

Services:

- Youth Organizing Networking and Tutorial Services
- Educational Assistance
- Summer Camps
- Leadership Training
- Creative Writing / Storytelling
- Theater Arts
- Creation Appreciation Module
- Palarong Bayan / Palarong Lahi (traditional children's games)
- Environmental Education and Value Formation
- Training on Waste Management and Recycling Technology

D. COMMUNITY-CENTERED SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (CCSE)

– Assistance to groups and communities for the development of social entrepreneurship and community-based economics.

Services:

- Coaching and Mentoring
- Technical Assistance
- Business and Financial Management Training
- Marketing Assistance
- Resource Mobilization and Linkages
- Research

E. BIOREGIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND NETWORKING (BCON) –

An integral ecosystems-based sustainable community development process for the promotion of a meaningful life and ways of living that are rooted in spirituality and richness of nature and culture.

Services:

- Partnership Building and Organizing
- Diversified and Integrated Sustainable Farming System (developing food security)
- Values Formation and Training of Community as well as Institutional Leaders
- Developing Community Economics

- Linkages for Appropriate Technology Adaptation
- Ecosystem and Watershed Protection
- Socio-Cultural Promotion

E. COMMUNITY EXPOSURE AND SUPPORT TO STUDENTS – Facilitation of the integration of students and other groups in communities and projects.

Services:

- Community Liaison
- Family Hosting
- Community Learning and Exchange
- Research Assistance
- Field Work Placement
- Volunteerism

PARTNER COMMUNITIES

1. Bernabe, Las Piñas City
2. Paliparan Resettlement Area, Cavite
3. Cabuyao Resettlement Area, Laguna
4. Cardona, Rizal
5. Lunsad, Binangonan, Rizal
6. Talim Island, Binangonan, Rizal



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RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

INTRODUCTION

The Social Development Department is the animating arm of the Asian Social Institute where transformative ideas and innovative approaches are tried out in actual practice and community extension services are carried out in partnership with self-empowered people's organizations, parishes, local government units, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders. It also facilitates the integration and field learning of students and other groups in various communities in order to develop mutual understanding, existential learning and greater appreciation of community life and people's initiatives.

Recently, ASI engaged in partnership with Maximo T. Kalaw Institute for Sustainable Development (MTKISD), and other organizations to co-create a sustainable future through the *"Ecosystem-based Community Centered Sustainable Bioregional Community Organization and Management (ECSOM)"* Program. This was later articulated by ASI as *"Co-creating Sustainable Bioregional Communities (CSBCom)"* Program. This is a paradigm shift in theoretical orientation and praxis that re-orient various disciplines as well as the practice of social development to focus on the wholeness of life and all life forms. In the ECSOM synthesis, the ASI President, Dr. Mina M. Ramirez, summarized the program as follows: *"All stakeholders of the bio-regional community – upland and lowland farmers, fisher folk, indigenous groups, business, education, health, church and socially-enlightened local officials – will engage themselves in a long-term integral development process that is culturally-rooted, contextual, experiential and participatory. In and through a Living Faith, it is hoped that the energy that will radiate from the process will cause the evolvment and organic growth of a community-based economics (not just enterprise-based), a new urbanism that will prevent the natural and human resources to be depleted. It is hoped that the human habitat or the new human settlement will be an externalization of a vision of the City of God where all human beings may live a decent, dignified life in harmony with nature."*

General Objectives:

- In general the Social Development Department aims –
1. To concretize the transformative ideas of ASI and develop theories from experience to further promote justice, peace and integrity of creation;
 2. To witness to the Christian values of human dignity, common good, subsidiary and solidarity; and,
 3. To facilitate the realization of a meaningful life and ways of living rooted in spirituality and in the richness of nature and our culture through the following specific objectives:

Specific Objectives:

- To strengthen families and communities for sustainable development and improved well-being;
- To train and develop grassroots and community leaders and facilitate their self-empowerment;
- To help build capacities of people's organizations as they collectively work to improve their life conditions and community life and become active citizens first of their bio-region;
- To help bridge the multiple divides among people, institutions, society and the environment;
- To educate, organize and mobilize children and youth for a sustainable future;
- To develop capacities of people's organizations and communities to carry-out social entrepreneurship and strengthen community economic activities, as a basis for a new politics and good governance;
- To intergrate communities and institutions for bioregional sustainable development;
- To network with other organizations, institutions and movements in order to share transformative ideas towards a state where human dignity of all will be lived and respected, and where people live in harmony with their ecosystems.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- A. **FAMILY CENTER (FC)** – Strengthening of family life, women empowerment and accompaniment of Bigkis-Lakas Pilipinas, a national alliance of fisher folk federations that lobbied for the passing of RA 8550 or the Fisheries Code of the Philippines and at present are partners of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in implementing the Fisheries Code of the Philippines and are leading advocates for the right of the fisherfolk.

Services:

- Consultancy and Training
- Technical Assistance
- Resource Mobilization
- Social Services

- B. **SUSTAINABLE URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SUCD)** – Accompaniment of self-empowered people's organizations in marginalized urban communities.

Services:

- Organizational Development and Training
- Support to Livelihood Projects
 - Rice Cooperative
 - Loan Assistance
 - Urban Sustainable Agriculture
- Educational Assistance Program
 - Pre-School
 - Philippine Education Placement
 - Educational Support and Sponsorship
- Support to Community Caregivers Association
- Youth Organizing and Development
- Emergency Assistance
- Health and Nutrition Education

- C. **CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE (CYASF)** – Training of youth leaders from various sectors and communities and mobilization of children and youth for sustainable development.

