**Current Collaborations with Health Institutions**

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) strengthens its commitment to health and well-being through active collaborations with local and international health institutions. These partnerships support joint research, knowledge exchange, and initiatives addressing mental health challenges, particularly among healthcare workers, contributing to improved health services and community well-being.

**DOrSU to lead study on healthcare workers' mental health in Davao Oriental**




Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Gender Research and Resource Center, has partnered with the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental to conduct a study on the mental health status and professional quality of life of healthcare workers in the province.

The research will assess the levels of anxiety, depression, and workplace stress experienced by healthcare frontliners, particularly in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. With support from the Provincial Health Office, the study aims to generate evidence that will guide the development of institutional mental health policies and support programs in hospitals.

The partnership highlights DOrSU's commitment to research that addresses community needs and promotes the well-being of healthcare professionals.

Source: https://dorsu.edu.ph/dorsu-to-lead-study-on-healthcare-workers-mental-health-in-davao-oriental/

**DOrSU Rolls Out Psychosocial Support Program Backed by ABS-CBN Foundation**

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), with funding support from the ABS-CBN Foundation and in partnership with the Diocese of Mati – Commission on Health, launched the Kalig-On Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Program on November 28, 2025, to assist

healthcare workers affected by the recent doublet earthquake in Davao Oriental. The initiative provides structured debriefing sessions, culturally grounded self-care practices, and capacity-

building activities to address the emotional and physical strain experienced by frontline medical personnel. Led by Dr. Rose Anelyn V. Ceniza, the program promotes evidence-based and culturally responsive psychosocial interventions to support the recovery and well-being of healthcare workers. The initiative reinforces DOrSU's commitment to responsive community service and providing psychosocial support to frontline workers, particularly during disasters and emergencies.




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## DOrSU Psych Program Joins PHO, Doctors Without Borders in Delivering Psychological First Aid to Earthquake-Affected Communities

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Bachelor of Science in Psychology program, strengthens community mental health and well-being through its collaboration with the Provincial Health Office (PHO) and Doctors Without Borders in providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) to residents affected by the series of earthquakes in Davao Oriental.



In partnership with the PHO's Selah: The Davao Oriental Mental Wellness Hub, DOrSU Psychology faculty members joined MHPSS teams in conducting Psychological First Aid (PFA) sessions for patients, watchers, and referred individuals in hospitals and evacuation centers. These interventions aim to help earthquake-affected individuals manage stress, anxiety, and emotional distress.

Furthermore, DOrSU, through Dr. Rose Anelyn V. Ceniza and the Selah MHPSS Team, partnered with Doctors Without Borders to extend psychosocial support to the municipalities of Baganga, Cateel, Banaybanay, Governor Generoso, and San Isidro. Since October 13, the team has also conducted capacity-building sessions for Barangay Health Workers, teachers, and youth leaders, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to provide Psychological First Aid within their respective communities.

Through these initiatives, DOrSU demonstrates its commitment to promoting mental health, strengthening community-based psychosocial support, and ensuring access to essential mental health services, particularly for vulnerable populations affected by disasters.

Source:
https://www.facebook.com/dorsuofficial/posts/pfbid0iBJwBr5nWHWYsbii2phd775aqQN6kYURkGZXi7CMpkkPqNYxkga6LSvqryvo5FQel

**DOrSU Makes Strong Showing at RGAN XI 2025 GAD Summit**

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) continues to advance gender equality through its leadership and active participation in regional Gender and Development (GAD) initiatives. Two years after hosting the inaugural Regional GAD Summit in 2023, DOrSU played a significant role in the 2025 Regional GAD Summit held on November 25–26 at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) – Obrero Campus.




Organized by the Regional Gender and Development Advocates Network XI (RGAN XI), in collaboration with CHED Regional Office XI and USeP, the summit brought together GAD advocates and representatives from higher education institutions across

Davao Region. DOrSU GAD Focal Person Dr. Mary Fil M. Bauyot led the network as its president, while Asst. Prof. Jhonnel P. Villegas served as Editor-in-Chief of the newly launched RGAN XI Gender Research Policy Journal.

The summit featured discussions on gender-responsive campus policies, prevention of gender-based violence, gender bias in artificial intelligence, and gender research. It also marked the launch of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women. DOrSU further showcased its community-based GAD extension programs promoting gender sensitivity, women's empowerment, and safe spaces advocacy.

Through regional leadership, gender research, policy advocacy, and community extension, DOrSU reinforces its commitment to promoting gender equality and safe, inclusive communities.

Source: https://dorsu.edu.ph/dorsu-makes-strong-showing-at-rgan-xi-2025-gad-summit/

**DOrSU Pushes Holistic Well-Being Agenda at EAWOP 2025**

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Psychology program, participated in the 22nd European Congress of Work and Organizational Psychology (EAWOP 2025), held on May 21–24 in Prague, Czech Republic. Represented by Dr. Rose Anelyn V. Ceniza, the University joined the provincial delegation in presenting collaborative research titled “Mental Health Status of Filipino Healthcare Workers: Challenges and Interventions,” highlighting the mental health challenges of healthcare workers and evidence-based interventions implemented in Davao Oriental.



Supported by DOrSU's Faculty Mobility Program, the participation strengthened international academic collaboration and the partnership between the University and the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental. Insights gained from the congress on workplace wellness, organizational psychology, and mental health systems are expected to contribute to strengthening local mental health programs and promoting the well-being of healthcare workers.

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DOrSU Nursing Program Head Attends Singapore Benchmarking

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), through its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, strengthens international collaboration and nursing education through the participation of its Program Head, Ms. Diana Vem P. Lazaro, in the International Nursing for Transcultural Exposure and Research through Off-Campus Learning (INTEROL) Program in Singapore on February 13–16, 2025.

The four-day benchmarking activity provided opportunities to explore international nursing education models, clinical training facilities, and innovative teaching strategies. It also aimed to establish partnerships with Singaporean nursing institutions and hospitals to enhance




academic collaboration, clinical exposure, and research opportunities. Insights gained from the activity will support improvements in DOrSU's nursing curriculum, faculty development, and Related Learning Experiences (RLE), contributing to the preparation of globally competitive nursing graduates and improved healthcare services.

Through the Global Affairs and International Relations Office, DOrSU continues to expand international partnerships that strengthen nursing education and healthcare development.

Source: http://dorsu.edu.ph/dorsu-nursing-program-head-attends-singapore-benchmarking/