

Grants Updates

AS OF MAY 2021

A host of personal and environmental factors affect young people's learning and earning outcomes. To help vulnerable youth overcome these barriers, they must be addressed holistically, tending to the complex economic, social, and personal factors that affect their trajectories in life.

In addition to strengthening government agencies and mechanisms that serve out-of-school youth in the Philippines at national to local levels, O2 has also ensured that other actors surrounding young Filipinos should likewise be supported. As such, a grants program is incorporated into O2's programming, aiming to enable youth-serving organizations, training services providers, and higher education institutions to serve OSY in communities better.

Below are the progress so far on O2's Grants Program:

85

Total applications received
from three calls launched

September 2020

The **Youth Community Grants** engaging youth-serving organizations in Cotabato, Isabela, and Zamboanga were launched.

- 10 applications received
- 9 applications shortlisted and evaluated
- 6 awards granted
- Php 1.5 million total amount granted
- O2-supported activities will be completed by July 2021

34

Total number of applicants
shortlisted and evaluated
from two calls

January 2021

The **Training Development Grants** engaging both ALS and TVET service training providers were launched.

- 34 applications received
- 25 applications shortlisted and evaluated
- 8 grants awarded
- 8 are in the final stages of negotiations

14

Total applications with
grants awarded

March 2021

The **Higher Education Institution Grants** engaging colleges, universities, foundations, and other organizations that provider higher education services were launched.

- 41 applications received
- Shortlisting is ongoing and evaluation will run until May 2021.

PHP 14.81M

Total amount subgrants
awarded to date

April 2021

The second grant call specifically engaging ALS service providers was launched. The deadline to submit applications is on May 27, 2021.

Youth Community Grants

Out-of-School Youth Education and Development in the New Normal Grant

Launched in September 2020, six (6) organizations were awarded grants on January 2021. The Youth Community Grants call aimed to support community-based COVID-19 responses that aimed to restore the OSY's access to learning and earning opportunities. Grantees began activities in January 2021 and are expected to end by July of this year.

Below is the summary of each of their projects.

Ateneo de Zamboanga University

- Location:** Zamboanga City
Project Title: **IP Academy**
Objectives: The project aims to equip indigenous out-of-school youth with skills on youth leadership, societal youth challenges, especially during the pandemic, and community project proposal development. .
- Target no. of OSY:** **50 indigenous out-of-school youth**
Grant period: January 4 – July 4, 2021
- Updates:**
- Profiled 50 out-of-school youth
 - Pre-survey on COVID-19 awareness among IP leaders conducted
 - Mental health sessions conducted (pictured)
 - 10 youth-led project proposals crafted after youth leadership and project management training were conducted
 - House-to-house campaign launched by youth as part of their action plan against COVID-19



Coland Systems Technology, Inc.

- Location:** Cotabato City
Project Title: **Youth Engagement in the New Normal**
Objectives: The project focuses on providing educational learning materials to ALS students, hygiene kits to out-of-school youth, effective parenting training to parents, and livelihood assistance to help augment the income of the small businesses of selected OSY who received technical-vocational trainings through the assistance of MYDev and TESDA.
- Target no. of OSY:** **100 (learning materials); 75 (hygiene kits)**
Grant period: January 19 – July 4, 2021
- Updates:**
- 100 ALS students received worksheet and learning materials that will help them continue their studies in the midst of the pandemic
 - 75 ALS learners received hygiene kits to protect them from the COVID-19 virus (pictured)

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Out-of-School Youth Education and Development in the New Normal Grant

Isabela Foundation, Inc.

Location: Isabela City

Project Title: **A.R.A.L. (Adapting Resiliency and Accessibility among ALS Learners)**

Objectives: The Project aims to strengthen the out-of-school youth, particularly the ALS learners, and their families in resiliency, accessibility, and skills on communicating effectively, building trusting relationship, recognizing and encouraging positive behavior, and seeking out alternative solutions to problems, including coping strategies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Target no. of

OSY: **78 ALS Learners**

Grant period: January 4 – July 4, 2021

Updates:

- 22 ALS teachers oriented on Socio-Emotional Learning and Parenting Skills
- 78 ALS learners and 156 parents profiled and undergone Psychosocial Assessment (HEADSS)
- SEL and Parenting Skills Modules as well as Transistor Radios turned over to the 78 ALS Learners in the four local DepEd districts
- ALS learners and parents participate in the weekly radio program
- Engaged and reported to the local YDA on activities



Kutawato Greenland Initiatives, Inc.

Location: Cotabato City

Project Title: **Unlocking the Potentials of Out of School Youth through Alternative Learning System (ALS) in Cotabato City (UP-OSY)**

Objectives: The project focuses mainly on strengthening the youth group formation, accessing immediate needs in the challenging time of COVID-19, and strengthen the service delivery to the youths. The project will help the local DepEd ALS deliver services amid the pandemic by providing internet connectivity in Community Learning Centers of select barangays and support modules reproduction.

Target no. of OSY: **240 ALS Learners**

Grant period: January 4 – July 4, 2021

Updates:

- 379 sets of learning modules reproduced and distributed to ALS learners
- 9 Community Learning Centers received internet broadband modems

Youth Community Grants

Out-of-School Youth Education and Development in the New Normal Grant

Nagdilaab Foundation, Inc.

- Location:** Isabela City
- Project Title:** **Coping with COVID; Empowering Youth and Mental Health**
- Objectives:** The project aims to integrate mental health awareness among the youth by capacitating six (6) out-of-school youth on psychosocial first aid training and broadcasting skills to disseminate the advocacy of mental health wellness through radio. It also aims to transform the youth as agents of mental health and to make it widespread in as much as it is a need in these challenging times.
- Target no. of OSY:** **5 youth radio anchors; 75 ALS learners**
- Grant period:** January 4 – July 4, 2021
- Updates:**
- Mental health training and psychosocial support services and basic orientation on radio broadcasting conducted with local YDA support
 - Radio OSY anchors rolled out mental health advocacy through radio targeting ALS learners listeners



Zamboanga Basilan Integrated Development Alliance, Inc. (ZABIDA)

- Location:** Zamboanga City
- Project Title:** Developing Capacities of Out of School Youth for Barangay and Emergency Response for COVID-19
- Objective:** The project intends to contribute to the resiliency of targeted vulnerable OSYs thru COVID-19 mitigation training, specifically Contact Tracing.
- Activities:** The project will also incorporate training on life skills formation, psychosocial support, leadership, adolescent reproductive health, gender-based violence and other programmatic themes suitable to current youth issues.
- Target no. of OSY:** **30 (contact tracing training)**
- Grant period:** January 19 – July 4, 2021
- Updates:**
- COVID-19 hotspots identified with local YDA enabling local government agencies to identify key roles and revisit and reframe the project's training designs based on recommendations
 - Recruitment, screening, and enrollment of target beneficiaries was conducted with support from SK Federation and local legislative Board
 - Project orientation, rapid assessment, and plan enhancements for OSYs conducted

