

## **CORE SHELTER PROJECT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Background:** *The National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) Region V, located in Iriga City, Philippines, submitted the Core Shelter Project plan to the East Coast Irigeunos (ECI) group in December 2006. The objective of this project is to build shelters for the Indigenous people who lost their homes during Super Typhoon Reming which occurred in November 2006. A copy of the project plan is available at [www.iriga.net](http://www.iriga.net) website.*

**WHAT IS A CORE SHELTER?** The project title, "Core Shelter" has to do with the fact that NEW, uniform "nipa" roofed and bamboo walled homes are to be built for the IP family beneficiaries who lost their homes during Super Typhoon Reming.

**WHICH IP COMMUNITY WILL BE FIRST SERVED AND HOW WERE THEY SELECTED?** For the initial phase of the project, a tribal dialogue has been conducted at Sitio Mampili, Santiago, Iriga City last February. Sitio Mampili was the IP community chosen by the office as initial beneficiary of the Core Shelter Project, since it has received the least number of programs and projects from both the government and non government sector these past years. During the dialogue, project time frame and commitment setting among other things were discussed. Another tribal dialogue is also scheduled to thresh out details, concerns, and planning for the next building phase.

**WHAT'S THE COST OF A BUILDING A CORE SHELTER?** The cost of every core shelter unit will remain at two hundred dollars (\$210.00), for the initial fifteen homes because the main wooden posts of every home built shall be provided by the prospective IP beneficiary, labor cost would likewise be kept to a minimum as the male members of the IP community volunteered their services for the project free of charge.

**ASIDE FROM NCIP WHO ELSE IS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT?** The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a past partner in a similar project, will once again be a partner in the Core Shelter Project particularly on the toilet facility component. The DSWD has a technical unit devoted to sanitation and water closets making, their input (this project does not provide for water closets in every home), would be essential as an additional phase after the core shelters would have been built. The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), local branch, shall be consulted on safety measures for the project site since the homes are to be built on foot hill next to a creek. The city government of Iriga has been informed of the project and their intervention (i.e. provision of a jetmatic water pump), for the use of the entire community, is hoped for and eagerly awaited.

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CORE SHELTER FOR THE DONORS?** Photographs of completed core housing units with a marker at the front with the donor/sponsors name shall be sent to ECI/[www.iriga.net](http://www.iriga.net) upon completion of every core shelter. A roster of IP communities outside of the cities, in most need of core shelter homes, shall be sent in the week once a consolidated report is prepared ( a directive to this effect has been given to our field units earlier).

**WHO WILL BE DESIGNATED OVERALL COORDINATOR?** For ease and facility of coordination, Dr. Connie O. Friginal is designated focal person and project manager. Engr. Andrea M. Villegas, NCIP Chief Engineer is likewise designated project/site supervisor, both employees are efficient and trustworthy, and thus this project will be in good hands.

Note: The East Coast Irigeunos overall project coordinator is Ms Eilen Diamante.

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO TRANSFER FUNDS THRU BANK TO BANK TRANSFER?** The NCIP Landbank (Iriga City Branch), dollar savings account number for this project is XXXX-XXXX-XX (Contact Ms Eilen Diamante). The bank shall hold on to overseas deposited funds for at least a week to a month, before any monies may be released locally.

