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PMDC MISSION

We serve as the government's mining arm to generate revenue and develop progressive, inclusive and resilient communities through responsible mining.

PMDC VISION

By 2029, PMDC is a sustainable mining firm generating bigger revenues for the State, embracing first-rate norms and international standards in responsible mining, espousing policies that protect the environment, and helping transform communities into healthy, progressive, inclusive, resilient and ecologically-sound settlements

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a Visayan term for **"treasure,"** is the official newsletter of the Philippine Mining Development Corporation. It provides updates and records accomplishments, highlights best practices in the mining industry, underscores initiatives designed to promote environmental awareness and advocacy, features social development undertakings, and promotes the company's mission and vision.



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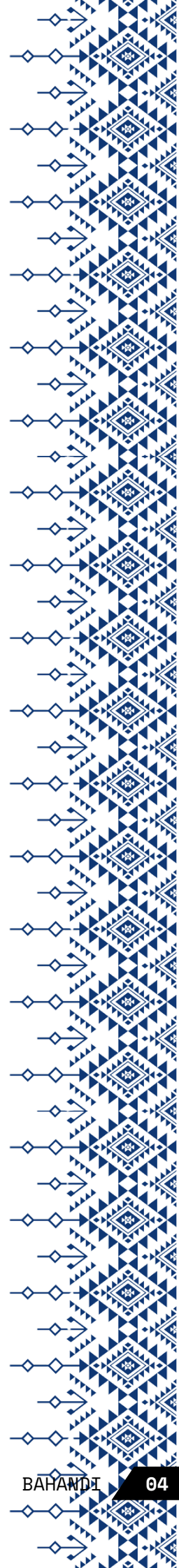
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Seedlings planted

Planted in Monkayo to support long-term environmental benefits

55

IP Women

Trained in basic dressmaking and beadwork in Barangay Rogongon

25 { 9 ♂
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Staff

Trained in Davao City for Public Service Continuity Planning (PSCP)

10

Days

Duration of the comprehensive mining audit in the Dinagat Islands.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- PMDC Board approves the Public Service Continuity Plan, ensuring readiness for disruptions.
- Completed a field audit of the Dinagat Chromite–Nickel Project to monitor environmental and safety standards.
- Successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission in Barangays Tuburan and Pigsag-an, CDO.
- Formalized partnerships through a MOA Signing with tribal communities in CDO-Opol.
- Reaffirmed commitment to a safe workplace through the VAWC Reorientation Webinar for all offices.

REGIONAL PRESENCE



DAVAO DE ORO

Championed responsible mining at Tubo Tubo National High School



ILIGAN

Turned over sewing tools and materials to Higaonon dressmakers in Rogongon.



CDO-OPOL

Reached three high schools with responsible mining education



As we close this period of 2025, the pages of this newsletter reflect a Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) that is not only active but deeply integrated into the fabric of the communities we serve. From the highlands of Misamis Oriental to the coastal tenements of the Dinagat Islands, our mission remains clear: to harness our nation's mineral wealth while safeguarding the future of our people and the environment.

This edition highlights our commitment to ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) excellence. You will read about our mining audits that ensure industry integrity, and our disaster continuity planning that guarantees we remain a resilient pillar of public service, regardless of the challenges nature may bring.

But beyond the technicalities of mining and governance, it is the human stories that define us. Whether it is the signing of a MOA with our tribal partners, the empowerment of Indigenous women in Rogongon through livelihood training, or the simple yet profound act of planting a seedling for the next generation, PMDC is about building more than just industry— we are building hope.

Our theme for this quarter, “Progress Through Partnership,” is more than just a headline; it is our operating philosophy. As you go through these pages, we hope you see the collective effort of our employees, stakeholders, and host communities working in harmony toward a common goal: a responsible, sustainable, and inclusive mining industry for all Filipinos.

