

# CARMEN COPPER COMMUNITIES

## 2019 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SDMP) ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

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**Dear Director Alburo:**

We respectfully submit to your office enclosed report for Carmen Copper Corporation's (Carmen Copper) **Annual Social Development and Management Program (ASDMP) Physical and Financial Accomplishment for the year 2019.**

This report highlights our various accomplishments in the development of our host and neighbouring communities in Toledo City. We focused on the following areas of concern: education, health and well-being, skills and enterprise development, preservation of cultural heritage and disaster resilience and rehabilitation.

In 2019, we were honored with the **Presidential Mineral Industry and Environmental Award Platinum Achievement for Surface Mining Category** given by the Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award Selection Committee in recognition of our satisfactory environmental, safety and health management and community development in the conduct of our mining operation.

This year, we will continue our journey of creating sustained value for our host and neighboring communities and we will do this through responsible stewardship.

Very truly yours,



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**Social Development and Management Program**  
Financial Accomplishment  
CY 2019



Name of Company:		Carmen Copper Corporation (CCC)										PPA STATUS/ REMARKS
PROJECT/PROGRAM/ ACTIVITY (PPA)	BENEFICIARIE S	ALLOTMENT/BUDGET ANNUAL	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL TO DATE	% TO DATE				
<b>I. DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOST AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES (DHNC)</b>												
<b>A. Access to Education and Educational Support Program</b>												
Scholarship Grants for Secondary (Junior and Senior High School) and Degree Courses	323	10,000,000.00	-	3,137,017.00	3,728,693.28	3,134,289.72	10,000,000.00	100.00			-	
Technical Vocational courses in partnership with CITE and TESDA	53	5,000,000.00	4,796,250.00	203,750.00	-	-	5,000,000.00	100.00			-	
Construction of standard school buildings and improvement of facilities	2 classrooms	8,398,759.00	3,459,341.70	479,695.50	30,000.00	2,120,750.72	6,069,787.92	72.51			2,308,971.08	
Construction of Multipurpose covered facilities for Magdiogo NHS, Biga ES and Bagacay ES	1 Elementary School; 1,115 Students	5,000,000.00	-	-	-	1,748,767.67	1,748,767.67	34.98			3,251,232.33	
Construction of 1 unit (7m x 9m) Day Care Center with feeding area and perimeter fence and at Brgy DMS, Toledo City.	1 Standard classroom	1,700,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-			1,700,000.00	
Fencing of General Climaco NHS	1 National High School; 350 students	900,000.00	883,497.00	-	-	-	883,497.00	98.17			16,503.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>36,998,759.00</b>	<b>9,139,088.70</b>	<b>8,420,462.50</b>	<b>3,758,693.28</b>	<b>8,403,808.11</b>	<b>29,722,052.59</b>	<b>80.33</b>			<b>7,276,706.41</b>	
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>31,098,759.00</b>	<b>3,459,341.70</b>	<b>8,216,712.50</b>	<b>3,758,693.28</b>	<b>8,403,808.11</b>	<b>23,838,555.59</b>	<b>76.65</b>			<b>7,260,203.41</b>	
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		<b>5,900,000.00</b>	<b>5,679,747.00</b>	<b>203,750.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,883,497.00</b>	<b>99.72</b>			<b>16,503.00</b>	
<b>B. Access to Health and Services, Health Facilities and Professionals</b>												
Free health care service to Carmen Copper Corporation (CCC) hospital, Doctor to the Barangays and other	500 patients	4,000,000.00	907,428.00	495,450.45	359,545.20	2,756,954.32	4,519,377.97	112.98			(519,377.97)	
Provide better and conducive health stations/facilities	6 health stations	3,000,000.00	2,400,000.00	-	6,800.00	-	2,406,800.00	80.23			593,200.00	



PROJECT/PROGRAM/ ACTIVITY (PPA)	BENEFICIARIES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES						PPA STATUS/ REMARKS	
		ALLOTMENT/BUDGET ANNUAL	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL TO DATE		% TO DATE
Feeding program school-based	1, 800 severely wasted and wasted	3,500,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	3,500,000.00
Provides safe and clean water	4 units of filtration system installed	2,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	2,000,000.00
Procurement of Ambulances	2 units; 3,961 residents	1,735,300.00	323,077.21	-	-	268,224.00	323,077.21	18.62	1,412,222.79
Sub-Total		3,000,000.00	2,731,776.00	-	-	-	3,000,000.00	100.00	-
Current Allotment		17,235,300.00	6,362,281.21	495,450.45	366,345.20	3,025,178.32	10,249,255.18	59.47	6,986,044.82
Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)		15,500,000.00	6,039,204.00	495,450.45	366,345.20	2,756,954.32	9,926,177.97	64.04	5,573,822.03
		1,735,300.00	323,077.21	-	-	-	323,077.21	18.62	1,412,222.79
<b>C. Enterprise Development and Networking</b>									
Establishment of Sustainable Agro- Forestry by expanding the Integrated Farm concept	500 farmers	5,000,000.00	239,155.00	189,446.00	162,743.80	3,462,516.46	4,053,861.26	81.08	946,138.74
Instituting trading facility and livelihood center for agro, livestock, process food including pastries baking and other local products.	500 farmers	2,500,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000.00
Sub-Total		7,500,000.00	239,155.00	189,446.00	162,743.80	3,462,516.46	4,053,861.26	54.05	3,446,138.74
Current Allotment		7,500,000.00	239,155.00	189,446.00	162,743.80	3,462,516.46	4,053,861.26	54.05	3,446,138.74
Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>D. Assistance to Infrastructure Development and Support Services</b>									
Maintenance of road networks	More than 10 KM	7,500,000.00	3,239,735.12	2,000,510.54	1,717,495.43	542,258.91	7,500,000.00	100.00	-
Power (Fill-in) consumption subsidy for host and neighboring communities	170,335 people benefited	15,000,000.00	-	4,800,000.00	5,100,000.00	5,100,000.00	15,000,000.00	100.00	-
Improvement/Concreting of access road networks and pathways	More than 10 KM	5,400,000.00	5,100,000.00	300,000.00	-	-	5,400,000.00	100.00	-
		3,500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,500,000.00	100.00	-
Sub-Total		1,500,000.00	326,677.40	1,173,322.60	-	-	1,500,000.00	100.00	-
Current Allotment		32,900,000.00	8,666,412.52	8,273,833.14	7,317,495.43	8,642,258.91	32,900,000.00	100.00	-
		26,000,000.00	3,239,735.12	6,800,510.54	7,317,495.43	8,642,258.91	26,000,000.00	100.00	-



PROJECT/PROGRAM/ ACTIVITY (PPA)	BENEFICIARIES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES					TOTAL TO DATE	% TO DATE	PPA STATUS/ REMARKS
		ALLOTMENT/BUDGET ANNUAL	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q			
Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)		6,900,000.00	5,426,677.40	1,473,322.60	-	-	6,900,000.00	100.00	-
<b>E. Others</b>									
<b>E.1. Human Resource Development &amp; Institutional Building</b>									
Capacity building on entrepreneurial skills, organizational and project development.	35 beneficiaries	2,000,000.00	-	32,040.00	102,228.00	598,230.45	732,498.45	36.62	1,267,501.55
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>2,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,040.00</b>	<b>102,228.00</b>	<b>598,230.45</b>	<b>732,498.45</b>	<b>36.62</b>	<b>1,267,501.55</b>
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>2,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,040.00</b>	<b>102,228.00</b>	<b>598,230.45</b>	<b>732,498.45</b>	<b>36.62</b>	<b>1,267,501.55</b>
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>E.2. Protection &amp; Respect of Socio-Cultural Values</b>									
Assistance to various socio-cultural events for host and neighboring communities	170,335 people benefited	4,000,000.00	218,309.80	731,069.86	2,432,249.85	618,370.49	4,000,000.00	100.00	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>218,309.80</b>	<b>731,069.86</b>	<b>2,432,249.85</b>	<b>618,370.49</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>218,309.80</b>	<b>731,069.86</b>	<b>2,432,249.85</b>	<b>618,370.49</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>E.3. Use of facilities/services within mine camp</b>									
Procure Water Truck for dust suppression program	Brgy Biga, Media Orce, DAS, Magdugo	6,500,000.00	-	-	-	6,500,000.00	6,500,000.00	100.00	-
Maintenance and uses of equipment and facilities	17 Host and Neighboring barangays; Toledo City	3,000,000.00	1,063,566.84	1,936,433.16	-	-	3,000,000.00	100.00	-
Subsidy of electrical power consumption for DAS Brgy Hall, MT. Carmel Parish and DLS-ASMC	10,000 beneficiaries that includes church-goers, parishioners, brgy. Employees and students	2,000,000.00	91,444.41	555,725.29	187,544.70	893,714.10	1,728,428.50	86.42	271,571.50
Subsidy for Water consumption of host and neighboring communities in partnership with Toledo City Water District (TCWD)	17 Host and Neighboring barangays; Toledo City	4,200,000.00	1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00	4,200,000.00	100.00	-



