

Brief History

The Tri-Peoples Development and Services Foundation, Inc, (3P Foundation)

formally constituted and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 11, 2013, is actually an embodiment of the Corporate Social Responsibility of the Yaki Company Inc., the leading manufacturer of herbal-based pharmaceutical, food supplement and cosmetics in Mindanao. Since its constitution, the **3P Foundation** took on the implementation of the regular Free Medical Consultation and Medical Mission that the Yaki Herbal Company has been doing since the past seven years, including the Company's Scholarship Program which has already produced dozens of professionals and graduates and is still sending around 72 students to schools at various levels.

The Free Medical Check Up and Medical Mission that are being sustained now by the **3P Foundation** form part of its **Health Program**, while the Scholarship Program form part of its **Education Program**. To add to its core programs, the 3P Foundation now has a **Poverty Alleviation Program** which is fundamentally agriculture based.

I. POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAM THROUGH AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT (AD)

Philippine economy is basically agriculture-based. The Tri-Peoples Resource Development & Services Foundation, Inc. (**3P Foundation**), therefore, believes that developing agriculture is the only way to develop the country's economy. Further, if the country would aim to achieve an industrialization, the way towards it is to develop and advance its agriculture.

In its effort to contribute to the development of agriculture, the **3P Foundation** has adopted a holistic and comprehensive program designed to help increase the income of farmer communities which will eventually empower them economically.

To achieve this end, the **3P Foundation** has already started developing a demonstration farm which shall serve as a model of a progressive farming community. This program of the **3P Foundation** that started in August of 2014, ultimately hopes to reach out to beneficiary organizations replicating the things that are being done at the demonstration farm called the **3P Farm**.

A. Animal Dispersal Program (ADP)

Considering its limited resources, the **3P Foundation** has decided to focus on the following: 1) Hog production program 2) Chicken production program, and, 3) Goat raising.

The decision to focus on the above four is premised on the fact that farmers already have their respective farming chores by way of planting different crops, and,

more importantly, the prime objective of the **3P Foundation** program is to provide farming communities with added source of income.

In this Program, the **3P Foundation** started to raise parent stocks of swine, goat and native chicken and produce piglets, kids and chicks, respectively, which will be dispersed to organized farming communities, preferably the unemployed housewives or women, and the out of school youth who are within Agrarian Reform Communities.

The choice of the three kinds of animals to be raised and dispersed is premised on the fact that raising the same is easy and could be taken on by housewives and other household members, thus, providing income generating opportunities for unemployed farmers' wives and out-of-school youths. The children in the family can also help in caring for the animals, thereby making the raising of the animals a fun undertaking of the entire family. Many of the farmers have also already experienced raising such animals, hence, the training need on raising the animals would already be very minimal.

The preference of beneficiaries is, on the other hand, founded on the fact that the two sectors, (housewives/women and out of school youth) are in their most productive ages but are not given access to employment from a variety of reasons, leading among them is poverty.

B. Aquaculture project

At the demonstration farm are ponds that hold tilapia, carp and catfishes also for dispersal to interested farmer beneficiaries. It intends to set up a breeding and nursery for said fishes. A beneficiary organization can avail of a maximum of 1000 fingerlings or any of the three kinds of fishes, which may be raised by the organization collectively or dispersed to its members who may be interested in backyard fishpond for food or commercial purposes. They can also sell the matured fishes to the **3P Foundation**, which plans to develop a market for the fishes while considering to also process the fishes for commercial market. Just like the animal dispersal project, the beneficiaries should undergo the basic training in raising the fish.

The beneficiaries may opt to pay the cost of fingerlings upon harvest of the fishes. They can also purchase feeds at the **3P Farm** or opt to produce their own feeds for the fish by joining the training on feed production.

C. Biogas development

At the **3P Farm** of the **3P Foundation** is a biogas tank, which technology will also be propagated to the farmer beneficiaries. Along with the dispersal program is a loan package for the development of biogas tank at the community or household levels.

The biogas development project will not only save time for the farmers in gathering firewood for cooking but will also maximize the use of animal manure, thereby

converting waste into energy. Doing this will also contribute in abating global warming and in minimizing air pollutants.

Aside from the methane gas that will be produced by the biogas tank for cooking or lighting purposes, another product of the biogas tank is a slurry which has been proven to be a very potent fertilizer for farmers' vegetable garden or other plants. A vegetable garden that uses the slurry from the biogas tank can also be found at the **3P Farm**. The **3P Farm** also intends to set up a nursery that will ensure continuous supply of vegetable seedlings that shall also be dispersed to the targeted beneficiaries.

D. Support services

1. Farmers Training Program

Aside from the built-in trainings required in the ADP, the **3P Foundation** also has a regular training program for farmer beneficiary organizations to avail of. Such programs are specifically tailored on planting and growing different kinds of crops that every individual farmer or farmers organizations would like to engage in. It has a Farmers Training Center located within its five-hectare demonstration farm.

