

Seeds of hope

True to its mission of empowering people to realise their potential, BRAC in the Philippines provided a wheelchair to a Class 1 student through its local partner, Kapagawida Development Services Association. Seven-year-old Alibay, who has a congenital mobility impairment, attends a BRAC learning centre in Barangay Upper Silling, Buluan town, Maguindanao.

Alibay was born without legs but the impairment did not hinder her desire to attend school every day. Despite the condition, Alibay never gave up hope that one day she will be able to go to school like all other children her age. Her parents, Akmad and Kapisa, are grateful that their daughter now receives a proper education through the BRAC learning centre. Rehana Angeles, Alibay's teacher elaborates, "Attending the learning centre gave a sense of hope not only to Alibay's family, but to parents of all the other children. BRAC is sincere in its commitment to creating a discrimination-free environment."

The establishment of a BRAC learning centre in Upper Silling is part of BRAC's alternative delivery model project under the Basic Education Assistance in Muslim Mindanao programme, which is funded by Australian Agency for International Development.