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Women's Empowerment and Social Development: the Experience in the Philippines





Engaging Grassroots Women and Key Stakeholders for Empowerment and Social Development

- A regional summit organized by HomeNet Philippines for United Nations Women (UN Women) and United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- Participated in by 72 organizations from all over the Philippines



Tagolwanan Women Weavers Association



- Women weavers from the Tagoloanen tribe in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Mindanao Province



Social Development Issue: Poverty

- Promoting Economic Growth and Job Creation
 - Increasing family revenue
 - Employment at the Showroom



Social Development Issue: Poverty

- Improving Access to Basic Social Services
 - Education
 - Health Care



Social Development Issue: Social Protection and Climate Change

- Composed of 60% women home-based workers and workers in the informal economy & 40% individuals from the academe, NGOs, micro & small enterprise owners





Protecting Women & their Families from Economic & Social Distress

- Social Assistance - food aid; rescue buy
- Social insurance – life insurance
- Social care – referral for gender-based violence victim-survivors
- Informal labor market programs – skills training; advocacy for social protection



Collaborating with Like-Minded Groups for Access to Learning Sessions on Social Entrepreneurship & Market Opportunities





Advocating for Climate-Smart Solutions Combined with Circular Economy Among Producer-Members





Collaborating with Local Government for Local Policies Favoring Home-based Workers & Workers in the Informal Economy and in Mainstreaming Social Solidarity Economy (SSE)



Grassroots women empowerment and social development requires:

- Investing in human capital through social protection, education, and job creation
- Passing of policies that address the root causes of poverty
- Strengthening women-led community and individual action

