



## **KATEK (Katilingbanong Tubang alang sa Edukasyon sa Kabataan)**

KATEK (Katilingbanong Tubang alang sa Edukasyon sa Kabataan) was established in 1992 by the Redemptorist parish in Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines. Its vision is to “create a society world through the nurturing of peaceful children”.

KATEK’s mission is to provide an excellent early childhood education program for economically disadvantaged children in the remote mountain villages and in areas with special needs. It is designed to teach the child about the inter-connectedness of all life and nature. It aims to peace building in the community and environment with its curriculum designed by adopting the philosophy and method of Dr Maria Montessori.



KATEK is community based and participation of the parents and the community members is an integral part of the school.

KATEK’s objectives are:

- To provide an environment that facilitates a child’s intellectual, spiritual, social, physical and emotional growth;
- To foster in the child, an awareness of his dignity as a child of God, and his responsibility towards others and towards the environment;
- To facilitate the building of a child friendly community by educating its members and by co-ordinating with government and non government agencies tasked in promoting and safe guarding the rights of a child;
- To participate in the rehabilitation and preservation of the environment.



Presently KATEK has 5 centres spread across the remote mountain barriers of Davao (namely Callawa, Manaklay, Coog, Bonggan and Lawaan) and 1 satellite centre in Ozamiz.



Over the past 15 years, KATEK has been funded by an overseas institute. These funds are used to cover:

- The implementation of the day care program in the 5 centers;
- the improvement of the relationship with parents and community (ie though parents orientation, parents education on children's rights and community celebrations);
- reaching out to KATEK graduates and building up of a support group for KATEK projects;
- staff development;
- administration, monitoring and evaluation of the project.

The last and final funding of € 56,000 to KATEK is to cover the financial years 2008 – 2010. Thus, by May 2011, the schools in KATEK are in a precarious state of closure if funds do not come in by 2010.

Financial funding are required with more children anticipated to be enrolled in KATEK over the years, at least US\$30,000 per year will be required to ensure KATEK'S continuity.

JITIY strongly appeals to everyone to share in giving these children an opportunity to continue with their education in a bid to break the poverty of cycle.