



WACC Project Support Application

This application should not exceed 15 pages (not counting attachments C 4 and C 5) in font size no smaller than 11 pt. Please keep your application concise and to the point.

(For office use only) Project Number:

Project title	
Full name of your organisation and acronym if you have one	National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP)
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Amount requested (specify currency)	PhP 548,140.00 (Philippine Peso)
Amount requested in Euros, if known	~8,565.00

Please indicate under which programme area you would like this project to be considered.

CHOOSE ONLY ONE.

- Recognising communication rights
- Building communication rights
- Gender and media justice
- Communication for peace
- Communication and poverty
- HIV and AIDS, communication and stigma
- Ethics of new communication technologies
- Fundamentalisms and the media
- Communication for ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue

WACC's Guidelines for Project Support describe specific project goals under each programme theme. Please indicate below which one this project addresses.

- Strengthen communication practices that enable women and men of different denominations to act together to build community

Project Summary (YOUR SUMMARY MAY AFFECT DECISIONS ABOUT SUPPORT)

In 200 words or less, please summarise your project. What is the nature of the organization implementing the project? What is the problem the project addresses and in what context? How does the project contribute to changing the situation described? List the activities to be carried out and who the direct beneficiaries are. Conclude with specific outcomes and impact.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) is an aggregation of mainline protestant and non-Roman Catholic churches in the Philippines. Its vision is summarized in the word, “*Shalom*”. It engages in programs that support restoration of justice, peace, human dignity and creation.

Ecumenism must not begin and end in the heads of member-churches of the NCCP. However, it seems that ecumenism doesn't cut through to the people and if it did, people's understanding is limited. The ideals of ecumenism must flow down to the grassroots. In order for this to come to fruition, there is a need to inform, educate and enlighten people.

Through the project, more people will have access to information about activities that promote ecumenism, be educated of the wider church's concern on justice, peace, human rights and integrity of creation, and provide a take off point for self-reflection and action.

The activities of the project are publication of newsletters and book compilation, and CD on the NCCP. The newsletter would be a main organ for communication while the book compilation will be a resource material for discussion and fora. These will be distributed to the different local churches of the member-churches of the NCCP.

Section A ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

A 1 Please briefly describe the history of your organisation (when and how founded and by whom)

The NCCP was founded on November 1963 to embody the more than six decades aspirations and of working together of mainline evangelical, protestant and non-Roman Catholic churches. The founding members are: 1) Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches; 2) Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En Las Islas Filipina; 3) Iglesia Unida Ekyumenikal; 4) Iglesia Filipina Independiente; 5) Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 6) The United Methodist Church; and, 7) United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Other member churches today are the Apostolic Catholic Church, The Salvation Army and Lutheran Church in the Philippines. There are also 10 associate members, most of which are service oriented and church-related organizations.

A 2 What are the main aim(s) of your organisation?

The NCCP envisions a Philippine society that approximates the Biblical vision of a new heaven and earth. It envisions itself to be a channel of united witness – to continue to provide venues for continuing discussion on NCCP's prophetic role and ministry in the light of our Christian faith and to continually and actively engage with the people's (those who are relegated to the margins of society, but in the case of the Philippines is the majority of the population) issues and aspirations.

A 3 What are the main activities of your organisation?

Clusters of activities of the NCCP are divided among its 3 program units – Christian Unity and Ecumenical Relations (CUER), Ecumenical Education and Nurture (EEN), and Faith, Witness and Service (FWS). The CUER initiates dialogues with peoples of other faith and advocates for indigenous peoples (IPs). The EEN provides opportunities for developing ecumenical leaders through the Basic Ecumenical Course and Summer Internship Programs for seminarians. Its ministry for children is through the Vacation Church School. Embedded within the unit are the Women's Desk and Youth Desk and ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS. The FWS promotes the ecumenical development agenda through relief and rehabilitation work, community and capacity building, ministry with migrant workers and ecology.

A 4 Please tell us about your organisation's experience and expertise relevant to this project.

The NCCP has published educational resources such as newsletters, newsmagazines, journals, modules, guides, and books in the past. These publications have been circulated locally and internationally – through individuals, partner organizations, friends, churches, and school libraries – locally and internationally.

