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NOTE: This compendium was developed in early October 2023 and features 55 of the 67 grantee organizations of the USAID Opportunity 2.0 program. For more information or questions on O2 grants and grantees, you may send a message through email at GrantsPH@edc.org.



INTRODUCTION



USAID Opportunity 2.0 (O2) is a Php 1.9-billion (\$37.5 million) collaborative program designed to support existing programs and mechanisms for Filipino out-of-school youth (OSY) that seek to improve their education, employment, and livelihood outcomes by 2025.

O2 is implemented by the Education Development Center (EDC) in collaboration with the Department of Education (DepEd), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and 15 partner city government, along with other stakeholders.

A grants mechanism is incorporated into O2's programming to strengthen local capacity through youth-serving organizations, training service providers, and higher education institutions to better serve OSYs in communities.

Through this mechanism, USAID has awarded 87 grants worth up to Php 115 million (\$2.02 million) to 67 organizations and institutions across the country since 2020. To date, up to 5000 OSYs across 15 cities have already upskilled through the USAID O2 grants. Millions more will benefit through the grants on research, capacity building for community leaders, and after enhancements are institutionalized within local organizations.

Grants helped local service providers enhance their training programs for youth by adopting new modules on Life Skills, Work Based Learning (WBL), Be Your Own Boss (BYOB), and Higher Education and Training Readiness Orientation (HERO) from EDC.

These content enhancements equip learners with highly sought-after skills in the world of work and business, drastically increasing their chances at success after training.

In addition to curriculum enhancement, being part of the grants program provides organizations with capacity building for their pool of trainers. This levelled-up the competencies of local trainers to delivery quality training using positive youth development approaches, youth-centered techniques, and flexible methods of instruction.

Services that aim to uplift marginalized groups rely heavily on the local capacity of youth-serving organizations, training service providers, and higher education institutions that directly deliver programs to the OSYs.

With local actors capacitated, interventions for the youth will be innovative, cross-sectoral, responsive, evidence-based, and context-specific. Initiatives will be effective and create sustainable pathways for OSYs to find post training success such as new jobs, own business start-up, or further studies.

This is exactly what USAID grantees have achieved as part of the O2 program. We developed this compendium to showcase the achievements of USAID partner organizations. We hope you find inspiration, a new partnership, or a valuable insight from the incredible pool of knowledge and experience from this group of youth champions.

USAID Opportunity 2.0 Grantees

From Innovation to Integration:

Building a Sustainable Future for Out-of-School Youth

7

grant calls from 2021-2023
to strengthen OSY systems

15

cities

67

grantee-organizations

87

grants awarded

₱ 115 million

worth of grants awarded

5,000+

OSYs reached so far





1 AND ALL TECHNICAL SCHOOL, INC.

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.9 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024



About the Grantee: 1 and All Technical School, Inc. is a technical vocational education school established in 2014. It strives to encourage excellence in skills training, livelihood opportunities, providing competent trainers, and facilities to ensure for job readiness and employment.

Grant Objective: 1 and All Technical School is committed to supporting the endeavor of improving the general well-being of 150 out-of-school youth through the development of their skills.

Grant Highlight: Through USAID grants, 1 and ALL is proud to be able to provide second chances for youth in conflict with the law to reintegrate to society as productive citizens.

What's Next? Youth will be assisted in setting realistic goals and guide them through their transition to higher education, employment and entrepreneurship.

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ACADEMIA DE TECNOLOGIA IN MINDANAO, INC.

Location: Cotabato City
Grant Amount: Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA
Grant Period: July 2021-October 2022

About the Grantee: Academia De Tecnologia in Mindanao, Inc. (Your Pathway to Success!) is an technical-vocational institution based in Cotabato City that is dedicated to providing high-quality education focused on character development and practical skills.

What's Next? Academia De Tecnologia will put in place an M&E system to track progress, ensure adaptability of approaches, make the best use of existing resources, train staff on administrative tasks, and ensure organizational stability.

Grant Objective: To provide quality education and training on technical and soft skills for 125 OSYs.

Grant Highlight: Two training completers of Bread and Pastry Production (Joila Daguman Usman and Esther Joy Villa Daguman) joined the Cake Decorating Competition during National Tourism Month in September 2022.

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ANGELES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION (AUF)

Location: Angeles City
Grant Amount: Php 670,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: October 2021-October 2022

About the Grantee: AUF was established in 1965 in Angeles City, Pampanga. It is a higher education institution committed to its vision and mission of providing transformative programs and services for society. It has been working with the Department of Education of Angeles City in order to contribute to efforts in providing access to second-chance education for indigent OSYs of the city.



Grant Objective: To provide learning assistance beyond the administration of sessions that tackle the Learning Strands in the current Alternative Learning System (ALS).

Grant Highlight: AUF implemented ALS with a Learner Wellness Program, taking into account the holistic well-being of 45 OSY learners, 30 of whom have transitioned to employment or further studies. A registered social worker supervised implementation to ensure that the learner's well being was monitored and socially functioning. Instructional managers from different disciplines with expertise in the level of learner's competencies and capabilities were also engaged.

What's Next? A research on effectiveness and program evaluation of the wellness program implementation in support of ALS.

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ATENEO DE ZAMBOANGA UNIVERSITY (AdZU)

Location: Zamboanga City
Grant Amount: Php 250,000 and Php 500,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal
Grant Period: January 2021-July 2021 and July 2022-October 2023

About the Grantee: AdZU is a private Catholic coeducational basic and higher education institution run by the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus in Zamboanga City, Philippines.

Grant Objectives: AdZU's first USAID grant provided skills training for entrepreneurship and work immersion to 40 IP OSYs of the Kolibugan, Sama-Bajau, Sama-Banguingui, Subanon, and Yakan tribes. AdZU's second grant enhanced the knowledge, skills and attitudes of OSYs to become active and productive individuals in the different social development projects amid the pandemic crisis.



Grant Highlight: Student-volunteers served as mentors, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, tribal leaders, and parents were engaged throughout the implementation. AdZU reconnected OSYs to society through civic engagement opportunities that facilitated their personal growth and relationships with their family and community.

What's Next? Set up a structure for OSY progress and organize other OSYs in their community. Grant activities may be expanded and replicated in other barangays. Endorse the project to be adopted by the youth council and be part of the SK Youth Development Plan. Enhancement trainings for OSYs pioneers so they may become pool of resources for future youth programs.

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AYLESFORD ABA PHILIPPINES FERNDALE COLLEGES ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA, INC.

Location: Zamboanga City
Grant Amount: Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: Ferndale Colleges Zamboanga Peninsula Inc, was established in June 1996. It is the only college with multiple intelligence philosophy in Zamboanga City and currently offers education programs on preschool, elementary, junior and senior high school, college and special education. Its fields of expertise include teacher training, consultancy services, and resource management.

Grant Objective: Through the grant project, Ferndale aimed to deliver all training programs under the EDC Work Ready Now (WRN) Curriculum to 110 OSYs. The program is designed to provide the target beneficiaries with quality education and learning experiences and guide the youth in three different pathways to self-reliance: employment, entrepreneurship, and higher-level education.

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Grant Highlight: Through this program our 104 OSY learners have already been reached and therefore regained their sense of worth and are inspired to fulfill their dreams. They have also developed an admirable team spirit as they care for and support one another.

Ferndale is most proud that at least 20 learners have already transitioned to education and are recipients of scholarships to a three-year diploma courses on home economics, industrial arts, and hospitality management, while four are employed, and one has grown his empanada business.

What's Next? Ferndale is focusing on two major goals:

1. Ensuring the retention of the learners who are still undergoing the trainings through constant monitoring and communication, and,
2. Helping completers transition to their desired pathways by providing the assistance as needed.



AYOS AT AYUDAHAN INC.

Location: Zamboanga City
Grant Amount: Php 1.99 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA, Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: Advocating Youth towards Outstanding Sustainability (AYOS) is a Zamboanga City-based NGO established during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Its purpose is to engage young people in creating innovative actions geared towards addressing concerns on livelihood, education, environment, and employment, aimed to achieve sustainability of their communities. AYOS also fosters the spirit of *bayanihan* thus the added name AYUDAHAN.

Grant Objective: To train 115 OSY on TESDA NCII qualification in a one year. To ease pathways to work-based experience, entrepreneurship, and higher education for OSYs.

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Grant Highlight: Through USAID O2 grants, AYOS is unlocking the untapped confidence of OSYs. Through a support system and awareness that they have developed more skills. Youth are able to freely express themselves. The impact of the program is manifested by their eagerness to return school, assertiveness to be employed, and determination in pursuing the establishment of a cooperative as Baristas and Pastry Bakers. They also express commitment to enroll more OSYs to upskill as well.