PMDC CONCLUDES 10-DAY INTENSIVE MINING AUDIT IN DINAGAT ISLANDS

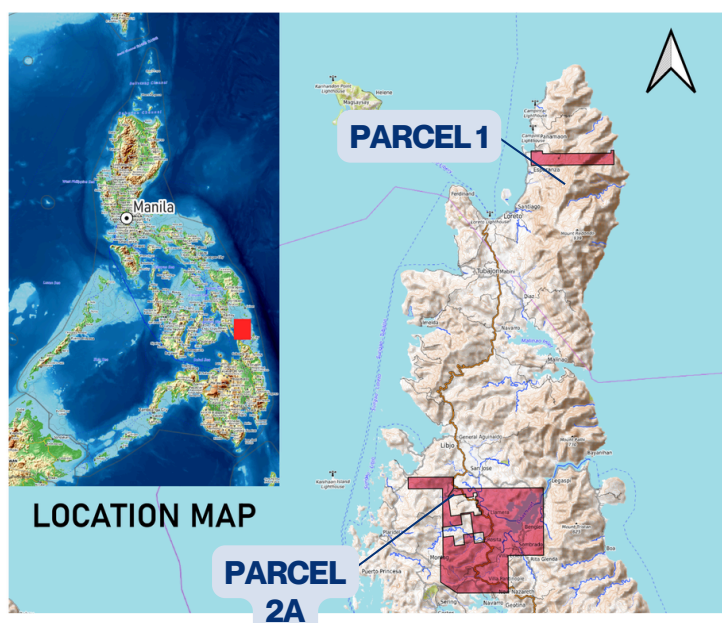
Oversight team evaluates AAM-PHIL's compliance with the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, focusing on environmental management and social development commitments

DINAGAT ISLANDS – The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) conducted a mining audit and compliance review in the Province of Dinagat Islands from December 10 to 19, 2025, as part of its mandate to oversee mining activities covered by joint operating agreements and to ensure alignment with applicable environmental, safety, and regulatory requirements.

The activity covered areas within the Dinagat Chromite–Nickel Mining Project operated by AAM-PHIL Natural Resources Exploration and Development Corporation under a Joint Operating Agreement with PMDC. The audit encompassed Parcel 1A in Barangay Panamaon, Municipality of Loreto, and Parcel 2B in several barangays of the Municipality of Basilisa, Province of Dinagat Islands.

The audit was undertaken to assess the status of environmental management, safety and health systems, social development commitments, and general operational alignment with existing permits and regulatory frameworks. It was conducted pursuant to

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▲ Location map of the two PMDC tenements operated by AAM-PHIL Natural Resources Exploration and Development Corp at Loreto and Basilisa, Dinagat Islands.

an approved PMDC travel order and in line with the Corporation’s oversight and governance responsibilities.

The PMDC’s Mining Audit Team carried out site inspections, document reviews, and coordination meetings to evaluate operational practices relative to applicable

requirements under Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, the Environmental Impact Statement System, and relevant rules and regulations issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The conduct of regular audits is an essential component of PMDC’s mandate to ensure that mining activities within its coverage are implemented in accordance with law and in a manner consistent with environmental stewardship and public accountability.

Through the conduct of compliance reviews and oversight activities, PMDC reinforces its role as a steward of public mineral resources and as a government-owned and controlled corporation committed to transparency, regulatory alignment,

and sustainable development. These efforts contribute to safeguarding environmental interests, promoting community welfare, and strengthening confidence in public sector governance of the mining industry.

The audit forms part of PMDC’s ongoing institutional processes and does not substitute for the independent regulatory authority and enforcement functions of the DENR and its attached agencies. ❖



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- A** Community Validation of AAM-PHIL implemented 2023-2025 ASDMP at Bgry. Panamaon & Esperanza, Loreto.
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RELIABILITY REDEFINED

PMDC FORTIFIES PUBLIC SERVICE CONTINUITY PLANS IN ALL OFFICES; ACHIEVES 80% DRAFT COMPLETION WITH OCD-REGION XI



The workshop was attended by twenty-five (25) PMDC Davao and Depot personnel, together with Head Office representatives, and aimed to equip employees—particularly the designated Continuity Core Team (CCT)—with the knowledge and practical tools needed to develop PMDC’s Public Service Continuity Plan, in accordance with the PSCP Guidebook (2nd Edition) of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

Public Service Continuity Planning is a government-specific framework that enables agencies to sustain the delivery of essential public services before, during, and after disruptions such as natural hazards, cyber incidents, and critical infrastructure failures. Through PSCP, agencies identify mission-essential functions, define leadership succession, establish recovery strategies, and strengthen coordination and communication mechanisms necessary for swift operational recovery.

Photos from ComRel Team

DAVAO CITY - The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) enhanced its organizational preparedness and disaster resilience through the conduct of a four-day Public Service Continuity Planning (PSCP) Workshop from September 29 to October 2, 2025, at the PMDC Davao Regional Office, with selected participants from the PMDC Head Office joining via Zoom.

