

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 11**

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COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES IN COVID-19 CRISIS

Since the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) beset the Philippines, a lot of Filipinos exerted genuine efforts to combat the virus. Cooperatives in the nation now highlight the statement embedded in the Cooperative Pledge which states that, *"Alone I am weak, but with others I am strong"*, by helping not only their members but also the communities where they belong.

Community Quarantine in Region XI started sometime in March 2020. In the spirit of cooperativism, cooperatives in Region XI took initiatives to support the need of their members, their communities and the frontliners. "Bayanihan" is now trending in social media and a lot of people are now helping to contain this pandemic.

The following cooperatives took part in extending assistance to those in need:

DAVAO CITY

SUBASTA AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE (SARBAC)

As its way of giving honor and thanks to the frontliners, the Subasta Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Agricultural Cooperative (SARBAC) from Calinan, Davao City gave food packs to the personnel assigned at the Task Force Check point area in Wangan, Calinan, Davao City last March 27, 2019.

SARBAC officers recognized the importance of frontliners in making sure that the virus not spread further. Their great sacrifice for their community and country in safeguarding the lives of the people is beyond greatness worthy of recognition.

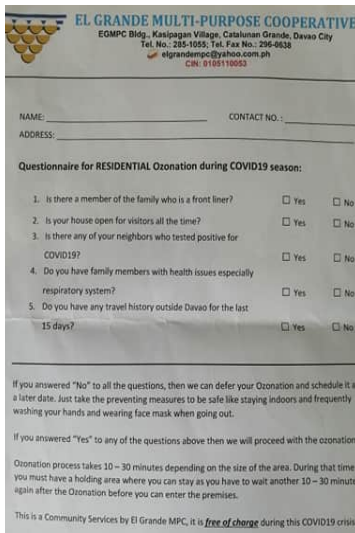


SARBAC distributing food packs to frontliners

EL GRANDE MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE

El Grande Multi-Purpose Cooperative (EMPC), a large cooperative located at Catalunan Grande, Davao City, is actively operating amidst the health crisis and assisting the community of Catalunan Grande by purifying, sanitizing and disinfecting houses, offices and vehicles, without using harmful chemicals. They are using Ozone Generator for Air Purification, a technology already tested that kills viruses and bacteria in the surface and cleanses air environment. This service of sanitizing is FREE OF CHARGE upon request, to all qualified members.

EMPC is also giving away free seedlings of fruits and vegetables to their members and teaching them how to properly grow the plants through their Technology and Livelihood Resource Center. This will help them lead healthy lives by eating nutritious food, that is, homegrown fruits and vegetables, which is especially important in this time of crisis. Moreover, planting and growing your own fruits and vegetables is not only a means to survive, but may be a source of income in this difficult time.



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Questionnaire for RESIDENTIAL Ozonation during COVID19 season:

1. Is there a member of the family who is a front liner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Is your house open for visitors all the time? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Is there any of your neighbors who tested positive for COVID19? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you have family members with health issues especially respiratory system? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Do you have any travel history outside Davao for the last 15 days? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "No" to all the questions, then we can defer your Ozonation and schedule it at a later date. Just take the preventing measures to be safe like staying indoors and frequently washing your hands and wearing face mask when going out.

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions above then we will proceed with the ozonation.

Ozonation process takes 10 – 30 minutes depending on the size of the area. During that time, you must have a holding area where you can stay as you have to wait another 10 – 30 minutes again after the Ozonation before you can enter the premises.

This is a Community Services by El Grande MPC. It is **free of charge** during this COVID19 crisis.



Sample application of Ozonation service (free of charge)



Technology and Livelihood Center of EMPC where seedlings of fruits and vegetables are grown

DAVAO DEL NORTE

TAGUM COOPERATIVE

Tagum Cooperative, a Gawad Parangal Hall of Fame Awardee, provided the following privileges to their members: 1.) no deductions on share capital and savings retention; 2.) provision of Php 250.00 rice subsidy to members; and 3.) implementation of Republic Act No. 11469, "the Bayanihan Act", by providing a 30-day grace period for loans due on April 1-30, 2020.



Furthermore, using its Community Development Fund, it donated face masks, disposable gloves and biscuits to the frontliners, through the City Government of Tagum on March 31 and April 3, 2020.



Tagum Cooperative donated food and medical supplies to frontliners through the City Government of Tagum

MARIPHIL FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE **(MARIPHIL MPC)**

On April 11, 2020, Mariphil Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative, located in Panabo, Davao del Norte, distributed rice to some of its members.



