



**FOSTERING COMMUNITY GROWTH: ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE MVGFC  
COMMUNITY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM  
IN THE CASE OF BARANGAY TALIPAPA**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper highlights the imperative of establishing a meaningful and sustainable community outreach program within Higher Education Institutions, exemplified by the Manuel V. Gallego Foundation Colleges (MVGFC), dedicated to social work and community development. It underscores the challenges of finding partner barangays willing to collaborate and sustain outreach efforts, necessitating a strategic and collaborative approach guided by community-based participatory action principles. The launch of a new program in Barangay Talipapa showcases MVGFC's commitment to supporting marginalized sectors. Through a formal Memorandum of Agreement, Talipapa provides an optimal environment for student engagement and practical learning experiences, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. MVGFC utilized Community-Based Participatory Action Research to align and integrate with the six pillars of the MVGFC CEOP Framework, ensuring effective implementation and impact. Aligned with the institution's Research Development and Extension Agenda, the Community Outreach and Extension Program (CEOP) targets poverty alleviation, aiming to create sustainable livelihoods, improve health, nutrition, and advance education. By integrating programs with research, outreach, and extension efforts, MVGFC endeavors to foster inclusive growth and development. Additionally, it aims to cultivate a close-knit community characterized by harmony, mutual care, and environmental stewardship, thereby creating a legacy of positive change and sustainable development.

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