

# COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS - PART 4

#CoopsAgainstCovid19

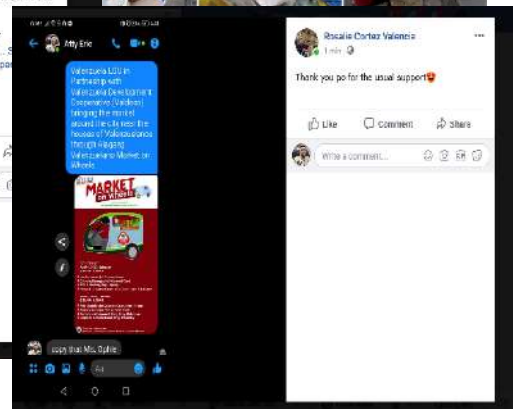
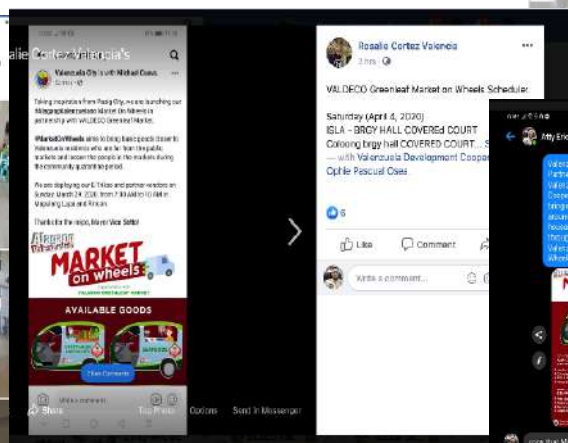
*"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa*

Cooperatives in either small or big way have greatly contributed to the economy. With the current crisis we are facing, they did not only contribute, they also encouraged others to take part in providing whatever they can to help, even those that are not members or part of their community, but also to the frontliners and least of their brethren through their Cooperative Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

A domino-effect has started not only for the cooperatives but as well as other organizations and even individuals to extend their helping hands in this time of need. It is also a response to heed the call of the government and to collectively show cooperation during this crisis.

In the **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**, cooperatives and cooperative development partners have been posting in social medias the help they extended to the public, considering NCR has the largest number of people positive with COVID-19 and has been on lockdown for weeks. The cooperatives which provided assistance are as follows:

- Most Holy Rosary MPC provided 5kgs. of rice plus P300.00 worth of canned good, with a total of P500/pack for 8,000 families
- Marikina City Cooperative Development Council called for rice donations to be given to Bayanihan Center.
- The Concepcion Vendors Development Cooperative also donated rice for indigent families in Marikina



- Valenzuela Development Cooperative, in partnership with Valenzuela City, launched the Market on Wheels at VALDECO Greenleaf Market

- Mapag-ampon Parish MPC released Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund (ISCP) and gave 5 kilos of rice per member

BALANCING BETWEEN COMPLIANCE AND SERVICING MEMBERS. That's what Mapag-ampon Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Muntinlupa) does amidst this crisis due to COVID-19 – while observing government orders on social distancing, wearing of masks, using thermal scanner, spraying alcohol on hands, etc., the Cooperative – on a shortened time between 8 AM to 1 PM, Monday thru Saturday from March 30 to April 7 – releases interest on share capital and gives away five (5) kilos of rice per member. If the member cannot come, only authorization letter and his ID are required from a representative.

**SILPMPC report on the utilization of our Cooperative Development Fund (CDF) in response to the Covid-19**

The San Isidro Labrador Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative in coordination with the Local Government of Valenzuela was able to utilize its Community Development Fund amounting to Php 100,000.00 as assistance to the community in response to the call/appeal of the City Mayor for the benefit of the community of Valenzuelanos where SILPMPC operates.

SILPMPC distributed 5 kilos of rice every member during the pandemic time which benefitted 1,200 members, amounting to Php 233,500.00.

SILPMPC opened its services to the members in the midst of health emergency. Financial transactions such as withdrawals, emergency loans, medical loans are available. The Cooperative also released in advance to its employees the 50% of their 13<sup>th</sup> month pay, paid in full the salaries without deduction from their leave credits the 4 days that Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) was in effect. The Cooperative also gave free meals in addition to the Php 500.00/day per employee hazard pay while they were at work from March 15 to March 31, 2020.

While on EQC from March 8 – 26, SILPMPC was able to release loans amounting to P 5,546,564.40 (Regular Loan, Emergency Loan, Medical Loan, Check Rediscounting & Loan Restructure) to 67 members (17 male & 50 female). It also allowed non-payment of amortization of loans for 2 months to those who were affected without penalty and interest.

During the period of ECQ, SILMPC extended the following social services:

- Medicine expenses for 2 males (1 adult Php 2,000.00 and 1 kid Php 3,000.00 ICU);



- Mutual benefits to the family of 1 deceased member (female) amounting to Php 3,000.00;
- Constructed washing area for members to wash their hands before entering the office;
- Provided alcohol dispensers in every area and advised members to strictly wear mask; and
- Posted tarpaulin on COVID-19 and advisory at the walls including the practice of social distancing as precautionary measures for everybody's safety



The Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund of the members will soon be released and available to the savings account of the members.

### **DISINFECTION OF PUBLIC MARKET BY SAMMOCA-CC CREDIT COOPERATIVE, SMPBM ASSOC., AND LGU-CALOOCAN**

The SAMMOCA-CC Credit Cooperative headed by its Chairperson, Mr. Wilfredo Arteta, together with the SMPBM (Asosasyon ng mga Manininda) and the Local Government of Caloocan spearheaded the disinfection of the Maypajo Public Market. The said joint project proved to be an utmost importance in the fight against the COVID-19. Besides the disinfection, there were written notices and guidelines provided by the cooperative as they continue to take precautionary measures in spreading the disease. *SKS*



The Caltex Makati Credit Cooperative in Makati City provided financial support to Kaya Natin! Foundation amounting to P25,000.00 for the volunteers who transported health workers from different pick-up and drop off areas in Metro Manila. Kaya Natin! Foundation is a non-government and non-profit organization which aim to deliver ethical leadership and good governance. Caltex employees, who are mostly members of the cooperative, spearheaded the current donation drive. This initiative of the coop to assist in responding to the needs of our frontliners is a reflection of the cooperative spirit that is truly evident in our nation as we, Filipinos, fight as one to conquer the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.



