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YDA SUMMIT 2022

The Power of Partnerships and
Convergence for Out-of-School Youth

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Background

USAID Opportunity 2.0 helps establish Youth Development Alliances (YDAs) in the cities it covers. YDAs serve as a mechanism that brings together key decision-makers and stakeholders to improve opportunities for out-of-school youth (OSY) in the community.

YDAs are composed of youth development actors and stakeholders in each city. These include the local government unit, government line agencies, local business associations, civil society, universities, college, and training Institutions, other youth-serving organizations, and, of course, the youth themselves.

Commonly led by the City Government, local youth development actors craft youth-inclusive policies and programs, harmonize implementation, and maximize resources through the YDA. To date, all O2 sites have established YDAs in varying stages of development, nine of which already have legislative backing with comprehensive work plans developed.

After almost two years of implementation, despite the pandemic, activities in program sites particularly in Angeles City, Valenzuela City, Quezon City, and Legazpi City, proceeded through the YDA. Over 200 YDA members have also undergone Positive Youth Development orientation enabling them to apply a more youth-inclusive lens in their work. Aside from this, YDAs have also conducted the first round of local labor market assessments, organizational capacity assessments, and annual strategic planning. Local champions of out-of-school youth development have also begun to emerge.

Summit Objectives

To foster the continued growth of YDAs as the primary driver of youth development at the city-level, this summit is being organized to gather members together. This will enable YDAs to have time to reflect, learn from each other, share good practices, identify common challenges, and discuss practical solutions.

At the end of the summit, YDA members should be able to gain insights from various experiences and existing practices that they could consider and apply in strengthening their city's own Alliance and youth programs.





The Youth Development Alliance Summit in the National Capital Region (NCR) Hub brought together 75 youth champions from the cities of Quezon and Valenzuela, as well as Angeles (Region 3), and Legazpi (Region 5) to discuss how can alliances converge to facilitate development for OSY in its respective areas.

NCR is considered to be the Philippines' political, economic, and educational center while Region 3 is host to the country's premier economic zones. Region 5 is known to have agriculture as its economy's largest component. Besides understanding the plight of the OSY, the YDA Summit also highlighted the role of each stakeholder in effectively facilitating positive youth development.



The real objective of the program is to strengthen the systems to support out-of-school youth... What we need to do is to put those systems in place that we will start moving and continue on beyond the end of Opportunity 2.0.

David Hall, PhD
Chief of Party, USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program
Education Development Center (EDC)

You've been a leader, globally, around starting Youth Development Alliances and making them successful and also making them really apply to the needs of your youth in your community.

Nancy Wallace, EDC Senior Program Director, on the YDA model application in the Philippines.



Currently, there are approximately 4.5 million Filipinos under the age of 24 in the country that are considered as out-of-school youth, and were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. A common challenge among every YDA in NCR Hub is gathering and getting to know the OSY as well as their needs, and sustaining their interest and dedication in completing development programs due to personal circumstances. Lockdowns further limited the youth's pathways to pursue education, get jobs, or even to start businesses. This thus posed a need to organize YDAs to help the youth get back on their feet, maximize their potential, and help cities recover as well as accelerate and sustain their economic growths.



The alliance is a powerful mechanism that brings together local leaders and organizations that share the same vision of improving education, employments and livelihood outcomes for all out-of-school youth.

Thomas LeBlanc, PhD
Director, Office of Education
USAID Philippines



Lahat po tayo ay pinagsama-sama at pinagbuklod-buklod para matugunan ang pagsubok na pinagdadaan ng bawat out-of-school youth sa ating mga lugar. Lahat po tayo ay bida at nangunguna sa mga pagbibigay ng programa para sa kabataan hanggang sa maramdaman nila na walang 'out' sa OSY.

(We've all been gathered here to address the challenges faced by the out-of-school in our cities. All of us are champions and leaders in providing programs for our youth until they feel that they are no longer 'out' as youth.)

Hon. Chiqui Marie Carreon
City Councilor
Valenzuela City Youth Development Alliance



In light of the women's month celebration, Valenzuela Councilor Chiqui Marie Carreon put the spotlight on the vulnerable young women and the challenges they face, especially young mothers, victims of gender-based violence, and those who married early, and are affected by peer pressure.

At the end of the summit, O2's Senior Education and Youth Development Adviser Dr. Miriam Pahm further emphasized the YDA's role in youth development.



