

SITIO TIPOLOHON RESIDENTS ENJOY CLEAN AND SAFE WATER FROM THEIR TAPS



Residents of Sitio Tipolohon, Barangay Camaman-an can now enjoy the benefits of piped water after COWD finally completed the pipe-laying and interconnection of the 200mm Θ uPVC distribution line and started installing service connections in the area. A total of 47 connections have been made last Monday, July 13, 2020.

For years, the residents have long relied on buying water either from water peddlers or from their locally established Tipolohon Water Association (TWA) which pumps water from a shallow well coming from Barangay Indahag.

In an interview, TWA collector Romelda Torigoza expressed gratitude and jubilation as potable water has finally been made available and flowing from their individual household faucets. “Daku gyud namong kalipay nga nagkatubig na gyud mi diri sa among lugar. Dili nami mangabilar ug panag-ub. Daku gyud kaayo ning tabang kanamo, salamat COWD!” Ms. Torigoza said that the burden of fetching and buying water, which they had been tediously doing day in and day out for what seemed like forever, will now be forgotten as if a horrifying nightmare.

A senior citizen Emelia Bacan added that aside from the hassle of waiting in queue and fetching water just to fill up the individual container drums for their household consumption, this wonderful development where potable water is readily available from their taps gives the residents not only the ease and comfort of water accessibility but also provides them the economic remedy as well. COWD’s monthly minimum charge of P218.40 for the first 10 cubic meters per household consumption is way much affordable as compared to spending P7.00 per 5-gallon container. This easily sums up to an average weekly consumption of P490.00 for 10 containers for sanitation and hygiene purposes alone. Since the water they get from the TWA pump-operated shallow well is not potable, they still have to buy mineral water at P25.00/5-gallon container for drinking and cooking. “Sa kadugayong panahong inantos namo ug palit sa tubig nga ginalon, nalipay gyud ako ug dako nga sugod karon, sayon nalang para kanamo ang pag gamit sa tubig kay deretso naman muagas sa among tagsa-tagsa ka mga gripo. Daghan kaayong salamat COWD... natuman na gyud ang dugay na namong gipangandoy nga koneksyon sa tubig nga mainom.” As such, piped water for their respective homes has therefore been a dream come true for Sitio Tipolohon residents. To date, as COWD continues to install more stub-outs to complete the approved 17 units 500mm Θ meter stub-outs needed to serve the projected 343 households, COWD is accepting applications for new service connections. Once the stub-outs are complete, a total of 500 households will benefit from this water supply project.

