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DOST 1 participates in theWEE Care, WE Share during the 2021 National Women's Month Celebration

Department of Science and Technology Region 1 (DOST 1), through its Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS), actively participated in the recently conducted WEE Care, WE Share Forum hosted by DOST Region 2 via Zoom.

WEE stands for Women Economic Empowerment while WE stands for Women Empowerment. The forum is conducted to unlock the doors of success and unblocking MSMEs' avenues of opportunity so that women can become actors in building community resilience and in alleviating the lives of those living in the communities.

DOST Region 2 Regional Director Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang said during his Opening Remarks that *"Gaya ng agham at teknolohiya, ang mga kababaihan ay mga revolutionary at magdadala ng pagbabago sa ating buhay at maging sa ating mundo. Sila ay nagtatrabaho ng buong puso at may pagmamahal dahil ang kanilang mga likha ay made with passion at made with great skill. Kaya nilang mag-empower sa kanilang kapwa dahil sila ay nagiging inspirasyon sa lahat."* Engr. Mabborang is the Head of the DOST Luzon Cluster GAD Forum.

Philippine Commission on Women's (PCW) Executive Director Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves also gave her message emphasizing "The extraordinary roles of Juan and Juanas in the society as trailblazers and harbingers of change especially during this time of pandemic."

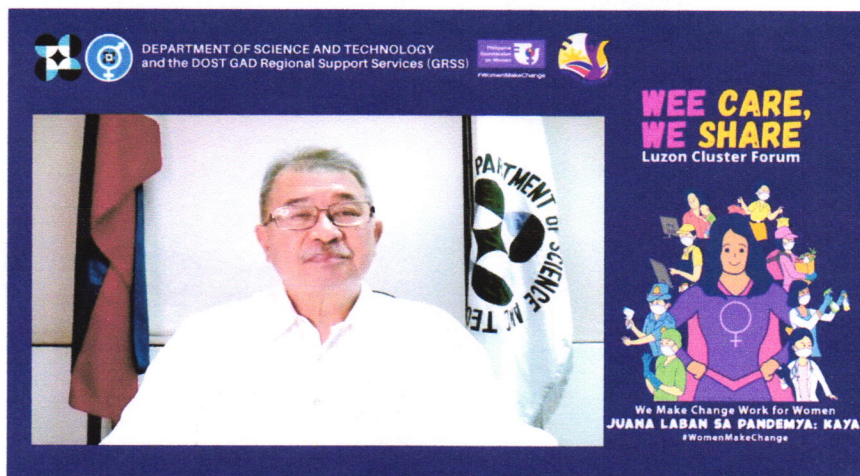


Philippine Commission on Women's (PCW) Executive Director Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves in conveying her message to all juan and juanas.

DOST Secretary, Hon. Fortunato T. dela Peña also gave his message and shared an anecdote about the life of Maria Ilagan Orosa, a well-known Filipina Chemist.

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Secretary dela Peña also commended “All women can make an impact, can make change no matter what you are called in life. Be encouraged to think ahead of technologies, products and innovations that will not only impact today but also for the next generations to come. May the work of your hands help the people and serve the nation.”



DOST Secretary, Hon. Fortunato T. dela Peña as Keynote Speaker of the WEE Care, WE Share Forum.

DOST Regional Offices in Luzon Cluster have identified the best Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in their respective regions who has notable covid-19 initiatives. From Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Ms. Sally B. Pepito, Owner of Mt. Zion Bakery; from Region 1, Mr. Racky D. Doctor, President of Nutridense Food Manufacturing Corporation; from Region 2, Ms. Olivia B. Pascual, President of the Rural Improvement Club of Lal-lo Cagayan; from Region 3, Ms. Leonora C. Magaling, Owner of TLM Yema Buko Pie and Pasalubong Center; from Calabarzon, Ms. Mary Jane Raca, Owner of C&H Cosmetics Industry; from Mimaropa, Ms. Carmelita Rejano Reyes, Owner of Rejano's Bakery; and from Region 5, Ms. Annie R. Llaguno, Owner of HML Food Corporation.