**CCT CREDIT COOP DISPLAYS BAYANIHAN**  
***WE CAN `T HELP EVERYONE, BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP SOMEONE-***  
***Ronald Reagan***

The CCT Credit Cooperative displayed a random act of kindness as they distributed relief goods and survival packs to communities affected by the COVID-19 disease. A total of 250 families (as of the time being) from Las Pinas, Paranaque, Muntinlupa and Caloocan were benefitted with these relief assistance. In Las Pinas, one of the CSLs (Community Servant Leaders) offered her tricycle to transport the goods. Muntinlupa meanwhile, was able to transport the goods via the barangay vehicle for distribution. Caloocan on the other hand, distributed the relief goods to the community with the help of CFI church workers.



Roughly 200,000 worth of relief goods consisting of the following: 5 kilos of rice, 4 pouched of pork and beans, 4 cans of sardines, 3 cans of corned beef, 6 packs of noodles per food pack were given to the intended beneficiaries.

In such a time of need, the CCT Credit Cooperative with the help of its ministry partners, co-workers, CSLs, and volunteers displayed an act of Bayanihan as they tend to ease the pain caused by the pandemic. SKS



**THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW**

***"Mankind will never be the wiser about its future unless it is coupled with a sense of love and compassion for their fellow beings.***  
***– Shah Rukh Khan***

Paco Savings and Credit Cooperative heeded the call for action, a true test of the cooperative principle "Concern for Community". The cooperative salutes all our frontliners, Medical Personnel and other health care volunteers for their untiring service amidst the threat of COVID-19. Thus, the said cooperative donated boxes of disinfectants, soaps, toothbrushes and toothpastes, bleaches, laundry detergents to the Lung Center of the Philippines STU, Isolation Ward c/o Cristine Joyce Palaming.

These donations will prove to be of great help especially to the frontliners, who day to day are in harm's way in their



combat against the pandemic COVID-19. Hopefully, all cooperatives must join hands in our fight against this virus.

## PASCCO UP AND READY TO FACE CHALLENGES HEAD ON

*"Think lightly of yourself and think deeply of the world." - Miyamoto Musashi*

The Paco Savings and Credit Cooperative, a community-based cooperative, acknowledges the needs of its members and that of the community. True to their mission to look after their community as enshrined in the 7<sup>th</sup> Co-op Principle, Concern for the Community, PASCCO distributed relief goods per batch. In observance with the Social Distancing, all members were advised to wait for the message via text or messenger for their schedule.



## REPACKING OF THE RELIEF GOODS

PASCCO's Frontliners and BODs helped in the packing of relief goods consisted of 5 kilos of Rice, 2 pcs. Century Tuna 180g., 2 pcs. of Argentina Corned Beef 175g., 2 pcs. Argentina Meat Loaf 100g., 4 pcs. Lucky Me Pancit Canton, 4 pcs. Lucky Me Noodles, 2 pcs. Young Town Sardines 155g., 6 pcs. 3 in 1 coffee. All of which were given to the members and that of the community. *SKS*



## PALENGKE NATIN MPC

Upang makatulong na masigurong may pagkain sa bawat hapag ng bawat pamilya sa Barangay Longos, Malabon, ang **Palengke Natin Multi-Purpose Cooperative** ay nagpaabot ng tulong at namahagi ng pagkain sa kanilang komunidad sa gitna ng krisis na kinakaharap ngayon ng ating bansa. Ito ay namigay ng 2 banyera ng galunggong na umaabot sa 100 kilo at ng mga ulo-ulo ng malalaking isda gaya ng tuna at salmon. Ang tulong na ito ay nakaabot sa mahigit 102 pamilya sa Barangay Longos ng Malabon.



Marapat lamang ang pagpupugay sa ating mga kooperatiba na di alintana ang mga sakripisyong kailangan nilang gawin makapagbigay lamang ng walang sawang paglilingkod sa kanilang mga miyembro at sa kanilang komunidad sa iba't ibang kaparaanan ngayong tayong lahat ay humaharap sa isang malaking hamon. Ang ganitong mga katangi-tanging gawa ay nagsisilbing inspirasyon at paalala sa bawat Pilipino na sama-sama tayong babangong muli at ipapanalo ang laban natin kontra sa COVID-19.



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**Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)** cooperatives did not hesitate to extend assistance to their members, the community and frontliners, by providing financial assistance during this crisis.

### **BSUCMPC ALLOTS P 13 Million for EFAM**

**La Trinidad, Benguet.** The Benguet State University and Community Multipurpose Cooperative allotted about P 13 million pesos to help members cope up with the challenges of the COVID-2019 pandemonium. The Emergency Financial Assistance to all Regular Members (EFAM) shall be disbursed to all regular members of the cooperative in its Main Office and Satellite Offices located in Baguio City, Buguias, Benguet and Abatan, Bauko, Mountain Province starting April 3, 2020. All Offices shall open from 9:00 AM to 2PM on Mondays to Fridays and 9:00AM-12 noon on Saturdays.

In an interview with Chief Executive Officer Jane T. Asiong, about 13,000 regular members will be served. Each member shall receive P 1,000.00 purposely for the purchase of basic goods. She stressed that the schedule of distribution shall be in accordance with the guidelines on window hours of each local government unit.

