

DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS
From READ Philippines, Inc., Jacksonville, FL
Facilitated by Mahintana Foundation, South Cotabato, Philippines



Read Philippines, Inc., has once again donated reading materials to the less fortunate school children of South Cotabato and Sarangani provinces. In November 2011, a total of 226 primary science and reading books were distributed in (1) Bales Elementary in Maasim, Sarangani; (2) Lugan Elementary in T'boli; and (3) Kinilis Elementary in Polomolok, South Cotabato.

Teachers, parents and children were excited to open the box of books, showing their willingness to learn and satisfy their hunger for knowledge. The donated science books will help school children in these poor schools in learning natural science and how the earth existed. The reading and library books, as well as cassette tapes, are excellent tools for teaching children proper pronunciation of difficult English words. Teachers are thankful for the Teacher's Guides which contained new strategies for preparing lesson plans and teaching school children.

Principals of the three schools extend their gratitude to READ Philippines. This recent generous donation from READ Philippines has brought smiles and hope to the communities who are hanging on to their dreams and aspirations for the children despite lack of privileges.

Distributions of books were as follows:

School	Beneficiaries	Books received	Date of distribution
Bales ES, Maasim, Sarangani	Grades 1-6 218 pupils	45 Science 10 Reading	November 4, 2011
Lugan ES, T'boli, South Cotabato	Grades 1-6 1,958 pupils	55 Science 30 Teacher's Guide 20 Reading	November 9, 2011
Kinilis ES, Polomolok, South Cotabato	Kinder 1 - Grade 6 228 pupils	50 Science 6 Teacher's Guide 10 Reading	November 22, 2011



Initiated in 2000, the Adopt-a-School Project by Dole Philippines aims to enhance the academic performance of public elementary school students in Sarangani and South Cotabato Provinces. To achieve this objective, the project distributes supplemental textbooks/reading and reference materials; conducts teaches training; and provides infrastructure support. The project is part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in partnership with Mahintana, the Rotary Club International, and READ Philippines.