



BAGONG BAHAY BAGONG BUHAY BAGONG BAYAN

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Dear Partner,

Peace! Thank you for your work in caring for the poor and uplifting the Philippines!

Recently, we have received a number of requests to clarify our recommended donations process for funds from the USA, since a number of people and organizations have been collecting funds on behalf of Gawad Kalinga.

In the USA, GK's official partner is ANCOP USA, a registered, tax exempt, donee institution. We recommend that all funds for Gawad Kalinga sites go through ANCOP USA. We suggest that you do not send funds directly to GK sites in the Philippines without passing through ANCOP USA since GK's system of check and balance for USA partnerships is only triggered when ANCOP USA remit to us. As part of this system, we assess the readiness of GK sites to build, we oversee the work itself and we report properly on progress and liquidation of the funds to you. If remittances go directly to GK sites without passing through GK National and ANCOP USA, they are not able to go through this check, balance and reporting process, since GK National will not even be aware of your partnership with the site.

By establishing contact through ANCOP USA, you are also able to build a relationship with GK National so that we can answer any queries or concerns you may have and discuss your ideas for your village with you. ANCOP USA is set up to support and protect you, our partners, and we are confident that through them, you will really come to feel the joy of giving and being part of changing our beloved country!

For all funds given, you should also quickly receive an official receipt from ANCOP USA. If you give funds to someone collecting for GK but do not receive a receipt (from ANCOP USA), please contact your local ANCOP USA office as soon as possible.

If you have further questions concerning funds, please do not hesitate to contact Angelo Banaria, ANCOP USA's Partner Services Head angelo.banaria@gmail.com or Issa Cuevas-Santos, GK Head of Partner Management at icsantos@gawadkalinga.org.

Thank you so much for your support! We look forward to the exciting years ahead with you as together we watch the miracle of Gawad Kalinga unfolding before our very eyes! May God continue to bless you, especially as you help the poor.

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