed the administrative core of the Association by **opening branches** and partnerships in France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Andorra, United-States and Belgium.

In 2017, CAMELEON celebrated its **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. A milestone for Laurence and her team, as it emphasized the importance of their actions and the seriousness of their work.



## AWARDS

- Knight of the National Order of the Legion d'Honneur by French President François Hollande
- Knight of the National Order of Merit by French President Nicolas Sarkozy
- Philippines Presidential Award by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
- Women of Style and Substance - People Asia Award
- Presidential Award for Civic Spirit and Devotion by French President Jacques Chirac
- Clarins' Most Dynamic Woman of the Year Award



# ABOUT CAMELEON ASSOCIATION INC.

**CAMELEON Association Inc.** is a non profit, non-government organization founded in 1997 by French national Laurence Ligier, which rehabilitates sexually abused girls in Western Visayas, and provides educational support and sustainable livelihood opportunities to economically disadvantaged children and their families.

CAMELEON is registered by the **Security and Exchange Commission** and duly accredited by the **(DSWD) Department of Social Welfare and Development** and by **PCNC (Philippine Council for NGOs Certification)**.

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- **PROTECTING AND SUPPORTING** victims of sexual violence in the Philippines by accompanying them with their families on the path to resilience.
- **ENCOURAGING** our beneficiaries' autonomy and the socio-economic development of families in their communities.
- **TRAINING AND ACCOMPANYING** beneficiaries and encourage them to get involved as spokespersons and active supporters of CAMELEON.
- **RAISING AWARENESS** among the general public, especially young people in the Philippines and in Europe, in order to promote Children's Rights and free their voices from sexual violence.
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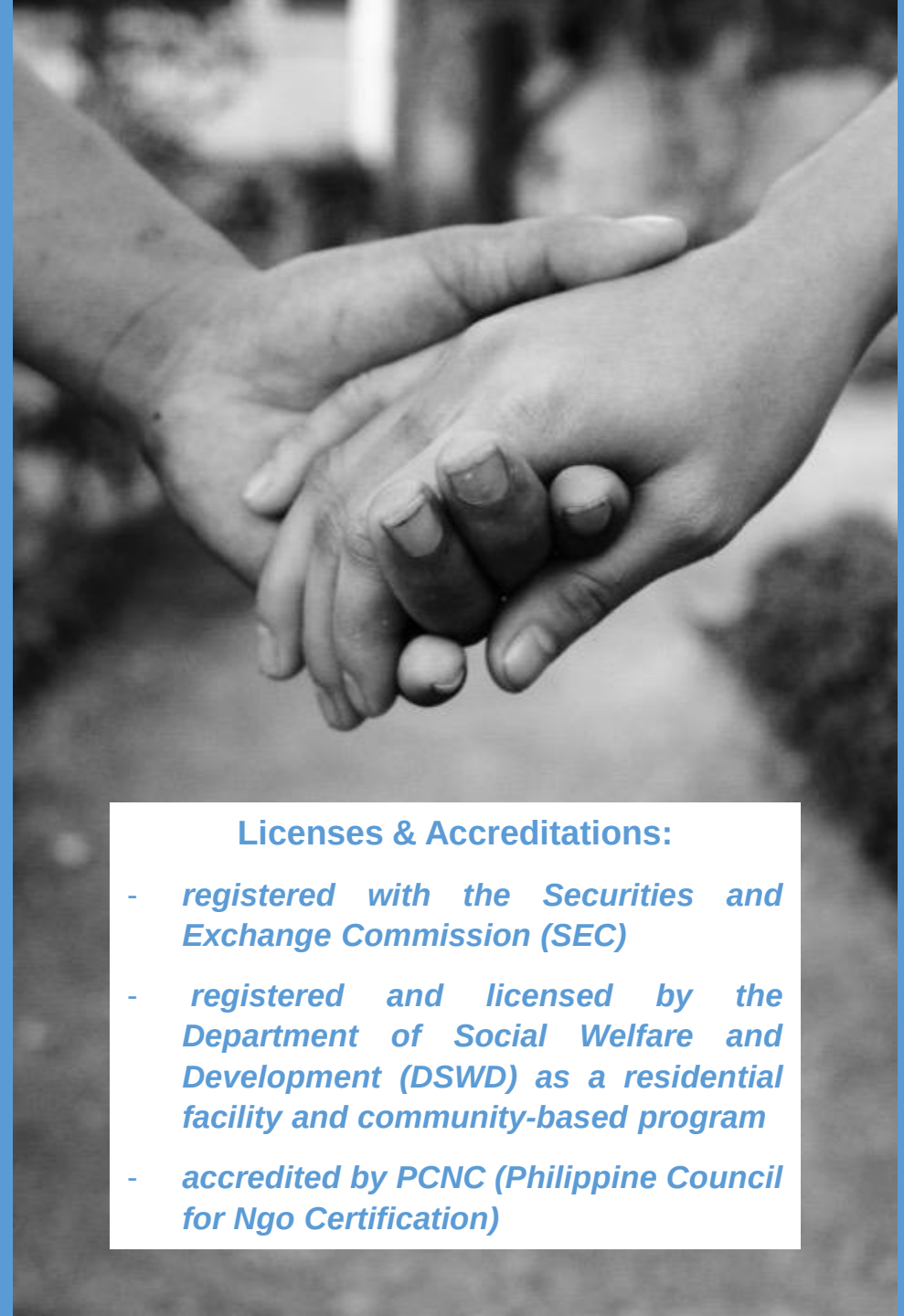


