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Project Title	Project Bamboo: Street Youth Empowerment Project
Address of Project Site	Metro Manila, Philippines to cover the following cities and key areas: • Manila: Ermita, Luneta, Pier, Divisoria, Binondo, Kalaw, Lawton and Morayta

IMPLEMENTATION of the PROJECT:

During the second quarter of the current reporting period, the training program under Project Bamboo commenced with a crucial aspect - the delivery of service skills training. This short course was executed in July of 2023. The Food and Beverage course was held at the Manila Manpower Development Center, which is conveniently located within the city. The said institution remains steadfast in providing free skills training to our youth, and will also endorse them for their on-the-job training upon completion of the program.

Throughout the second quarter, additional learning sessions and trainings were provided to participants aside from the ones previously mentioned. Nonetheless, the youth participants showed consistent attendance and participation during these sessions and trainings.

Table 1.a Summary of activities implemented period (Current batch)

Activity/Session	Date/s of Implementation	Number of youth participants
Food and Beverage course@MMDC Facility	JULY 03-27, 2023.	14 Youth Participants finished the course
Graduation Ceremony @University De Manila	JULY 28, 2023.	14 Youth Participants attended the Ceremony
Livelihood Training Session (Delicacy Product)	August 04, 2023.	12 Youth Participants
Entrepreneurship Session	August 29, 2023 August 30, 2023. August 31, 2023 (AM-PM)	14 Youth Participants 13 Youth Participants 14 Youth Participants
Values Formation Session	August 13 (AM-PM) 14 (AM-PM)	14 Youth Participants 14 Youth Participants
Livelihood Training Session (Processed Meat Product)	September 21, 2023	13 Youth Participants
Employability Skills Enhancement Session	September 06, 2023 September 07, 2023	12 Youth Participants 13 Youth Participants
GRADUATION Ceremony	September 24, 2023.	14 Youth Participants
YEG-Session	JULY 10, 2023. AUGUUST 03, 2023. SEPTEMBER 25, 2023.	6 YEG Members 10 YEG Members 11 YEG Members
Livelihood Fair Event	OCTOBER 18, 2023.	

I. Food Industry Training (Food and Beverage Course) MMDC

A. Orientation:



Before the implementation, during the first week the staff and members of MMDC introduced themselves and their functions as a staff of a local city in Manila to get familiarized by them, the Head officers of MMDC. Ms. Fe Gaspar-was so very impressed with our youth when she observed that the youth are completely uniformed and well-dressed during the first day of the orientation. Ms Fe Gaspar taught them on how important the hygiene and cleanliness not only as being a student, but also on how they can practice on their everyday life to be more healthy in physical but also on their mind in order to get more focused on their training. The number of youth who attended gave an impressive number of enrolled on their facilities who took on these particular course. Likewise, the other staff also facilitated the orientation particular the Do's and Don'ts while inside the facilities and other non NCII training was also introduced like (cooking and baking).

The Training course in Food and Beverage are emphasized during orientation on how they were able to get employed after the training, the MMDC itself discussed the possibilities of their employment after their OJT. The MMDC will be the one to endorse our youth to have their OJT after the training completed and will pass the National Certificate Examination.

B. The Actual Training and Discussion:



During the first week of the training, the module in Food and Beverage was distributed to every youth trainee as part of their learning module guide to have them their own guide in every session.

The training course was started to discuss the importance on how to prepare the table decently and different styles of Table napkin designed and the six important table skirting designed (1.Single Pleats 2. Single Pleats with scallops 3. Diamond with rose 4. Tulip with ribbon 5. Rose 6. Diamond with scallops). Those important styes of table skirting was demonstrated and taught by the facilitator Ms. Raquel Boladin. The table skirting is not easy to perform but due to their perseverance and motivation all of them got the positive evaluation when they underwent the assessment in Table skirting.

On the following week the training continued to introduce the standards of table setting and how to perform well with welcoming and seating the guest through ensuring proper services and resolving guest complaints on how to deal those issues that may possibly be encountered. Those are part the training that they need to execute properly during the actual demonstration. During the assessment in Table skirting and Room service practice, most of them showed their skills and performed well during the actual demonstration, though there are some of them who are not yet able to master the skills, so what they did during the training hours is to extend time to focus on those who did not memorize yet the sequence of Food and Beverage Services. The extension of the time during period of training helps other to review their lapses.