Newsletters carry news and features on NCCP activities, projects and program. The journal is a venue for theological reflections and discussions on ecumenical issues. The various modules and guides cover a wide range of topics such as violence against women and children, HIV/Aids, ecology and elections.

A 5 If your organisation has experience relevant to this project, please comment on your successes, failures, challenges and lessons learned.

In general, publishing issues of the newsletters and journals has been on time, if not ahead of time. It has been widely circulated and served as resource material for the ecumenical community. The biggest failure, and consequently, challenge is the irregular release of issues especially of the newsletter and journals because of tight budget reins. Hence, the challenge is to find ways and means to make the publications self-sustaining. The primary lesson learned is there is a need to impress upon the member churches how publications (such as newsletters) play a role in deepening spirituality, responding to issues, and the overall ministry of the church.

A 6 Please describe the staff and management structure of your organisation. Please mention numbers of male and female staff in management positions.

At the helm of the NCCP secretariat is the General Secretary (Gen Sec) who is elected every 4 years during the Convention. Under the Gen Sec are the three program unit (PU) heads formally called Program Secretaries, and the Finance Officer. They comprise the Executive Staff – 3 females and 2 males. The Gen Sec oversees administration of the Council and has technical staff that is directly under his or her supervision. The General Administration staff (GA) provides technical support to the different PUs. The different PUs have a separate staff.

A 7 Please describe any ongoing cooperation your organisation has with church-related institutions and other non-governmental organisations.

The NCCP is a member of World Council of Churches (WCC), Christian Conference of Asia, The Action by Churches Together (ACT-International), and the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance. Some international partners of NCCP are: Lutheran World Relief (LWR), St. Stephen's Broadway Foundation, and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). Cooperation between these organizations and partners take many forms such as relief and rehabilitation, community and capacity building, ecumenical education, youth leadership training, HIV/AIDS programs, and women's rights advocacy.

Locally, the NCCP cooperates with Philippine Inter-faith Youth Network, Tanggulan (Youth and student network for civil liberties), Kalipunan ng Kristianong Kabataan sa Pilipinas (Christian Youth Organization in the Philippines), Women's Crisis Center, Center for Women's Resources, Ecumenical Women's Forum, Muslim-Christian Peoples Alliance, Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan sa Pilipinas (Council of Indigenous Peoples Organizations of the Philippines), and In-Peace Mindanao to name some. The partnership usually takes the form of jointly implementing a project or activity such as training of youths, dialogues, conferences, and advocacy.

Section B ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

B 1 Country or Region of the project

Republic of the Philippines

B 2 Amount requested in your national currency and the equivalent in Euros, if known. Please quote the exchange rate you use for the Euro amount.

Your national currency (please name): Philippine Peso	Amount: PhP 548,140.00
Euros:	Amount, if known: ~8,565.00
Exchange rate, if known 1 euro: 64 pesos (approx.)	

B 3 Please indicate the period for which you are requesting support

From: June 2007 To: December 2008

B 4 Please tell us about the **starting date flexibility** of your project in case WACC needs more time to raise funds to support it.

The project can commence in October 15, 2007 instead of the target date of June 4, 2007.

B 5 Please briefly state the **problem your project aims to address**.

Ecumenism has not really cut through the levels of hierarchy in the church. At best, it has trickled down up to the middle persons in the hierarchy. The project aims to inform the grassroots church regarding ecumenical activities, aid them in reflection and critical analyses of problems and issues that will help them assert their rights and to move them to act in a proactive way.

B 6 What will be the **overall impact** of your project on the problem it seeks to address?

If people are informed and know their rights, then the seeds of shalom is planted. If people are informed, then it will be easier to get themselves or their communities organized and tackle bigger projects that will benefit not just a few people but the entire community or communities.

B 7 Please briefly state your project's **short-term objective** in addressing the problem.

- To disseminate information about NCCP activities to member churches, partners and friends
- To be a means for member churches to share their programs and events to other member churches
- To stimulate church members to think critically on ecumenical issues vis-à-vis their faith
- To provide material for discussion and reflection
- To be a voice for people who have no voice so that their stories might be heard

B 8 Briefly state your project's **long-term objective** in addressing the problem.

