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Partnering with government and non-government institutions in support of the local community



Indicator 3.3.1

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Collaborations and health services



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Current collaborations with health institutions

Saint Louis University (SLU) demonstrates its steadfast commitment to promoting health and well-being through strong collaborations with governmental, nongovernmental, and international institutions. Guided by its mission of compassionate service and transformation, SLU actively engages in initiatives that advance public health across the City of Baguio and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), toward a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for all.

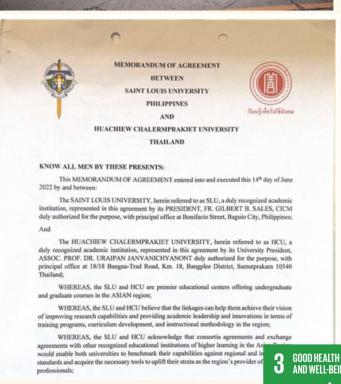
commitment to global excellence is strengthened by SLU's existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU), Thailand, a duly recognized academic institution specializing in health sciences. The MOA, entered into and executed on 14 June 2022, formalizes cooperation between the two universities in areas such as academic exchange, research collaboration, training programs, and curriculum development.

Through this active partnership, SLU students and faculty gain opportunities for global health education, research exchange, and exposure to diverse public health systems and emerging medical technologies. Such international collaboration equips future healthcare professionals with a deeper understanding of regional and global health challenges.

Anchored in its core value of social involvement, Saint Louis University continues to serve as a beacon of hope and health, empowering both local and global communities to thrive through education, innovation, and shared responsibility for human well-being.







Global Collaboration for Health: SLU and Huachiew Chalermprakiet University Strengthen Ties through Hematology Education

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www.facebook.com/SLU.GRAA/posts/Huachiew-Chalermprakiet-University-Professor-shares-expertise-on-Hematology

Louis University strengthened its international health collaboration through its active partnership with Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU), Thailand, under an existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) supporting joint training, academic exchange, and clinical education. As part of this partnership, a faculty expert from HCU a lecture Automation delivered on Hematology at the School of Nursing, Allied Health, and Biological Sciences (SONAHBS) on December 5, 2024, attended by Medical Laboratory Science students.

The lecture explored technological advancements in hematology, presenting cutting-edge automation practices used in Thailand's clinical laboratories. It highlighted operational mechanisms, diagnostic benefits, and the transformative role of automated hematology systems in improving patient care. This knowledge exchange enhanced SLU's capacity to integrate modern diagnostic tools into classroom and laboratory instruction, contributing improved health-service competencies among future laboratory professionals.

The activity also reinforced international

immersion opportunities offered under the MOA, giving SLU students access to hospitalbased training, academic lectures, exposure to cultural and clinical practices in Thailand. These initiatives promote crosscultural understanding while strengthening health-system knowledge through structured collaboration with a foreign health institution. Through sustained MOA-driven engagement with a recognized medical and laboratory science institution, Saint Louis University advances the aims of SDG 3.3.1 by improving health and well-being outcomes through coordinated partnerships, knowledge sharing, and global capacity-building in the health sciences.





Strengthening Health Collaboration: Huachiew Chalermprakiet University exposes SLU student interns to innovations in health sciences in Thailand

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Saint Louis University strengthened its international health collaboration through a month-long Pharmacy Manufacturing Immersion Program held at Huachiew Chalermprakiet University (HCU) in Thailand from March 16 to April 15, 2025. This initiative forms part of the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SLU and HCU, which supports joint academic activities, capacity building in the health sciences, and global health partnerships.

Fifty-two SLU Pharmacy students participated in intensive hands-on training at HCU's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, where they engaged in product formulation, compounding of medicines, quality control testing, and guided visits to pharmaceutical manufacturing companies. The immersion was facilitated by HCU's academic and laboratory experts, who provided structured laboratory instruction, industry exposure, and application-based learning rooted in real-world pharmaceutical practice.

This international collaboration strengthened students' competencies in pharmaceutical science and contributed to improved health-system readiness by exposing future professionals to global standards in drug manufacturing and quality assurance. The program also offered opportunities for cultural exchange and expanded understanding of Thailand's healthcare and pharmaceutical landscape, reinforcing the importance of international cooperation in advancing health and well-being.

By implementing this MOA-driven immersion with a recognized health science institution, Saint Louis University demonstrates strong alignment with SDG 3.3.1. The partnership enhances health education, promotes knowledge transfer in pharmaceutical manufacturing, and supports the long-term improvement of health outcomes through sustained, coordinated collaboration with an international health institution.

