

First IHHELPP Cooperative Established

April, 2015 — The first IHHELPP cooperative was established in Camiling, Tarlac, Northern Philippines. The purpose of the IHHELPP cooperative is to provide much needed livelihood opportunities for farmers and community members in the area. The cooperative will allow farmers to avail of government sponsored programs and funding through the Department of Agriculture to jumpstart their livelihood. The cooperative will also host a community store where produce grown by local farmers will be featured and sold. IHHELPP continues its efforts for self-sustaining livelihood for the poor in the Philippines. IHHELPP

representatives Jean Doria and Lolita Staples oversaw the planning and establishment of the first IHHELPP cooperative. They also visited a piece of property that could potentially be another livelihood and farming site for IHHELPP's beneficiaries.



IHHELPP Fishpond Update



Jean Doria and Lolita Staples visited Pagbilao, Quezon, the site of IHHELPP's recently purchased fishpond and reported good news. According to Doria, the fishpond will be ready for its first harvest in July. This harvest will benefit the community as well as generate much needed income for the growth and maintenance of the fishpond. IHHELPP provided employment for two poor families to assist in managing and taking care of the fishpond. These families were the primary beneficiaries of the fishpond.

Dominic Bangal, IHHELPP representative overseeing this project expressed his enthusiasm, "I'm excited to see the milkfish swimming around the pond today. I am amazed of the growth of the shrimps and the crabs. Wish you were here to see how the Lord performs His miracle in people's lives and to his lovely creations."