In addition with these training and part of their courses, the cocktail mixing was also facilitated by Mr. Mark John Martinez on how to prepare the different types of liquor and the ideal serving temperature for wine. The training was absolutely exciting for them and

interesting among our youth. However, before the session we discouraged them to taste the wine they made. The staff and volunteers of MMDC is the assessor in giving the grade for what they did during the liquor mixing.

On the last week of the training, they conducted the institutional assessment for what they've learned during the duration of their training. The assessment is their measure on how the youth assessed based on their learning capacity and how they performed well the services in Food and Beverage. After the evaluation most of them initially passed the assessment and ready to take their NCII Examination.

C. Graduation Ceremony at MMDC :

Almost 400 youths graduated in July 28, 2023 at the Universidad De Manila--among them we have 14 street connected youth beneficiaries in Project Bamboo,

One of our youth participants, Benjamin Roldan, received a certificate as best student for having a good performance that he showed during the training in Food and Beverage. He was surprised that he was recognized by MMDC Manila as one among the best in performing the course. Benjie is so much thankful for what he learned from the training.

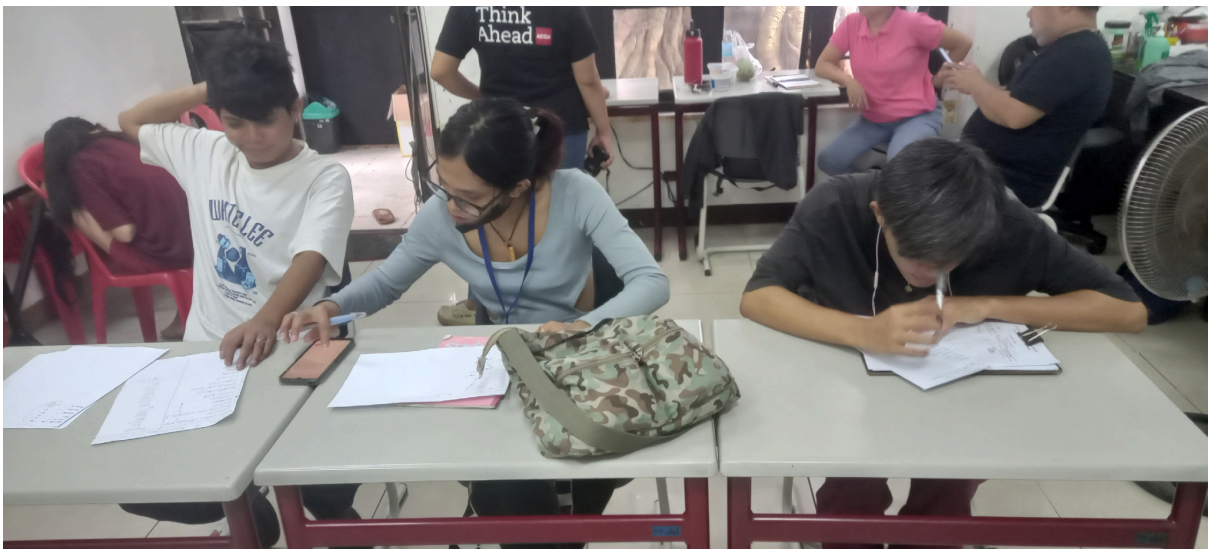
II. ***LIVELIHOOD TRAINING (Sweet Delicacy Product)***



The training in livelihood is part of the youth skills training that would help them generate income for those who are not yet employed. The livelihood training is basically part of their interest to have their own capacity in doing business. The making of sweet delicacy product ("Sapin-sapin" and "puto pao") was facilitated by Ms. Cora Yangas, who has also her own

online business. Twelve youths attended the session and all youth participants are interested to practice what they've learned during the training. The small capital or investment on this business was also discussed during the training so they were able to understand the amount that will help them to earn and invest even in a small capital. The training also was observed by Ms Noriko Tsujimoto a representative from ACC21 and she also joined with the youth in "boodle fight" during meal time after the youth training.

III. ENTREPRENEURSHIP Session :



Entrepreneurship sessions are composed of different topics like Business Management Strategy, How to make a business plan, Marketing 101, Online platform Marketing Strategy and how to understand the advantages and disadvantages of running a small business. A total of 14 youth participants participated in the sessions where the youth learned the importance of doing business and how it will earn income. Part of the training also discussed the marketing strategy, including online marketing.

