

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 10**

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

THE BAYANIHAN SPIRIT OF COOPERATIVES SHINING THROUGH

COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected nations worldwide, including the Philippines, causing economic disruption. The passage of “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” and Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 called for a need to immediately respond and assist in the provision of basic necessities to families and individuals affected by the imposition of the community quarantine.

Senator Christopher Lawrence “Bong” Go, appealed to the cooperatives to utilize their Community Development Fund (CDF) for projects that will benefit the community during the ECQ. These may include provisions of food packs, vitamins, alcohols, soap, personal protective equipment for medical frontliners and other basic necessities to be distributed to the community who are in dire need of help.

CDA-Region 10 acknowledged the assistance extended by many of the cooperatives in the region. *"Makikiisa po tayo sa panawagan ni Pangulong Duterte na magtutulungan para sa ikakabibilis ng pagpapadama sa taumbayan ng tulong at kalinga ng galing sa Kooperatiba!"*

In the Province of Bukidnon, several cooperatives responded to the call. As they say, a little goes a long way and if all these contributions are put together, it would be enough to create a strong wave, considering the passion of those who put their hearts in supporting those in need. It also shows adherence to one of the cooperative principles, Concern for Community.

Bukidnon Gov't Employees MPC, (BUGEMCO), Malaybalay City, Bukidnon	Donated PPEs to the Bukidnon Provincial Hospitals, food packs to members
Bukidnon Pharmaceutical MP Cooperative, (BUPHARCO), Valencia City, Bukidnon	Distributed vitamins & food packs to their frontliners, in partnership with Bukidnon Sniper Riders Club in Quezon; also gave vitamins & food packs to the frontliners of Don Carlos, Bukidnon
Bukidnon State University Employees MPC, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon	In partnership with Bukidnon State University, the cooperative provided rice worth Php.45,000.00 to stranded students of the university, also donated cash for PPEs and vitamins for the frontliners.
DMPI Employees ARB Cooperative, (DEARBC), Camp Phillips, Bukidnon	Donated food packs, disinfectants and PPEs to nearby barangays, LGU & frontliners

Greenfields MPC, Kalilangan, Bukidnon	Provided relief goods to members
Lumintao Farmers MPC, Quezon, Bukidnon	Provided relief goods to members
Valencia National High School MPC, Valencia City, Bukidnon	Provided food packs to their frontliners & gave financial assistance to all employees in the amount of Php5,000.00 each.
Diversified MPC, Valencia City, Bukidnon	Distributed 588 food packs to all their workers
BUSCO Academy MPC, Quezon, Bukidnon	Gave food packs to frontliners
Mindanao Sugar Workers Union MPC, BUSCO, Butong, Quezon, Bukidnon	Gave food packs to members
Kauyagan Savers MPC, Impasug-on, Bukidnon	Gave food packs to frontliners
Sta. Monica of Pangantucan MPC, Pangantucan, Bukidnon	Donated facemasks and other essentials to their frontliners
Mindanao Savings Cooperative, Valencia City, Bukidnon	Distributed relief goods to members
ALKALEAD MPC, Maramag, Bukidnon	Gave multi-vitamins to staff and members, also offered free deliveries of goods to barangays
Bukidnon Transport MP Cooperative (BUKTRAMCO) , Quezon, Bukidnon	Gave ½ sack of rice to members
San Jose MPC, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon	Distributed food packs
Kibaning Farmers MP Cooperative, Kalilangan, Bukidnon	Distributed relief goods to members

In the Province of Lanao del Norte, cooperatives have likewise shown compassion in these trying times. They used their community development fund (CDF) for the benefit of their members and community. Cooperatives have shown that they are indeed instruments, not only of economic development, but also of social equity.

The following cooperatives have faced the challenges of hunger and poverty posed by the circumstances created by COVID-19, the unseen enemy:

Using its CDF, the BS Modla Multipurpose Cooperative, a micro cooperative from Buruun, Iligan City, distributed 5 kilos of rice and grocery items to each of their 115 members-motorcycle drivers who lost their daily income due to ECQ, amounting to a total of P12,000.00.

The Iligan Diagnostic and MPC Employees distributed food packs to 33 non-members of Palao, Iligan City. Tubaran Multipurpose Cooperative, Pipin MPC and the MSU-IIT

NMPC gave grocery packs, food and water to the frontliners, at the checkpoints, and at the hospitals in the City.