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Throughout the workshop, participants were guided through the eight foundational PSCP modules, covering continuity program initiation, risk assessment and impact analysis, identification and prioritization of Mission Essential Functions (MEFs), development of continuity strategies, and formulation of key components of the Public Service Continuity Plan.

Early sessions focused on organizing the Continuity Core Team, defining roles and responsibilities, and drafting a PSCP Policy Statement aligned with PMDC's mandate. Participants then identified priority hazards—such as earthquakes, system failures, and power outages—and determined the functions that must continue or be immediately restored following a disruption. These included Project Monitoring for PMDC Davao, as well as Inter-agency and Stakeholder Communication and Intraorganizational Coordination and Decision-Making for the Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer.

The workshop also resulted in the development of key continuity mechanisms, including Recovery Time Objectives (RTOs), continuity strategies, an Order of Succession, an

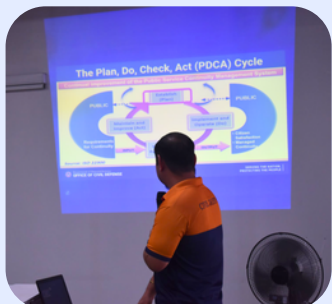
Emergency Call Tree System, and activation and deactivation procedures for the PSCP. The final day focused on exercising, testing, and sustaining the continuity program, culminating in a PSCP Exercise and Testing Plan and a consolidated Action Plan outlining the next steps for plan completion and implementation. By the end of the activity, participants successfully produced all nine (9) required initial PSCP deliverables, which collectively account for approximately 80 percent of the initial PSCP draft for each office, as validated by Office of the Civil Defense Region XI.

The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Eliza V. Tabino and Mr. Louie Carlo R. Paquit of OCD Region XI, with support from Mr. Lyndon Ancajas of the Davao City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and Mr. Edgar Melo of DILG Region XI.

As of December 12, 2025, PMDC's Public Service Continuity Plan has been approved by the Board of Directors following its review by OCD Region XI and subsequent presentations to Management and the President and Chief Executive Officer. The approved PSCP will be disseminated to PMDC Davao employees, further strengthening the Corporation's commitment to preparedness, resilience, and uninterrupted public service delivery. ❀



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Webinar

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Female vs male employees



LGTBQIA+

1

PWD

4

Female managers
and supervisors

10

Young professionals
aged 30 and below





PHILIPPINE MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

joins the observance of the

18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women

PMDC GFPS and CODI present

Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Reorientation Webinar

November 28, 2025 via Zoom

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LEGAL EXPERTS LEAD **VAWC REORIENTATION** FOR **PMDC WORKFORCE**

Atty. Torentera and Atty. Solon provide a refresher on R.A. 9262, emphasizing a survivor-centered approach as part of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women.



By Tara Kristine M. Zapata

ORTIGAS, PASIG CITY - The Philippine Mining Development Corporation, in coordination with the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GAD-GFPS) and Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI), conducted a Reorientation Webinar on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) on 28 November 2025 with participants from the Manila, Davao and Depot Offices.

The resource speakers led by the Legal Department Manager, Atty. Marissa M. Torentera and Legal Officer II, Atty. Nico Angelo C. Solon provided a comprehensive refresher on legal frameworks, intervention strategies and coordinated response systems aimed at protecting women and children from abuse under Republic Act No. 9262 otherwise known as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004.

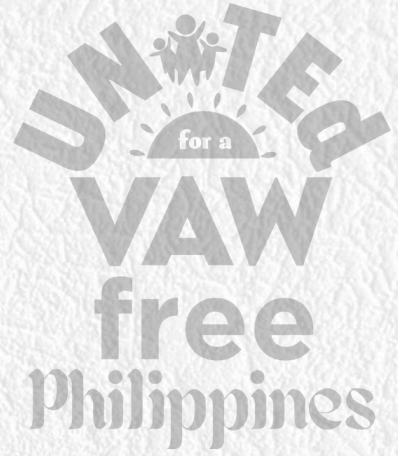
Atty. Solon discussed the forms of violence covered by the Act (physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse), identify the legal remedies and protective measures available to victims/survivors, including Barangay Protection Orders (BPOs) and Temporary/Permanent Protection Orders (TPOs/PPOs), and the duties and responsibilities of local government units, law enforcement, and barangay officials in responding to reported cases, among others.

