



ATENEO DE NAGA UNIVERSITY: EXTENDING HEALTH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Collaborative Partnerships

Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU), through the University Social Involvement Council (USIC), coordinates outreach programs and student-led initiatives that strengthen community health and well-being. These projects are conducted in partnership with local government units, health centers, and civil society organizations, ensuring that public health education reaches underserved sectors.

Recent collaborations include joint activities with barangay officials, health workers, and non-governmental organizations such as the Tanging Yaman Foundation. These efforts highlight ADNU's long-standing engagement with partner communities across Camarines Sur, reflecting its mission to apply academic learning toward social transformation.



Source: One Big Light Outreach - USIC Submitted Documentation Photos

Social and Developmental Impact

These community outreach programs strengthened ADNU's connection with partner communities and demonstrated the University's ability to translate academic expertise into direct social impact. The projects improved health literacy, supported maternal and child nutrition, and enhanced local capacity for emergency response.

Through these sustained engagements, ADNU affirms its Jesuit mission of service and compassion, promoting the well-being of vulnerable populations while forming students who are competent, compassionate, and committed to the common good.



Source: ABFA Xavier Day Outreach - USIC Submitted Documentation Photos

Implementation and Scope

From 2023 to 2025, students and faculty organized several health promotion and education programs across Bicol. One initiative, Edu-Aksyon Para sa mga Bados, was implemented by Biology students in Barangay Cagbunga, Pamplona, Camarines Sur, to raise awareness about parasitic infections and prenatal care. The program included discussions on disease prevention, maternal nutrition, and hygiene practices, coupled with the distribution of vitamins and hygiene kits.

In Canaman, Psychology students facilitated a Psychological First Aid Training at the People Center, equipping barangay officials and Rural Health Unit representatives with practical crisis response and self-care skills through interactive simulations and role-playing exercises.

The Center for Community Development (CCD) also implemented Project Salud, or Special Advocacy for Lifting Undernourished and Disadvantaged Children, in partnership with Tanging Yaman Foundation. The initiative addressed undernutrition among children aged 5 to 8 in the municipalities of Magarao, Canaman, and Bombon. A total of 282 children participated in the program, which successfully reduced the incidence of wasting and stunting by the end of the implementation period.

