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Jaina-mae Glino and her Community

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Introducing this update

This report follows a visit to Jaina-mae's family and uses a Standard format to ensure that it provides an update on how Jaina-mae and her family are and outlines the work that Plan is doing with them and their whole Community.

Strengthening a bond

Jaina-mae's aunt Susan told us that Jaina-mae enjoys playing with dolls, dancing and watching TV, and is now able to help her family to fetch water for the house. Perhaps you would like to know more about these activities? Or perhaps about her life in the Community? Below are some key facts, but please also write and send greetings to Jaina-mae

and her family. Although Jaina-mae is already attending school, she is still not able to write her own letters yet, but we will work with her and her family so they can send you a message.

Jaina-mae's Health

Jaina-mae has been healthy over the last year.

Jaina-mae's Education

Jaina-mae is still attending the primary school.

She is maintaining her good performance at school.

This year her favourite lessons have been reading, drawing and sports.

She still travels by foot and it takes her less than 30 minutes to get there.

Jaina-mae's family Situation

There have been no changes to who lives with Jaina-mae.

The family's access to basic Services

Jaina-mae's family use a private toilet for their toilet facilities.

There is enough water during both rainy and dry seasons. It comes from a public stand pipe.

The water is safe to drink at all times.

The nearest health facility is the hospital which is about forty five minutes away.

What has been happening in the area where Jaina-mae lives

Plan facilitates situational analysis and planning activities in all our partner communities. Community members-village councils, parents and children collectively gathered data on health, education, socio-economic or livelihood, socio-political and socio cultural aspects of the village.

Most of them were surprised that for how many years they had been staying in the Community, they were conscious only of their own family Situation not knowing that other families are also suffering the same. Data gathered were Consolidated and transformed into a Community profile that shows the village's overall Situation with emphasis on children's plight.

The projects undertaken to benefit Jaina-mae's Community include:

Supporting Birth Registration

Birth registration protects children from exploitation and abuse. Unregistered children are prone to be a victim of child labor, abuse and child trafficking because they do not have documents to prove that they are minors. Plan supported through the Local Civil Registrar on the establishment of Barangay Civil Registration System through training the the Barangay Civil Registration Agents (BCRAs) composed of Local Civil Registrar, officials and volunteers of the Community. The training and mobile registration increased awareness among parents and unwed couples to register their children. The activity created a dramatic increase of registered children.

Capacitating ECCD Service Providers

There is a low participation of children under 6 years old children in Early Childhood Care and Development. Several factors like poor understanding of parents on ECCD, ineffective Service providers and poorly maintained if not non-existence of center-based and home-based Services and others are believed contributes to this findings. To respond these, Plan in partnership with Department of Social Welfare supported series of skills training to ECCD service providers to improve in the early formation and development of children. Parent Volunteers were also provided with ladderized skills training to facilitate the Supervised Neighborhood Play, as an alternative way in reaching more children to participate in ECCD. Moreover, ECCD coordinating committees is being organized and capacitated to ensure that needs and basic Services of children under 6 years old are being responded to and programs for children are pushed forward.

Enhancing Capacities of Teachers and School Administrators

Ineffective teaching method/skills and poor school management is still a pressing problems faced by teachers and school administrators in Plan areas. The teachers recognized their weaknesses and need to be provided with necessary support like regular training enhancement supplemented with appropriate teaching aid devices and learning materials to carry out the tasks. To respond to this, Plan through its strong partnership with Department of Education provided financial support in the conduct of series of trainings for teachers to enhance their attitude, commitment and teaching competencies. Trainings were focused on English, Science and Math as core subjects, understanding child development, child rights and protection, revitalization of inner resources and stress management. These advancements in the capacity of teachers contributed to the triumph of the province as one of the top ten achievers during the National Achievement Test.

Capacitating School Improvement Committees

Reach of parents and Community for school development to facilitate increase participation of children in school is still a challenge in areas where Plan works. Recognizing the meaningful participation of children, parents and Community in school development, composition of School Improvement Committee were expanded. To perform these tasks, they are capacitated with training like understanding child rights, child friendly school, team building, leadership and values enhancement and resource generation. The committee assist the school management in the Community. They also actively participate in the school Situation assessment, analyzing and prioritizing school needs and problems, planning, implementing and assessing school improvement plans.

Children's Month and Family Day Celebration

October is Children's month. This year's theme was "Bright Child: Yaman ng Magulang, Lakas ng Bayan" (Bright Child: Wealth of the Parents, Strength of the Nation). The activities are geared towards the continuous development education of the people in the Community including children. Specifically, the activities includes Session for parents on effective parenting,

rights and responsibilities of children, importance of birth registration, proper hygiene for the children. While parlor games were also part of the activity enjoyed by all children to build and promotes camaraderie among them. Tokens were provided to children. The success of the activity was a fruit of the communities' eagerness to watch their children laugh.