In view of the Human Resources (HR) Unit's Learning and Development Program and as part of employee feedback mechanism, the participants responded through their Post-Training Reports and highlighted that the training enhanced their competence and that the session reaffirmed the importance of survivor-centered, gender-sensitive and rights-based approach in addressing all forms of violence. Further, it was likewise recommended to include mental health awareness topics related to VAW survivors and encourage more youth-centered campaigns to expand awareness at the barangay and school levels.

In summary, the participants derived improved awareness of VAWC-related red flags, enhanced sensitivity in client interactions and increased knowledge of workplace responsibilities. The session constitute a part of the annual observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women from November 25 to December 12, 2025. ❀



Webinar Photos



ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. END VAW



▲ Screens filled with orange as colleagues from the Head Office join the advocacy online, ensuring that the message of a #VAWfreePH reaches every corner of the organization.

► The Davao Office personnel gather in person, wearing orange to kick off the VAWC webinar in support of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women



FORMALIZING SHARED COMMITMENTS

PMDC, NCIP, AND TRIBAL LEADERS INK MOA FOR CDO-OPOL PROJECT

By Rona Sharmaine Belo
Photos taken by ComRel Team

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) presentation and signing was conducted on November 27–28, 2025 with the Tuburan and Pigsag-an Tribal communities to formalize agreements and strengthen community partnership for the project. The activity was carried out by PMDC in coordination with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Regional Office X.

The activity was attended by tribal leaders and members, together with representatives from NCIP and the PMDC Community Relations Team. During the meeting, previous agreements and community requests were reviewed to ensure common understanding, including the revised request on ritual contributions.

PMDC confirmed its support for livelihood initiatives such as tribal dressmaking and beadwork under the exploration phase, as well as a planned health outreach activity next year aligned with local government programs. It was also clarified that some commitments will be implemented during the exploration phase, while others will be addressed during the operation phase.

The activity concluded with the signing of the MOA by the tribal communities, NCIP, and PMDC, formalizing their shared commitments and partnership. ❖




A WIN-WIN SOLUTION

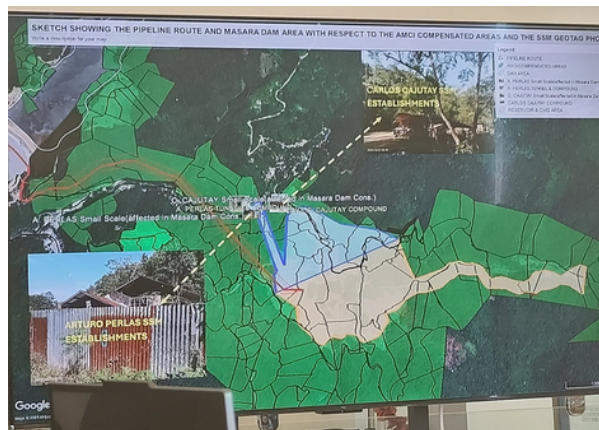
MGB-XI propose "Big Brother-Small Brother" Program to relocate Small-Scale Miners, clearing the way for critical TSF Infrastructure construction in Sitio Bunlang

Photos taken by Dianne Abigail Collado

DAVAO CITY - Behind the plans for the new Masara Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) is a story of balancing local livelihoods with the need for safety and project continuity. On November 14, 2025, a meeting brought together large-scale mining executives, regulatory bodies, and local small-scale miners to find a way forward for Sitio Bunlang, Davao de Oro.

For many years, families in Brgy. New Leyte have used small-scale mining to support their homes. However, the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB-XI) and Apex Mining Co. Inc. (AMCI) explained that these activities are now located exactly where the Masara Dam spillway and relevant pipeline structures must be built. This spillway is a critical safety structure needed to protect the community from environmental risks posed by its mine tailings.

