
Effectiveness of Community Extension Program In Barangay Garang, Tangub City

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ABSTRACT

One of the core functions of academic institutions is to effect change by empowering people in the community through extension programs and services. This study was conducted to assess the effectiveness of the Community Extension Program conducted at Barangay Garang, Tangub City. This type of research intends to gain an understanding on the success and challenges encountered by the extension program implementers of Institute of Criminal Justice Education in Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College. Thirty (30) residents were considered as respondents of this study. Weighted Arithmetic Mean was used as a statistical tool to analyze the data. Result revealed that the extension program and services implemented by the Institute of Criminal Justice Education contributed to the community of Barangay Garang Tangub City, especially for enhancing the knowledge and skills of Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) and Barangay Officials of Garang, Tangub City. Furthermore, they also became more knowledgeable as to preparation for possible disaster and calamities that would arise in their Barangay, to respond properly in every crime incident that would happen, and to respond in every situation of drowning victim. The respondents believed that they have gained and learned many skills through the extension programs; trainings and seminars. Almost all of the respondents perceived the necessity for further improving and enhancing the Community Extension Program of ICJE, GADTC. Likewise, proper monitoring and evaluation of extended programs should be undertaken to determine the effectivity of the Community Extension Program and services

KEYWORDS: *Community Extension Program, Effectives, Assessment, Research-based Program, Enhancement, Adopted Barangay*

INTRODUCTION

Community Extension Program is a school-sponsored program that extends the school's people and material resources, as well as its connections, to client communities in order to provide certain services. Its goal is to provide assistance and support to a community in order to improve the people's situation. It can take several forms, including educational support, training, and seminars. Furthermore, everyone has their own idea of a community extension program. It is to be kind and loving to others, and to assist people who are less fortunate in some way.

It is not a new concept to include community service in the school curriculum. Dewey, et. al. [1]. Extension and community involvement are the areas where the community perceives the institution's presence. This study may be of interest to higher education institutions (HEIs) that are developing community extension programs with the best societal outcomes. The

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) requires schools should be involved in the community. As a result, Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College developed initiatives in Tangub City's selected barangays to assist and appraise those communities in improving their status and providing programs and training. This is not only for accreditation purposes but more specifically to facilitate sustainable development in poor communities.

Furthermore, the community extension program has issues that make it challenging. The goal of this study is to evaluate the performance of the institute of criminal justice education at Gov. Alfonso D Tan College's community extension program. In Garang, Tangub City, the Institute of Criminal Justice Education has established programs such as natural disaster preparedness in the Community, waters safety, survival, and rescue arrest procedure and execution of defense tactics. As to the program, the problem is to find out the lapses that need to be addressed and what are the enhancement program which can be made in order to formulate another activity so that the community extension program will be more effective.

Thus, the researcher dwelled in this study to assess the effectiveness of the implemented community extension program at Barangay Garang. Specifically, it aimed to assess the level of implementation of Community Extension Program; to determine the significant relationship between the effectiveness and the level of implementation; and propose recommendation to enhance the delivery of Community Extension Program of the College. This paper highlighted some key development activities, which includes partnership with local government training assessments through grass-root level participation and design of practical education -training programs and seminars.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

This study aimed to assess the effectiveness of the implemented community extension program conducted by the Institute of Criminal Justice Education faculty, staff and students at Barangay Garang Tangub City. Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions; 1. What is the perception of the respondents on the effectiveness of the Community Extension Program conducted by ICJE in Barangay Garang in terms of community preparedness on natural calamities; water safety survival and rescue; and proper execution of defense tactics and on how proper procedure to conduct arrest? 2. What is the significant difference on the results of the data with regard to the 3 conducted programs? 3. Based from the results, what enhancement/advancement program and measures can be made?

