

KMC Manifests Anew its Continuing Medical Assistance to IPs

May 30, 2017 – The steadfast commitment of KMC or Kingking Mining Corporation to the indigenous Peoples of Pantukan, is made manifest again when it partnered with the Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the Tribal Council of Magnaga, during the Second Medical Outreach Program for the Mansaka tribe.

The Mansakas comprise the dominant IP tribe in the Pantukan Municipality.

KMP provided medicines to more than a hundred Magnaga residents. The Municipal Health Office likewise conducted their dental care and consultation while the Magnaga Tribal Council provided logistics for the activity

Prior to this, in March, a KMC-sponsored medical clinic was also held in Barangay Tagdangua, during the village's Foundation Day Celebration.

These and numerous other clinics were conducted since 2010, benefiting thousands of Pantukeños.



Dental service by MHO

As part of its pledge in offering service to the community, KMC places health initiatives, along with education, as one of the top priorities of its Kingking Mining Project. (KMP)

KMC's Ruthie Valles, a community relations specialist, herself a resident of Magnaga, expressed why a free medical assistance, particularly for the IPs, remains a pressing need.



Based on the observation and data of the Community Relations personnel, the tribal community is financially constrained in addressing its members' medical care needs and attending to even the most common illnesses.

It is not surprising that many expressed their hope that the Project's Medical Outreach Program would be a sustained KMC activity.

"This kind of service is what the people here want. We pray it will be as regular as possible", said Gabito Petin, a tribal leader.

As part of its Social Development Program (SDMP), KMP has also extended support to the tribal women of the barangay by providing means of livelihood. KMP donated sewing machines for their tribal-inspired garment business.

Moreover, KMC has also integrated skills training for livelihood in its SDMP. Last year, more than 20 IPs finished their carpentry and masonry training and obtained their NC II Certification from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

KMP commits to continue partnering with the government and other organizations, endowing services and effecting development and empowerment to the Pantukan communities.



Patients list down their names and wait for their turns during KMP-sponsored medical outreach