



# ERDA UPDATES

January 2025

Dear Friends, Donors and Supporters of ERDA:

Greetings of Happy and Blessed New Year!

The New Year means different things to various people—such as a new beginning, a fresh start, new hope, plans, experiences, happiness, and positive projections, among others.

For Filipinos, it is more about a fresh start, new beginnings, and hope. However, it is sad to note that we still face high prices of essential and basic commodities like rice, meat, vegetables, eggs, fruits, sugar and others.

We continue to face political issues between the President and the Vice President, and members of Congress, the Senate and other government bodies. The Congress filed three impeachment cases against the vice president of the Philippines.

January is the month of many festival celebrations related to religious beliefs. On January 9, we observe the Feast of the Black Nazarene, with more than 8million devotees participated in the grand procession. We also celebrate the Feast Day of Sto. Nino (Baby Jesus) in various parts of the country, including Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, along with the feast days of different saints like St. Paul. It was a happy celebration, with people visiting churches and joining several processions, both on land and water.

At ERDA, we facilitated and implemented various programs and activities. The social development workers continue to conduct monitoring visits to schools and home to know the situation of the children, youth and their families.

The parents, children, and youth organizations, together with the social development workers, strengthened their organizations through capacity building activities, meetings, consultations, and dialogues. Some have also begun re-organizing and preparing for a change of leadership.

In some communities, recollection sessions were held for Grade 6 and Grade 12 students.

Some organized youth organizations are facilitating training sessions on leadership and reproductive health for selected children and youth in their communities.

Partner schools, students, and volunteers (both local & foreign) facilitated capacity-building sessions on Mental Health, Depression, Climate Change as well as organized games and play for the children, youth and parents.

For the School Year 2024-2025, ERDA assisted 9,996 children and youth and is projected to have 2,090 graduating students: 1,312 from grade 6/elementary, 725 from Senior High School, 2 from vocational/technical education, and 51 from college. For the Alternative Learning System, 70 students are projected to complete the program and pass the examination.

We continue to hold sessions on the Strategic Plan 2025-2031. The ERDA Board of Trustees and the ERDA Management Group held discussions and provided recommendations on the draft Strategic Plan 2025-2031. Another meeting has been set for finalization.

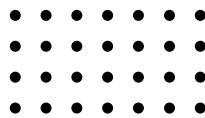
Once again, ERDA will renew its License to Operate by February 18, 2025. A representative from the Department of Social Welfare & Development (DSWD) is scheduled to visit, monitor, and evaluate ERDA.

We are expecting some European donors to visit ERDA this quarter.

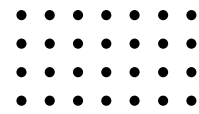
Thank you, Happy New Year and God Bless!

Sincerely yours,

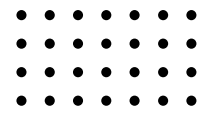
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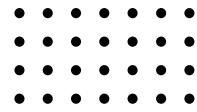
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# Activities conducted by ERDA partner organizations and schools



## CoMSCA SHARE-OUT

