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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR EFFECTIVE ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS CAMPAIGN ON  
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PROJECT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.**

- (i) Communities use one of their greatest resources to combat drug use among youths - other youths.
- (ii) Implementing entities and partners: Oton National High School- Senior High School jointly with Government and Non-government sectors.
- (iii) Background

Young people are often reluctant to heed adults who warn them to avoid the usage of drugs. Such youth frequently respond more due to curiosity on wondering what is it like to use drugs.

Teens are resourceful and imaginative. When charged with developing programs and projects for reaching their peers with antidrug messages, young people nationwide have suggested and implemented a teen activity center, training for teens to help peers, puppet shows or other performances that dramatize an antidrug message, youth workshops, "fun days" that feature positive alternatives to drugs, peer counseling and mentoring, awareness campaigns, community patrols, school-based youth projects, antidrug murals, cross-age teaching, athletic contests with law enforcement sponsorship and participation, parent-teen talk sessions, and many other programs. One thing is critical in a youth-led, youth-focused program: let the program belong to the youth.

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Youth should be the program's primary participants, although adults can be effective in supporting roles. Youths can seek the assistance and involvement of school personnel, community leaders, business professionals, law enforcement personnel, social service providers, religious leaders, and others

Some young people have more energy and enthusiasm than training. Supporting adults should ensure that young people acting as peer counselors or mentors, as project leaders, or in other positions of responsibility have sufficient training to do the job properly. Be careful, though: some adults have difficulty limiting themselves to supporting roles in youth programs. When adults take over, youths often lose interest in the program.

(iv) Strategy

Community outreach programs and advocacy programs are constantly conducted in different key settings such as schools, communities, and workplaces. During these activities, people who won the fight against this serve as resource speakers orienting the participants on the country's drug abuse problem, the ill effects of drug abuse and the legal consequences of being involved in illegal drugs activities. The following are the campaigns and advocacies that can help out war drugs:

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- Barkada Kontra Droga 2.0 (BKD)

As an effective peer-based preventive education and information program to counter the dangers and ill effects of drug abuse, the Board has institutionalized the BKD program in order to enlist the participation of more in and out-of school youth, and eventually organize them into a movement of young people who are catalysts within their peer groups in advocating a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

- Pagsama-sama Ng Kabataan Para Sa Pag-iwas Sa Droga Congress

This congress is designed to provide an open and comfortable atmosphere for fun, real work and innovative strategic planning to address the drug problem in the respective localities of the youth participants. A team of anti-drug advocates and facilitators provide participants the opportunity for positive discussions/dialogues, structured learning activities, workshops, and inputs. The team approach is employed throughout the congress to foster teamwork, learning, camaraderie and harmonious relationship of youth delegates.

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) offers a variety of activity-oriented techniques which are designed to encourage student-generated responses to problem-solving situations, specifically on drug abuse. This is being implemented in collaboration with the Philippine National Police.

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- Oplan Sagip Kinabukasan

To bring the anti-drug advocacy to the children, we will conduct the Kids Against Drugs program, a primary prevention activity that aims to inculcate the skills of “Saying ‘No’” to children as a firm foundation for protective education.

- Nationwide Caravan of Youth Against Drugs 101

This aims to intensify youth empowerment efforts to zero-in on drug abuse. It also aims to impart the ill-effects of substance abuse and dependence and to highlight best practices of youth groups and networks in the intensified campaigns and initiatives in combating drug dependence. This event happens during the Katagman Festival Celebration.

(v) Key Partnerships

In order to effectively implement strategies to prevent drug use it is crucial to establish good co-operation between government structures responsible for the implementation of anti-drug strategies and civil society, including representatives from different institution such as NGOs, the private sector, and health care and social welfare institutions. Drug prevention is an integral part of the larger effort to ensure young people are less vulnerable and more resilient. It is expected that we will also provide insight into our compliance with drug prevention standards

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addressing different stages of young people's development: childhood, adolescence and adulthood

(vi) Indicators of Achievement

- a. Anti-drug messages conveyed through multiple outlets have proven effective in increasing knowledge and changing attitudes about drugs. Anti-drug publicity on the part of the private sector and non-profit organizations must be reinforced by a federally funded, science- and research-based campaign to change young people's attitudes about illegal drugs.
- b. Children are less likely to use illegal drugs or illicit substances if such activity is discouraged throughout society. Prevention programs in schools have already demonstrated effectiveness in reducing drug use. Such success must be increased by concerted efforts that involve multiple sectors of the community.
- c. The government is uniquely equipped to help gather and disseminate information on successful approaches to the problem of drug abuse.

(vii) Budget Line Needed for Each Campaign and Advocacies (Local)

- a. Barkada Kontra Droga 2.0 (BKD)

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₱ 60, 000. 00 (this includes all the necessary needs of each Secondary high schools in Oton, Iloilo)

b. Pagsama-sama Ng Kabataan Para Sa Pag-iwas Sa Droga Congress

₱ 50, 000. 00 (for the annual event, that last 3-4 days includes the budget for the said event)

c. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program

₱ 100, 000. 00 (the maintenance of buildings and scholar's allowance)

d. Oplan Sagip Kinabukasan

₱ 50, 000. 00 (activity and seminar budget for all primary schools in Oton, Iloilo)

e. Ogtonganon's Caravan of Youth Against Drugs 101

₱ 10, 000. 00 (For materials that will be used in the caravan)

The devastating effects of drug abuse touch everyone – and wreak havoc on society. We're faced with a seemingly inscrutable, unresolvable quandary. While our efforts don't bear much – or enough – fruit, it's unthinkable to not do something. Thus, here we are as a group of concerned youth to our country, as learners of the Oton National High School - Senior High School and as citizens of

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the Republic of the Philippines, with our campaign and advocacies to support our government in there “OPLAN TOKHANG”.

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