

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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### Context:

The initiatives of the Women's Action Against Climate Change Association (WAACCA) has the main aim of improving the quality of lives of marginalized women and their families by implementing climate-smart local livelihoods, organizing them into viable local associations and strengthening individuals and groups so they can advocate for their needs. It is a response to the creeping effects of climate change and poverty and how best the power of women can be harnessed in order for them to be proactive and chart their destinies. The WAACCA is active in the provinces of Leyte, Zamboanga del Norte and Misamis Oriental. Major fund sources of WAACCA include the Global Fund for Women, Global Giving, Charity Philippines, Donor See, Tawingo Fund and the Defense Bridge Asia.

### Mission Statement:

Poor women in rural communities are often at a severe disadvantage. They need food, nutrition and livelihood support for long-term survival. They need support in times of severe distress. There is a great need to improve their situation and defend their basic rights so that they are able to live with dignity, fully participating in the life of the community,

### Result for 2025.

Result 1. We provided individualized support to women especially from farming communities. Because of poverty and lack of productive resources, women are very disadvantaged and have difficulty in providing for their families. Our intervention include providing them with sanitation and hygiene support, providing seeds and other farming inputs so that they can start vegetable gardening, providing small capital so they can initiate their own business and providing small animals like ducks, goats, pigs and chicken.

We provided women and their families with vegetable seed packets comprising easy to grow and early maturing vegetables in order to improve their nutrition. We also included simple instruction how to grow the vegetables. Our experience in the past is that the women like this initiative very much because the vegetables provided them with nutritious food and income as well as exercise. They love also transforming their backyards green.

We also promote the growing of fruit and timber trees, bamboos and root crops as farm-resilient and carbon capture approach.

Result 2. Establishment of 55 women associations. We are assisting 55 women associations and conducted orientation meetings and analysis of their technical needs especially in the area of management, financial capacity and self-governance. Continuing activities are in terms of improving their capacities to run and manage their associations. We provide technical and various support to the associations as we progress on our work. The associations are deficient in resource accessing and in making their plans and we are assisting them in these aspects.

## Special Report No. 1.

Women coming from poor farming families and with most of them heading their households were provided with water, sanitation and food security support and the support proved to be a “pump-primer” for their continuing development. Many of the women expressed the need to continue with their activities especially that they are now able to reap the benefits from the water supply coming from their rainwater harvesters and food and income coming from their gardens. The WAACCA serves as the federation of the individual village associations. The general objectives of the creation of local women’s associations include the following;

1. To empower women and their families by the pursuit of local social development initiatives and rural improvement.
2. To provide social services to the members and their families in the areas of livelihood development, processing and marketing of farm products, community savings, home economics and sustainable agriculture.
3. To advocate for the promotion of women’s rights and women empowerment.
4. To link with other organizations, networks and entities with similar goals and objectives with the organization.



One of the organizational meetings held in a village.



Problem-solving activity.

## Special Report No. 2. Securing Food and Income by Turning One's Backyard into a Garden

Fe Fortunato, 42 years old looks old than her age. Her husband suffered a stroke three years ago and is bed-ridden, unable to care for himself. With three young children in school, Fe has problem meeting ends meet. She previously worked as washerwoman but the laborious job of washing clothes of clients in the creek which is located about 2 kilometers from her home is too much for her. Her village of Talisayan lacks water and is dependent on the creek and the rain for the communities' water need. People have a hard time keeping good sanitation and hygiene because of water deficiency. As for Fe, she yearns to start a backyard garden in order to augment her income but with the lack of water, this is difficult for her.

The project installing rainwater harvester in her community is a big boost for her and the entire community. The excess rainwater Fe now uses to water her garden and she grows multiple products comprising lady's finger, eggplant, tomato, lemongrass, squash, banana and cassava. Not content with selling her production raw which commands low price in the market, she transforms her vegetables into delicious viands for sale in a street corner near a basketball court and earning good income from it. Her menu comprises fried banana, squash in coconut milk, blanched lady's finger among others. She also sells snack foods for schoolchildren going to school nearby. Other than her vegetables, she also buys surplus vegetables from her neighbors. Her time is used by tending her garden, taking care of her sick husband and then selling cooked vegetables and snack foods. Her children help her in her daily chores.

Now she is a little bit financially capable but not fully yet as she yearns to purchase a small refrigerator in which to stock her raw vegetables. However compared to others who are in dire strait like her, her situation is on the right path to financial sustainability.



Fe selling her cooked vegetables and snacks by the roadside.



A portion of her backyard vegetable garden.

Summary of WAACCA initiatives for 2025:

Projects:

1. Food, Livelihood and Nutrition Support for Women - The project provide food, livelihood and nutrition support for poor women and their families so that they are able to live with dignity.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/food-livelihood-nutrition-support-for-women/>

Indicators: Number of vegetable gardens established; number of chickens and ducks raised; number of goats dispersed.

2. Women-led Agro-reforestation Project - Engage women farmers and their families to implement agro-reforestation activities in their farm lots. Agro-reforestation will be the growing of trees and crops side by side in order to achieve multiple aims of increased income and food and enrichment of nature in order for nature to provide in turn multiple benefits.

Indicators: number of seedling nurseries established; number of trees planted.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/women-led-agro-reforestation-project/>

3. Feed Starving Girls - We will provide nutritious food and basic supplies to girls in 5 villages with 95% of the households belong to the poorest of the poor.

Indicators: Number of food packs distributed.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/feed-starving-girls/>

4. Clean and safe water project - We will provide water for daily use by women in villages that is deficient in water. Water is a human right and there is a need to provide water in an efficient and low-cost manner to water-deficient communities via water impounding, using water pumps, gravity-feeding and rainwater harvesting.

Indicators: Number of rainwater containers distributed; number of gravity-fed water system established; number of water filters distributed.

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/water-for-women/>

#### Overall Achievements:

Number of vegetable gardens established: 3,925

Number of trees planted: 8,525

Number of chickens dispersed: 820

Number of goats dispersed: 410

Number of piglets dispersed: 375

Number of small loans provided: 242

Number of trainings on financial literacy conducted: 6

Total number of beneficiaries: 7,410

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