

## Adapting Research Methods and Ethics During COVID-19 Pandemic: A Roundtable Discussion on Innovative Social Science Research



As part of the Innovation Month, the Social Innovation Research Center (SIRC) conducted a roundtable discussion regarding performing research during the pandemic via Zoom and Facebook Live, September 30, 2021.

SIRC spearheaded the online roundtable discussion entitled "Adapting Research Methods and Ethics During COVID-19 Pandemic: A Roundtable Discussion on Innovative Social Science Research," an activity that focused on gathering observations and experiences from researchers who conducted institutional and personal research even during the onslaught of COVID-19.

During the event, SIRC Head Dr. Vaberlie Mandane-Garcia shared the data collection methods she used during the pandemic.

## TALIM: Sharpening the blade



Pilipinas Shell Foundation Inc. (PSFI) has commissioned BatStateU to conduct a community profiling and needs assessment of the TALIM community which includes the Barangays of Tabangao, Ambulong, Libjo, San Isidro, and Malitam—the fenceline communities of Pilipinas Shell in Batangas City, to ensure that their social investments will fit the needs of their target communities.

SIRC Head Dr. Vaberlie Mandane-Garcia served as the team leader with faculty researcher Ms. Jaika Almira Agena and three other project staff.

The research project aims to describe physical aspects, infrastructure, settlement patterns, demographics, leadership, economics, and attitudes of these communities. It also attempts to identify their development concept, problems, aspirations and needs to recommend strategies, activities, and programs as input to PSFI.



## Women & Social Innovation



The SIRC in coordination with the Gender and Development (GAD) office conducted the online forum on women and social innovation on September 30.

One of the mechanisms that can be explored to promote the participation of women in economic growth is by providing a platform that can provide discussion in understanding the participation of women in social innovation.

The event was livestreamed on the Facebook pages of GAD and SIRC.