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## PHILIPPINES MICRO LOAN PROGRAMME

### VIDEO

FISHERMAN AND HIS WIFE

MRS. AMATORIO ON-CAMERA

FISHERMEN WORKING ON  
NETS

SLUMS

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

The Amatorio's, fishermen, never had it easy. Eight children to support...and an income they could never count on. (6.5)

#### MRS. AMATORIO: (TAGALOG)

"If you're in the fishing business there are many odds, sometimes we don't catch anything. We have to have other means of livelihood." (6.5)

#### NARRATION

They are far from alone. Five million people here in the Philippines live in poverty – millions in small fishing villages and rural towns...millions more in crowded slums in the cities. (11)

One way to help the poor break from poverty -- provide them small loans, from fifty to one-hundred dollars, to start their own businesses...and that's exactly what's happening. (10)

ARMAN TAILOR SHOP

Whether a loan to help a couple buy a sewing machine to open a tailoring business...or two friends to open a nursery selling bougainvilleas, local banks, with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, makes hundreds of thousands of dollars a year available to those who could otherwise never meet loan requirements. (20)

ALIP ON-CAMERA

ALIP: (English)

"It's a very powerful tool for poverty alleviation."

ALIP WORKING AT DESK

NARRATION

And its one loan recipients are taking very seriously says Aris Alip, manager of a UNDP supported bank. (6.5)

ALIP ON-CAMERA

ALIP:

"They are very, very disciplined, because this is like the first time they are given trust and they don't want to destroy the trust."

WOMEN'S BUSINESS GROUP

NARRATION

Groups make a point to meet weekly, like this one in the northern Philippines, to create financial plans, make loan payments and offer each other advice and encouragement. (9.5)

WOMEN'S MEETING

While participants on average see their per capita income more than double, the benefit of the programme is more than just financial. (7)

ALIP ON-CAMERA

ALIP:

“You bring back the dignity that was once in them that they have lost and with this they are able to gain confidence they are able to improve their quality of life.”

WOODWORKING SHOP

NARRATION

Which is the case for the Amatorio's. After receiving a loan, they now not only have a steady income, they own six businesses including a furniture shop and a fishery. (10)

WOOWORK

Today more than one million people - more than twenty percent of the nation's poor - have access to credit loans...and the number keeps growing. (8)

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by United Nations Television. (2.5)