

### **Some Ways to Help the Aeta of Mt. Pinatubo to Help Themselves (2006)**

You can donate towards costs of an outreach project. Rule of donation: give only when Aeta/IP elders have made formal requests and clearly indicate a sense of responsibility. This to avoid unwanted effects

- Any Amount To be placed in a scholarship fund for Aeta/IP college students. Upon graduation these Aeta/IP do Community Service as 3A 3Rs (literacy) Activators.
- Any Amount To be placed in a Livelihood Micro Loan Fund lent to Aeta/IP recipients through the National Commission on Indigenous People and Aeta/IP chieftains.
- Any Amount To be placed in a fund to facilitate purchase of seeds and trees.
- Any Amount To be placed in a fund to cover the cost of transport to attend Aeta livelihood training programs.
- Any Amount Towards literacy books in the Aeta language for one student.
- Any Amount Towards gardening tools for home garden cultivation of herbs and vegetables.
- P 3,500 Towards sleeping bags for Aeta guides to use taking tourists to the Mt. Pinatubo crater on environment-friendly ecotours.
- P 8,000 Towards dome tents for the same tourism projects, which would give livelihood to Aeta family groups.
- P 12,500 Towards lahar block making equipment and training to use Pinatubo's lahar to build homes.
- P 10,000 Towards a carabao cart, the favourite transport in Pinatubo's lahar valleys and mountainous landscape and vital for the transport of farm produce as well as people.
- P 10,000 Towards rulers, pencils, scissors, erasers and notebooks for a class of 30 Aeta/IP children in a remote, upland school.
- P 37,500 Towards an allowance for a 3A 3R (literacy) Activator for one year, helping upgrade the literacy levels of adults in an Aeta/IP village.
- P 110,000 Towards a simple one-room schoolroom of mainly indigenous materials, using local knowledge plus teaching skills to the Aeta/IP who erect their own community school. A 3A 3R Activator will be the literacy instructor. The donor names the school.
- P 220,000 Towards a two-room schoolhouse with the same characteristics.
- P 43,700 Towards toilets and a septic tank for a school

EVACF always gives a counterpart funding raised via Mt. Pinatubo ashglaze pottery and pumice. All EVACF members donate their work. Wherever possible, Aeta women are recipients of loans, scholarship and training. By helping families stay together, the number of street children is reduced. By helping Aeta, an indigenous cultural community can survive. Help is now extended to other IP groups in the Pinatubo affected region.

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