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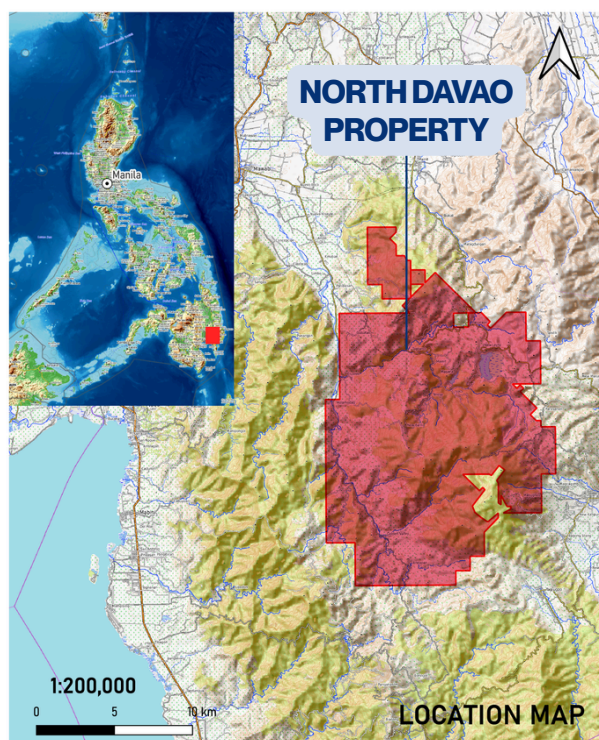
▲ Location Map presented by AMCI showing the sites encompassing the small-scale mining establishments of Mr. Arturo Perlas and Carlos Cajutay with respect to the Masara Dam/TSF components and the AMCI compensated areas marked green.

PROTECTING A GOVERNMENT ASSET

This 19,000-hectare project area, known as AFTA-00014-XI, is a government property originally under the North Davao Mining Corporation and is now managed by the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) for the state.

Through a Joint Operating Agreement and Deed of Assignment, Asia Alliance Mining Resources Corp. (AAMRC)—a subsidiary of AMCI—has been given the right to explore, develop, and utilize the area responsibly. This partnership ensures that AMCI can sustain its production levels, provide stable employment, and pay community taxes well beyond 2032. Protecting this tenement from unregulated activity is a vital mandate to safeguard the state-owned subsurface resources and ensure the longevity of the region’s mining industry.

▼ Location Map of the 19,000-ha North Davao Property (AFTA-00014-XI) located at Maco, Davao de Oro.



THE MAIN CHALLENGE | SAFETY & LAW

During the open forum, local miners asked for a "win-win solution," explaining that they have invested a lot of money and hard work into their tunnels and processing facilities. They rely on mining to send their children to school and pay for daily needs.

In response, MGB-XI Regional Director Beverly Mae M. Brebante acknowledged their worries but reminded everyone that the law must be followed. Currently, these local operations do not have a Small-Scale Mining Contract or a permit within a Minahang Bayan. Furthermore, their tunnels are blocking the construction of the TSF spillway, which puts the whole community at risk if the dam cannot be finished properly.

To continue their trade, MGB-XI and AMCI suggested ways to help the miners go legal:

- Miners were encouraged to join together & form cooperatives to apply for official government contracts.
- AMCI offered to help miners relocate to the nearby Lumangang Minahang Bayan, where they can mine legally.
- MGB encouraged the miners to join AMCI's "Big Brother-Small Brother" Program, a plan where AMCI employs and oversees these small-scale groups, provides specific areas for mining and buys their ore.



▲ **Atty. Brenice Ann M. Gendeve-Castillo, EM**, Division Chief of Mine Management Division (MMD) in MGB-XI explaining the legal and operational issues involving the unregulated small-scale mining and mineral processing operations in AFTA-00014-XI and facilitating the discussion on identify possible courses of action to resolve the issue between AMCI and SSM.

BUILDING A SAFER FUTURE

The meeting ended with a clear plan. While illegal mining products and structures cannot be compensated for by the company, AMCI and the government are willing to help those who want to follow the law.

The LGU of Maco also promised to update their permit rules so they match national laws, ensuring that aspiring miners shall first secure small scale mining contracts before the office issues them a business permit. ❀

The goal is simple.

A future where mining is safe, legal, and beneficial for both the government and the people of Maco.



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

PMDC-DUE EAST MISSION SERVES IP COMMUNITIES IN CDO BARANGAYS

Free medical and dental consultations, circumcisions, and medicine distribution reach residents of Tuburan and Pigsag-an through a multi-sectoral health initiative

By Rona Sharmaine E. Belo
Photos taken by ComRel Team

CAGAYAN DE ORO - The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC), in partnership with Due East Construction and Equipment, held a Medical and Dental Mission on October 22–24, 2025 in Barangays Tuburan and Pigsag-an, Cagayan de Oro City.

The activity aimed to provide free and accessible health services to residents, including Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and low-income families. Services offered included medical and dental consultations, circumcision for boys, and free medicines.

