

News Release

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Through DOLE's cash for work program, farmers no longer have to carry heavy loads of produce during rainy days

Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental –What used to be a never ending delimma for some 200 households of Sitio Lower Candabong, Barangay Candabong in Manjuyod town in having to physically lift their farm harvest is now a thing of the past.

Thanks to the Php 317, 550.00 Tulong Pangkabuhayan sa Mga Disadvantaged / Displaced Workers (TUPAD) allocation from the Department of Labor and Employment.

The emergency employment provision was proposed by the barangay in a bid to augment the income of some 30 underemployed workers and rehabilitate the almost impassable farm to market road.

The mountain barangay is about 14 kilometres from Poblacion with farming as the main source of livelihood.

Farmers from corn, organic vegetables such as pechay, eggplants, tomatoes, ampalaya and brocholli among others.

Lower Candabong Farmers Association Jonas Abrasado said that during heavy rains farmers endure from transportation issues in hauling their produce from the field to the drop off point in Upper Candabong because the habal-habal (motorcycles) could not reach their harvest sites.

Farmers have to inefficiently carry heavy loads of harvest which damages the crops considering the walking distance of 2.5 kilometres, Abrasado added.

During harvest, farmers have to rely on laborers in hauling in a scheme of 30/70 which adversely affects the income of the former.

In addition, residents of Sitios Habayhabay and Dalagitan will also benefit the newly-improved road as habal-habals can now easily traverse the once impenetrable road.

Moreover, the road will also serve as way to a budding tourist destination, a waterfall near the Amomas River, about some 2 kilometers from the main road.

“Salamat sa DOLE sa gihatag nga higayon nga nakatrabaho mi ug 30 ka adlaw. Dako ang among kalipay nga nakatagamtam mi tarong nga dalan. Tungod niini dili na kami maglisod ug pagdala sa taas sa among mga utanon tungod kay makaagi na ang habal-habal nga us aka dakong alibyo kanamong tanan mga mag-uuma ug resident”,
Abrasado happily said.

Negros Oriental 1st District Representative Jocelyn Limkaichong thanked the DOLE for its programs and services especially those that benefit the marginalized sectors.

She also commended the community for working together in projects that benefit the majority of their residents.



Farmers will no longer carry heavy loads of produce with the completion of the newly rehabilitated 2.5 kilometres farm to market road in Lower Candabong, Manjuyod town.



Farmers enjoy a much easier trek from their fields to the main road, thanks to DOLE-TUPAD.



Neg. Or. 1st District Cong. Jocelyn Limkaichong (2nd from left) with Manjuyod Mayor Felix Sy(center in white shirt), DOLE-NOFO Livelihood Focal Person Rubie Cempron (1st from left) recently led the Inauguration of the newly rehabilitated farm to market road through DOLE-TUPAD in Lower Candabong, Manjuyod.

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