What's Next? As an advocate of sustainability, AYOS will assist in the transition of the learners to achieve their goals by linking them with our partners and officially organizing them to attain legal personalities and thrive in their communities.



BANILAD CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Location: Cebu City
Grant Amount: Php 1.4 million and Php 1.7 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: May 2021-May 2022 and March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: BCPD was established in 1992 and is one of three schools operated by the Foundation for Professional Training, Inc. with a head office in Makati. BCPD is located in Barangay Luz, Cebu City. It is a technical vocational school that offers two-year post-secondary courses on Hotel and Restaurant Services and Health Care Services NCII.

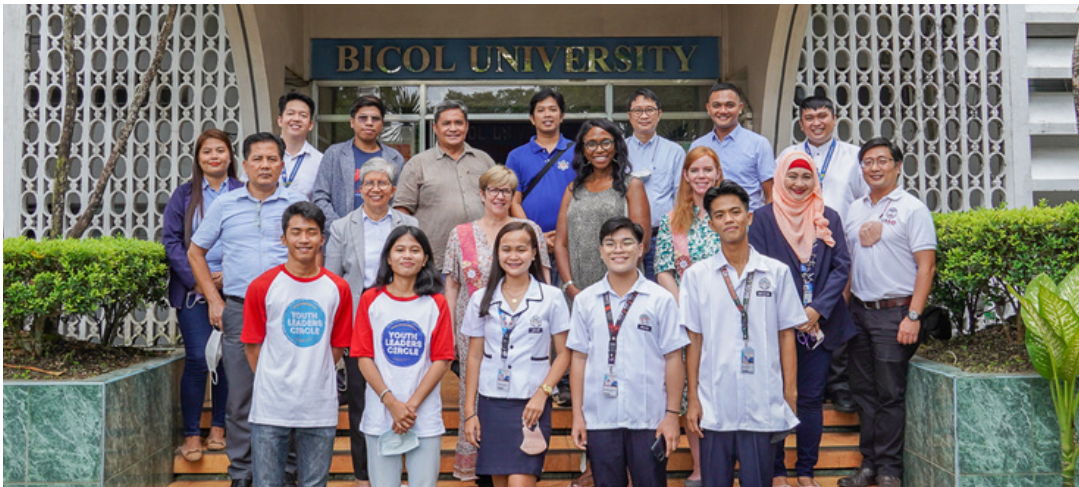
Grant Objective: To train 110 financially-challenged young women to prepare them for dignified employment, entrepreneurship, or higher educational attainment and break the cycle of poverty in Cebu and its environs.

Grant Highlight: BCPD has already upskilled 79 young, out-of-school women who have already found jobs, started their own business, or pursued further studies. Currently, 110 youth are enrolled in the center and the project has been so inclusive that single mothers and Badjao indigenous people (IP) have been able to access and gain business and work readiness training. Presently, there are 42 industry venues who signified partnership to be work immersion hosts.



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What's Next? BCPD will lead with a heart full of trust for a project that is worthwhile. The impressive training of trainers from EDC gave BCPD insight on how to deal with the youth and keep them engaged. The program made the youth job-ready. Thus, employment is guaranteed.



BICOL UNIVERSITY

Location: Legazpi City
Grant Amount: Php 750,000
Grant Type/s: Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant
Grant Period: April 2022-December 2023

About the Grantee: Bicol University (BU), established in 1969, is a state research university in Legazpi City, with campuses in Albay and Sorsogon provinces. BU offers ISO 9001:2015 certified education, focusing on professional, technical, arts, and sciences, while also fostering research and innovation.

Grant Objectives:

1. Assess the status of ALS completers in DepEd City Division of Legazpi.
2. Perform a needs assessment through survey and Focus Group Discussion of ALS completers to inform skill development programs.
3. Suggest action plans to enhance training initiatives for DepEd ALS Legazpi completers and stakeholders.

Grant Highlight: BU's innovative research approach drives tailored skills development programs and action plans, benefiting completers and stakeholders in DepEd ALS Legazpi, adding significant value to the community's educational advancement. Grade 10 ALS completers have been assessed through field surveys, enabling needs analysis of their transition to learning, entrepreneurship, or livelihood.

What's Next? Collaborate with other government agencies for technical skills, secure sustainable funding, and work closely with DepEd and LGU Legazpi for long-term impact.

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BOHOL INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC. (BIDEF)

Location: Tagbilaran City
Grant Amount: Php 1.3 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: October 2021-November 2022

About the Grantee: BIDEF was established in 1988 with a main office in Tagbilaran City and operations covering the entire province of Bohol. BIDEF has expertise in projects related to livelihood, literacy, disaster risk reduction and management, coastal resource and management, sustainable agriculture and governance.

Grant Objective: Recruit and train 100 OSYs to different Work Ready Now courses offered under the project including peer coaching activities and facilitate their transition to either employment, further education, or business.

What's Next? In order to sustain the gains, especially for those who transitioned, the project proponent and the Tagbilaran City Youth Development Alliance will make sure the OSYs are regularly monitored, peer coaching activities are augmented, and referral to business institutions for work exposure is available.

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Grant Highlight: Although the target 100 OSYs was not reached, nevertheless, the project was able to assist 49 OSY completers. Of the 49 completers, 48 OSYs have transitioned to different fields such as employment, further education, and business.





CASUGA INTEGRATED SCHOOL

Location: Davao City
Grant Amount: Php 1.1 million, Php 1.9 million, and Php 1.9 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS, Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program, and Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: July 2021-June 2022, Feb 2022-Jan 2023, and Mar 2023-Feb 2024

About the Grantee: Casuga was established in 2020 in Malagos, Davao City. It is a private technical vocational institution accredited by the Agricultural Training Institute and by TESDA to provide courses on Organic Agriculture Production, Cacao Production, Dairy Farm Assistantship, and Tilapia Farming.

Grant Objectives:

1. Strengthening the capacity of local and national systems for second chance education,
2. Strengthening the capacity of work-readiness and tech-voc education and training (TVET) systems, and
3. Improve the enabling environment for positive youth development.

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Grant Highlight: Grant project targets and objectives of reaching 375 OSYs were achieved. 270 have already transitioned to the workplace, higher education, or livelihood. Through the grant, Casuga has grown as an Agribusiness Incubation Hub, open access and a hub for opportunities. Casuga formed a community-based association and is currently working on the completion of a business plan to be supported by DOLE.

What's Next? The Association-Incubation Agribusiness Hub formed serves as a sustainable mechanism that all OSYs can be a part of. Through our network, linkages and partners from the government through the local OSY development council, the Youth Development Alliance support, and other linkages will continue to support OSY development and institutional growth of Casuga.



CHRISTIAN HORIZON SCHOOL, INC. (CHSI)

Location: Iligan City
Grant Amount: Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: April 2023-December 2023

About the Grantee: CSHI is an educational establishment that offers kindergarten, elementary, junior high, and senior high students. TESDA vocational courses on Bread and Pastry Production, Cookery, Electrical Installation and Maintenance, and Housekeeping are also offered. The school is a TESDA Training School and Assessment Center for said courses.

Grant Objectives:

- 1.To provide and support 125 OSYs with quality education and skills.
- 2.To provide the youths with more opportunities to advance their education careers and gain new and better employment.

Grant Highlight: The USAID O2 grants allowed CSHI to have significant impact on the lives of 75 OSYs so far, giving them a chance to build a better future. This project allowed OSY to overcome economic constraints and fulfill their great potential to pursue their dreams and improve their lives.

What's Next? CSHI is committed to providing OSYs with training in their chosen technical skills and acquire national certification from TESDA. By enhancing their business production skills, they will be able to create and innovate their own products, which they can sell in the market to generate good sales and profits.



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CLOUDSWYFT GLOBAL SYSTEMS, INC.

Location: Quezon City
Grant Amount: Php 2 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: April 2023-April 2024

About the Grantee: Founded in 2015, CloudSwyft is the fastest growing cloud-based technology learning platform across the globe. Head-quartered in Asia Pacific, it has established and grown customer bases and reseller partners across the ASEAN region focusing on the education, governments, and corporate learning market sectors. CloudSwyft provides an end-to-end learning platform solution with future-ready technology skills course content, hands-on labs, blended learning experiences, as well as digital credentials.

Grant Objectives: Equipping 130 OSY learners with skills needed to continue their journey to self-reliance through getting higher-level education or further training, successfully getting wage-employment, or establishing or growing their businesses.

Grant Highlight: The interactive approach of conducting classes formed camaraderie among 35 OSY learners already and easy integration with barangays, small businesses in the community, and is considered a pioneer corporate social responsibility approach for our company.



