

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL
DIVIDE : MLANG
COMMUNITY E-CENTER
EXPERIENCE



BACKGROUND



- Mlang Community e-Center was established in the year 2009 through the leadership of Municipal Mayor, Honorable Joselito F. Pinol, managed by the Community e-Center Manager, Dr. Mary Ann A. Cortado
- It has created 2 satellite centers namely, Barangay Calunasan and Nueva Vida to reach out clientele at the farthest barangays.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



- IT Ladderized education
- Values education
- Livelihood assistance
- Employment facilitation
- Tourism information
- Digital literacy
- Other e-government services

PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES



- Grassroots women
- Persons with disabilities
- Job seekers or unemployed
- Indigenous People
- Out-of-school youth/ college drop-outs
- Child laborers
- Informal sector

PROGRAM STRATEGIES



- Logistic support from local officials
- Creation of local council of women
- Partnership with educational institutions
- Conduct of Training of Trainers
- Linkage with various local women groups
- Information and education campaign
- Close monitoring and evaluation

RESULTS OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION



- The ICT program also break the environment of isolation for women as they can now connect more friends and family working abroad
- A high increase of income was also noted as some participants ventured into business using ICT skills

RESULTS OF PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION



- The conduct of digital literacy to women has generated positive results
: personal, social and economic development
- Testimonies revealed that the trainees have developed self-confidence and self-esteem as they have learned new skills and technology
- Household women also developed mentoring capability as they can now teach their children to school

LESSONS LEARNED



- Good relationships between the local chief executive and the legislative department that hasten program implementation
- Linkage and collaboration with NGOs, private and public agencies
- Active participation and cooperation of the different women stakeholders in the community
- Commitment and dedication of the personnel and staff involved

RECOMMENDATIONS



POLICY AGENDA

1. Formulation of a policy that would possibly eradicate illiteracy and poverty among women
2. A policy to enhance ICT infrastructure and access to technology -both men and women
3. A right-based approach shall have to be promoted. It has to be recognized that education for all through ICT is a fundamental right for all citizens- men and women as partner in development



PROGRAM AGENDA:

1. Development of useful and relevant training content
2. A learning demand approach tailoring the specific needs of women
3. Continuous training shall be conducted to reinforce the learning of the participants



RESEARCH AGENDA

1. A more in-depth research shall be conducted on the learning styles and preferences of women in ICT
2. An impact assessment to quantify the level of socio-economic benefits derived from the program
3. More collaborative research by the different research institutions to promote promising innovations



THANK YOU SO MUCH

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!