The discussion was through a workshop so the youth participants were able to discuss with their co-participants. The facilitator also discussed how to make their own business plan. However, the youth expressed that the business plan is not easy to do, especially if they don't have enough money to start their business. This is where the discussion on micro-finance institutions was introduced and how they can avail of their services to start their own business ventures.

Apart from these, small video presentation was being played during the session a presentation of some of the famous business man and Entrepreneur individual who are becoming richer and investing all over the country, the presentation would also help the

youth participants to motivate and inspired on how important to focus business or how to start business in a very small capital.

IV. VALUES FORMATION Session :

The session was facilitated by Ms. Myrna Pana, conducted in a whole day training which she combined the 2 whole day sessions to avoid conflict schedule among the youth participants, A total of 14 youth participants attended the session in values formation conducted in Museo Pambata, The session composed of :

1.Spiritual Values
2.Relational values towards others and family relationship/communication, which includes also 3. Developing moral values and right conduct.
4. Importance of Humility

The youth participants observed how important the session in Values, where the facilitator deeply discussed the importance of humility and faith. Before the session started, the facilitator reminded them to respect each one of them based on their faith and belief.

The short workshop conducted during the session, help them to realize on how important the good relationship between them and how they were able to cope up against their struggle in the matter of their faith and belief in GOD…

The Youth participants realized also on how to be more respectful and help them to improve their character in terms of dealing people and not to discriminate others, these parts are also emphasized by the facilitator based on what she observed during the first day of the session.

Hence, values made them realized their wrongdoings, thus, encourage them to improve their behavior and act accordingly.

V. LIVELIHOOD Training (Processed meat product)



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The session conducted in Museo Pambata, wherein 13 youth participants attended the training. The training on livelihood is part of their learnings on how to engaged business or how they were able to generate income by their own. The training is basically more on processing product and one of the example that the facilitator taught them is on how to make a “skinless longganisa” and “ chicken nuggets” were these all are easy to create and can generate income in a small capital. They were all excited to perform the product during the training session and the youth participants were also surprised when the Project officer introduced the Facilitator, Ms. Aileen Bolo, who is also a previous graduate of the project in 2017. The facilitator also had her own business and active member of savings in MFI-Kasagana ka, wherein Ms. Aileen also shared of her experience and learnings during her time in VocTECH and now became a facilitator. Ms Aileen also is an active member of YEG Group.

VI. EMPLOYABILITY Skills Enhancement Session :



The training provided to street youth is aimed at improving their employability by honing their interview skills and assisting them in creating effective resumes and personal data. In addition, the training covers character development and personal grooming, with a focus on teaching participants the importance of interacting with individuals from varying backgrounds and personalities during their employment. The facilitator also emphasizes the significance of personal hygiene and provides tips to help participants follow the lecture and implement these learnings in their daily lives.

During the first day of session, the 12 street youth participants were provided with a demonstration of the roles of the interviewer and the interviewee. Through group activities, they were able to gain experience in differentiating the two roles during the job application process, there were 2 youth participants who are didn't attend due to their ALS that needs to attend and conflict with the schedule implementation. However, on the second day of the session, all the job opportunities during the session training are posted in a white board that they can find or look for a job they desired. The staff assisted them during the job opportunity training session and referrals from different agencies that they can possibly be employed. These were also imparted to our group communication in messenger for posting updated job opportunities.

VII. GRADUATION CEREMONY :

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There are 14 youths participants recognized during the graduation ceremony conducted in Adamson SV Hall, but only (11) among them who are present and attended the graduation, due to emergency cases of the (3) youths who didn't attend the ceremony. During the graduation ceremony, their families, staff and volunteers are present and showed their support to our youth participants. Among the youth, Mr Benjamin Roldan showed his excellence and improvement during the training session and he was also given the opportunity to standout and express his gratitude to inspire his colleagues in this batch. The graduation ceremony was also supported and witnessed by visitors from Japan (ACC21 Mr. Michio Ito and Ms. Mari Suzuki, and Mr. Matsubara).

