

2013 LCDFI Performance Highlights

The **LANDBANK Countryside Development Foundation, Inc. (LCDFI)** is a non-stock, non-profit corporate foundation that supports LANDBANK's thrust of promoting countryside development. The Foundation undertakes programs and projects to promote and advance the lives of LANDBANK's key partners and priority sectors including small farmers and fishers, agrarian reform beneficiaries, overseas Filipino workers, indigenous people, and other marginalized sectors. These programs include training and capacity-building, educational assistance, and community development projects. In support of the Bank's thrust, the LCDFI adopts innovative approaches in building stronger and more cohesive cooperative organizations with viable and sustainable business enterprises.

In 2013, LCDFI conducted a total of **136 training sessions to 5,273 participants** from Bank-assisted and key cooperatives all over the country. Cooperatives strengthened their operations through the LCDFI training modules on cooperative management and good governance, financial analysis, internal control, strategic planning, risk assessment and management, leadership and values orientation, and cooperative legal issues and remedies. Their technical capabilities are also enhanced through trainings on topics such as account management and credit administration, employee relations and performance management, accounting for non-accountants, entrepreneurship and business management, building effective long-term client relationships, and records management. LCDFI also conducted an additional **20 training sessions** specifically targeted to build the capacity of **agrarian reform beneficiary organizations** to address the challenges and vulnerabilities they face.

LCDFI also organized **eight (8) capacity-building trainings for 184 microfinance institutions (MFIs) and countryside financial institutions (CFIs) program partners**. Aside from the financial inclusion training that aim to widen the MFI/CFI's reach in grassroots areas, LCDFI also provided training on online business processes that offered MFIs/CFIs innovative business and financial solutions and platforms. In addition, LCDFI also supported **26 financial literacy trainings for 814 MFI/CFI end clients**. These trainings equipped the participants in setting financial goals, budgeting, and making spending decisions.

LCDFI's **Gabay ng LANDBANK Program** provides OFWs and their families with orientation trainings on business start-up, savings, and investment options. These trainings also serve as a one-stop shop for OFWs providing them with information on LANDBANK's financial services and other government agencies' assistance programs and incentives. **Eleven (11) OFW entrepreneurship trainings** were conducted under this program in 2013.

The Gawad Patnubay Program supports the education of children of agrarian reform beneficiaries. Under this program, LCDFI has been supporting the education of **40 scholars** from primary up to secondary level. In March 2013, seven of these scholars graduated with the remainder set to complete their secondary schooling in the following year.

In 2013, through partnerships with grassroots-based microfinance institutions and LANDBANK-assisted key cooperatives, LCDFI implemented and co-sponsored **74 community-based projects** (i.e., establishment of water system facilities, improvement of school facilities, livelihood trainings, reforestation program) that seek to address the basic and developmental

needs of local communities. These were located in 59 far-flung communities with 21 cooperatives/MFI partners, benefiting an estimated **65,042 grassroots beneficiaries**. These community-based projects also include disaster relief for the victims of the Bohol Earthquake and Typhoon Yolanda.

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