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CABEIHM (CABEIHM Adopts Barangay for Extension, Instruction, Honing and Mentoring) "Chilli Sauce Making Training "A business Proposal for Livelihood Program of the residents in Rosedale Heights Subdivision Brgy. Poblacion, Malvar Batangas and Victoria Homes Subdivision Darasa Tanauan Batangas



The Sustainable Livelihood Program aims to reduce poverty and inequality by generating employment opportunities for rural households and guiding vulnerable populations toward sustainable livelihoods. Universities, particularly Batangas State University, play a crucial role in community development, especially in underserved areas. Their mandate involves delivering impactful extension services in collaboration with government agencies and organizations to promote inclusive growth and poverty alleviation, facilitating a transition from dependency to self-reliance and encouraging active community engagement.

In this context, the Junior Hoteliers and Restaurateurs Association of Batangas State University TNEU-JPLPC Malvar Campus conducted a Chili Sauce Making Training as part of their extension service on November 25, 2023. The training took place at the AVP room and Kitchen Laboratory of the CABEIHM building from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with participation from residents of Brgy. San Joaquin, Sto. Tomas, Batangas, who are beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). This initiative aims to enhance the quality of life for low-income individuals by providing them with employment and business opportunities through the chili sauce-making training.



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Project SheRise – EmpowerHER: Women's Circle Team Building Event



In January 2020, the Taal Volcano erupted, causing significant damage and displacing hundreds of families in Batangas, Philippines. The situation was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, leading many to seek refuge in evacuation centers. By June 2023, 53 families had moved from the Motor Pool Evacuation Center in Talisay to a resettlement area known as Talisay Residences Phase II.

Research by Ancheta and Gamayo (2022) highlighted the struggles faced by displaced mothers, including challenges related to livelihood, shelter, education, food security, health, and sanitation. Based on these findings, the Batangas State University's Extension Services team conducted a Need Assessment Study in September 2022, emphasizing the need for resources and support to foster economic resilience among women evacuees.

To address these challenges, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed on June 23, 2023, between the university and the local government of Talisay. This partnership led to the creation of "*Project SheRise: A Financial Resilience Initiative for the Women Evacuees of Talisay.*" The program aims to empower women through financial education, access to resources, mentorship, and support networks.

"Project SheRise" seeks to uplift women evacuees by providing tailored training and microfinance opportunities, fostering a supportive community for learning and self-reliance. The initiative is rooted in the belief that empowering women contributes to the overall well-being of their families and communities.

The "EmpowerHER: Women's Circle Team Building Event" on December 4, 2023, marked the launch of "Project SheRise." This event focused on fostering personal and professional



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connections among participants organized into a "Women's Circle" that provides emotional support, peer learning, and a sense of community among women evacuees.

Starting at 9:00 AM, the event began with registration and breakfast, followed by opening ceremonies. Dr. Mary Ann C. Abril, the Project Leader, welcomed attendees and outlined the project's purpose. Talisay's Municipal Mayor, Hon. Nestor D. Natanauan, delivered an inspirational message, encouraging participants to stay committed to Project SheRise and promising his support for future activities.

The event included networking sessions led by Dr. Genalyn Lualhati and Mrs. Liwanag Rubico, featuring team-building activities. Assoc. Prof. Glenda Dimaano facilitated the selection of Women's Circle stewards who will act as the leader-coordinator of the organization.

The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Nora V. Marasigan, Dean of the College of Teacher Education. She motivated participants to engage in upcoming Project SheRise activities and presented bamboo plants as tokens of strength and resilience. The event ended on a positive note, with participants expressing gratitude and joy.