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What's Next?

1. Recruit new batches of learners with improve effectiveness based on experiences from previous batches.
2. Maintain rapport with businesses and government sectors for work immersion and moving-up pathways for OSY learners.
3. Integrate technical courses with the practical courses to east post-training success.



CROSSROADS TRAINING INSTITUTE

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 2 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: October 2023-October 2024 and May 2021-August 2022

About the Grantee: Crossroads Training Institute is an industry-based Automotive Technical School in Mindanao. Established in June 2015, it is TESDA accredited to deliver courses on Automotive Servicing and Computer System Servicing. The Institute is a subsidiary of Greencars Mindanao Corporation and serves as the KIA Training Center in Northern and Northwestern Mindanao.

Grant Objectives: To meet the unique work force development needs of vulnerable, unemployed OSYs in CDO particularly those who are inclined in the Automotive and I.T industries.

Grant Highlight: 125 target OSY students now have become ready for employment and business as well as willing to share their knowledge, time, and resources to pay it forward. One of those is Mr. John Remadavia who is now part of the O2 team in CDO working together with KAYA NA, a local OSY organization.

What's Next? Strengthen partnerships and collaborations.

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ENGADIN CORPORATION

Location: Quezon City
Grant Amount: Php 494,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: June 2022-June 2023

About the Grantee: Edukasyon.ph is the largest ed-tech platform in the Philippines, empowering millions of Gen Z students aged 13 to 24 to explore within reach and learn with purpose. Students use the website to gain access to schools, scholarships, online courses, and other resources that enable them to make self-aware education decisions that lead to a fulfilling career and life. Edukasyon.ph, launched in 2015, also operates the website FindUniversity.ph and attracts more than 10 million visits each year.

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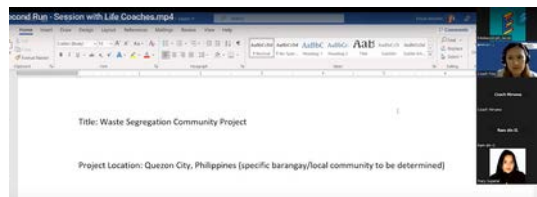
Grant Objectives:

1. Promote tech-voc education and careers to 70 ALS students.
2. Educate and equip OSYs with digital literacy and digital skills, creating effective digital campaigns.
3. Empower OSYs to contribute to community initiatives by utilizing their digital literacy and digital campaigning skills.

Grant Highlight: Engadin helped develop the skills of 70 OSYs and ALS learners on digital literacy and community empowerment who are now using their acquired knowledge and skills to contribute to their local communities and for their future employability.



What's Next? The youth's community contribution plans have been given to the ALS coordinators and reminded the ALS learners to make a conscious effort to monitor whether the suggested projects would be implemented.





FILIPINO BAR PROFESSIONALS AND INNOVATORS ASSOCIATION, INC. (FILBARPRO)

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.4 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: FILBARPRO was established in November 2017 from a group of professional food and beverage consultants, instructors, educators, and training specialist in CDO, Philippines.

Grant Objectives:

- 1.To support 110 OSYs become self- reliant.
- 2.To help OSYs in employment opportunities within the city.
- 3.Improve the educational opportunities and quality of life for OSYs.
- 4.Strengthen young people's sense of identity, belief in the future, self-regulation, and self-efficacy as well as their social, emotional, cognitive and behavioral competence.

Grant Highlight: 110 OSY training completers are now knowledgeable on 21st Century Skills, Work Based Learning, Higher Education Preparedness, Development Pathway, and Peer Coaching. FILBARPRO also have business contacts who can be connected with OSYs to advance their education and preparations for the dynamic workplace.

What's Next? To ensure scale-up or sustainability of support for OSY is to maintain the knowledge they learn during the training and have the opportunity to apply it in their life, adopt processes as required and recognize their role in leadership.

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FOUR J AND E TECHNICAL SCHOOL, INC.

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.75 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024



About the Grantee: Four J and E Technical School, Inc. was established in 2018 and offers accredited TESDA courses on Electrical Installation and Maintenance as well as Computer System Servicing.

Grant Objectives: To help 125 local OSY access lifelong learning that helps them land a job after the training, pursue higher education, or be an entrepreneur.

Grant Highlight: Four J and E has already reached 100 OSYs who are coming from the lowest income populations of the community, bringing them a way to a brighter future. 50 have already found livelihood or next-level studies.

What's Next? Every OSY training completer of grant activities are closely monitored, guided, and given full support post-training.

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GABAY AT DAAN NG SAMBAYANAN (GDS), INC.

Location: Legazpi City
Grant Amount: Php 998,500
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: January 2023-June 2024

About the Grantee: GDS, Inc. was established in 2019, with the goal of empowering communities, enriching lives among the underprivileged in Legazpi City, Albay. GDS promotes economic well-being, provides critical skills training, and facilitates disaster response, all while advancing equality in nutrition, education, environmental protection, and healthcare.

Grant Objectives: To enhance the technical writing skills and social skills of OSYs, and develop their personal growth and prepare for them for future opportunities in the future. OSY community engagement subsequently contributes to the overall well-being of the communities.

Grant Highlight: GDS's grant project helped 50 OSYs were given the opportunity to develop and implement business plans, and eventually establish their own businesses. OSYs have been equipped with knowledge and experience that empower them. Through opportunities to contribute to promoting the welfare of their community, OSY gain a sense of accomplishment they can use for future opportunities. The progress and success of this project also improves the literacy rate of OSYs.



What's Next? GDS's sustainable plans for the project are to collaborate with local organizations, spread the advocacy and awareness to more communities, monitor or evaluate the progress of the project, and support the self-sustaining initiatives of the OSYs.

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GENSAN COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Location: General Santos City
Grant Amount: Php 1.85 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA
Grant Period: February 2022-September 2023

About the Grantee: Gensan College of Technology, Inc. is a recognized and a registered school by the Commission on Higher Education, Department of Education, and TESDA. The school has existed for 27 years providing academic and tech-voc education in Region 12.

What's Next? Gensan College of Technology will introduce and secure support for the O2 program from the Office of the District Representative for the benefit of OSY in the city.

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Grant Objectives:

1. To provide training on tech-voc courses on Welding, Electric Installation and Maintenance, as well as Bookkeeping for 150 OSYs.
2. Equip OSYs with relevant life skills to become productive members of the community.
3. To establish and strengthen partnership with government institutions and private organizations in the locality.

Grant Highlight: 122 upskilled OSYs are consistently volunteering in community initiatives such as mangrove planting and clean up drives, promoting the importance of environmental protection for the next generation. 81 have transitioned to jobs, business, or further studies.





GLOBAL MINDANAW POLYTECHNIC, INC. (GMPI)

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.85 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: June 2021-September 2022

About the Grantee: Global Mindanaw is a private, technical-vocational institution that offer courses on tourism, agriculture, and construction. GMPI's mission is to make poverty become history through tech-voc training and increased opportunities for business and employment. GMPI has produced more than 6,000 graduates since being established in 2011.

Grant Objectives:

1. To meet the unique workforce development needs of vulnerable, unemployed OSY.
2. To lessen the skills gaps between the youth and the demands of industries by introducing unique work-based training programs that will prepare OSY learners to the expectations and tasks of the labor market.
3. To enhance our own capacity as a local training service provider on OSY workforce development.

Grant Highlight: Using O2 grants, GMPI has made great impact to 113 OSYs as the life skills and technical skills they acquired have opened them to more opportunities to employment as a means to get out of poverty.

What's Next? To be able to provide more learning opportunities and avenue for the OSY beneficiaries that will help empower them pursue their individual goals and more so, contribute sustainable actions and make an impact on their communities.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS PHILIPPINES (GN PHL)

Location: Quezon City (Barangay Bagong Silangan)
Grant Amount: Php 1.3 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: GN PHL is the daughter organization of Good Neighbors International Philippines, an international humanitarian organization that strategically implements community development initiatives focused on social development, economic development, and child sponsorship.

Grant Objectives: GN PHL’s grant project aims to provide 100 OSYs in Bagong Silangan, Quezon City opportunities and skills to pursue higher education, be meaningfully employed, or capable of running their own business. This grant will also be helpful in bridging local agencies to disadvantaged communities that have long been isolated from accessing basic social services.



Grant Highlight: The first five months of project implementation focused on recruitment. With this, the team already registered 84 OSYs to upskill as part of the grant project.

What’s Next? Next quarter will be focused on developing of partnerships with different stakeholders such as the employment and entrepreneurship offices of the City Government, TESDA, and DepEd ALS.