CEO Jane advised members to follow the COVID-2019 protocols on wearing of mask, physical distancing (6 feet or about 2 meters), and to bring valid IDs or cooperative passbooks. Members like Senior Citizens, Pregnant Women, Nursing Mothers and Persons with Disabilities that cannot personally claim can authorize representatives through a letter accompanied by ID or passbook of the requesting member. Unclaimed financial assistance of regular members shall be deposited in their respective accounts and can be withdrawn anytime.

The BSUCMPC ranks second top performing billionaire cooperatives of the Cordillera Administrative Region. Currently, BSUCMPC has 34 full-time staff with 9 Board of Directors and complete Mandatory and Appointive Committees.

Asked for her message to all members and the community, CEO Jane Asiong said and I quote "As our cooperative climb the ladder towards social relevance and inclusivity, development challenges cannot be avoided. The best weapon to combat such is teamwork, risk-taking, understanding, solidarity and trust. I highly commend all members, staff, officers and stakeholders that helped realize the established plans and programs of the BSUCMPC. Now is the time to implement our business continuity plan, hence, this EFAM." *Lotes P. Lab-oyan*

### **LTVTPMPC earmarks P 2.3 million for Operation Pantawid Tulong sa COVID-19**

**La Trinidad, Benguet.** The La Trinidad Vegetable Trading Post Multipurpose Cooperative (LTVTPMPC) earmarked about P 2.356 million as financial assistance and donation in kind to its members, the Municipality of La Trinidad and its 16 barangays. Christened as "Operation Pantawid Tulong sa COVID-19" the attempt to help all its members during this international crisis It is a welcome development to all members and the community residents of La Trinidad.

In an interview with General Manager Manolito Armas, the Board of Directors approved the release of about P 1.856 intended for all the regular members. About P 100,000 was allotted for the LGU-La Trinidad and P 400,000.00 will be donated in kind to the 16 barangays of La Trinidad.

The cash assistance for each member is P 500.00 together plus five (5) kilograms of packed commercial rice. Members are requested to visit and claim their assistance at the LTVTP MPC Satellite Office located at the Farmers Center, Puguis, La Trinidad, Benguet.

GM Armas reiterated that for Senior Citizens and physically challenged members that cannot personally claim the assistance, the cooperative requires an authorization letter from the member together with his or her valid Identification Card/Passbook or proof of identity. Authorized family member or recipient is requested to bring along a Valid ID or proof of identity before the assistance can be released. All members must observe precautionary measures and comply with the window hours of the cooperative.

GM Armas disclosed that the deadline in claiming the assistance shall be on or before June 30, 2020.

Currently ranked as among the top performing cooperatives in CAR, the LTVTP MPC has an asset of about P 552 million as of February 2020. It has 17 full-time staff. Board of Directors include Chairperson Jimmy Atayoc, Vice Chairperson Nora Ganase, Directors Alfredo Alangdeo, Virginia Madallang and Teresita Ambacan. *Lotes P. Lab-oyan*

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### **Region 1 COOPS MAN COVID19 CHECKPOINTS: OVER 100 CO-OPS SHARE NEAR P3.0 M ASSISTANCE**

Officers and staffs of Metro Paypayad MPC of Candon City volunteered to man checkpoints helping the thinning ECQ frontliners of their barangay. "We need to help our frontliners. They are our members and our relatives, too. They are tired and weary. So, we lend our bodies and help them in the checkpoints. I know we endangered our lives but if no one will man the checkpoint, we are endangering the whole community." Mr. Ding Soliven, Chairperson on Metro Paypayad MPC aptly described the commitment of the co-op to the community.

ALMA Agrarian Reform Cooperative's officers and members also sit in a checkpoint at Gregorio del Pilar, Ilocos Sur. When asked, Clarissa Villalba, a DAR Ilocos Sur personnel, told that officers of the cooperative were also volunteers and some are frontliners. Thus, members rallied behind their officers and offered helps by giving them food packs, snacks and facemasks. While bigger cooperatives of Ilocos Sur led by SACDECO, Kailian MPC, Fatima (Vigan) MPC, NSCC MPC, Sacred Heart Coop, Suyo MPC and Ilocos Consolidated Coop Bank dug deeper into their CDF and distributed hundreds of food packs, relief goods, medical kits, financial assistance and other provisions.

SACDECO distributed thousands of washable facemasks to frontliners at checkpoints, hospitals, police stations and to towns and barangays as far as Caba, La Union. No amount was disclosed but some estimated that the co-op had already used funds nearing to P.5 M. SACDECO called their actions as 3F, *Facemasks for Frontlines*.

Sacred Heart Coop also butchered pigs from their piggery farm and distributed packs of fresh meat to frontliners and people who are greatly affected by ECQ. They also opened their Coop Bazaar to the town of Galimuyod. Kailian MPC also handed out multi-vitamins and immune system boosters to various quarantine officers.



SACDECO



SHSC



Kailian MPC

NSCC MPC estimated to have earmarked over P.5M worth of goods, rice, medicines, medical materials like alcohol, alcogel and facemasks distributed from Caoayan, Ilocos Sur and reached as far as Bacarra, Ilocos Norte and some other towns in their area of operation. NSCC market is also open to provide fresh fish and vegetables to their nearby communities.



NSCC MPC, distributed 728 pcs alcohol gel to Frontliners and cavans of rice to the PNP of Municipalities of Santa and Caoayan. Sto. Domingo distributed relief packs to 2 municipalities and Fatima Vigan MPC provided food packs to frontlines patrolling the entrance and exit checkpoints of Vigan city

Ilocos Consolidated Cooperative Bank's branches are open but with shortened time to cater to their clients. The bank extended helps to the frontliners of Brgy. Juan, Solsona, Ilocos Norte and some barangays of Candon City. Meanwhile, Ilocos Sur Cooperative Medical Mission and Group of Hospitals offered free medical check-ups and consultations. Sincere in their desire to help their members and communities, smaller cooperatives like Langlangca Primero SCC coordinated with Candon City LGU and put up mini market at their barangay covered court to help members of their communities who have no means to go to their public markets. Same cooperative heeded the call of CDA to immediately release the ISCPR due to members. The mini market sells the produce of the farmers in the communities surrounding the barangay.



