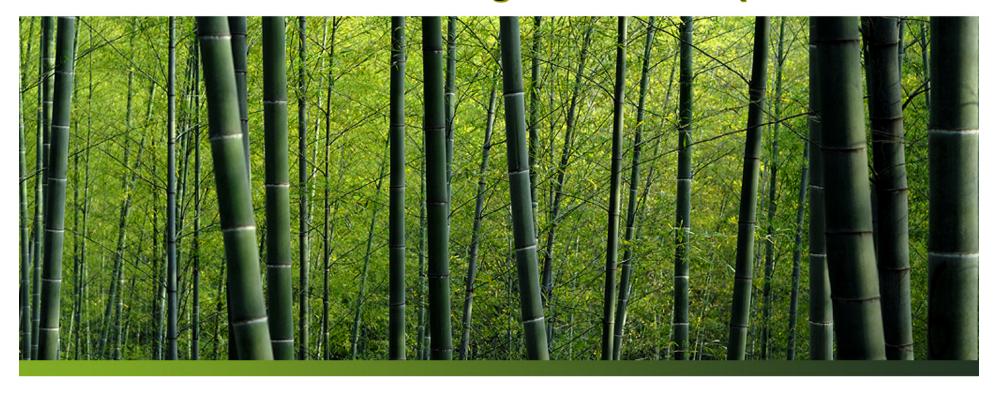
## **ENABLING RESILIENCE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19: The Katatagan Online Experience**



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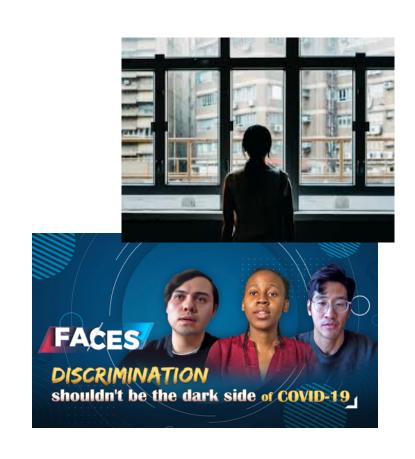






#### IMPACT OF COVID ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH

- Cabin Fever
- Hypochonriasis (fear of getting sick)
- Trauma
- Discrimination
- Fear
- Isolation and loneliness
- Collective Grief
- Anxiety
- Despair
- Anger and Frustration
- Helplessness
- Burnout



# How can we help build resilience?

**RESILIENCE:** The process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress



## MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS

#### Responses suggested

#### Impacts on population due to crises

Professional treatment for individuals or families THERAPY, COUNSELING	Specialised services	Severe psychological disorders
Individual, family or group interventions  KATATAGAN	Focused, non specialised support	Mild to moderate mental health disorders
Psychosocial support activities PFA/SELF-HELP	Community and family supports	Mild psychological dis- tress (natural reactions to crisis event)
Fulfilling basic needs, providing security	Basic services and security	General population affected by crisis



#### **SELF-CARE**

- Link to Mindfulness Inner Resources for Stress from Palo Alto University
- Infographics
- Mindfulness audio files
- Resilience materials
  - Videos
  - Resilience Journal

#### RESILIENCE CLASSES

- Class Schedules
- Blended learning
  - Videos and reflections
  - Online discussions
- Small groups of about 12 people
- 2 facilitators

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Links to providers of MH Services



A psychological intervention to develop resilience skills for those with mild or moderate distress symptoms

- Emotional (anxiety, fearfulness)
- Cognitive (guilt, inability to concentrate, hopelessness)
- Behavioral (inability to sleep, maladaptive behavior such as alcohol and drug-use)
- Somatic (body pains, headache)
- Spiritual (questioning God, disaster was a punishment from God).