Since food provision is presently of utmost importance, the Mag-uumang Busaynon Credit Cooperative of Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte, gave 50 households some grocery items and rice, the Alternative Concern and Support to Livelihood MPC of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte, gave 41 food packs to the poorest of the poor in Ragain, Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte and Simbuco Aqua-Marine Multipurpose Cooperative distributed rice to the members and non-members residents of Barangay Simbuco, Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte.

The Iligan Dealers Multipurpose Cooperative (IDEAL MPC), for its part, also distributed food packs. It also reported that it has received vegetable seed packs from the Department of Agriculture, ready for planting, in order to battle hunger, especially in times of crisis.

In the Province of Misamis Occidental, nineteen (19) cooperatives gave material and financial support to their members and community, in adherence to the provisions of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act.

Paglaum MPC located at Plaridel, Misamis Occidental, donated food, water, face shields, and alcohols to the armies, police and other frontliners in the province. Aside from the distribution of Interest on Share Capital (ISC) and Patronage Refund (PR), the coop distributed rice to the members as part of their General Assembly benefits. The coop also observed social distancing measures.

Paglaum MPC, through its program "CARES OUR FRONTLINERS", prepared and distributed PPEs for frontliners in a local hospital and distributed food stocks to members, the community and the frontliners (police, army, tanods, barangays workers, etc.) who are tasked to secure/control the spread of the virus.

The Board of Directors of Lorenzo Tan Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Tudela Government Employees Cooperative and Tudela Public Teachers Cooperative, with their firm and collective belief that cooperativism is the countervailing force against poverty, hunger and deep inequality, took initiatives to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the CoVid-19 crisis among their members. Using their CDF, Lorenzo Tan MPC provided grocery items and quarantine services to its members and the community while the staff of Tudela Government Employees Cooperative and Tudela Public Teachers Cooperative prepared grocery packs and distributed to target beneficiaries.

Thus, CDA-Region 10 commends the efforts of the following cooperatives who responded to the call and bravely faced the challenges in these difficult times:

Lorenzo Tan MPC	Lorenzo Tan, Tanguib City
Tudela GovT. Employees MPC	Tudela, Misamis Occidental
Ozamiz City Peoples MPC	Washington St, Ozamiz City

Bonifacio MPC	Poblacion, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental
B4Ps Credit Cooperative	Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental
St. Vincent Ferrer MPC	Poblacion, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental
Mis. Occ. DAR Employees MPC	DARPO, Gango, Ozamiz City
Ozamiz City Integrated Cooperative	Carangan, Ozamiz City
Ozamiz City School of Arts and Trades Employees and Retirees Credit Cooperative	OCSAT compound, Maningcol, Ozamiz City
Ozamiz City National High School MPC	Bernard St, Ozamiz City
Public Teachers and Employees MPC	OCCS Compound, Tinago, Ozamiz City
Courage 2 Credit Cooperative	ABC Bldg., City Hall Drive, Ozamiz City
Misamis Farmers MPC	Circumferential Road, Bitoon, Ozamiz City
Credit Cooperative of MHARS Hospital Employees	MHARS Medical Center, Maningcol, Ozamiz City
Public Servants MPC.	Clarin, Misamis Occidental
Kinangay Sur ARC.MPC	Kinangay Sur, Clarin, Misamis Occidental
Clarin National High School Family MPC	Pob.2, Clarin, Misamis Occidental
Tudela Public Teachers MPC	Tudela Central School, Tudela, Misamis Occidental
Embargo SM MPC	Embargo, Ozamiz City



Bagong Iligan Transport Service Coop (taxi drivers) the officers gave 10 kilos of rice to all the drivers. April 13, 2020

Iligan City Cooperative Development Council (ICCDC) initiated an activity to fight against COVID 19 pandemic. All Small, Medium and Large coops in Iligan were encouraged to donate an amount from their CDF to raise funds. ICCDC distributed food packs to different coops in Iligan which have poorest of the poor members. There were 187 members from different coops were given. Coops for Christ - 26 families, Sm Woodcraft MPC - 28 families, Upper Hinaplanon Aggregates MPC- 48 families, Timoga MPC - 65 families, Sikyop Agriculture Coop 20 families.



Rice assistance given by URC El Salvador Employees MPC to its members during Covid 19 Crisis



DMPI Employees ARB Cooperative (DEARBC) in Camp Phillips, Agusan Canyon, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon donated foods, disinfectants & PPE's to nearby Barangays, LGU and Frontliners (PNP and other LGU Employees).