Langlangca Primero SCC



Maawi Alos Farmers MPC



Bantog SN MPC

Ms. Grace L. Ramos, one of the members of Langlangca Primero SCC and also the Candon City CDO, enjoined all cooperatives of the city to adopt a family that they would support until the



end of the ECQ period. "It is in this time of crisis that the cooperatives could shine as social enterprises caring for the people", she said.

Various DAR assisted Cooperatives also gambled on their officers and staffs' courage and dished out relief and food packs, as reported by DAR-Ilocos Sur to CDA Dagupan Extension Office.

Meanwhile, various cooperatives also of La Union led by billionaire Tubao Credit Cooperative opened up their vaults to Tubao LGU giving P 120,000.00 for the purchase of rice, noodles and sardines to be distributed to the most vulnerable households of the said municipality. LUELCO Employees MPC handed out grocery items to Senior Citizens.

Rosario Dairy Farmers Cooperative of Rosario, La Union is also feeding the community with their fresh milk.



LUELCO Employees MPC



Talogtog ARC MPC



SFCA Pambuhay MPC

Ilocos Norte cooperatives also dispensed hundreds of thousands of pesos' worth of food and relief packs to various groups of frontliners including medical practitioners of various hospitals, armed forces, health workers and volunteers manning checkpoints. Some cooperatives also dished out provisions to greatly affected households in their areas. Others distributed rice to greatly affected communities like Catuguing MPC and San Nicolas Government Employees MPC. Even Saguigui MPC, a small cooperative of Pagudpud, went out to lend a hand. San Jose MPC of Sarrat also dug out its inventory of inabel and made washable face masks out of it and distributed to BH workers.



ICCB



Zamboanga MPC



Sarrat Namnama MPC

Notably, Bagnos MPC, the maker of Banna Rice Blend, wasted no time and distributed the IS CPR to its members worth P1.3M as well as food packs to the communities of Banna, Ilocos Norte. In Laoag City, cooperatives offered relief packages to households whose earning members lost their employments due to the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

In Pangasinan, Calasiao Plant and related Companies Employees MPC also provided cash assistance to LGU Calasiao. Some transport cooperatives provided free rides to essential personnel and residents. Other cooperatives like Eguia MPC, San Fabian PCW MPC and Bantog SN MPC offered cash, boxes of coffee, packs of rice, and boxes of bottled water to various barangays. Some co-ops donated cash to R1 Medical Center and other medical clinics.



Pangasinan Group Trans Coop Providing libreng sakay      Lingayen Tourist Van Coop, Lingayen, Pangasinan distribution of relief goods

In just two weeks of the ECQ, hundreds of officers, staffs and members of more than 100 co-ops of Region 1 endanger their lives just to give back to the communities, truly practicing the universal principle "Concern for the Community" and making difference against the onslaught of COVID 19.

Recognizing their essential roles in the community in time of crisis, some 113 cooperatives continuously opened their services to members and the public. Services include the following: banking, canteen for the frontlines, consumer stores, corn and palay trading, gasoline station, rice mill, remittances and western union, coop bazaar, savings and loans, consumer stores, water refilling stations, and gas stations. Express windows for emergency loans were immediately made available to members. *FLORENTINO B. LORENZANA, CDS II – Ilocos Sur*

Mobilizing resources, whether human or financial, can ease the burden of those in need, that is why in **Region 1**, it can be seen that cooperatives are working hand in hand despite risks that they might acquire COVID-19, cooperatives after all are frontliners too.

Below are some examples of the cooperative "*bayanihan*" in action:

- Continuing bayanihan from Nueva Segovia Consortium of cooperatives giving relief goods to our kaFarmilya/on call workers at NSCC Agritourism amidst this time of crisis
- 96 Koop Baynihan at Malasakit mula sa San Jose MPC Delivered binakol mask to frontliners
- Koop Bayanihan at Malasakit mula sa Caparispisan Multipurpose Cooperative , Pagudpud ,Ilocos Norte distributed food packs to their members (rice, noodles, canned goods)
- Koop Bayanihan at malasakit mula sa Saguigui Multipurpose Cooperative who gave each of their members P500 financial assistance and relief goods



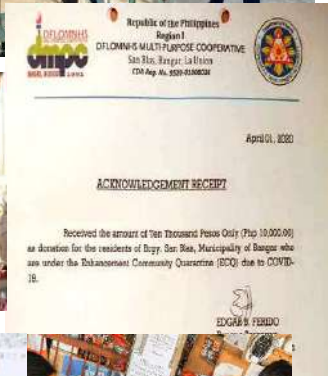
- Koop Bayanihan at malasakit mula sa Sto. Domingo Tricycle Drivers and Operators, MPC gave cash assistance to front liners of 38 barangays of Sto. Domingo including Brgy Puro and Alangan, Magsingal, Ilocos Sur



- Koop bayanihan at Malasakit mula sa DFLOMNHS MPC, Bangar, La Union distributed P10K financial assistance

- Bagnos MPC distributed ISCPDR to their members amounting to P1.3 Million

- Ayusan Norte Pantay ARC MPC distributed homemade face mask to the frontliners of Brgy Ayusan Norte, Vigan City



- Continuing assistance from Baldias ARC Coop officers who distributed relief goods to the people of Brgy Saludares, Dingras, Ilocos Norte



- Saytan Savings & Credit Coop sponsored snacks and lunch to the frontliners and disinfectant



- Burgos La Union Employees Credit Cooperative

distributed relief packs and rice to PNP frontliners in Burgos, La Union



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Cooperatives in **Region 2** showed that extending help to unsung heroes will rebound to their member and the community as well, as they keep them safe through this crisis, which can be seen in the documentation below:

- **RAMCOR FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (RAMFARMCO)** – Ramon, Isabela donated 39 cavans of rice to nine Barangays of Ramon and Cordon as additional to the relief goods to be given to the residents working in the informal sector and those in the underprivileged and vulnerable groups



- As supplementary to the 30,000 cash donated by the **GOOD SAMARITAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (GOODSAM MPC)** – San Mateo, Isabela, they also donated 200 bottles of purified water to the Local Government Unit of San Mateo.