Region 1's representative, Mr. Racky D. Doctor shared their company's covid-19 initiatives that benefitted the community. Nutridense Food Manufacturing Corporation based in Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan is a leading manufacturer of research-based food products in the Philippines which is committed to support programs on healthy snacking and reduction of malnutrition in the country. Mr. Doctor is also the President of Pangasinan Entrepreneurs Development Association, Inc. or the PEDAI, an association that opens access to financial, technological, and marketing opportunities to its member-MSMEs. Mr. Doctor, on the other hand, leads in assisting and guiding fellow entrepreneurs, who are mostly women, in the province of Pangasinan.

“Enhanced community quarantine brought by Covid-19 pandemic adversely affected our momentum in the production of our products. Supply went on as our products were categorized as essential and most importantly, addressing malnutrition in the country. We were able to sustain our production and supply as

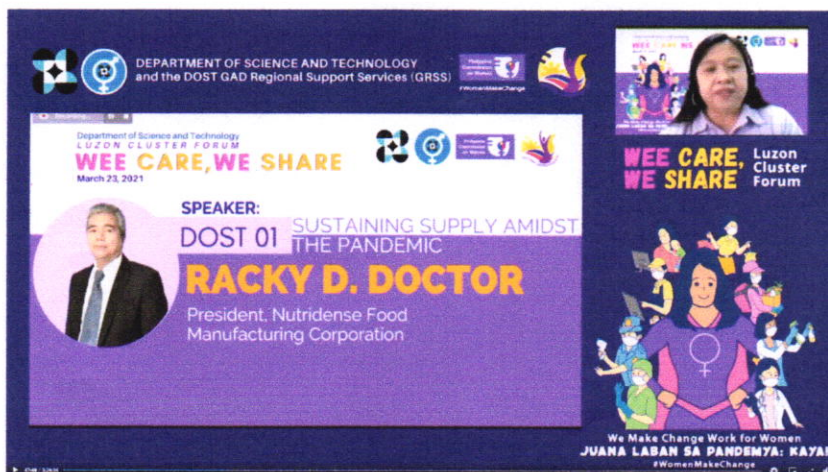
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company is mission first, profit will follow. Doing this business is worthy enough and life-saving to others, and we owe it to DOST.” Mr. Doctor answered during the open forum.

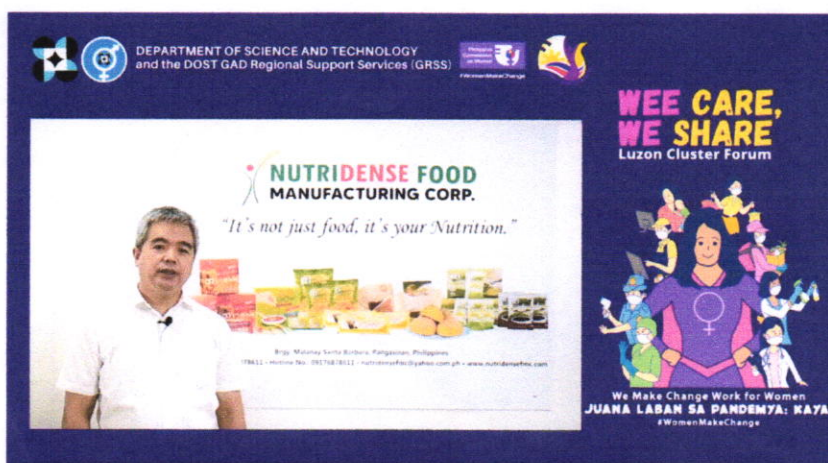
DOST Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Management, Management Services, and Special Concerns, and GAD and Regional Support Services (GRSS) Head, Dr. Dianna L. Ignacio commended all the participants and presenters and organizers of the momentous event. Asec Ignacio also said during her closing remarks that “I am touched with the unselfish sharing of our presenters, you are all are truly empowered. Your story is a proof that the pandemic and the lockdowns cannot really stop us from achieving unity and harmony.”

Ms. Maureen Heidi L. Perez of DOST 1 staff and Mr. Hector Badis of DOST CAR hosted the forum.

The WEE Care, WE Share forum taught every juan and juana that working together creates workforce that can do wonders in achieving common goal.



DOST 1 Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services and GFPS-TWG Head, Ms. Racquel M. Espiritu as she introduces region 1's Resource Speaker.

