

## DTI Helps MSMEs to Build Back Better

ROXAS CITY, Capiz (25 Feb.) &ndash; Five solar dryers for abacca farmers in Jamindan town were turned over by the Department of Trade and Industry to the local government unit (LGU) last Feb. 12 in line with its shared service facility (SSF) project aimed to build back better and develop resilient Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the industry trade and services sub-sectors.

DTI &ndash; Capiz Public Information Officer Ken Cuñada said that the post super typhoon Yolanda assistance will be utilized as a facility to dry up abacca strips by about 269 abacca farmers from barangays Jaena, Ganzon and San Juan in the municipality.

This will be complemented with a mechanical stripping machine designed by the National Abacca Research Center by March.

&ldquo;As soon as the machine is available, DTI will teach the farmers on how to use it,&rdquo; Cuñada noted.

The DTI intervention has also turned over five hi-speed sewing machines, three edging machines with edge cutter, two piping flatbed interlock stitch machine and a 10 KVA industrial generator to the Dao Federation of Cooperatives thru the Dao municipal government.

The assistance will upgrade the federation&rsquo;s facility in the production of various garment items

The SSF project is a big push for MSME development by improving its competitiveness through the provision of machinery, equipment, tools, systems, skills and knowledge under a shared system. (JCM/AAL/PIA 6 Capiz)