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Seeds of Solidarity (Sowing Experiences on Diverse Sceneries Through Entrepreneurship-Tourism) Community Extension Project



The Seeds of Solidarity (Sowing experiences on diverse sceneries through Entrepreneurship-tourism) Community Extension Project was carried out by the **College of Hospitality and Tourism Management of Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU)** with **LGU of Guagua and Rural Bar Café** as their partner institution. **Between July and October 2024**, the project aims to support local coffee shop owners and restaurant staff by improving their skills in risk management, food safety, sanitation standards, equipment handling, and food preservation.

standards, and heightened customer satisfaction in local establishments. The project also supported the Sustainable Development Goals, such as economic growth, responsible consumption and sustainable tourism.



The SEEDS of Solidarity Program successfully strengthened Guagua's food industry empowering entrepreneurs to adopt practices and uphold quality in their products, planting seeds of long-term growth and solidarity within Pampanga's culinary tourism sectors.

The SEEDS project was conducted with a collaboration between the **DHVSU Extension Services Office, faculty members from the College of Hospitality and Tourism Management**, and the **Municipal Council of San Pedro** led by **Mayor Anthony Joseph S. Gutierrez**. Together, they created a platform for sharing knowledge and community growth.



A total of 20 staff members from Guagua, Pampanga joined the workshops, where they interacted in practical sessions and discussions that focused on improving food service operations and promoting sustainable business practices. During these sessions, they learned techniques to comply with food safety regulations, maintain hygienic work environments, and implement methods that reduce waste and increase efficiency.

HYDRAM PROJECT

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W scarcity continues to be a problem to upland communities, where terrain is steep and limited infrastructure make water collection daily a burden. In these areas , families often walk several kilometers just to fetch water for their daily necessities.

To solve the issue, the **College of Architecture and Engineering of Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU)** started the HYDRAM Project, the goal is to bring clean and accessible water to upland communities through eco-friendly technology. This project was conducted from **July to December 2024**, helping 100 families in the Barangays of Malabni Mawacat.



The main part of HYDRAM Project is the hydraulic ram pump, a device that uses natural power of flowing water to lift water to higher places without the need for electricity or fuel. This low maintenance and energy free system makes it affordable, reliable, and suited to the needs of rural communities.



The HYDRAM Project was implemented in collaboration with the **Department of Science and Technology (DOST)** and the **Local Government Unit (LGU) of Floridablanca**. The partners worked with the residents to install the system, ensuring that community members were trained in operating and maintenance. This participatory not only helps provide immediate access to water but also promotes local ownership and sustainability.



Project HYDRAM significantly improved the quality of life for upland families. With water now readily available nearby, the time and physical labor spent when fetching water have been greatly reduced. Beyond its technical success, the project became a symbol of how innovation, collaboration, and community involvement can transform lives, proving that sustainable solutions can help thrive even in the most remote and rural areas.

Project EDIFY: *Development of Education*

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The Project EDIFY: Education Development Through Implementation of Quality Frameworks was conducted by Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) Mexico Campus held at **Sto. Rosario Elementary school** on **November 28-29, 2024**. With 17 faculty members participating, this project aims to help educators with knowledge of quality frameworks, principles, practices, and practical application in their curriculum.

A two day training, themed **“Building Foundations of Excellence: Understanding Quality Frameworks for Transformative Education”**, is designed to strengthen teachers in applying educational quality principles. The program aims at a deeper understanding of how structure frameworks can improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning.



The first day began with registration from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM, then the Philippine National Anthem and an invocation via AVP. **Mr. Christian Zyrys I. Quizon, LPT**, facilitated the roll call and ice breaker to set the day. **Ms. Rosalia G. Pascual, MAEd, Principal II** of Sto. Rosaria Elementary School, welcomed the participants and stated the relevance of the training in improving educational outcomes.

On the second day, it started with an inspirational message from **Mr. Amado B. Martinez, Jr., MSFM**, Coordinator of DMC Training Services, who mentioned the potential impact of training on the participants' professional development. **Ms. Rosielyn P. Bautista, LPT**, presented the statement of purpose outlining the days' objectives and expected outcomes.



Project CASSIPD:

Empowering IEMELIF Members

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The **College of Computing Studies** (CCS) of Don Honorio

Ventura State University (DHVSU) conducted a training extension activity on personality development for IEMELIF members of the **Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En Las Islas Filipinas (IEMELIF)**. Conducted in **November 2024**, the project helped and benefited 49 participants, who took part in a session on personality development.

The training was organized to IEMELIF'S needs to strengthen the personal and presentation of its members, those involved in evangelization and community outreach. As the church continues its mission across **Pampanga, Bataan, Olongapo, Nueva Ecija, and Zambales**, it recognizes the importance of being well-prepared and confident in representing the organization in public settings.

The CCS from DHVSU conducted a training-extension activity focusing on personality development, including grooming, table etiquette, and basic hair and face makeup. The sessions were designed to help participants with their confidence, professionalism and decorum in both the social and organizational interaction.



The activity is a collaboration between DHVSU-CCS and IEMELIF. Participants improve in personal presentation and self assurance, into professionalism and a stronger sense of pride in representing their church. The project created a partnership between the university and IEMELIF, laying the groundwork for future initiatives in ICT and professional development.

Beyond the Classroom

Walls: *Expanding Horizons with Digital Learning*

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The College of Computing Studies launched the "Beyond the Classroom Walls: Expanding Horizons with Digital Learning" program, which is to both teachers and parents about the essentials to digital literacy and e-learning skills. During **November 2024**, the program reached a total of 301 participants composed of students, teachers and parents from schools including **Natividad Elementary School, San Vicente Elementary School, Becuran Elementary School, and San Matias Elementary School.**

This 12-month extension program is created to connect the digital divide that often creates problems to communication and learning in schools. The digital skills workshops helped participants gain hands-on experience, creating digital learning materials, and maximizing educational technologies that will help with classroom instruction and student engagement.



The project's goal was to empower teachers with modern e-learning strategies and help parents with the digital skills to guide their children through online learning environments. The collaboration between educators and parents made the home school connection better, making sure that learning continues beyond traditional classrooms.



The training was delivered to 91 San Vicente National High School teachers, along with the school's principal and administrative staff. The session focused on digital teaching methods, cyber safety awareness, and equipping educators with tools to build safe, interactive, and digital classrooms.

Saving Lives Through Service

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Because of the need for safe and proper blood supply in our communities, the **"Generating and Giving of Blood"** Drive was launched as a community extension program aimed at saving lives, raising awareness, and fostering the spirit of volunteerism. Spearheaded by the **Extension Services Office (ESO)** and the **Office of the Student Health Office (OSHO)** of **Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU)**, the activity was conducted in Main and Satellite Campuses with the Pampanga Medical Specialist Hospital in November 2024.

The project gathered 89 voluntary donors from DHVSU campuses, including students, faculty, and staff, united by the common goal of saving lives through blood donation. The event not only addressed the growing need for blood supply focused on the value of community participation in public health initiatives.



Held at the DHVSU Gymnasium, the drive served as both a humanitarian mission and an educational campaign. It aimed to debunk misconceptions about blood donation, inform about its health benefits, and the safety and importance of consistent donor participation. Through discussions, health professionals from the partner hospital guided participants through the process, making sure that first time donors have a safe and reassuring experience.

Leading up to the bloodletting activity, a series of information dissemination efforts

were carried out. These included pre-event orientations, seminars, and digital campaigns to educate and encourage the DHVSU community to participate. Experts discussed topics such as eligibility criteria, proper preparation before donation, and the impact that a single bag of blood can have in saving multiple lives.