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The patients and medical staff during the PMDC's Medical Mission Activity

8 November 2016, Basilisa Dinagat Islands– Driven by the objective of alleviating the basic health challenges faced by its host mining communities in Dinagat islands such as inaccessible medical facilities and financial limitation that deter from maximizing the existing medical services in their locality, the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) organized a Medical Mission Activity at Barangay Edera, Municipality of Basilisa, Province of Dinagat Islands on November 8, 2016.

Services included in the activity were: (1) General Consultation, (2) Bloodletting Activity, and (3) Minor Lump Removal (locally termed as *Operation "alis bukol"*).

At least one hundred thirty-five (135) patients coming from the nine (9) host and neighboring barangays of Basilisa were able to benefit from the said services. Sixty (60) patients availed of the medical consultation, sixty-five (65) patients participated in bloodletting activity, while the remaining ten (10) patients with enduring lumps underwent surgery.

Further, through the coordinated effort with AAM-Phil Natural Resources Exploration and Development Corporation (AAM-Phil), PMDC was able to engage around twenty (20) medical staff from the Provincial Health Office (PHO) of Dinagat Islands, Municipal Health Office (MHO) of Basilisa, Dinagat Islands, and CARAGA Regional Hospital Bloodbank to render their services and resources during the activity. Around eleven (11) volunteers and assistants from Barangays Edera and New Nazareth also helped in organizing the activity.

The patients who underwent minor surgery expressed their utmost gratitude to PMDC as they had endured the lumps for several years already.

The Medical Mission activity is part of PMDC's commitment to contribute in the development of its host and neighboring communities through its H.E.R.O. Program collectively dubbed as Health, Education/Environment, Rural Infrastructure, and Opportunities to earn (livelihood).



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