# KATATAGAN: A psychoeducational intervention to develop resilience skills for those with mild or moderate distress

KALAKASAN (Finding & Cultivating Strengths)

KABULUHAN AT KINABUKASAN (Moving Forward) KATATAGAN
MODEL

KATAWAN
(Managing Physical
Reactions)

KALUTASAN
KAAGAPAY at
(Seeking Solutions and
Support)

KALOOBAN
(Managing Thoughts & Emotions)

na GAWAIN

(Positive Activities)

# THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS of KATATAGAN

#### POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

- Acknowledging and harnessing our strengths
- Gratitude

#### COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY

- Link between emotions, thoughts, behaviors, bodily sensations
- Changing unhelpful thoughts (cognitive restructuring)

# THOUGHTS What was going through your mind? BEHAVIORS What were you feeling? BODILY SENSATIONS What was going on in your body?

#### MINDFULNESS

- Awareness of what we seeing, feeing and thinking
- Non-judgment of inner experience
- Non-reactivity or detachment
- Mindful action or choosing how we respond

### KATATAGAN PROGRAM DESIGN

MODULE	ACTIVE INGREDIENT	SESSION OBJECTIVES BY THE END OF THE SESSION, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:
KALAKASAN	Self-efficacy, Mindfulness	Identify their strengths and ways to cultivate these strength
KATAWAN	Stress Management, Mindfulness,	Manage their physical reactions to stress
KALOOBAN	Reframing), Mindfulness	Manage their thoughts and emotions
KAPAKIPAKINABANG na GAWAIN	Helpful Behaviors & Routines, Mindfulness	Help people identify positive and pleasurable activities
KALUTASAN at KAAGAPAY	Problem-Solving Social Support, Mindfulness	Identify concerns that are within their control; Apply steps in problem solving and identify social support
KINABUKASAN	Meaning Making & Hope, Mindfulness	Help people make meaning of their experience; lessons and dreams for the future

## FORMAT OF SESSIONS (1.5 hours) OF KATATAGAN ONLINE

- Mindfulness exercise
- Review of previous session
- TOPIC
  - Discussion/Structured Learning Exercise
  - Demonstration/Application
- Learnings/Take-aways
- Preview of Next Session
- Closing: Loving Kindness Meditation

#### **ONLINE PLATFORM**

#### **Discussions using**

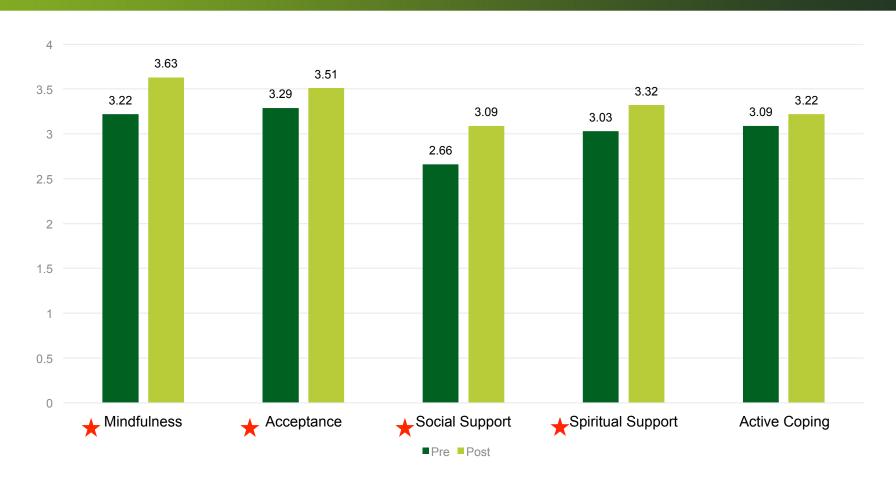
- Chat
- Audio
- Video

Supplementary videos and workbook

# What our PARTICIPANTS say they have LEARNED

- "I learned new ways to manage their stress"
- "I learned to find peace amidst chaos"
- "Mindfulness is very relaxing"
- "I learned how to chill"
- "I learned how to control and reframe their negative thoughts"
- Problem solving
  - "We are capable to find solutions to our problems"
  - "It's possible to let go of problems we have no control over"
- "I can use what I learned to help others"

## PILOT RESULTS: Pre and Post Test Scores for COPING



## PILOT RESULTS: Pre and Post Test Scores for MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