Let us walk with them, journey with them so that they can achieve their goals... Let us be mentors, coaches, navigators, and let us put them in the driver's seat of their own development.

Miriam Pahm, PhD
Senior Education and Youth Development Advisor, EDC
USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program



75

**youth champions
and city leaders**

participated at the Opportunity 2.0
YDA Summit for NCR Hub



Summit Highlights

A common message that resounded during the summit is to “bring back” the OSY so that they can maximize their potentials. It was agreed that a paradigm shift is needed so that the perception towards OSY is elevated and that systems are strengthened so that more youth are encouraged to take advantage of development programs, instead of choosing not to because they deem it more practical.



In **Valenzuela City**, the Task Force on Out-of-School Youth has forged linkages with key agencies and organizations to support the needs of both OSY and stakeholders in terms of data sourcing and monitoring, as well as job and training placements. Starting out as Batang Santino in 2011, the Task Force was established through an Executive Order from the office of Mayor Rex Gatchalian in 2019, and later on mobilized to respond to the needs of both stakeholders and OSY.



From VYDA OSY, we are hash-tagging ‘VYDA hope’ because we will be the hope for our out-of-school youth.

Mike Carreon
Chief of Staff, Office of Councilor Chiqui Carreon
Valenzuela City YDA



In **Quezon City**, the YDA continues its efforts to involve the youth in sustainable programming, as well as youth organizations. The YDA has committed to continue create holistic programs that make sure that each and every youth is given the chance to maximize their potentials and secure their future.



Let's bring them back!

Dr. Eddilyn Dividina, DBA
Officer-In-Charge, QC Youth Development Office
Quezon City YDA

How do we bring them back to the mainstream? Dr. Dividina hoped that everyone realize the plenary session's purpose... to see why development work is a concerted effort to solve a systemic issue.

Laying the Foundation for Alliance Building



The **Angeles YDA** is currently leading a survey on the number of OSY in the city in collaboration with technical working groups in barangays. The YDA also drafted the Angeles City Youth Development Alliance Ordinance enjoining the private sector, non-government organizations (NGOs), higher education institutions (HEIs), and other local actors to take charge in identifying and implementing programs for the youth.



We must treat the youth equally, whether they are in-school or out-of-school youth because they each have their own dreams that they would like to pursue.

Hon. Noah Mandani
SK Federation President
Angeles City YDA



In **Legazpi City**, 70 SK Chairpersons were engaged on possible youth programs in their respective barangays. Through this interaction, the SK Work Plan for Youth Engagement was finalized which made it possible to expand the facilitation Work-Based Learning and Be Your Own Boss trainings in the city. The SK also leads the campaign encouraging more youth to enroll in DepEd ALS. Youth mapping was divided in four clusters and was supported by the LGU.



In terms of OSY mapping, we were able to accelerate this by dividing the task, and we were able to gather more youth for development programs.

Napier Apuli
Vice Chairperson, SK Federation
Legazpi City YDA





Challenges Identified

As we found out during the summit, youth profiling and mapping in the NCR Hub remain the most common problem among YDAs to date. As a shared experience among the YDAs, data on OSY are either scarce or unorganized, and coordination among key agencies are impeded or limited. Not having a clear picture of the OSY's situations (i.e. who they are, what they are, what they need), the programs implemented are thus not maximized.



Top reasons why youth do not attend school:

1. Marriage and family matters (42%)
2. Insufficient income (20%)
3. Lack of personal interest (20%)

Philippine Statistics Authority, 2016



For instance, during youth profiling, as the QC YDA has experienced, some of the youth refused to participate, and some of them do not want to be found. This posed a challenge to the YDAs to be proactive in looking for the OSY, and have their voices be heard in order to develop appropriate support mechanisms. In Legazpi City, youth consider capacity-building activities as time-consuming, and not aligned with their priorities (i.e. earning money).

Youth opting to work instead of undergo trainings are also fairly common in all the sites since from the OSY's point of view, working is more practical than attending seminars or trainings. There are also similar stories about OSY lacking motivation to study, working to augment family income, or staying at home to care for a child or a younger sibling instead of choosing to participate in development programs. This also brought us to the question: *"They may be willing, but are they able to do so?"* Considering the external factors in play, YDAs are challenged to ensure the inclusion of the youth's voices in policymaking.

There is also the concern about reconsidering the definition of "out-of-school youth," as it is a catch-all for a wide range of personalities of different individuals with various backgrounds, capabilities, and disabilities. Dr. Atienza asserted that OSY affects us from an economic and equity perspective.



Perhaps the more important one is the equity perspective: The number of OSY are preponderant among the poor... This means targeting extremely difficult-to-reach youth, young people who live their lives with little to no connection to formal community systems and organizations

Dr. Theresita V. Atienza, President of Quezon City University on designing programs that "throw the net further" to reach more OSYs.



Before the YDA was formed, Valenzuela City PESO Officer-in-Charge Josephine Osea recalled that the youth was not in the office's "line of sight," but since joining the VYDA, and working with O2, they were able to involve and engage the youth in their programs. This testament reinforces the importance of convergence and partnerships among local actors to create a welcoming and enabling environment for youth development.



A healthy economy reflects what you are able to do for the community. The youth shapes the future. Through the alliance, it made us realize that we can make the youth become more productive.

Josephine Osea
Officer-in-Charge, Public Employment Service Office
Valenzuela City

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In Angeles City, it was noted that the youth lacked awareness on the available entrepreneurship programs provided by the government and how to access them. So, through the DTI, a series of profiling, trainings and mentoring sessions were conducted to jumpstart the youth's businesses. Another challenge was the incomplete and unreliable data due to the lack of a unified database, which makes it difficult to identify who needs what kind of service.

Meanwhile, in Legazpi City, there is an apparent lack of strong OSY organizations, youth empowerment, as well as funding to sustain OSY activities. Youth leaders also had limited support due to the lack of allies. In response, TAYO Inc. took on the responsibility of supporting youth organizations, and networking with different youth organizations to connect them to government agencies. Together with O2, the Youth Network Executive Council was established and became instruments in capacity-building and facilitating skills trainings for Legazpi OSY. Like in other sites, there are also youth who refuse to receive help. To gain their confidence and reach out to them for youth development programs, TAYO collaborated with SKs and other youth leaders.



During the panel discussions, four (4) exit points for the out-of-school youth were determined:



Employment



Entrepreneurship



Further education or training



Engagement

Representatives all agreed that the youth must be involved in policymaking, and that there should be **“No OSY left behind.”**

Recommendations in moving forward

At the end of the two-day summit, a number of recommendations were gathered from the hub:

- Address the bigger picture when creating youth programs. The youth may be willing to participate, but does their immediate environment allow them to? How can the YDA address such factors? How do we **#bringthemback**?
- We need to package programs to attract more OSY to join. One way of building youth champions, besides reinforcing convergence among the YDA, is to encourage the youth to influence their peers so they too would take part of programs.
- Other YDAs are implored to pass ordinances, which will ensure sustainability of their Alliance as well as their programs in the city, unaffected by the changing political colors.
- Identify programs for OSY based on their context and situation.
- Involve the youth in policymaking.
- OSY programs should be supported with policies to continue.
- Look for more youth champions and advocates to share the YDA's advocacies and programs.
- Reach out proactively. "OSY don't come to you to sign up, you have to reach them physically and emotionally several times. The goal is to teach that they can and must reach out and advocate for themselves."
- Individualize coaching for young people.
- Set structure for OSY programs such that there should be clear and explicit pathways for the youth to follow.
- Programs must have active and authentic learning; must be timely and relevant.
- "Direct energies of the youth into worthwhile activities, and in creating programs for them, always ground them on the goals we have set for them."
- "In everything we do for the youth, we should make the youth feel that they are important and how essential they are in the society. Keep the fire burning."
- "Giving up (on the youth) is never an option."
- When facilitating programs for the youth, the intention must not only be for employability, but to create robust entrepreneurship environment for them to grow in.
- Embrace value of commitment.







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ATTACHMENT 1

Event Program Flow



USAID OPPORTUNITY 2.0 PROGRAM
Second-Chance Opportunities for Out-of-School Youth

