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Supporting efforts to reduce student hunger through dedicated food assistance and nutrition programmes



### Indicator 2.3.1

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### Addressing student food insecurity and hunger



#### **Project Daily Bread**



Project Daily Bread (PDB) is a fully institutionalized initiative at Saint Louis University addressing student food insecurity, aligned with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2: Zero Hunger.

What started as a conversation became a written agreement and eventually, a meal on a student's plate. On 4 January 2011, the Guidance Center (now the Center for Counseling and Wellness), the Student Affairs Office (now the Office of Student Affairs and Services), the Human Resource Development Office, and SLU's canteen concessionaires signed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the implementation of PDB to ensure continuity of the program. Under this partnership, each canteen concessionaire sponsors and targets one student beneficiary selected based on financial need and academic performance. The program is sustained through voluntary contributions from employees donating a portion of their salaries and, later, small student donations reflecting the Louisian spirit of solidarity.

Over the years, PDB has transformed into more than a feeding program; it is a community mission aligned with SDG 2: Zero Hunger, ensuring that no student endures hunger while striving for education.

The impact of Project Daily Bread is best expressed by its beneficiaries:

- "After a long day of work, having access to delicious and nutritious food is essential for my health. The sellers are kind and accommodating even when I eat late. Being part of PDB has made my days easier and healthier." L.M.V. Ferrer
- "PDB has relieved me of financial stress, allowing me to focus more on my studies. The free lunch helped me concentrate and perform better academically. I'm deeply grateful for the positive change it brought to my life." S.T. Bacdayan
- "Your assistance has not only nourished me but given me peace of mind to focus on my studies. I'm incredibly grateful for the kindness and support that continues to change lives." K.A. Castro

Over 1,000 students have benefited, including 92 students in AY 2023-2024 and 34 students in the first semester of AY 2024-2025.

# SLU's PROJECT DAILY BREAD PAVED THE WAY FOR BAGUIO CITY'S FREE LUNCH MEAL



PDB celebrates another milestone this year as Saint Louis University's Project Daily Bread was adopted as a benchmark in crafting the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the 2023 Baguio City Free Youth Meals for College Students Ordinance. Inspired by the success of PDB, this ordinance seeks to provide free meals to college students in need throughout the city. The said city-wide implementation of the project is underway.



#### Feeding hearts and hope: SLU strengthens Project Daily Bread - Saint Louis University, Philippines

During a class discussion at Saint Louis University (SLU), the harsh reality of student hunger came sharply into focus for one nursing student. She vividly recalls hearing about fellow students who spent their hours in th...

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## CITY OF BAGUIO AND SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY FORGE PARTNERSHIP FOR FREE MEALS FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

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**Baguio City Public Information Office** 

The City Government of Baguio and Saint Louis University (SLU) formally sealed their partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing for the Free Meals for Youth Program, under City Ordinance No. 96, Series of 2023.

The initiative, inspired by SLU's Project Daily Bread and supported by the City Council, aims to combat student hunger by providing food assistance to those experiencing financial hardship.

Under the program, the Local Government Unit (LGU) has allocated funds for twelve (12) months per school year. Qualified students will receive a ₱2,500 monthly meal subsidy, managed through the SLU Finance Office and paid directly to partner canteen concessionaires who will provide the meals.