

KMP Brings Free Medical Service Anew



Some 50 mothers with infants from Magnaga, Pantukan receive much-needed medical attention during the KMP Medical Outreach

Rosita Masona, a 66 year-old grandmother, patiently waited for the doctor and other medical personnel to arrive. She had been suffering from chronic back pain and cough but failed to visit a physician because she did not have the money to pay for the medical attention she needed.

Mrs. Masona is just one of the many deprived indigenous peoples (IPs) of Pantukan, Compostela Valley who choose not to go to a hospital or clinic to seek medical advice despite their health conditions.

In an effort to address this dilemma of Mrs. Masona as well as of the other impoverished IPs and marginalized residents and pursuant to the agreed terms and conditions in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed between NADECOR and the Mansaka Tribal Council, the King-king Mining Project (KMP), once again conducted a medical outreach program.

KMP partnered with the Pantukan Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the Tribal Council of Brgy. Magnaga in Brgy. Magnaga, Pantukan on February 29, 2016. Close to 200 patients trooped to the tribal hall to avail of the free medical check-up, medicines and supplies.

Dr. Chris Anthony G. Limen of MHO-Pantukan commented: “Nindot nga naay ingon ani nga programa ang mga pribadong kompanya sama sa KMP aron mahatod nato ang serbisyong medikal sa mga nanginahanglan gyud nato nga mga kaigsoonan.” ***(This is a good program because with private companies like KMP, we were able to bring medical services to those people who really needed them.)***

Ms. Ruthie Valles of the Community Development Office of KMP said, “Ato gayong gituman ang nakapaloob sa MOA, dili tungod gusto lang ta mag-comply apan tungod nakita nato nga gikinahanglan gyud sa katawhan ang atong pagtabang kanila ug sinsero ang atong tumong.” ***(More than complying with the MOA, we evaluate the people who really need our help, endeavoring to realize this objective.)***

Mario Bantasan, a Mansaka youth leader, expressed his appreciation on the delivery of the Project of its commitment to the Mansaka tribe: “Nagtuo ko ug akong mapamatud-an nga kining King-king Mining Project tinud-anay gyud sa ilang gipakita nga katuyoan” ***(I believe and have seen the genuine assistance offered by the King-king Mining Project.)***

KMP has already earmarked other tribal communities within and outside of its impact areas for such other similar medical outreach programs as it had in the last two years, servicing more than a thousand residents of Pantukan.

KMP is a joint venture of St. Augustine Gold and Copper Ltd. (SAGCL) and the Nationwide Development Corporation (NADECOR) in King-king, Pantukan, Compostela Valley Province.

Pantukan is the oldest municipality in the province and is primarily dependent on mining. The Mansaka is its most dominant ethnic group.



A KMP scholar calls out the name of the next patient for medical check-up



Bearing the doctor's prescriptions, 'senior citizens' wait for KMP staff to dispense medicines