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SOMINOT, Zamboanga del Sur – Mayor Stephen Acosta of this town has expressed his gratitude to the Mindanao Communicators' Network (MindaComNet) for spearheading the conduct of information caravan here last Thursday which was attended by 22 national government agencies (NGAs).

The infocar brought the different line agencies to the municipality to give and apprise the townsfolk of their programs and services that aim to reduce poverty in the area.

“Dako kaayo ang akong pagpasalamat sa presensya sa mga national government agencies nga naghatud sa ilang libre nga mga programa ug serbisyo sa mga mulupyo sa akong lungsod. (I am very grateful for the presence of the national government agencies which are offering their programs and services for free to my constituents in this town),” Acosta announced.

“Pinaagi ning maong kalihokan, masayon sa mga tawo nga modoul sa mga ahensya sa kagamhanan nga gipahiluna sa usaka dapit aron mopadangat sa ilang mga isyu ug problema,” the mayor added.

(With this activity, it would be easier for the people to approach the national government agencies which are now gathered here.)

Acosta said some of his constituents seldom see these agencies in his town.

The NGAs were gathered at the gym and were provided with individual tables to attend to their clients.

In the same activity, the medical team of 1st Infantry (Tabak) division of the Philippine Army through the 32nd battalion performed free circumcision to 66 boys and haircut to 36 children.

The Department of Health (DOH) and Rural Health Unit (RHU) provided free general health checkup and distributed vitamins to 216 poor families.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DSENR), on the other hand, distributed 300 mahogany and narra seedlings.

The NFA also provided supplemental feeding to 160 children while the rest of NGAs informed the residents of their respective programs and services.

Sominot was chosen by the MindaComNet as the pilot area for the information caravan, as it has the second highest poverty incidence in the region based on the results of the National Housing Targetting (NHTS) survey after Midsalip town. — FPG/GCC/PIA9-Zamboanga del Sur