

Metric 2.5

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Saint Louis University

Encourages the eradication of hunger as well as advancements in the physical and mental well-being of its numerous constituents and partners



2 ZERO HUNGER



Indicator 2.5.3

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University access to local farmers and food producers



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Equipment Transfer for Cacao Growers



In a significant step toward empowering local cacao farmers and reshaping the landscape of chocolate production in the Cordillera, the Cacao Growers and Processors Tublay Association (CGaPTA) officially received cutting-edge equipment from Saint Louis University (SLU) through a formal Equipment Transfer Agreement.

This agreement, signed on 01 September 2025, provides access to technology to local farmers and food producers to improve sustainable farming practices, marking an important milestone in the association's journey toward innovation, sustainability, and market competitiveness.

The transfer included two essential machines: a state-of-the-art Godel-Melanger Premier Chocolate Refiner and a high-performance Bean Grinder. These tools are more than just equipment; they represent new opportunities for efficiency, quality, and creativity in local cacao processing. With these machines, CGaPTA members can refine cacao beans into smoother chocolate, elevate product standards, and position their creations to compete in wider artisanal and premium chocolate markets.



To celebrate this milestone, CGaPTA representatives, together with SLU's extension project members, faculty of the School of Accountancy, Management, Computing and Information Studies (SAMCIS) and School of Advanced Studies (SAS), organized an interactive workshop centered on cacao grinding and refining.

The activity went beyond technical demonstrations—it was a hands-on experience where local farmers and aspiring chocolatiers learned the fundamentals of chocolate-making. Participants practiced grinding cacao beans, refining them into rich chocolate, and molding them into delectable treats. For many, it was their first opportunity to explore the full journey from raw cacao to finished chocolate.



As CGaPTA members begin to use their new equipment, the possibilities for innovation in the local chocolate market are boundless. With enhanced product quality, the association is poised to tap into the growing demand for artisanal, fair-trade, and climate-friendly chocolates. This partnership demonstrates what can be achieved through collaboration, creativity, and a shared vision for progress.

With SLU's support and the passion of its members, the Cacao Growers and Processors Tublay Association is ready to make sweet strides in the cocoa industry, transforming Tublay's locally-grown cacao into a symbol of pride, sustainability, and excellence.



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Project Ambag Outreach program for Tinongdan Farmers



Driven by compassion and Christian spirit, and empowered by a shared vision of sustainable impact, the Young Entrepreneurs' Society (YES) of Saint Louis University (SLU), in collaboration with the 4th Year BS Entrepreneurship – Business Implementation class, successfully conducted an outreach program titled Project Ambag Series: Hatid Suporta, Ani ng Pag-asa! in Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet on 5 April 2025.

As part of the outreach, the Louisiana Entrepreneurs extended vital agricultural tools, supplies and monetary donations to support the livelihood of our local farmers. What made this initiative even more impactful was that it directly benefited 13 farmer associations in Tinongdan: Gabakffa, Barangay Community Garden, Calbacifa, Palcifa, Baguang, Bifarka, Tinpo, Tongkalan, Saybuan Irrigators, Laadipo, Daadipo, P4mp, And The Tinongdan Young Farmers.



The source of funding was supported by YES, YES Advisers, six student-run BS Entrep BA 4th year businesses (Aftertaste, Cubie Coffee, Dalikan Espesyal, Indulge by Casa Cravings, Halinna Cafe and Samizza Snack Corner), together with individual donors who shared the same vision of helping. The profits earned by the student entrepreneurs through passion, creativity, and hard work were purposefully pooled together to give back to the hands that till our land, our farmers.



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