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### **Safer communities thanks to SMI**

Community members in the Tampakan project area have been given the opportunity to take part in the Basic First Aid and Community Home Nursing Safety Training courses run by SMI in partnership with the local chapters of the Philippine National Red Cross.

The training course aims to increase knowledge within the community of basic first aid and hopes to promote safety awareness among residents. So far a total of 325 residents in the five barangays in Tampakan town, South Cotabato and four barangays in Malungon, Sarangani have completed the course. The training is now being conducted in Kiblawan, Davao del Sur.

Daniel Acosta, SMI Safety Supervisor, cited the significance of the trainings not only to the communities but to every household as well.

“For us, people are the most important resource in the community and this is an opportunity to help them be aware of their own safety,” he said.

The capabilities of those who underwent the training program in Tampakan will be put to a test in the next First-Aid Olympics which will be held as one of the events in the forthcoming Tampakan town anniversary.

SMI, in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) and participating communities, is now in its third month of conducting safety training.

“The program is part of SMI’s commitment to always seek opportunities beyond regulatory requirements to reduce risks of accidents, as well as health and environmental hazards not only in our workplace but in the communities where we operate, said SMI Corporate Communications Manager John Arnaldo.”

Participants both for trainings held in Tampakan and Malungon were grateful to PNRC and SMI for the knowledge imparted to them during the training.

Arnolio Neda, Barangay Kagawad of Malabod in Malungon, said their time was not wasted for the training and they are so grateful to the SMI and Red Cross for the learning they acquired which he considered a “big help to the community.”

Malabod resident Lowelieeine Leonida said they even learned from the training some herbal plants and their uses. “It is surprising to know that garlic and Malunggay we can find in our kitchen have some medicinal uses, she added. “I will share my knowledge to those who were not present during the training,” Leonida disclosed.

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