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HOLY CHILD COLLEGE OF DAVAO

Location: Davao City
Grant Amount: Php 1.7 million and Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: August 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: The Holy Child College of Davao was established in 1981. It is a Christian school which caters to the holistic development of each student in adherence to the multiple intelligence theory.

Grant Objective: To upskill 300 OSYs to be young leaders and future entrepreneurs to have a sustainable program in taking good care and preserving mother nature.

Grant Highlight: Holy Child successfully engaged youth leaders through the grant and the youth now have plans of putting up a business.

What's Next? After the training, completers will be organized and connected to the barangays and business establishments to get support and sponsorship. A series of follow-up training, tree growing activities, and costal clean up will be conducted throughout the year.

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IDEALS (INITIATIVES FOR DIALOGUE AND EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ALTERNATIVE LEGAL SERVICES)

Location: Cotabato City
Grant Amount: Php 499,900
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: June 2022-March 2023

About the Grantee: IDEALS is a non-stock, non-profit, legal-focused advocacy and service institution that addresses the legal and technical needs of the marginalized, disempowered, and vulnerable groups across the Philippines. Its programs are rooted in upholding human dignity, facilitating access to justice, and claiming rights with the poor and marginalized. IDEALS currently operate in Metro Manila, Mindoro, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Cotabato, Sulu, Davao de Oro, and Bukidnon.

What's Next? OSY participants will be invited to join the S'bang Ka Network as community patrollers and reporters. This will also allow us to retain our engagements with them in bigger scale projects.

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Grant Objectives: IDEALS's grant project aims to enhance the agency of 175 OSYs in Cotabato City so they can confidently, actively, and meaningfully participate in peacebuilding and civil society. Interventions focus on developing and implementing positive engagements, capacity-building, and confidence-building activities.

Grant Highlight: IDEALS successfully provided positive engagements and development for 177 OSY, including their 75 families exceeding project targets. This ensured holistic interventions and a culture of understanding within the community. OSYs who were digital savvy were tapped and trained on media production, digital media interventions, and community-level engagements. An OSY database developed through the grant served as an important starting point to identifying "high-risk" youth in the community and illuminated pathways to engaging them.



ILIGAN ACCESS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, INC. (IACCESS)

Location: Iligan City
Grant Amount: Php 1.49 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: IACCESS was re-established on February 2014 in Iligan City under a new management. It is a private school and accredited institution by TESDA, DepEd for Senior High School, and the Land Transportation Office. I-ACCESS is a member of the TVET Association of Iligan and Lanao del Norte and the Iligan Chamber of Commerce.



Grant Objectives: To provide quality training to 125 OSYs so they may be employable, be business enterprising individuals, pursue further trainings or higher education, and become globally competitive graduates.

Grant Highlight: Through the grant, IACCESS was able to fulfill its main institutional goal of catering to marginalized groups in the community, such as *pedicab* drivers, *balut* vendors, *calesa kutseros*, construction workers, among others, so they may pursue higher education, enter into the business world, or become industry worker.

What's Next? In spite of the many challenges encountered in project implementation, IACCESS remains committed to accomplish O2 grant activities. Training will be delivered to the first batch of OSY learners.

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INTEGRATED RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOR TRI-PEOPLE (IRDT)

Location: Zamboanga City
Grant Amount: Php 499,500
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: July 2022-June 2023

About the Grantee: IRDT was established in 2006 with its main office located in Talon-Talon, Zamboanga City. IRDT operates in Zamboanga Peninsula and BARMM area. IRDT has expertise in humanitarian work, peace and community building, research, protection and mental health psychosocial support.

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Grant Objectives:

1. Establish partnership with local stakeholders to create opportunities for the well being of OSYs.
2. Increase OSY skills in leadership and communication skills through socio-civic engagement.
3. Amplify the benefit of social media platform as a mechanism to increase OSY skills in social marketing to contribute in the community digital transformation.
4. Provide OSYs the skills to maintain a balance of socio-emotional and mental wellness to become resilient individuals in adapting to the new normal.

Grant Highlight: The trained 86 OSY were able to partner with local registered youth and other stakeholders. OSY were able to work with the barangay in implementing socio-civic activities.

What's Next? Continue lobbying with local stakeholders particularly with TESDA and SK to continue supporting OSYs and encouraging more OSYs to enroll in ALS.





INTERNATIONAL LABOR FORCE - SKILLS MASTERY, INC. (ILF-SMI)

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.99 million and Php 1.99 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: October 2021-April 2023 and February 2022-June 2023

About the Grantee: ILF-SMI is a leading private technical vocational education and training school established in 2006 in Cagayan de Oro City. ILF-SMI offers 35 NC II and NC III TESDA programs and produced nearly 50,000 graduates from 2007 to present with an average of 97.5 percent certification and 90.14 percent employment rates. The school received a TESDA Kabalikat Award in 2013 for excellence in service.

Grant Objective: To contribute in the strengthening of national and local capability by providing 300 OSYs with quality education and learning experiences, inspire life-long-learning, and lead to an improved education, livelihood, or employment opportunities.

Grant Highlight: Through the grants, ILF-SMI revolutionized its TVET programs by integrating O2 modules, emphasizing soft skills. The school expanded outreach to include vulnerable sectors, reaching OSYs. Our 'Government-Industry-Academe' partnership model thrived, making local actors more responsive to opening opportunities for OSYs.



What's Next? To ensure sustainability, ILF-SMI will forge more partnerships for seamless learner transitions, secure support from grant providers, enhance visibility, and improve our monitoring system for efficient job placements.

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ISABELA FOUNDATION, INC. (IFI)

Location:	Isabela City
Grant Amount:	Php 1.73 million and Php 250,000
Grant Type/s:	Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS, Grants for Youth Education and Development In The New Normal
Grant Period:	October 2021-October 2022 and and January 2021-July 2021

About the Grantee: IFI is a non-profit, non-stock organization operating in Basilan for almost 33 years since it was established in March 1989. Its goal is to help the deprived, excluded and vulnerable children in Basilan Province’s in two cities, five municipalities, and 62 barangays.

Grant Objectives: To strengthen national and local capability to provide OSY with quality education and learning experiences, inspire life-long-learning, and lead to an improved education, livelihood, or employment opportunities.

Grant Highlight: 103 OSYs who are ALS completers have completed training through IFI’s grant project. Of this, 58 have enrolled in Senior High School, 20 are now engaged in small livelihood projects (boat making, online selling, souvenir making, and managing a school canteen). IFI’s grant project resulted in a push for a digital training center in Isabela which can be accessed by youth for further upskilling.

What’s Next? IFI is sustaining its activities from the grant project by expanding this to other areas in Basilan supporting OSYs.

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JAMAICAN F&B TRAINING CENTER

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.3 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA
Grant Period: February 2022-January 2023

About the Grantee: Jamaican F&B Training Center was established in April 2003 in Cagayan de Oro City.

Grant Objectives: To help 100 OSYs in the city by developing their personal learning plan towards their career pathways, and lessen the unemployed young individuals.

What's Next? Even if the project is done, the support and encouragement for our learners remain constant. We will continue to support them all throughout their goals by endorsing them to different local businesses as needed so they may succeed.

Grant Highlight: 90 of the OSYs who completed training have already found new jobs or started their own businesses, such as the Brew Box, whose success surpassed expectations and even led to more funding for the center. As a training facility, we are proud of OSYs because the majority of them now have their own businesses or are currently employed.

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JOJI ILAGAN CAREER CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.

Location: Davao City
Grant Amount: Php 1.49 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: April 2023-February 2024

About the Grantee: The Joji Ilagan Career Center Foundation, Inc. is an educational conglomerate founded in 1982, based in Davao City, Philippines. It specializes in tourism, hospitality, culinary, and entrepreneurship programs, offering a range of degrees from two-year diplomas to four-year bachelor degrees, including senior high school programs. It is accredited by DepEd, TESDA, and CHED.

Grant Objectives: To inspire and equip 100 OSYs through training and education to become capable and resourceful individuals who can make a meaningful contribution to society.

Grant Highlight: Joji Ilagan Career Center has been able to transform OSYs giving youth clearer goals and hope. Through its grant project, the center was able to cater to learners with special needs and awarded scholarships to seven OSYs so they too can boost their confidence and professionalism.

What's Next? To ensure scale-up and sustainability, Joji Ilagan Career Center will continuously improve the program based on feedback, expand outreach through new centers and digital platforms, foster community engagement, and partner with employers for job placements.

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KUTAWATO GREENLAND INITIATIVES, INC.