Greenfields MPC in Kalilangan, Bukidnon giving of relief goods to members.



Co-ops for Christ Misamis Oriental giving relief goods to the community



DPWH 10 MPC donated about 1,000.00 packs of Vitamin C/Multi-Vitamins to ALL DPWH Region 10 employees as part of our community on March 20, 2020.

We also donated P50,000.00 cash to Northern Mindanao Medical Center as aid to our hospital in the fight against pandemic COVID 19.

DPWH 10 MPC also release 250 bags of Groceries and 250 bags of 25kls rice to our active coop members. Together we fight against COVID 19.



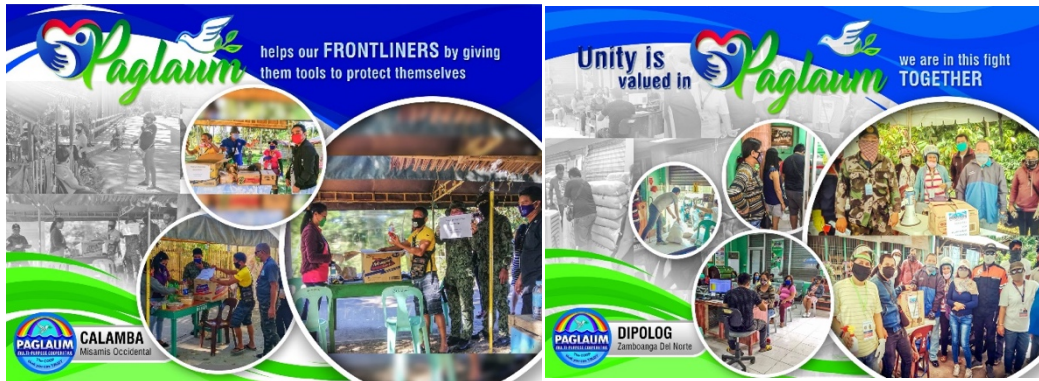
Iligan Diagnostic and MPC Employees initiated to give food packs to 33 nonmembers of Palao Iligan City.



Provincial Capitol Employees Cooperative or PCEMCO, distributed food packs to its members



Tubaran Multi Purpose Cooperative, Tubaran, Tubod, Lanao del Norte



Paglaum MPC @ Plaridel, Misamis Occidental extended assistance to the communities and members in the midst of COVID 19 pandemic. The Coop donated foods ,water, face shields, and alcohols to the armies, police and other frontliners in the province . Aside from ISC and PR, the coop distributed rice to the members as part of their GA benefits.The coop also observed social distancing measures. Paglaum Coop - "CARES OUR FRONTLINERS"



Pipin SN, Tubod, Lanao del Norte



MSU-IIT Tubod Branch (Provided foods and supplies to the FRONTLINERS)



Lugait Municipal Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (LMEMPCO) donated cash P30,000.00 to LGU for its COVID-19 response.



Northern Mindanao Federation of Transport Service Cooperative (NOMFEDTRASCO) volunteered 10 jeepneys for free to cater to the needs of the frontliners from their residence to the hospitals where they are working and vice-versa in Iligan City. The LGU provided gas worth Php 5000 for the



The Iligan Diagnostic and MPC gave financial assistance to 33 poorest of the poor families in Palao Iligan City.



PETEMCO, Public Teachers Employees Cooperative in Ozamiz City community assistance during covid 19 crisis



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Simbuco Aqua-Marine Multi-purpose Cooperative in Brgy. Simbuco Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte distributed relief in the barangay

PEMCO giving snacks to our Frontliners



PEOPLES ELAN MPC of Jasaan gave snacks to the frontliners in the area.



Mag-uumang Busaynon Credit Cooperative in Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte extended assistance to the 50 households in the area both members and non-members.



Valencia National High School MPC in Bukidnon provided food packs to their front liners and gave financial assistance to all their employees in the amount of P5,000.



Busco Academy MPC in Quezon, Bukidnon gave food packs to the frontliners in the area.



Diversified Multipurpose Cooperative in Valencia City, Bukidnon distributed 588 food packs for all their workers as assistance during the COVID 19 crisis.



Alternative Concern and Support to Livelihood Multipurpose Cooperative (ACSL-MPC) in Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte gave 41 food packs to poorest of the poor families of Ramain, SND.