

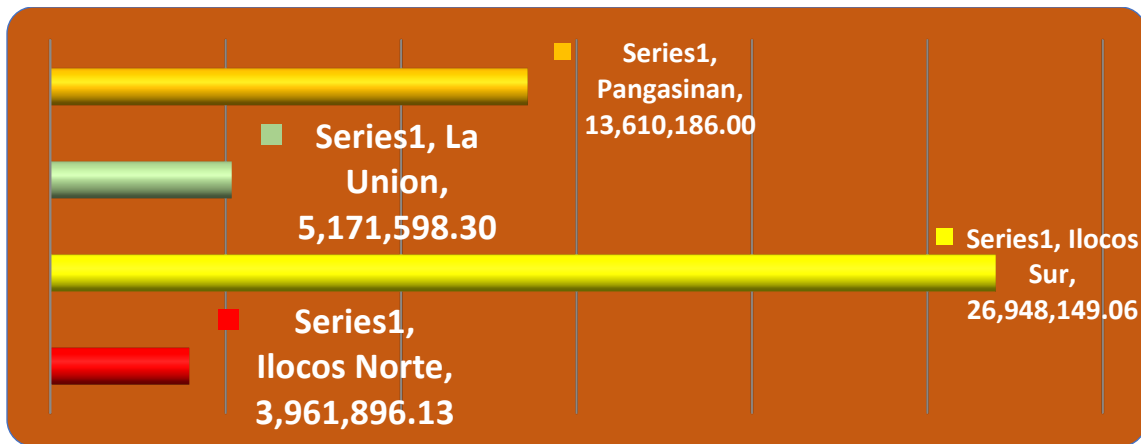
COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 1

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The Koop Bayanihan Program: Reaching Out to their Members and the Public
During this COVID19 Pandemic

The Cooperative Development Authority-Regional Office 1 has monitored the extent of assistance being given by cooperatives in helping their members and communities under the Koop Bayanihan Program. The program is part of their social responsibility in reaching out and serving the most vulnerable people in their communities. In just six weeks of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), hundreds of officers, staffs and members of more than 209 co-ops of Region 1 provided P49,691,829.49 worth of assistance to their members and communities in the form of cash or in kind (assistance to the frontlines of various LGUs, providing meals for frontlines, distributing rice, meat, vegetables and relief goods, or free ride by a number of transport cooperatives), while other cooperative members are serving as volunteers to patrol checkpoints, checkpoint relievers, assistants in packing goods for the LGUs, and doing the disinfection and cleaning up of communities, and distributing free face masks to the front liners. The funds used have been sourced from the following: Community Development Fund (CDF), Optional fund (OF), charged to operating expenses, members' benefit fund, revolving capital, donations and solicitations.

Provinces	No. of Cooperatives	Amt of Assistance
Ilocos Norte	59	3,961,896.13
Ilocos Sur	59	26,948,149.06
La Union	32	5,171,598.30
Pangasinan	59	13,610,186.00
Total Assistance (PhP)	209	49,691,829.49



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As we continue to struggle against COVID19, some 123 Savings and Credit Coops, Consumers Coops, Producers Coops, Marketing Coops and Multi Purpose Cooperatives with savings and credit operations, have opened, although on shortened operating hours, in order to provide the necessary services to members and communities during the ECQ, but at the same time observing social distancing of workers in the office.

Other cooperatives also took part in the Rolling Store or Kadiwa on Wheels of the DTI, and mini markets on wheels put up by LGUs (San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte and Candon City). For their part, large cooperatives, like the Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives and ALBACOPA Federation of Cooperatives and Pasuquin Onion Growers Agriculture Coop, are buying agricultural produce of farmers in their locality. The buying of palay from farmers or members contributes to the supply of rice in the community.

The Calasiao Plant and Related Companies Employees MPC, Tubao MPC and Lingayen Catholic Credit Cooperative donated cash to their respective LGUs. Bacarra Zanjera Irrigators MPC of Bacarra , Ilocos Norte, donated bags of rice to its LGU in Bacarra. On the other hand, PANELCO III relief operations covered 16 municipalities and 1 city. BAGNOS MPC, Banna, Ilocos Norte, distributed relief goods to its 1,050 members, including 190 IPs, 4 PWDs and 144 Senior Citizens. The Ilocos Norte PNP Ladies and Civilian Employees MPC made a cash donation of P100K to 18 police stations in Laoag City.

The depth of their involvement is truly reflective of the 7th Cooperative Principle - "Concern for Community". Their share of social responsibility and response to the needs of the time are proofs of the bayanihan spirit of our cooperatives.

Also, worthy of recognition are the LGUs of Alaminos City, Candon City, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte and Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, which bought rice and vegetables produced by the cooperatives to be distributed as relief goods to their constituents.

