In recent years, many small local shops have closed because customers travel to large shopping centers or malls to do their shopping.

Is this a positive or a negative development?

With the fickle world of business directly affecting different parts of a country's economy, barely can we find a store <u>survived surviving from</u> these circumstances. <u>Challenging targeting</u> the status quo about <u>the</u> shopping habits of people, new huge shopping centers have brought about considerable benefits including the variety of products and (the)higher quality which I wholeheartedly believe <u>they</u> outweigh the negative effects.

First of all, shopping centers are stocked with dozens of varieties and provide you with a wide array of options enabling you to freely search for your desired product and retrieve goods yourself off the racks and shelves using self-service. Moreover, with the quality brands all gathering in a specific place, individuals would opt for the high-standard products.

In addition, regarding entertainment facilities provided in such places, parents would rather leave their children in there and involve themselves in shopping. Furthermore, some gastronomy facilities are created in order for families to have their meals, thereby spending more time shopping.

However, having a broader view about this issue, I have to admit that this trend has caused some profoundly paramount drawbacks the most important of which is the depression of local economies. That such massive centers belong to a specific group of people who enjoy a staggering number of financial resources is an undeniable fact making/rendering local people to be deprived of their own market, hence their bankruptcy. A concerted effort is needed to devise some carefully and comprehensively designed schemes to support these businesses.

In conclusion, the fact that our shopping habits have undergone a number of positive transformations cannot be denied, albeit at the cost of brick-and-mortar shops and no doubt had they updated their work along with modern centers some years earlier, they would have not been weakened by them.