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Through its engagements and initiatives towards continuous innovation and improvement in 2022, UP saw an expansion of its networks and reach as a leader in public service.

This report features the University's ongoing engagements as well as potential linkages with other sectors such as the government, industries, and the academe. It also highlights how the University has harnessed its roster of experts and shared its knowledge with the general public through training programs that address a variety of issues and concerns. Lastly, disaster risk reduction management and gender-related initiatives are also part of this month's roster of public service initiatives undertaken by the constituent universities (CUs).

Forging and Sustaining Linkages: Multisectoral Engagements as Public Service

As the country's premier University, UP has been committed to expanding its purview of engagements and linkages. This was done through various collaborations with local government units, local industries, and international higher education institutions.



In a meeting with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, the UP College of Pharmacy, represented by Dean Francis Capule and Office of International Linkages Coordinator Asst. Prof. Czarina Dominique Delos Santos, discussed further partnerships with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. UP Visayas (UPV), through the Office of the Chancellor, formed a partnership with the

local government of Pandan and the nearby towns of Antique and Aklan. UPV Chancellor Clement Camposano and Pandan, Antique Mayor Tomas Estoperez discussed the opening

of the UP Antique Extension Campus in the early part of 2023 as well as the training programs on fisheries and local crafts expected to be offered by next year. This would be followed by a Master of Education program in the future. The UP Manila (UPM) College of Public Health also met with the Department of Health - Health Promotion Bureau to discuss capacity building, student exchange, research, and policy development. With the goal of improving the quality of agricultural education and biotechnological capacity-building, the UP Los Baños (UPLB) College of Agriculture and Food Science Institute of Animal Science led the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between UPLB and RDF Feed, Livestock & Foods, Inc. (RDFFLFI). Through this agreement, the RDFFLFI would serve as a Host Training Establishment (HTE) for the students' agricultural and biotechnological capacity-building.

Empowering Sectors through Training Programs

In line with the University's commitment to exhibiting honor and excellence by sharing its expertise, its CUs have spearheaded various training programs that address a variety of issues and concerns. The UP-Cebu Ugnayan ng Pahinungod organized a *Teachers Professional Development on Research Proposal Writing* activity that trained selected teachers from Cebu Technological University-Carmen.



[UP Cebu] *Teachers Professional Development on Research Proposal Writing*

The program targeted various subjects ranging from English and Filipino, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Computer, and Technology and Management. During the training, UP Cebu Pahinungod also touched on a variety of research topics relevant to the improvement of instruction, such as social media, information and communications technology, and gender issues. The UP Baguio University Student Council, in partnership with the Cordillera Human Rights Alliance and UP Rises Against Tyranny and

Dictatorship, conducted the *UP Baguio Human Rights Watch: Paralegal Training*. Through this initiative, the students were introduced to basic human rights measures and procedures. Health-related training programs have also been spearheaded by the CUs. The UPM College of Pharmacy led the Clinical Pharmacy Training Program in partnership with Pfizer Philippines. Through the program, the participants were able to critically evaluate scientific evidence for managing drug therapy problems, develop practical individualized pharmacist care plans, and develop sound clinical pharmacy project proposals. There were 20 scholars from 18 hospitals across the Philippines who participated in the program.

Building Resilience through DRRM Initiatives

With its experts in Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM), the University has been leading in its delivery of DRRM-related initiatives and interventions. The UPLB Community Affairs Security and Security and Safety Office conducted a seven-day capacity-building program on basic disaster risk reduction management for representatives of various offices in the university. Focusing on high-threat emergency care, mass casualty incident response, and earthquake and landslide search and rescue orientation, the program was set to organize a team of UPLB community disaster volunteers and capacitate them in the basics of disaster and emergency response. The participants included representatives from the University Health Service, University Housing Office, University Planning and Maintenance Office, Land Grant Management Office, Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems, and the Department of Military Science and Tactics. It also included participants from the two nearby barangays of Batong Malake and Tuntungin Putho.



[UP Los Baños] *Capacity-building program on Basic Disaster Risk Reduction Management*

The UPM DRRM in the Health Center conducted a two-day Public Service Continuity Planning Workshop with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Central

Office, Bureaus, Attached Agencies, and Regional Offices (Regions III and IV-A). The first day of the workshop held on 14 December 2022 featured the revised Public Service Continuity Plan and the identification of roles for the various offices, bureaus, and attached agencies of the department in the event that the "Big One" happens. The "Big One" is the occurrence of a strong and damaging earthquake scenario, often equated to the 100-kilometer West Valley Fault line in the Greater Metro Manila Area. The second day focused on identifying the resources per office, bureau, and attached agency when the "Big One" strikes and was followed by an earthquake planning workshop.

Ensuring Gender Sensitivity and Safe Spaces Online

The University's commitment to providing a safe and inclusive space regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression can be seen in its gender-related public service initiatives. One of the ways by which CUs did this was by organizing fora, conferences, and campaigns that highlighted gender equality and other gender-related issues and concerns.

With a focus on the Anti-Discrimination Law and its legal implications, the UP College of Law Gender Law and Policy Program (UP GLPP) organized a regional conference on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sexual Characteristics; and the Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Bill. The conference brought together stakeholders to consolidate learnings and share best practices on local campaigns, anti-discrimination ordinance implementation, and engagement of duty-bearers, including international treaties to which the Philippines is a signatory. The legal lens was also explored in UP Mindanao Gender and Development Office's forum entitled *Legal Knowledge Series on RA 11313 and RA 9262 Violence Against Women: Cases and Issues*. This forum served as the culminating activity of UP Mindanao Gender and Development Office's participation in the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women.



