

# COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19

## PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 3**

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

"No one gets left behind". This seems to be the adage in Region 3, specially for members of cooperatives who continually received assistance (financial, goods, and other resources) from cooperatives. Hand in hand with their partners, below are some examples of the assistance provided:

**Abucay Multipurpose Cooperative** distributed 200 food packs worth Php 200.00 and 200 grocery packs worth Php 300.00 to frontliners in Abucay, Bataan and in Carigara, Leyte. They also repacked and gave 500 bags of rice as subsidy to their members in need.



**Agrarian Development Cooperative of Aurora (ADCA)** repacked 200 packs of relief goods for distribution to four (4) municipalities of Aurora. Fifty (50) packs were given to each municipality.



**Alaga Producers Cooperative** of Plaridel, Bulacan in partnership with Pure Group Companies donated 1,425 pieces of Covid-19 Testing Kits amounting to Php 1,306,500.00 to the following municipalities in Bulacan: 1) Plaridel-200 pcs; 2) Baliuag-200 pcs; 3) Pulilan-250 pcs; 3) Bustos-250 pcs; and San Jose Del Monte-525 pcs.



**St. James the Apostle MPC** in Guagua, Pampanga donated 38 sacks of rice to 7 barangays in Betis, Guagua, 5 sacks in Bulaon, City of San Fernando, and 5 sacks in Lubao, Pampanga for their relief operation. The cooperative also distributed 120 food packs to the frontliners in various community quarantine checkpoint in the Municipality of Guagua, Pampanga.







**San Jose City Electric Cooperative (SAJELCO)** in Nueva Ecija donated 1 million pesos to the City Government of San Jose to augment the LGU's relief funds. Engr. Cesar Ubungin, SAJELCO General Manager, accompanied by

BOD Chairman Al Alfonso handed over the check to City Mayor Kokoy Salvador. The second wave of relief distribution of 10 kgs of rice to approximately 50,000 families has also started.

**FOTON CARE Consumer Cooperative** in Clark Freeport Zone, with UAAGI and FOTON Philippines provided materials and sewing machines to the displaced workers during the ECQ to sew PPE. A total of 150 finished PPE sets were turned over to the Pampanga Provincial Government to be distributed to the frontliners assigned in the Pampanga Quarantine Center located at New Clark City.



Board of Directors and staff of **Saint Isidore Credit Cooperative** in Talavera, Nueva Ecija, distributed 40 packs of rice and groceries to 35 members and 5 staff.

**ARB Cooperative** of San Antonio Nueva Ecija, distributed relief goods to members and donated 12 cavans of rice to its community through LGU- Brgy San Francisco, San Antonio, NE





**San Jose City General Hospital Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative** in San Jose, Nueva Ecija gave their members Php500 worth of grocery items while 25 boxes of surgical masks were given to San Jose City General Hospital where the coop operates in response to the COVID19 crisis.



**Moncada Womens Credit Cooperative** in Tarlac Province, distributed 209 cavans of rice to the 37 barangays of Moncada and donated cash to the Municipal LGU of Moncada amounting to Php 60,000.00 from the coop's fund and Php 50,000.00 from the coops' BOD and General Manager' honoraria and per diem. Pooled from the aforementioned resources, the total amount of cash donation to the barangays and Municipal LGU was Php



110,000.00. Aside from this, the 2,600 coop members also received a half cavan of rice and a financial assistance of Php 500.00 each. This brings to an accumulated amount of Php 3, 835, 000.00. To help their senior citizen members during this ECQ, the cooperative gave 207 senior citizens their pension for 2 quarters. This amounted to Php 185, 300.00 which was charged to Expense. Apart from these, the

its Member's Benefit

cooperative also helped the frontliners via provisions of food packs to 69 Moncada Police and financial assistance to its Security Guards. Lastly, the cooperative gave a hazard pay to its 11 staff who continued to serve the coop's client amid this pandemic.

**Maligaya Wet Market MPC,** Mariveles, Bataan, provided an Emergency Loan amounting to Php5,000 with no interest. The cooperative released its members' Dividend and Patronage Refund, distributed 3 kilos of rice to 87 families in Brgy. Maligaya, distributed improvised face mask and alcohol inside Brgy Maligaya and Brgy. Malaya markets, offered cash advance of Php 10K to Employees, allowed the use of Sick Leaves and Vacation Leaves, and released half





of employees' 13th Month Pay. The cooperative also provided face masks and alcohol for employees/officers; and donated 3 cavans of rice to Brgy. Maligaya.

### **Mountain View Homeowners**

**MPC**, from Mariveles, Bataan, provided emergency cash advance to its employees, per DOLE Circular, Pres Proc. 929 and 922 series of 2020 at Php 5,000.00 each. The cooperative also paid in advance the 13th Month of its staff, and gave 5 kilos rice subsidy, distributed rice relief to Mt. View Village Frontliners, and distributed dividends to members.



