## 1,700 HOUSEHOLDS IN UPPER MACASANDIG BENEFIT FROM IMPROVED WATER PRESSURE AFTER PIPELINE INTERCONNECTION



Interconnection of the newly laid pipeline extension to COBI's east transmission line and the existing 6 inches diameter pipe at Buena Oro was completed last July 06, 2020, as scheduled. According to a resident there, people were shouting in jubilation as water gushed from their faucets at around 4:20PM. Prior to this, supply in the area was rather intermittent and had very low pressure. Thus, for these water consumers, the completion of this project is a dream fulfilled.

It has been around 6 days since the new pipeline extension at Buena Oro in upper Macasandig has been interconnected to COBI's east transmission line and to the existing 150mm diameter pipe. This has generally improved water pressure in Buena Oro, Elena Homes and Aluba based on the pressure reflected on the data loggers and the attestations of the residents who posted messages of gratitude in COWD's official fb page. Around 1,700 households have benefited from this project.

Pipe leaks, which resulted because of pressure change, were repaired soon after. Adjustments of valve settings are still being done in order to optimize distribution of water and to protect pipes from excessive water pressures. This will be an ongoing process but we will see to it that service disruptions will be minimized.