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Exempli Gratia, which literally means “for the sake of example”, is a movement of ordinary individuals (mostly young professionals, entrepreneurs, and students) who are committed to sharing their passion, time, and resources in the service of helping communities.

Through its Health, Education, Livelihood, and Preparedness (H.E.L.P.) Program, the Exempli Gratia Foundation (EGF) contributes to social development by shaping productive and responsible individuals whose mission is to transform one community at a time. EGF builds social bridges that enable key stakeholders in a given area to gather the bricks needed for community and nation building.

Supporting the EGF Core Program is the Socially Motivated Individuals Leading by Example (SMILE) Project, which best describes the EGF’s membership profile. The SMILE Project seeks to inform, inspire, and involve more and more ordinary individuals, especially young leaders and students all over the country. The SMILE Project is EGF’s way of honoring the late statesman Sec. Jesse M. Robredo. Robredo and EGF Founder Ronald ‘Bong’ Rodriguez, together with EGF co-founders Atty. Manny Diaz, Tony Hing, Sigfredo Rivera, Jojo Mendoza, and Dave Peralta, started the Bayanihan ni Noy and Bicolano ni Noy movements in December 2009. The movements eventually evolved into Exempli Gratia, Inc. in 2010.

Now a full-fledged foundation, the EGF has served various communities in Caloocan, Calumpit and Hagonoy in Bulacan, Bacoor and Kawit in Cavite, Bula, Caramoan, Gainza, Magarao, Sabang, and Tigaon in Camarines Sur, Cotabato City in Mindanao, Iriga City, Isabela Province, Las Piñas, Malabon, Palawan, Paranaque City, Rodriguez in Rizal Province, Naga City, Taguig City, Cabangan in Camalig, Albay, the municipality of Tubigon in Bohol, Asgad and Matarinao in Eastern Samar and Valenzuela City so far.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Library in a Box project is one of the innovative programs of Exempli Gratia Foundation (EGF) that aims to provide disaster-resilient public school libraries in disaster prone areas across the Philippines. Through our partnership with USAID, US Peace Corps, IBM, and the Rotary Club of Paranaque Metro South among others, EGF was able to donate container van libraries to Cabangan Elementary School in Camalig, Albay and Naga Central School in Naga City. EGF is currently looking into wider network of partners.



RATIONALE

Amid news of serious port congestion in Manila, we have seen that there is ample supply of container vans locally. To maximize the functional use of the container van library according to design, a high cube 40-foot container is preferred over a 20-footer. With the right care and maintenance, a container can serve its purpose for at least 35 years based on industry know-how.

Moreover, DepEd Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro, FSC asserts that every child should have a means to open a book and continue with reading. However, the registered public school libraries seem inadequate. As of school year 2012-2013, there was a total of 46,407 public elementary and high schools in the country, excluding those run by, or attached to, state universities and colleges. This translates to one library for every 4 to 5 schools. If we consider the student population in these schools, based on 2013-2014 enrollment data of 18.9 million for elementary and high school, the ratio would be one library for every 1,917 students.

(<http://www.rappler.com/nation/61890-where-kids-read-deped-libraries-map>)

WHY A CONTAINER VAN LIBRARY?

- Disaster-resilient
- Puts abandoned container vans in ports to good use
- Allows re-use of metal equipment
- Helps save building costs
- Fast to deploy (within 30-45 days depending on location)



