IMPACT OF EXTENSION SERVICES AND CAPABILITY BUILDING PROGRAM IN DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR

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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted to find out the impact of extension services and capability building program of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur provided to extension services and capability building program such as: Livelihood Development Coordinators, Barangay Livelihood Development Coordinators, Dumingag Organic Food Association, Dumingag Organic President, Farmers Credit Timuay, and Religious Saving's Cooperative, sectors, Purok Multi-sectoral Organization and Kagawad ng Barangay.

Specifically, it aimed to; 1) determine the socio demographic profile of the respondents, 2) identify the extension services availed by the respondents, 3) determine the trainings availed by the respondents, 4) find out the social and economic benefits derived by the respondents from the extension services and trainings, 5) verify the government and non-government

interventions accessed by the respondents, and 6) identify the problems encountered, suggested solutions and aspirations in life.

The study revealed that majority of the respondents are males, married, having an age bracket of 40 and above. Majority are Roman Catholic with 1-3 siblings. Majority are in College level and Cebuano.

A greater number of the respondents are engaged in farming, land owner of less than 1 hectare. The average monthly income of the respondents before the extension services and capability building program ranged from less than Php 5,000.00 with 64 or 65.3%. After availing the extension services and capability building program, the average income of the respondents ranged from Php 5,000.00 - Php 10,000.00 with 52 or 53.1% which means that there is an increase of monthly income of the respondents after availing the extension services and capability building program.

The availment of extension services has helped the respondents with a rating of "very good" on the following aspects: trainings, actual processing and demonstration, and tour around demo farm of respective model farmer, organizations, associations and other agencies that extend projects, and activities.

As to the government and non-government intervention accessed by the respondents, the Department of Agriculture has sufficient

access to technical, material and financial support in translating the vision, goals and objectives of Dumingagnons.

A greater majority of the respondents encountered problems on high cost of inputs in farming activities. One of the suggested solutions made by the respondents is to attend trainings which would enlighten the poor to know themselves better and capacitated to liberate themselves thru people empowerment.

After the availment of extension services and capability building program, the respondents stimulated and energized their capacities and skills and aspired to plant different crops such as rubber, abaca, falcate, cassava, fruit trees and other trees to liberate themselves from poverty, hunger, and sickness.