Furthermore, our cooperatives are complying with RA No. 11469 (Bayanihan To Heal as One Act), directing those providing lending services to implement a minimum of thirty (30)-day grace period for the payment of all loans, xxx falling due within the period of the ECQ, without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges. Members with multiple loans shall likewise be given the minimum thirty (30)-day grace period for every loan. (*Section 4(aa), R.A. No. 11469*)

Lastly, the CDA issued MC No. 2020-03, granting regulatory relief to all registered cooperatives as to the conduct of their mandatory Annual General Assembly. Cooperatives were allowed to postpone their scheduled general assembly meetings and election of officers for a period of three months from the date of the said MC or until such time that the State of Public Health Emergency is lifted, whichever comes first. Further, MC No. 2020-04 was issued, extending the deadline for the submission of mandatory reports to **June 15, 2020**. This is to encourage cooperatives to stay at home and not to worry about compliance during the quarantine period. **Jo Bitonio CDA.**

On the 7th week of the Corona Virus pandemic, cooperatives in this region distributed food packs to the frontliners and gave out relief goods to vulnerable people in the community, as well as to students, displaced OFWs, and volunteer frontliners at checkpoints. Some cooperatives advanced the salaries of their employees, provided face masks while on duty, gave honorarium and bonuses to officers and staffs, and distributed ISC/PR to members.

CDA-Dagupan Extension Office reported that a total Php8,373,401.80 was contributed by 61 cooperatives in the region to members and communities. The cooperatives charged these contributions from their Community Development Fund, Optional Fund, Interest on Share Capital/Patronage Refund (ISC/PR) distribution, direct expenses, or Members Benefit Fund (MBF)



Community Development Fund	24	962,411.16
Optional Fund	7	255,956.00
ISCPR	12	5,179,980.14
Expenses	9	457,904.50
Members Benefit Fund	2	1,517,150.00
On going	3	-
No Amount Indicated	4	-
	61	P 8,373,401.80

The following images would show how cooperatives extended assistance to their members, communities and frontliners:

Cooperative Bank of La Union Agoo, La Union distributed food packs to the frontlines in Rosario, Agoo, Aringay and Caba.





Paoay Central Onse Reef 4x4 Adventure Service Cooperative, Paoay, Ilocos Norte, distributed relief goods at Brgy. 23 Bacsil Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

Ilocandia Seed Growers Multi Purpose Cooperative, Naguilian, La Union, distributed relief packs and dividends to all its members.

Four members of GATOBAL Agrarian Reform Cooperative, located at Sta. Matilde, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, joined as frontliners. Three of them are scheduled to man the checkpoint every other 3 days from 8am to 5pm while the other member is scheduled every day for 10 days. They started on March 17.



- Baro A Badoc Overseas Filipino Workers and Families Marketing Cooperative donated masks to frontliners of Brgy. Paltit, Badoc, Ilocos

Norte and relief goods to displaced OFWs.

- Paoay Sand Dunes Service Cooperative Advanced released salaries, honorarium and bonuses to officers & staffs.
- Rimat Ti Daya SLPA Consumers Cooperative donated snacks to frontliners of Brgy Bacsil, Dingras, Ilocos Norte.
- D Colossians of Batac City Consumers Cooperative distributed snacks to frontliners.
- Early Ricers SLPA Consumers Cooperative provided snacks to frontliners of Brgy. Baa West and Brgy Rayuray Batac City, Ilocos Norte.
- Bomitog MPC donated snacks to Brgy. Bomitog frontliners.

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- Ilocos Sur National High School MPC gave relief goods to students at the shelterville, San Julian Norte, Vigan City.
- MMSU MPC gave rice and goodies to their coop staff and members who were adversely affected by the global pandemic.

Other cooperatives donated cash to their LGUs, provided snacks to frontliners, distributed rice to members and relief goods to senior citizens, tricycle drivers, construction workers, pregnant women, PWD, IPs, families with malnourished preschoolers, and differently-abled children of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur.



Fatima Vigan MPC, Vigan City



Women's Unity for Progress and Farmers MPC.
Distribution of Relief goods

Suyo MPC Branch donated Php 50,000.00 to LGU

San Juan Teachers and Employees MPC distributed rice to IP Community of San Juan, Ilocos Sur, April 28, 2020





SACDECO provided food packs to some differently abled children of Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur



FVMPC distributed rice to 165 households in Shelterville, San Julian, Vigan City

Hope of Lanao Consumers Cooperative, Bangui Ilocos Norte, distributed snacks to frontliners



Hope of Lanao Consumers Cooperative in Bangui, Ilocos Norte distributed 126 kgs of pork for members and non-members worth P25,200.00

La Union MPC, Agoo, La Union distributed goods to the frontliners in Brgy. Camp One, Rosario, La Union





FVMPA distributed rice packs to 103 members in Barangay Baclig, Cabugao, Ilocos Sur



Womens Unity for Progress & FMPC. Repacking of relief goods.

Tubao Multipurpose Cooperative, Francia Sur, Tubao, La Union, 2nd wave for distribution of 2nd batch of rice relief to 18 Brgys of Tubao w/ 1,364 recipients, with 2.5 kgs. of rice for senior citizens, tricycle drivers, construction workers, pregnant women, PWD and to families with malnourished preschoolers.



Suyo MPC, Vigan Branch Office, packing and distribution of relief goods to all members

FVMPC main branch distributed rice packages to regular members in Pantay Fatima, Daya and Laud

Metro Paypayad MPC Candon City distributed rice to members



Cabugao Teachers and Employees Credit Coop distributed snacks to frontliners



Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all cooperatives who shared their resources to help their members and the public during this pandemic!

