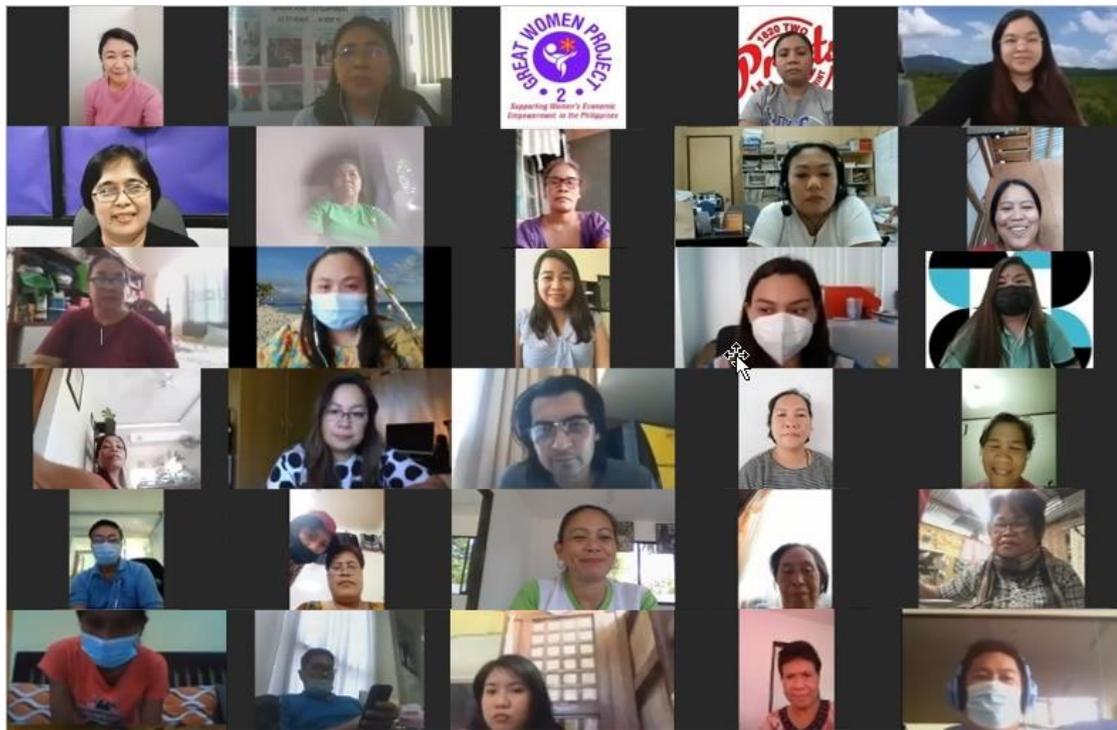


## DOST 7 heightened the skills of WMEs and SETUP clients on GAD Responsive Programming



The participants and enablers during the GAD Responsive Programming via Zoom platform on January 26, 2021, spearheaded by the DOST 7 in active collaboration with PCW, DTI and DA.

To foster Gender and Development (GAD) Responsive Programming in the workplace, the Department of Science and Technology Region VII (DOST 7) conducted a four-hour training on GAD Responsive Programming to Women Micro-Entrepreneurs (WMEs enrolled in the GREAT Women Project 2) and to Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) clients of DOST VII on January 26, 2021 through zoom platform.

A total of fifty (50) participants attended the training, of this number, twenty seven (27) are enrolled WMEs of the GREAT Women Project 2 and twenty three (23) are SETUP clients of DOST VII.

OIC Regional Director Jesus F. Zamora, Jr. said, “to sustain economic growth both financial and gender responsive intervention are now needed especially with the onset of the covid 19 pandemic that adversely affected the partner entrepreneurs. DOST 7 actively advocates gender responsive programming, gender equality and diversity among its internal and external clients especially to its partner entrepreneurs so as to foster wider talent pool who could contribute creativity and innovation in science and technology, help enhance collaboration, improve staff retention, better customer service, promote client satisfaction and also improve productivity.”

Ms. Bernie Reyes of the Association of Mansasa Upcycling Members and Artisans (AMUMA) expressed, “the topic is so nice and it provides us the knowledge we need in our business,” while Ms. Imelda Sinagan of Em’s Dress Shop conveyed, the training have, “introduced new ideas/ perspectives In our lives and in our business as well.”

To have a strategic GAD responsive enterprise, there is a need to encourage the participation of all development players in the enterprise development process, and also the need to identify, analyze and address the gender related issues and constraints of economic stakeholders, said Ms. Maria Fe B. Singson, the Resource Speaker of the GRP Training and the Supervising Science Research Specialist of the DOST GAD Program.

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