

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

REPORT FROM REGION 12

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REGION XII COOPERATIVES AS ONE AMID COVID-19 CRISIS

The novel coronavirus now sweeping the globe has left many countries struggling to cope with the rising number of cases and individuals yearning for food as workers are affected by the enhanced community quarantine.

Amidst this public health crisis and the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic which has spread to more than 140 countries, including the Philippines, the cooperative sector across the country is stepping up and finding various ways and means to share in these trying times.

The spirit of cooperativism is alive in Region XII as cooperatives and cooperative development councils, in coordination with various organizations and LGUs, are trying their best to uphold such spirit in line with social responsibility, from providing basic needs for free such as relief goods to disinfectants and face masks.

“Moving Talipapa” or “Palengke-on-wheels” was initiated by the General Santos City Local Government Unit, headed by the City Economic Management and Cooperative Development Office (CEMCDO), in coordination with the cooperatives, youth and MSMEs in General Santos City. This program aims to bring food and other essentials closer to the people, minimizing the need to go to the city's public market to purchase food which, in turn, prevents person-to-person contact. All commodities have regulated prices so that everyone can afford to buy. These goods are supplied by cooperatives-partner vendors from the public market.

“Moving Talipapa” is scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays starting April 3, 2020, in different barangays and subdivisions of General Santos City. This initiative not only helps the farmers, cooperatives and MSMEs but also gives opportunities to young people, such as the participation of the Calumpang Youth for Empowerment (#CALYE) as one of the vendors.



Other cooperatives in the Region have also shown their concern for the community in their own ways, as shown below:

Distribution of free face masks to drivers, farmers and frontliners.



Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative giving free masks to the drivers and passengers and at the Marketplace of Alamada, North Cotabato



Mediatrix Multipurpose Cooperative donated face masks to Kidapawan City LGU &



Kabacan Polymedic Cooperative Hospital, Kabacan, North Cotabato giving facemasks, faceshields, sanitizers and snacks

Distribution by cooperatives of relief and cash assistance to its members and some affected families within their reach.



Distribution of Cash assistance worth P2, 000.00 pesos to the drivers and employees of Glan Operators and Drivers Transport Service Cooperative, Glan, Sarangani province



Tboli Transport Service Cooperative, Tboli, South Cotabato distributing relief goods to its members, staff, and drivers.



Polmargen Multipurpose Cooperative of Polomolok, South Cotabato on their relief distribution despite the threat of Covid-19



Agriculture Farmers Multi - Purpose Cooperative gives CALAMANSI JUICE DRINK to boost the immune system of the frontliners of Midsayap, North Cotabato.



Libungan National Employees MPC (LNEMPCO) packing relief goods to be distributed to its members.



Also, Libungan National Employees MPC (LNEMCO) facilitated the distribution of unconditional cash transfer to 4Ps Beneficiaries of Libungan, North Cotabato amidst the Enhanced Community Quarantine, while maintaining physical distancing. 4Ps beneficiaries were also given free masks.

On March 30, 2020, the Municipal



Distribution of Relief Packs to displaced drivers of Ma

Cooperative Development Council (MCDC) of Polomolok, **LEAD.PH** and Mahintana Foundation Inc., in coordination with the Polomolok LGU headed by Mayor Honey Lumayag Matti and Mun. Councilor Hon. Nilda Batalon-Almencion (SB Chair on Cooperatives and Association), discussed on how the coops of Polomolok can help the LGU in providing relief to its people. Knowing that the 35,000 identified households also include the members of the more than thirty (30) coops within the municipality, the coop leaders, managers and representatives have favorable response to the idea of concerting all the efforts and pledged for a 3 Million cash donation to the LGU. The meeting was presided by the MCDC Chairperson, Sir Junbard Mahinay.



As of April 2, 2020 the following cooperatives have released to the City Mayor's Office the following amounts:

1. FARB MPC – P20,000.00
2. De Castro Homeowners MPC – P10,000.00
3. Dolefil Agrarian Reform Cooperative (DARBC) – P1M
4. Tibud sa Katibawasan MPC – P500K
5. Dolefil Community MPC – P300K
6. Pangkat ng Mamayan ng South Cotato MPC – P15K
7. Polo Samahang Nayon MPC – 100K



KCNHSTER MPC, Kidapawan City, In coordination with the Kid. City Tricycle Drivers & Operators Assoc., KCNHSTER-MPC distribute food packs to identified tricycle drivers/operators, KCNHS utility personnel and coop employees.

Distribution of food packs to Frontliners of municipality of Maitum, Sarangani Province (PNP, AFP, Medical personnel) by Maitum Employees Multipurpose Cooperative employees.

FARB MPC De Castro Homeowners MPC's actual Distribution to affected residents of Polomolok, South Cotabato.