METHODS

This study employed a quantitative research methodology. The study was conducted at Brgy Garang, Tangub City, Misamis Occidental. Before the program was implemented, the school conducted a survey to determine the community needs in every Barangay of Tangub City. The Barangay Garang was being chosen by the school for implementation of programs and trainings to provide the needs of their community. This study considered thirty (30) respondents who are residents and are participants of the Community Extension Program conducted by the Institute of Criminal Justice Education in Barangay Garang, Tangub City. Twenty (20) Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) who are the attendees of the Community Extension Program, and (10) Barangay Officials also formed participants in the said research. This study used a researchers-made constructed questionnaire which was used

to gather data. All of the questions were translated from English to Bisaya so that it would be pleasing and easy to be understood by the respondents. The reliability of the questionnaire was tested through pilot testing with Cronbach Alpha of 0.966. To determine the level of effectiveness on the implemented Community Extension Program conducted by the Institute of Criminal Justice Education faculty, staff and students of Gov. Alfonso D. Tan College as assessed by the respondents, Weighted Mean was used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 1 presents the respondents' perception on the effectiveness of the Community Extension Program conducted at Barangay Garang Tangub City on the Community Preparedness on Natural Calamities. As reflected on the table, it can be noted that the respondents strongly agree that the activity help them to know what needs to be done if the calamities arise in their Barangay with the highest mean of 4.83. Moreover, the least mean 1.43 implies that the respondents strongly disagree that the activity is just time consuming. Generally, the grand mean of 3.61 reveals that the respondents agree with the indicators which implies that the implemented program on the Community Preparedness on Nature Calamities is effective.

Moreover, Berkes et al [2] stated that it is critical to understand how local and indigenous people in a given area view and interact with their environment; whether they have local knowledge that can be used to monitor, interpret, and respond to dynamic changes in the ecosystem and the resources and services that people generate; and whether their knowledge can be used to design appropriate interventions, such as disaster preparedness.

Table 1. *Effectiveness of Community Preparedness on Natural Calamities*

Indicators	Mean	Description	Interpretation
1. The activity helps us to know what needs to be done if calamities arise on our Barangay	4.83	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
2. This activity shows us the function of our TANOD and Barangay officials as to the arise of Calamities.	4.80	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
3. This could help to know more on the procedure on how to rescue victims in times of calamities.	4.70	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
4. We can also distinguish the difference between Natural and Man-made Calamities.	4.47	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
5. We are really privileged to experience on our Barangay activities like this.	4.70	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
6. We don't need the implemented activity.	1.60	Strongly Disagree	Not Effective
7. We know already on what to do if there are Calamities that would arise, that's why there's no need for them to lecture anything.	2.32	Disagree	Fairly Effective
8. The activity is just time consuming	1.43	Strongly Disagree	Not Effective
Grand Mean	3.61	Agree	Effective

The above table shows the respondents' perception on the effectiveness of the Community Extension Program conducted at Barangay Garang Tangub City on the Water Safety Survival and Rescue. As seen on the table, the highest mean is 4.87 which means that the respondents strongly agree that the activity help them to know what are the basic procedure to do if there is a victim of drowning. The rest of the indicators are similarly strongly agreed by the respondents; except the indicator "There are no additional ideas presented by the speaker; we already know anything" which the respondents strongly disagree with the least mean of 1.50. The grand mean of 4.24 implies that the respondents strongly agree with the indicators which means that the implemented activity on the Water Safety Survival and Rescue is highly effective.

Brenner et al., [3] who adopt this broader perspective in their creation of the concept of water competence, reinforce the idea that swimming skill or ability, in the context of drowning prevention, is about more than just the physical or technical capacity to swim. It should also include broad concepts of knowledge (for example, water safety understanding) and affective disposition (i.e. attitudes and perceptions).