The missions were conducted at the Barangay Gymnasium and Barangay Hall of both areas and were supported by the City Health Office of Cagayan de Oro, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), and Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS).

Residents, including members of the IP community, expressed their gratitude for the free services provided, saying it helped address their health needs and promoted wellness in their communities.

Through this activity, PMDC continues to show its commitment to public health, community development, and responsible partnership with local stakeholders. ❖

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Medical Mission 2025

Uniting for a Healthier Future at CDO Opol Gold

Building Stronger Communities through Health and Responsible Gold Mining

in partnership with

DUE EAST CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT INC.

Medical Consultation

Dental Services

Operation Tuli

FREE Medicines

FREE Haircut



in partnership with



Due East
Construction and Equipment, Inc.



PMDC-RRI EMPOWERS ROGONGON IP WOMEN THROUGH **LIVELIHOOD TRAINING**

Fifty-five Higaonon and Cebuano participants receive sewing tools and organize into a sustainable group following an intensive three-day livelihood workshop.



By Rona Sharmaine Belo
Photos taken by ComRel Team

ROGONGON, ILIGAN CITY

– The Philippine Mining Development Corporation – Rogongon Resources Inc. (PMDC-RRI), in partnership with the Barangay Local Government of Rogongon, successfully held a three-day livelihood training on Basic Dressmaking and Beads Making in Barangay Rogongon, Iligan City, on October 27–29, 2025.

A total of 55 participants, mostly members of the Higaonon Tribe and Cebuano settlers from nearby sitios, took part in the activity.

They gained practical skills in sewing, pattern cutting, and beadwork, showcasing creativity and teamwork as they completed their projects and organized themselves by electing officers to ensure the sustainability of their group.

The training concluded with the turnover of sewing tools and materials, underscoring PMDC-RRI's commitment to community empowerment and livelihood development.

Tribal leaders, Barangay Captain Ronald Soong, and CMO GAD Section Head Ms. Julita W. Bokingo commended the initiative for enhancing local skills and pledged continued support through the provision of additional sewing machines and other training opportunities.

Certificates and special awards were presented to outstanding participants, marking the successful completion of the training and strengthening the community's pursuit of self-reliance and progress. ❀

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Corporate Social Responsibility: Opportunities to Earn Program
DRESS MAKING

PHILIPPINE MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
in partnership with
ROGONGON RESOURCES INC.



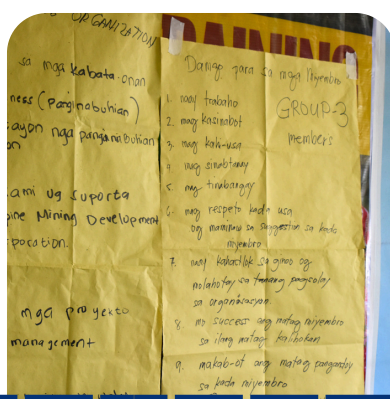
TRAINING

**HANDS THAT CRAFT, HEARTS THAT PROSPER:
EMPOWERING ROGONGON'S FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS
ROGONGON COPPER-GOLD PROJECT**



OCTOBER 27-29, 2025

Tulugan Hall, Brgy. Rogongon, Iligan City, Lanao del Norte



PMDC PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY

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PMDC CELEBRATES THE SEASON WITH REFORESTATION

808 seedlings planted across
Depot Ancestral Domain and
Mabatas Area

By Rona Sharmaine Belo

MONKAYO, DAVAO DE ORO - In celebration of the holiday season and to support environmental conservation, PMDC led a Tree Planting and Growing Activity on December 10, 2025 at Depot Ancestral Domain High School and the Mabatas area. The event carried the theme “Green Gifts for the Next Generation: Planting Hope, Growing Futures” and aimed to promote environmental awareness, reforestation, and youth engagement in meaningful ecological activities.

The activity was attended by approximately 250 persons, including PMDC officials, students and professors, Philippine Army members, and community members. The program began with a short opening ceremony that emphasized the importance of environmental protection and active community participation. During the event, 808 mahogany, mangosteen, dao, and mangium seedlings were planted, chosen for their adaptability and long-term environmental benefits.

Beyond planting trees, the activity strengthened partnerships between PMDC, local government units, and indigenous communities. It also served as a meaningful way to celebrate the season through a symbolic act of giving and growth.

