

ILOCOS NORTE WATER DISTRICT

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Responding to the call for corporate social responsibility, the Ilocos Norte Water District (INWD) embarked on a mission to annex the five municipalities into its existing service area despite early concerns about feasibility and potential loss on investment. Against very formidable odds, the team was able to successfully carry out its mission to supply safe, potable and affordable water to the residents 24-7 at reasonable costs. The INWD's cost-efficient, self-reliant and socially-responsible annexation of the water system of the municipalities of Badoc, Pinili, Currimaog, Solsona and Piddig, Ilocos Norte has supplied water to more than 6,000 concessionaires who previously relied on unsafe water sources. They were able to improve water quality through the use of appropriate, modern treatment facilities and the rehabilitation of the existing distribution system, which contributed to the protection of public health. Consistent water pressure and supply was also readily noticed by the concessionaires.

Through its clever financial planning, the INWD has become self-sufficient. They are now able to operate despite the absence of any subsidy from the government or loans from foreign institutions and completely relying on the resources available from within. They were able to generate more than a million pesos in savings, which enabled them to engage in community outreach such as relief operations and donations.

The INWD has exercised the mandate of a water district to its truest sense to providing equal and fair service to communities while improving the financial health of the office.