Mariphil MPC distributed rice to members

KATIPUNAN SMALL COCONUT FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (KSCF MPC)

On April 7, 2020, Katipunan Small Coconut Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative located in Panabo, Davao del Norte, provided meal packs to some of the frontliners in Davao del Norte.



Katipunan Small Coconut Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative provided meals to frontliners

CASIG-ANG SAN MIGUEL MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (CASMI COOPERATIVE)

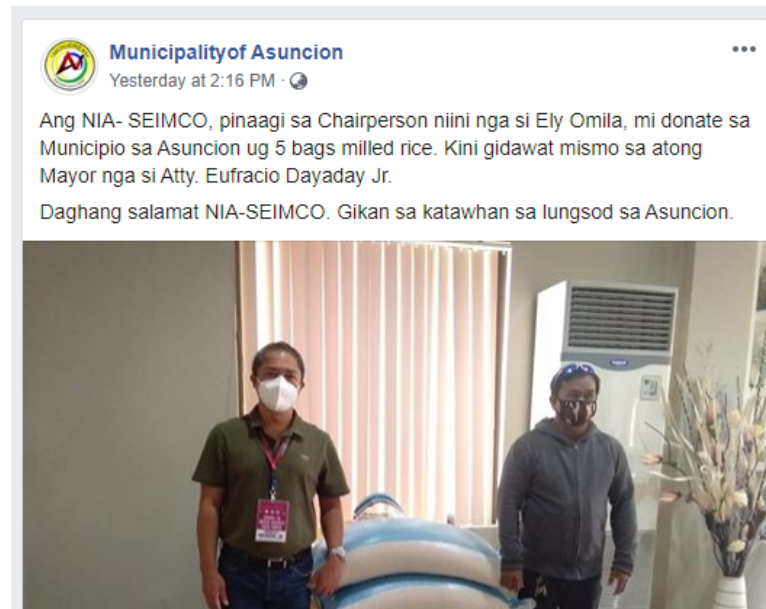
In April, 2020, Casig-ang San Miguel Multipurpose Cooperative (CASMI MPC) donated relief goods to the pedicab drivers in the community.



CASMI Cooperative distributed goods to pedicab drivers

NIA-SAUG EMPLOYEES AND IRRIGATORS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (NIA-SEIMCO)

The NIA-SAUG Employees and Irrigators Multi-Purpose Cooperative (NIA SEIMCO) donated 5 bags of milled rice to the people of the Municipality of Asuncion, who showed their appreciation through a Facebook post on the municipality's page on April 16, 2020.



DAVAO ORIENTAL

SAFASHCO MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (SAFASHCO MPC)

SAFASHCO Multi Purpose Cooperative (SAFASCHO MPC) located in Mati, Davao Oriental, provided relief goods to their members and community on April 08, 2020.



SAFASHCO MPC distributed goods to community

DAVAO DE ORO

MARAGUSAN GROWERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (MAGROW MPC)

On April 7, 2020, Maragusan Growers Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGROW MPCO) from Maragusan, Davao de Oro, distributed goods to Barangay Checkpoints Front liners in Maragusan, Davao de Oro.



MAGROW MPC distributed goods to checkpoints frontliners

PANTUKAN CHESS CLUB COOPERATIVE (PCCC) MATI BRANCH

Pantukan Chess Club Cooperative donated fresh fruits and mineral water to Task Force, Tagawisan, Barangay Badas, Mati City, on March 24, 2020.



Pantukan Chess Club donated fresh fruits and mineral water to Task Force in Mati City

CALLAWAN FARMERS MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (CALFAMCO)

On April 3, 2020, Callawan Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (CALFAMCO), located in New Bataan, Davao de Oro, donated washable face masks to DTI Davao de Oro. On April 6, 2020, they distributed relief goods to their members. On the following day, they donated another 250 pieces washable face masks to LGU New Bataan.



Shared Service Facility (SSF) project cooperator CALFAMCO has already produced some PPEs for the Compostela Valley Provincial Hospital. Davao-based designer Carmaela Alcantara helped in the design through DTI-Davao de Oro's product development activity.



Face masks and relief goods distributed by CALFAMCO

DFC PAWARB MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (PAWARB COOP)

Frontliners of Barangay Osmena, Compostela, Davao de Oro received groceries from DFC Multipurpose Cooperative on April 14, 2020.



Rice distributed by PAWARB COOP to Barangay Osmena, Compostela, Davao del Oro

These are some of the humanitarian efforts undertaken by our cooperatives in Region XI in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed, in these hard times, we can only draw strength from one another. Long live cooperatives! [#CoopsAgainstCOVID19](#)