Location: Cotabato City
Grant Amount: Php 2 million and Php 499,600
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: October 2021-October 2022 and July 2022-July 2023

About the Grantee: KGI is a non-profit organization dedicated to building resilient communities through environmental protection, climate change mitigation, peace and development interventions, gender and development, inclusive education, and social enterprise initiatives. Its mission is to empower communities, promote well-being and create a more equitable and inclusive society.

Grant Objectives:

1. To improve professional growth and career opportunities of 250 OSYs through customized youth workforce readiness training.
2. To empower 250 out-of-school youth in Cotabato City through leadership, digital literacy, and health education for community contribution and overall well-being.

Grant Highlight: The grant project helped KGI innovate project aimed promote collaboration and knowledge exchange among individuals and organizations. By fostering a culture of sharing ideas, resources, and technologies, the project drove to address complex challenges in various sectors.

What's Next? To scale up the project, KGI will focus on expanding our network, forging collaborations, and streamlining knowledge sharing. KGI will also use digital platforms for virtual interactions and aim to reach a larger audience more efficiently.

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MANA MILLENIUM TECHNICAL SCHOOL (MMTS), INC.

Location:	Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount:	Php 2 million
Grant Type/s:	Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program,
Grant Period:	May 2021-September 2023

About the Grantee: MMTS located in Tiano-Hayes, Cagayan de Oro was established in May 2005 as a review center for IELTS eventually developing to become a technical school in June 2009. It is TESDA-registered and offer NCII and NCIII courses on Housekeeping, Food and Beverages Services, Bread and Pastry Production, Cookery, and Bookkeeping.

Grant Objectives: MTTs aims to provide 150 OSYs the opportunity to improve their present predicament by acquiring new skills, realize education as a tool that will help them in their current living condition, and pursue further education and finally to be able to build their own business and became entrepreneurs.

Grant Highlight: MMTS's grant project met all its key indicators. Of three OSY batches completing training, 77 percent have transitioned to employment (self and wage employment) and 63 graduates transitioned to further studies. MMTS graduates have now been demonstrating more confidence, strong sense of leadership, positive attitudes, and actively participate in youth leadership activities in the community.

What's Next? MMTS will continue the project beyond the grant by coordinating with industry partners and engaging the graduates or completers to maintain connections and actively participate in regular updates. MMTS has incorporated all O2 modules in its training programs for learners outside grant coverage.

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MINDANAO TECHNICAL TRAINING ACADEMY, INC. (MINTTA)

Location: Iligan City
Grant Amount: Php 2 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: MINTAA was established in 2012 with its main school located in Kapatagan with branches in Salawagan, Quezon Bukidnon and San Miguel, Iligan City. MINTTA Bukidnon is currently and actively facilitating tech-voc courses on Bookkeeping, Bread and Pastry Production, and Driving.

Grant Objectives: To help 100 OSY along multiple pathways development, whether towards higher education, to wage employment or to start their own business through upskilling.

Grant Highlight: MINTAA has already reached 75 OSYs, 40 of whom have completed training. When you see the growth of the OSY, when you see how they are before the training and the development after, when you feel how you have touched their lives, the hard work is all worth it.

What's Next? Recruitment needs to be worked out firmly to locate more qualified OSY. Identify the needs of OSY to sustain daily attendance. Technical reports will also be updated.

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MIRIAM COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC.

Location: Quezon City
Grant Amount: PhP 740,800
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal
Grant Period: August 2021-August 2022

About the Grantee: Established in 1926 by the Maryknoll Sisters, Miriam College takes pride in being a trailblazing institution committed to training learners to become strong, responsible, productive, innovative, and effective leaders as they meet the demands of the 21st century. It has played a significant role in shaping the consciousness of generations of learners as agents of innovative and transformative social change were designed and implemented to guarantee relevance to the school's mission.

Grant Objectives:

1. Train and mentor 42 participants in creating relevant programs that will provide OSY with opportunities for employment and growth.
2. Equip 42 college and university faculty with technological, pedagogical content knowledge to train, coach, and mentor 65 OSYs, and developed programs for OSYs that are holistic and inclusive.

Grant Highlight: Through the USAID O2 grants, Miriam College was able to facilitate the creation of five programs for OSY development that are relevant, inclusive, and holistic with 42 faculty members. Engagement of 65 OSYs in these programs also equipped youth with skills and competencies needed for employment, business, or further studies.

What's Next? The training modules designed for the faculty and administrators of Quezon City University can be used by other members of the academe from other institutions and other sites than Quezon City, with permission from Miriam College.

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MONARK FOUNDATION, INC.

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 1.79 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: In 1997, Monark Foundation, a non-stock, non-profit organization, was established in Libis, Quezon City with the objective of training the less privileged but determined Filipino youth for future employment in the heavy equipment industry. Throughout the years, Monark Foundation developed partnerships locally and abroad to support its mission of providing opportunities to its young beneficiaries.

Grant Objectives: To empower 120 OSYs by providing them with training programs based on the EDC Work Ready Now (WRN) Curriculum. The training programs will guide the youth in various pathways towards achieving self-reliance.

Grant Highlight: Monark Foundation empowered OSYs for better livelihood, aligning with economic growth, and supporting poverty reduction in five barangays in Quezon City.

What's Next? Collaborating with more organizations, governments, and donors to secure additional resources and support. Continuously assessing and evaluating the project's impact on beneficiaries to make necessary adjustments and ensure sustained positive outcomes.

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NAGDILAAB FOUNDATION, INC. (NFI)

Location: Isabela City
Grant Amount: Php 250,000 and Php 1.34 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: January-July 4, 2021 and October 2021-October 2022

About the Grantee: The Nagdilaab Foundation, Inc. is non-government organization based in Basilan Province, established in February 2003. The programs and projects of NFI are anchored in the human security and conflict transformation framework of which synergy of interventions are made to relevantly response to the emerging needs of the communities being service.

Grant Objective: Provide OSYs quality education and learning experiences, inspire life long learning and leave to un improved education, livelihood or employment opportunities.

Grant Highlight: 109 OSY training completers of NFI's grant project are now employed and continued their further education, in senior high school and college. They now participate in youth activities through Isabela Local Youth Development office. Connected to other entrepreneurship opportunities, some completers are now selling street foods outside Basilan State College.

What's Next? NFI will continue lobbying and facilitating youth for employment, further education and do livelihood activities with the support and assistance from partners line agencies, local government, and business establishments and through the Isabela City Youth Development Alliance members.



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NEW BRIGHTON SCHOOL OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (NBSPI)

Location: General Santos City
Grant Amount: Php 1.46 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: June 2021-August 2022

About the Grantee: NBSPI was established in 2019 as an institution offering senior high school, tertiary education, and technical-vocational training on electrical services, welding electronics assembly, cookery, bread and pastry production, food and beverage servicing, and computer system servicing. As a tech-voc institution, NBSPI aimed to provide quality technical education and skills development in all its programs offered to attain local and global competitiveness.

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Grant Objectives: With the objective of transitioning 100 OSYs to education, employment, and entrepreneurship, NBSPI will provide soft and technical upskilling opportunities to OSYs to play a vital role in achieving a sustainable growth in the locality with the support of the KCC Group of Companies.

Grant Highlight: NBSPI exceeded its target and engaged 105 OSYs. The project showed an impressively high transition rate among OSY training completers, with 75 to 95 percent of each of the batches transitioning to new jobs or businesses while 5 to 35 percent proceed to further studies or training.

What's Next? Trainees continue to be updated on different job, upskilling, and education opportunities, like KCC Foundation, Inc. scholarship grant, NBSPI's Student-Employee program, EDUKAR scholarship grant offered by the city government, and the Alternative Learning System offered by the Department of Education.



NORTHERN SUMMIT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, INC.

Location: Iloilo City
Grant Amount: Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: June 2023-June 2024

About the Grantee: The Northern Summit Technical Institute opened in October 2018 and is located in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The school was created with a vision of developing lifelong learners using the competency-based approach. We developed a curriculum that is centered on faith and service.

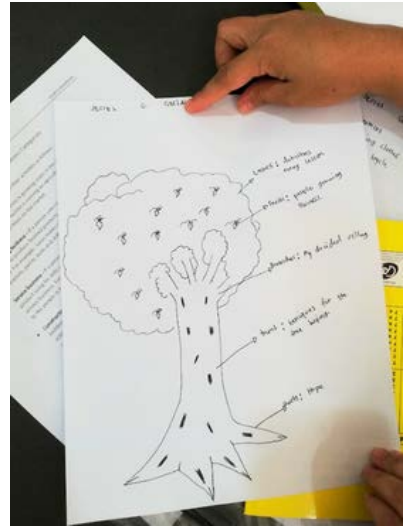
Grant Objectives: We are committed to understanding and utilizing the USAID Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program approach. We will work with partners, industry leaders, and other institutions to share the Opportunity 2.0 training model through trainings and institutional development. Through all these, we can achieve our ultimate goal of helping elevate the lives of 120 out-of-school youth.

