

Humanity in the Age of Covid-19: TESDA Misamis Occidental step out in helping the IP's amidst pandemic



The COVID-19 pandemic has created a truly unprecedented situation which affects the country in all aspects. Many in the community have faced both health and economic impacts. One of the communities

which is considered as the most vulnerable during this pandemic is the Indigenous People, for a number of reasons. First, the geographic and community features of rural and remote Indigenous communities, along with conditions of economic and food insecurity and marginalization from services, can make them more vulnerable.

Being one of the agencies responsible in providing necessary assistance to the affected areas during this pandemic, last April 30, 2020, Acting Provincial Director Austolio V. Igot together with 10th Infantry Battalion and LGU Concepcion conducted a distribution of groceries and 5 kls of rice to the 25 IP beneficiaries in Brgy. Small Potongan, Concepcion. Brgy. Small Potongan, Concepcion is identified by NTF- ELCAC as one of the priority barangay which is considered as one of the conflict affected and vulnerable areas with higher poverty incidence rate in Misamis Occidental. While conduct of trainings are temporarily suspended, TESDA Misamis Occidental made sure that in this crisis that we are facing, these IP beneficiaries/training beneficiaries are not left behind. Aside from the distribution of goods, the beneficiaries also had a quick orientation on the agriculture related trainings which are to be conducted in the area to promote food security.

Through the assistance of LGU Concepcion under the leadership of Mayor Jesse Viña, the activity was successful and the mayor were very thankful for the initiative of other government agencies in helping the marginalized sector in their locality. "Nagpasalamat ko ug dako sa ayuda nga gihatag sa TESDA alang sa mga IPs dre sa Brgy. Small Potongan. Tuod man nasulbad ang problema sa kagutom karong panahon sa crisis pinaagi sa ilang groceries ug bugas pero ang kaalam nga makat –unan nila sa training maoy magsilbing bulawan ug bahandi nga magamit nila para sila mu lambo" said Mayor Viña.



★ TESDA Mis. Occ will conduct another round of relief goods distribution to the IP's in Don Victoriano

★ TESDA Mis. Occ staff prepares 100 foodpacks to be distributed to the frontliners of Mis. Occ