2. Alternative, organic-based and chemical free animal feeds

The **3P Foundation** is producing an organic-based and chemical-free feeds for the animals. The beneficiary organizations can avail of trainings on producing their own animal feeds with the use of locally available raw materials specifically abundant in their respective communities. If they do not have the capacity to produce their own feeds yet, the beneficiary organizations can purchase at the **3P Farm** which sells feeds at cost lesser by 20 to 30 percent than the commercial feeds.

3. Farm technician and veterinarian

The **3P Farm** has some retained veterinarians and farm technicians called para-veterinarians who are on-call 24/7 to attend to problems of the beneficiaries' herds. Their services are free for the beneficiaries as they are subsidized by the **3P Foundation**. These services are over and above the regular trainings for para-veterinarians that the **3P Foundation** is doing.

4. Radio Program

Aside from the trainings for beneficiary organizations, the **3P Foundation** is also holding a regular radio program titled "***Butil ng Kaalaman***" (Seed of Knowledge) which tackles over radio airwaves the courses and subjects in its training program.

The Radio Program ***Butil ng Kaalaman*** also promotes organic and sustainable agriculture, environmental protection as a component of organic farming, gender equality, peace and respect for farmers' rights, which are actually cross-cutting

themes in all programs of the **3P Foundation**.

5. Organic fertilizer and pesticide

The demonstration farm of the **3P Foundation** also produces organic fertilizer. Aside from the slurry that the biogas tank produces, it also has a vermiculture project that produces organic fertilizer that farmer beneficiaries can buy at a subsidized cost. Animal manure like chicken and goat droppings are also being made available at the **3P Farm** for farmers to avail of. The farmer beneficiaries can also avail of training and manuals on vermiculture and produce their own organic fertilizer.

The demonstration farm is also concocting organic pesticides and producing organic animal antibiotics that farmers could purchase. Farmer beneficiaries can also join the seminars and training on producing their own pesticides and antibiotics.

6. Research and Fabrication of farm tools and equipment

The **3P Foundation** is conducting studies on effective and efficient farming tools and equipment. The research project will fabricate and produce farming tools and equipment for testing and eventually aid farmers lighten and hasten farming chores. Such tools and equipment shall be made available at subsidized cost for farmer beneficiaries if the farmers themselves do not have the capacity to produce them.

7. Seed and semen banking

The **3P Foundation** has set up a semen laboratory where animal semens are banked for artificial insemination. This is part of a continuing effort to improve the breed of animals being dispersed to the farmers.

It will also set up a nursery and seed bank at the demonstration farm where seeds will be propagated to support a Food Security program. Such seeds are on staple food, vegetable and fruit trees.

II. Education Program (EP)

A. Scholarship Program

The **3P Foundation** already has more than 20 graduates (as of 2014) of different courses under its scholarship program. It presently has 72 scholars in various elementary, high school and colleges in the country. It intends to raise more funds to sustain and add more scholars.

Some scholars are enjoying free tuition fee, free board and lodging, free daily allowance, free school vehicle and allotment for school supplies, uniform and books.

Others avail only of one or two of the above enumerated benefits while some

qualified only for three or four of the above enumerated scholarship benefits.

In an effort to expand the coverage of the scholarship program, the **3P Foundation** also intends to scout for more donors who may join an "Adopt a scholar program" that will be implemented by the Foundation.

B. Technical/vocational School

The **3P Foundation** is presently working out the construction of a technical/vocational school which shall cater to poor, interested and deserving students whose parents could no longer send them to college. Some of these students are scholarship applicants who did not make it in the screening process.

Among others, the technical skills that the "**Peoples School**" will include in its curriculum are: 1) Welding, 2) Sewing, 3) Baking, 4) Carving, 5) Electrician, 6) Carpentry, 7) Furniture making, 8) Electronic technician, 9) Refrigeration, 10) Masonry, 11) Engine mechanic, 12) Vehicle body building, 13) Tailoring, and, 14) Food processing.

Under this program, the **3P Foundation** intends to partner with local traders which will host the internship program for the students. The businessmen-partners shall sign a "Commitment Contract" which shall stipulate their willingness to: 1) Host the internship of the students, 2) Assign and dedicate a supervisor who will closely monitor the learning process of the interns while detailed at their establishment, and, 3) Absorb as regular employee deserving and qualified interns.

Among the business establishments that will therefore be partnered in this project are: 1) bakeries, 2) tailoring shops, 3) motor repair shop, 4) electric cooperatives, 5) furniture shops, 6) electronic repair shops, and, 7) other establishments needing skilled workers.

This particular project will also partner with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the government office responsible in developing technical and vocational skills of the people, and, the Department of Labor and Employment and the Overseas Welfare Administration Office .

C. Partnership with educational institutions

In promoting sustainable and organic-based agriculture, the **3P Foundation** will partner with mainstream educational institutions that are also promoting the same. The partnership will be on the field of 1) research, 2) internship program, 3) trainings, and, 4) knowledge sharing. This program was already tried with the government-owned University of Southern Mindanao in Kabacan, Cotabato.

