

What is the KAGABAY Program?

It is a component of the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) that extends Rehabilitation services to Occupationally Disabled Workers (ODWs)



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WHY THE KAGABAY PROGRAM?

BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO RESTORE DIGNITY AND SELF-ESTEEM AMONG OCCUPATIONALLY DISABLED WORKERS (ODWS) WHOSE NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED OVER THE YEARS.



depressed



disturbed



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What are the rehabilitation services available under the KAGABAY Program?

- a. Physical Restoration Services
- b. Livelihood Training
- c. Skills Training



WHAT DOES PHYSICAL RESTORATION MEAN?

- ❖ REFERS TO THE PROVISION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND/OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR ODWS.
- ❖ AIMS TO RESTORE THE FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY AND WORK ACTIVITY OF ODWS.



12 session



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Through partnerships with major medical centers, the physical restoration services aims to improve its coverage of ODWs



Philippine General Hospital, Manila
Philippine Orthopedic Center, Quezon City
Rizal Medical Center, Taytay
N.L. Villa Medical Center, Lipa
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center, Cebu
Southern Mindanao Medical Center, Davao
Northern Mindanao Medical Center, CDO
Zamboanga City Medical Center
The Doctor's Clinic and Hospital Inc., Koronadal
Baguio General Hospital
St. Elizabeth Hospital, General Santos City



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The Livelihood training services facilitates access for ODWs to livelihood seminars to help them acquire entrepreneurial skills to start a small business



Partnerships provide ODWs an array of courses in livelihood training through our program partners



Business Ventures

☞ **How to Start a Business**

☞ **Hog Raising & Health Management**

☞ **Water Refilling Station**

☞ **Meat Shop Operation and Meat Cutting**

☞ **Computer Shop Business**



The Skills training services facilitates access for ODWs to technical courses helping them acquire new capabilities for re-hiring or re-employment



- Focused on short term voc./tech. courses
- Free tuition fees
- Meal transportation allowance of P2,500.00



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Meralco Foundation Inc.



TESDA

- other voc./tech . schools preferred by ODWs



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Skills Training

☞ Welding

☞ Driving

☞ Backhoe operator

☞ Automotive-Electrical Course

☞ Cell phone Repair

☞ Computer Repair and Networking



SUCCESSFUL



KAGABAY BENEFICIARIES



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Some of our successful ODWs...



Joselito Teves- Hog Raising Project in
Bato, Catanduanes



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A SUCCESS STORY

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Chairman's Statement

The current global economic downturn has been termed by financial analysts and economists as one of the greatest global financial crises, with only the Great Depression of the 1930s rivaling in scope and depth.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has indicated that world economic growth will slow. Developed economies of the US, EU and Japan are forecasted to clock one of their worst-ever years of economic performance in 2009. The growth outlook for regional economies has also deteriorated. The International Labour Organisation has also cautioned that lower growth in ASEAN could raise unemployment from 5.8 per cent last year to as high as 6.1 this year, and to 6.2 per cent next year.

In the midst of these difficult and challenging times, the role of social security organisations administered by ASSA members is even more vital. The safety net provided by the pension and social security systems will serve as the bedrock of hope and financial security for many people in ASEAN.

It is therefore important that during this bleak economic landscape, ASSA plays up its forte in knowledge and information sharing. In the spirit of unity and co-operation, we can share and learn from each other's experiences. We can also tap on each other for ideas, and together develop solutions to the social security issues brought on by the challenges of this economic crisis. There are different platforms available for such exchanges, for example, the ASSA website which contains useful information and experiences on social security, regular newsletters reflecting the latest news in the region, and dialogues, seminars and study visits to learn from each other.

In the last 11 years of ASSA, we have witnessed the Asian financial turmoil (1997 - 1999), US and Europe economic slowdown and Japan recession (2001), SARS (2003) and tsunami (2004). Together, we have weathered these crises and have emerged stronger. I am confident that in time, we will again overcome the current economic downturn. Let us take heart that in ASEAN and elsewhere around the world, no efforts are being spared to revise and bolster the economy.