## WHY SUPPORT US?

- A program **on the ground for 20 years** recognized and legitimated by public authorities
- **A human-size** organisation with a local team composed only of Filipinos, working together with the communities where it intervenes
- The teams **accompany each children** in the long term, up until university graduation, while at the same time preparing them for adulthood.
- The Association **supports families** in becoming more aware of their role as parents and encourages the preservation of family ties.
- Through **the practice of circus**, an unknown discipline in the Philippines used as an innovative therapeutic tool, the victims reclaim their bodies.
- The **energy and the determination** of the foundress is transmitted to the teams, the children and the parents who take ownership of the project bit by bit with audacity, passion and pride.
- **The individual sponsorship:** under its supervision, the Association favors the bond and exchanges between children and their sponsors.

### Licenses & Accreditations:

- *registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)*
- *registered and licensed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as a residential facility and community-based program*
- *accredited by PCNC (Philippine Council for Ngo Certification)*





# WHY IS CAMELEON UNIQUE?

1

CAMELEON is the only **local association** that offers individual and long-term care for young girls who have been victims of sexual violence, until their full recovery and empowerment. CAMELEON brings **innovative solutions**, such as the practice of Circus art as a therapeutic tool and means of professional integration, to help young girls rebuild themselves.

2

Theater-forum is used as part of the **awareness-raising and prevention activities**. The Association has the particularity of being located in remote rural areas that have difficult access to basic services, resources and needs. The success of CAMELEON's actions lies in a **participatory approach** where the beneficiaries become actors of their own future, by teaching and informing other youth or by becoming Ambassadors of Children's Rights and Health.

3

CAMELEON's action is based on a **comprehensive and long-term approach**, accompanied by family and community support, to defend Children's Rights and to provide a better future for abused children. CAMELEON works as a **holistic system**, where all aspects of the child's well-being are integrated (education, health, prevention, legal care, sports, advocacy). The Programs are inclusive, working with the children, their families, the communities and the local authorities, in order to provide a global response to the issues of sexual violence.



# NEGROS CENTER





# CAMELEON PROJECT IN NEGROS

In Negros Occidental, there was no organization that offers specialized help for sexually abused girls. With 22 years of experience in running rehabilitation shelters in Panay island (Iloilo, Passi City), CAMELEON wants to duplicate its action by opening a new one in Negros in order to protect more victims. With about 30% of the girls beneficiaries of our In-house and After-care program coming from Negros, our extension in the province aims at two goals for 20 girls aged 5 to 17 years old:

- To offer shelter and rehabilitation support to victims of sexual abuse in Negros Occidental.
- To facilitate the work with the families of the beneficiaries and the monitoring of After-care program to ensure the reintegration of the girls.