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			1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q			
Procurement of 1 unit Aircon bus for community use	17 Host and Neighboring barangays; Toledo City	6,000,000.00	-	-	-	6,000,000.00	100.00	-	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>21,700,000.00</b>	<b>2,205,011.25</b>	<b>3,542,158.45</b>	<b>1,237,544.70</b>	<b>14,443,714.10</b>	<b>98.75</b>	<b>271,571.50</b>	
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>21,700,000.00</b>	<b>2,205,011.25</b>	<b>3,542,158.45</b>	<b>1,237,544.70</b>	<b>14,443,714.10</b>	<b>98.75</b>	<b>271,571.50</b>	
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>E.4. Disaster Response and Support to other stakeholders</b>									
Development assistance to other stakeholders in Toledo City and Province of Cebu.	17 Host and Neighboring barangays; Toledo City; Province Wide	6,000,000.00	730,853.00	3,684,253.67	1,584,893.33	-	100.00	-	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>6,000,000.00</b>	<b>730,853.00</b>	<b>3,684,253.67</b>	<b>1,584,893.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>6,000,000.00</b>	<b>730,853.00</b>	<b>3,684,253.67</b>	<b>1,584,893.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL FOR DHNC</b>		<b>128,334,059.00</b>	<b>27,561,111.48</b>	<b>25,368,714.07</b>	<b>16,962,193.59</b>	<b>39,194,076.84</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>19,247,963.02</b>	
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>113,798,759.00</b>	<b>16,131,609.87</b>	<b>23,691,641.47</b>	<b>16,962,193.59</b>	<b>38,925,852.84</b>	<b>84.11</b>	<b>18,087,461.23</b>	
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		<b>14,535,300.00</b>	<b>11,429,501.61</b>	<b>1,677,072.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,106,574.21</b>	<b>90.17</b>	<b>1,428,725.79</b>	
<b>II. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN</b>									
<b>PROMOTION OF PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON MINING TECHNOLOGY AND GEOSCIENCES</b>									
Establishment and upgrade Automated Sustainability Tool for Safety, Environmental and Social Developments	17 Brigys	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000.00	
Procurement of vehicle for monitoring of SDMP implemented projects	17 Brigys	1,500,000.00	-	-	-	1,500,000.00	100.00	-	
Participation PMSEA/ANMSEC	30 participants	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000.00	
Gold sponsorships for Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference (ANMSEC)	30 participants	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,402,950.00	661,445.00	93.53	97,050.00	
		500,000.00	-	-	661,445.00	-	132.29	(161,445.00)	



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		ANNUAL	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL TO DATE	% TO DATE				
SDMP Consultation and planning workshops	17 barangays; 510 participants	750,000.00	-	-	-	750,000.00	750,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	
CCC 15th Anniversary, Labor Day and Year End Activities	benefitted 100 farmers; 30 elementary students; 6 high schools	6,000,000.00	-	104,560.00	1,276,199.80	4,619,240.20	6,000,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	
CCC Heritage Center maintenance	170,335	4,000,000.00	-	67,784.26	-	3,932,215.74	4,000,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	
Publication of materials on Environmental and Social Developments	170,335	3,000,000.00	897,521.46	613,902.16	-	1,488,576.38	3,000,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	
Public Relations and advertisement on mining related good practices	170,335	3,000,000.00	560,536.15	941,475.24	940,853.39	164,688.00	2,607,552.78	86.92	-	-	392,447.22	
Equipment and Capital Outlay assistance to the institutionalization of public awareness and education on mining technology and geosciences.	170,335	3,509,752.00	-	-	-	3,509,752.00	3,509,752.00	100.00	-	-	-	
Additional Capital Outlay assistance for the institutionalization of public awareness and education on mining technology and geosciences.	170,335	4,302,057.00	-	-	-	4,302,057.00	4,302,057.00	100.00	-	-	-	
Conduct Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for SDMP implementation	110,994	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000.00	
<b>TOTAL FOR IEC</b>		<b>31,061,809.00</b>	<b>1,458,057.61</b>	<b>1,727,721.66</b>	<b>4,281,448.19</b>	<b>20,266,529.32</b>	<b>27,733,756.78</b>	<b>89.29</b>			<b>3,328,052.22</b>	
<b>Current Allotment</b>		<b>22,759,752.00</b>	<b>1,458,057.61</b>	<b>1,727,721.66</b>	<b>2,878,498.19</b>	<b>14,464,472.32</b>	<b>20,528,749.78</b>	<b>90.20</b>			<b>2,231,002.22</b>	
<b>Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)</b>		<b>8,302,057.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,402,950.00</b>	<b>5,802,057.00</b>	<b>7,205,007.00</b>	<b>86.79</b>			<b>1,097,050.00</b>	
<b>III. DEVELOPMENT OF MINING TECHNOLOGY AND GEOSCIENCES</b>												
Scholarship Grants (Techvoc and Mining Degree)	64	9,673,168.00	1,544,750.00	1,672,962.71	1,911,959.84	4,543,495.45	9,673,168.00	100.00	-	-	-	
On the Job Training and Immersion programs	100 students	2,500,000.00	558,376.56	11,039.55	113,628.40	1,816,955.49	2,500,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	
Mining conferences/Summit/Cross visit and bench marking	100	1,500,000.00	25,000.00	-	661,445.00	-	686,445.00	45.76	-	-	813,555.00	
Research and other advance studies	50	1,500,000.00	-	-	-	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	100.00	-	-	-	

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		ANNUAL	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL TO DATE	% TO DATE				
Conduct of Study of Dam Safety Assessment of Malubog Dam of Carmen Copper Corporation	2,500	6,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	0.00				6,000,000.00
Upgrading of company data center for cyber and network security	2,500	8,940,720.00	-	-	8,500,000.00	195,274.24	8,695,274.24	97.25				245,445.76
<b>TOTAL FOR DMTG</b>		<b>30,113,888.00</b>	<b>2,128,126.56</b>	<b>1,684,002.26</b>	<b>11,187,033.24</b>	<b>8,055,725.18</b>	<b>23,054,887.24</b>	<b>76.56</b>				<b>7,059,000.76</b>
Current Allotment		15,173,168.00	2,128,126.56	1,684,002.26	2,687,033.24	7,860,450.94	14,359,613.00	94.64				813,555.00
Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)		14,940,720.00	-	-	8,500,000.00	-	8,695,274.24	58.20				6,245,445.76
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>189,509,756.00</b>	<b>31,147,295.65</b>	<b>28,780,437.99</b>	<b>32,430,675.02</b>	<b>67,516,331.34</b>	<b>159,874,740.00</b>	<b>84.36</b>				<b>29,635,016.00</b>
Current Allotment		151,731,679.00	19,717,794.04	27,103,365.39	22,527,725.02	61,250,776.10	130,599,660.55	86.07				21,132,018.45
Unspent Allotment (Previous Year/s)		37,778,077.00	11,429,501.61	1,677,072.60	9,902,950.00	5,802,057.00	29,006,855.45	76.78				8,771,221.55

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## 2019 Annual Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) Accomplishment

### I. DEVELOPMENT OF HOST AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

Halfway through the year, Carmen Copper Corporation remains steadfastly committed to contribute to the socio-economic growth of its host and neighboring communities. Our dedication is embodied in the formulation and consequent implementation of the Social Development and Management Program (SDMP). The SDMP is anchored on Seven (7) areas wherein Program, Project and Activities (PPA's) are credited:

Summary of Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) financial performance Calendar Year (CY) 2019.

Component	Required Budget for 2019	Expenditures	Performance (%)	Balance
SDMP (75% of 1.5% OPEX 2018)	128,334,059.00	109,086,095.98	85.00	19,247,963.02
DMTG (10% of 1.5% OPEX 2018)	30,113,888.00	23,054,887.24	76.56	7,059,000.76
IEC (15% of 1.5% OPEX 2018)	31,061,809.00	27,733,756.78	89.29	3,328,052.22
<b>1.5% of Total OPEX</b>	<b>189,509,756.00</b>	<b>159,874,740.00</b>	<b>84.36</b>	<b>29,635,016.00</b>

#### A. Access to Education and Educational Support Programs

Cost Php 29,722,052.59

- ❖ For S.Y 2019-2029, around 376 deserving students in Secondary, Diploma and Tertiary level granted enjoyed free education granted under scholarship program from host and neighboring communities.





