

SDG 1 - The Thomasian Commitment to Poverty Alleviation

Founded in 1611, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) is deeply rooted in the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and the Dominican Order, both of which emphasize a profound commitment to serving the poor and vulnerable. This historical commitment to service manifests in the University's Thomasian Graduate Attributes (ThoGAs) that serves as a key guiding principle woven into the learning outcomes of every course and program.

and hygiene essentials to those affected by Typhoon Kristine. Student organizations and alumni joined forces, showing a united front in supporting disaster-hit communities.

2.1.2. Typhoon Enteng Relief - In September 2024, the third wave of SIMBAHAYAN's relief operation partnered with Colegio de San Juan de Letran. They distributed food, clothing, and hygiene kits to over 175 families in Antipolo, fostering solidarity and addressing immediate needs during the recovery period.

2.2. [Indigenous Peoples Cultural Exchange: "Sang Puso para sa mga Katutubo"](#)

Held on December 13, 2023, in partnership with the Episcopal Commission on Indigenous Peoples -

initiative aligns with SDG 1, SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

- 3.4. [Akay sa Pag-unlad](#) - Through fundraising and pop-up stores, this initiative provides starting capital for partner communities to launch micro-businesses, supporting financial independence and economic growth.

4. Partnerships for Development

UST collaborates with various organizations and government agencies to enhance its outreach efforts and maximize the impact of its poverty alleviation initiatives. These partnerships are crucial in mobilizing resources and expertise necessary for effective program implementation.

4.1. [Pistang Tomas: Promoting Partner Community Enterprises](#)

- 4.1.1. Partner communities participated in Pistang Tomas, showcasing their products to the UST community. This event not only increased sales for community businesses but also facilitated knowledge-sharing around entrepreneurship, empowering students and community members with hands-on learning in business development.

