

DOST-ITDI GAD holds food and personal care products training series for Taguig City Diocese



The ITDI GAD Training/Capability Building Program featured several livelihood training courses on food including calamansi processing, coco lumpia and coco lumpia-burger production, ham making, and liquid handwash and hand sanitizer production. It aimed to provide select stay at home housewives and other womenfolk, youth, and other groups of the Taguig City Diocese knowledge and skills to enable them to startup or expand small businesses at home.

Majority of the participants are women aged 51 to 70 years old and are married. Most are able-bodied and have only three dependents with nearly half having finished a college degree. More than a third are employed or manage small home-based businesses.

Led by Fr. Errol Fidel H. Mananquil, Parish Priest of the Saint Joseph Parish in Upper Bicutan, a total of 70 participants joined the training series which began on October 4, 2022. This was followed by other courses held on October 5, 10, 26, and 27.

Together with Dr. Ang, Fr. Mananquil, and some 30 participants, the group gathered again for the virtual Closing Ceremony held on November 3. Here, Dr. Ang engaged the group to expect plans for conduct of more support training courses on product costing, valuation, and accounting; hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) and good manufacturing practices (GMP), appropriate packaging system; and marketing, among others.



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"We want this group to serve as our best practice model for social entrepreneurship. That's why Fr. Errol's statement about forming this group into a cooperative is such a great step towards that. With a legal identity, it can be entitled to other technical and financial assistance from ITDI and other national government agencies. These include, nutritive and shelf life analyses of their products," said Dr. Ang.



Meanwhile, participants said that they are satisfied with the training program with 23% of them expressing interest to startup a business; a fourth committed to adopt new products to expand their lines and share these with their community. (AMGuevarra\ TSD-ITDI)

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