

Newsletter Kito ODV

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"A Year of Shared Commitment: Happy Holidays"



Dear friends of KITO,

As the year comes to a close, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all **communities, partners, supporters, and everyone who walks alongside us every day.**

This season invites us to reflect on the value of solidarity, cooperation, and shared responsibility. Thanks to your constant support and the trust you place

In this final newsletter of the year, we want to sincerely thank you for what we have built together and wish you a joyful holiday season and a New Year filled with **hope, collaboration, and renewed commitment to a fairer and more inclusive world.**



In 2025, Kito ODV continued to strengthen its commitment in the Philippines through projects that combine **nutrition, education, training, and on-the-ground presence**, with the aim of supporting the most vulnerable communities in a tangible and lasting way.

On the island of Mindoro, the **School Feeding** project, active since 2024, continues to provide a nutritious daily meal to **350** children attending schools in Adong and Lantuyang, belonging to the Mangyan indigenous communities. In addition to combating malnutrition, the project helps increase school attendance and supports the right to education.

In 2025, **Bakery 2.0** was also launched, an evolution of the baking project carried out in partnership with **Stairway Foundation Inc.** The program provides young people in the village of Baclayan with training in cooking, baking, and food education, creating new employment opportunities and strengthening community **empowerment.**



Also this year, Kito ODV received an important recognition by winning the **OPM Chiesa Valdese** grant, which, as in previous years, will continue to fund and support our projects.

Alongside this valuable contribution, in 2025 we raised additional funds through our **solidarity events**—moments of gathering and participation that turn solidarity into concrete actions.

A special thanks goes to everyone who took part, and in particular to the **Panettoni Solidali** initiative, carried out in collaboration with **Pasticceria Giotto**: a simple gesture that, thanks to your support, has turned into new opportunities and hope for the communities we work with.

Ours is an ongoing challenge



typhoons, heavy rains, and earthquakes, which put local communities under great strain and often disrupt their daily lives.

These events also make our fieldwork **challenging**: impassable roads and interrupted connections slow down access to schools and the distribution of aid, requiring constant effort and a strong capacity to adapt.

It is precisely this fragility that has over time strengthened Kito ODV's decision to operate in the Philippines. Where emergencies are frequent and resources scarce, **continuous presence and long-term support** make a real difference, guiding communities along a path of resilience, dignity, and hope.

Keep following us on our channels: 2025 will bring many new initiatives and stories that we can't wait to share with you.

In a year marked by significant challenges, your support has been essential in continuing to nourish and protect the children of the Mangyan community.

Thank you for walking alongside us with generosity and trust.

We wish you a **peaceful Christmas and a 2026 full of hope and new opportunities** for all the communities we support together.

With gratitude,
The KITO ODV Team

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Thank you,

Paola Vecchiato

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