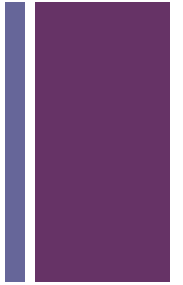




*Kababayen-an ha Kauswagan*  
“Women in Economic Development”

City Mayor Stephany Uy-Tan, Catbalogan City, Philippines

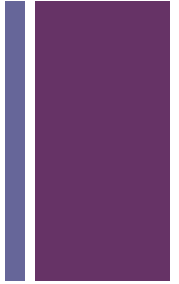
# + Women and Economy



- Women in the workforce is gaining ground but the struggle is still real with inequality and inequity in any sphere of our society
- Women economic empowerment is crucial in development and progress as the half of the world's population is held by us women



# Our Experience – Catbalogan City

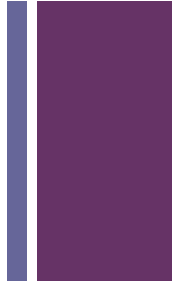


- Women engaging with the economic programs and Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

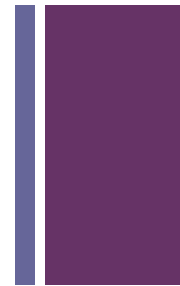




# Our City: Catbalogan City



- Land Area: 274.22 square kilometers
- Actual population based on 2015 survey: 103,879
- 57 barangays or districts (*24 urban, 12 coastal, 10 island, 11 upland*)
- Component City via plebiscite on June 16, 2007
- Samar's main commercial, trading, educational, political and financial center
- A major seaport serving inter-island vessels for island municipalities
- Dubbed as the “Gateway to Samar Region”