- ❖ Construction of standard (7mx9m) Day Care Center at Brgy Media Once which directly benefited 60 pre-scholers. This coming school year 2019-2020, will enjoy the conducive facility provided by the company through SDMP.



- ❖ Last March 13-16, 2019, a ceremonial turn-overs of Water Tower in partnership with Planet Water Foundation and Xylem Watermarks. Four (4) units of Water tower with filtration system that can provide clean and safe water to less than 2500 pupils from Buswang Elementary School (184), Bagacay Elementary School (281), Old Bucao Elementary School (780) and Magdugo Elementary School (1,115) comprising number total number of pupils.





- ❖ DepEd Division and Regional Office recognized Carmen Copper Corporation as one of the most supportive stakeholders not only Brigada Eskwela programs but other development of the Department of Education (DepEd).



**B. Access to Health Services, Health Facilities and Health Professionals**  
 Cost Php 10,249,255.18

- ❖ Turnover of newly-renovated Don Andres Soriano (DAS) Health Center and Lying-in Clinic to improve the delivery of basic healthcare programs and services to the residents, especially mother and children.





- ❖ Completion of 2 Storey building for Health station and Lying-in Clinic in Brgy Lo-ay, Toledo City. Inauguration will be done as soon as installation of signages concluded.



- ❖ Free medical consultation and medicine continuously conducted in host and neighboring Barangays. For the year 2019, we were able to cover our host and neighboring communities by the Doctor to the Barangay program. Photos below taken during free consultation at Brgy Pangamihan, Toledo City.



- ❖ In partnership with Brgy Cantabaco (41), (51) from De La Salled Andres Soriano Memorial College (DLSASMC) and (15) Environment and Safety Department. A total of 107 individual participated on Linis Estero last October 5, 2019 during River Clean-up drive.





### C. Enterprise Development and Networking

Cost Php 4,053,861.26

- ❖ The Copper Mines Agro Ventures Organization (CMAVO) Integrated Farm Sustainability Concept created more viable economic opportunities to the local farmers by producing fresh egg, meat and high valued vegetables. Now, the Integrated Farm manage by CMAVO sustained its operation for more than 2 years.



- ❖ The Tabo Sa Mina is a monthly activity where farmers sell their produce at a fair price inside the mine camp. This activity help the farmers market their produce while employees also get to buy fresh farm products at affordable prices.





- ❖ Donation of a 1-unit Mobile Rice Mill for Bunga Farmers Association, Barangay Bunga, Toledo City.



**D. Assistance to Infrastructure Development and Support Services**

Cost Php 32,900,000.00

- ❖ Completion of almost 1 kilometer Road Opening and installation of road stabilization support in Barangay Biga, Toledo while maintenance.





- ❖ Improvement of more than 10KM farm to market roads in other areas continuously implemented (Magdugo, Pandong Bato, Biga, Bagacay and Loay). Photos below Brgy Media Once –Magdugo road network.



- ❖ To ensure safe and easy transportation for local goods, commerce and residents at Brgy Media Once.





❖ Barangay Bulongan road network rehabilitation.



Before



After

❖ Installation of Canopy at General Climaco



**E. Human Resource Development and Institutional Building. Cost is Php 732,498.45**

- ❖ We continue to capacitate our stakeholders by conducting and sponsoring different training and learning activities covering a wide range of fields and disciplines. A Project Management Training participated by community relations practitioners and community partners from our various people's organizations was conducted on August 1-3, 2019 at the CCC Staff Clubhouse, DAS, Toledo City to equip them on effective and efficient management of projects.

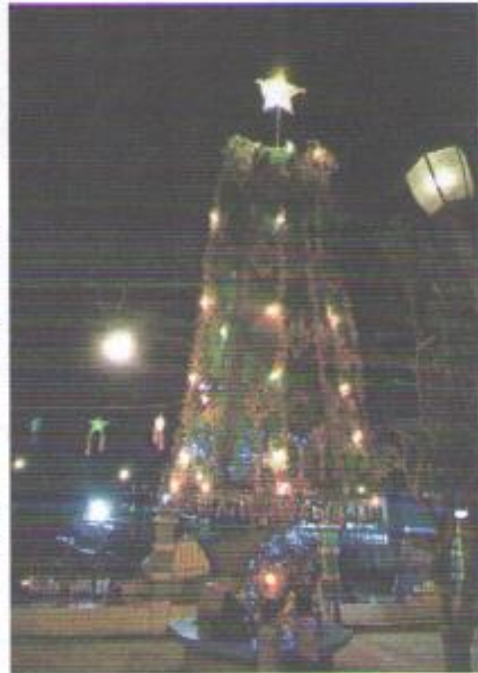




## F. Protection and Respect of Socio-Cultural Values

Cost Php 4,000,000.00

- ❖ Sponsorship on Light a Tree program. This initiative supported by at least 8 Zone in Brgy DAS. The traditional commemoration headed by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and the company expresses its full support.



- ❖ Openly participating and consistently provides financial support to any traditional activities in host and neighboring communities, Local government units, religious groups and other stakeholders. Other than sponsorship, the company provided assistance to further renovate, extend and improve various chapels in host and neighboring areas. Brgy. DAS Sinulog Activities





- ❖ Distribution of Bundles of Joy to different stakeholders in our host and neighboring areas such as, Department of Education, Senior Citizen, Person With Disability (PWD) People Organizations (PO's) and Women's Organizations.



- ❖ Renovation of Seventh Day Adventist Church at Brgy Cantabaco



- ❖ Brgy DAS- Hiway Chapel repair





- ❖ Sample of Renovated chapel at host and neighboring brgy's in Toledo City. Chapel below located at Brgy Bagacay. The renovation activities implemented thru Food for Work. The provided construction materials and rice while collective labor by the local residents.



**G. Use of facilities/services within the mine site.**

**Cost Php 21,428,428.50**

- ❖ Provide better access for local residents and passers after concreting pavement at the main gate entrance completed. Free transportation for students and people of Barangay Biga and Media Once.





- ❖ Free transportations to the students and local residents of Brgy Biga, Bagacay, Loay, General Climaco (Malubog) and Media Once. They even used to transport their agricultural products.



- ❖ Training on Online Publishing at the Carmen Copper Heritage Center



**H. Disaster Resilience and Support to Stakeholders. Cost is Php 6,000,000.00**

- ❖ More than 20 empty container (Dow froth) to be used for water impounding facility of different stakeholder such as school, day care center, health center at Brgy Media Once and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Toledo City.





**III. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (IEC). Cost  
Php 27,733,756.78**

- ❖ Regularly, mine visits and museum tours from different stakeholder. During the 4th Quarter of 2019, we are able to accommodate Regional Trial Court (RTC) and Municipal Trial Court (MTC) Judges and Court personnel/staff from different towns of Southern Cebu.



- ❖ In commemoration of Christmas, the management holding its 2019 Family Day featuring various activities.





- ❖ Carmen Copper scholars were gathered during the recently held 2019 Scholars Congress heralding the theme, "Youth shaping the community we need."

The whole day of learning and team building activities equipped them with takeaway lessons for their personal growth. The congress was a call to action for these young people to initiate and take active part in community building - one step, one community at a time - aligned with Carmen Copper's goal to build self-reliant communities in Toledo.



## II. DEVELOPMENT OF MINING TECHNOLOGY AND GEOSCIENCES

Cost Php 23,054,887.24

- ❖ Ongoing In-plant and emersion of Diploma Industrial Engineering Technology (DIET). The student trainees distributed to different department at Carmen Copper operations.





- ❖ Carmen Copper scholars who recently passed the Mining Engineering Licensure Examination held on August 6-8, 2019 in Cebu City. L-R: Ethylwyne Paran, Gerald Jore and Kent Harold Largo.







AWARDING: Carmen Copper's AVP-SHEC and Corporate Communication Engr. Ignacio B. Albuja (3rd from left) and AVP-Maintenance Operation Engr. Reynaldo S. Castilla (far right) received the award from Mines and Geosciences Bureau Assistant Director Alfy. Danilo U. Uy-Kheng (far left) and FMSEA Director Engr. Jeremias L. Dolino (2nd from left) during the Testimonials Dinner and Awards Night on November 22, 2019 at CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center in Baguio City.

