

Life-Changing Hope



Philippines



Economic Empowerment

3 Year Project: Jun 2023 - May 2026

Budget Year 2: \$33,000

Overview

Entrust is proud to support our partner's Transform initiative, which helps people living in extreme poverty build better futures through a four-month, community-based program. Transform takes a holistic approach to development, focusing on four key pillars that inspire hope and create lasting change: Heart – nurturing positive values and strong relationships; Opportunity – supporting sustainable livelihoods and encouraging savings; Physical – improving health and overall well-being; and Education – equipping young learners with the skills and confidence they need to thrive.

Impact for October 24 - September 25

402 people in 10 communities participated



in the Transform program. 402 family members joined livelihood training, savings groups, and community activities that strengthened relationships and resilience. As they applied what they learned, participants saw how small, steady changes could build hope and lead to lasting progress out of poverty.

10 savings groups have been formed

388 people began saving weekly, giving them a practical way to provide for their families' food, medicine, and everyday needs.



30 weekly health sessions



were held in the last 12 months. Through lessons on nutrition, hygiene, safe motherhood, and disease prevention, 1,113 people gained practical knowledge and improved awareness of their overall health and well-being.

Business-in-a-box kits and garden-in-a-box

were given to participants and these are helping families take their first steps toward generating income. The Transform livelihood curriculum provides the training, resources, and ongoing support needed to start small businesses, save, and invest in their future. Participants learn practical, low-capital, low-risk business skills, including cooking and selling snacks, making cleaning products, and planting and selling organic vegetables, giving women the tools to run successful home-based enterprises.



Celine's Story

Celine, a single mother supporting her six-year-old son, mother, and grandmother, struggled to make a reliable income from her small snack business. Living in an extremely poor community, opportunities were scarce and life was a daily challenge. Since joining the Transform program, Celine has learned new business skills, started a savings group, and gained confidence in her ability to provide for her family.

"I have never had savings before. Now I even have a passbook and contribute US\$0.35 weekly for my son's education," she shares with a smile. With her new skills, small steps toward financial stability, and growing confidence, Celine is building a steady home-based business and creating a brighter future for her family.

Thank you for enabling hope in hard places