- OSHWIND MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE** – Alicia, Isabela handed over face masks to the front liners stationed in the nearby barangays where the cooperative operates.



- BONIFACIO SN CREDIT COOPERATIVE** – Alicia, Isabela provided masks for the residents in their barangay



- SANCHEZ MIRA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE**, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan distributed 5 kilos rice to their active members



- IDEA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE, SAN FERMIN, CAUAYAN CITY, ISABELA** giving of relief goods to the Task Force frontliners of San Fermin, Cauayan City exit, Luna exit, Cabatuan exit and PTU, Brgy Calocan, Cabatuan Isabela

- MINANTE I FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE, MIANTE I, CAUAYAN CITY, ISABELA** - A two-day community service was conducted by Minante 1 Farmers MPC management and staff as they prepared meals and snacks of Minante 1 checkpoint and Research, the Minante 1 Cauayan City and the Minante I Brgy social workers



for the Task Force frontliners

- MAGAPUY FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE'S** way of helping the community by providing the frontliners of their barangay a weekly supply of rice



- **GREENER'S MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE** extended a helping hand to the community especially to the COVID-19 Bantay Kalsada frontliners by bestowing them Organic Teas and Vegetables relief.

The Cooperative also provided for their members particularly the senior Citizen Organic Teas and Vegetables relief while for their employees a 2-months rice allowance and teas



- **BANTAY FARMERS PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE** extending their help to their Barangay by donating basic commodities to the front liners



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## Cooperatives Give a Shimmer of Hope Amidst the Lonely Hearts of Quarantined Filipinos in the CALABARZON Region (REGION 4A)

By: Jerah Bravo Valdez

Dark clouds covered the Philippine Nation with other countries around the world. A metaphorical statement for the crisis brought by Coronavirus or COVID-19 which rapidly bit deep fangs of grief to family victims and sickness to whoever on its way as a host, old and young, rich or poor. As of March 30, 4 PM, the total reported cases in the Philippines is 1,546 and 78 deaths. Unfortunately, a continuously increasing trend is still perceived in the coming days as the virus spread has yet to reach its peak in the country (Sabillo, 2020).

To be written in the country's history, a one-month long quarantine is being imposed to the whole Island of Luzon from March 16, 2020 to April 14, 2020. The virus which is determined to be deterred by the observance of social distancing, proper hygiene, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), is still lurking and the people are forced to stay home with the government's aide on their daily needs.

The task to assist every household was put on the shoulder of the Local Government Units (LGUs), the nation complied and silently waited for the promised help. Some City governments were a lot quicker on the response, however, a handful LGUs kept their constituents skeptical because after one week of the quarantine, no ration was brought to their starving homes. No matter how much the efforts, as what the LGUs claim, their resources are not enough. How can a family of five, having a source of income from a father who is driving a tricycle be able to sustain its needs? Besides food, there are also other necessities a family needs and without a daily income, how can these types of families survive? Who they can turn to when their LGU cannot provide for them?

In this scenario wherein everyone was able to watch like a movie marathon on a daily basis, the cooperatives joined the picture. There is hope, there are people with rich concern and deep love for its community. And fortunately, they have the resources such as the statutory fund intended for the community, the Community Development Fund (CDF). The amount allocated for the **CDF** should

not be less than 3% of their net surplus every fiscal year and it has to be used for the communities under the cooperative's area of operation in the following year as stated in the **Cooperative Development Authority's Memorandum Circular 2019-11**.

Through the years, cooperatives have done impactful community development programs related to health, fitness, education, environment conservation, among others. The Movement sees its responsibility to its community and is acting to it every year.



In the CALABARZON Region, wherein the enhanced quarantine is also being imposed, cooperatives have given their share of this heartfelt responsibility. As reported by the field personnel of the CDA Regional Office IV-A, as of March 27, 2020, there are 112 cooperatives that already provided for their communities. There is a wide variety of types of cooperatives in CALABARZON, with this composition, the cooperative movement was able to assist various sectors of the communities.

**Yakap at Halik MPC Quezon 2 as it provides for its community.**

Aside from cash donations given to individual community members and Local Government Units, the cooperatives also used their existing business operations to help their localities, such as the provision of free rides given by transport cooperatives, provision of rice and consumer goods to members and non-members, provision of shelter to several families and their day to day needs, food packs and PPEs to the front liners, provision of emergency/calamity loans to members, one month loan payment holiday, donation of hygiene kits, and many others.



**Improvised Sanitation Tents donated by Rhudarda Multipurpose Cooperatives to Polillo RHU and Burdeos RHU.**

As per recorded data, the assistance given by the cooperatives in CALABARZON to its members and non-members during the COVID-19 quarantine will not be less than 40 Million in total and the movement helped at least 14,000 of its members and 7,000 non-members.



#2b Rhudarda Multipurpose Cooperative set up PPE in their Office for them to continuously serve their members and non-members. Both Front liner employees and clients were protected and safe. . #CoopsAgainstCOVID19



- BANGBANGALON CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, Boac, Marinduque, a Sustainable Livelihood Program Association of DSWD converted into cooperative is continuously operating a consumers Store despite the COVID19 problem. The cooperative distributed 3 kilos of rice per member thru their CDF and Optional Fund.