## CARMEN COPPER cited for best mining practices



Toledo City-based mining firm Carmen Copper Corporation bagged the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award (PMIEA) Platinum Achievement and the Most Improved Safety Performance Award in recognition of the company's outstanding environmental management, safety and health performance and social development initiatives.

These achievements which demonstrate the company's principle of responsible stewardship towards sustainable mineral development was given on November 22 during the Awards Night and

Testimonial Dinner of the 66th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference at the CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center, Baguio City.

Carmen Copper has bagged the PMIEA Platinum Achievement in 2018 and Titanium Achievement in 2017.

### Most Improved Safety Performance

This year, apart from another platinum achievement, Carmen Copper was also awarded the Most Improved Safety Performance Award for achieving the highest improvement on safety and health programs

implementation and accident statistics.

Carmen Copper has maintained zero fatality and significantly reduced the number of accidents. This resulted to severity rate dropping by more than 85 percent in 2018 compared to 2017. The company owes this to the strict implementation of the "Safety First Policy" through a rigorous set of protocols, policies and performance monitoring and audits, adhering to global safety standards.

The company conducts its operation in accordance to the British Standards for Occupational Health and Safety Assessments Series (BS OHSAS 18001:2007) as certified by TÜV Rheinland.



The OCC Minero - Emergency Response Team (CCC Minero ERT) has responded to emergency situations and performed rescue operations within the mining complex and outside its borders.

The company's Level 1 hospital continues to serve the over 2,400 employees and their families. It operates on a 24-hour duty to ensure the health and wellness of its employees and communities as well.

### Safeguarding the environment

Carmen Copper is committed to maintaining the delicate balance of promoting economic growth and prioritizing care for the environment. Since 2009 to 2018, Carmen Copper has invested more than P2.8 billion for its Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP).

The company has intensified its progressive rehabilitation and re-greening of mined-out



areas. To date, Carmen Copper has reforested 630 hectares planted with more than 890,000 seedlings produced in its own plant nursery.

Carmen Copper is a recipient of various environmental awards including the Gawad Tugas for Forest Protection and Management (2017) and Gawad Tugas for Responsible Mining (2015, 2018).

### Building sustainable communities

Carmen Copper seals its commitment towards sustainable development through the establishment of the Carmen Copper Communities, the Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) of Carmen Copper focusing on health, education, livelihood, public infrastructure and disaster response.

The company granted full scholarships to children from poor families, provided skills training to unemployed residents, sent health

professionals to barrios, built and improved health and birthing centers, opened roads to improve residents' access to job centers and medical facilities, and built farm-to-market roads to help local farmers.

Carmen Copper also provided livelihood opportunities to residents to develop them into self-reliant individuals. To date, Carmen Copper has invested over P850 million social development programs in the locality.

In his message, Carmen Copper President and CEO Roy O. Devanarunda said, "We are honored and humbled by these achievements. Being recognized by the industry regulators and peers is a testament to how Carmen Copper performs to go beyond mere compliance of the established mining law, policies and regulations. We will certainly continue our journey of creating value for the communities in Toledo City. We shall accomplish these through responsible stewardship".



# CARMEN GOPPER, CANTABAGO RESIDENTS CLEAN WATERWAYS

Carmen Copper Corp. enlisted residents from Barangay Cantabago, Toledo City in cleanup of the waterways last Feb. 23. The activity, participated by volunteers, was meant to mitigate flooding during the rainy season and protect the rivers from pollution.

Volunteers and Carmen Copper employees collected 434.5 tons of garbage from the Cantabago River and 68 percent of which is non-biodegradable waste. The activity was the first of quarterly river cleanup to be conducted in Cantabago for 2019. The Carmen Copper's pro-

gram, "Linis Estero," aims to raise awareness on environmental protection and conservation. It is also a call to action against the improper disposal of waste, which pollutes the rivers and waterways.

The Hugpong Cantabagonon para sa Kinaiyahan (HCK), a Carmen Copper-assisted people's organization, mobilized 64 of its members to participate in the activity.

During a brief program, Carmen Copper recognized HCK for its commitment to protect and nurture the environment through the company's Adopt-A-River/Water Body Program.

The certificate of recognition was awarded to HCK, which was accepted by its president, Alejandro Cantalejo.

Carmen Copper also donated 20 steel drums to be used as garbage bins for proper waste segregation in Cantabago. The village wants to be a model in following the provisions of Republic Act 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Last Feb. 22, Carmen Copper sent its volunteer-employees to participate in the simultaneous river cleanup in Barangay Luyang, Carmen. They collected 5,180 kilos of garbage. **S**



**RESPECTING RIVER.** Hugpong Cantabagonon para sa Kinaiyahan members clean the river in Barangay Cantabago, Toledo City to prevent it from dying and to preserve it for the future generation. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**





Carmen Copper president and CEO Roy O. Deveraturda (left) and AVP-SHEC Ignacio S. Aburo (2nd from left) lead more than 100 volunteers in a tree growing activity in celebration of Arbor Day and Philippine Environment Month.

## Carmen Copper celebrates environment month

A tree growing activity, an eco-oriented art contest, a river clean-up and a recycling challenge highlight Carmen Copper Corporation's celebration of the Environment Month last June. Some 1,200 seedlings were planted in .5 hectares of land as part of the company's progressive rehabilitation program and in celebration of Arbor Day on June 25.

The activity was a demonstration of shared responsibility in protecting the environment, with more than 100 volunteer employees, people's organizations, local government unit and government agency taking part. The planted seedlings were of acacia auricoliformis, a suitable species that can survive acidic soil and has more than 80 percent survival rate.

Carmen Copper aims to plant 1 million seedlings by 2024. To achieve this goal, the company targets to rehabilitate 15 hectares of land. The company has planted a total of 876,115 seedlings since 2007 and will plant 124,085 more within five years or by 2024. To far its total reforested area is 634 hectares.

Last June 17, Carmen Copper also

organized an eco-oriented art contest aiming to raise awareness on the importance of tree growing among elementary pupils in Toledo City.

With the theme was "Greening towards a sustainable future," the contest showcased the talents of 26 participants through artworks that depicted reforestation, sustainable energy, recycling, proper waste management, river protection, air quality control, and other greening efforts.

Under its part of its Adopt-an-Estero Program, Carmen Copper mobilized more than 50 residents to conduct a river cleanup at Panda River, Barangay Cantabaco, Toledo City last June 10. Some 65 volunteers comprising of Carmen Copper employees and members of the Hugpong Cantabacoanon para sa Kinaiyahan (HCK), a company-assisted people's organization committed to rid the river of trash irresponsibly dumped by other residents along the banks and river beds. The activity generated 645 kilograms of combined biodegradable, recyclable, residual and special wastes.

The Adopt-an-Estero Program conducts regular cleanup in the area to raise awareness on the importance of keeping the rivers and waterways clean for the safety, health and overall wellness of the community. More signage to educate the residents will be installed along Panda River while HCK, pledged to be vigilant, police the area and report those who will violate R.A. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

Carmen Copper also launched a company-wide Trash to Treasure Challenge where employees were challenged to recycle, reuse, re-purpose and re-engineer everyday materials into new, useful or income-generating inventions.

The Trash to Treasure Challenge aims to tap the employees' creativity and innovativeness to promote recycling and reuse of materials in line with the company's goal to reduce waste. Among the entries that stood out were a pub table made of scrap tire and old rim, a clock made of automobile scraps and an elegantly designed furniture chair made of scrap tires.

Recognizing its crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance between economic growth and care for the environment, Carmen Copper has embarked on a more strategic approach to sustainable development by integrating sustainability in all facets of its operations prioritizing environmental management, safety and health and social development.

Carmen Copper's commitment to sustainable development through its outstanding environmental management has consistently earned it various environment awards including the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award Titanium and Platinum achievements





The Hugpong Cantabacoanon Para sa Kinilyahan of Barangay Cantabaco, Toledo City spearheaded the cleanup activity of Cantabaco River during Carmen Copper's Linis Estero last February 23. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Carmen Copper engages residents in cleanups

To mitigate flooding and protect the rivers from pollution, Carmen Copper Corporation engaged the members of the community to help maintain cleanliness of the waterways through a Linis Estero activity held last February 23 participated by 88 volunteers from Barangay Cantabaco, Toledo City.

Together with Carmen Copper employees, the team collected about 434.5 kilograms of combined waste consisting of 68% non-biodegradable waste from the Cantabaco River. This river cleanup shall be

the first of the quarterly cleanup to be conducted in the barangay for 2019.

Carmen Copper-assisted people's organization, Hugpong Cantabacoanon para sa Kinilyahan (HCK), mobilized 64 of

its members to participate and spearhead the activity.

