

DAR-IARCDSP turned-over PhP5 Million road opening project to Glan, Sarangani

On July 5, 2018, DAR-Italian Agrarian Reform Communities Development Support Program (DAR-IARCDSP) turned-over a 1.5 km. road opening sub-project located in Sitio Alna, Barangay Small Margus, Glan, Sarangani Province worth PhP 5,012,430.60 to the Local Government of Glan, Sarangani. The sub-project was proudly accepted by Hon. Mayor Victor James B. Yap, Sr. of the Municipality of Glan.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony. (From Left to right: PARO Felix C. Frias, Barangay Captain Roldan Daquigan, CTA Carlo de Rosa, DAR-IARCDSP National Project Coordinator Engineer Anuar P. Acop, Vice Mayor Vivien B. Yap M.D., MARPO Rosemarie M. Baladiang, Municipal Engineer Jerry Baltazar and behind him is DAR-IARCDSP Assistant Project Coordinator, Dr. Nelson C. Faustino).

Barangay Small Margus is one of the two (2) Barangays under Margus ARC, Glan. It is 34 kms. away from the town proper and has 9 Sitios and Puroks. The 1.5 km. road opening sub-project directly serves residents and farmers in the sitios of Absalon, Kari, Manga and Alna in Barangay Small Margus, where the major products are coconut, corn and bananas. Benefiting from this newly opened road are approximately 309 households inclusive of 36 Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) and 1,205 residents who are members of the indigenous B'laan tribe.

Before the construction and opening of this road, residents trod along the grassy and muddy trail to reach the nearest access road while farmers transport their products via carabao-drawn sleds. Some residents also employ horses/pack animals as transportation since even a single motorcycle could hardly negotiate the trail.

Mobility and marketing of farm products in the past was cumbersome and costly especially for farmers who do not have large animals because they have to rent one. With the opening of this road, farmers and residents will have no more problems in accessing the markets and other basic services. As Vice Mayor Dr. Vivien Yap said in her message, now residents will find it easy to take their sick family members to clinics and hospitals, especially women who are about to give birth.

After the ribbon cutting at the site, a turnover program was held at the covered court of Barangay Small Margus. Gracing the occasion were Mr. Carlo de Rosa, the Chief Technical Advisor of DAR-IARCDSP, Felix C. Frias Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer (PARO II), Maristela Olegario (PARO I), Engineer Anuar P. Acop, DAR-IARCDSP National Project Coordinator, Nelson C. Faustino, Assistant Project Coordinator and a number of DAR and Municipal and Barangay LGU staff. The sub-project was officially handed-over to the LGU for them to operate and maintain. Hon. Mayor Victor James B. Yap, Sr. accepted the responsibility and gave his commitment to ensure the sustainability of the subproject and all other projects entrusted to them, not only by DAR-IARCDSP but also of other agencies.

Margus ARC was also a recipient of the Potable Water System Level II sub-project from DAR-IARCDSP Community Infrastructure Development Support (CIDS) component. xxx



The newly-opened road in Sitio Alna, Small Margus now passable by all types of vehicles.