DAY 1 - Wednesday, March 23, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR	
8:30 a.m.	Event Registration		
9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony		
9:10 a.m.	Acknowledgement of Guests and Participants	Mr. Felix "Jhun" Carual Youth Technical Director, USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
9:30 a.m.	Welcome Remarks	Dr. David Hall Chief of Party, USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
9:35 a.m.	Message of Support	Dr. Thomas LeBlanc Director, Office of Education, USAID Philippines	
9:40 a.m.	Background and Overview of the YDA Summit	Dr. Maria Theresa Mokamad Deputy Chief of Party-Technical Programs USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
9:45 a.m.	Keynote Address	Hon. Chiqui Carreon City Councilor, Valenzuela City Valenzuela City YDA	
10:00 a.m.	Wellness and Networking Break		
10:15 a.m.	Messages of Support	Hon. Carmelo Lazatin, Jr. Mayor, Angeles City	Hon. Noel E. Rosal Mayor, Legazpi City
10:25 a.m.	<u>Plenary Presentation 1</u> Laying the Foundation for Alliance-Building	Mr. Mike Carreon Chief of Staff Office of Councilor Chiqui Carreon Valenzuela City YDA	Dr. Eddilyn Dividina, DBA Officer-In-Charge QC Youth Development Office, Quezon City YDA
		Hon. Noah Mandani SK Federation President Angeles City YDA	Mr. Napier Apuli Vice Chairperson, SK Federation Legazpi City YDA
11:25 a.m.	Open Forum	Mr. Hayden Bale Training Manager, USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break		
1:00 p.m.	Assembly	Dindo Dimalaluan and Loven Ramos Youth Development Officers for Quezon City and Angeles City	
1:30 p.m.	Messages of Support	Hon. Joy Belmonte Mayor, Quezon City	Hon. Rexlon T. Gatchalian Mayor, Valenzuela City
1:40 p.m.	<u>Plenary Presentation 2</u> Heroes for Self-Reliant Youth	Dr. Theresita V. Atienza Quezon City University President Quezon City YDA	Dir. Elenita "Len" Ordonio Provincial Director, DTI Pampanga, Angeles City YDA
		Ms. Josephine Osea OIC Public Employment Service Office, Valenzuela City YDA	Mr. Arrish Altavano Albay Chamber of Commerce Secretariat, Legazpi City YDA
2:40 p.m.	Open Forum	Mr. Carlo Fernando Lead Higher Education Coordinator, USAID Opportunity 2.0	
3:15 p.m.	Wellness and Networking Break		
3:20 p.m.	<u>Plenary Presentation 3</u> O2 Pathways	Mr. Hayden Bale Training Manager, USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
4:00 p.m.	Gallery Walk	Mr. Kim Adam Arimado Youth Development Officer for Legazpi City USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
4:30 p.m.	Sharing Insights	Mr. Marlon Fulo Youth Development Officer for Valenzuela City USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
4:45 p.m.	Synthesis and Final Reminders for the Day	Mr. Gaudencio Rodelas Youth Development Coordinator for Quezon City USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
5:00 p.m.	End of Summit Day 1		
6:00 p.m.	Gabi ng Parangal		



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GABI NG PARANGAL

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6:00 p.m.	Opening and Welcoming Participants
6:10 p.m.	Welcome Remarks
6:15 p.m.	Awarding of Plaques of Recognition
6:35 p.m.	Special Recognition Awards
6:55 p.m.	Dinner
7:05 p.m.	Games
7:10 p.m.	Closing Remarks

DAY 2 - Thursday, March 24, 2022

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR	
8:30 a.m.	Registration		
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries and Ice Breaker		
9:30 a.m.	Plenary Presentation 4 Engaging the Private Sector	Ms. Angelique Roux Private Sector Advisor USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
10:15 a.m.	Wellness Break		
10:30 a.m.	Plenary Presentation 5 Story of Commitment on Youth Development	Mr. Mark Harris R. Lim Youth Development Team Leader for NCR Hub USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
11:00 a.m.	Breakout YDA Reflection		
11:30 a.m.	Presentation of Testimonies Listening to the Voices of Youth	Mr. Miguel Mendoza Youth Development Coordinator for Angeles City USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
12:00 p.m.	Key Lessons from the YDA Summit	Dr. Miriam Pahm Senior Education and Youth Development Advisor USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	Mr. Carlo Fernando Lead Higher Education Coordinator USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program
12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break		
1:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony		
1:35 p.m.	Message of Support	Mr. Felix "Jhun" Carual Youth Technical Director, Opportunity 2.0 Program	
1:40 p.m.	Awarding of Certificate of Participation	Senior Management Team, Opportunity 2.0	
2:00 p.m.	Words of Gratitude	Mr. Robinson Wee Technical Education and Skills Development Advisor USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program	
2:10 p.m.	Closing, Photo Opportunities, and Community Singing		

Event Host:

Kristofer Kliatchko
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Josephine Kusain
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Delegation List



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