Gender and history, on the other hand, were the primary focus of the Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) and the Office of Gender and Development (OGAD) of Northern Iloilo State University (NISU) in its seminar-workshops. The CWVS University Research Associates Darlene Joy Calsado and Sashah Dioso were the resource persons during the gender-sensitivity training for students and also for the session on gender-sensitive approach to research in local history and culture. With a special focus on basic gender sensitivity and gender-fair communication, the UP Mindanao Office of Research and the Office of Gender and Development spearheaded a forum that sought to aid young faculty, research assistants, and students in using gender-neutral and bias-free language in the writing process.

Following a multisectoral partnership between several UP Manila units and The LoveYourself Inc, the forum *HIV and Gender: Forum and Screening* was organized to reinforce accurate information about HIV/AIDS and increase awareness of SOGIE. The College of Nursing also pioneered the Self-Care Test Kits in UP Manila to promote convenience in HIV screening even in the comfort of one's home.

Violence against women and children (VAWC) was also the primary focus of various knowledge management and sharing initiatives of the CUs. The UP Manila Guidance and Counseling Program featured an empowered woman and her allies discussing practical ways anyone can do to promote safer and more inclusive spaces for women and children. This was done daily for the duration of the 18-day campaign. With a special focus on how men can join the fight against VAWC, the UP Open University (UPOU) Office of Gender Concerns organized a forum entitled *You and Me Against Violence: Role of Men and the Community in Stopping Gender-Based Violence*. This provided an avenue to discuss the role men and other sectors play in the promotion and protection of women's rights.

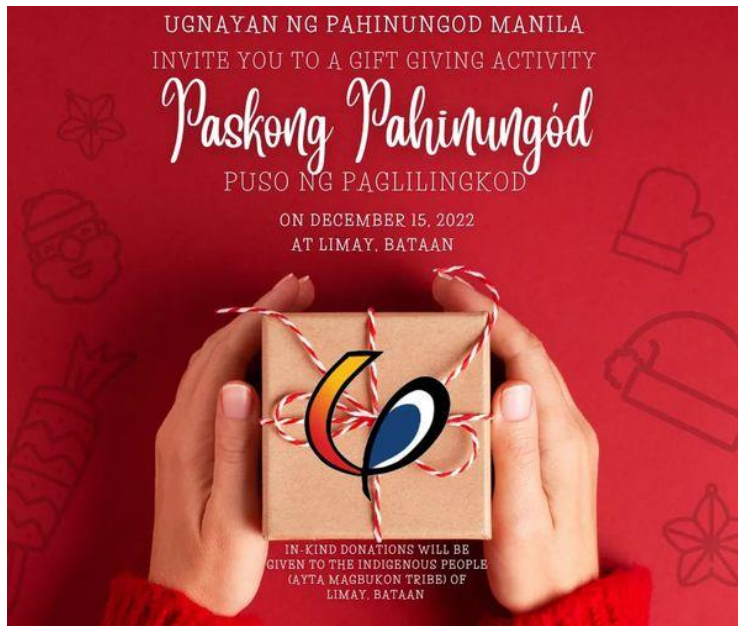
Other Initiatives

The holiday season has become an opportune time for CUs to show compassion. The UP Mindanao community, in celebration of Kasadya 2022, organized the Paghinatagay—a gift-giving event for the benefit of the families and communities from the UP Mindanao Land Reserve-Laak Area. The UPV Employees Cooperative (UPVEC), in collaboration with UPV Ugnayan ng Pahinungod/Oblation Corps (UPV UP/OC), CFOS Public Service Program (CPSP), and other partner CFOS student organizations, organized the PaskOOPerasyon. The event was a Christmas gift-giving program that aimed to help the coastal families of Miagao, Iloilo that were affected by Severe Tropical Storm Paeng last October. This event provided an avenue for the UPV community to uplift their spirits through the sharing of meals, grocery packs, and games with prizes.



[UP Open University] Edible Garden Project at the Teaching and Learning Hub

Food security has also been a recurring theme among the public service initiatives CUs organized this month. The UPOU Faculty of Management and Development Studies organized the Edible Garden Project at the Teaching and Learning Hub. The project aimed to contribute to *Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger*, which is a United Nations goal of creating a world free of hunger by 2030. The project worked towards this goal by helping communities build home gardens using multiple strategies toward the appreciation of resilience, development, entrepreneurship, and nutrition. A community pantry was organized by the UPM University Student Council (USC), which encouraged the UPM community to reach out to its struggling constituents. This initiative was inspired by the Maginhawa Community Pantry founded by Patricia Non in Quezon City in 2020. The UPM USC organized its own Community Pantry that aimed to bring together constituents and spread compassion within the community.



The Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Manila organized a gift-giving and health education activity for the Aeta Magbukon Tribe and Kinaragan Elementary School. In recognition of its volunteers who have tirelessly offered their time and commitment, the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Baguio awarded the Pahinungod Baguio Volunteer of The Year award to Ms. Kimberly Paglingayen, a faculty volunteer from the Department of Biology who has rendered 91 hours as a Pahinungod Baguio volunteer. The unit also

recognized faculty members, students, staff, and alumni volunteers.