



Onsite Registration for Dinagatnons

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On May 24 to 25, 2022 over 500 Dinagatnons from different municipalities in the Province of Dinagat Island (PDI) flocked the makeshift operation center in Barangay Don Ruben in San Jose to avail of PhilHealth services.

PDI is one of the hardest-hit areas by Super Typhoon Odette in December 2021. Weeks after the devastation, Regional Vice President Michael Jibson C. Hernandez and members of the PRO Caraga Emergency Response Team travelled to PDI to turn over food and clothing items to the Relief Operations Center. The team also retrieved equipment of PhilHealth Service Desk situated in the damaged structure of Municipality of San Jose.

Despite the constraints brought about by Super Typhoon Odette, RVP Hernandez planned a series of onsite registration services in the Province to cater the needs of the Dinagatnons. The said services were set to be conducted after the May 2022 National and Local Elections.

“We did not wait for the pandemic to be over to be able to establish the operation of a Service Desk in the Province of Dinagat Islands, a major feat during this unprecedented period. The devastation by Super Typhoon Odette poses another challenge that we must surpass utilizing available resources and avenue where services could be delivered so we could timely support our members on their recovery,” Hernandez said.

The PhilHealth Service Desk in the Province of Dinagat Islands was set up last December 13, 2021, a few days prior to Super Typhoon Odette’s onslaught. The said Service Desk was scheduled to be officially launched on February 2022.



Members receive their MDR and PhilHealth ID.

However, due to the massive destruction caused by the typhoon which resulted to power and internet outage, the launching had to be postponed.

A series of onsite registration shall be conducted in the coming months until PRO Caraga’s Service Desk find its new home in the Province of Dinagat Islands. Despite the mounting challenges, PhilHealth demonstrates its utmost commitment and dedication to public service – a true reflection of the Corporation’s anniversary theme for this year *“PhilHealth, tumutugon sa hamon ng panahon”!* ###

In Photo:

- ◀ Dinagatnons availing of the services during the onsite registration.
- ▶ Hernandez and members of the PERT retrieving equipment and furniture of PhilHealth Service Desk-PDI.
- ▶ Hernandez leading the turnover of food and clothing items to the Relief Operations Center.