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Diwata-Women in Resource Development, Inc. (DIWATA) is a non-government organization advocating the responsible development of the Philippines' wealth in resources, principally through extractive industries such as mining, oil and gas, quarrying, and processing other mineral resources from the earth. It is offered as a positive and productive platform for the discussion of issues related to the responsible development of the Philippines' resources and the promotion of initiatives to protect the land and its communities, particularly special mining stakeholders such as women and indigenous peoples and their livelihood, health, education, and culture.

DIWATA is committed to bringing together individuals and professionals from different fields and harnessing their individual and collective skills to educate, inform, stimulate, challenge and enable all stakeholders in responsible minerals development to realize the potential of our country's competitive advantage as one of the most mineralized countries in the world.



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WHAT IS **TANGING TANGLAW**?

Tanging Tanglaw is a project of collaboration among Diwata-Women in Resource Development, Inc. (Diwata), the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association (PMSEA) and the Land Rover Club of the Philippines (LRCP) (collectively, the "Project Partners").

- Aims to empower indigenous people (IP) women, particularly grandmothers (i.e., mature women who are no longer the primary caregivers of their families) by teaching them how to harness solar power to light up their communities.
- 6-month training course at the Barefoot College in Tilonia, India on solar engineering, specifically, fabricating, installing, repairing and maintaining solar lighting equipment. Women, rather than men, are specifically chosen.



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- Pilot group of four Aeta women (L-R): Evelyn Clemente, Sharon Flores, Cita Diaz and Magda Salvador (aka the "SOLAR LOLAS"). Evelyn and Sharon are from Gala, Zambales, while Cita and Magda are from Bamban, Tarlac.

Their return on 16 March 2015 has generated much interest from the media and the general public. Qualitative improvements in the communities' standard of living are expected:

- Able to use electrical appliances and gadgets, enabling them to become more productive
- Children can study at night, learn to use computers and access the internet (e-learning).

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Your support has gone a long way and has allowed us to do the following:

- Import 200 sets of solar equipment from the Barefoot College in India, which arrived at the Port of Subic in March 2016 and were finally released by the Bureau of Customs in May 2016; and
- Construct Rural Electronic Workshops (REW) at our two pilot communities: **Bamban, Tarlac** and **Gala, Zambales**. Our solar lolas will assemble, repair and maintain the solar panels at these REW, as well as lead community activities, including possible livelihood projects there.



The Bases Conversion and Development Authority and Clark Development Corporation are providing a training facility and storage room at the Clark Polytechnic College. FWD Insurance has provided financial support and will conduct financial literacy classes.

The first installation of solar panels at Bamban, Tarlac took place on 16 July 2016, while the first installation of solar panels at Gala, Zambales took place on 13 August 2016.