Awakening Communities to Support Children's

Education Series of Community campaigns regarding importance of education and other psycho-social Stimulation activities for children integrated in Community activities like general assemblies, consultation with education partners, theater shows and film viewing were conducted. These campaigns aims to address the issues of out-of school children/youth and reducing dropping out of children due to poor economic Situation of the families. The campaigns hoped to reinforce awareness of children, families and local officials on the importance of education especially to their children. This activity was also integrated with the livelihood activities of Plan that are provided to the families to reduce the out-migration of families, causing their children to dropout from classes.

Advocating for Child Rights and Participation

In Plan areas, children still lived in an environment where there is less participation and unaware of children's rights. In support to this, Plan is working closely with local government units and local agencies through its financial and technical expertise to increase the level of awareness of the families and communities on children's rights and issues and re-direct the local official priorities to focus on building an environment fit for children. Series of Community campaigns and orientations are continually done like theater shows on child rights and issues, child trafficking, violence against women and children, criminal justice System, billboard and streamers display and consultations. Parents Effectiveness Services was also among the strategy to influence parents on proper parenting that are child-rights based.

Livelihood Support to Women

With the desire of Plan partner families to increase their income, some mothers from the Community seek assistance to Plan and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to be trained on quality handicrafts making (e.g bag, mat) made from indigenous materials such as bariw and romblon. Bariw and romblon are materials usually used for mat weaving and others that are abundantly available in the Community. Endorsed resource Speakers by TESDA spearheaded the skills training. Other women particularly the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) were trained on cosmetology and hands-on food processing. The trained group expressed to be formally organized for recognition and to establish/expand their linkages for marketing and eventually earn additional income for their families.

Supporting Farmers and Fisherfolks

Fishing and farming are the primary source of income among families in Eastern Samar. However, communities' coastal resources are threatened and mismanaged while farm harvests are deteriorating. To respond to these issues, Plan linked the communities to the Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture and to Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office for technical training support. Coastal Resource Management was provided to raise awareness on the importance of marine resource protection. Training on the establishment of seaweeds farm and on site coaching on vegetable production were also provided to these families with support materials like farm tools, seaweeds planting materials, and sea cucumber. Through these initiatives the families is hoped to continue

their own livelihood with increased income and ensure food sufficiency for their children while establishing a sustainable environment.

Community Health Workers Training and support

Partner communities' Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) requires training support to be more equipped and effective in providing basic health Services to children and their families. Plan in partnership with DOH provide training support to BHWs & BNS to enhance the capability and skills of the health workers. Advance Primary Health Care and PABASA sa Nutrisyon are among the support provided.

Barangay Health Committees (BHCs), were also supported with capability building on Values Formation, teambuilding and Strategie health planning (for their respective communities). These supports were initiated to facilitate sustainable health programs.

Little Doctors & Nurses

High coverage ratio of School Nurse äs to number of schools and even more to pupils requires recourse to alleviate minor incidence that often happen to children. Little doctors and nurses are selected pupils trained on first aid treatment to cater minor wounds and others to all pupils in their respective schools. The school nurse assigned in the district and other health Service providers helped in facilitate the training. Pupils were provided with kits to be used in treating children in need.

Provision of Medicines to the Barangay

Lack of medicines and vitamins for children is a common issue that also contributes to family's financial Stresses when preventable and common illnesses occur. It is for these reasons Service providers requested the assistance of Plan for the provisions of Supplements and medicines for common childhood illnesses. As part of the continuous support to partner families, Plan supports the provision of medicines. This was also intended to equipped barangay health centers with the basic medicines for common childhood illnesses.

Domestic and School Sanitary Latrines

Ensuring a safe and hygienic environment for children is Plan's promise to our Sponsors. This year we have assisted 7T4 families in the construction of domestic sanitary latrines and 12 elementary schools have likewise availed of school latrines. This project had lessened the sanitation problem in individual households and of the Community. To reinforce this, a hygiene and sanitation promotion was done in schools through the provision of Instructional Materials (IM's) on Hygiene for Classroom Teachers; an orientation of teachers on how to use and integrale the subject matter to their classes using the IM's was likewise done.

We hope you have enjoyed reading this report. We will continue to work with the Community to improve the life of Jaina-mae and all the other children in the area, for them to be able to realize their potential.

Through your link with Jaina-mae you share in the work of the whole Community. Your contributions help to fund Community projects that families are doing with Plan to benefit their children. We thank you for your continued commitment.

Project Photos



Advocacy for Children's rights and participation.



Birth registration project- the right to have a name and nationality.



Handicrafts making made from indigenous materials for livelihood.



Primary Health Care training to provide basic health services.



Children's month celebration



Vegetable production & backyard gardening to increase income & ensure food sufficiency.



Water tank to ensure potable water to the community.

School building for high school children.

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