

1.4.4 Policy Addressing Poverty

Year: 2024

Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus

Overview

In 2024, **there was no formal participation** of Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus (CSU-SM) in **any policy-making** activity specifically addressing poverty. The campus' focus during the year was on the continued implementation of its community-centered extension initiatives — SAGUT para iti Kaniyogan and SARANAY — which laid the groundwork for multi-sectoral collaboration and evidence generation for future policy alignment.

However, this preparatory work culminated in **October 2025**, when CSU–Sanchez Mira Campus spearheaded a stakeholder consultation aimed at integrating sustainable livelihood, agricultural innovation, and poverty reduction strategies into the municipal development framework of Sanchez Mira, Cagayan.

2025 Stakeholder Consultation as Policy Engagement Milestone

Title: Stakeholder Consultation on Community-Based Agricultural Innovation and Sustainable Livelihood Development

Date: October 15, 2025

Venue: CSU–Sanchez Mira Conference Hall, Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus

Lead Facilitator: Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus, in partnership with the Local Government Unit of Sanchez Mira

The consultation served as the formal platform for CSU-SM's entry into policy-related activities, particularly in developing localized frameworks to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) — notably SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

The event gathered key representatives from:

- **Local Government Unit of Sanchez Mira**
- **Municipal Agricultural Office (MAO)**
- **Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)**
- **Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cagayan**
- **Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)**
- **Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)**
- **Financial Institutions (BDO Unibank, Landbank of the Philippines)**
- **Sanchez Mira Coconut Tall Farmers Association, Inc.**
- **Sanchez Mira Water District**
- **Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus (College of Agriculture, College of Engineering, and RDE Unit)**
- **Student Representatives and Civil Society Groups**

Highlights of the Consultation Outcomes

The consultation led to the identification of key community challenges and collaborative policy recommendations for sustainable development:

Identified Issue	Proposed Policy/Program Action	Lead Stakeholders	Aligned SDGs
Limited diffusion of agricultural innovations	Expand hydroponics and introduce demonstration farms across barangays	CSU–SM, LGU, Barangay Councils	SDG 2 – Zero Hunger, SDG 4 – Quality Education

Identified Issue	Proposed Policy/Program Action	Lead Stakeholders	Aligned SDGs
Livelihood vulnerability to climate and market risks	Integrate value-adding and diversification (mudcrab fattening, root crops, aquaculture)	LGU, BFAR, Fisherfolk Associations	SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth, SDG 14 – Life Below Water
Exposure to disasters and weather shocks	Establish community-based climate adaptation and early warning programs	MDRRMO, LGU, DA, CSU–SM	SDG 11 – Sustainable Communities, SDG 13 – Climate Action
Unregulated coconut planting and replanting	Develop a municipal ordinance for sustainable coconut farming and intercropping	LGU, PCA, Barangay Councils	SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production
Declining native coconut variety (Sanchez Mira Tall)	Launch a heritage coconut conservation and propagation program	PCA, CSU–SM College of Agriculture	SDG 15 – Life on Land
Limited access to financial programs	Forge partnerships with BDO, Landbank, and DTI for microfinancing and entrepreneurship training	LGU, Financial Institutions, CSU–SM	SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 8 – Decent Work

Consultation Impact and Policy Linkage

The October 2025 consultation resulted in the following policy-linked outcomes:

- Drafting of a proposed municipal ordinance for sustainable coconut replanting and intercropping.
- LGU commitment to institutionalize agricultural innovation hubs in partnership with CSU–Sanchez Mira.
- Integration of CSU’s SAGUT and SARANAY programs into LGU livelihood and poverty reduction plans.

- Establishment of a multi-sectoral technical working group to oversee policy recommendations and program implementation.

These actions demonstrate CSU–Sanchez Mira’s growing influence as a policy partner and technical authority for inclusive and sustainable rural development in Northwestern Cagayan.

Table 1.4.4. CSU–Sanchez Mira Campus Participation in Poverty-Related Policy Development

Level of Participation	Year	Status	Details / Remarks	Evidence	Public Accessibility
Local	2024	No formal participation	Focused on SAGUT and SARANAY livelihood initiatives that informed future policy engagement	2024 Annual Report	Yes
Local (Initiated)	2025	Active participation established	Stakeholder Consultation on Community-Based Agricultural Innovation and Sustainable Livelihood Development (October 15, 2025)	Minutes, photos, attendance, workshop matrix	To be published in 2025 Annual Report
Regional / National / Global	—	Not yet applicable	Participation to expand in future through DA, DTI, and CHED–DOST linkages	—	—

Criteria	Description	CSU–Sanchez Mira Evidence	Points Earned
Existence of Participation	No direct policy participation in 2024	None	0.0
Evidence Provided	Documentation pertains to groundwork for 2025 consultation	2024 Annual Report	0.0
Public Accessibility	2024 report publicly available	Yes	0.0
Total Points (2024)			0 / 3.0

Narrative Summary

In 2024, Cagayan State University – Sanchez Mira Campus concentrated on strengthening its grassroots engagement through the SAGUT para iti Kaniyogan and SARANAY programs, which established a strong foundation for future policy participation.

The university’s formal involvement in poverty-related policymaking began in October 2025, through a landmark stakeholder consultation that brought together local government, the academe, cooperatives, and financial institutions. The consultation facilitated dialogue on agricultural innovation, livelihood diversification, and climate resilience, leading to concrete policy proposals such as the drafting of a municipal ordinance on sustainable coconut farming and the institutionalization of community-based agricultural hubs.

While CSU–Sanchez Mira earned no points for 2024 under Indicator 1.4.4 due to the absence of policy participation that year, the succeeding year’s achievements affirm the campus’s growing leadership role in policy-driven, evidence-based community development and in advancing the goals of SDG 1: No Poverty within the local context.