The 8,000 sqm land was donated to CAMELEON by the local government of Silay City wherein one (1) rehabilitation center, one (1) administrative/clinical office and additional buildings will be built.

20 girls who have been victims of sexual abuse will be provided with the opportunity to go to school, participate in sports & circus, and receive medical/psychological care as well as legal assistance when they are determined to sue their perpetrators.

CAMELEON also raises awareness on Children's Rights at local and national levels through its ADVOCACY Program.



The project is co-financed by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg (66%)** and for the private contribution (34%) by our partners **Cooperation Humanitaire Luxembourg (CHL)**, **NIF Foundation (Luxembourg)**, **Talents & Partage (France)**, **CDC (France)** and **BDO Foundation**.

**CAMELEON has two (2) contractors for this project:**

- **A.N.N Enterprise & Services** is supervising the entire construction
- **Make It Right Realty** is in charge of the construction of the Home Building, replaced by **Fang** at the end of the project





# CAMELEON CENTER

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# THE ACTUAL SITE

In January 2018, Mark Golez (City Mayor of Silay), Laurence Ligier (Foundress of CAMELEON), Mario Derequito and Rose Espinosa (BDO Foundation representatives), and Bishop Patricio Buzon inaugurated the launching of the construction of the Silay Home in the island of Negros Occidental.

This report shows the progress of the work for the CAMELEON CENTER 3 and more specifically the HOME BUILDING.





