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A Private Fundraising Project
for Protective Equipment for the
People of Lake Sebu, Basilan,
Lanao del Sur, and Sulu

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Today, our country, with the rest of the world, is in the middle of facing the CoVid-19 pandemic. If the pandemic is not addressed with precautionary measures in its early stages such as the exercise of extensive hygiene, physical distancing, and the wearing of protective equipment whilst venturing outside of one's home, it may lead to even more cases of infection, and in most severe cases, death.

We believe that there is hope. AKABA is founded on the values of *tiyaga* (perseverance), *sipag* (hard work), and *bayanihan* (heroism), seen in the remarkable works of art that our weavers produce. We are exposed to this every day as a fashion and lifestyle company working with weavers from indigenous communities.

Our communities are located in remote, rural areas which are not easily accessible. Together with the efforts of our National Government, we have decided to undertake a fundraising drive to procure, produce, and dispatch protective equipment for healthcare workers, garbage collectors, grocers, and patrol units, and washable, reusable masks for distribution in the immediate communities, municipalities, and cities of our chosen beneficiaries and offices.



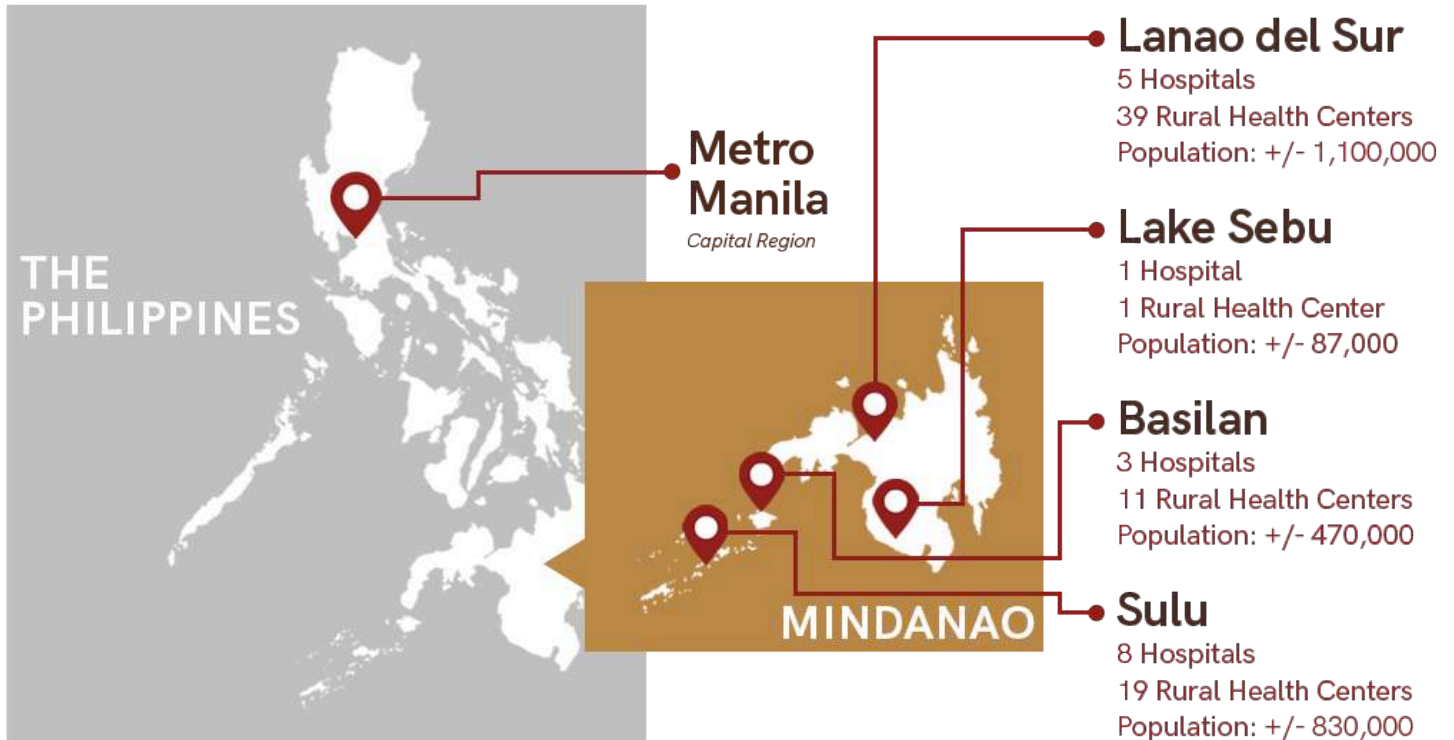
WHAT WE CAN GIVE: PROTECTIVE SUITS AND WASHABLE MASKS