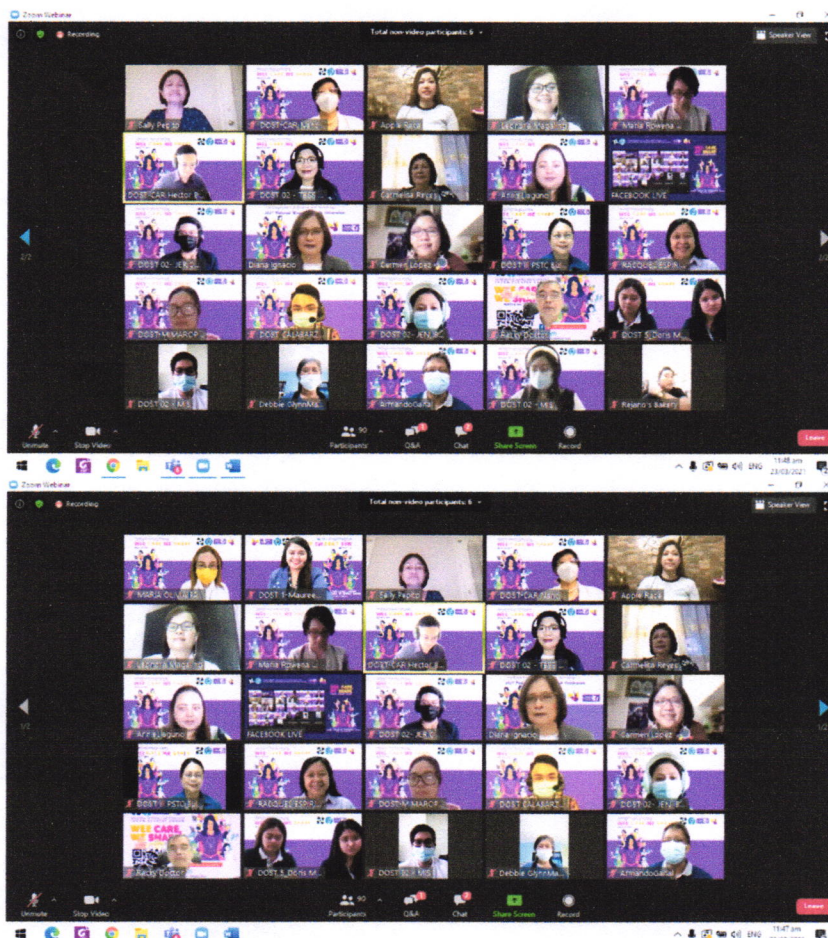


Region 1's representative, Mr. Racky D. Doctor, President of Nutridense Food Manufacturing Corporation, during his presentation.

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DOST Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Management, Management Services, and Special Concerns, and GAD and Regional Support Services (GRSS) Head, Dr. Dianna L. Ignacio during her closing remarks.



In photo were the Technical Working Group of the DOST GAD Luzon Cluster, including the Resource Persons in each region.

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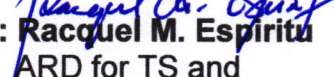
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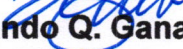
SPEAKERS

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|  <p>DOST CAR SHOWCASING SETUP AT ITS BEST IN KALINGA SALLY B. PEPITO Owner, Mt. Zion Bakery</p> |  <p>DOST 03 BULAKENYA ENTREPRENEUR OVERCOMING THE PANDEMIC LEONORA C. MAGALING Owner, TLM Yema Buko Pie and Pasalubong Center</p> |
|  <p>DOST 01 SUSTAINING SUPPLY AMID THE PANDEMIC RACKY B. DOCTOR President, Nutridense Food Manufacturing Corporation</p> |  <p>DOST CALABARZON UNFOLDING POSSIBILITIES IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC MARY JANE RACA Owner, C&H Cosmetics Industry</p> |
|  <p>DOST 02 RIC'S RESILIENCE: TESTED AND PROVEN OLIVIA B. PASCUAL President, Rural Improvement Club- Lal-to Cagayan</p> |  <p>DOST MIMAROPA SHOOTING AN ARROW, ROOTED IN TECHNOLOGY CARMELITA REJANO REYES Owner, Rejano's Bakery</p> |
|  <p>DOST 05 THRIVING THE NEW NORMAL WITH DIGITAL INNOVATIONS ANNIE R. LLAGUNO Owner, HML Foods Corporation</p> | |

The WEE Care, WE Share Resource Speakers from each region.

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