

CMDI RESEARCH BRIEF

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DROPPING / TRANSFERRING STUDENTS OF CMDI TAGUM: A BRIEF REPORT



INTRODUCTION

This survey aims to understand the varying reasons of students for leaving CMDI Tagum. The participants of this survey are those students who have transferred to other schools and/or confirmed that they will stop going to school for the meantime. This is a qualitative descriptive survey where the responses of the students are grouped according to themes and are quoted to present their varying opinions/responses to the survey questions.

RESPONDENT'S PROFILE

There were thirty-six (36) students from the BS Accountancy and BS Entrepreneurship that were identified as potential respondents to the survey based from the BS Accountancy Accounting Information System record of the program coordinators. However, only twenty-one (21) or 58% of these students were reached by the Research Unit during the survey period due to difficulty contacting them and their unavailability for interviews.

RESPONDENTS PROFILE

Gender	Count	Percentage
Male	8	38%
Female	13	62%
Total	21	100%

Modality	Count	Percentage
Online	6	28%
Modular Digital	12	57%
Modular Printed	3	14%
Total	21	100%

Household Income	Count	Percentage
< ₱5,000	14	67%
₱5,001 - ₱10,000	3	14%
₱10,001 - ₱15,000	3	14%
₱15,001 - ₱20,000	1	5%
Total	21	100%

Response	Scholarship		Child of CARD MRI member		Finished the whole semester	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Yes	1	5%	9	43%	8	38%
No	20	95%	12	57%	13	62%
Total	21	100%	21	100%	21	100%

REASONS FOR LEAVING CMDI

Financial problem topped the list (at 52%) of reasons for leaving CMDI. It was followed by changing of school/course with 24%, then, parent's decision with 14% of the respondents.

Financial problems	
"My mother and father don't have a stable job."	"We cannot afford the tuition fee."
"My mother has a heart disease. She needs a daily check-up, and we don't have enough money to provide for my tuition fee."	"My father's income is only enough for our food. If I insist on studying, we will starve."
"We can't afford the tuition because we have bills and debts to pay."	"We can't afford the tuition because we have bills and debts to pay."
"Our family's income is not enough because of the low price of our produce (banana). Until now, we are still paying for the money we borrowed for my tuition in CMDI."	"I have decided to leave CDMI because I can't focus on studying since I have work during daytime."
"We can no longer afford the tuition if I will continue studying at CMDI. I applied for a scholarship, unfortunately I wasn't accepted. Also, I don't want to be a burden to my parents because they still have debts to pay."	"We have no stable income. My family earns money only during harvest season and it is still not enough to support my study. That's why I decided to just finish the first semester and stop in the meantime."
"I applied for CMDI's scholarship but failed to be granted. So, I have no other choice but to discontinue my schooling because I cannot afford all the expenses. I am the only one who supports myself, my studies, as well as my family in terms of their financial needs."	

REASONS FOR LEAVING CMDI

Change of school/course	Parent/Guardian's Decision
"I would like to pursue the course that I want to study."	"Because it's my mother's decision and I cannot do something about it."
"I decided to change my course because I think I can't survive the accountancy."	"Because they can no longer afford the tuition."
"I got accepted in my first choice of school. And they have the course that I wanted to study."	"Because I wasn't a scholar. They wanted me to just study near our place."
"I want to study criminology."	
"The course that I really wanted to pursue is not available in CMDI."	
Health problem	Personal/Family problem
"I have problems with my eyes and heart."	"I am a self-supporting student."

TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

Although nearly half of the respondents decided to stop schooling in the meantime, 11 (52%) of the students said they will still continue their studies in other schools.

Will you pursue your studies?	Count	Percentage
Yes	11	52%
No, I will stop	10	48%
Total	21	100%



Why did you decide to transfer?	Count	Percentage
I want to change my course.	3	27%
We don't have enough money to pay for the tuition.	2	18%
I failed to avail the scholarship.	1	9%
I learned that I got accepted in my first choice of school.	1	9%
I decided to transfer because of my health condition.	1	9%
I was encouraged by my relatives to study with them in General Santos City.	1	9%
It was my mother's decision.	1	9%
It's far from our home.	1	9%
Total	11	100%

Many of the students who transferred to another school considered distance from their home residence as an important factor in choosing their new school.

STUDENTS WHO WILL STOP FOR THE MEANTIME

The students who said that they will stop for the meantime mostly answered that they will focus on working to earn money for their family and for their studies in the future. Others cited that they would pay the balance of their tuition before they will go back to school; and there were those who mentioned that they will take care of their parents.

RESPONSE TAKEN BY THE ACADEME MANAGEMENT (TAGUM)

- **Flexible study arrangement** – to be offered to students with personal obligations that consume their time for study. Under this program, students are allowed to take at least 12 units of subjects and continue their study.
- **CMDI Working Student Program' (CWSP)** – it is a flexible study arrangement exclusive only for students who are employed/working. This program offers evening or weekend classes that will suit the student's availability to attend classes in line with their off-work schedule.
- **FB group 'CMDI Ako!'** - this group will be exclusive to former CMDI students who have stopped from their schooling. The objective of this page is to maintain the connection of CMDI to the students and to share with them different opportunities, be in employment or education, that they might want to avail.

What could make you stay in CMDI?

- ✚ "If I have availed the scholarship because we really can't afford the tuition fee."
- ✚ "If only I wasn't accepted in a public university, I will not transfer. CMDI has been my second choice because they have good teachers."
- ✚ "If CMDI has a course in agriculture."
- ✚ "It was my mother's decision. I really can't do anything about it."
- ✚ "If CMDI has a BSBA course. I perhaps shifted to another course only, but still with CMDI."
- ✚ "If CMDI has an IT course. CMDI is a beautiful school. It's just that my course is not available there."
- ✚ "If I have availed the scholarship, even if it's a half scholarship, I will probably not transfer."
- ✚ "If I become one of the scholars."
- ✚ "If my family only has enough money to pay for the tuition in CMDI, maybe I did not transfer to another school."
- ✚ "If CMDI has a criminology course and offers a good scholarship, maybe I did not transfer."

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