



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF ROMBLON
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE
BARANGAY PINAMIHAGAN

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Ma'am:

Greetings!

San Jose, Romblon is an island municipality in Romblon that is home for a total of 1,232 indigenous people (IP) engage in small scale agriculture. Most of the IPs depend on cultivation of corn and cassava for food. Drying these commodities and pounding them into small particles are their old ways to store and convert these crops into more palatable food to substitute for rice. Some of the IPs also sell these ground corn and cassava in the main barangay as animal feeds, and as raw materials used by small-scale kakanin, and suman producers in the island in return for meager income. Pounding on the other hand is hard work and time-consuming resulting to low productivity of residents. They spend a lot of time on pounding corn and cassava and could not allot more time to other income generating activities. Mechanizing this process would mean more time for other chores and livelihood opportunities for IPs, hence our request for an equipment intervention from your good office.

We do hope for your kind indulgence in the matter. Thank you and keep safe.

Very truly yours,

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