**Orani Teachers and Employees MPC (OTEMPCO)**, distributed groceries and rice to its members.

**Alemania Pacarso Producers Cooperative**, Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija distributed relief goods to its members.

**Laya Poblacion Credit Coop**, Mariveles, Bataan, distributed 3kgs of rice to its members.

**Maria Aurora Development Cooperative (MADECO)**, distributed relief goods to 381 non-members and 147 members. The cooperative also donated 524 food packs to 11 barangays amounting to Php 84,480.00 from its Community Development Fund.



Below are other cooperatives who extended their assistance to their members, community, and frontliners:

- **Capitol Employees of Bataan (CEmBa) Multipurpose Cooperative** in Bataan, provided support to employees through giving of salaries during the ECQ (No work with pay). The cooperative also participated in Balanga City Cooperative Development Council's distribution of relief goods.
- **Dinalupihan Multipurpose Cooperative** in Bataan, provided financial assistance to its members.
- **Iwahori MPC**, Mariveles, Bataan provided cash assistance of Php 1,000/Member, distributed Interest on Share Capital & Patronage Refund and Salaries of Employees.
- **MAHESECO Multipurpose Cooperative**, Mariveles, Bataan, distributed food packs for 5 Barangays, cash assistance to members, and provided for the early release of 13th month pay for its employees and hazard pay for its Medical Staff.
- **Mariveles High School Teachers MPC**, provided food packs/fruits to frontliners in Mariveles, Bataan.
- **Watchlife Workers Multipurpose Cooperative**, Mariveles, Bataan, distributed Vitamin C for all members good for one month. The cooperative gave food packs to all frontliners in Mariveles. It also provided Php 1,000.00 financial assistance, half cavan rice, and share capital interest to its members.
- **Mabalacat Public Market Vendor's Multipurpose Cooperative**, provided Php 1,000.00 cash assistance to all members in good standing (a total of Php 200,000.00 from CDF and Optional Fund)
- **Yakap at Halik Consumers Cooperative of Pampanga and Bulacan (YHCCPB)**, provided rice assistance to 30 members.
- **Bataan Tourism Service Cooperative**, provided financial assistance to coop employees (until the implementation of ECQ).
- **San Marcos MPC** in Calumpit, Bulacan, distributed Php300 to all their members.
- **Sacred Heart Credit and Development Cooperative** in San Rafael, Bulacan distributed Php300 to all their members as grocery assistance.
- **San Miguel MPC** in Hagonoy, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to members in Hagonoy, Bulacan.

- **Bagong Pagasa Agriculture Cooperative** in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to 51 families in Brgy. Malipampang, San Ildefonso, Bulacan, with a budget of 150 pesos per food pack.
- **Sunday Farmers Agriculture Cooperative** in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, distributed relief packs to 105 members and rice assistance in Brgy. Sta Catalina Matanda and San Ildefonso, Bulacan.
- **Concepts of Sto. Rosario Credit Cooperative** in Pandi, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to its members.
- **Tabang SN Credit Cooperative** in Plaridel, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to its members.
- **Sta. Monica of Bustos MPC**, distributed relief goods and financial assistance to its members and non-members.
- **Bulacan Employees Credit Cooperative (BECCO)**, distributed relief assistance to its members.
- **Palanas Multipurpose Cooperative**, San Ildefonso, Bulacan, distributed 220 food packs and bottled water to its members and non-members.
- **Vitarich Employees MPC**, Marilao, Bulacan, distributed IS CPR to its members.
- **Makabagong Magsasaka Agriculture Cooperative**, Tarlac City, distributed groceries and rice to 40 members and helped disinfect the barangay.
- **Our Lady of Lourdes ARC**, Tarlac City, distributed groceries and rice to 35 members and 70 non-members.
- **Palayamanan Agriculture Cooperative** in Victoria, Tarlac, distributed meals to 40 frontliners.
- **Provincial Employees Credit Cooperative**, Tarlac City, Tarlac, provided cash benefits to 159 members.
- **Magandang Kapalaran MPC** in Tarlac City, donated of 500 pieces of alcohol to frontliners.
- **Bagong Pag-asa MPC**, distributed groceries and rice to 27 members.
- **People's Multipurpose Cooperative** in Mariveles, Bataan, distributed rice, canned goods and 3-in-1 coffee.

