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## **2006 PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT**

**2006 Project Title: Trade and Development: Managing Globalization  
Responsible Party: Fair Trade Alliance (FTA)**

### **I. Completion Stage**

The Fair Trade Alliance had completed two (2) project output for the year 2006 as embodied in the Terms of Reference submitted by the Alliance to the implementing partner, the UP NCPAG. The other output, the results of the forum on mining, was not achieved as the activity was deferred to next year due to time and resources constraint.

The Fair Trade Alliance (FairTrade) with the support of UNDP, held two (2) research presentations wherein government officials were engaged in assessing industries on the brink of survival. The results of these activities were documented and embodied in the project report and all pertinent materials collected from such forum were organized and to be submitted to the implementing partner. However, the financial reports are not yet transmitted because we are still finalizing our 2006 book of accounts. Nevertheless, we will be handing the same the soonest time possible.

With the conduct of the activity, partnership between the Government and the other stakeholders was realized and both committed to help each other in its struggle for development. Such commitment is proven by the continued membership of the Fair Trade Alliance in the Clothing and Textile Industry Tripartite Council (CTITC) taking part in all the consultations of said council. Also, there is an on going dialogue and meetings of the Fair Trade with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) regarding the clothing and textile roadmap, one of the recommendations that resulted from the forum on garments.

The Fair Trade believes that the public presentation of the research on the Post MFA Tracking System of the Clothing and Textile Industry of the Philippines and Gender and Trade, respectively, as well as the recommendations gathered from such activity had been instrumental to address the problems of the stakeholders and in disseminating information to the general public. However, the Fair Trade feels the need for a more concrete way of expanding public awareness of such researches through publication of the same. A continuation and follow-up of engagements between and among all the stakeholders is also a priority, more specifically, the conduct of the deferred activity – the forum on mining - a burning issue which needs great attention because of its implication to job, business and living conditions of the Filipino people.

## **II. Use of Your Project Outputs**

The Fair Trade Alliance, gathered recommendations on how to address the issues raised by the different industries from the conduct of the research presentations. Yet, these recommendations are not mandatory but rather serve as guide on possible measures that can be undertaken to direct the bigger problems of business survival and job preservation, among others.

As a result of the fora carried out, the Fair Trade continues to be an active member of the Clothing and Textile Industry Tripartite Council (CTITC) and had meetings with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on initial plans for the conception of a clothing and textile roadmap.

The public presentation of the research also enabled the Fair Trade partners to be conscious of the necessity for disaggregating data between male and female participants. And lastly, it is to be noted that women participation in Fair Trade activities increased significantly.

In the organizational level, the recommendations gathered served as the basis for the activities and continued campaigns of the alliance.

## **III. Factors that Affected Implementation**

The project, which involved research presentations, was conducted smoothly due to the competence, broad knowledge and experience of the researchers and speakers, as well as the expertise of the chosen reactors/ panelists. Active participation of the stakeholders and their recognition of the problem and possible hope of reviving the respective industries also helped in achieving broad and concrete recommendations. Further, the acceptance of the government of their weaknesses and their openness and willingness to work with civil society facilitated implementation of the project. On the other hand, there are also factors which hindered implementation of the project, namely: (1) time and resource limitation; (2) tangled schedules of stakeholders for timely project implementation; and (3) forces of nature such as typhoon. These hindrances, were nevertheless, overcome by re-scheduling of activities and the like.

## **IV. Evaluation of Project Outputs vs CPAP Multi-year Expected Outputs and Output Targets for 2005**

The project "Trade and Development: Managing Globalization" had contributed to the CPAP Expected Outputs of MDG localization, globalization, advocacy and anti-corrupt campaigns in key provinces and cities; and Enhanced capacities of oversight government bodies to rationalize government services and promote ethical behavior in public service to make services more accessible. Specifically, the project contributed greatly in bringing the issues and effects of globalization not only to the affected sectors and the stakeholders but to the public at large. The fora served as a venue for the partnership and networks with civil society groups; and studies on MDGs and globalization. The research presentation on Gender and Trade enhanced women empowerment and gender equality and initiated disaggregating data on men and women participations in Fair Trade activities. Also, both the research presentation recognized the rights of women, children, labor groups and other sectors of the society.

They were guaranteed of their entitlement to human rights and government reminded with their duty to protect and promote such rights.

#### **V. Indicative Progress vis-à-vis CPAP Expected Outcome, if any?**

The Fair Trade Alliance was able to bring the issues of the affected sectors to the attention of the government agencies concerned and other stakeholders through the research presentations. Thus, making the latter attend more promptly to the former's call. Hence, a more responsive national, sub-national and local institutions providing efficient social services delivery was attained.

#### **VI. Indicative Progress of Human Rights and Gender Mainstreaming**

The project was responsive in capacitating duty holders and claim holders on human rights and gender equality. At the project level, the Duty bearers, had admitted their weaknesses and pronounced their intention of working with civil society groups in achieving economic development. The Department of Agriculture, in the forum on Gender and Trade, specifically mentioned the lack of disaggregated data in their department. The National Statistics Office, on the other hand, in the forum on garments, clarified issues on data accuracy especially with regard the data on informal sector. The Department of Trade and Industry on the policy level, is having talks with the Fair Trade for the initial plans of a clothing and textile roadmap. As for the claim holders, the industry/ business affirmed to guarantee the rights of labor and the latter to be responsive and participative in activities that will lead to development.

#### **VII. Lessons Learned**

The project was implemented as planned but was re-scheduled from time to time because of typhoons and unavailability of speakers, reactors and participants. These factors should be considered in planning the next activities as they can cause great hindrance. One of the activities of the Fair Trade -forum on mining- was deferred to next year due to time constraint as well. The alliance had to conduct sectoral dialogues in preparation for the said event so as with other government agencies. But to sum, the project was successfully made and we would have done it the same way if we are to implement the project all over again.

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