



PRELIMINARY SURVEY VISIT

AREA V RESEARCH

C. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, EVALUATION AND UTILIZATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS/OUTPUTS

C.3. List of In-Service Training Conducted to Enhance Faculty Research Capabilities

RESEARCH TRAINING (IN-SERVICE)

The table below shows the opportunities for research development and capacity building supported by the University.

Type of Activity (e.g., advanced studies, upgrading, retooling, etc.)	Title of Training	Sponsoring Agency	Year Conducted	No. of Trained Faculty/Staff
Retooling	Risk Communication (in ESO Conference Room)	USM	September 19, 2025	
Upgrading	Lecture on Functional Food Research (at the Commercial Building)	USM	August 20, 2025	
Retooling	Training-Workshop on Project Design and Evaluation (at the KEPLRC)	USM-SERDAC, USM-ESO	May 26-28, 2025	50
Retooling	Bookmaking and Bloom App User's Training-Workshop (at the Commercial Building)	USM-ESO	March 17-18, 2025	35
Upgrading	Training on Organic Coffee and Cacao Production Management	USM	2025	120
Upgrading	Traditional Language Documentation	USM	2025	70
Upgrading	Crop Protection Training Workshop	USM	2024	142
Upgrading	Impact Assessment Training	USM, DOST-PCAARRD	2024	47
Upgrading	Data Analytics Training	USM, UPLB	2024	30
Upgrading	Training on Research Design, Extension, and Micro-creden	USM, UPLB	2023	100
Upgrading	Webinar on Outcomes-based Teaching & Learning Design & Development of Courses Adapting Flexible Delivery Modes	USM	2020	50
Retooling	Seminar-Workshop on Developing Print- Based Instructional Materials	Extension Services Center-USM	2020	30
Upgrading	Magazine Writeshop of the	SOCCKSARGEN Agriculture,	2020	1

	SOXAARRDEC knowledge Management Cluster	Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium		
Upgrading	Write shop for External Funding	USM	2020	15
Upgrading	Conceptualization and Workshop for CASS Journal	CASS	2020	20
Upgrading	Workshop on IEC Materials Development	University Extension Services Office	2020	25
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Upgrading	Training-Workshop on Showcasing Your rand: Enhancing Persuasive Presentation Skills	SOCCKSARGEN Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium	2020	1
Retooling	Research Publication Workshop	Research Publication Services Office & Research and Development Office, USM	2020	20
Retooling	Writeshop on Technical and Scientific Writing	Research and Development Office, USM	2019	30
Upgrading	Training Workshop on Plagiarism Prevention Policies	USM	2019	100
Upgrading	Gender Mainstreaming in the Curriculum Seminar- Workshop	USM	2019	50
Retooling	Seminar-Workshop on Outcomes-Based Education and Outcomes-Based Teaching and Learning	USM	2019	100
Upgrading	Training Workshop on Plagiarism Prevention Policies	USM	2019	150
Upgrading	Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Development Results	CAARRDEC	2019	100
Retooling	Seminar-Workshop on Outcomes-Based Education and Outcomes-based Teaching and Learning (Syllabus Design)	USM	2019	100
Upgrading	Seminar-Training on Tourism Management	Research and Development Office-USM	2019	30

Retooling	Online Indexing System	USM	2019	25
Upgrading	Seminar on Harmonization, Coordination and Cooperation of Research, Extension & Publication Services in University of Southern Mindanao	Research and Development Office-USM	2018	47
Upgrading	Research Proposal Writeshop for Internal and External Funding	Research and Development Office-USM	2018	38
Retooling	Faculty Training for the New General Education Courses (Purposive Communication)	USM	2018	21
Upgrading	Research Proposal Writeshop	Research and Development Office	2018	42

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USM Experts Train on Risk and Crisis Communication for GMOs

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Students, staff, and information officers from the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) participated in a training workshop led by two USM experts on September 19, 2025. The session focused on risk and crisis communication in the context of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), with the goal of equipping participants with the skills to handle high-stress communication scenarios.

The workshop featured insights from two USM experts: Ms. Mary Grace Balbuena, Education Program Specialist II, and Ms. Janice Bangoy, Senior Science Research Specialist. They shared their expertise on foundational concepts of risk communication, managing communities in high-concern situations, and the implications for organizational communication and change.

Participants moved beyond theoretical concepts and applied their learning through practical exercises including a role-play in a public forum scenario, workshops on stakeholder and message mapping, and crafting an Issue Management Plan and a Risk Communication Plan. These hands-on sessions were designed to prepare them to manage public perception and combat misinformation effectively.