- To have a continuous flow of information to the grassroots and among member-churches

B 9 Please briefly tell us how your project and the problem it addresses relate to the socio-economic, political, cultural, gender, church and media situation (as applicable to your project) in your country or region.

The Philippines is rich in natural resources but the Philippines experience dire economic conditions and it gets worse everyday. The minimum wage is not enough. It is barely enough for a single meal for a family of six. In the countryside, the situation is the same or worse. For years, the Philippine economy has been saved from collapse by the remittances of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW). Filipinos are the number one export commodity of the government. This forced migration separated families, especially mothers from their children. Mothers leave because they need to feed their children, a part of their triple burden.

For persons who see the compound causes of problems that affect the Filipinos and who try to be true agents of change are branded as enemies of the state. They are hunted down, shot and killed, extrajudicially. The number of human rights violations steadily increase. Church workers – both lay and clergy, have been victims of extrajudicial killings and human rights violations because they have been modern day prophets and because of their commitment to the ministry of finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, freeing the prisoners, rebuilding nations and bringing about peace.

People need to be informed of various forms of injustices and unpeace and what the church does to bring about shalom, an abundant life for all. When people are informed of the effects of mining on the environment especially on the people who live in the land, they will experience (albeit, vicariously) what the people affected by such mining activities go through. Through the information shared, people will be able to empathize with other people and possibly move them to join in the struggle of those who are oppressed, to fight for peace and justice for fellow sisters and brothers, to try to effect meaningful change. Furthermore, through information sharing, knowledge is also shared. This knowledge can be used to make informed decisions and actions.

B 10 Beneficiaries

Please describe the cultural, ethnic, social, economic and political status (where applicable) of the target groups and indicate the number of the intended female and male participants and/or direct beneficiaries. Please also mention any indirect beneficiaries.

The target audience are local churchgoers of the 10-denomination-member of the NCCP. Their social and economic backgrounds differ. In the cities, most parishioners are well-educated, have reached tertiary level of education and some have post-graduate degrees in their respective fields. They are professionals who have more or less a stable income. Some have enough resources to travel to different parts of the world. There are also parishioners in the cities who are factory workers who are mostly paid minimum wage. Others still, are white collar workers. Most of them have had college education.

There are parishioners who are peasants who till the land and live in the rural areas. The land may be their own or they lease it from a landowner. Some may also work as farm workers for big landlords or other farmers. Their income is not much and sometimes does not suffice for the needs of their families. Most of them had only primary or secondary education.

Some parishioners of member churches are fisher folks. Like the peasants, their income does not usually suffice.

B 11 What will be the different effects or impact of your project for women and men?

The NCCP is very conscious in using inclusive and gender-sensitive language in all its publications. The editorial board is also mindful of topics covered and hence we make sure that there are features or articles about our different ministries such as empowering the youth, women's and children's rights, and environmental protection. With these practices, the probable impact on women is that they will be empowered to stand up for their rights amidst a patriarchal society. As for the men, it is hoped that gender equality will seep into their consciousness, albeit little by little.

B 12 Please briefly list the outputs of your project. (Outputs are short-term immediate, visible consequences (results) of completed project activities.)

The outputs of the project are 4 issues of NCCP newsletter and a resource book for worship, reflection, and discussion. Prior to the release of every issue, sub-outputs are the contributions (articles, features, literary piece, etc.) from member churches and ecumenical partners. With regard to the worship resource book, sub-output is the selected articles for publication, categorized accordingly and edited.

B 13 Please briefly list the **outcomes of your project**. (Outcomes are the medium-term results of the project that are the logical consequence of achieving the output(s). This is what you hope to accomplish during the life of project.)

During the life of the project, the expected outcome is that people will be more informed and/or educated on issues or topics on the struggle of the indigenous peoples for self-determination, the effect of globalisation in the Philippines and in what forms the effects are seen and felt (e.g., militarization, plunder of natural resources by trans-national corporations, poverty, etc.). With this knowledge, it is hoped that the faith of the people will be challenged and that they will be encouraged to engage in ecumenical work. In the long term, it is hoped that the project will encourage people to get a subscription of the NCCP newsletter and that this subscription will be sustained and eventually increase. For the compilation, it is hoped that it will be widely used by churches and schools for continuing study and deepening of the ecumenical spirit.