Grant Highlight: Building ties with the local government and national government agencies to have a more robust collective effort in helping these young people gain the life skills, self-discipline, self-confidence, and technical skills to succeed in their career life.

What's Next? Leveraging partnerships with a diverse set of businesses, including emerging industries, will O2 more sustainable. This will help the learners find more opportunities that would match their skills set.



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PAGLAUM TRAINING INTERNATIONAL (PTI)

Location: Cebu City
Grant Amount: PHP 1.65 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: May 2021-October 2022

About the Grantee: PTI, established in 2010 in Metro Cebu, is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable individuals, particularly youth, to achieve economic self-sufficiency and lead safe, hopeful lives through a range of services such as soft skills training, career counseling, education support, work immersion, employment assistance, and crisis intervention.

Grant Objectives:

1. Train OSYs on Work Based Learning and Be Your Own Boss and facilitate 40-hour work immersion, higher education readiness orientation sessions, and peer coaching sessions.
2. Provide support for youth to successfully transition to wage employment, self-employment, or higher education.
3. Implement surveys, complete the youth transition tracker, and generate project reports for youth participants.

Grant Highlight: Despite facing challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and a super typhoon in December 2021, PTI managed to achieve its USAID O2 grant objectives. It brought significant positive changes to the lives of 90 OSYs, offering them hope and support. This program serves as a prime example of finding a silver lining in difficult circumstances.

What's Next? PTI will continue to participate actively in the Cebu City Youth Development Commission and provide services to OSYs through its core programs including case management support and building youth readiness for further education, employment, and self-employment for them to thrive in freedom and dignity.

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PILGRIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Location:	Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount:	Php 739,000 and Php 500,000
Grant Type/s:	Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA
Grant Period:	February 2022-March 2023 and June 2022-August 2023

About the Grantee: Pilgrim Christian College was established in 1948 in Cagayan de Oro City. The institution is as a non-stock, non-profit educational institution qualified as a church-related school under the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. It offers programs under the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Accountancy, School of Education, and the School of Technology for short-term courses. It also has a basic education department, which includes senior high.

What's Next? To strengthen interdisciplinary and collaborative interventions through planning sessions based on assessment. Better monitoring and evaluation strategies shall also be sought.

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Grant Objectives:

- 1.To equip the OSYs toward pursuing their studies, be gainfully employed, or become entrepreneurs.
- 2.To equip the OSYs with skills that allow them to post positivity on social media and be responsible advocates.

Grant Highlight: Pilgrim Christian College strengthened partnerships with the local government units through the grant project. Interdisciplinary and collaborative interventions were pursued due to limited resources of the institution. Participants expressed gratitude from the skills they gained and community activities they were engaged in. The Pilgrim Christian College grants team was able to come up with seed money intended for a scholarship in college for a qualified OSY.



QUEZON CITY UNIVERSITY

Location:	Quezon City
Grant Amount:	Php 750,000
Grant Type/s:	Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant
Grant Period:	September 2021-September 2022

About the Grantee: Quezon City University, formerly Quezon City Polytechnic University, is the only local university of Quezon City that was created in March 1994. Its main campus is at Brgy. San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon, and it has two other campuses in San Francisco and Batasan, QC. QCU offers bachelor's degree programs for Entrepreneurship, Industrial Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Information Technology, Accountancy, Management Accounting, and Early Childhood Education.

Grant Objectives: To deliver a six-month executive course designed for 160 barangay officials, youth leaders, and community organizers including OSYs ALS and TESDA course completers to better understand the situation of OSY in the community, and train them to develop and design community programs, projects, and activities that will address the situations, problems and concerns of OSY.

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Grant Highlight: QCU was able to gather 160 barangay officials, youth leaders, community organizers, and the OSYs in one setting to plan, design, and develop relevant, sustainable, and cross-sectoral programs for the OSYs. Through this executive course, seven project proposals were developed, of which two were implemented during the grant period, which has resulted in the employment of 30-50 OSYs in nearby barangays, and the transition of some OSYs back to formal education (college).

What's Next? Three key pillars were identified to ensure scale-up or sustainability of the innovative project: (1) policy or local ordinance institutionalizing the project as well as LGU-led financing, (2) formal endorsement from the Department of Interior and Local Government and the National Youth Commission, and (3) institutional strengthening via formal partnerships with other agencies.



RAMON ABOITIZ FOUNDATION INC. (RAFI)

Location: Cebu City
Grant Amount: Php 499,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: July 2022-March 2023

About the Grantee: RAFI is the family foundation of the family line of Don Ramon Aboitiz, a philanthropist business tycoon who grew his family's small abaca business in early 1900s to a Cebu-based conglomerate by the 1970s with his brothers. Established in 1966, RAFI continues to elevate lives of people in the Visayas and Mindanao. RAFI's role is to provide the architecture of participation, setting the stage for partnerships, coalitions and project management by working with local government and civil society in bringing about positive change.

Grant Objectives: Conduct *DigiKabataan para sa Kabuhayan* (Out-of-School Youth Bootcamp) to promote inclusion and empowerment of 30 OSYs by leveraging their digital skills and strengths, enabling them to make meaningful contributions to the success of local micro-entrepreneurs and businesses.

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Grant Highlight: The inter-unit collaboration of RAFI Micro Finance and the RAFI Center for Leaders provided micro-finance services to underprivileged entrepreneurs and also promoted youth development which showcased the team's innovation in designing and delivering training relevant to the needs of the OSY.

As such, the grant project made great impact to the lives OSY in terms of personal learning and development and also expanded their opportunities in community engagement and involvement.

What's Next? Post-program support will be provided to the participants through start-up capital and access to youth engagements aligned with their current needs. The project will also be endorsed to RAFI's program teams by which its outcomes align to their operational strategy.



SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE FOR INDUSTRIAL LABOR, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE (SKILLS) INC.

Location:	Cebu City
Grant Amount:	Php 1.88 million and Php 1.98 million
Grant Type/s:	Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period:	May 2021-September 2022 and October 2023-September 2024

About the Grantee: SKILLS is a Cebu-based technical vocational institute founded by the Primary Group of Builders in 2008. SKILLS is committed to the training and certification of globally competent Filipino workers. SKILLS carries out its mission through its Senior High School Academic and Technical Vocational Education and Training programs. These programs solve skills shortage, address academe-industry mismatch, and alleviate poverty. SKILLS offers courses in construction, maritime, health, and hospitality.

Grant Objectives:

1. Phase 1 target is to train 125 OSY, wherein at least 100 of them must complete the Work Ready Now modules, complete a TVET course, be TESDA-certified, and receive accompaniment support for employment.
2. Phase 2 target is to train 133 OSY, wherein 80% of target trainees must complete the training with at least 70% of completers transition to employment, self-employment, or higher level education or training.

Grant Highlight: SKILLS offered demand-driven courses with immediate employment opportunities upon training completion. 77 OSY training completers have already transitioned to jobs, businesses, or higher-level training.

SKILLS developed digital contents of the TVET and WRN courses so that OSY can self-learn through the learning management system, www.skills-ph.com. SKILLS integrated a team building and personal improvement activity to improve retention and build camaraderie. Although SKILLS rolled out construction courses, its approach is inclusive and welcomed women and members of the LGBTQ community.

What's Next? SKILLS will implement Phase 2 of its grant project focusing on the courses: Plumbing NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, and Shielded Metal Arc Welding NC II. Moreover, SKILLS will also rollout the WRN curriculum to more OSYs.

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STI COLLEGE GENERAL SANTOS, INC.

Location:	General Santos City
Grant Amount:	Php 2 million, Php 2 million, and Php 750,000
Grant Type/s:	Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for TESDA, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS, Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant
Grant Period:	Feb 2022-Sep 2023, Oct 2021-Aug 2023, and Mar 2021-Mar 2022

About the Grantee: In August 1983, STI was only a computer training center with only two campuses. Now, STI College has campuses all over the Philippines and has diversified into ICT-enhanced programs in Information Technology, Business, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Maritime, and Senior and Junior High Schools. STI College Gen. Santos, Inc. is committed in intensifying CSR programs that gives opportunity to the OSYs in partnership with YADO-Gensan, DepEd ALS and other agencies.

