

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 4-A OR CALABARZON REGION

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COOPerativism amidst the Covid19 Pandemic

The spirit of cooperativism was evident during this Covid-19 pandemic as the cooperatives were practicing the principle of "Concern for Community". The cooperatives were trying to give all the necessary relief that they could provide to ease the burden of the community. Thus, they provided different kinds of assistance and rendered selfless service for the continuous operation in compliance to the government protocols on precautionary measures.



The RHUDARDA Multipurpose Cooperative from Polillo, Quezon is one of the cooperatives in the Quezon province which exemplifies valiant deeds amidst the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) declared by President



Duterte under Proclamation no. 929 s. 2020 "Declaring A State of Calamity Due to the Corona Virus Disease." The RHUDARDA MPC did its part and took an extra mile for their employees/members/community. The cooperative gave an early distribution of 13th month pay to their sixty (60) employees in Polillo and their satellite offices in Burdeos, Patnanungan, Panukulan and Jomalig.



Moreover, despite the skeletal workforce implementation and the reduction of employee working hours, employees of the cooperative were paid in full monthly salary. The RHUDARDA MPC officers and employees were always ready for service despite all uncertainties and threat of this dreaded virus. The cooperative recognized their commitment and dedication by giving them additional financial assistance and food packs for their families.

With regard to the precautionary measures, the cooperative is compliant with the government's protocols. The cooperative is strictly implementing the different health and sanitation protocols such as,

but not limited to, social distancing, sanitation, and wearing of face masks.



Moreover, the cooperative created improvised sanitation tents and disinfected their office premises through the help of their Local Government Unit (LGU). Likewise, the cooperative

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developed a Do-it-yourself (DIY) process and support system to ensure the safety of their frontliners and clients. The cooperative crafted an operational process and posted it on their facebook page. This made home-based or online transactions possible. In addition, the 2019 dividend and patronage refund were strategically released by the cooperative among its members in order to support their financial needs. Also, loan assistance was given through the approved thirty (30) days loan repayment moratorium to their five thousand (5000) members. As support to the community, the cooperative donated twenty-nine (29) NFA Bags to the LGU's relief program that catered to two hundred ninety (290) households.

Relative to this, some of the cooperatives in Quezon District 1 offered assistance amidst the Enhance Community Quarantine. Lucban Integrated Jeepney Operators, Drivers and Allied Workers TSMPC, Quezon Pahiyas Van TSMPC, and Lucban Genesis Transport Service MPC, which are registered transport cooperatives in Lucban, assisted the Local Government Unit by providing units readily available for their members and their community. Pearls MPC, Seafarers' MPC, SLSU DC in Lucban, Kooperatiba sa Pagpapaunlad ng Sampaloc (Quezon) MPC in Sampaloc, Pagbilao TSC, Kapitbisig



Ugnayan MPC in Pagbilao, Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Magsasaka ng Ibabang Palale sa Tayabas Credit Cooperative, and Tayabas Community Multipurpose Cooperative in Tayabas provided food packs and financial assistance for their members. Moreover, almost all of the cooperatives in the said district offered moratorium on loans.

One of the positive effects of this

situation is that people joined forces in reaching out to every person in the community, regardless whether they are rich or poor. In this time of crisis, humanity and selflessness arise. While the Covid-19 pandemic creates fear and uncertainties, what is certain is the desire and commitment of cooperatives to help one another.

As the global pandemic takes its hold, people hand-in-hand are trying to grasp some hope that this dreaded virus will soon vanish. Hence, this crisis makes us reflect that in our life, we really have to fight and move as one. And in this regard, the cooperatives can always be depended on. **HANNAH LEAH V. PANALIGAN**

SAN LUIS DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE

PABATID

Ang SLDC po ay kaila ng sambayanan sa pagharap sa krisis na dala ng COVID-19. Ang ating kooperatiba ay patuloy na bukas upang makapaglingkod sa mga kasapi.

Upang mapangalagan ang kalusugan at kaligtasan ng mga empleyado at mga kasapi ay mabigat na pinatutupod ang Social/Physical Distancing at iba pang preventive measures.

Malugod na ipinasaot ng ating Kooperatiba ang pagtulong sa mga KASAPI, Empleyado at Komunidad ng Lucban ang mga sumusunod:

Para sa mga KASAPI

1. Ang **DIVIDENDO** ay ipamamahagi na. Siyentipon ito sa Ika-6 ng Abril, 2020 sa ganap na ika-900 ng umaga hanggang 12:00 ng tanghali. Ang schedule ay matututuhan sa ibang pabatis. Ang mangap na pamamahagi ay upang magamit ito ng mga kasapi ngayong panahon ng krisis.
2. Ang lahat ng kasapi ay tatanggap ng **FOOD ASSISTANCE PACKAGES**, kasabay sa pagkaha ng dividendo.

Para sa mga Empleyado

1. Ang lahat ng mga empleyadong patuloy na pumapasok sa kabila ng panganib ng COVID-19 upang magbigay ng serbisyong sa Kooperatiba at mga kasapi ay tatanggap ng Hazard Pay.
2. May karagdagang insentibo rin para sa empleyado! Ang Rice Assistance.

Para sa Komunidad

1. Ang ating kooperatiba ay magbibigay ng tulong, Food Assistance sa pamamagitan ng Lokal na Pansalalan para ipamahagi sa mga kababayan.
2. Magbibigay rin ng tulong, Food Assistance sa 32 Barangays bilang tulong sa kanilang nasaakap.
3. Magbibigay rin ng tulong, Food Assistance, sa mga Frontliners.

