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## DENR-PENRO Cotabato Extend Assistance Amid of Covid-19 Pandemic

Kidapawan City – In the midst of the covid-19 pandemic that's been sweeping the country, PENR Officer Mamutur D. Cariga and other employees of DENR-PENRO Cotabato felt the pressing need to help the tricycle drivers of Kidapawan City who are most affected by the crisis.



Through the coordination with Local Government Unit (LGU) of Kidapawan represented by its City Administrator, Madam Ludivina Mayormita and with the cooperation of Driver's Federation President, Mr. Jabi Omandac, distribution of one hundred fifty (150) pouch contains seven kilos of rice was initiated this morning of April 17, 2020 at the compound of PENRO

Cotabato. Before the initial distribution of rice, a short message was delivered by the PENR Officer Mamutur D. Cariga. "Whether the assistance is big or small, as long as it was wholeheartedly given, everything has a sustainable impact", Cariga said.

The Technical Services Division Chief, Cesar A. Guevarra, Ph.D. also encouraged tricycle drivers not to be dismayed of the current situation, but considered it as a challenge and an opportunity to strengthen the manner of helping each other.



Mr. Jabi Omandac, the President of Kidapawan Tricycle Federation, extended his appreciation and thanks to the efforts of PENRO Cotabato employees headed by PENR Officer, Mamutur D. Cariga. "Laking pasalamat namin sa tulong na ito mula sa taga DENR. Malaking bagay dahil isang linggo na hindi na kami bibili ng bigas bilang pangunahin naming pangangailangan said by Omandac. He also realizes why they were not being allowed to ply the streets at the moment, taking down the dangers amid the Covid-19, pandemic is present anywhere.



The distribution was done in batches with strict observance of proper social distancing to ensure the safety of the drivers.

The aid to the tricycle driver is merely one of the initiatives of the City Government to help its residents during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine.