



ADNU'S COLLABORATION WITH NGOS TO ADVANCE THE SDGS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION



Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU) actively collaborates with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community partners to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through student volunteering, applied research, and development of educational resources. These partnerships connect academic formation with social transformation, allowing the University to contribute to inclusive, community-driven solutions across Bicol and beyond.

Student Volunteering and International Outreach

Through the Office of Student Affairs, ADNU sustains an international partnership with Bunkyo University – Koshigaya Campus (Japan) via the “B Project” and “Project BASE”. From 2023 to 2025, this collaboration engaged students and faculty from both institutions in environmental and educational outreach for communities affected by natural disasters. Participants planted nearly 400 trees, conducted 26 learning sessions for more than 900 pupils, and donated school resources to public elementary schools. These efforts, implemented with LGUs and NGOs, demonstrate service-learning and intercultural engagement anchored in sustainable development.

Research Collaboration with Civil Society

The Ateneo Social Science Research Center (ASSRC) served as evaluator for Fundacion InteRed’s project with the Sorsogon Social Action Foundation Inc., which aimed to strengthen local governance through civil society participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. This engagement contributed policy insights and capacity assessments for local leaders and Barangay-Based Institutions (BBIs), reflecting ADNU’s role as a research partner of NGOs in democratic governance and poverty alleviation.

Institutional Collaboration and Resource Generation

In response to the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) recommendation, the University Social Involvement Council (USIC) institutionalized the Social Involvement (SI) Fee, a sustainable funding mechanism for outreach and poverty-alleviation projects.

This collaboration with PCNC ensures that ADNU maintains certified partnerships with NGOs and consistently generates resources for livelihood training, feeding programs, and community immersions that directly benefit poor communities.

Community and Cultural Development Partnerships

The Creative Endeavor Council (CEC) and partner NGOs spearhead community-centered programs such as the Bahay Atenista housing initiative, Hablon Fest, and BUKLAD: ADNU Arts and Culture Festival, which engage local artists, civic groups, and cultural organizations in promoting social inclusion, housing, climate awareness, and cultural education. These events demonstrate how creative collaboration fosters solidarity and awareness of the SDGs at the grassroots level.

Scientific and Environmental Engagement

Through the Institute for Environmental Conservation and Research (INECAR), ADNU participates in multi-sectoral partnerships with NGOs and government agencies such as the National Resilience Council and Environmental Management Bureau. INECAR contributes science-based training and research to enhance climate resilience, urban sustainability, and air quality management, aligning community development with environmental protection.

Across its academic, research, and social involvement units, Ateneo de Naga University demonstrates sustained, multi-dimensional collaboration with **non-governmental organizations** to advance the **SDGs**. These partnerships span **volunteer service, research and policy evaluation, and educational resource development**, illustrating ADNU’s Jesuit commitment to forming communities that are **competent, compassionate, and committed to social transformation**.