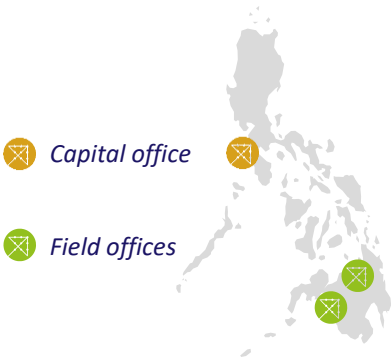


Acted in the Philippines

Next-Gen Filipino Leaders for a Zero Exclusion World



Acted is working towards Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon, and Zero Poverty and has been operating in the Philippines since late 2012 following the immediate aftermath of typhoon Pablo. Acted provides humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations in times of crisis whilst also supporting peace building, civic empowerment and sustainable economic development efforts. With 23 employees and a budget of approximately 981,000 EUR, Acted supported over 175,000 beneficiaries in the Philippines last year.

Context of the situation

Through its efforts in inclusive economic and rural development, Acted partnered with **Bigay Buhay Multipurpose Cooperative (BBMC)**, an organisation focused on urban farming and social inclusion. BBMC underscored the urgency of this issue, particularly as 2023 marks the start of the UN's next decade for persons with disabilities.

To address the critical need for greater inclusion of persons with disabilities, Acted and BBMC therefore decided to collaborate on a new project to **strengthen leadership among young persons with disabilities and build connections between Manila and BARMM**, aiming to enhance **advocacy and inclusive opportunities across the Philippines**.



Youth leadership programme, March 2024

Key figures of the project



Duration : 12 months. November 2023 – November 2024



Beneficiaries : 12 youth leaders from the disability community (direct beneficiaries)
167,000 (indirect beneficiaries)



Budget: 1,200,000 PHP



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The project

The Overall Objective of the Project is to **empower the next generation of Filipino youth leaders from the disability community to uphold persons with disability' rights in the Philippines**

The project comprises three components. The **first component's** objective is to **conduct a youth leadership programme for persons with disability.**

- ✓ Consultation with the Philippines Disability Forum
- ✓ 3-days residential leadership programme
- ✓ Design of individual action plans

The **second component** promotes **Knowledge sharing event with representatives from the disability community in BARMM.**

- ✓ Knowledge sharing and networking event
- ✓ Creation of linkages and building connections between NCR and BARMM

The **third component** conducts a **Series of informal peer meet up sessions for youth leaders.**

- ✓ Virtual and in person meet up sessions
- ✓ Consistent support to youth for the implementation of individual action plans
- ✓ Final reflection and consolidation workshop



Youth leadership programme, March 2024

Key Outputs

12 youth leaders from the disability community located in the National Capital Region (NCR) complete a 3-day youth leadership programme

80% of initiatives identified in youth action plans are implemented by the end of the project

1 knowledge sharing event held with representatives from the BARMM disability community

8 virtual and physical peer sharing sessions for youth leaders

75% of youth leaders expressing that they feel more empowered as a result of the project

