

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:  
REPORT FROM THE MIMAROPA REGION OR REGION 4-B**

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MIMAROPA is mostly composed of provinces separated by bodies of water. It is quite a task to visit an island as one has to go through rough waters. However, cooperatives travel far and wide to provide assistance to their members, the community and frontliners.

The Palawan DA Multipurpose Cooperative has been tapped by the Department of Agriculture (DA) to help them manage the KADIWA Center in Puerto Princesa City.



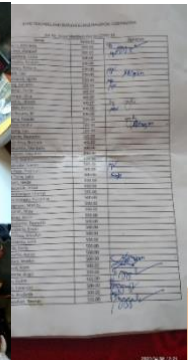
The Palawan Electric Cooperative (PALECO) has been extending assistance to front liners and less fortunate kababayans in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. They gave out thermos, pitchers with glasses, flashlights, face masks, improvised face shields, coffee packs and biscuits.



Financial assistance was extended to employees and members of Leuteboro National High School Teachers and Employees MPC, Socorro, Oriental Mindoro.



Relief operation to members was done by Puerto Galera Municipal Employees Credit Coop., Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.



Two (2) cooperatives of Boac, Marinduque, the Marinduque Agricultural and Rural Entrepreneurs Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MAREMCO) and DAR Employees Cooperative, distributed snacks (arrowroot cookies with mineral water) to the frontliners in different checkpoints strategically located in the municipality.



Genaro ARB Multipurpose Cooperative, Occidental Mindoro, provided free lunch packs to frontliners, last April 3 & 4, 2020 in Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro and Banban, Oriental Mindoro.



Bulalacao Multipurpose Cooperative, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro distributed rice to the Mangyan Community in certain upland areas of Bulalacao. It also distributed financial assistance to its members.



Kabalikat para sa Diyos at Bayan (Kadbayan MPC) of Odiongan, Romblon made a donation to Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) Church. They also run a Kadiwa Store or Rolling Store to help the community during the lockdown.



Looc Employees Association Multipurpose Cooperative, one of the micro cooperatives in Romblon, distributed grocery packs for the 95 Senior Indigent and Persons with disabilities in the area of Looc, Romblon.



Another micro cooperative located in the province of Romblon, the San Jose Family Care Credit Cooperative, Brgy. Maglahob, Lanas, San Jose, Romblon donated to the Local Government of San Jose, Romblon.



Amid the darkness, it is indeed heartwarming to see cooperatives showing love and concern not just for their members but also for their community and frontliners.