- Distribution of relief goods of Officers/ members of ORIENTAL MINDORO SEED PRODUCERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE to the frontliners in the 2nd District of Oriental Mindoro

- TORRIJOS CIVIL SERVANTS CREDIT COOPERATIVE distributed food packs and grocery package to their members.



- SP3 Agriculture Cooperative distributed groceries to its member out of their Community Development Fund

- Combined Social Service of Marinduque Union of Cooperatives (MUC) and Marinduque Diocesa Development Cooperative (MDDCO) distributed food packs to all checkpoints within the town of Boac and Mogpog, province of Marinduque.



- Marinduque Provincial and National Employees Multipurpose Cooperative Distributed Relief Assistance to the frontliners and indigent of Barangay Bangbangalon.

- PANCOL MALAMPAYA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE of Taytay, Palawan donated 24 sacks of rice and 12 boxes of sardines for their members and the frontliners of Brgy Pancol. Funding for this donation came from the National Greening Program of DENR.





- LIMINANGCONG KABALIKAT CREDIT COOPERATIVE of Taytay, Palawan donated facemasks, cooked ARROZ CALDO for meryenda and CHICKEN ADOBO for lunch of 60 front liners



- The PALAWAN DA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE shared their CDF to the Ospital ng Palawan by giving out vegetables, fruits, eggs, etc. to continuously provide the frontliners with nutritious food



- The Capitol Employees Multipurpose Cooperative located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Puerto Princesa City helped the employees by providing meryenda (sopas) who were repacking the consumer goods for distribution.



- SAMARIÑANA FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE, a micro cooperative in Brgy Samariñana, Municipality of Brookes Point, Palawan, distributed vegetables, eggs, rice and canned goods to their members, front liners and even non-members.

- Relief operations and distribution of IS CPR to coop members of New Galieran Businessmen's MPC (NGBCC) of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. NGBCC had also donated to the Local Government Unit 10 sacks of rice and 6 boxes of canned goods for the frontliners of Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.



Municipality of Puerto Galera  
Mararaming salamat! New Galieran Businessmen Multipurpose Cooperative (NGBMPC) para sa inyong donasyon 10 kabang bigas at 6 na kahong de-lata para sa ating mga FRONTLINERS 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

- TANIKALA NG PAGKAKAISA MULTUI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Boac, Marinduque, a medium type cooperative in Marinduque assisted by DAR which started at far flung Sitio Kansurok of Barangay Tugos, Boac, Marinduque, was one among the cooperatives who extended assistance to the frontliners of Marinduque by giving food packs, water, medicines, alcohol and other essentials needed by the front liners in fighting COVID 19. They also assisted their members on their emergency needs like loans and withdrawals of their deposits.



- MOGPOG MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Mogpog, Marinduque in coordination with the Marlberg Health and Wellness distributed BioAp food supplement for members and frontliners of Mogpog and MSC Task Force Covid of Marinduque. Likewise, their Labmart was also serving members and customers amidst the pandemic outbreak.

- Kapantay Multipurpose Cooperative, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro distributed grocery packages for their members and frontliners of Buenavista, Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro.



- BIDA AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE, Marinduque took the initiative of repairing the barangay water system using cooperative's materials as part of their assistance to members and community to restore the flow of potable water amidst the COVID19.



- Romblon Provincial Cooperative Development Council reported that a total amount of Php 1,542,247.00 was donated in cash and in kind by the cooperatives in Romblon.

Kudos to our Cooperatives, that take extra effort in this battle. Truly there is no shortage of goodness, kindness and heroism!

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**Region 6 coops release millions – worth CDF amidst COVID - 19**  
By: Mercy Jamoyot Gabasa

We are taking pride that 63 cooperatives in Region VI have released millions – worth of Cooperative Development Fund (CDF) amidst the pandemic outbreak of COVID – 19.

They generated and released a total of Php 3,794,327.34 CDF as significant assistance and contribution to the effective implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) according to Engr. Doreen C. Ancheta, Regional Director, Cooperative Development Authority – Iloilo Extension Office (CDA – IEO).

Director Ancheta, further said that these are in the form of food packs, noodles, bottled waters, soft drinks, vitamins, alcohol, soap, masks, sacks of rice, and other basic supplies for front liners, cooperative members, and vulnerable sectors of the communities.

CDF in brief is one of the statutory funds provided under Article 86 of RA 9520, otherwise known as the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008, which “shall not be less than three per centum (3%) of the Net Surplus, and shall be used for projects and activities that will benefit the community where the cooperative operates.”

Per monitoring report of the Cooperative Development Specialists II (CDSs II) as of April 3, 2020 in the six provinces, including the two highly urbanized cities, a total of 3957 members, 2574, non-members, 63 LGUs and hospital availed the cooperatives assistance in their respective provinces.

Aside from CDF, they reported that 9 cooperatives charged assistance to their regular expense – Php1,065,400, Members’ Benefits – Php480,000.00, Employers Welfare Fund –



CDF UTILIZATION FOR COVID – 19  
As of April 3, 2020

PROVINCE	# OF COOPS	AMOUNT GENERATED (Pesos)	BENEFICIARIES		
			Members	Non-members	LGUs, etc.
Aklan	2	81,000.00	1200	3	3
Antique	12	1,226,772.94	518	2105	13
Capiz	8	340,000.00	500	-	9
Guimaras	1	500.00	-	-	1
Iloilo	16	900,350.00	261	105	17
Negros Occidental	24	1245,704.40	1478	361	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3,794,327.34</b>	<b>3957</b>	<b>2574</b>	<b>60</b>

Php390,000.00, General Assembly Expense – Php191,100.00, Optional Fund – Php300,000.00, Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund – Php3,000,000.00 and Social Services – Php4,800.00. These total amount of Php5,473,300 generated from various sources benefited 2,546 members as essential benefits and assistance in this time of worldwide crisis.

