



Food and Smiles: PMDC's Feeding Activity at DMRA

Monkayo, Compostela Valley, Philippines—In celebration of the Nutrition Month, the Philippine Mining Development Corporation conducted feeding activity and distributed nutrition kits to the children in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area.

A total of 105 kids from four barangays and six elementary schools were identified and tagged as malnourished by the barangay health workers and feeding coordinators. Through this, the company has started to address the prevailing cases of malnutrition in the area by increasing awareness and providing inputs to the target population.

The feeding activity was spearheaded by the PMDC's Community Relations Team and was actively participated by various stakeholders; among them were the barangay local government unit (BLGU) of Mt. Diwata, Upper Ulip, Naboc and Tubo-tubo, and the primary schools in DMRA (Mt. Diwata Elementary School, Upper Ulip Elementary School, Depot Elementary School, Matangad Elementary School, Naboc Elementary School and Tubo-tubo Elementary School).

Child Play activities were also conducted and joined in by the mothers of beneficiaries who made the children more engaged and the program livelier. The children could not help but smile as they dance together with their mother to the groove of children's songs.

To close the activity, nutrition kits were distributed to the children with the hope that the activity would become a venue to open the hearts and mind of everyone to health concerns.

PMDC believes that this feeding activity and distribution of nutrition kits would help in inculcating positive values about health and nutrition and enhance the status of children in terms of nutrition.

This is just the start of the many programs of PMDC under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for Health, Education and Nutrition as it envisions a progressive mining community where children will live a life of optimum development.