Carmen Copper's Linis Estero Program aims to raise awareness on environmental protection and conservation. It is also a call to action against the improper disposal of waste that pollutes the rivers and waterways and now threatening the community's water sources.

During a brief program, Carmen Copper recognized HCK for its commitment to protect and nurture the environment through the company's Adopt-An-Estero/Water Body Program. The Cer-

tificate of Recognition was awarded to HCK represented by its President Alejandro Cantalejo.

The company also donated 20 steel drums to Barangay Cantabaco to be used as garbage bins for proper waste segregation in compliance with Republic Act 9003 or the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000".

Meanwhile, last February 22, Carmen Copper also sent volunteer employees to participate during the Simultaneous River Cleanup in Laying, Carmen that generated 5,180 kgs of garbage. (PR)



# GOING GREEN TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

has planted a total of 874,915 seedlings since 2007 and targeted to plant 125,085 seedlings within five years.

## Minimizing environmental footprint

Sustainable mining is now an achievable reality. Carmen Copper has embarked on a more strategic approach to sustainable development by integrating sustainability in all facets of its operations, prioritizing environmental management, safety and health and social development.

In 2018, Carmen Copper secured ISO 14001:2015 for its Environmental Management System. It developed its 1.4-hectare arboretum into the Ecological Park that serves as the first environmental recreational facility showcasing the various native tree species of Toledo.

It maintains air emissions to below standard levels and consistently finds ways to reduce energy use to minimize its carbon footprint. Carmen Copper recycles 51% of water consumed per year and regularly conducts sampling to monitor the quality of water in sources. Carmen Copper ensures the proper disposal of effluents following regulatory standards. Waste water or tailings produced from ore processing are deposited at the secure Biga Tailings Storage Facility.

long activities to raise awareness on environmental conservation and protection and promote responsible mineral development.

## Race to 1 million seedlings

By 2024, Carmen Copper targets to reach the number of planted seedlings to 1 million.

Carmen Copper targets to rehabilitate 15 hectares of land per year to achieve 1 million seedlings planted in time for the celebration of its 20th year of responsible operation in Toledo City. Carmen Copper

Recognizing its crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance between economic growth and for the environment, Carmen Corporation, one of the major per producers in the country, enhances its environmental protection enhancement initiatives through unified progressive rehabilitation and various greening activities. In celebration of the Environment Month, the company launches month-



Carmen Copper's commitment to sustainable development through its outstanding environmental management has earned it the Best Mining Forest awards and the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award Titanium and Platinum achievements





# GARMEN COPPER GETS RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

THE Carmen Copper Corp. (Carmen Copper) and the Carmen Copper Workers' Labor Organization (CCWLO) won another Outstanding Grievance Machinery for Industrial Peace Award for maintaining harmonious labor-management relations and implementing best practices in resolving workplace grievances.

The Department of Labor and Employment (Dole) and the National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) gave the award on Nov. 21, 2019, during the 21st National Convention on Labor-Management Cooperation held in Cagayan de Oro City.

Carmen Copper was also the national winner in 2017.

The award is given by the Dole and the NCMB every two years to deserving companies in recognition of the labor and management's efforts in resolving issues at the company level, thereby promoting company efficiency, employee

establishment with over 2,400 employees, and 78 percent of its manpower are members of the union. CCWLO is Carmen Copper's sole and exclusive bargaining agent.

### Industrial peace

Since the five-year collective bargaining agreement with CCWLO was signed in January 2015, Carmen Copper has sustained industrial peace. There were neither strikes nor lock-outs as both parties maintained open communication to ensure immediate resolution of grievances.

In the last three years, 95 percent of employee offenses have been resolved at the plant level.

Carmen Copper ensures that substantive and procedural due process is always observed, and the investigative bodies are impartial in resolving cases.

"The grievance management system has resulted in the employee's changing of behavior as the fair

in improving discipline among our employees," said Carmen Copper assistant vice president for human resource Valentino M. Dorcas.

Recognizing the employees as its core assets, Carmen Copper promotes employee development by ensuring that their talents are continuously upgraded through trainings and other opportunities for growth.

Carmen Copper also gives utmost importance to the safety and health of all employees. The company upholds the highest standards of occupational health and safety as demonstrated by its TUV Rheinland certification on the British Standard for Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series (BS OHSAS 18001:2007).

The mining firm was recently cited for Most Improved Safety Performance for achieving the highest improvement in safety and health programs implementation and accident statistics by the Philippine



**HONORED.** The Carmen Copper Labor Management Relations Committee—composed of the Carmen Copper Human Resource and Legal team members and officers of Carmen Copper Workers' Labor Organization—receives the Outstanding Grievance Machinery for Industrial Peace Award during the 21st



# GARMEN COPPER HONORS HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVERS IN TOLEDO CITY

**IN RECOGNITION** of their contributions in building sustainable communities and their potentials to be future leaders, Carmen Copper Corp. (CCC) awarded seven outstanding Toledo City high school graduates who excelled academically and demonstrated superb leadership skills.

The recipients of this year's Carmen Copper Leadership Excellence Award (CCLEA) are Ruvymae Villamea of Bunga National High School, Christopher Alegarbes of Cantabaco National High School, Myfel Jaein Fuentes of Don Andres Soriano National High School (DASNHS), Niña Louise Nengasca of De La Salle-Andres Soriano Memorial College, Monica Librando of Gen. Clinmaco National High School (GCNHS), Philip John Segarra of Magdugo National High School (MNHS) and Shien Ann Abatayo of Media - Once National High School.

They also serve their respective communities. They were chosen by their

academic excellence. By conferring the award, CCC aims to instill the values of excellence, leadership and community service among students who could be the country's future leaders.

CCC also aims to inspire them to achieve their aspirations in life. The CCLEA is a project under the company's social development and management program, which promotes quality and inclusive education for all towards building sustainable and self-reliant communities in Toledo City.

Fuentes of DASNHS said one must serve to lead.

"For me, a great leader must be a servant first. A great leader puts the needs of others first before herself. She also ensures the well-being and growth of the community," she said.

Fuentes, a former student officer, graduated at the top of her senior high school batch.

Since 2015, she has been an active member of the Baran-

prevention and control.

For his part, Segarra said a great leader abides by the rules, inspires and influences others to do the same.

Segarra, who graduated senior high school with honors, served time as the Supreme Student Government (SSG) president at MNHS.

He led fellow officers and volunteer students in conducting regular clean-up activities in the school and community to raise awareness on environmental protection and conservation.

"We want to teach our fellow students, especially our juniors, to keep the surroundings clean through proper waste segregation. Eventually, when they make cleanliness a habit, they would do the same in their respective homes and communities," Segarra said.

For her part, Librando took leadership to a whole new level. During her stint at GCNHS, she was elected as the SSG president

## CARMEN COPPER CORPORATION

### 2019 LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD



MYFEL JAEIN FUENTES  
Don Andres Soriano National High School



NIÑA LOUISE NENGASCA  
De La Salle-Andres Soriano National High School



CHRISTOPHER C. ALEGARBES  
Cantabaco National High School



MONICA LIBRANDO  
Gen. Clinmaco National High School



PHILIP JOHN SEGARRA  
Magdugo National High School



SHIEN ANN ABATAYO  
Media - Once National High School

Librando said she often walked for almost two hours every day to reach the school with an allowance of P10.

Despite the financial hardship of her family, she did not stop her drive in achieving her goal to graduate at the top of her class.

A consistent achiever since elementary school, Librando made her difficulties as her inspiration to pursue excellence and

As a natural leader, she often initiates projects. She also speaks her mind when she thinks she has something better to contribute.

Librando believes that a leader must know how to listen to the ideas from others and learn from them.

The awardees received a gold medal, certificate, P2,000 worth of self-help books on leadership



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## GARMEN COPPER INITIATES ECO-ORIENTED ART CONTEST

TO TEACH children the importance of growing trees for a sustainable environment, Carmen Copper Corp. organized an on-the-spot poster-making

contest that explored the theme "Greening Towards a Sustainable Future."

The contest—held on June 17, 2019—is one of the

highlights of the company's month-long celebration of the Environment Month, which is observed every June.

Some 26 pupils from the

different elementary schools in Toledo City showcased their talents in visual arts. They demonstrated in their artworks how greening and progress can grow together in building a sustainable world.

The artworks depicted concepts on reforestation, sustainable energy, recycling, proper waste management, river protection, air quality control and other greening efforts.

