

## CENTER'S CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT EXTENDS TO PHASE II

Following the successful project development phase last year, Oxfam GB has granted the Community-Based Coastal Resource Management Resource Center's (CBCRM RC) proposal for a Phase II of its Capacity-Building Project.

Formally called "Capacity-building in Learning and Knowledge Management for CBCRM Programmes and Sustainable Livelihood Initiatives in the Philippines", this three-year project hopes to continue and strengthen the activities on "resource pool formation" and Coastal Resource Management (CRM) Network.

At the Project's helm is Elmer M. Ferrer, Associate Professor at the CSWCD, Center's Coordinator and all-time advocate of CBCRM.

Joining him are Wilma Silva-Netto Rojas, Estela Solis and Amiella Marie M. Dasig, Project Manager, Office Manager and Research Associate respectively.

Wilma used to be with the CSWCD, NCFRW and the UP Center for Women's Studies. She has academic training in Community Development and Public Administration. Her work experience includes project management, research and publications.

Estela has been with the project since last year. She takes on the role as Office Manager of the extension office albeit her experiences include community organizing, training, business development and publication work.

Ami, on the other hand, practiced development work with CERD in Western Batangas. She has recently worked with government environmental projects as training officer.

In related events, the center has opened an extension office to house the Capacity-building Project and CBCRM Library at:

**Room 107**  
**Philippine Social Science Center**  
**Commonwealth Avenue**  
**Diliman, Quezon City**  
**e-mail: [cbcrm\\_rc@pacific.net.ph](mailto:cbcrm_rc@pacific.net.ph)**  
**Tel. nos. 920-3368 and 453-8974.**

The Anda CBCRM Project still holds office at the UP College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD).



*The vision to set-up a library for CBCRM/ ICM initiatives may very well be a dream come true, as work for its establishment has gone its way.*

The one-year, Ford Foundation funded project has recently hired its staff to begin collecting and systematizing materials on CBCRM/ ICM initiatives. Hired were Sharon Esposo, Ma. Cecilia (Che) de los Reyes and Marion Abuel to begin their tasks as the library's Information Specialist and Research Associates respectively.

Sharon is a Social Work and Library Science graduate. She used to work with Green Forum and the Heart House, a specialized library and resource center. Che is a product of the CSWCD and was connected with the ASDA unit of Kaisahan Tungo sa Kaunlaran, an NGO committed to Agrarian Reform and Local Governance. Marion has a BS Psychology degree and worked for a gender and environment project at the UP Center for Women's Studies.

The project is jointly headed by Prof. Elmer M. Ferrer of CBCRM RC, Dr. Annette Meñez of UP Marine Science Institute (MSI) and Mr. Elmer Mercado, former Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

## ALL ABOUT

# THE CAPACITY - BUILDING PROJECT

**THE PROJECT:** "Capacity-building in Learning and Knowledge Management for CBCRM Programmes and Sustainable Livelihood Initiatives in the Philippines"

**DURATION:** 3 years (January 2000 – December 2002)

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES:** Resource Pool Development  
Coastal Resource Management (CRM) Network Building

### OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ Continue and expand the formation and development of a "resource pool" for practitioners and advocates of CBCRM under the themes:
  - ⊙ fisheries management
  - ⊙ sustainable livelihood and community organizing
  - ⊙ legal and governance issues
  - ⊙ disaster management
  - ⊙ gender mainstreaming
  - ⊙ participatory research, monitoring and evaluation (PME)
- ❖ Provide services for capability-building and mentoring in CBCRM to interested practitioners and advocates.
- ❖ Promote and sustain appropriate processes of exchange, learning and nurturing among CBCRM and Sustainable Livelihood programme implementers.
- ❖ Build the foundation for establishing a CBCRM network/ mechanism (e.g. CRM NET) at the provincial and regional level that will monitor the impact and accountability of major CRM/ ICM programmes, and develop and pursue an advocacy agenda for strengthening CBCRM practice.

## Activities of 1999

- May 01 - Phase I of project starts
- July 08 - 1<sup>st</sup> All Fellows' Assembly
- July 13 - Round Table Discussion (RTD) on Fisheries Management
- Oct. 1 - RTD on Participatory Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Oct. 6 - Lecture series: Upwelling
- Oct. 27 - Lessons and Experiences
- Nov. 24 - in CBCRM Programs

## SCHEDULE FOR 2000

- Feb. 07- RTD on Gender Mainstreaming
- Feb. 17- Formal launching of the CRM Net (Signing of the Covenant and Election of Steering Committee Members)
- Mar 29- Caucus of Metro Manila- based Steering Committee members
- Apr 27- RTD on Research Methods
- May 3-6-RTD on Sustainable Livelihood
- May 07- Steering Committee Meeting
- May 11- Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) All Fellows Assembly
- \* **Compilation of Database of CBCRM programs is ongoing.**