In closing, I would like to thank all member institutions for your support with Singapore in the chair this year. Let us together look forward to another rewarding year with ASSA.

Kagabay Program (Assistance program for Occupationally Disabled Workers) A success story

The Kagabay Program is a special economic assistance program initiated by the Employees' Compensation Commission in 2002 for occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) who lost employment by reason of work-connected sickness or injury. It was conceptualized with the end in view of facilitating the ODWs re-integration into the economic mainstream through physical restoration, vocational skills training, entrepreneurial training and assistance in the setting-up of micro-enterprises or home-based business.

Occupationally Disabled Workers (ODWs) are assessed and evaluated by ECC doctors whether they can meet the physical demand of a particular job and entrepreneurial inclination and aptitude to set-up their own business enterprise. An example is one of the ODWs who ventured into Hog/Piggery project:

JOSELITO M. TEVES Occupationally Disabled Worker (ODW) and his piggery project

Joselito M. Teves was formerly employed as an Able Bodied Seaman (AB) by NYK-Fil Ship Management, Inc. He sustained a spinal injury in 2005 while on board a company vessel.

Because of his physical limitations, he was declared unfit to return to his former job. This made him decide to look for a different source of income in order not to be idle. While he was unemployed and recuperating for three years, he engaged in running an FX taxi just to be productive because he has three children to support with, ages 4, 2 and 1 year.



Mr. Teves availed of the ECC's Kagabay Program on Training for Entrepreneurship or Home-Based Business in June 2007. He took-up Hog/Pig Raising & Health Management Course at the Negoskela an accredited training institution of ECC. The course runs only for 5 days. These include hands-on training activities and field trips. Participants were trained by resource speakers who are practitioners or business owners themselves in swine selection, production, and marketing. A training fee of ₱3,500.00 was paid by Employees' Compensation Commission as part of ODW's rehabilitation benefit. His appreciation and passion for the said course made him decide to bring the family back to their hometown in Bato, Catanduanes in January 2008, a month after the ODW received his disability insurance benefit from the company.

The location of his piggery is near their ancestral house, wherein the houses are far from each other and suitable as project site. The hog house was made of inexpensive and locally available materials for roofing, like bamboo and nipa. He started his piggery operation by taking care of three pigs and on September 2008, he sold these pigs. Mr. Teves claimed that he did not profit much. He decided to buy his own sow and it gave birth to eleven piglets. He has been raising the piglets with the help of his wife and intends to sell them in due time. He said that with his experience, he will strive to do better to be successful in his own business venture. Likewise, he promised to inform the ECC of the status/progress of his project even if it is located at their hometown in Bato, Catanduanes.



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Aldrin Ojastro- Spinal Injury



Goat Raising Project in San Francisco
Del Monte, Bulacan



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Wilmer Andres- Meat Shop



Apolinar Lapez - Grocery Shop



Jonathan Tapan- Water Refilling Station



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Federico Paraan- maintenance helper (re-employed)



Clemente Ripalda- truck helper (re-employed)



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Beltranico Balcena- AutoCAD



Jomar Baste- Backhoe Operator



Renato Aquitan- autocad



Carlito Pascual- taxi driver



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Teodoro Canada- hollow blocks making



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*Kareen Velasco -Comprehensive
Beadworks (Fashion Accessories)*



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Joel Maglangit- Driver of Ms. Helen Cochrane, Proj. Director, The Phil School of Prosthetics and Orthotics



How ODWs are reached by the KAGABAY Program

SSS/GSIS sends monthly list of ECP recipients with

Permanent Disability to ECC

Letters are sent by ECC to ECP recipients with

Permanent Disabilities inviting them to KAGABAY

Assessment of applicants

Physical Restoration

Skills Training
Livelihood Training

Re-employment
Entrepreneurship



You too may help the KAGABAY Program



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*"Di hadlang ang kapansanan sa isang
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**Thank You for your
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