



Canjulaos League of Women and their Extraordinary Success

Women often wear different hats. From being hands-on mothers to self-sacrificing workers, these superhumans should be celebrated every day. This month of March, the world gives the spotlight to women who are nothing short of amazing, and a few of those are the extraordinary league of women of Canjulaos.

The Canjulaos League of Women (CLOW) is one of the active enterprises in Jagna, Bohol, organized by the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Jagna, Bohol as part of its effort to enrich the skills and livelihood of the women in the area.

During the start of their business, they would gather in one of their members' house to process their tableja products.

They sell their products at the local markets in Jagna, and use the sales income as a revolving capital.

In 2011, the Municipality Agriculture Office of Jagna assisted them by providing an area for their production. In 2013, they were able to receive assistance from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) through the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) amounting to ₱93,000.00.

The DOLE provided them with raw materials like cacao beans, and equipment such as jigs, cacao roasters and grinders, which improved the process of their production.





Aside from materials, the DOLE provided them with necessary trainings that they used to improve their business.

In 2015, the association had enough savings to buy a parcel of land, which they used to build a processing center for tableja making.

Through the assistance, the members have seen significant development in their lives. They were able to send their children to school, as well as help their family financially.



Kathleen Tadle

Kathleen Tadle, one of the members' daughter, and currently a teacher, expressed her gratitude towards her mother's association. She said, "I am thankful because I was able to finish a degree because of the tableja making in the organization."

Elvira Cadelina, one of the members of CLOW, was grateful to the association because she was able to send her three children to school.

"I was able to send my three kids to school. One graduated in Electrical Engineering, and others in Industrial Design and Marine Transportation. They all now have their jobs," she added.



Elvira Cadelina

Seeing a great effort from the association, the LGU of Jagna and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) took notice of the league and helped them by providing additional trainings and seminars on proper food handling among others, as well as shared service facilities that provided technical and administrative services, which promote and facilitate the growth of the CLOW within the priority industry clusters.

Seeing the impact of the project in empowering women and with their production's continuous progress, the DOLE gave a second release in 2015 amounting to ₱348,885.00.

Currently, CLOW has been supplying tableja products to markets around Bohol and in Manila. They plan to expand their reach by opening market outlets in nearby provinces such as Cebu. The members have also ventured into banana chips production for additional income.

From their simple dream of helping their families, the Canjulaog League of Women turned from a simple livelihood project to a micro-social enterprise. CLOW also acts as one of the role models in the empowerment of women in the country because it provides an opportunity for local women in earning money. This also proves that women can do anything as long as they put their hearts and mind to it. That is why the DOLE continuously promotes and advocates for women's rights and welfare.



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