- **Orani Adela Teachers and Employees Consumers Cooperative** in Bataan, distributed rice to 44 members and 10 non-members.
- **Agrarian Development Cooperative**, in Aurora, distributed 200 packs of relief goods to 4 barangays amounting to Php 40,000.00 from its CDF.
- **NFA Aurora Multi-Purpose Cooperative**, distributed relief goods to 128 members and 12 non-members amounting to Php 20,000.00 from CDF and Php 36,000.00 from Optional Fund.
- **St. Francis Development Cooperative** in Aurora, distributed 25 kgs of rice each to 325 members amounting to Php 480,000.00 from its CDF.
- **Arayat Transport Cooperative**, gave financial assistance to 70 members at Php500.00 each.
- **Buensu Multipurpose Cooperative** in Arayat, Pampanga, continued its distribution of relief packs (milk for year old and below, rice and canned goods).
- **Palinlang Multipurpose Cooperative** in Arayat, Pampanga, distributed seedlings to the members from the Municipal Agriculture Office.
- **Calibutbut Multipurpose Cooperative** in Bacolor, Pampanga, provided financial assistance to members for the month of March and April.
- **DHVTSU Multipurpose Cooperative** in Bacolor, Pampanga, offered COVID loan and rice subsidy to members in the form of cash, moratorium on loan payments for two months, rice subsidy allowance to their security personnel, Php30,000.00 relief to communities in Bacolor.
- **Villa De Bacolor Municipal Employees Multipurpose Cooperative**, in Bacolor, Pampanga, implemented a moratorium on loans for 2 months (March and April).
- **City of San Fernando Pampanga Employees Multipurpose**, employees regularly received their salary and other compensations even if they are on skeletal work force.
- **DENRO 3 Employees Consumer Cooperative**, in San Fernando, Pampanga provided financial assistance to employees by giving 50% of their monthly salary amounting to Php 59,700.00. The cooperative distributed grocery items/snacks to different Barangay Checkpoints amounting to Php25,000.00 (4 barangays). The cooperative granted financial support of Php1,000.00 to members amounting to Php200,000.00 and distributed ISCPR to its members.

- **JBLGMH Employees Multipurpose Cooperative** in San Fernando, Pampanga, offered Php 5,000.00 one-time cash loan, without interest, and payable within 6 months (starting of payment will be on July) to its members.
- **Pampanga Capitol Employees Multipurpose Cooperative, Inc.**, continued to operate and implemented flexible working hours for its employees.
- **Pampanga High School Multipurpose Cooperative** gave financial assistance to canteen employees worth Php1,000.00.
- **Pampanga Provincial Jail Employees Producers Cooperative** provided food packs assistance to 40 members.
- **Pampanga Seed Growers Multipurpose Cooperative, Inc.**, in Mexico, Pampanga delivered Certified seeds through the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Program (RCEP) to every Municipality in Pampanga.
- **Pro 3 PNP NUP Multipurpose Cooperative** in Pampanga (PPNMPC) provided financial assistance to 108 members.
- **Radiant Shine Multipurpose Cooperative**, in Pampanga offered calamity loan to its members.
- **Guran-Sapa Multipurpose Cooperative** in Sta. Ana, Pampanga gave relief packs, rice and financial assistance members.
- **Madapdap Educators Multipurpose Cooperative**, in Mabalacat, Pampanga, conducted egg giving last Easter Sunday to those in need in their community in Madapdap. The cooperative distributed food packs/grocery items to school canteen employees. The cooperative offered Php5,000 covid 19 emergency loan for the members and donates cash their students & their families who are in need.
- **Pink Ladies Multipurpose Cooperative** in Candaba, Pampanga donated Php 3,000.00 cash to frontliners in the barangay and provide rice subsidy and Php 1,000.00 cash assistance to all members.
- **Sta. Ana Agricultural Multipurpose Cooperative** in Sta. Ana, Pampanga, donated 25 sacks of rice (@25 kilos each sack) to frontliners at Brgy. Sta. Ana and Candaba.
- **Palayan City Employee MPC** in Palayan City provided cash assistance of Php1,000.00 per member. Their members include sweepers, technicians from Palayan City, and traffic enforcers whose net home pay are below Php 5,000.00.



- **Makabagong Magsasaka ng Palagay MPC** in Cabanatuan City distributed relief goods for the second time.
- **Count NE Coop Union of Talavera** from Nueva Ecija donated 30 cavans of rice to the LGU of Talavera.
- **Senior Junior MPC** in Talavera, Nueva Ecija distributed 60 packs of grocery items & rice to members (1st wave).
- **Biyayang Handog ARB** in San Antonio, Nueva Ecija distributed 12 cavans of rice to the community and 72 grocery packs to its members.
- **Nueva Ecija Federation of Dairy Cooperatives** handed over dairy products/bottled milk to front liners and provided its employees/members with hazard pay.
- **Sabit Agriculture Cooperative in Cuyapo** from Nueva Ecija temporarily stopped loan collection.