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# University Anti-Poverty Programmes



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### **Policy Addressing Poverty**



## SLU, UC, and UB sign Free Meals for Youth MOA with Baguio City Government

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Saint Louis University actively participates in local policy implementation and poverty alleviation by partnering with the City Government of Baguio to operationalize the "Free Meals for Youth Program" under City Ordinance No. 96, Series of 2023. Through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on November 3, 2025, SLU commits to acting as a key institutional partner in this social welfare initiative, which addresses involuntary hunger, a critical dimension of poverty, by facilitating the provision of government-funded monthly food vouchers worth ₱2,500 to qualified students and staff from low-income families. By integrating its facilities and accredited concessionaires into this city-wide framework, SLU directly contributes to the execution of public policy designed to combat food scarcity and financial insecurity, ensuring that legislative measures for social protection translate into tangible support for the vulnerable youth in the region.





## Louisian Social Work Students take part in a Dialogue for Change

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Saint Louis University participates in policy-making and the implementation of programs to end poverty by serving as an active institutional partner to national and regional government agencies, specifically the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in facilitating strategic "Dialogues for Change." As a body, SLU bridges the gap between academic theory and practical social welfare reform by mobilizing its social work students and faculty to engage directly with policymakers—including DSWD Assistant Secretaries and Regional Directors—to propose policy reform suggestions and scrutinize the efficacy of local development plans. Through these high-level discussions, the university influences poverty-reduction strategies at the local and regional levels by critically examining the use of participatory development in Local Government Unit (LGU) program planning and advocating for community organizing methods that effectively uplift marginalized communities.









## AWE's Livelihood Program Empowers SLU Partner Community

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Saint Louis University (SLU) participates in global and local policy frameworks to end poverty by serving as an active implementation partner for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) and the U.S. Embassy's inclusive prosperity goals. Through the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) program, the university translates these high-level policies into tangible local action by empowering non-working mothers in the Happy Hollow partner community with essential entrepreneurial skills and livelihood training, such as meat processing and business management via the DreamBuilder platform. By aligning its institutional resources, including the American Corner and Community Extension Office, with international advocacy targets, SLU effectively operationalizes anti-poverty policies to foster sustainable economic growth and food security for vulnerable families at the local level.







## 36th Cordillera Month Webinar Series through SLU-NEDA CAR Partnership

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Saint Louis University participates in policy-making to address poverty and its dimensions by partnering with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA-CAR) to host the 36th Cordillera Month Celebration Webinar Series, which serves as a vital platform to advocate for the Cordillera Organic Act and generate broad stakeholder support for regional autonomy. Through this collaboration, SLU actively engages in the discourse for self-governance, aligning its efforts with Sustainable Development Goals 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) to foster the inclusive legislative and economic frameworks necessary for regional development, while simultaneously promoting Engaged Citizenship and the Indigenous Peoples Apostolates.