"At times, we neglect to give attention to the voice of the youth—failing to consider that their ideas are practical, sound and true. We truly hope that this activity gave all participants a venue to express their ideas and to show them how their ideas count and could serve as inspiration to others," said Christopher John W. Salcedo, head of Carmen Copper's environment department.

Cambang-ug Elementary

Salle-Andres Soriano Memorial College's Grade 6 pupil Nheriza B. Tocno took home the second prize. Biga Elementary School's Grade 6 pupil Clarince Kent Kilag bagged the third prize.

The winners received P3,000, P2,000 and P1,000, respectively, plus medals and certificates. Their winning artworks will be used in different information, education and communication materials that promote environment protection and enhancement initiatives of the company.

After recognizing Carmen Copper's crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance between economic growth and care for the environment, it heightens its environmental protection and enhancement initiatives through intensified progressive rehabilitation and various greening activities.

In celebration of the Environment Month, the company has launched a month-long set of activities to raise awareness on environmental conservation and protection, including a tree-growing activity last June 25 in celebration of Arbor Day.

The other activities set are the river clean-up, "Basura





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# GARMEN GOPPER LEADS ECO-FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

**A TREE-GROWING** activity. An eco-oriented art contest. A river cleanup. A recycling challenge.

These were the highlights of the environment month celebration of Carmen Copper Corp. in Toledo City, Cebu in June 2019.

Some 1,200 seedlings were planted in 5,000 square meters of land as part of the company's progressive rehabilitation program and in celebration of Arbor Day last June 25.

It was a clear demonstration of shared responsibility in protecting the environment after more than 100 volunteer employees, people's organizations, the local government unit of Toledo City and government agencies took part in the activity.

Volunteers planted seedlings of acacia auriculiformis, a suitable species that can survive acidic soil

and maintain a high survival rate.

The Arbor Day tree growing activity formed part of the series of tree growing activities, or progressive rehabilitation initiatives to be conducted to achieve the target of one million planted seedlings by 2024.

## *A million seedlings*

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Last June 17, Carmen Copper successfully organized an eco-oriented art contest that aimed to raise awareness on the importance

of school pupils in Toledo City.

With the theme "Greening towards a sustainable future," the contest showcased the talents of 26 participants in visual arts through their artworks that depicted concepts on reforestation, sustainable energy, recycling, proper waste management, river protection, air quality control and other greening efforts.

As part of its Adopt an Estero Program, Carmen Copper mobilized more than 50 residents to conduct a river cleanup at Panda River, Barangay Cantibaco, Toledo City last June 10.

Some 65 volunteers comprising Carmen Copper employees and members of the Hugpong Cantibacoan para sa Kimalya (HCK) — a Carmen Copper-aided people's organization committed to protect the environ-

ment sibly dumped by other residents along the banks and river beds. The activity generated 645 kilograms of combined biodegradable, recyclable, residual and special wastes.

## *Clean rivers*

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Carmen Copper's commitment to sustainable development through its outstanding environmental management has consistently earned it various environment awards including the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award. Platinum





# Going green for sustainability

Recognizing its crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance between economic growth and care for the environment, Carmen Copper Corporation, one of the major copper producers in the country, heightens its environmental protection and enhancement initiatives through intensified progressive rehabilitation and various greening activities.

In celebration of the Environment Month, the company launches month-long activities to raise awareness on environmental conservation and protection and promote responsible mineral development such as Tree Growing on Arbor Day, Poster Making Contest, River Clean-up, "Basura Ko, Hipuson Ko" campaign and Trash to Treasure Challenge.

## RACE TO 1 MILLION SEEDLINGS

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Carmen Copper targets to rehabilitate 15 hectares of land per year to achieve 1 million seedlings planted in time for the celebration of its 20th year of responsible operation in Toledo City. Carmen Copper has planted a total of 874,915 seedlings since 2007 and targeted to plant 125, 085 seedlings within five years.

The company will start the clock for the race to 1 million seedlings this June as it joins the nation in celebrating the Philippine Environment Month and the Arbor Day on June 25.

Carmen Copper will mobilize 100 volunteers from the community, employees, government agencies, academe and other civic groups to grow trees to nurture, protect and restore the natural environment of Toledo City.

## CARMEN COPPER ECOLOGICAL PARK

Nestled inside the mine camp is a 1.4-hectare arboretum that has now evolved into an environmental

recreational facility. The Carmen Copper Ecological Park showcases the various native tree species of Toledo. The eco-park offers the natural experience of forest bathing, which promotes overall well-being. It features forest bathing walkways and will soon be home to a lot pond, butterfly sanctuary and picnic area.

The Carmen Copper Ecological Park is filled with 2,264 trees of 20 native species. It has provided a sanctuary for various wildlife thriving in the site.

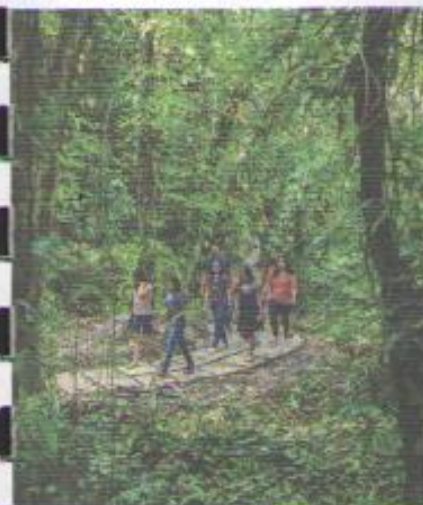
## MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Sustainable mining is now an achievable reality. Carmen Copper has embarked on a more strategic approach to sustainable development by integrating sustainability in all facets of its operations, prioritizing environmental management, safety and health and social development.

In 2018, Carmen Copper secured ISO 14001:2015 which provides a standardized method for resource, waste and materials management and environmental monitoring, development and closure planning and rehabilitation and remediation measures.

It maintains air emissions to below standard levels and consistently finds ways to monitor and reduce energy use to reduce its carbon footprint. Carmen Copper recycles 51% of water consumed per year and regularly conduct sampling to monitor the quality of water in water sources. Carmen Copper ensures the proper disposal of effluents following regulatory standards. Waste water or tailings produced from ore processing are deposited at the Biga Tailings Storage Facility.

Carmen Copper's commitment to sustainable development through its outstanding environmental management has earned it consistent Best Mining Forest awards and the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award Titanium and Platinum achievements.





## INFRASTRUCTURE

# Carmen Copper to open new road in Biga, Toledo

MORE than 1,600 residents of sitios Hag-it and Danawan in Barangay Biga, Toledo City will benefit from the half-kilometer road opening project that is expected to improve delivery of basic services to them.

Carmen Copper's access road project from Danawan to Hag-it costs P1.3 million.

It is a project under the company's social development and management program (SDMP), which aims to improve the living conditions of the residents and help them attain self-sufficiency.

Meanwhile, students need not walk a long distance to reach the school in the village once the road is completed; the area would also be accessible to emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks.

The project broke ground on July 1, 2019 with a simple ceremony to welcome the development in the area.

mutual partnership between the barangay and the company.

Biga is a recipient of various social development projects under the company's SDMP. Carmen Copper has been building roads, a health center and senior citizen building, a multi-purpose covered court and a water system since 2009.

Some 208 pupils from Biga Elementary School, Makatol Elementary School and Biga Day Care Center benefitted from the company's regular school-based feeding program, which targets to address the undernourishment among pupils, and aims to improve their attendance and performance in school.

In 2012, Carmen Copper donated a three-classroom building to Biga Elementary School. It completed in 2017 a four-classroom building for the planned high school. Biga Elementary School is also a recipient of the

full scholarship to students from poor families in Biga. In 2018, scholar Mary Camille Sepada graduated and passed the board exam to become a licensed mining engineer. Her sister, Mirafior Sepada, is also a scholar currently taking up civil engineering.

The company deploys its buses to offer Biga residents free rides. More or less 100 high school students enrolled at Don Andres Soriano National High School and De La Salle Andres Soriano Memorial College also benefitted in Carmen Copper's free-ride program as each of them is able to save around P40 every day.

Carmen Copper provided jobs to the residents, while many others were able to secure employment from contractors serving the company.

The increase in local employment has also provided opportunities for small businesses to emerge and thrive



**MAP OF NEW ROAD.** Aerial view of Carmen Copper's ongoing road opening project from Sitio Danawan to Sitio Hag-it in Barangay Biga, Toledo City. COURTESY OF PHOTO

store and eatery. Most of her customers are employees of Carmen Copper and its contractors.

"Because of my eatery business, I was able to put up a pig-

grandchildren," Ubas said in Cebuano.

