

Social Welfare

Social welfare and development concerns are directed towards improving the quality of life of the poor and disadvantage sectors in the locality. Several programs ranging from nutrition, health care, shelter, livelihood and employment assistance and initiatives for the welfare and protection of children, women, elderly, disabled and other disadvantage sectors of society and relief and rehabilitation during disasters are done by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and local NGOs. There are 40 Day Care Centers in the municipality operated and maintained by the barangays Day Care Workers in all 28 barangays.

Poverty remains the main developmental challenge in the municipality. The proportion of households with income below poverty line is 28.5% in 2012, which is lower compared to 34.2% in 2009. The highest proportion of poor households can be found in Liang, Mapaso, Cawayan, Cogon and Tongdol. These barangays are geographically remote rural barangays. The lowest proportion of poor households is in San Julian, San Pedro, Tabon-Tabon, San Juan and Buenavista. The highest numbers of documented poor household are from Gabao, Bacolod, Monbon and Bagsangan and Patag. In 2016, there are 3,760 4P's household beneficiaries in the municipality which is 33% of the total households. The proportion of households who are informal settlers and living in makeshift shelter are 3.2% and 5.6% respectively.

There are 109 documented indigenous people (IP) households composed of 306 persons in 2015 located in barangays Cogon, Carriedo, Bulawan and Bolos. In 2016, there are 401 documented persons with disabilities, 122 solo parents, 50 VAWC victims and 5 children in conflict with law.