True to the nature and essence of cooperativism, the writer believes that more

cooperatives will be extending help to the front liners and vulnerable brothers and sisters of the society.

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In **Region 8**, cooperatives' passion to help and share are shown on how they supported the LGUs particularly the frontliners in the midst of the crisis.

- Northern Samar Multipurpose Cooperative (NSDWCC), Catarman, Northern Samar provided Refreshments and Bottled water to frontliners in the Municipalities of Allen, Pambujan, Gamay, Catubig, and Barangays Rawis (Municipality of LaoAng) and Cervantes, Old Rizal and UEP from Municipality of Catarman.



- Leyeco II Employees Credit Cooperative (LECCO), Tacloban City released a partial amount of P1000 each to 22 security guards of Leyeco II Office

- Relief operation of Almeria Seafarers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (ASEMCO) provided relief goods consisting of rice, canned goods, vegetables (sayote and kalabasa) dried fish 790 households of brgy. Poblacion, Almeria (members and non-members); 600 household- members outside Brgy. Poblacion with a total of almost 1, 400 recipients.



- PPEs were turned over to City Health Office by City Cooperative Development and Livelihood Assistance Office (CCDLAO), Tacloban City. These PPEs were produced by cooperatives and members assisted of the CCDLAO.



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### DAVAO COOPERATIVES IN ACTION AMIDST COVID-19 CRISIS

Notwithstanding the grave threat posed by COVID-19, cooperatives in Region XI bravely came out and joined forces to extend assistance to their affected members, their communities and the frontliners who are risking their lives so that others may live.

Hereunder are some of the cooperatives in action:

- POLICE REGIONAL OFFICE REGION XI MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (PRO 11 MPC) Buhangin, Davao City distributed relief goods for COVID-19 frontliners at different checkpoints in Davao City facilitated by the Board of Director



- **PANABO MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE** in Brgy. San Francisco, Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Clean Up Solutions Enterprises, Inc. and Former City Councilor Mr. Jovito M. Glodo, joined hands in providing aid to the LGU of Panabo City for its needs for disinfectants in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis.



PMPC, headed by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Reynaldo T. Gulane, donated a total of 525 liters of liquid soap to the LGU. These donations were personally received by the Panabo City, Hon. Jose E. Relampagos, at the Sabon Depot Panabo.

The total donated products are 1,050 liters of liquid hand soap and 1,050 liters of liquid bleach.

**NOTICE**  
To all members of Pantukan Chess Club Multi-Purpose Cooperative (formerly PCCC) In line with the directive of RA 11469 "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act", Proclamation No. 922 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines Due to Corona Virus Disease 2019", the Board of Directors and Management passed Resolution No. 108, s. 2020, granting "30-DAY MORATORIUM IN ALL CURRENT ACCOUNTS ON LOANS" due from April 1-30, 2020. This move is in support of PCCMPC to the national and local government to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community and to protect the interest of the members of the cooperative. For more information or queries, you may call or text the following numbers.



- **PANTUKAN CHESS CLUB COOPERATIVE** from Pantukan, Davao de Oro provided advisories to their members

- **INCOME DAVAO DLPC**, Ponciano St., Davao City gave notice to its members on loan amortization moratorium

Dear Cooperators,  
Hope everything is well.

To give ease and financial flexibility in this trying times (Covid-19 situation), INCOME will be extending help to our members by moving the due dates of all our loan amortizations on April 2020 to May 2020 without any penalties and surcharges.

This means that for all loan amortization due on April 15, 2020, INCOME will be collecting it on May 15, 2020. Consequently, loan amortization due on April 30, 2020, INCOME will be collecting it on May 31, 2020 Payroll. Please take note that this will not affect our standing in the cooperative and rest assured that we will not treat this a mis-payment and will not double your amortization due in the succeeding months.

With this, I will be reiterating that we those members with March 2020 payable, they need to settle or pay their dues as this is not covered in the grace period that we have set.

As a friendly reminder, let us spend our April payroll wisely and we are hoping that even in this simple way, INCOME have somehow help you in situations like this.

Let's stay safe and pray that God will help us overcome these problems that we are encountering God Bless Us All!!!! Thank you.

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Cooperatives in the **CARAGA Region** have joined in this initiative and provided assistance not only for their members, but as well as to the unsung heroes, the frontliners.

- **Tabon Secondary Teachers and Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (TASEMCO)** sanitized the office and business area for members. Also, the cooperative provided emergency loan to all members and employees up to Php5,000.00 with 5.5% interest for 12 months and 2 month's grace period.



- Millenial Credit Cooperative (MICCO) donated bottled water, juice, sandwiches, vegetable lumpia for 200 people for Bayugan area and Esperanza, New Gingoog, Remedios checkpoints on March 27, 2020.



- Precious Life Health Service Cooperative extends



support by giving 5kg of rice to the 80 members/ Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) in Bayugan City during Covid19 crisis, March 29, 2020



- Agusan Legacy Amnity Consumers Cooperative delivered to RHU Bayugan city on March 24, 2020

- Mangagoy Fishermen Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAFISCO) packed rice for distribution to members on March 28, 2020



- Manapa Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries and Community Cooperative (MARBCC) distributed 6 kilograms of rice to 230 members and 4 kilograms of rice to 65 non-members on March 28, 2020

- LGU - Carmen Employees Credit Cooperative extended cash assistance to its 60 members worth P1,000.00 each, last March 24, 2020



- San Francisco Association of Differently Able Persons Multipurpose Cooperative (SAFRA-ADAP MPC) distributed 100 Face Mask and Vitamins to its all members on March 24, 2020.