Carmen Copper will continue to create values for the communities and its other stakeholders



# Carmen Copper trains employees in containing oil spill



THE personnel of Carmen Copper Corp. deployed a 300-meter-long oil spill containment boom in the waters off Sangi Port in Toledo City during a simulation exercise last May 10, 2019.

Employees of the mining firm have taken measures to prepare for marine disasters as their way of celebrating the Month of the Ocean, which is celebrated annually in the Philippines during the month of May.

Last May 10, Carmen Copper trained its 31 port personnel and safety officers on how to respond to an oil spill at its own Sangi Port.

Sangi Port is Carmen Copper's facility where copper concentrates are loaded and shipped to smelters in China, Japan and Leyte, Philippines.

Experts from the Philippine Environmental and Technological Systems and Services Inc. (Petss) provided the training.

They taught the proper use of the containment boom, discussed the types of oil that spill, tackled the hazards associated with oil spills and shared the basic steps in controlling the spill.

Later in the afternoon on the same day, Carmen Copper's team performed in a simula-

tion exercise. They deployed Sangi Port's oil spill containment boom, which was acquired by the company in 2017.

The training was conducted to comply with the Bureau of Customs, which had ordered all port facilities to craft a disaster preparedness and management plan.

A containment boom is a temporary floating barrier designed to contain oil spills. It can protect critical areas such as reefs and shorelines from the threats of oil slick.

Carmen Copper, a wholly owned subsidiary of Atlas Mining operating the Toledo Copper Mine in Toledo City, is committed to sustainable mineral development through responsible operation. Through the company's environmental protection and enhancement program, the company ensures that its operation does not bring irreversible effect to the natural environment of Toledo City.

The mining firm's outstanding environmental management has won it awards and recognition from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau and the Philippine Mine Safety and Environment Association. **S**



# CARMEN COPPER CITED FOR BEST MINING PRACTICES

Toledo City-based mining firm Carmen Copper Corporation begged the Presidential Mineral Industry and Environment Award (PMIEA) Platinum Achievement and the Most Improved Safety Performance Award in recognition of the company's outstanding environmental management, safety and health performance and social development initiatives.

These achievements which demonstrate the company's principle of responsible stewardship towards sustainable mineral development was given on November 22 during the Awards Night and Testimonial Dinner of the 66th Annual National Mine Safety and Environment Conference at the CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center, Baguio City.

Carmen Copper has bagged the PMIEA Platinum Achievement in 2018 and Titanium Achievement in 2017.

## Most Improved Safety Performance

This year, apart from another platinum achievement, Carmen Copper was also awarded the Most Improved Safety Performance Award for achieving the highest improvement on safety and health programs implementation and accident statistics.



Carmen Copper has maintained zero fatality and significantly reduced the number of accidents. This resulted to severity rate dropping by more than 85 percent in 2018 compared to 2017. The company owes this to the strict implementation of the "Safety First Policy" through a rigorous set of protocols, policies and performance monitoring and audits, adhering to global safety standards.

The company conducts its operation in accordance to the British Standards for Occupational Health and Safety Assessments Series (BS OHSAS 18001:2007) as certified by TUV Rheinland.

The COC Minero - Emergency Response Team (COC Minero ERT) has responded to emergency situations and performed rescue operations within the mining complex and outside its borders.

The company's Level 1 hospital continues to serve the over 2,400 employees and their families. It operates on a 24-hour duty to ensure the health and wellness of its employees and communities as well.

## Safeguarding the environment

Carmen Copper is committed to maintaining the delicate balance of promoting economic growth and prioritizing care for the environment. Since 2009 to 2018, Carmen Copper has invested more than P2.8 billion for its Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program (EPEP).

The company has intensified its progressive rehabilitation and re-greening of mined-out areas. To date, Carmen Copper has reforested 630 hectares planted with more than 890,000 seedlings produced in its own plant nursery.

Carmen Copper is a recipient of various environmental awards including the Gawad Tugas for Forest Protection and Management (2017) and Gawad Tugas for Responsible Mining (2015, 2018).

## Building sustainable communities

Carmen Copper seals its commitment towards sustainable development through the establishment of the Carmen Copper Communities, the Social Development and Management Program (SDMP) of Carmen Copper focusing on health, education, livelihood, public infrastructure and disaster response.

The company granted full scholarships to children from poor families, provided skills training to unemployed residents, sent health professionals to barrios, built and improved health and birthing centers, opened roads to improve residents' access to job centers and medical facilities, and built farm-to-market roads to help local farmers.

Carmen Copper also provided livelihood opportunities to residents to develop them into self-reliant individuals. To date, Carmen Copper has invested over P850 million social development programs in the locality.

In his message, Carmen Copper President and CEO Roy O. Deveraturda said, "We are honored and humbled by these achievements. Being recognized by the industry regulators and peers is a testament to how Carmen Copper performs to go beyond mere compliance of the established mining law, policies and regulations. We will certainly continue our journey of creating value for the communities in Toledo City. We shall accomplish these through responsible stewardship".





# Clean water reaches Toledo hinterlands

Where there is clean water, there are healthy children.

Clean and safe drinking water is now accessible to children of Toledo City's hinterlands through the Ultra Filtration Aqua Tower system installed in four elementary schools where access to clean water used to be scarce.

Carmen Copper Corporation made potable water available to pupils of Bagakay Elementary School in Barangay Bagakay, Buswang Elementary School in Barangay Cambang-ug, Magdugo Elementary School in Barangay Don Juan Climaco, Sr. Old Bucao Elementary School in Barangay Bolin Barangay General Climaco, all in Toledo City. The project is in partnership with Planet Water Foundation and Xylem Watermark.

It only took four days from March 13 to 16 to install the aqua towers by Carmen Copper and Xylem Watermark employee volunteers under the supervision of the Planet Water Foundation technical team.

The Aqua Tower does not only provide drinking water for the children, but it also encourages them to wash their hands frequently for proper hygiene.

The Ultra Filtration Aqua Tower System

The Aqua Tower can produce 10,000 liters of clean water per day that can serve 1,000 individuals. It is more than enough for the population of the school so it can be shared with the rest of the community.

The Aqua Tower is a sustainable water solution



Pupils of Buswang Elementary School in Barangay Cambang-ug, Toledo City now enjoy clean and safe water with the installation of the Aqua Tower in their school, a partnership project between Carmen Copper Corporation and Planet Water Foundation.

as it does not need power to operate. The only power needed, in few instances, is to pump the water up the holding tank. The pressure, created by the gravity, forces the water from the elevated tank to the ultra filtration system where sediments, bacteria, pathogens, protozoa, viruses and other microbiological contaminants greater than 0.1 micron are removed.

The resulting product is a safe, clean and crystal clear water that passed World Health Organization standards and far superior in quality than well water.

The Aqua Tower features nine faucets around the tower and liquid soap dispensers for hand washing. Volunteers conducted hygiene education to teach

the children the importance of frequently washing their hands to improve their health and prevent the spread of diseases.

It is simple to operate and maintain. Teachers and caretakers were given instructions how to operate and maintain the facility. The Aqua Tower can last up to 5 years before the filtration system would need to be replaced. Planet Water Foundation will also conduct regular project monitoring.

Another remarkable feature is its simple, turn-key installation. Volunteers need only about two to three hours to assemble the tower and complete all the piping works.

Making clean water available for all  
Carmen Copper, un-

der its Social Development and Management Program (SDMP), is committed to help its communities, especially the hard to reach areas get access to clean water. In 2017, Carmen Copper in partnership with Planet Water and Xylem Watermark also installed Aqua Towers in Pandong Bato Elementary School in Barangay Mecina Once and Biga Elementary School in Barangay Biga.

The project has benefited not only the school children but also the neighborhood. The Aqua Tower encourages children to come to school without worries of dehydration after a very hot day. Washing hands was made easy so they can avoid acquiring communicable diseases such as coughs and colds. (PR)



# Mining firm awards outstanding graduates

Seven outstanding high school graduates were given this year's Carmen Copper Leadership Excellence Award because of their contributions in building sustainable communities and their potentials to be future leaders.

The awardees are Ruyymae Villarmen of Bunga National High School, Christopher Alegarbes of Cantabuco National High School, MyfelJaeia Fuentes of Don Andres Soriano National High School, Nifa Salle - Nengasca of De La Salle - Andres Soriano Memorial College, Monica Librando of Gen. Climaco National High School, Philip John Segarra of Magdugo National High School and Shien Ann Abatayo of Media Once National High School.

They were nominated by their respective schools after satisfying the criteria for this award. The awardees have demonstrated good conduct, outstanding leadership skills, community service and academic excellence.