# 3D PERSPECTIVES OF THE CENTER 3 IN SILAY



HOME BUILDING



PLAYGROUND



ADMIN & CLINIC



MARIPOSA HALL

## 3D Perspectives of the Project



*Art Room*



*Study Room*



*Office of the Social Workers and  
Housemothers*



*Staff Room*





## Receiving Area and Hallway

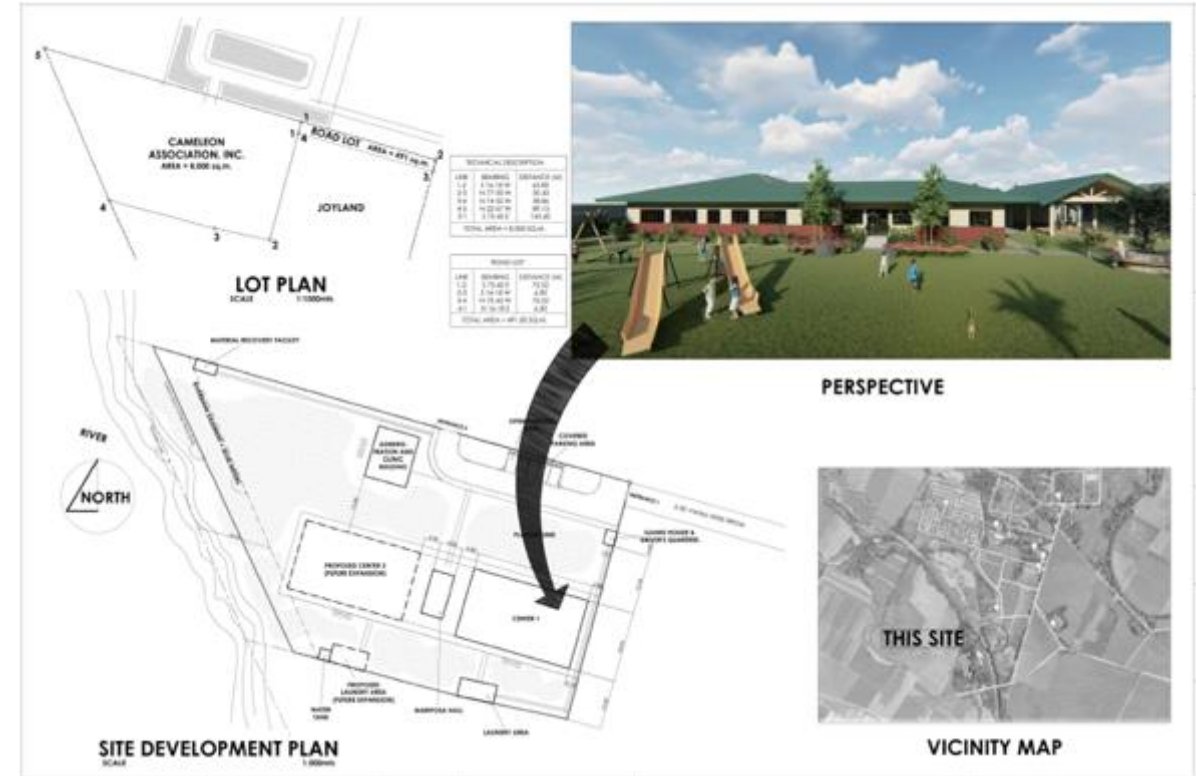
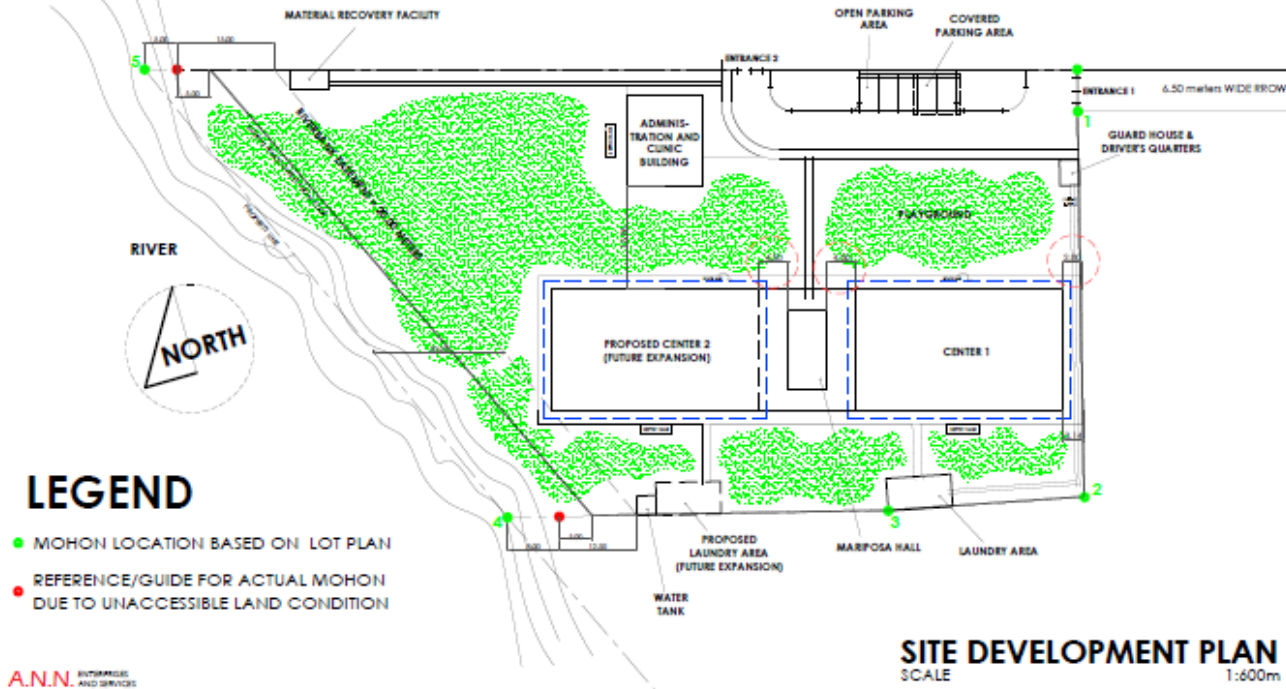