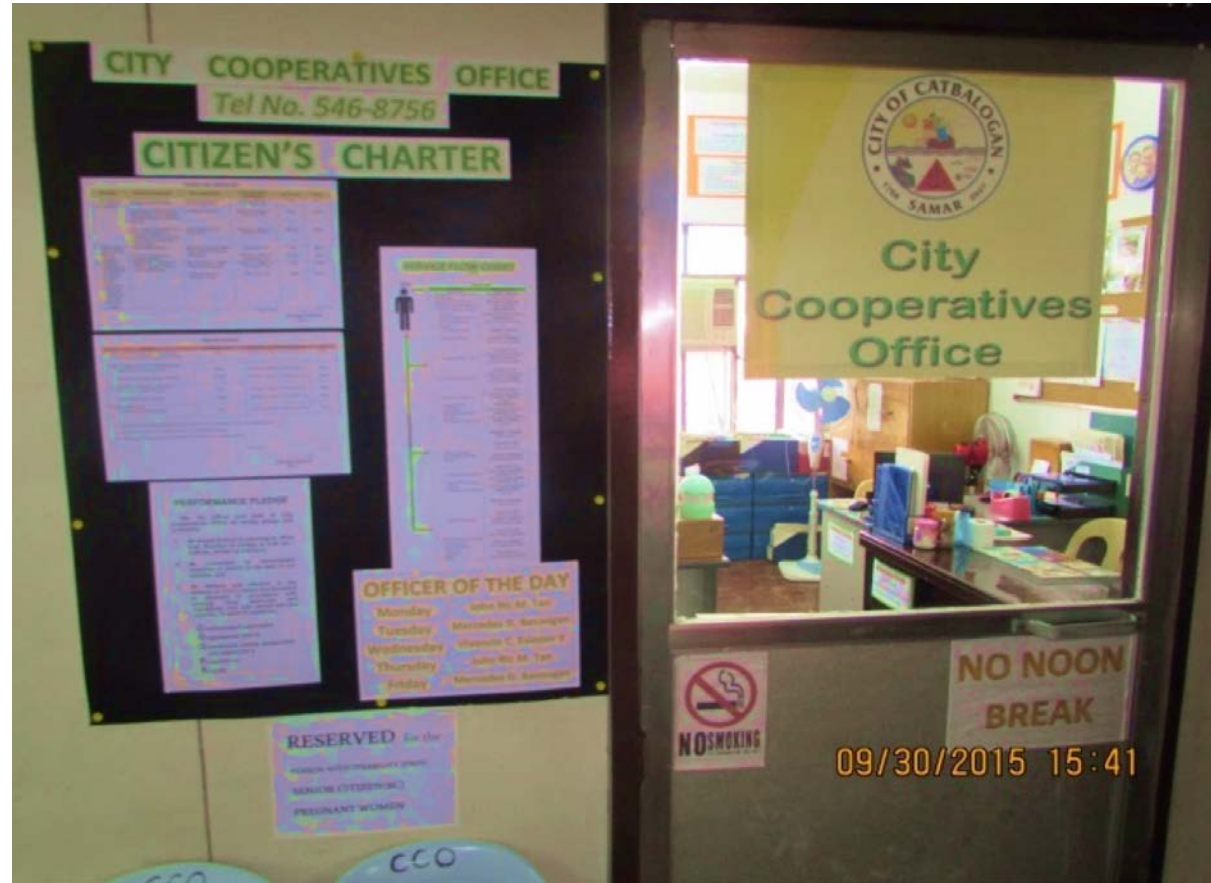


# + Enhancing Women's Capacity



- Focused action on education, skills trainings, capacity building that will translate into livelihood and financial gains.
- A designated office who takes care of the women cooperatives, for easier access to government funds for their businesses





# + Enhancing Women's Capacity

- Provision of financial capital for business start-up and capital build-up assistance
- Partnership with Banks, Micro-Lending and other Lending Institutions to further boost financial capacity of our women











# + Enhancing Women's Capacity

- Strengthened partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

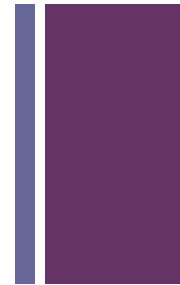


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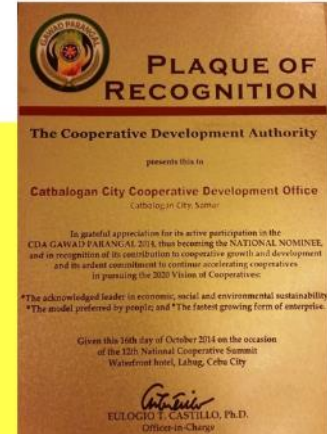
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**Department of Trade and Industry**

**Enabling Business, Empowering Consumers**







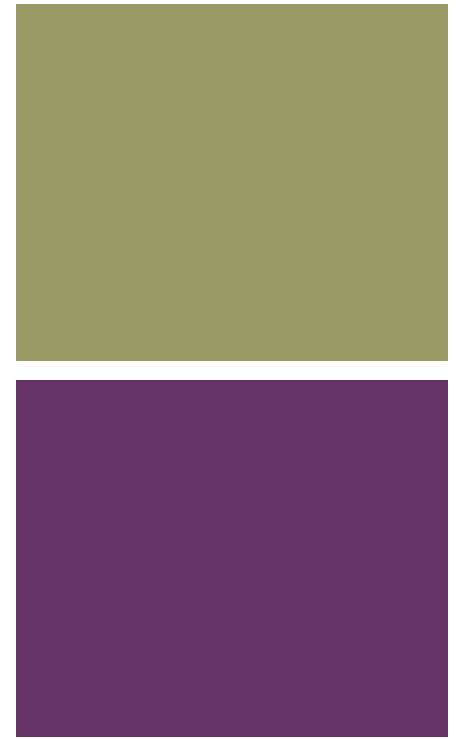




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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



**1** NO POVERTY

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**5** GENDER EQUALITY

**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES






# The Challenge

- Gender equality is still a challenge in the work places and we still have a handful things to do locally and globally

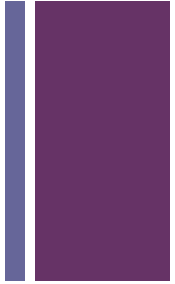




But with all of us coming together,  
putting together our ideas and  
initiating things to be acted upon  
and making things happened,  
+ eventually we will surpass the  
challenges and live in a world  
where women and men are equally  
treated.



**STEP** FORWARD  
Catbalogan City!



*Damu nga salamat!* Thank you so much!