B 14 Please describe **ecumenical involvement** in the planning and development of the project, if applicable. (WACC does not support strictly denominational activities.)

The editorial team whose members are from different church denominations discusses the topics and issues that will be covered. One of the criteria is that it must respond to the signs of the times and current ecumenical issues.

As in the past, the different church denominations are asked to contribute an article, feature, personal reflections or Biblico-theological reflections that will be included in the publication. They are also responsible for distribution to their local parishes.

B 15 If you will be working with **partner organisations** in planning and implementing the project, please explain who they are and how you will work with them.

Not Applicable

B 16 Project Activities

Please list and describe the activities that will lead to your project's outputs and outcomes. Use as much space as you need, taking care that the entire application does not exceed 15 pages. Please include information on

- how the project planning and implementation will involve women and men at all levels of decision-making and participation, if applicable
- content of production, programmes, workshops or training
- timetable for the project to be carried out and for submitting narrative and financial reports
- staff involved in the implementation and supervision of the project (please give name and job title)

Please see attached sheets (A to C)

B 17 Evaluation

Please describe the criteria, method and frequency of project evaluation and who will do it.

If the project lasts longer than one year, explain how overall evaluation will be accomplished, and in which year.

The newsletter component will be evaluated in terms of content (scope, depth and breadth of the articles) and process. Examples of process evaluation questions are 1) Are publishing deadlines met? And, 2) How can member-churches participate more? Evaluation will be done after every issue has been published – that is, twice in 2007 and 2008. Finally, the team will develop a standard procedure to check the activities of the project vis-à-vis the objectives. The book compilation component will be evaluated after it is published (2008) in terms of process.

B 18 Self-reliance

Describe how this project will achieve its goals using local financial and other resources, such as in kind contributions and men's and women's knowledge/expertise.

The persons involved in the project are NCCP staff members who will render their services for the project on top of their official duties and responsibilities. The NCCP will cover their honoraria.

B 19 References

Please provide name and address, phone, fax, and email of two people who are not directly related to the project but who know about it.

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Section C ABOUT YOUR BUDGET

C 1 Project Budget

Please use the table below to present your itemised income and expenditure budget for this particular project in local currency, including local / own contribution and other sources. Please make sure that your budget items clearly relate to the project activities described above.

Expenditure	Local Currency Name: Peso		
Item Description	Total Cost	Local Contribution & Other Sources	Requested From WACC
Personnel	521,600.00	516,000.00	5,600.00
Supplies (paper, printer ink)	20,340.00		20,340.00
Communication (landline, mobile, internet, post)	46,800.00		46,800.00
Transportation	5,400.00		5,400.00
Mailing of Newsletters (local, international)	80,000.00		80,000.00
Printing of Newsletters	160,000.00		160,000.00
Printing of Book	200,000.00		200,000.00
Equipment (multi-function machine)	30,000.00		30,000.00
Overhead Costs (utilities, equipment maintenance)	113,200.00	113,400.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	1,177,540.00	629,400.00	548,140.00

Income	Total Amount
Requested from WACC	548,140.00
Local / Own Contribution	629,400.00
Other Sources*	0.00
Total Income	1,177,540.00

*For other sources, please list below the name(s) of donor agency and the amount. Please also indicate whether the funding is requested or confirmed.

Other Sources Name of Source/Donor Agency	Amount
Not Applicable	
Total Other Resources	

C 2 What portion of your organisation's overall budget is this project budget?

The considering only the local counterpart cost of the project, it is 20% of NCCP's budget.

C 3 Financial history of your organisation. Please describe sources of income, both local and overseas, over the last two to three years.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines' sources of income largely come from grants of churches and church-related institutions abroad. Locally, member-churches contribute yearly in the form of membership dues. Minimal income comes from the Bishop La Verne D. Mercado Ecumenical Centre, payments from use of vehicle and photocopy of materials.

C 4 Please forward recent accounts (audited, if available) of the organisation

Attached
 To follow separately via post
 Not available

C-5 If the project involves equipment purchase, please provide a pro forma invoice.

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