

SSF Responds to a Call from Big Brother

SOCSARGEN PEACE NETWORK is a women organization based in General Santos City established by Father Angel Buenavidez O.P. of the Parish Church of General Santos City for the purpose of augmenting family income through livelihood activities such as sewing.

In July 2017, they were granted 10 sewing machines, 2 piping machines, and other garment making machines under the SSF Program of DTI. Since then, the group has been engaged in supplying rags to manufacturing companies. Lately, they went into supplying laboratory gowns to a hospital and they were also producing tote bags on order basis. Last year, they attended the Brand and Design Development Seminar conducted by DTI General Santos City and was able to develop the brand **Angelo** as a tribute to the initiatives of Father Angel who also helped them in marketing their products. The brand will be tagged on the 1000 pieces of nurses uniform they will be supplying to a hospital in General Santos City.

Due to the shortage of face mask, they ventured into the production of facemask under the brand **Angelo**. The price ranged from 25-45 depending on the material used. DTI-General Santos City made it known to the fishing sector that our SSF Beneficiaries on garments are capable of producing reusable face mask should they need them. As a result, an exporter of canned tuna in General Santos City has ordered 1,000 pieces of face mask for their workers to be delivered on March 30, 2020.

Having our MSME supply the needs of our manufacturing industry relieves the pressure of competing for the disposable face mask much needed by the medical workers and frontliners.