Grant Objectives:

1. To strengthen national and local systems that support Filipino OSY to achieve better education, employment, and livelihood outcomes.
2. To increase the Philippine government's ability to develop and enhance the employability of OSY skills in response to the demand of the job market and improving mechanisms for upskilled OSYs to transition to be gainfully employed or self-employed.
3. To address the challenge of the absence of consolidated data of OSYs in General Santos City.

Grant Highlight: STI GenSan successfully developed *POSY-GEN: Online Database Management System* that consolidates all youth data in General Santos City. Through the system, policy-making and decision-making on interventions for different youth sectors including OSYs would be evidence-based and more likely to achieve key youth development objectives. OSYs upskilled by STI GenSan also showcased their entrepreneurial skills and lessons of the hiring process when they joined the Senior High School Expo and Job Placement Fair in GenSan.

What's Next? STI College GenSan will continue supporting in the implementation of POSY-GEN project by sharing expertise in its use. TVET programs in partnership with TESDA are continuously offered to sustain Higher Education Readiness Orientation programs.

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TEAM ALBAY YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (TAYO) INC.

Location: Legazpi City
Grant Amount: Php 500,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: January 2023-September 2023

About the Grantee: TAYO Inc. is a convergence of youth organizations in the province of Albay. It started in 2013 but was formally recognized in 2014, through an Executive Order establishing TAYO as the official youth arm of the province of Albay, carrying out projects for and by the youth. In 2016, it was accredited by the Securities and Exchange Commission as a community-based, non-government organization.

Grant Objectives: Deliver and implement the CLIMATE HERO project focused on youth involvement, particularly in honing and equipping 120 OSYs with skills and knowledge on disaster preparedness. This project is geared towards civic leadership, coaching, mentoring, and volunteering that will provide service concerning management and disaster response.

Grant Highlight: Youth's active engagement made handling the series of activities of the grant project possible. Through the grant, TAYO is proud to have given opportunities for OSYs to be resilient in terms of disaster preparedness. The unskilled youth's dedication and passion to learn how to be adaptive and learn the basic skills of each activities specifically the skills of being a first aider during calamities demonstrate the success of the project.

What's Next? To sustain OSY involvement in disaster preparedness and mitigation, TAYO will work with the local government unit towards a resolution for the city to institutionalize CLIMATE HERO.

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TCO SOCIO-ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Location: Cagayan de Oro
Grant Amount: Php 2 million and Php 2 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal, Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-April 2024

About the Grantee: TCO SEED was founded in 2017 in Cagayan de Oro City as a technical vocational school of Toyota Cagayan de Oro, catering to the training needs of future automotive technicians.

Grant Objectives: The grant project aims to give second opportunity for 500 OSYs through tech-voc training and find a more prosperous future through a career in the auto industry.

Grant Highlight: The motivation we see in OSY students show how important and impactful TCO SEED's grant project is. Most of our youth, when they come here, no longer have dreams and aspirations. They live life just to make through each day. But with the dedication of our trainers in the grant project, majority of these youth started to dream once more.



What's Next? Monitor and guide students to complete their tech-voc and work readiness training so they can achieve their goals of prosperity for themselves and their families.

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TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES (T.I.P.)

Location: Quezon City (District 2)
Grant Amount: Php 499,360
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: June 2022-June 2023

About the Grantee: T.I.P. is one of the country's premier engineering colleges that also offers programs in computer studies, architecture, business, education, and the arts. It is a private non-sectarian stock school founded in February 1962, by a group of educators headed by Engineer Demetrio A. Quirino, Jr. and Dr. Teresita U. Quirino. T.I.P. has campuses in Quiapo and Quezon City.

Grant Objectives: The project intended to enable 40 out-of-school youths to become productive members of society through training and various opportunities for entrepreneurship using online modalities.

Grant Highlight: T.I.P.'s grant project culminated in an activity that showcased the outputs of OSYs who completed the training program. They successfully created eight (8) functional social media platforms that promote goods and services of micro business entities. The training program proved valuable in empowering the beneficiaries and in nurturing their skills.

What's Next? After project completion, T.I.P. will continue to engage with OSYs through other upskilling and livelihood extension projects. Another way to sustain the project is linking the training completers with the T.I.P. Career Center for possible employment opportunities.

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THE HIGH ACHIEVERS INSTITUTE OF ASIA, INC.

Location: Davao City
Grant Amount: Php 1.78 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: March 2022-September 2023

About the Grantee: The High Achievers Institute of Asia, Inc. was founded in August 2015 and is located in Anahaw Village, Ma-a, Davao City. It is a non-stock, non-profit corporation that operates as a technical and vocational training institution offering courses mainly for the hospitality and tourism industries.

Grant Objectives: Through USAID Opportunity 2.0 grants, the High Achievers Institute aimed at addressing 120 out-of-school youths' low basic academic skills, weak life skills, poor work preparation, lack of technical, occupational, and entrepreneurial skills, limited work experience, and the urgent need for income.

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Grant Highlight: The institute successfully reached its target of upskilling 120 OSYs and transitioned 108 to new jobs or businesses. Close linkages with employers and local labor markets insured job placement for successful completers. By paying attention to the changing job markets and providing relevant training and work experience programs to the students, the institute was able to answer to the needs of the industries and better prepared the youth for the world of work.

What's Next? The High Achievers Institute of Asia shall continue to engage our learners with curricula that are aligned with professional or occupational competencies required by the labor market. This will help build a holistic workforce where employees are recognized for the depth and breadth of their individual skills and experience.



TRINITY UNIVERSITY OF ASIA (TUA)

Location: Quezon City
Grant Amount: Php 427,200
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal
Grant Period: July 2022-August 2023

About the Grantee: TUA is the first full-fledged educational institution organized from the concordat of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente. It is a private, non-profit, and church-related learning institution founded in 1963. Its Trinitian Center for Community Development (TCCD) assists in the University's extension efforts. TCCD coordinates with different stakeholders across Metro Manila and the Rizal Province to deliver programs and services on education, health, livelihood, technology, environment, community organization, and empowerment.

Grant Objectives: To engage 60 OSYs and enhance their knowledge and skills on various issues and concerns affecting their welfare and development towards building a volunteer youth group that will serve with local youth councils on developmental projects on Mental Health, Values and Spirituality, Leadership, and Advocacy as well as Volunteerism and Community Service.

Grant Highlight: The grant project reached 72 OSYs, 59 of whom completed training and returned to school, pursued work, or focused on their families. Its success was a collective feat of EDC, TUA, Quezon City government, partner barangays, and organizations, especially the OSY participants. Youth broke stereotypes with their commitment, proving that circumstances did not limit them from reaching their potential.

What's Next? The project opened opportunities for the University to provide further training to the youth participants from other partner communities. TUA's other community extension projects in the college of nursing and medicine will upskilling and peer support for marginalized youth. Continued close alignment with barangays will ensure sustainability of initiatives.

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TSKI SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE, INC. (TSKI)

Location: Iloilo City
Grant Amount: Php 1.8 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: June 2023-June 2024

About the Grantee: TSKI Skills and Knowledge Institute, Inc. was established in March 2016 and is located in Pavia, Iloilo. TSKI, Inc. is an expert service provider in two TESDA-accredited tech-voc programs: Microfinance Technology NC II and Production of High-Quality Inbred Rice, and Seed Certification, and Farm Mechanization.

Grant Objectives:

1. To reach 120 OSYs in Iloilo City to undergo Work Ready Now Training Program Curriculum in one year
2. To provide technical vocational skills to target OSYs
3. To provide OSYs various opportunities to advance their chosen careers or towards employment

Grant Highlight: Currently, we are still in the recruitment phase and just starting. We hope to learn best practices from other grantees in the implementation of the same program.

What's Next? To intensify recruitment activities to reach the qualified OSYs in the projects site.

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UNILAB FOUNDATION, INC. (ULF)

Location: Quezon City
Grant Amount: Php 1.99 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Work Readiness and Continuing Education Training Program for OSY
Grant Period: March 2023-March 2024

About the Grantee: ULF, established in 2011 and located in Mandaluyong City, is UNILAB's corporate foundation. Its mission is to create an enabling environment for inclusive development in the Philippines. Its programs focus on delivering integrated STEM education, mental health toolkits, inclusive healthcare access, and youth leadership programs. Building strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement is central to ULF's operations and implementation, enhancing program reach and impact.

Grant Highlight: In its pilot year, the project transformed the lives of over 100 OSYs. Its innovative training approach includes values formation training, equipping them not only with technical knowledge but also the right attitude and growth mindset essential for success. This translates to the impact that we take the most pride in—a remarkable increase in their self-confidence, enabling them to excel in various aspects of life and contribute positively to their families and communities.