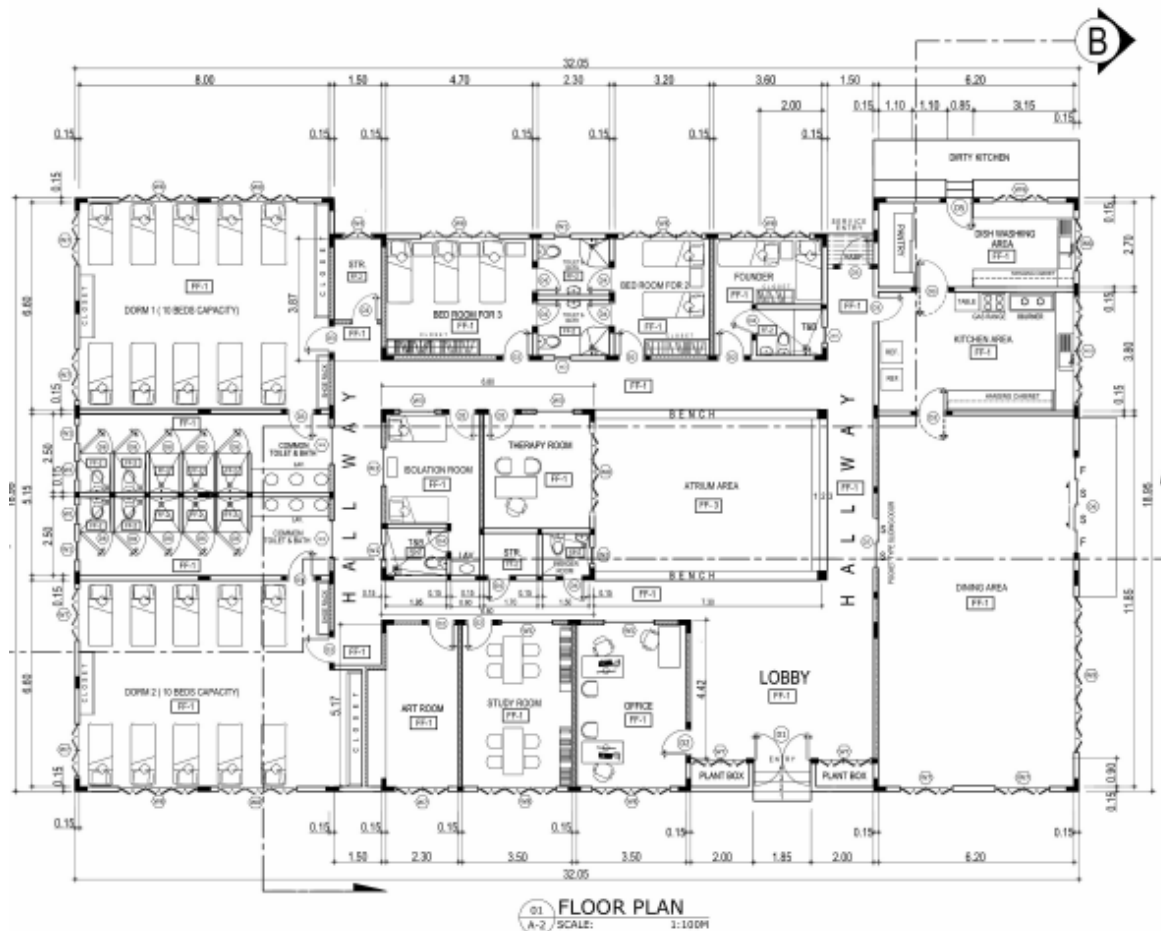


# CAMELEON CENTER 3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CAMELEON ASSOCIATION, INC.



# INTERIOR PLAN and the 8,000 sqm LOT





# HOME BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS





FOUNDATION,  
ELEVATION  
and WALL  
FINISHES of  
the BUILDING

March 2018



April 2018



June 2018



July 2018





July 2018



August 2018



September 2018



October 2018



# INSTALLATION OF METAL FRAME and SHEET

August 2018



September 2018



October 2018





September 2018



October 2018





November 2018



*Dormitory*



*Dining*

# COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF NEGROS CENTER





20 girl beneficiaries : arrival of 14 new girls and transfer of 6 girls from Passi Center to Negros Center last May 31, 2019







