1.3.3 Low-Income Student Support

Free Health, Counseling, Legal, and Transport Services, Plus Cash Assistance, Keep Low-Income Students in School

DOrSU supports students from low-income families with services that would otherwise cost them money. The Health Services Unit charges no fee for its services, the Office of Student Counseling and Development provides counseling and wellness programs to students, and the Office of Legal Affairs takes requests from the university community through an online form. In April 2024, the university also distributed crisis cash assistance from DSWD to 1,848 students.

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Office of Health and Wellness, conducted the Shine Wason Project Aruma Quarterly Medical Consultation for patients with hypertension and diabetes on November 28, 2025. In partnership with the Davao Oriental Medical Society and FL Razo Medical and Laboratory Clinic, the initiative provided accessible and compassionate healthcare services, particularly for patients with limited financial resources. DOrSU also conducted first aid training to equip participants with essential emergency response skills, strengthen community preparedness, and promote the safety and well-being of the university and surrounding communities.









Last November 28, 2025, the Office of Health and Wellness conducted Shine Wason Project Aruma Quarterly Medical Consultation for Patients with Hypertension and Diabetes, in partnership with the Davao Oriental Medical Society and FL Razo Medical and Laboratory Clinic, providing accessible and compassionate healthcare services to the community.

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) conducted the “Empower Her Health” initiative, providing free cervical cancer screening through Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA) for women. The activity promoted accessible preventive healthcare by enabling early detection of cervical abnormalities, raising awareness of women's health, and reducing the financial barriers to essential medical screening, particularly among women with limited access to healthcare services.



EMPOWER HER HEALTH: FREE CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING by VIA (Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid) for WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION
March 26, 2025

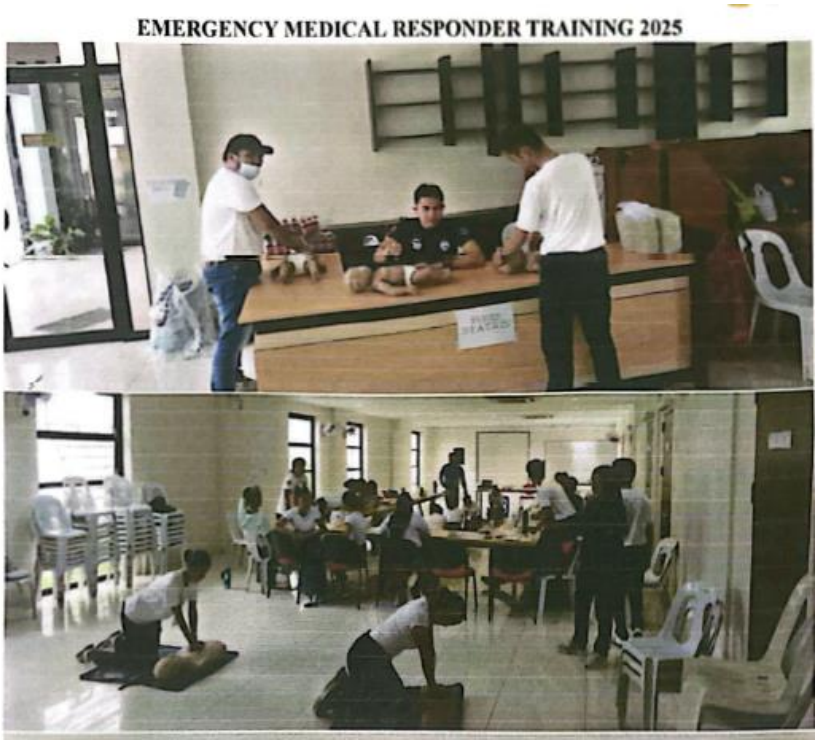
Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its University Clinic, conducted a free eye check-up for students and employees on September 8, 9, 11, and 12, 2025. The initiative provided accessible vision screening services, promoting preventive healthcare and early detection of potential eye problems while reducing the financial burden of medical consultations, particularly for students and employees with limited financial resources.