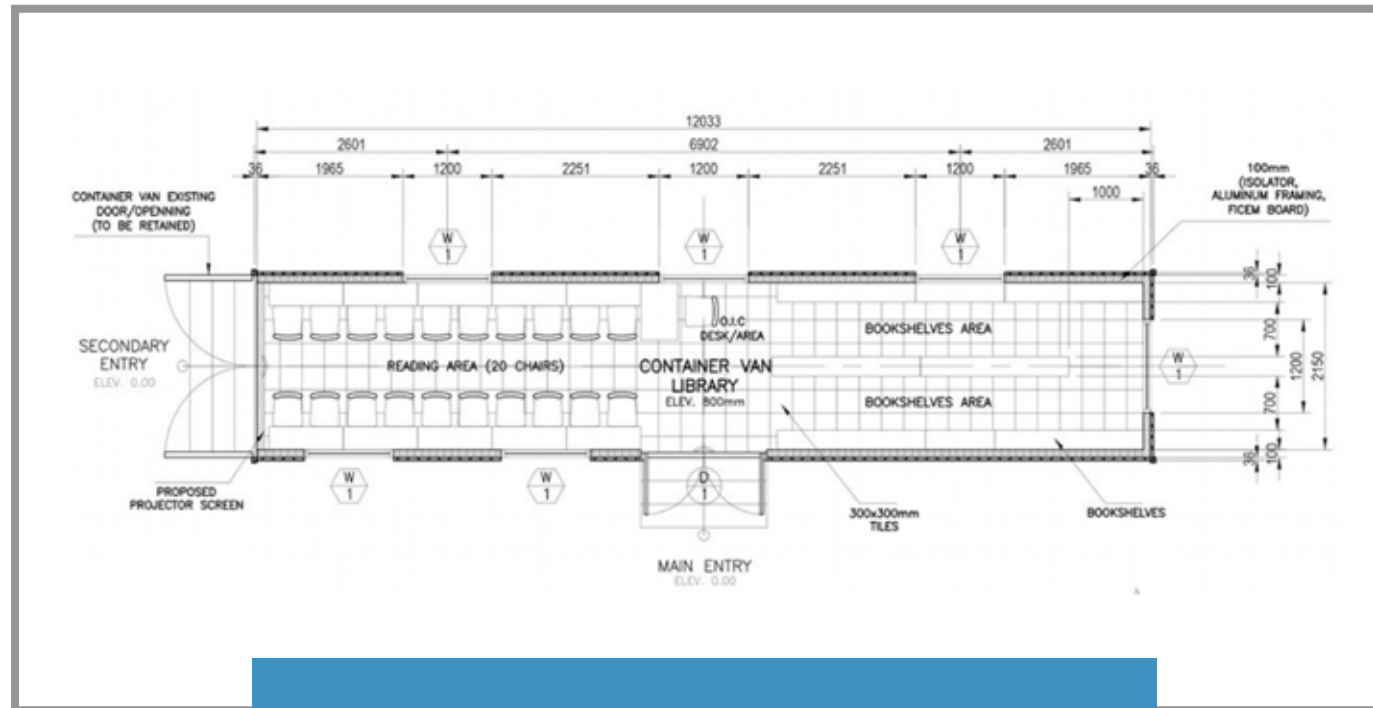
EGF in partnership with the US Peace Corps, USAID, IBM, and the Rotary Club of Paranaque Metro South donated its first disaster-resilient container van library to Cabangang Elementary School in Camalig, Albay on 28 June 2014. DepEd Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro, FSC visited the library last 03 July 2014.

SAMPLE COSTING	
40-foot Container High Cube	Php 105,000 to Php 135,000
Customization Services (windows, doors, etc.)	Php 150,000 to Php 250,000
Rental of Crane (transfer)	Php 18,000 to Php 20,000
Transportation	Depending on destination
Othe Miscellaneous Expenses	

** Figures above are based on quotations provided by our supplier RS LLOSALA TRADING*

THE CONTAINER VAN LIBRARY LAYOUT

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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1:60 M



EGF in partnership with Grand Lodge of F&AM and the Rotary Club of Paranaque Metro South donated its second disaster-resilient container van library to Naga Central School in Naga City in August 2015.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Donate books
- Donate cash
- Volunteer
- Donate container vans
- Refer possible donors or volunteers

For your cash and check donations you may deposit to:
PNB (former Allied Bank) C. Palanca St., Legazpi Village,
Makati City, Philippines

Current Account Number:

3351 - 01135 - 5

Swift Code:

PNBMPHMM

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