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Spokesperson Report

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A pleasant hello to our dear sponsors and Staff of Sponsor a Grandparent Project. Once again, I am glad to share with you our experiences here in Hermana Fausta Development Center.



I had a great time this past six months because after the typhoons, AH1N1 Fever outbreak and animal epidemic last year, we have started a new project which is the hog raising/fattening project which I can say, we yield a success in our first cycle. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers you spent for our country. We have a very hot weather nowadays. It already started in the month of January. Here in our place the source of living is farming. Because of the drought, most farmers were not able to yield a harvest. My children are also farmers and were not spared by the effects of the drought. This situation affected our family budget. Even my backyard plants was also affected that I have nothing to harvest for sale not to mention even for our consumption. Prices of commodities particularly the rice increases. However, we are still positive and expecting to have a good harvest in June.

The project activities keep me active and productive. In our cluster we, the older people regularly hold our monthly meetings. This is an opportunity to share our dreams, hopes, aspirations and plans. We're able to pursue our hog raising/ fattening project. Hermana Fausta Development Center thru the Sponsor a Grandparent Project Fund provided us capital to start our group project. Our children helped us to construct the



pigpen. We are all eight (8) grandparents in our community who are helping each other in feeding the pigs and cleaning the pigpen. We are happy in doing our responsibilities. Every now and then, we are seeing each other in the pigpen where we enjoy doing our responsibilities and have fun together. For those who have

physical disability, we just give them their share of responsibilities according to their capacity such as keeping the records and reporting the updates of the project. But we require them to be present during our meeting.

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We are happy and satisfied with our share from the sale of our pig dispersal project. It is very helpful to us in buying some of our needs such foods, beddings, new clothes while others were shared to our grandchildrens' allowance. There is a certain percentage of our profit that goes to our Savings Mobilization Fund. This project not only helps us to

sustain our needs but also strengthens our relationship. Another project that we are much thankful is the repair of our artesian well. Before, we really find difficulty in fetching water particularly for us who are already ageing. Through the help of the Center, we were able to have source of water nearer to our house. Our neighbors were also thankful and happy about it.



Last December, 2009 We enjoyed our Christmas Party where we had fun together with the Nursing students and faculty . I am also thankful when we we're given a chance to go to other place in our province for our picnic and visit one of the Sacred places. Without the project, we all miss the opportunity been visit such places. The food and other subsidies I have received are also great blessings that sustain my daily needs. As a Catholic, we're also given the opportunity to attend Recollection and Confession with the priest as preparation for the Lenten season.

I am so thankful that I am part of the project. The project adds color in my life. From then, I became inspired to perform my everyday tasks and every dull moments was swept away by busy and meaningful schedules such as doing household chores, working on our group income generating activities (hog fattening) and attending meetings in the Center and in the community.

For now, our primary concern is the long dry spell here in the Philippines. Our plants dried up because of the scorching sun making it impossible to cultivate the rice farm. I myself was also affected because planting vegetables is also one of my sources of income. My children and the community residents whose means of living is through farming are facing the same problem. The project is now on the assessment of qualified

beneficiaries who will avail capital loan assistance for their income generation such as buy and sell of fish and other commodities.

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I am pleased also to share short stories of my co-older people:



Felecitas Avio, 71 years old is living alone in her simple house since her husband died a year ago due to weak lungs. She is worrying about her life because she has no regular income. Before she accepts laundry works but now she complained of her backache.

cheaper rice. She was very happy on the profit she earned that somehow supports some of her needs. There are times also that she can still extend a little amount to their grandchildren who are schooling. Despite of the challenges, she can now live her life joyfully. "Thank you so much to the SAG Project sponsors and staff who helped me to cope with life with dignity."

This is normal to people who are aging. She can't rely on her children because their income is also limited. The project provided her capital for the "buy & sell" of



Salvacion Visaya, 64 years old says "thank you so much for all the support. It gives me strength and courage to face life together with my schizophrenic son. Our source of living is through making

broom sticks which is not enough to support our daily needs. But now, I'm so thankful that the project provided us capital to start our group project which is the hog raising/fattening project. The income helped us to sustain our daily need of food and some of basic needs".

To our dear sponsors and SaG Staff, we would like you to know that we are so grateful for all the support you extended to us. Your sponsorship really makes difference in our lives. Our best wishes for all of you.