



YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND YOUTH WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Introduction

Philippines at a glance

- ❖ 7,000+ islands
- ❖ Major island groups: Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao
- ❖ 2007 Population: 88.5 million
- ❖ 26.6 million youth (15-30 years old)



Profile of Youth

- ❖ Filipino youth:
- ❖ 50.14% - males
- ❖ 49.86% - females
- ❖ 15-19 year olds – 36%
- ❖ 20-24 year olds – 32%
- ❖ 25-30 year olds – 32%
- ❖ 4 youth sub-sectors:
 - in-school
 - out-of-school
 - working
 - specific youth groups or youth with special needs



Profile of Youth

- ❖ *Interest and priority:* studies, work, and family
- ❖ *15-17 year olds:* Studies/education
- ❖ *18-24:* Work
- ❖ *25-30:* Family and conscious role in the community
- ❖ *Value:* Presence and role of FAMILY



❖ Filipino youth

- has a positive perception of self and fellow youth
- regards parents as role models
- take pride in being able to establish good relationships with other people
- will to do volunteer work



- ❖ Dominant issues:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Drug/substance abuse
 - Health risk behaviors
 - Participation



Youth Participation: A Major Area of Concern and Strategy

- ❖ Principles
 - power in numbers
 - youth as beneficiaries AND partners
- ❖ What is happening on the ground?
 - lack of involvement of young people in community affairs
 - presence of school and community-based youth organizations
 - most of the time involved in implementation and not in planning



Youth Participation: A Major Area of Concern and Strategy

- ❖ Policy responses
 - constitutional provision recognizing the importance of youth
 - creation of Youth Councils (with budgetary allocation) in all 42,000 villages
 - creation of NYC to ensure wider youth participation
 - national framework for youth development or MTYDP 2005-2010



Youth Work/Activities

- ❖ National Youth Parliament (NYP)
 - conducted every two years
 - policy development mechanism for youth
 - 1,200 participating youth since 1996
 - NYP Alumni organized and partner of NYC in policy advocacy at national and local levels



❖ TAYO

- annual Search for Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations
- more 50 projects recognized since 2003
- encourages other youth organizations to develop and implement relevant programs and projects at the community level

❖ YORP

- sharing of information and mobilization mechanism



❖ Youth Week

- a nation-wide celebration during the 2nd week of December
- youth act as local officials
- activities such as tree-planting, youth concerts, and other youth-related activities are undertaken in communities

❖ GIP

- exposure of beneficiaries to government work
- increases employability of beneficiaries after stint with the host agency



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❖ NYC Volunteer Program

- encourage youth to assist in various social activities

❖ Alay-Lakad

- solidarity walk for a cause
- fund raising activity for OSY



- ❖ Healthy Lifestyle Campaign
 - advocacy for healthy living
 - decrease number of youth engage in risky behavior
- ❖ Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Councils)
 - recommending local policies
 - implementing programs and projects



- ❖ National Service Training Program
 - program for all tertiary –level students
 - good citizenship is promoted by “learning by doing” socio –civic activities
- ❖ Youth Entrepreneurship Program
 - encouraging the youth to become entrepreneurs through non-formal education/training



❖ YEP Process

- orientation
- basic entrepreneurship development trainings
- development of business plan
- mentoring
- linkages with credit facilities



Ideas

- ❖ documentation of all tried and tested interventions on youth participation
- ❖ sharing of interventions through regional forums, expositions, and youth centers
- ❖ development of further studies by school-based youth
- ❖ review of existing policies and monitoring of action plans



Thank you and Mabuhay!

