



## Media Release

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### Youth Empowerment Series comes to Cadiz City

On February 27-28, 2009 the Philippine Normal University (PNU) in Cadiz City will host the third Youth Empowerment Series for the Millennium Development Goals (YES 4 MDGs).

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are a set of targets aimed at significantly reducing or eradicating poverty. Endorsed by 189 heads of governments in 2000, the MDGs are a road map for building a better world for all by the year 2015.

This round of Youth Empowerment Series will cover a variety of information for participants including the MDGs, HIV/AIDS prevention, volunteerism, and youth entrepreneurship. Sessions will be led by multi-sectoral teams composed of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, the United Associations of the Philippines (UNAP), the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA), Zone One Tondo Organization, and ASHOKA.



Young leaders in Vigan City at YES4MDGs

The United Nations Information Center will launch a “UN Corner” and provide materials to the PNU library as part of the YES 4 MDGs. This information is designed to increase college students’ knowledge about the United Nations and the MDGs.

The second Youth Empowerment Series was held earlier this month in Vigan City at the University of Northern Philippines. The university, UNV, PNVSCA, and UNAP came together to talk to young Filipino leaders about issues concerning many people in the Philippines.

Topics covered as part of the two-day session included:

- An introduction to the Millennium Development Goals
- A report on HIV infection and prevention among young Filipinos
- Workshops on integrating grassroots volunteer activities to help those in need

The United Nations Volunteers programme is inspired by the conviction that volunteerism can transform the pace and nature of development and by the idea that everyone can contribute their time and energy towards peace and development. With partners, UNV advocates for volunteerism, integrates volunteerism into development planning and mobilizes volunteers. The enormous potential of volunteerism is an inspiration to UNV and to volunteers around the world. Delivering on that potential is UNV’s mission.

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