

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 - 2022



a year in review

WHERE WE ARE NOW

The Andres Soriano Foundation, Inc. stays true to its mission of empowering communities and enriching lives. Throughout the difficulties of the pandemic in previous years, the Foundation has held firm in its support to island communities in Northeastern Palawan, Philippines, bringing much-needed assistance to these far-flung and isolated areas.

Through our Community-based Health Program, we were able to assist in providing COVID vaccinations to the island barangays of Manamoc, Algeciras, and Concepcion, with the aim of ensuring community-wide protection against the disease. The Foundation also continued the important work of sustaining nutrition initiatives such as Supplementary Feeding, Food Always in the Home (backyard gardening), and the First 1000 Days program. Through these efforts, from the more than 200 malnourished beneficiaries assisted by the Foundation, 84% were brought back to normal weight, thus contributing to overall health of the community.

The Foundation also continuously supported the needs of school children through our program on Education, even in the absence of face-to-face classes. Scholars were sponsored, maintenance of school facilities was carried out, and supplies and materials were distributed to schools in need.

Our Livelihood Program ensured that local-based weavers and small-scale entrepreneurs did not lose their source of income, despite the prevailing economic challenges brought about by the pandemic.

The Foundation's program on Environment also gained momentum through its new initiative on solid waste management – the War on Plastics project. Through community education and technology for recycling and repurposing of plastic wastes, this project aims to reduce the total amount of produced garbage in the islands, as well as build awareness on proper waste disposal and segregation.

These programs are all being implemented in the hope of improving the living conditions in the communities we work with. As we push on in the year 2022 and onward, we recognize that no pandemic can or should deter the significant community development work we have begun. We are thankful to all our partners and donors who share in our goal and who have helped us in this mission.

by the numbers

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation recently concluded its Program Implementation Review, covering the past five years of operations, from 2017-2022. The following program highlights provide a snapshot of the Foundation's activities and the impact it has imparted on the communities it supports.



Nutrition



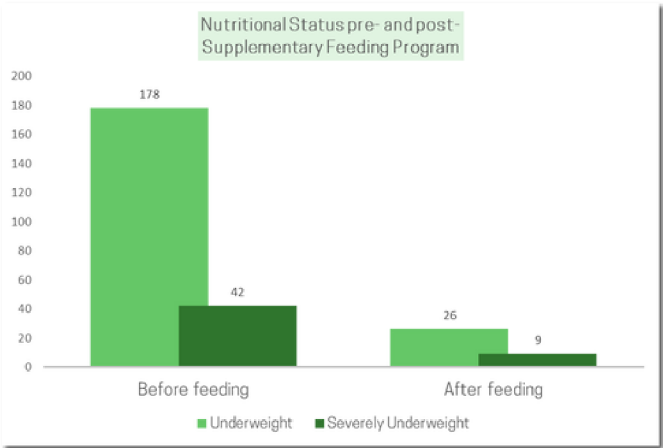
1,255
malnourished children provided with
nutritional supplementation in the
past 5 years



84 mothers' groups formed



>200,000
meals prepared in the past
5 years



3,336 households have benefited from
assistance in backyard gardening



69 couples assisted from
prenatal period up to
post-delivery



39 mothers have successfully delivered
healthy babies under the program

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COVID initiatives

2,340

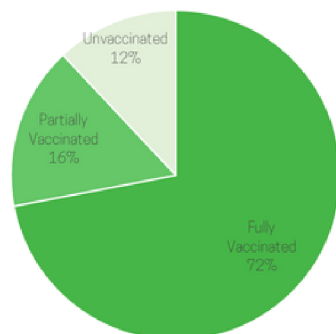
COVID vaccines distributed

18

vaccination activities conducted



Vaccination Rate in Brgy Manamoc
(as of Aug 2022)



The Foundation's Community-Based Health Program has continued to be a cornerstone of the ASF's activities in its supported communities. Before the pandemic and throughout its onset, nutrition has been a strong focus of the Foundation, with its initiatives resulting in 86% improvement of weight among malnourished beneficiaries. The Nutrition Program was indeed a lifeline for many families during the difficult period of lockdowns and travel restrictions, when livelihood and sources of food became a problem for many.