PMDC encourages ongoing care and monitoring of the seedlings and plans to continue similar environmental initiatives annually to promote lasting awareness and community involvement.. ❖

GREEN GIFTS FOR THE NEXT GEN: PMDC'S TREE PLANTING AND GROWING ACTIVITY

By Engr. Ronald D. Dongel

On December 10, 2025, the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) Depot Field Office spearheaded a meaningful environmental initiative at the Depot Ancestral Domain National High School with the theme *“Green Gifts for the Next Generation: Planting Hope, Growing Futures.”* This activity formed part of PMDC's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives under its Community Relations (COMREL) program, which has consistently championed environmental stewardship and community partnership.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from the school's faculty, staff, and students, whose energy set the tone for the day. Their involvement was further strengthened by the support of officers from the 25th Infantry Battalion, alongside PMDC's Depot Field Office team. Together, these groups embodied the spirit of unity and shared responsibility in caring for the environment.

The program opened with inspiring remarks from Ms. Rona Sharmaine Belo, who emphasized the importance of nurturing both the environment and future generations. A symbolic tree-planting ceremony followed, with students and community members pledging to care for the seedlings. The program concluded with closing remarks from Engr. Romille Liza D. Arroyo, Mabatas Head of the PMDC Depot Field Office.

In total, 750 seedlings were successfully planted within the school grounds and nearby areas. Of these, 500 Mahogany seedlings were generously sponsored by the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Monkayo, while 250 seedlings came from the PMDC nursery, including native and fruit-bearing species such as Tugas, Acacia Mangium, White Lawaan, Dao, and Mangosteen.

Beyond the numbers, the activity reinforced environmental consciousness among the youth, strengthened partnerships between PMDC and its stakeholders, and reaffirmed the corporation's role as a partner in sustainable community development. By aligning this with its CSR initiatives, PMDC demonstrated that environmental stewardship is not just a corporate responsibility but a shared mission with the communities it serves.

Moving forward, PMDC envisions institutionalizing similar activities annually, expanding partnerships, and ensuring regular monitoring of the seedlings to guarantee their survival and growth. With initiatives like this, PMDC continues to nurture both the environment and the communities it serves, proving that the seeds of today can indeed grow into the futures of tomorrow. ❁



GREEN GIFTS FOR THE NEXT GEN: PMDC'S TREE PLANTING AND GROWING ACTIVITY





PMDC BRINGS MINING EDUCATION TO CDO-OPOL YOUTH

Technicals bring lessons on alluvial gold mining, environmental stewardship, and community development to youth in Pigsag-an, Tuburan, and Taglimao

By Leo P. Dilla
Photos taken by ComRel Team

MISAMIS ORIENTAL - The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC), in partnership with Due East Construction and Equipment Incorporated, successfully conducted a series of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns on Responsible Mining at Pigsag-an National High School, Tuburan National High School, and Taglimao National High School in Cagayan de Oro City.

The activity aimed to raise awareness among students and teachers about responsible mining, environmental protection, geological information, and gender sensitivity. Led by PMDC's Community Relations Officers, Geologist, and Environmental Officer, the sessions covered topics on responsible mining practices, alluvial gold mining, environmental stewardship, corporate social responsibility, and gender and development (GAD).

Students actively participated during the Q&A sessions and received educational IEC items as tokens. Teachers expressed their appreciation for the initiative and recommended that the IEC campaign be conducted annually to continuously promote awareness on responsible mining and help discourage illegal small-scale mining activities in their communities ❖

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & EDUCATION





TUBO TUBO NHS STUDENTS ENGAGE IN PMDC'S RESPONSIBLE MINING CAMPAIGN

PMDC's environmental and community relations teams conduct awareness talks at the heart of the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area.

By Rona Sharmaine Belo
 Photography by Hazel Faith Batingal,
 Daryl Pagatpatan, and Alexander Madera

MONKAYO, DAVAO DE ORO - An Educational Awareness Campaign on Responsible Mining was held at Tubo Tubo National High School in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (DMRA) on December 09, 2025. The activity designed as part of ongoing efforts to disseminate information about responsible mining and community initiatives.

Students learned about responsible mining practices, environmental protection, and community initiatives through short talks from the Community Relations and Environmental teams. An open discussion and question-and-answer session followed, where students actively participated and received IEC materials.

The strong participation of students and teachers showed the importance of continuing awareness activities in schools. Similar campaigns are planned to further promote responsible mining in host and nearby communities. ❀



▲ ComRel Officer Hazel Faith Batingal shares the concept of responsible mining during the IEC







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