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our project in numbers

69
surveyed catechists validated for analysis

Ecclesiastical Province of Cagayan de Oro
Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro
Diocese of Butuan
Diocese of Surigao

Note: NCS data processed as of March 2019. These data will be updated when additional data are available.

more than 50
research presentations

2,275,154.70
research funds allocated

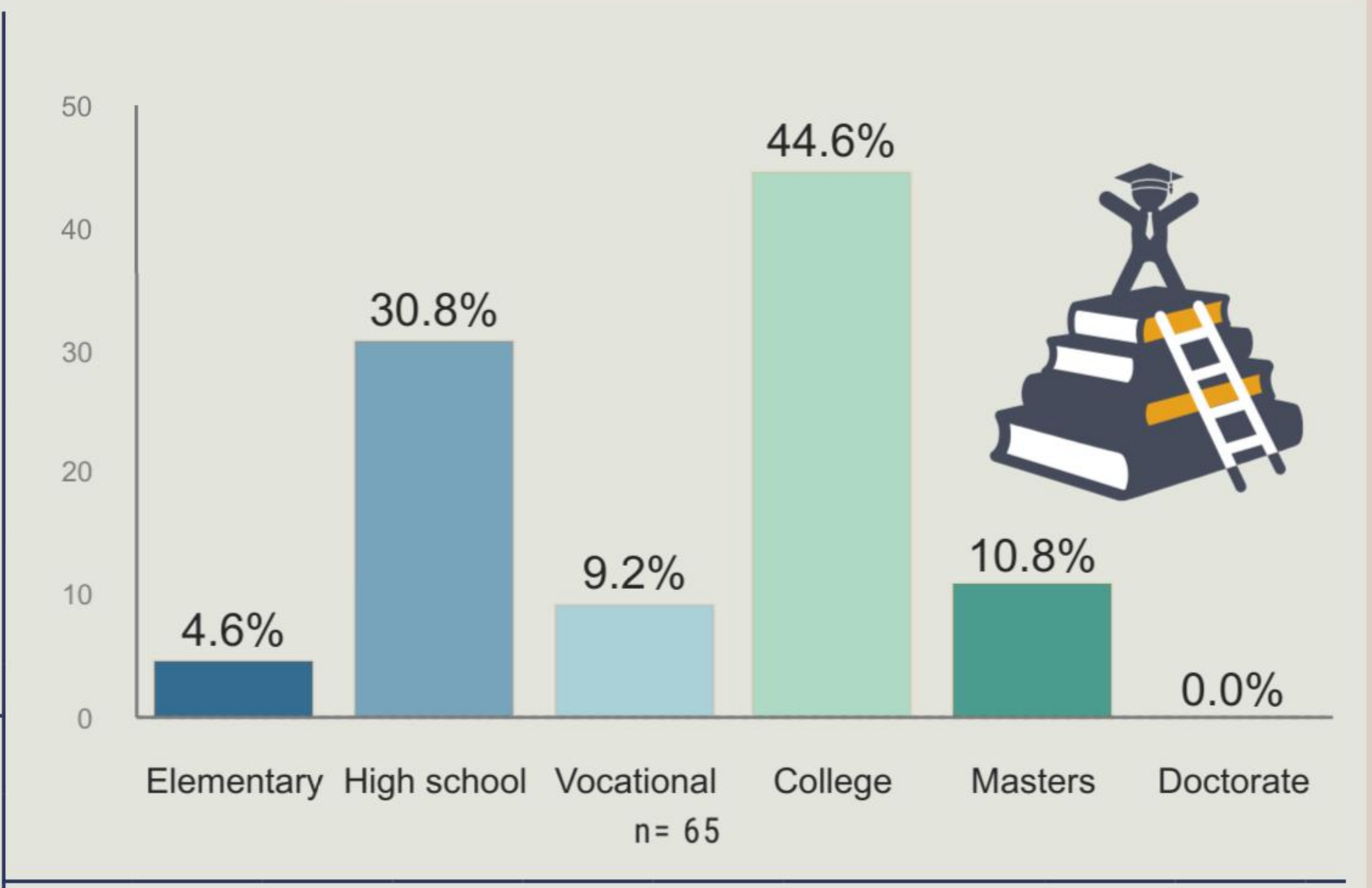
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project consultants

about 1,000
volunteers, encoders, transcribers

8
research team members

numerous
field work; visits; interactions with catechists and catechetical leaders; ethnographic observations

socio-demographic landscape



57 years old
average age of catechists (n=67)

98%
women (n=64)

formation, content, and pedagogy

Where are you doing catechesis?
n= 3 to 53

77%
Parishes

54%
Public School

84% of the catechized are **elementary pupils**
n= 1 to 58

At present, what external factors contribute most in doing your catechesis effectively?

- 1 Supportive Family
- 2 Parish Priest
- 3 Co-Catechists
- 4 Director/Coordinator

n= 1 to 47

In your observation, what issues and concerns do your students usually experience?

- 1 Parents who do not go to church
- 2 Separated Parents
- 3 Jobless Parents
- 4 Parents who are not married

n= 1 to 52

catechists

Did you have any formal catechetical formation?

YES
69%
n=49

Do you attend on-going catechetical formation?

YES
90%
n=52

Which among the three goals of catechesis is your priority in catechizing?

- 1 **48%** Deepen relationship with Jesus
- 2 **33%** Teach systematically the truths of faith (n=60)
- 3 **18%** Initiate the catechize to an encounter with Jesus

What motivated you to be a catechist?

top answers

- 1 **Sense of Volunteerism**
- 2 **Sense of mission**

n=1 to 45

Story-telling method as most preferred teaching technique
n=64



NCS research team (2016-2018)



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"Dumadami ang katekista kapag ang pari at obispo ay may pusong katekista."
("The number of catechists grows when priests and bishops cradle a catechist's heart.")

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