Various agents in the manufacturing industry in the private sector have mobilised equipment and materials to produce adequate suits and masks, in accordance to generally accepted manufacturing guidelines for such. Prior to this pandemic, the Philippines was not a production base for such medical equipment, despite the presence of raw materials, and the technical skill required.

Thanks to the founders and the knowledge base available in the ¹ **Manila Protective Gear Sewing Club**, we were able to call on our able workers and suppliers to allow AKABA to manufacture equipment that meets the general requirements in raw materials, sewing and seaming techniques, and other processes needed to produce PPE suits and washable masks. While the DOH has not accredited the PPE design, the ² Open Source Tech Pack is approved for doctor's use by Infectious Diseases Specialist and Chief Medical Officer of The Medical City, Sta. Rosa Laguna, Dr. Jesus Julio Ancheta. The same design has been used to manufacture and supply PPEs to the Office of the Vice President (OVP), hospitals and other NGOs.

We seek to do the same with our limited means.

OUR BENEFICIARIES



Our chosen beneficiaries are the provinces of **Sulu** (through the Sulu Task Force for CoVid-19), **Lanao del Sur**, particularly the City of Marawi (through the office of the Honorable Vice Governor Mohammad Khalid Adiong), **Basilan** (through the Office of the Honorable Vice Governor Yusop Albano), and the Municipality of **Lake Sebu** in South Cotabato (through The School of Living Tradition).

To procure, process, manufacture, repack, and dispatch a PPE suit, the **average cost of PHP 450.00 or approximately USD 9.00** is needed. These are costs calculated through the market price of materials, and validated in the ³ Manila Protective Gear Sewing Club's Facebook group. Washable cloth masks using layers of materials with acceptable filtration capabilities will require **the cost of PHP 120.00 or approximately USD 2.10** for a set of two washable masks for each recipient.

RESOURCES

¹ **The Manila Protective Gear Sewing Club on Facebook.** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/manilaprotectivegearsewingclub/>

² **Open-Source Technical Packet.** https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1-Xr-67gs2qw0o44-hy-INb89I9m-wcLD?fbclid=IwAR2KntA8M_ch0Wv8hnrvo0WhBlufzQ0OrWjhCumB0mGJl8ghpla9-p2Pa44M

³ **Garment Cost Sheet.** https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10163097498705705&set=a_

**OUR GOAL
IS TO BE ABLE TO
FUND AND PRODUCE
5,000 PPE SUITS
AND 100,000
WASHABLE MASKS**



DONATE TODAY

Once a week, we will be providing updates on the total amount collected to date. The names of contributors will be included in the list, and you may opt for your name to be displayed, withheld, or, you may choose to use a pseudonym.

Our team has set-up a dedicated mailbox for this project. You may write to us at info@ambagph.com for inquiries and requests for further updates, or should you have proposals to collaborate on this project.



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HOW TO DONATE AND
VOLUNTEER



Your contribution will help us meet our goals of providing the necessary equipment to protect our partners from the spread of CoVid-19 in their respective communities.

Volunteers are most welcome. We are in need of repackagers, dispatchers, media and content creators, community managers, and more. **Visit our official website, www.ambagph.com for more information on how to volunteer.**

You can also register your organisation or company as a promotional partner by signing up on the organisation registration page.

A little goes a long way. Help us spread the word by sharing our project through social media. Information packets are available on the **#AmBAGParaSaBayan** website.

Maraming salamat. Mabuhay ang Pilipino. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas.

Manolo Mariano
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