Grant Objectives: ULF's grant project aims to provide ALS training to 150 OSYs and enhance their work readiness competencies to improve their employability. Simultaneously, it links them to paid internships and on-the-job training opportunities. To do this, ULF builds on government, industry, and academic partnerships, ensuring the project's sustainability. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce local OSY percentages and create OSY development ecosystems nationwide.

What's Next? ULF's grant project builds on partnerships with the local diocese, industries, and Public Employment Service Office to create an ecosystem of support for OSYs. It has already begun exploring replication of this community philanthropy model in the Archdiocese of Manila, Roxas City, and Butuan.

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UNIVERSITY OF BOHOL

Location: Tagbilaran City
Grant Amount: Php 1.57 million
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Workforce Readiness Training Program
Grant Period: July 2021-October 2022

About the Grantee: The University of Bohol, formerly known as Rafael Palma College, is a stock and non-sectarian private institution founded in 1946 and the first university in Bohol. Located at Dr. Cecilio Putong St., Tagbilaran City, it is a public corporation that offers basic and higher education and implements research and development projects. Furthermore, it produces leaders in the community in different fields of specialization who embody the university’s core values of scholarship, character, and service.

Grant Objectives: The grant project intends to build the capacity of OSYs through ALS education and skill-building, leading to improved education, livelihood, or employment opportunities to achieve a better quality of life. Furthermore, integrating the USAID Opportunity 2.0 Youth Workforce Readiness Training Programs and Services, it seeks to help out-of-school youth master new job-focused skills to prepare them for relevant and productive employment.

Grant Highlight: The grant has strengthened the University of Bohol’s active membership in the Youth Development Alliance of Tagbilaran City. Overcoming the challenges brought about by the pandemic and typhoon Rai (Odette), the University of Bohol has helped transition 30 OSYs to further education, self-employment, and wage employment. It has also strengthened its scholarship services by supporting some graduates of the project in pursuing college education at the university as working scholars.

What’s Next? The University of Bohol offers various scholarships that could be windows of opportunity for the OSY who are cohorts in the project to pursue higher education with us.

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UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

Location:	Cebu City
Grant Amount:	Php 750,000
Grant Type/s:	Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant
Grant Period:	September 2021-December 2022

About the Grantee: The University of San Carlos (USC) is a Catholic education institution administered since 1935 by Society of the Divine Word (SVD) missionaries in Cebu City, Philippines. A University since 1948, USC offers the complete educational package from kindergarten, including a Montessori academy, to graduate school.

Grant Objectives: The USC School of Engineering participates in Community Extension Learning Service Program, focused on the upskilling of the out-of-school youth in its surrounding and adopted communities. The project provides a wide range of technical- and skills-based courses and hands-on training to better educate OSYs, which consequently opens more opportunities to participants to land decent jobs/career in business and industry.

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Grant Highlight: The project exceeded its target of reaching 60 and has been able to engage 81 instead and offer them five a choice of training courses on Computer Servicing, Computer Literacy and Productivity Tools, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Technopreneurship, and Computer Network Cabling. Teaching-learning activities in all courses composed of lecture and hands-on activities. The project also provided additional seminars, such work ethics and resume making. The students were also exposed to three partner companies through site visits.

What's Next? We are committed to continuously upskilling the out-of-school youth. We will offer more technical-based skill training courses. Ultimately, establish sustainable platform that will link learners who completed the training to an appropriate company, aiding them to get job after.



UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP)

Location: Cagayan de Oro City
Grant Amount: Php 500,000 and Php 750,000
Grant Type/s: Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant, Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement
Grant Period: August 2021–November 2022 and July 2022–June 2023

About the Grantee: USTP was established on August 2016. The University is recognized by the CHED as a Center of Excellence in Information Technology, the only institution in the entire Mindanao awarded with such recognition. It is also recognized as a Center of Development in Mathematics, a Center of Development in Electrical Engineering, and a Center of Development in Agriculture.

Grant Objectives:

1. Design and develop a web and mobile-based application that maps OSYs and monitors learners enrolled in Alternative Learning System.
2. Equip the OSYs with basic digital or computer literacy skills, to design and create multimedia materials for information dissemination, online marketing, and online presence among others and become effective volunteers

Grant Highlight: The *E-Monitor Mo* app was transferred as a technology to the LGU of Cagayan de Oro City and has resulted to a higher desire to improve data collection and data utilization as inputs for programs and policies for the youth.

Some OSYs who completed their training were able to join Government Internship Program through DOLE using their skills while some were able to enroll at USTP as college students.

What's Next? For USTP to continue to provide and pursue projects and programs for the youth, we will continue to seek partnership and join activities to update us with the latest developments.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES (USEP)

Location: Davao City
Grant Amount: Php 750,000
Grant Type/s: Strengthening Employment, Education and Development Support for OSY (SEEDS) Grant
Grant Period: November 2021-March 2023

About the Grantee: USEP began operations in 1979 integrating the four state institutions in the region. USEP has been a principal driver in the generation, dissemination, advancement, and application of knowledge and expertise, more particularly in the fields of education, arts and science, agriculture and forestry, business and economics, engineering, technology, and information and computing, which are all considered critical to social progress and economic growth.

Grant Objectives: Design, develop and implement an OSY information system and learning management system to improve the efficiency of service providers in the delivery and storage of learning materials and activities, increasing the number of ALS enrolment and completion.

Grant Highlight: The successful implementation of the system reached 3500 OSYs so far and can reach a wider audience, which can lead to an increase in the number of beneficiaries. Also, service providers can use valuable data to make informed decisions about service improvement, resource allocation, and individualized support for learners.

What's Next? To Monitor, evaluate, and deploy interns for the maintenance of the system, including feature upgrades and security patches.

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YOUTHLEAD PHILIPPINES INC (YLP)

Location: Tagbilaran City
Grant Amount: Php 1.99 million and Php 498,800
Grant Type/s: Grants for Advancing Out-of-School Youth Engagement, Grants for Youth Work and Continuing Education Readiness Training Program for ALS
Grant Period: November 2021-November 2023 and July 2022-April 2023

About the Grantee: The YLP, established on 15 January 2011 with the office address of Units 1 and 2, Bustrillos Building, Corner Visarra and Gallares Streets, Tagbilaran City, Bohol. YLP is a non-stock, non-partisan youth development organization that upholds and promotes the ideals and values of transformational leadership. Our mission is to engage young leaders, build their capacity to become transformation leaders, and empower them to impact communities.

Grant Objectives: Through USAID Opportunity 2.0 grants, YLP aimed to:

1. Directly engage out-of-school youths by raising their awareness, enabling their capacities, and empowering them to impact their communities as problem solvers through the Barangay Youth Catalyst Projects they will implement
2. Provide OSYs with quality education and learning experiences, inspire life-long-learning, and lead to an improved education, livelihood, or employment opportunities.

Grant Highlight: The grant projects has reached 209 OSYs and helped 104 transition to new jobs, enterprises, or further studies. Group dynamics were given importance and are presented in a unique and engaging way, ensuring that the youth partners are learning while having fun. Point system (merits and demerits) has been implemented to encourage healthy competition and serve as repercussions to their actions and active participation.

What's Next? YLP will organize the alumni, and they will make a small organization so that their voices will be heard in the right places and a proper quorum. It can be a long-term goal of this organization if they will be recognized as an existing youth organization to the City Youth Development Council.

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ZAMBOANGA-BASILAN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC. (ZABIDA)

Location: Zamboanga City
Grant Amount: Php 250,000
Grant Type/s: Grants for Youth Education and Development in the New Normal
Grant Period: April-Sept 2021

About the Grantee: ZABIDA has been operating in Zamboanga City and Basilan since 2007 and have expanded in Zamboanga Del Sur and Zamboanga del Norte. Its expertise is in participatory governance, poverty reduction, community engagements, human rights, gender, disaster risk reduction, environment, microfinancing, enterprise development, alternative and technical skills education, peace, interreligious solidarity, and trauma healing.

Grant Objectives: The USAID grant project of ZABIDA aimed at integrating youth development as well as addressing sustainability mechanism for COVID-19 response through skills training on contact tracing and peer education on youth reproductive health and related advocacy.

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Grant Highlight: 25 OSYs who completed training and post-training intervention is now a well-recognized youth organization in Zamboanga City and an active member of the Local Youth Development Council. They are being capacitated further as youth advocates of the Population Commission's campaign on family planning and health. The OSY organization has now grown to four chapters in four barangays in the city, with employed 8 of the 25 employed, 10 continued to further education, and some are self-employed.

What's Next? ZABIDA will be engaged in strategic planning and make a manual of operations with a sustainability plans. Strengthening networking with the local youth council, other local actors, and with the Youth Development Alliance.



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