

PROGRAMME SUMMARY OF THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM

The Alternative Learning System (ALS) of the Division of Davao City supported by the Local Government Unit of Davao City has joint its efforts to serve the Persons with Disability (PWD) particularly the Obo-Manobo tribe of Barangay Tambobong in Marilog District, Davao City. Through Barangay mapping, orientation and launching of ALS program, the Basic Computer Literacy for PWDs was opened.

There are 65 PWDs benefitted the program since its inception last 2010. Individualized teaching through home visitations and hands-on training for computer manipulations were done. PWDs are taught on the basic knowledge on computers, MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint to prepare them for ALS -eSkwela, an electronic modular course for elementary and secondary level to be able to take up the national Accreditation and Equivalency (A &E) Test. The on-going success inspires great partnership among the local stakeholders such as the Davao City Water District (DSWD) and SUMIFRU Company that doled out school supplies among learners and the Barangay Tambobong Council which supplies monthly food allowance of Php 500 for the learners.

Currently, there are 17 PWDs completers of Basic Literacy and all set for A& E Test for Elementary .The Department of Education Bureau of ALS, the DepEd Region XI and Division Office regularly monitor Mobile Teachers and Instructional managers , assessing learners' need and the implementation of the program. As of the moment, there are only 3 computer units being used by the learners, but the offering of Basic Computer Literacy to the 17 deaf and mute gives a ray of hope to the enrollees. They were able to upbeat the challenge of the 21st century amidst their situation and eventually empowered them to alleviate their way of living.

To note, ALS have been serving the 20 schools district of the city and the far flung areas where formal education is impossible. Its success is supported by the LGU on its annual budget appropriation through the Local School Board- Special Education Fund (LSB-SEF) prorating all ALS program to Php5,606,000. On this current year there are 1,075 Indigenous People out-of-school-youth and adult girls and women composed of the ten tribes of the city are served.