

MOBILE TOOLS SEMINAR REPORT
December 16-19, 2013
Cebu and Estancia, Iloilo, Philippines

MISSION OVERVIEW

The mission trip was held on December 16-19, 2013. Its objective is to equip all NGO responders with mobile tools that will help them respond to the disaster-stricken area more efficiently. The trip also gave an opportunity for Inveneo to train the UMCOM team specifically Nhots Celzo on the wireless link set up and connection at Save the Children HQ in Estancia, Iloilo. Team members are: April Mercado, Nhots Celzo and Sam Perales.

OUR WORK

• **December 16**

Sam Perales provided training to 2 NGOs in Manila before proceeding to Cebu. Later during the day, the team arrived at the Goldberry Suites where the training will be held the next day.

• **December 17**

A. In the morning of December 17, training was held at the Jasmine Function Hall where it was attended by 7 NGOs: SOS Village, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Plan International, OXFAM, All Hands Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity, Save the Children, UMCOR, Relief International.

B. All Hands Volunteers expressed their intention to partner with the team to set up their communication links for their third project that was then yet to be determined.

C. The NGOs present were more than happy to accept the tablets donated by Google and Inveneo. "It's just like Christmas!" says Susana of IRC.

Another very pleased recipient is Leonilo Escalada, Chief Operations Officer of Habitat for Humanity, "These tools are very useful particularly on internet and email access - need to test this on the field but the quick browse would definitely enhance our operation through identification and tagging of our locations through its GPS and map guides. Very powerful tool for humanitarian agency like us. Please extend our thanks to UMCOM and Inveneo for giving these gadgets to us." Marsy Perez also from Habitat for Humanity said that, "I never thought that we can give communications as relief."

D. Then team then proceeded to Iloilo with Rami Shakrah of Save the Children to set up for the wireless link for the Save the Children HQ. We arrived in Estancia shortly before 9pm.

• **December 18**

A. The team connected with local municipal engineer, Randy Baido. He is Save the Children's local contact. He escorted the team to the municipal hall at 8 in the morning where we immediately went to work. By early afternoon, the team successfully completed its mission in setting up the wireless connection at the Save the Children HQ.

B. The team went back to the resort where we are staying and connected with Medecins San Frontieres to offer to render our services in setting up a communication link to them via the satellite installed at the municipal hall. Their IT officer told us that they are in their last stages of completing their mission in the area and that they are connected to the internet via Globe and Smart broadband sticks they purchased.

• **December 19**

A. On our way to the Roxas airport to catch our flight to Manila, the team conducted an impromptu OSM training in the van to local staff of Save the Children.

B. The team also presented ODK Collect to the staff which can be an indispensable tool (digital and cloud-based) in the community health surveys compared to the conventional process which uses questionnaires printed on paper and then encoded for database management.

C. Upon arrival in Manila, the team met with another NGO, Relief International where by the carousel of NAIA Terminal 3, Sam briefly introduced the tablet and the OSM app.

D. Over dinner, the team made a short evaluation and debriefing on the accomplished mission in Cebu and Estancia and talked about future work in other areas particularly in Baguio Episcopal Area.

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