



EmpowerHER 2.0: Angat Pangkabuhayan - A Best Practice for Building Women's Capacity

Community Anti-Poverty Programs

EmpowerHER 2.0: Angat Pangkabuhayan has transformed the lives of 50 low-income women from Joesil Village 3, Barangay Cagangohan, Panabo City by providing practical, sustainable livelihood training and support for microenterprise development. The initiative empowers women to take charge of their economic futures, promoting financial independence and building inclusive local economies where women lead and thrive.



Focused on peri-urban coastal communities, the project combines hands-on training, access to seed capital, enterprise hubs, and mentorship. Its flagship livelihood initiative—dishwashing liquid production—equipped participants with technical skills in production, basic costing, packaging, and marketing.

This low-cost, home-based enterprise became a replicable model, helping women generate income directly from their homes or shared community spaces. Through EmpowerHER 2.0, beneficiaries have diversified into other microenterprises, such as small-scale retail, leading to improved household income, food security, and financial resilience. The project's impact extends beyond economics—it boosts self-esteem, decision-making power, and the social standing of women within their families and communities.

To sustain and scale the initiative, the project also partnered with Sabon Depo Panabo Branch to provide specialized training in bottling and packaging, further enhancing the women's technical capabilities and market readiness. The creation of shared production and mentoring spaces has strengthened community support networks and fostered long-term economic collaboration among participants.

The program stands as a model of grassroots-driven development, proving that sustainable change begins with investing in those most often left behind. By putting women at the center of economic transformation, EmpowerHER 2.0 builds stronger families, more resilient communities, and a more inclusive society.



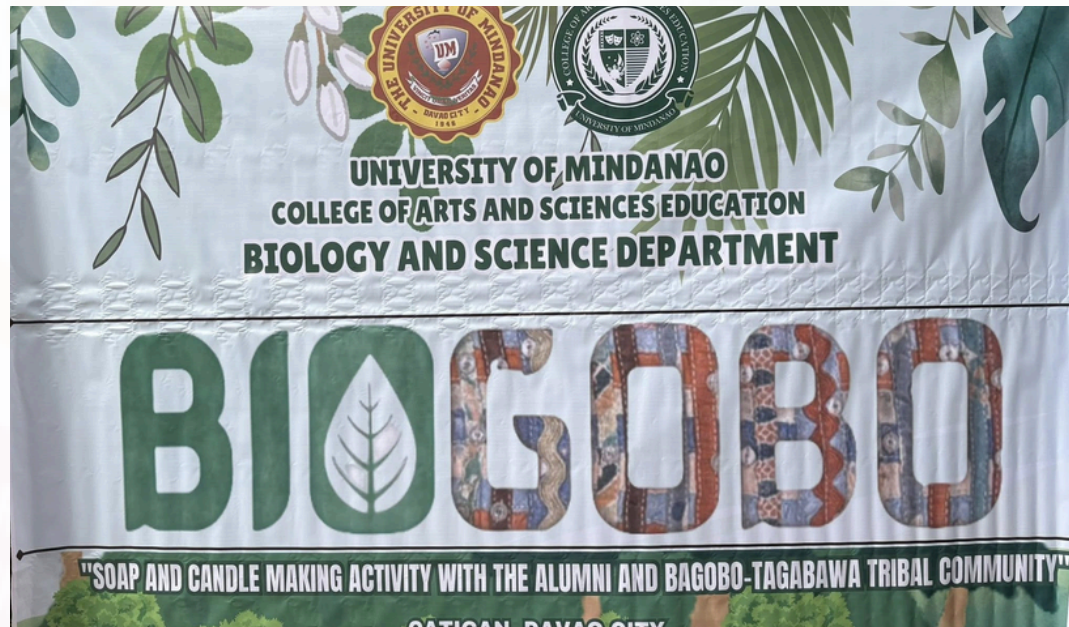
EmpowerHER 2.0 is more than just a livelihood program—it is a catalyst for inclusive development, community resilience, and gender equity. By equipping women with the tools to succeed economically, it fosters a cycle of empowerment that uplifts families and communities. As it continues to grow, the project demonstrates the vital role that educational institutions and community partnerships play in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals—proving that when women rise, society rises with them.

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UM Conducts Skills Training for Community Livelihood

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The University of Mindanao (UM), through the College of Arts and Sciences Education (CASE), conducted a meaningful community outreach program centered on soap and candle making. This initiative is reflected particularly in promoting self-sufficiency and economic resilience among marginalized communities. With faculty and students working hand-in-hand, the program aimed to equip participants with practical skills that can open up new income-generating opportunities.

By teaching the fundamentals of soap and candle making—skills that require minimal startup capital—the program emphasized sustainability and inclusivity. It also fostered community engagement and encouraged lifelong learning

37 participants actively engaged and took part in the community program, fostering a spirit of involvement and cooperation



The university's proactive engagement in community development demonstrates how higher education institutions can be powerful agents of change. Through initiatives like this, the university empowers individuals to improve their living conditions while promoting entrepreneurship and self-reliance. As the SDG framework calls for partnerships and localized solutions, programs such as this are crucial in building stronger, more resilient communities from the grassroots level.