By conferring this award, Carmen Copper aims to instill the values of

her batch. She has been a member of the Barangay Anti-Dengue Taskforce in Barangay DAS where they do awareness campaign and other activities to educate the people on dengue prevention and control. She was also a student officer and a consistent achiever.

On the other hand, Segarra believes that a great leader is one who abides by the rules and inspires and influences others to do the same. Segarra, who graduated with honors, was a Supreme Student Government (SSG) president at Magdugo National High School. He led fellow officers and volunteer students to regular cleanup activities in school and the community to raise awareness on environmental protection and conservation.

"We wanted to teach our fellow students, especially our juniors, to keep the surroundings clean through proper waste segregation. Eventually, when they make cleanliness a habit, they will do the same in their own homes and the community. This is our mission, what we chose to do to change the world," Segarra said.

Librando took leadership to a whole new

level. During her stint at Gen. Climaco National High School, she was the SSG president, the Youth Organization in School president and she also heads their school's Campus Integrity Crusaders - Office of the Ombudsman.

She walks almost two hours every day to reach the school with only P10 allowance, but it did not stop her from achieving

her goal to graduate as the top of the class. A consistent achiever since elementary, Librando made difficulties her inspiration to pursue excellence and serve others. She envisions a country led by honest and incorrupt officials and where people care for the environment.

The awardees received a gold medal, certificate, P2,000 worth of self-help books on leadership and personal development and P3,000 cash incentive. They also earned eligibility to apply to the Carmen Copper Academic Scholarship Program. — **FPL**

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Emergency Response Team (MERT) of Carmen Copper Corporation helped authorities in the search and rescue following a massive landslide that hit the City of Naga on September 20 last year. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Naga thank Carmen Copper for sending resc

The city government of Naga, Cebu has commended Carmen Copper Corporation for sending emergency responders and relief aid to the city following a landslide that killed over 80 people and displaced hundreds of families in Sitio Sindulan, Barangay Tinaan.

In its resolution No. 040-Q-2018, City of Naga Mayor Kristine Vanessa Chiong and the City Council expressed their profound gratitude and appreciation to Carmen Copper for dispatching a team of responders during the September 20, 2018 landslide.

"The professionalism, commitment and dedication to duty of the company's responding team truly demonstrated the time-honored 'Bayanihan' spirit of the Filipinos and, thus, deserving meritorious recognition by the top management of this mining firm," the resolution reads.

"The sense of gratitude of the entire officialdom of the City of Naga and the Nagahanons is hereby sincerely conveyed to the top management, key officials and rank-and-file workers of Carmen Copper Corporation for the company's noble effort in extending a hand in the midst of the city's most trying times."

Chiong personally paid a visit to Carmen Copper last February 14 to hand over a copy of the resolution to Carmen Copper President and CEO Roy Deveraturda.

Chiong and the staff of the City Information, Communications and Relations Office (CICRO) also took a tour of the mines and the

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## SM Foundation slates mission in Consolacion

Foundation is extending health and programs to the marginalized of society with the goal of sustainable communities.

SM Foundation's medical mission called Kapwa, SM Foundation aims to provide comprehensive, quality dental care to beneficiaries

SM Foundation is set to provide medical and

dental mission at the second level, SM Cinema hallway in SM City Consolacion on March 7.

SM Foundation will offer free chest X-ray, ECG, random blood sugar screening, blood pressure monitoring, medical consultation, dental services and free medicines to patients together with

the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Municipal Health Office.

Connie Angeles, SM Foundation executive director for health, said SM Foundation's programs continue to grow each year in magnitude and in reach.

"The Foundation will continue to bring quality and accessible health service to even more communities nationwide," she said.

Prior to the health mission in Consolacion, SM Foundation will also

conduct a free medical and dental mission for all employees, affiliates, agency personnel, and tenants of SM Supermalls in Cebu at the Cebu Trade Hall of SM City Cebu.

For SM Foundation, caring for the sick and the less fortunate has gone beyond traditional. It means promoting the total wellbeing of individuals by providing them basic health services and most of all, encouraging them to have a positive outlook despite life's many challenges. (PR)

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# GARMEN COPPER REHABILITATES HEALTH CENTER

MARIEL Tanael was teary-eyed when she first held her newborn. Her baby boy came into the world after nine months of intensive and tender prenatal care.

Tanael safely delivered a healthy baby boy in the Don Andres Soriano Health Center and Lying-in Clinic, which was renovated and refurbished by Carmen Copper Corp., a mining company based in Toledo City, Cebu.

The project was aimed to improve the delivery of basic health-care programs and services to the residents, including mothers and children, in Barangay Don Andres Soriano.

es the lying-in clinic on the ground floor and the health center on the second floor.

The facility was renovated and refurbished with additional equipment, furniture and fixture to better serve its clients.

"When I gave birth to my eldest daughter three years ago, we knew we were in good hands. The center has competent midwives and staff. We enjoy modern facilities. Most of all, it is closer to home," Tanael said in Cebuano.

The Don Andres Soriano Health Center and Lying-in Clinic is the only public birthing facility offering newborn screening and



round-the-clock operations in Toledo City, said head midwife Arneliza Oamilda.

The facility is operated by the barangay and the Department of Health. It conducts more than 200 prenatal checkups and performs more than 300 immunizations per month.

Two midwives and five Barangay Nutrition Scholars are stationed in the facility to assist the residents

tensified campaign. Home birth exposes a mother to risks of infection, bleeding and stillbirth.

"Our facility can sufficiently support natural birth. We are preferred by mothers because of our complete and modern facility," Oamilda said in Cebuano.

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The presence of the facility has significantly lowered the prevalence of home birth in Don Andres Soriano, said Oamilda. In the past, she said four out of 10 women gave birth at home but it has significantly decreased to a 1:10 ratio. However, home birth still exists despite the barangay health workers' in-



# III WATER SUPPLY

Amid the crippling drought due to El Niño, Carmen Copper Corporation is augmenting the water supply in the different barangays of Toledo City by supplying 1,200 cubic meters or 1.2 million liters of water daily through the Toledo City Water District (TCWD).

Carmen Copper, a wholly owned subsidiary of Atlas Mining which operates the Toledo Copper Mine, has also recently deployed its water truck to ration additional 70,000 liters of clean water every day free of charge.

The emergency water delivery is implemented in Barangay Biga, one of the critical barangays reportedly suffering from lack of running water due to the effects of El Niño and Barangays Poog, Don Andres Soriano and Media Once.

Annually, the company supplies an average of 490,000 cubic meters of water to the communities through TCWD at subsidized rates. It has benefitted thousands of households, schools, offices and commercial centers in Toledo City.

To provide the Carmen Copper communities access to clean water is in support of the United Nations' sixth Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 6) for clean water and sanitation.

Other social development projects aligned with SDG 6 is the installation of six aqua towers in six elementary schools in Toledo City to provide clean and safe drinking water to school children especially in hard to reach areas.

The company also implemented water system projects in the different host and neighboring barangays to improve health and sanitation and boost local economic activities.

Carmen Copper sources its water for industrial and domestic requirements from the Malubog Dam, one of the largest privately owned reservoirs in the country. It was constructed in June 1970 by Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corporation (Atlas Mining) with a



# Toledo mining firm repairs barangay birthing center

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The project aimed to improve the delivery of basic healthcare programs and services to the residents, especially mother and children.

The two-storey health facility houses the lying-in clinic at the ground floor and the health center at the second floor. The facility was completely renovated and refurbished with additional equipment, furniture and fixture to better serve its clients.

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The facility is operated by the barangay and the Department of Health (DOH). It conducts more than 200 prenatal check-ups and performs more than 300 immunizations per month.

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# Gullas proposes P1.2 billion budget for 2020

Talisay City Mayor Gerald Anthony "Samsam" Gullas Jr. is proposing a P1.2 billion annual budget next year.

Budget officer Edgar Mabunay said next year's proposed budget is P120 million higher compared to the P1.076 billion this year. A big chunk of it was earmarked for social services and infrastructure projects.

The mayor has allocated P200 million for various social services, including financial assistance for the senior citizens. Mabunay said the number of registered senior citizens in Talisay have already increased from 10,000 to 15,000.

Among the services that will be funded is the

"Our service will be from womb to tomb," Gullas said.

Talisay City also offers free burial services to indigent residents of the city. Gullas also started his "cream of the crop" scholarship program for the poor but deserving students.

At least P144 million was also earmarked for infrastructure projects, including mayor's assistance to all the 22 barangays. Gullas promised to give at least P1 million each barangay depending on their needs and projects.