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NGCP's scholarship program for indigenous people now on its 2nd year

Power transmission service provider National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) is sending 15 young indigenous people (IP) to school this year as part of its advocacy for education even in the remotest barangays in the country.

Through NGCP's Bulig Ki Agulanga (Tulong Para kay Ate/Kuya) Program in Mindanao, nine high school and six college students from indigenous communities in Bukidnon will be granted full school year educational assistance. This includes tuition fees, book and uniform allowance, and a monthly stipend. Scholarship grants for this school year amount to more than half a million pesos.

Now on its second year of implementation, the scholarship program already provided educational grants to 14 students (i.e. eight high school and six college students) last school year. Performance of the 2010 scholars was generally satisfactory.

The scholars for both school years all come from small IP communities in Barangays Pualas and Dalirig in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon. Student applicants are screened from a list submitted by tribal chieftains of the Higaonon tribe in Barangay Pualas and the Higaonon-Talaandig tribe in Barangay Dalirig.

As part of its social responsibility initiatives, NGCP started implementing the educational grant for lumadsin ancestral domains in connection with the Abaga-Kirahon-Maramag-Bunawan 230-kV Transmission Line Project in Mindanao. The project aims to strengthen the existing transmission system and ultimately ensure the stability, reliability and efficiency of power delivery service in the entire Mindanao Grid.###

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Indigenous people (IP) grantees of NGCP's scholarship program hold their "Bulig Ki Agulanga" (Tulong Para kay Ate/Kuya) contracts.



NGCP scholars Anne JevilleRoxas and Lister Palacio receive their grant benefits at Bukidnon State University.