- Veruela Community Multipurpose cooperative (VCMUPCO) has been distributing PPEs and foodstuffs to checkpoints and front liners who are more exposed to risk, March 28, 2020. VCMUPCO of Veruela Agusanbdel Sur extended total assistance extended to 250 frontliners which composed of PNP, paramilitary, volunteers in the to Brgy Sisimon of Veruela. Boundary to boundary checkpoints and the MHO also who lacks the



military personnel and checkpoints from Sta. Josefa

supply of face masks and face protection gears. 250 sets of food packs and PPEs (face masks and Face protection gear) were distributed to 8 checkpoints and one MHO office.



- In lieu of then covid-19 pandemic Balangay Transport Service Cooperative despite being new on its operations extended a rice loan to the members Taxi, PUV Drivers and Office staff. This is to help them minimize on their expenses while the community quarantine is ongoing

- Surigao Del Norte District Employees MPC (SUNWATER-MPC) of Km.2 National Highway, Brgy. Luna, Surigao City distributed 1 sack of rice to its members

- Caraga Centre For Business and Development Cooperative (CACEBUDECO), distributed a total of 133 food packs to several checkpoints and hospital of Butuan City, April 1, 2020



- Agusan Sur Transport Service Cooperative distribution packing and distribution of 5kg rice for 50 pax members, March 20, 2020

- Bayugan Achievers MPC- giving of snacks to the Covid-19 Front liners Check point in Bayugan City and distributing 40packs of rice to selected BAMPCO members



- DPWH Employees Multi-purpose Cooperative # of

DEMPC Members Benefited: 400 members Date : March 27,2020  
 Kind of Assistance : 5kls Rice each member DPWH, Telaje, Tandag City



- Continuous distribution of packed lunch for free by San Francisco Growth Enhancement Multipurpose Cooperative (SAFRAGEMC) to front-liners of COVID-19 crisis in close coordination with LGU- Agusan del Sur headed by Mayor Solomon Rufila, April 1, 2020



- Cortes Multipurpose Cooperative of Brgy. Cortes, Basilisa, PDI assistance thru relief goods for coop members/families, March 31, 2020



- Continuous distribution of relief goods to members of Baug Carp Beneficiaries Multipurpose Cooperative (BCBMPC)



- Ampayon Multipurpose Cooperative (AmpayonMPC) delivered food packs to show support to all our frontliners risking their lives in fighting COVID-19, March 31, 2020



- De Oro Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (DARBECCO) distribution of 142 packs ilang na distribute to community that which includes (2 kilos rice, 1 can sardines, 1/2 kilo bihon, 1 pack orange juice, 1 pack noodles and 2 face mask. DARBECCO in partnership w/ DTI is currently sewing the frontliners suits in w/c the cloth is provided by DTI. other materials are from DARBECCO



- Claver National High School Multipurpose Cooperative distributed support goods to the frontliners in addressing COVID19 in their community, March 31, 2020



Brgy. 27 Community Mutipurpose Cooperative distributed 5 kilos of rice and noodles to 72 members, March 31, 2020



- CarCanMadCarLan Free Farmers Agriculture Cooperative provided food packs to their members. From 70 members of the coop, 17 opted to decline to give to non-members in need of assistance. Conducted March 25, 2020.





- Holy Redeemer Empowered Lay for Progress Producers Cooperative (HELP COOP) second round of distribution of relief goods to its members, March 31, 2020



- In their own little way, the Diamond Transport Service Cooperative (DATSCO) distributed packed meals to the frontliners of Butuan City. Concern for the Community – one of the cooperative principles. Indeed, the spirit of bayanihan lives among our cooperatives



- Caraga Regional Hospital Employees Multipurpose Cooperative released cash assistance to members amounting to 500 each. Gave 312pcs safeguard soap to Caraga hospital and P5,000 cash assistance to bloodbank, April 2, 2020



- Livelihood Enhancement for Neighborhood Development Multipurpose Cooperative (LEND MPC) offered free lunch to front liners fighting against COVID-19 pandemic, April 2, 2020

**BCBMPC Operational Initiative amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic**

1) Baug CARP Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative adopts the full operation catering services to its member operating with full staff with flexi-work at 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Mon-Fri up to Mar.31, 2020. Starting April 1 until April 15, 2020 the cooperative adopts full operation at 8:00AM to 12:00NN with skeletal work force.

The cooperative is strictly following the Precautionary Measures issued by DOH Department of Health such as but not limited to Social Distancing, wearing of Mask of all employees, applying of alcohol/sanitizer to all member entering the office and disinfecting the office vicinity in a daily basis.



2) In compliance with the request of President Rpdriigo Roa Duterte to all private employers due to COVID-19 Pandemic, Baug CARP Beneficiaries Multi Purpose Cooperative has given the FULL 13th Month Pay to all its Employees.

3) To minimize the financial burden of the people due to the state-imposed enhanced community quarantine. The cooperative complies with the RA 11469 "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" Article 4 paragraph aa.

4) The cooperative supported the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) in Magallanes, Agusan del Norte Community Quarantine Check Points (CQCP) by committing and donating an amount of Php 5,000.00 for their snacks/meals.



5) The cooperative distributed the incentive Goods allocated in the postponed District Assembly of Magallanes branch. Members who are presently in Magallanes, Agusan del Norte received the goods due to this imposed Community Quarantine.



**BCBMPC Operational Initiative amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic**

6) Baug CARP Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative donated 15 sacks of Rice per Local Government Unit (LGU) where eight (8) BCBMPC branches are located.



@ Kitcharao Agusan del Norte (15Sacks)



@ Cabadbaran City (15Sacks)



@ Bayugan City (10 Sacks)



@ Surigao City 10Sacks for Municipal & 2sacks for Baranngay Taft



The same was distributed at Magallanes, Las Nieves, Buenavista Agusan del Norte, & Butuan City (PHOTO NOT YET AVAILABLE)

7) Released of Interest on share capital and patronage refund to all members last February 2020. Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund are credited to Members savings deposit.