Table 2. *Effectiveness of Water Safety Survival and Rescue*

Indicators	Mean	Description	Interpretation
1. The activity helps us to know what are the basic procedure to do if there is a victim of drowning.	4.87	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
2. The activity encouraged me to practice or to develop my swimming ability for the future, as I am a first responder.	4.37	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
3. The speaker really delivered well the topics to be discussed.	4.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
4. We've learned some knowledge and ideas that is new to us.	4.60	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
5. We already know how to rescue the victims of drowning and other related to first-aid procedure	4.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
6. They used what they have learned effectively.	4.73	Strongly	Highly Effective
7. The program is helpful to us to develop our knowledge to response in times of rescuing and Water Safety Survival.	4.57	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
8. There are no additional ideas presented by the speaker; we already know anything.	1.50	Strongly Disagree	Not Effective
Grand Mean	4.24	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective

Table 3 presents the respondent's perception on the effectiveness of the Community Extension Program conducted at Barangay Garang Tangub City on the Proper Execution of Defense Tactics and on How Proper Procedure to Conduct Arrest. It appears that 4.90 is the highest mean which indicates that the respondents strongly agree that the activity really

helped the participants to be more oriented on their duties and responsibilities. The lowest mean of 1.30 denotes that the respondents strongly disagree that they have not learned anything on the activity they had presented. The grand mean of 3.87 reveals that the respondents agree on the indicators which implies that the implemented activity on Proper Execution of Defense Tactics and on How Proper Procedure to Conduct Arrest is effective.

A flight crew self-defense program, according to Williamson [4], should take into account the situation in which the flight crews find themselves. In a realistic situation, the defensive strategy should include striking grappling and weapons technique. Williamson is discussing what some martial tacticians refer to as "reality-based training" (Murray) [5]; (Quinn) [6]; (Siddle) [7]. Realistic Based Training (RBT) prepares law enforcement employees for the types of situations they would meet on the job.

Table 3. *Effectiveness of Proper Execution of Defense Tactics and on How Proper Procedure to Conduct Arrest*

Indicators	Mean	Description	Interpretation
1. The activity is really beneficial as it gives us more ideas on how to arrest the possible perpetrators on our Barangay.	4.72	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
2. I learned how to defend myself if the violators or perpetrators would resist.	4.63	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
3. It gives us additional idea on how to arrest properly and that we could not violate the right of the perpetrators.	4.67	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
4. I have not learned anything on the activity they had presented.	1.30	Strongly Disagree	Not Effective
5. I am a first responder and it is needed for me to know on how to do it properly.	4.47	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
6. I don't like this activity, its already existing.	1.37	Strongly Disagree	Not Effective
7. The activity really helped us to be more oriented on our duties and responsibilities.	4.90	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
8. The activity helped us to do our job correctly and more humanely.	4.83	Strongly Agree	Highly Effective
Grand Mean	3.87	Agree	Effective

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The respondents perceived that the Community Extension Program conducted and implemented at Barangay Garang Tangub City is effective. As to the result, the activity the activity helped respondents and participants to know what needs to be done if calamities arise in their Barangay and since Barangay Garang is a near coastal area. On the other hand, the activity helped them to know what are the basic procedure to do if there is a victim of drowning. Were the participants of the study who are the Barangay Peacekeeping Action

Team and Barangay officials believe that the activities really helped them to be more oriented on their duties and responsibilities. It is concluded that the implemented activity at Barangay Garang Tangub City is effective.

The Institute of Criminal Justice Education of Governor Alfonso D Tan College must continue to conduct and implement a community extension program and services such as seminars, lecture, demonstration, trainings, and workshops pertaining to the preparedness on natural calamities to be participated by the Barangay Officials and Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) into the neighboring coastal area and to the barangay that is prone to landslide in Tangub City, Misamis Occidental.

The City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO) must continue in serving community through conducting symposium and educational campaign in preparedness on disaster and natural calamities.

The community residents particularly to the Barangay Officials and BPAT must actively participate in every drill, lecture and demonstration conducted by the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office CDRRMO in partnership with the Local Government Units and to the School Governor Alfonso D Tan College Institute of Criminal Justice Education.

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