

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM THE **CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**
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CAR COOPERATIVES, LGU, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP DURING ECQ

As of April 13, 2020, different cooperatives have played vital roles in aiding the local government units (LGUs) and communities in several areas of the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) in order to preserve life during this COVID 19 pandemic.

Contributions of the cooperative movement were acknowledged by the different LGUs, concerned organizations and individuals in their Facebook fun page.

In Abra Province, the Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees MPC (ADTEMPCO) opened its grocery, poultry and other facilities to service the entire province in their daily sustenance. The members also worked together with Mt. Carmel Agri-Tourism and Training Center, Inc. in making facemasks to be sold to the public and for distribution to the frontliners for free in the various PNP checkpoints in the Province of Abra.



The San Marcial Farmers MPC of San Marcial, San Isidro, Abra distributed gift packs of canned goods and food to its constituents and to the frontliners, in response to the ECQ-COVID19 pandemic crisis.



In Baguio City, the Baguio Market Vendors Multipurpose Cooperative (BAMARVEMCO) provide free cooked food to PNP Compact 1 and other frontliners located in the City Market. Likewise, the Cooperative Union of Baguio City-Luzon, Printers and Publishers MPC, Guisad MPC, UP Baguio MPC, and Baguio Finest MPC distributed relief assistance to the different frontliners in the City of Baguio and Benguet Province.



In Benguet Province, the municipalities of Tublay, Kapangan, Sablan, and La Trinidad acknowledged the contributions of the Doers Multipurpose Cooperative consisting of food snacks and drinking water to different municipalities' frontliners.



Bakun Municipal Government Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (BGEMPC) donated 20 sacks of rice at 25 kgs. each for the community of Bakun. Meanwhile, the Bokod Transport Cooperative ferried stranded residents of Bokod



In Kalinga Province, the St. Thomas Credit Cooperative donated P 5,000 cash to Barangay Dagupan in Tabuk City. Further, the LGU-Tabuk City acknowledged the Tabuk Farmers Multipurpose Coop. (TAFAMULCO) for donating 3,000 pcs of mineral water and 3,000 packs of assorted biscuits for LGU frontliners' snacks; Tabuk Multipurpose Cooperative for donating 214 sacks of rice at 25 kgs per pack; The Federation of Cooperatives in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Luzon(FEDCO-EDNL) for donating 4 sacks of rice at 25 kgs per pack; and the Kalinga OFW Agricultural Coop for donating P 2,000 for snacks to frontliners in the locality.



City Cooperative Enterprise and Livelihood Development Office (CCELDO) personnel acted also as volunteers to Tabuk City during this ECQ, together with Atty. Reyman Solbita, Tabuk City Cooperative Council Chairperson. They have been coordinating donations coming from the cooperative movement and published these donations in the CCELDO FB funpage. Said fund is being utilized to mobilize the frontliners of the City of Tabuk. The following cooperatives which made cash donations are:

- Coop for Christ Credit Coop
- Challengers Credit Coop
- Sunrise Credit Coop
- First Level Court Emplys Credit Coop
- Tabuk OFW-Kabayan Coop
- Holy Trinity Cathedral MPC
- Daram Cudal MPC
- Ambigatton MPC
- Binongsay Malin-awa Savings and Loan Coop



In Mt. Province, the Bontoc IMT and the officialdom of Bontoc extended their gratitude to the All Saints Credit Cooperative (ASCO) for donating P10,000. They also thanked the Happy Farmers Agriculture Cooperative, represented by Mr. Manuel Batugo from Nueva Vizcaya, for donating bulk of squash. In accordance with the instructions made by Mayor Franklin Odsey, the bulk of squash was sliced and was added to the food packs given by the Bontoc Municipal Government to the identified vulnerable sectors in the community. Some of the squash were also added to the food of the frontliners.

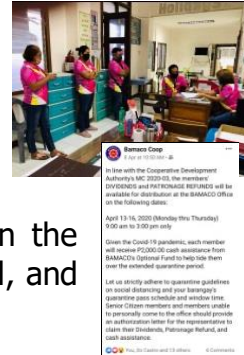


The Treasure Link Cooperative Society was acknowledged by various local government units and PNP check points in Besao, Sagada, Bauko, and Bontoc municipalities in Mt. Province; Buguias, Mankayan, La Trinidad municipalities in Benguet Province; Baguio City; and Tabuk City in Kalinga for their cash and food items donations.

UNCEASING LOVE AND CARE OF CAR COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT TO ITS MEMBERS DURING THIS ECQ

In these times of hardships and to provide for the needs of the members of the different cooperatives in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), the following strategies were designed:

ADTEMPCO in Abra distributed financial assistance of P1,000.00 to 335 identified members-beneficiaries of the cooperative aside from opening their service windows to the people such as grocery service.

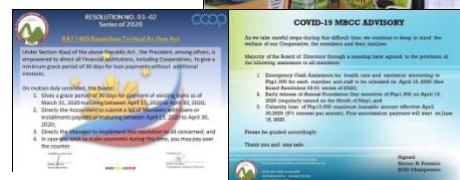


The Baguio Maharlika MPC informed their 310 members on the scheduled distribution of interest on share capital, patronage refund, and the cash assistance of P2,000.

BAMARVEMCO continuously provides to its 1,715 cooperative members 10 kgs rice each, members' loan payment moratorium of 1 month and release of 50% of the 13th month pay of the management staff. Skeletal force of the cooperative was also implemented to insure uninterrupted service to the members and the community.



The Moog Baguio Credit Cooperative notified its 1,301 members that the coop will be giving a 30 days loan payment moratorium, emergency cash assistance of P 1,000 for each member and staff, annual foundation day incentive of P 1,000, and a new credit window for calamity of P 10,000 maximum loanable amount with an interest rate of 5% per annum.



The Baguio-Benguet Community Credit Cooperative provided different approaches to respond to members' needs like:

- BBCCC-Loves (HELPS-2 Loan Promo 020) to all members with a loanable amount from P 5,000 to a maximum of P 20,000 with an interest rate of .25% payable in one year.
- Special Emergency Assistance Loan (SEAL) to members with loanable amount from P 5,000 to a maximum of X4 of their share capital contribution with an interest of 1% payable in one year.
- Add-on of P 3,500 loanable ceiling of grocery items from 2,500-3,500 regular loanable amount of goods
- Special Cash Assistance of P 1,000.00 to all 17,000 (more or less) regular members
- Distribution of interest on share capital and patronage refund
- Moratorium of members' loan payment for 60 days



La Trinidad Municipal Employees MPC have also notified its members that they will be distributing financial assistance of P 1,000 starting April 13, 2020.

Doers MPC distributed food packs to its members and offered consumer and credit services in its different branches to help the members in their daily and financial needs.

Ifugao Transport Service Cooperative prepared and distributed 100 packs of 25 kgs. of rice to the operators, drivers and employees of the cooperative.

In Kalinga, the Provincial Engineering Office Personnel MPC announced to its members the suspension of fines and penalties on loan payment due from March 16 to April 13, 2020 and one-month extension of loan payment due from March 16 to April 13, 2020. It also advised its members that their respective interest on share capital and patronage refund will be released on March 30 to April 13, 2020 so they can use the same during the crisis. ***FRC

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TO ALL COOP MEMBERS
YOU CAN CLAIM YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE COOP TREASURER AT THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE STARTING TODAY APRIL 13, 2020.
PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING ONE CLIENT AT A TIME



Ifugao Transport Service Cooperative (formerly IBJODA) preparing at the Lagawe Terminal over 100 sacks of 25 kilos rice for distribution to their drivers, operators and employees.

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

