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Gobby Mejia, ACEPH Head for plant operations, Iloilo City Mayor Jerry Treñas and team during an inspection of the evacuation centers to ensure that the needs of the families are well provided



Aside from the regular provision of safe drinking water and packed meals, medicines and medical equipment were frequently stocked, with health workers on standby to aid the families



A meeting with the multi-stakeholders task force composed of the various barangays in Iloilo City, the Iloilo City Government and its various offices, the Philippine Coast Guard, and ACEPH and its consultant AECOM, Philippines



Sacks of rice, food packs and other items that the families may need were distributed with the help of the local government units



Meal packs from Ayala Foundation and Ayala Coop were flown in by the Philippine Air Force, while the other Ayala business units, namely, the Ayala Business Club, Seda Hotels, Globe Telecom and AC Motors provided logistical support

STEWARDSHIP IN ILOILO

With food, temporary shelter and medical care the utmost priority of AC Energy Philippines (ACEPH) for the communities in Iloilo City, around 300 families settled in three booked hotels namely, the Courtyard by Marriott, District 21 and Diversion 21, while they await to be returned to their homes.

At the hotels, the families regularly received packed meals and drinking water from ACEPH, while rapid health assessments to ensure the good health status of the families were initiated. The company provided medicines, PPEs and other medical supplies, medical equipment like nebulizers and infrared thermometers, and arranged for nurses and doctors to be on standby.

The initiative was made possible by the combined efforts of a multi-stakeholder partnership with the city government through Terry Gelogo of Iloilo City SWDO, Marian Penit from district of Lapaz CSWDO, Donna Magno of CDRRMO, Brgy. Captain Ricardo Dino Jr. of Bo. Obrero, Brgy. Captain Erico Hortillosa of Mansaya, Dr. Rebecca Gregorios, head of Lapuz CHO, Dr. Roland Fortuna of City Health Office, Mr. Jeck Conlu of PSTMO, the City Health Office, Iloilo City Emergency Response, Sangguniang Kabataan Youth Task Force of Bo. Obrero, and the City General Services Office. As a result, the company was able to provide for the comfort of the families, as well as help augment the income of the hotels that were strained due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now, as the families resume with their everyday lives back at their homes,

ACEPH remains resilient to continue to provide assistance to them, leveraging on synergies with the Ayala group, especially with the ongoing pandemic. Over 1,500 Fortified Meal Packs were recently turned over to the barangay for rapid distribution to the residents of Bo. Obrero, Mansaya, and Loboc. The project was supported by Ayala Foundation and Ayala Coop, with the assistance of the Ayala Business Club, Seda Hotels, Globe Telecom and AC Motors. Over 1,000 personal protective equipment (PPEs) and 2,000 surgical masks were also turned over to the office of Mayor Treñas.

As collaboration and cooperation shined through in Iloilo City, the company is grateful for the outpouring of support from energy industry players namely, MORE Power, Global Business Power Corp., Petron Corp./SL Harbor, Phoenix Petroleum, and Shell Philippines, as well as the onboarded third party experts, UP Visayas scientists, and the local community.

The company also received continued aid from the City Government of Iloilo, Department of Energy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, City Health Office, City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Public Safety and Transportation Management Office, City Environment and Natural Resources Office, Iloilo City Police Office, DENR Region 6, EMB - Region 6, the barangays of Obrero, Mansaya and Loboc, and the Sangguniang Kabataan Youth Task Force of Bo. Obrero.



Assistance continues to be given to the communities especially with the ongoing pandemic, even as the families settle back to their everyday lives