



Water Filter for Barangay Dela Paz, Binan, Laguna

Potable water became a scares and expensive resource after Typhoon Ondoy hit because much of Dela Paz was flooded for months. Many of the victims of the typhoon did not have enough money to buy their own drinking water. Barangay Chairman Christopher Alba requested funding for a water filtration system from Springboard Foundation for the benefit of more than 5000 indigent families. Thanks to the donation of NAK-Karikativ, Springboard was able to release the funds on December 16 and they started to build the water station.

When we visited the water station in January we were very happy to see how well the Barangay executed their plan to distribute potable water to poor families. With Barangay funds they built a beautiful room, complete with water-faucets, sinks, tiling and vinyl flooring.



The Barangay then requested funding from the Mayor's office to purchase a delivery truck.

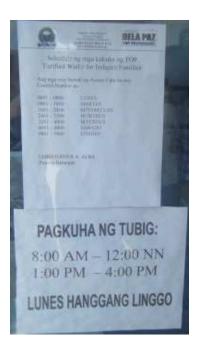


They installed a signage to inform the people that free potable water is available for the indigent families.



For sustainability they placed a collection box for voluntary donations of 5 pesos per 20l container of water; so that they will have funds to maintain the facility. When we visited the facility the donation box was so heavy that we couldn't lift it. This was also nice to see, because it shows that the people appreciate the service. To be more organized and serve everyone fairly they posted a time schedule for people from different areas of the Barangay.





During the visit we opened the station officially; you can see Barangay Chairman Christopher Alba and Springboard's Chairman Annette Helbig at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the station. Annette Helbig has the opportunity to be one of the first to taste the purified water:





The people are so grateful and happy for the new water station. We are very happy with the combined efforts from the Barangay team, the Mayor's office and the people who all took part in making this project such a great success. It is not often that we see such hard work and willingness to contribute from everyone.



We were lucky to visit on a Fiesta day and were treated to a display of dancers and musicians.