Magkaisa po tayo, magtulongan at Sumunod sa kinaaukulan
Palagi po tayong magdasal. **STAY AT HOME.**

Cooperatives Working The Extra MILE to SERVE Their Member Communities amidst Covid19

All 541 Cooperative members of **Kapit Baryo Multipurpose Cooperative (Imus City Cavite)** received 5 kilos of rice and 2 containers of purified water as part of their cooperative's assistance during Enhance Community Quarantine.



Palace in the Sky Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Tagaytay City gave 10 kilos of rice assistance to members amounting to Php 242,400.00 and free ride for members and non-members going to the public market and drug store using the coop van.



The cooperative also released 50% of the 13th month pay of its regular employees. The cooperative also gave financial assistance to 9 contractual sales person amounting to Php 1k each. The cooperative has committed to give continuous salary to its employees until such time that the ECQ has been lifted.

City of General Trias Credit Cooperative thru the initiative of **CAVITE PCDC and Cavite LCDOP** provided rice assistance amounting to Php 10,000.00 for Nurses under quarantine in the General Emilio Hospital (40 bags of 5 kgs. of Maharlika Rice) and gave 60 food packs for 5 days to frontliners (City of Gen. Trias PNP) last April 7 and 13, 2020.



Trece Martires City Local Employees Multipurpose Cooperative - Trece Martires City, gave a rice subsidy of 25 kilos each for its 300 members.



Success Prosperity and Abundance Credit Cooperative's donation to Covid 19 to (Health Care Provider of Gentrimedical and Hospital Inc.) members and nonmembers
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Success Prosperity and Abundance Credit Cooperative of General Trias, Cavite provided cash assistance in the amount of Php 20,000.00 for healthcare providers of Gentrimedical Center & Hospital, Inc. The cooperative also gave relief goods worth Php 25,000.00 for 70 members and 30 non-members. It also gave free medical services such as injection for antibiotic completion and other maintenance injections with prescriptions to 12 patients at the Pabahay Community, Tropical Village, Brgy. San Francisco, City of General Trias, Cavite.

Trece Martires City Transport Cooperative in Cavite provided 5 kilos of rice to each of its members last March 23-25, 2020 and gave relief goods containing 3 kilos of rice and sardines to its members and to volunteers assisting the LGU as frontliners in road checkpoints last April 1-5, 2020.



Sunpower Employees MPC of Biñan City, Laguna contributed relief goods to frontline workers in the City of Binan.



La Joya Credit Cooperative of Santa Rosa City, Laguna gave sacks of rice to the Sta. Rosa LGU for distribution to all barangays.



PCAARRD Multipurpose Cooperative in Los Baños, Laguna donated Php 50k to the Los Banos Municipal Health Center and Php 50k to the stranded UPLB students.



Wercher Solutions and Resources Labor Service Cooperative in Rizal took multiple measures to extend all possible support to its worker-members such as: 1. Payment of the payroll for the month of March 2020 (with its SCC and No Bia Projects); 2. Payment of Hazard Pay; 3. Distribution of five (5) kilos of rice to each for its members and management staff; 4. Vitamins for its management staff; 5. Alcohol for its management staff; and 6. Pro-rated 13th Month pay.



Coops are showing social responsibility in this time of uncertainty. Solidarity being a cooperative value, the Saint Paul Cooperative Union members was challenged to act and support the efforts of the government to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing food packs. Its meager contribution will surely go a long way to support the local community and frontliners during the health crisis



DLSP Employees MPC donated Php 10,000.00 to the City Govt. of San Pablo for its relief operations.



Government Employees MPC (GEMCO) donated Php 200,000.00 worth of relief goods to the City Government of San Pablo.

Nagcarlan Sta. Cruz Transport Service and MPC distributed relief goods to its members.



ERDBMPC extended financial assistance to the Municipality of Los Baños, Laguna, ERDB Security Guards and BETA SIGMA Fraternity Alumni Association for the procurement of Personal Protection Equipments for the frontliners.



Pag-Asa MPC gave 800 packs of relief goods to its members with good standing.



SIMCO brought the goods produced and made by its community members so that they will continue to earn and meet their basic needs.

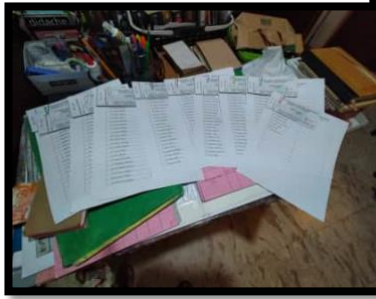


Calumpang Multipurpose Cooperative in Rizal provided food supplies (3kgs of rice and Php 100.00 worth of groceries) to its 208 members and employees.



Binangonan Transport Cooperative in Rizal, distributed relief goods to members with the help of Mayor Cesar Ynares.

Tayuman Multipurpose Cooperative in Rizal, distributed relief goods particularly rice to each coop member.



Kapatiran Multipurpose Cooperative in Lipa City, distributed eggs to its community and members.



Sangkap MPC maintained social distancing among its customers. Instead of letting them come into the store, they presented written orders to its sales personnel outside the store entrance. Metal wire mesh frames, aside from counter tables, ensured physical distancing between customers and the sales force. After the written orders have been made, sales personnel will then collect the ordered items and present these to its customers who are waiting outside the store. PPE is worn by the sales force to further reduce the risk of CoVid 19 transmission.



Catanauan Municipal Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Catanauan Quezon, distributed 5kgs of rice to each of its members.

The San Francisco Government Personnel Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Quezon, distributed relief goods to frontliners and offered Php 5k Emergency Loans to its members.



Ating Kooperatiba Multipurpose Cooperative in Tagkawayan, Quezon donated Php 100k to the LGU.



Quezon Power Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Pitogo, Quezon, distributed PPEs for frontliners.