III. Health Program

The **3P Foundation** has been conducting a monthly Medical and Feeding Missions in depressed communities. It plans not only to sustain but expand such programs as it has also already expanded its weekly free clinic to bi-weekly.

It also plans to construct "Learning and Health Centers" in depressed communities. The Centers will serve as venue for educating mothers on Health and Sanitation, including maternal health care. The Centers shall as well serve as Health Clinics. This particular effort shall be in partnership with Barangay Officials which shall help provide health personnel who will conduct regular medical check up for community members.

It maintains a weekly radio program titled "*Yaman ang Kalusugan Ingatan*" (Health is Wealth) where medical professionals are invited to discuss basic health care with special feature of listeners participation who ask any health related questions that will be answered by the guest medical professionals.

To make its health services to the poor communities more effective and efficient, the **3P Foundation** plans to build a **Peoples Hospital**.

IV. Women Productivity Center

The **3P Foundation** shall set up a **Women Productivity Center** where women in crisis shall undergo psychosocial healing while ensuring their productivity in the process. The **WPC** shall adopt a structured program designed to heal various traumas that is built-in in a Productivity Program. Priority beneficiaries are battered wives and women traumatized by war or armed conflict.

The WPC shall be equipped with sewing machines, baking equipment and oven, and other tools, equipment and machineries designed for women to be productive, including but not limited on meat and fish processing, t-shirt printing, etc.

As part of the **P3P Foundation's** contribution in preserving indigenous culture, the WPC shall specifically be provided with weaving equipment and other tools needed for the production of souvenir items and other indigenous peoples' products (native handicraft).

V. Legal Services

The **3P Foundation**, with its retained lawyers, shall implement a free legal assistance program for the many poor people, especially farmers, whose parcels of land are being grabbed from them because they do not know the process of land titling and their legal rights. Worst, many indigenous peoples are being grabbed of parcels of land passed on to them as inheritance from their parents and grand parents simply because the indigenous peoples do not believe in land ownership as they continue to carry the belief that they are only stewards of land owned by the Supreme Being.

The **Legal Services Program** shall also extend its advises and services to battered women and children, harassed farmers and other human rights violation cases victimizing poor communities, many of them have landed in detention centers because they could not pay lawyers to defend them.

It also has a **Radio Program** titled "*Ikaw ug ang Balaod*" (You and the Law") where these advises are being broadcast, including a listeners' participation portion where listeners legal questions are answered by the legal luminaries.

(Annex)

Dispersal Mechanics

In identified pilot villages, the **3P Foundation**, in coordination with Barangay Officials and existing peoples' organization in the villages, will together identify beneficiary organization/s. It shall, however, be stressed that the priority beneficiaries of this program are: 1) Women or Mothers Organizations, 2) Out-of-school youth organizations, and, 3) Farmers organizations, preferably within identified and legitimate Agrarian Reform Communities. For communities that are yet to be organized, the **3P Foundation** shall assist and assign community organizer to assist them acquire a juridical entity.

Each beneficiary organization may avail any or all of the three kinds of animals to be dispersed but they have to apply for it and a standard of evaluating applicants will be formulated by the **3P Foundation** in consultation with prospective beneficiary communities.

Among others, the requirements set by the **3P Foundation** for any organization to avail of the dispersal program are:

- 1) The beneficiary organization must undergo or attend the seminars and trainings lined up by the **3P Foundation**. The seminars/trainings include:
 - a) Basic swine, goat or chicken raising;
 - b) Para-veterinary skills workshop;
 - c) Project management training;
 - d) Marketing workshop; and,
 - e) Organizational management training.

The **3P Foundation** also has a menu of other trainings for the beneficiary organizations to avail of.

- 2) The beneficiary organization must build the required housing for the animals according to specifications set by the **3P Foundation**;

3) If the beneficiary organization cannot raise the funds needed for the animals' housing, it can avail of a soft loan from the **3P Foundation**.

4) The beneficiary organization must agree and sign a contract with the **3P Foundation**, which would state, among others:

a) That the animals they raise must only be sold at maturity stage with the knowledge and consent of the **3P Foundation**;

b) That the animals they raise must only be sold to the **3P Foundation**, which shall establish a meat processing plant to ensure value added for the farmers products and such value added shall be used to expand and sustain the dispersal program;

c) That they would exert all effort to replicate the dispersal program of the **3P Foundation** so more and more farmer family-beneficiaries could avail of the program;

d) That the beneficiary organizations must patronize an organic-based and chemical-free animal feeds that the Peoples Foundation will produce or, better, attend trainings and seminars on production of organic-based and chemical-free animal feeds so the beneficiary organizations can produce their own; and,

e) The beneficiary organization can either repay the dispersed animal by returning back the same number of animals from its produced offsprings at a specified time frame. Such returned animals shall be dispersed again to another beneficiary organization.

Number of herds to be availed

A beneficiary organization can avail of a set of one male and 10 females of each kind of animal. The male-female is ratio is based on known and proven ratio needed in production and propagating the animals.