

International Human Rights Movement (IHRM) Philippines in Action

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Abstract

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INTRODUCTION

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It was a newly created group here in the Philippines, which has institutionalized by the IHRM Main Office last January 2021.

It aligns to the objective of the United Nations to promote sustainability, development, and growth (SDG) in transforming nation-building.

RESULTS





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Another Case that is handling by the IHRM Philippines is the Supply Water Issues in the town of Subic, Zambales, Philippines. Figure 1. Letter sent to Prime Water Subic

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March 2, 2021

DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR.
Executive Director
National Water Resources Board
Quezon City

CC : Prime Water Subic

Dear Sir,

Water is at the core of sustainable development and is critical for socio-economic development, energy, and food production, healthy ecosystems and for human survival itself. Water is also at the heart of adaptation to climate change, serving as the crucial link between society and the environment. Water is also a rights issue. As the global population grows, there is an increasing need to balance all of the competing commercial demands on water resources so that communities have enough for their needs.

In particular, women and girls must have access to clean, private sanitation facilities to manage menstruation and maternity in dignity and safety. At the human level, water cannot be seen in isolation from sanitation. Together, they are vital for reducing the global burden of disease and improving the health, education and economic productivity of populations.

It is almost two years since we have been experiencing water supply problems and we had already submitted a letter to your office 3 times but until now there are no movements. Most of the constituents in Barangay Matain and Barangay Calapacuan, Subic, Zambales, Philippines are now complaining regarding the supply of water. Several verbal complaints have been done by most of the constituents of Barangay Matain and even of. As Ambassador to the Philippines and Ambassador at Large of United Nations International Human Rights Movement it is my duty to help our community suffer from this kind of dilemma and of the advocacy of the United Nations is Sustainability, Development, and Growth (SDG). Almost every day we are lack of supply of water and the reason given by the Prime water Subic is the dredging of water and other preventive maintenance. It was cited in the NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD - WATER CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations Section 21. Recurrent Water Shortage - For the purpose of Articles 22 and 26 of the Code, recurrent water shortage shall mean the natural diminution of water in a source of supply to a volume or rate of flow insufficient to meet the water requirements of all legal appropriators and another citation that come from the Water Code of the Philippines that " To prevent recurrent water shortage, the Board shall instruct the concerned appropriators to develop another source/s of water. In such a case, the Board may recommend to the President to fast track the development of the identified source/s. Pending the development of the identified source/s, the Board may recommend to the President, necessary measures augment/optimize the water supply to satisfy the demand, including the possible declaration of a water shortage or crisis. " So based on the following citations, there is a need to fast track all the problems encountered by the constituent.

Yours in Christ,

HIS EXCELLENCY 
Ambassador at Large
Ambassador to the Philippines

Figure 2. Response



March 26, 2021

DR. FROILAN MOBO

Matain, Subic
2209 Zambales

Dear Dr. Mobo:

This is in response to your letter to NWRB dated 2 March 2021. I believe that we have already updated you regarding our projects that will boost water supply and pressure in the concerned areas on your letter last November 5, 2020.

In connection to your complaint on lack of water supply in some parts of Matain and Calapacuan, I would like to clarify that the primary cause of the insufficient supply is because of the decommissioned well in San Isidro due to salt water intrusion – not because of dredging. While dredging is a process of removing silt in a surface water bed to increase its capacity, Primewater is only utilizing groundwater as its main source of water supply. In addition, Primewater cannot replace the well within the vicinity of San Isidro due to the existing poor water quality, hence the source development in Naugsol. Moreover, the rolling terrain from the source to the distribution significantly affects the supply pressure, thus the implementation of the booster station.

However, as you may have already mentioned climate change, we have experienced this first hand. One of our source developments that have been explored last year suffered great reduction in yield to the point of abandonment. Rest assured that Primewater-Subic is already in process of identifying an alternative location for an optimal source development.

Furthermore, we apologize for the delay of the completion of the Water Reservoir and Booster Station in San Isidro due to safety reasons. As much as we wanted to hasten the execution of the project in order to augment the prevailing low water pressure in the area, we also value the welfare of the residents within the proximity of the project site. The project is expected to be completed June of 2021, on the assumption that everything will go smoothly.

As an ambassador of the International Human Rights, I hope you understand and help us disseminate correct information to our area of concern.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. RUBY A. QUISAY
Branch Manager

PrimeWater Infrastructure Corp. in partnership with Subic Water District

#0022 National High-way, Mangan-Vaca, Subic, Zambales



Figure 3. 2nd Follow-up Letter

April, 9, 2021


DR. SEVILLO D. DAVID, JR.
Executive Director
National Water Resources Board
Quezon City

CC : Prime Water Subic

Dear Sir,

In connection to your response dated March 26, 2021, You have mentioned that the said project concerning Fixing the Water Supply in Subic is expected and assumed to be completed by June 2021. In view of this we demand for the Management of Prime Water Subic to fast track all projects. Currently all the consumers in the whole town of Subic are suffering from your fanciful reasons regarding none supply of water until this day. We are hoping for the management to expedite.

Appropriate and realistic approach to resolve and rectify the sources of water supply in Subic. The resident continuously pay for the water bill despite your pitiable services.


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