Home Building







Home Building







Perimeter Fence







Main Gate and Access Road

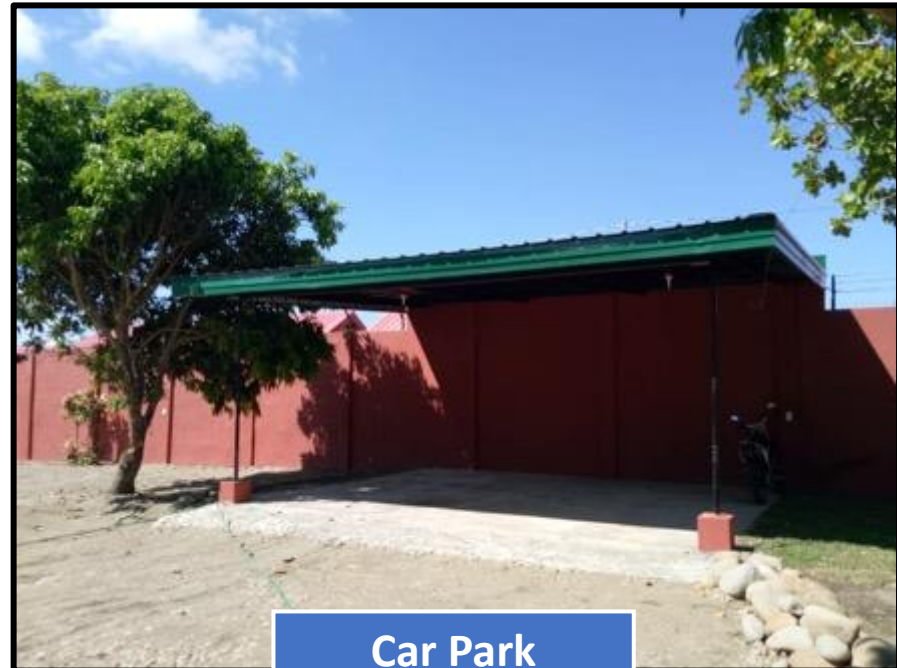




Laundry Area



Guard House



Car Park



Office Building



Mariposa Hall



Water Tank





# INAUGURATION CEREMONY (OCTOBER 10, 2019)



*Cutting of Ribbons with the CAMELEON Board of Trustees, CAMELEON Foundress Laurence Ligier, Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg President Francois Prum and major local partners: BDO Foundation, Silay City Local Government and Zonta Club.*



*VIP table from left to right: BDO Foundation Vice President Rose Espinosa, CAMELEON Philippines President Atty. Jose Cochingyan III, BDO Foundation President Mario Deriquito and Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg President Francois Prum.*







# INAUGURATION CEREMONY (OCTOBER 10, 2019)



*Giving of Plaque of Appreciation to Coop ration Humanitaire Luxembourg (CHL) for being one of CAMELEON's steadfast and committed partners in making the Negros Center project possible.*



*Ceremonial Turn-Over of Key from CAMELEON major partners (L-R) to CAMELEON: Zonta Club, BDO Foundation, Coop ration Humanitaire Luxembourg, and Silay City Local Government.*



# INAUGURATION CEREMONY (OCTOBER 10, 2019)



*Young girl from CAMELEON Negros Center gave her heartwarming testimony during the Inauguration Ceremony.*



*CAMELEON Cirquera de CAMELEON from Iloilo with CAMELEON Foundress Laurence Ligier, CHL President Francois Prum, CAMELEON President Atty. Jose Cochingyan III and Board of Trustee member Daniel Johannot.*

# INAUGURATION CEREMONY (OCTOBER 10, 2019)



*CAMELEON Negros Center Staff and 20 girls with CAMELEON Foundress Laurence Ligier and Executive Director Heide Foulc.*



From all of us in CAMELEON Philippines,

**Thank You!**

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