Service Beyond the Classroom: Saint Louis University's Community Health Mission for Sustainable Well-being

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Saint Louis University strengthened its health-sector partnerships through a medical mission conducted on May 10, 2025, in Barangay Happy Hollow, Baguio City. Implemented by the Department of Pharmacy in collaboration with the School of Medicine's Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative (MOMFI), and supervised by the Community Extension & Outreach Programs Office (SLU-CEOPO), the initiative marks the first phase of a three-year extension program aimed at delivering sustained health services, health education, and community-based research.

The mission was carried out in coordination with local health institutions and community partners, enabling the provision of free medical consultations, essential medicines, and medication counseling to residents aged 40–80, addressing gaps in access to primary healthcare. Third-year research groups and interns were deployed to organize and support the activity, gaining practical experience in public health advocacy, medication literacy, and community engagement. Students, faculty volunteers, MOMFI members, and alumni health professionals worked together throughout the day, fostering compassion, teamwork, and applied learning.

This initiative embodies SLU's trifocal extension approach: Academics, where students apply knowledge to real-world health promotion; Community Extension, through direct service to

underserved populations; and Research, by gathering data that inform future evidence-based health programs. More than service, it is service beyond the classroom—grounded in empathy, leadership, and social responsibility.



Hedcor Launches Heartfelt Benguet Medical and Dental Mission to Kick Off the 'Ber Months'

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Saint Louis University, through the School of Medicine's Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative (MOMFI), contributed to a large-scale medical and dental mission conducted in Barangay Bineng, La Trinidad, Benguet. Conducted on 9–10 September 2024, the outreach brought together a wide network of partners: Hedcor, the Aboitiz Foundation, the La Trinidad Municipal Health Services Office, the Saint Louis University School of Medicine through MOMFI, the Cordillera College College of Nursing, and Barangay Bineng leaders. This multi-sector collaboration enabled the delivery of vital health-promotion services to over 200 patients, including free consultations, checkups, essential medicines, dental cleanings, and tooth extractions.

The initiative demonstrates how strong health partnerships amplify the reach and impact of community health programs. By uniting university volunteers, professional health practitioners, LGU health services, and private-sector partners, the mission created an integrated approach to preventive care, patient education, and essential service delivery. Students and interns from SLU also engaged directly with health professionals, reinforcing the value of collaborative learning and shared responsibility in public health. This also supports the broader objective of training future health professionals.



Expanding Compassion and Delivering Accessible Healthcare: MOMFI's Medical Mission in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur

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Saint Louis University, through the School of Medicine's Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative (MOMFI), extended its compassionate health service to underserved communities in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur through a two-day medical mission conducted in partnership with MedKCom on January 28–29, 2025. The initiative delivered essential healthcare to approximately 272 patients in Libtong and 370 patients in Sawat, including adults and children who received free medical check-ups, minor surgeries, and obstetrics and gynecology consultations.

The mission was made possible through a wide and coordinated network of collaborators: the Municipality of Tagudin, the Rural Health Unit, St. Augustine's School Alumni, Let's Share Foundation, MedKCom volunteers, and the Philippine Medical Society of Northeast Florida. This multi-level partnership—integrating local government health workers, international medical professionals, civic groups, and university volunteers—demonstrates how strong health collaborations amplify the effectiveness, reach, and quality of community health interventions.

This initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being by expanding access to essential healthcare and promoting preventive health awareness in remote communities. By delivering free services, providing patient education, and integrating expertise from diverse partners, MOMFI strengthens community health outcomes while fostering a model of collaborative, community-centered health promotion.

Through these sustained partnerships, Saint Louis University demonstrates its commitment to improving population health and ensuring that vulnerable communities receive compassionate, quality care.



A MOMFI Medical Mission in Sagada February 2025 : Strengthening Health Partnerships

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Saint Louis University, through the School of Medicine's Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative (MOMFI), strengthened its coordination with local health institutions by conducting a medical mission in Sagada, Mountain Province on February 1–2, 2025. Implemented in partnership with the Sagada Rural Health Unit, local dental practitioners, and regional medical volunteers, the mission delivered essential health services to residents across remote communities.