The program concluded with a closing message from Dr. Glyn B. Gabano-Magbanua, Director of the Extension Services Office. In her address, she emphasized the importance of the training in equipping participants with the skills to provide accurate and timely information.

"This training has basically equipped you with the ability to manage public perception, navigate misinformation, and ensure that the communities we communicate with receive the timely, accurate information needed to make informed decisions," Dr. Magbanua stated in her message. *"I encourage you to carry this knowledge forward and integrate it into every aspect of your work."*

The workshop highlighted the critical need for a deeper appreciation of risk and crisis communication, particularly for uncommon concepts like GMOs. It underscored how widening perspectives can help address complex challenges and build trust within communities.



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USM Welcomes Balik Scientist Dr. Myra O. Villareal

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Dr. Myra O. Villareal, an expert in the field of functional food research, food science, nutraceutical development, and bioactive compound analysis, provided a lecture and training to the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) Community through the Balik Scientist Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) on August 20, 2025, at the University Commercial Building, USM, Kabacan, Cotabato.

Her visit aims to develop a framework for USM to identify and develop bioactive compounds in local foods, build local expertise in functional food research via training and mentoring, support the creation of health-focused food innovations for market and community use, and enhance collaborative research aligned with national goals on food security, nutrition, and public health.

During the open forum, USM personnel raised several questions related to functional food research. They inquired about the types of research they could pursue in this field, which local foods in the province qualify as functional foods, and how they could enhance or expand their existing research related to food and medicine. Their goal was to identify innovative ideas and approaches that could elevate the quality and impact of their current studies.

Faculty members, researchers, students from College of Health Sciences (CHS), College of Science and Mathematics (CSM), and College of Human Ecology and Food Sciences (CHEFS) attended the program.

Dr. Lydia C. Pascual, the University Research and Development Office (RDO) Director and a faculty member from the Chemistry Department, looks forward that the activity, through Dr. Villareal, will facilitate USM's advanced research initiatives in functional foods and health-promoting ingredients derived from indigenous Philippines.





USM-SERDAC, ESO Conduct Training-Workshop on Project Design and Evaluation

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Kabacan, Cotabato – The University of Southern Mindanao Satellite Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (USM-SERDAC), in coordination with the Extension Services Office (ESO), successfully conducted a three-day Training-Workshop on Project Design and Evaluation on May 26-28, 2025, at the Kundo E. Pahm Learning Resource Center, USM.

The training-workshop gathered College Extension Coordinators (CECs), faculty members, and staff from various colleges to strengthen their capabilities in planning, designing, and evaluating extension projects—an essential part of ensuring that the university’s extension programs and research have a meaningful and lasting impact on its partner communities.

Sessions were led by Atty. Karlo Martin C. Caramugan, EnP and Dr. Roperto S. Deluna Jr., who delivered in-depth lectures on project design frameworks, evaluation tools, and strategies for evidence-based planning.

Participants engaged in hands-on workshops, group exercises, and output presentations, which were followed by critiquing and feedback from the resource speakers. These interactive sessions allowed attendees to apply their learning directly and refine their proposed project plans based on expert input.

The workshop supports USM’s commitment to inclusive, data-informed development and reinforces SERDAC and ESO’s mission to promote research-based planning and responsive community programs.





USM-ESO Conducts Training-Workshop on Bookmaking, Invites Language Experts from SIL

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Kabacan, Cotabato – The University of Southern Mindanao Extension Services Office (USM-ESO) successfully hosted a three-day Training-Workshop on Bookmaking and Bloom App User’s Training-Workshop from March 17 to 19, 2025, at the USM Commercial Building.

The workshop aimed to equip participants with the skills to create and develop big books, decodable books, leveled books, and other instructional materials essential for academic content. This initiative aligns with the *Unibersidad at Kuminidad (UniK)* program of ESO for 2025, which seeks to document and preserve the cultural heritage of the Bagobo-Tagabawa in Kasunayan, Makilala, along with other communities supported by the university.



A total of 35 participants attended the event, representing various offices and colleges, including the College of Social Sciences – Department of English Language and Literature (CASS-DELL), Graduate School, Research Development Office (RDO), College of Business, Development, Economics, and Management (CBDEM), and faculty extension implementers.



Language experts from the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL)—the world's largest linguistic organization—led the sessions. Maria Cecilia Osorio-Van Zante, MA, Literary and Education Consultant of SIL-Phils, and Manuel S. Tamayao, Senior Archivist at SIL-Phils, served as the resource persons. SIL-Phils Training Specialist Ricky A. Agdahan also joined the workshop, facilitating afternoon sessions.

The event provided a valuable platform for educators and professionals to enhance their expertise in Instructional Educational Communication (IEC) material development, reinforcing USM's commitment to quality education and innovation.