FREE EYE CHECK-UP FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES
September 8,9, 11 and 12, 2025
DOrSU Clinic

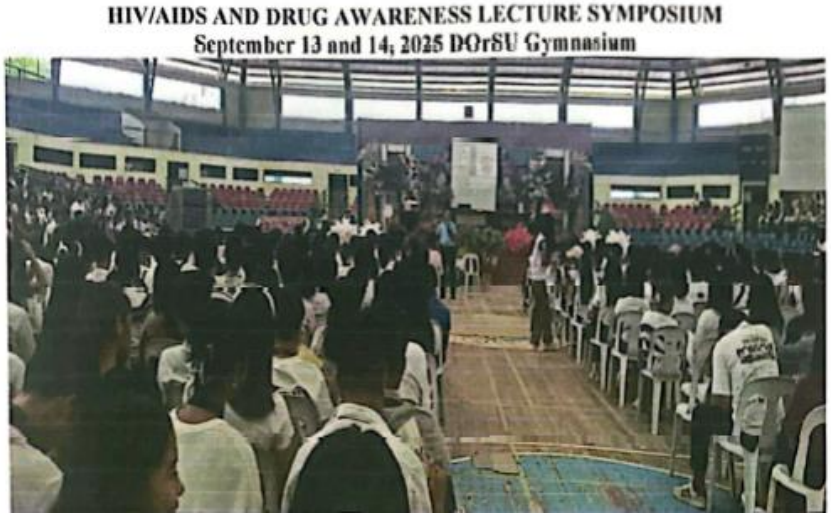


Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) conducted the Emergency Medical Responder Training 2025 to equip participants with essential knowledge and practical skills in providing immediate medical assistance during emergencies. The initiative strengthens emergency preparedness and response capabilities, promotes community safety, and develops individuals who can provide

timely assistance and potentially save lives, particularly in vulnerable and underserved communities.



Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) conducted an HIV/AIDS and Drug Awareness Lecture-Symposium on September 13 and 14, 2025, at the DOrSU Gymnasium to educate participants on HIV prevention, responsible health practices, and the risks associated with substance abuse. The activity promoted health awareness, prevention, and informed decision-making, particularly among students and members of the university community, helping reduce health-related risks and the social and economic burdens associated with these issues.



Health Services, 2025

Health Services	TOTAL
Medical Services	
Consultation with medication	5,696
Blood Pressure taking	5,325

Random Blood sugar taking	22
Wound dressing	120
nebulization	11
Issuance of medical certificate	4,906
Flu vaccination (vaccine c/o CHO-Dahican C.)	130
Medical Profiling	12,028
TOTAL	**28,238**
Dental Services	
Consultation with medication	310
Oral Scaling	132
Tooth extraction	127
TOTAL	**569**

Other health activities in 2025 included a free eye check-up, standard first aid training for students and employees, basic life support and CPR training for students, medical profiling for enrolling students, HIV/AIDS and drug-use awareness lectures, and non-communicable disease assessment. The unit's service charter lists the fee for each of its services as none.



Counseling and Wellness, 2025

Name of Activity/Program	Total Number of Clients Served
GROUP GUIDANCE SERVICES	
First Year Formation Program (FYFP)	1,906
Exit Interview	1,299
COUNSELING SERVICES	
Counseling Services	120
TESTING SERVICES	
State University Aptitude and Scholarship Test (SUAST)	7,052
Psychological Testing	570
INFORMATION SERVICES	
Announcements and Mental Hygiene Posts	8,867
PREVENTION AND WELLNESS	
Mental Health Week Celebration	721

Anti-illegal Drugs and HIV/AIDS Symposium	159
PLACEMENT SERVICES	
Pre-Employment Seminar	1,538
STUDENT PEER FACILITATOR	
Basic Peer Facilitation Training	39
Overall total no. of clients served:	22,271

The office is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and offers counseling, testing, orientation, information, placement, follow-up, and prevention and wellness services.

Cash and Livelihood Support

Support	Detail
Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS), DSWD, April 5, 2024	1,848 students received ₱5,000 each (₱9,240,000 in total)
Cash for Work (KALAHI-CIDSS), April 2024	Joint meeting on April 12; 300 applicants interviewed on April 23, 24, and 26
Pre-employment seminars for graduating students	Held at the Banaybanay, Main, San Isidro, and Cateel campuses with DOLE, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG, and SSS

Legal Services and Transportation

Support Type	Provider	Cost to Student
Legal services	Office of Legal Affairs (requests submitted online with a DOrSU institutional email)	Free
Transportation	University transport service	Free

DOrSU also responded to the community during a series of earthquakes and aftershocks, as shown in its DOrSU Cares post.



Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) acquired two brand-new vehicles funded through its General Appropriations Act (GAA) allocation to improve mobility and accessibility within the university community. Beyond supporting institutional activities and official trips, these vehicles can serve as free transportation for students, faculty, and staff, particularly low-income students who need assistance with daily transportation expenses. This initiative promotes inclusive access to education, reduces the financial burden of commuting, and strengthens the university's commitment to student welfare and accessible campus services.



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