VIII. YEG Session :

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A. **JULY Session : Basic Business Cycle and Business Panning Session :**

The session in Basic Business Cycle and Business Planning conducted by Mr. Froilan Trapero, a professor in a University. The session aims to help the youth member in YEG to improve their business and how to deal challenges and problems that will cause to a bankruptcy. The session through a workshop training helps them to improve different strategy in marketing and how to be more aware in investing product that can cause low income. The training also emphasized on how to be more vigilant in pricing and buying the products that may cause suffering of their business.

The session taught them some tips to improve their marketing strategy and business plan most specially in recording system of inventory and or assets investments.

B. AUGUST Session : Financial Intelligence Training

During the session, participants were taught how to better strategize expenses and effectively execute their budget, whether they are managing it alone or as a family. The emphasis was on avoiding any expenses that could negatively impact their business. The financial intelligence training also stressed the importance of diligent record-keeping and monitoring of daily expenses and income. While the youth participants shared their own budgeting experiences, the session served as a reminder of the importance of tracking expenses and utilizing the budget wisely for essential expenses. Additionally, Mr. Froilan Trapero discussed the advantages and disadvantages of saving and loan culture, specifically within the community.

C. SEPTEMBER Session :

During the session, the CEO and President of a Manufacturing Company in Japan, Mr. Matsubara, gave an inspiring talk to the YEG youth participants. Despite the language barrier, Mr. Matsubara's experiences and insights left a lasting impression on the young entrepreneurs. They were amazed by his pathway to success and found his teachings to be truly inspiring. In turn, the youth participants also shared their own experiences and discussed their businesses with Mr. Matsubara. The session was an unforgettable opportunity for all involved.

Total number of Youth Participants (15): B1-FY : (2023-2024) APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023

- 15 Youth Enrolled in first batch
- (1) already employed and didn't finish the course and the following learning sessions
- 14 Graduated in Food and Beverage short-course
- 14 Graduated in Adamson receiving the certificates of completion
- 10 Youth first batch in NC2 Examination on October 21, 2023.
- 15 to 17 youth participants attended the Orientation and Skills for Life Sessions at the beginning.
- During Kick off in Food and Beverage Training course- 15 Youth Participants registered during enrollment in MMDC- but the (1) didn't comply and meet the said requirements. (14) Youth during enrollment are registered in MMDC.

LESSONS LEARNED:

- The resolve and steadfastness displayed by young individuals allows for a significant improvement in their character.
- The alternative learning sessions have imparted valuable skills for life, such as initiative and responsibility, as evidenced by the participants' actions and behaviors.
- The youth's interest in pursuing a career in the business field is on the rise. They are eager to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in this area.
- Having a positive outlook can greatly contribute to a person's contentment and sense of fulfillment. Demonstrating respect towards others is a way to convey that we appreciate their perspectives, emotions, and beliefs. A positive mindset enables us to view difficulties as chances for personal growth rather than as hindrances to our accomplishments. These two attributes can produce a more collaborative and fruitful setting for ourselves and those in our vicinity.
- Elevating the motivation and self-esteem levels of individuals has a notable impact.
- The participants were successful in exchanging their individual experiences and insights, while also gaining valuable knowledge from fellow attendees. They were greatly inspired to engage in honest and open communication, and were actively encouraged to express their viewpoints without hesitation.

Challenges and how it was addressed:

- Ensuring the safety of staff during area visits, especially when assistant project officer is collecting loan payments from members, is a challenging task. To address this issue, we are exploring the possibility of implementing online payment options using E-wallets.
- By incorporating the occurrence of inclement weather into the scheduling process, the planning team was able to adapt and create a revised itinerary for the upcoming activity session.
- After enrolling for the NC2 examination at St. Catherine Institute, our intern was instrumental in ensuring that all necessary documents and online COVID certificates were in order. As a result, the youth were able to respond cooperatively to the requirements needed for examination preparation. The exam is scheduled for October 21, 2023.

Recommendation and plans to be organized for the next quarter implementation:

- We have the discussion with the street educators (social workers) for the monitoring and intervention among the youth that will encounter issue that can possibly affect their performance in attending the training and immediately address any issues among youth enrolled in PB.
- Forms updated (Intake and agreement for the new enrollees)
- Collecting data for the Youth graduates' updates in terms of Employment status and business status
- Updates of Terms and conditions under the Micro Credit implementation for the new member.

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