A multidisciplinary team provided adult and pediatric consultations, wellness assessments, dental extractions, eye evaluations, and free medications. The mission also involved cooperation with village health workers and community health partners who supported patient screening, case triage, and onsite logistics. Through this joint approach, the initiative expanded access to basic healthcare in geographically isolated villages and improved community health awareness.

This activity demonstrates the core intent of SDG 3.3.1 by showcasing how SLU collaborates directly with municipal health offices, dental providers, and local medical institutions to deliver coordinated health services. By integrating expertise, resources, and shared responsibilities, SLU and its partners contributed to improving well-being outcomes for underserved populations in Sagada.



MOMFI's Third Medical Mission in Sagada: Continuing the Journey of Care and Compassion for Underserved Communities

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On March 15-16, 2025, MOMFI volunteers once again served the vibrant communities of Sagada, Mountain Province, through a highly successful medical mission held at the Bangaan National High School covered gym on Day 1 and at Ambasing Elementary School covered gym on Day 2. The team provided a wide range of essential healthcare services, including medical and pediatric consultations, dental extractions, deworming, scabies and lice treatments, and screening for surgical cases. Over 450 patients from 9 barangays across Sagada received medical aid, demonstrating MOMFI's ongoing commitment to bringing accessible healthcare to remote and underserved populations. The mission was made possible through the generous support of the Lalwet Family and valued partners, including Bessang Pass Masonic Lodge No. 314, Bontoc Masonic Lodge No. 140, Sagada RHU, Makati Med Center Foundation, Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, CF B Market, and Archog Pharmacy.

The medical mission organized by MOMFI and its partners is a powerful example of action aligned with SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, which focuses on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all ages. The mission demonstrates vital Collaborations and health services (Indicator 3.3.1) through partnerships with public health institutions such as the Sagada RHU and Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, which are essential for

enhancing health outcomes in the community. By providing comprehensive medical and pediatric consultations, dental extractions, deworming, and treatments to over 450 patients across remote barangays, the initiative serves as a Health outreach program (Indicator 3.3.2).



SLU hosts 13th Regional Health Research Conference, advances public health in the Cordilleras

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Saint Louis University (SLU), through the University Research and Innovation Center (UnRIC), reaffirmed its strong commitment to promoting health and well-being by hosting the 13th Regional Health Research Conference (RHRC) on 19-20 June 2025, at the Rev. Fr. Theophile Verbist Hall, SLU Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Organized in partnership with the Cordillera Regional Health Research and Development Consortium (CRHRDC) under DOST-CAR, and themed "BINNADANG for One Health," the conference fostered collaboration among government, academe, and health sectors to address the region's pressing public health challenges through research and innovation.

Representing SLU President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs Felina P. Espique, PhD, underscored that "the conference is more than a scholarly event—it is a platform for transformative engagement and collective action for a healthier Cordillera and beyond."

The event featured plenary sessions, research presentations, and competitions showcasing evidence-based, community-driven health solutions. SLU was recognized as the Outstanding Performing Research Institution (Private Sector) and awarded Outstanding Research Institution Head (2025) for Fr. Sales, affirming its leadership in regional health research and collaboration.

Through its active role in CRHRDC, SLU continues to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)—by uniting expertise, innovation, and compassion in the pursuit of a healthier and more resilient Cordillera.





Seminar on customer and patient care by Saint Louis University Hospital of the Sacred Heart

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Saint Louis University Sacred Heart Medical Center (SLU-SHMC), in partnership with the University's Human Resources Department, conducted a two-day seminar on March 14 and 15, 2024, aimed at strengthening health service delivery through enhanced patient care practices and updated knowledge on healthcare policies. The seminar, held at SLU-SHMC, centered on "Customer and Patient Care: Serving with Empathy and Kindness" and a comprehensive orientation on the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

This initiative demonstrated meaningful collaboration between hospital leadership, institutional health educators, and legal professionals to improve staff competencies in patient interaction, ethical service, and compliance with national health regulations. By jointly conducting the training, SLU-SHMC and the HR Department reinforced a unified approach to improving patient experience, ensuring confidentiality, and promoting a compassionate, rights-based framework for health service delivery.

This seminar initiative directly supports the core objective of Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being by enhancing the quality and ethical standards of health services. The collaboration between Saint Louis University Sacred Heart Medical Center (SLU-SHMC) and the Human Resources Department to conduct seminars

on "Customer and Patient Care: Serving with Empathy and Kindness" and the Data Privacy Act of 2012 aligns with Indicator 3.3.2, which focuses on health outreach programs.

