<p style="text-align: center" class="MsoNormal" align="center"><strong><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">Programs and linkages</span></strong></p>  <p style="text-align: center" class="MsoNormal" align="center"><strong><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">Values Formation</span></strong></p>  <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 35.65pt" class="MsoNormal"><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">This is the program that integrates all of SHEC's program activities into a holistic community building package; it lies at the heart of the organization's mission. The aim of values formation is to facilitate the integral Christian transformation of the communities, to aid people get in touch with God and guide them in the understanding of their faith.<span>� </span>The overall theme is that of God's Kingdom in action.<span>� </span>This is in partnership and under the guidance of the local Church.</span></p>  <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 35.65pt" class="MsoNormal"><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">The formation activities first focus on the catechesis using the <em>Pondo ng Pinoy</em> modules.<span>�� </span>This will then graduate to the <em>Third Look at Jesus</em> (TLJ) module.<span>�� </span>The main unit of formation is the Basic Ecclesiastic Community of BEC.<span>� </span>The BEC, consisting of ten members, is the smallest group in the community.<span>� </span>Formation activities are being done on weekly basis and integrated with the regular meetings of the teams and committees created under the project.</span></p>  <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 35.65pt" class="MsoNormal"><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">Values formation significantly determines the success of the other programs. Where beneficiaries are lax in attending values formation activities, they tend to become remiss in their participation in other project activities and the delivery of equity requirements.<span>� </span>Conversely, where beneficiaries actively participate in formation, they assume their responsibilities more readily during project implementation. Values formation inculcates new sensibilities that motivate the home-partners to actively participate in the project, be diligent in the delivery of equity requirements, fulfill their responsibilities as home-partners the conditions that will ensure smooth project implementation.<span>� </span>This is the objective in the short-term.<span>� </span>In the long-term, a continuous and extensive formation will translate into a deeper perception of the values of God's Kingdom that will sustain efforts in personal and community transformation.</span></p>  <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 35.65pt" class="MsoNormal"><span style="font-family: 'Arial','sans-serif'">During SHEC's early periods of community immersion and consultation, the people have identified housing problem as the most pressing concern.<span>� </span>Undoubtedly, security of housing tenure is one of the fundamentals
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As such, housing became one of SHEC’s primary areas for facilitating the inflow of capital assistance into the target communities. The main objective of the housing program is for the target urban poor communities to achieve security of housing tenure under terms that are favorable to them and in a manner that fosters self-determination and a dynamic community spirit. This means preference for in-city relocation if not on-site development, and affordability in the cost of acquisition and development. This further means a highly participative process throughout the project cycle, a process that involves intensive social preparation and values formation.

The housing program is divided into fifteen phases corresponding to the number of ownership of the lands occupied by the informal settlers. The beneficiaries under each phase have been organized into homeowners or neighborhood associations. The components of the program include land acquisition, site development and house construction. These are preceded with community organizing to ensure that the homeowners/neighborhood associations have the capability to fully participate in the project. The SHEC mainly facilitates and oversees the program, but it is the homeowners/neighborhood association that decides and acts on major matters such as the buying price of the land, payment to the land-owner, applying for housing loan, repayment of the loan, delivery of sweat equity during construction, managing the recalcitrant, etc.

The SHEC partners with other institutions/organizations to effectively implement the program. These institutions/organizations are: Catholic Archdiocese of Manila and Pondo ng Pinoy Community Foundation for the financing of house construction, City government of Pasay for site development, national government for land acquisition, the Habitat for Humanity Philippines Foundation for house construction and the TAO-PILIPINAS for the technical assistance. Volunteers also come in to help in the construction activities. These are mostly college students from various schools/universities in Metro Manila.

This aims to help the urban poor cope with their financial and economic obligations by expanding opportunities for employment and income generation. The components include skills training, micro-finance, processing/production and marketing of goods, job fairs and referrals, and access to basic commodities.
SHEC's key consideration in advocating any livelihood undertaking is the ability and level of preparedness of the target communities to sustain and own the livelihood intervention. Hence, it is deemed more important to start from where the people are and builds increments from there slowly but surely, than to introduce an ambitious project that promises big but detached from the realities of the communities. The strategy is to capitalize on the current resources of the urban poor communities, to make these community-driven, and build the capacities through complementary capital and technical assistance from external sources.

SHEC has several partner institutions in the implementation of this program. Caritas-Manila is its partner in micro-finance, which is still in the proposal stage, and job fairs. The Office of the President through its Presidential Liaison for Religious Affairs and the National Food Authority are helping out in supplying basic commodities like rice and sugar to the target communities at affordable prices. The Ecology Desk of the Archdiocese of Manila is assisting in skills training, processing and marketing of products made out of recyclable materials, accessories made out of waste paper and plastic materials. Asian Social Institute has spearheaded several other programs through its field work students such as reflexology, beads-making, soap-making, rag-making, bread and food processing.

The first formal program of SHEC, which began in year 2004 and funded mostly from donations, is on education. This is specifically a scholarship for deserving children in the elementary level. Gradually, the beneficiaries expanded to cover youths and young adults in the secondary and tertiary levels both college and technical-vocational. This program aims to make quality education accessible to the urban poor communities and improve their levels of educational attainment.

The main components of this program are as follows: scholarship for students in the elementary, secondary, college and technical-vocational levels; home-study program for young adults; tutorials for elementary and secondary students; community service as counterpart of the scholars; and values formation for all scholars and their parents. The lead partner institution in this program is Caritas-Manila. It provides the financing for the scholarship program. Other schools also partner with SHEC to expand the reach of their projects. This is the case for the home study program being extended by Angelicum College to the SHAxCC members through the SHEC. The SHEC serves at least 65 scholars every school year, and it needs all the help that it can get from volunteers to
fully attend to individual needs of the students for guidance and supervision, tutorials and values formation. The SHEC organized a group of ten volunteers who provide regular assistance to the concerned SHEC project officer. NSTP students from various colleges and universities in Metro Manila also supplement manpower needs for weekly tutorials and supervision.

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The partner institutions are mainly the Philippine General Hospital which provides training and technical assistance to the program; Caritas-Manila and Pondo ng Pinoy (Pondo ng Pinoy) Community Foundation providing equipment and supplies for the health centers; and the Camillian Fathers for training, organizing and medical supplies.

This aims to improve waste management practices and raise the quality of the environment in urban poor communities. The components are: sustainable waste management, and clean and green campaign. The main partner institutions are the Ecology Desk of the Archdiocese of Manila and the TAO-Pilipinas. They provide technical assistance in the training and material assistance in waste management activities. Such program enables the people to be more concerned of the creation of an environment where justice and peace reign. This is done through a series of seminars and lectures about the social teachings of the Church. Current issues are also discussed as well as the possible solution to them based on the principle of empowerment. Some lawyers are
volunteering their services for the legal needs of the people. </span></p> <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 0.5in" class="MsoNormal"><strong>Youth Formation</strong></p> <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 0.5in" class="MsoNormal">Formation of the leaders in the community starts with the proper training of the future leaders, the youth. This program is created to address the concern of the youth on education, livelihood, sports and values formation.</p> <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 0.5in" class="MsoNormal"><strong>Savings Mobilization</strong></p> <p style="margin-right: -0.05in; text-align: justify; text-indent: 0.5in" class="MsoNormal">One important element of the formation of the people is to learn the value of saving for the future so that they can stand on their own. For this, the savings mobilization was created. All of the beneficiaries need to be enrolled in this program for them to partake in any other activities of the association. This is with the help of the Vincentian Family Cooperatives.</p>