Safe Delivery App



26 midwives have been trained on and regularly use the Safe Delivery App



3 municipalities and
38 barangays currently benefit from the technology

TB-DOTS Project



252 patients have been assisted by the Foundation's supported facility and personnel

Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene



11 installed water stations are being monitored and maintained

1,208 individuals have been oriented on proper sanitation and hygiene

The First 1000 Days Program was expanded, now being administered to 69 active beneficiaries, and Food Always in the Home (FAITH) Gardening is still being sustained for food security among families.

The Safe Delivery App remains of service, and is envisioned to be a bridge to the future of healthcare delivery in the islands, with more technological innovations planned. The TB DOTS facility maintained by the Foundation continues to be useful, while the Water and Sanitation programs still provides safe water to the communities.

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Assistance to schools through the donation of school supplies, support to maintenance of school facilities, curricular support, and provision of PPE and needed materials for alternative learning modalities through the pandemic continue to be carried out by the Foundation.

Education



6 Tech-Voc Scholars
3 Academic Scholars

are currently being sponsored
by the Foundation

Through the Share Foundation, the ASF was also able to support the construction of Handwashing Facilities in 3 schools on separate island communities. This has been crucial in allowing children to remain safe while learning and going to school, especially with the return of face-to-face classes.



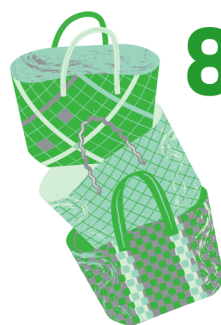
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ASF's support to the livelihood of communities living in Palawan has been a consistent source of income for families in spite of the pandemic lockdowns. Previously trained handicraft weavers have sustained their sales, while more skills-building has been provided for other new interested weavers.



Livelihood



81 women trained in handicraft weaving

7 number of barangays supported with the livelihood program

~1 M pesos worth of sales secured by weavers in the past 5 years

Apart from weaving, fisherfolk groups and cooperatives based in the community have continued to be supported through organizational development, loan assistance, and stakeholder engagement.



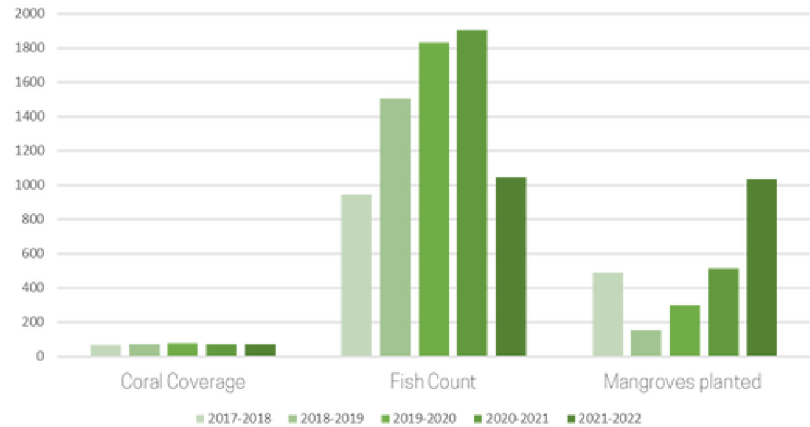
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Environment

The ASF maintains its close monitoring of the environmental status of coastal communities. Through regular reef checking and fish counts, it has been observed that over the years, the Marine Protected Areas supported by the Foundation have yielded consistent coral coverage (little to no coral degradation), generally increasing fish counts, and increased number of mangroves being rehabilitated.

Environmental Monitoring



Coastal clean-ups have also been a regular feature of the Foundation's activities, in collaboration with local authorities and groups.



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Repurposed waste materials, which are converted into products such as these paving tiles, are already being used by the community -- such as in the local school, where the playing ground has been paved with the products.

Solid Waste Management

The Foundation has extended its "War on Plastics" to 3 barangays, where operations of the system of proper waste segregation, recycling, and repurposing are now being piloted. This effort is hoped to have a significant impact on the waste disposal practices in the community, and reduction in total amount of waste being produced.



As we aim for another year of fruitful and meaningful work in our supported communities, we look forward to continue collaborating to sustain our efforts in improving the lives and livelihood of our beneficiaries.

Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to all who have contributed in the various endeavors of the Foundation.

THANK YOU!

