

DOST 7 stirs-up the Quality Control capacity of Women Micro-Entrepreneurs



The WME participants and enablers during the Basic Quality Control Training via zoom webinar on August 4-7, 2020, spearheaded by the DOST 7 and in active collaboration with PCW, DTI and DA.

To help increase the sales and income of the Women Micro-Entrepreneurs (WMEs) through the production of high quality food products that meet and exceed customer satisfaction in this time of pandemic, the DOST VII spearheaded a Basic Quality Control Training on August 4-7, 2020. The zoom online platform was attended by 24 WMEs who are into the production of Cacao and artisanal chocolates. These said WMEs are enrolled under the GREAT Women Project 2 of the Philippine Commission on Women.

The DOST 7 provided this training knowing that growing organizations especially those in the production of food commodities are constantly challenged by the demands of customers in terms of a lot of factors such as taste, food safety, price as well as availability and convenience especially in this time of pandemic.

To readily identify and address the gaps and defects of the WMEs operation and processes, Dr. Carlito Impas, the resource speaker of the four-day training emphasized the need for the WMEs to maintain regular Quality Control Inspection, defects identification and documentation of their operation. Dr. Impas is a Consultant and the Training Provider of MEASURE UP (an Enterprise Consulting firm on areas related to Manufacturing Operation, Production, Quality Assurance, Human Resource Management System and Company Audit).

“The activity is timely and significant to assist the challenges faced by the WMEs during this Covid Pandemic”, Engr. Jesus Zamora, Jr. OIC-Regional Director of DOST 7 said.

Ms. Shernes Alcantara, the Program Officer of the Great Women Proj. 2 of the Philippine Commission on Women, encouraged the WMEs to implement their Basic Quality Control Implementation plans so as to realize their goal of increased sales and revenue in the production of Cacao and artisanal chocolates.

The training was graced by OIC-RD Engr. Zamora and ARD for Admin and Finance, Ms. Bernarda Perez of the Department of Science and technology Region 7, supported by the Great Women Project 2 of the Philippine Commission on Women led by Ms. Alcantara in active collaboration with Mr. Blair L. Panong and Ms. Lurli Abaño of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

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