Woord en Daad in the Philippines

Our mission and vision

Woord en Daad was established in 1973 and is based in the Netherlands. Our mission is motivated by the Christian perspective of justice and compassion. Our aim is to overcome poverty by sustainably transforming people and societies.

Woord en Daad cooperates with 36 partner organizations in 25 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We connect social institutions, communities, educational centers, government bodies, entrepreneurs, and other sectors to realize sustainable change worldwide. Our approach consists of direct poverty alleviation, civil society strengthening and policy influencing.

Woord en Daad projects in the Philippines

In the Philippines, Woord en Daad has various projects in the area of Education, Vocational Education and Job Booster, Emergency Relief & Resilience and Agribusiness. Together with partner organizations CCT and AMG, various emergency relief projects with a total budget of 3 million euros have realized on the island of Samar that was hit by Typhoon Haiyan in 2015. In 2018, an emergency relief was started for people affected by Typhoon Mangkhut.

1 Youth employment

Woord en Daad has been active in offering education, training and employment for underprivileged youth in the Philippines for...
many years. In partnership with local NGOs and skills training providers we have been able to provide skills and jobs for youth from city slums and poor rural communities. Over the last 20 years, more than 4000 men and women have been trained, most have found jobs and have become productive members of society. These men and women have broken the cycle of poverty.

Woord en Daad, together with their partners in the Philippines, are currently registering a social enterprise in the Philippines which will offer employment services for domestic and international employers. This social enterprise will work in collaboration with NGOs, training providers and employers to improve the connection between the world of training and the world of work. Our vision is to provide employment for many thousands of underprivileged youth in the Philippines.

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2 Agribusiness

We have developed a program to support the cacao sector together with the Department of Agricultural Reform (DAR) and Kennemer Foods International (a cacao company). We have requested funding for this program under the Netherlands Enterprise Agency’s SDG-P grant facility. We aim to strengthen the cacao industry and develop farming models to include smallholder farmers.

Due to increased world demand and Mindanao’s agricultural potential, the Philippines can become a global cacao producer. Farmers will have the opportunity to intercrop cacao in their existing coconut fields and so more than double their income. Kennemer will be supported with a central warehouse to assure quality to its customers (including Mars). A knowledge centre will be created that besides training farmers in cacao will help to link farmers to companies involved in other high-value crops like coffee and bananas.

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3 Children at risk of exploitation

Woord en Daad is working with partner AMG in the Philippines to set up RAISE (Restoration, Awareness Raising, Integration and Sustainable Empowerment). International Justice Mission will also be a part of the network that together with RAISE will tackle child abuse in the Philippines. Child abuse in the Philippines often occurs online. Poor people who scarcely have enough to eat abuse their own children in this way to provide the family with income. As the children are not physically touched via online abuse, those involved consider it to be relatively harmless. The abuse has increased considerably over the past two years.

We are investigating in the Philippines how the RAISE project can work with respect to raising awareness among parents and protecting damaged children in vulnerable circumstances. It is important that the authorities pursue the (mostly foreign) abusers. Prevention will also be an important topic in the RAISE project. Important partner for knowledge and research in this project is The Broker.

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Total budget projects in the Philippines 2016 - 2018

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Other projects

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