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Content	The "Province of Cavite - AMIGA District (made up of 5 towns) - University of the Philippines" Partnership Program will run from February 2013 to June 2021. U.P. uses the Primary Health Care (Alma Ata) Approach and Interprofessional Education in engaging the community. These approaches challenge the conventional perspective whereby universities consider communities as: (a) social laboratories where students can be deployed in order to fulfill academic requirements, (b) passive beneficiaries of health services. These are disempowering and not sustainable. The program aims to assist communities in empowering themselves towards strengthening their capacity to manage health & development programs through intersectoral collaboration with the participation of community members. The partners decided on the program goal of "increasing by 25% the proportion of control of hypertension & diabetes". The following were undertaken collectively by Cavite, AMIGA & UP: (a) community organizing & engagement work with various sectors, (b) creation & implementation of a village-level plans anchored on the PhilPEN (Philippine Package of Essential Non-Communicable Disease Interventions) Strategy, (c) Training of health human resources, (d) formation of health clubs & committees The aforementioned activities led the partners to analyze and address social determinants of health. The partners advocated for participatory governance and leadership from among the village officials and health staff. Numerous cultural practices were appropriately discussed with community members. Education was a key contribution of village health workers. The six building blocks of the health system were strengthened A program evaluation research will be done from October 2020 to June 2021.