

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 3**

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

On the 5th week of the ECQ, cooperatives in Central Luzon remained active and palpable in giving support to their respective communities, providing support and assistance to members and non-members alike. A number of cooperatives continuously operated and served as “backliners” despite the community quarantine in order to supplement the government’s efforts in making sure that there will be enough supply of essential goods, thus, avoiding shortage of basic necessities. These cooperatives were mostly involved in the production of food products, trading, farming, groceries, health, water and electric services. Some cooperatives were also involved in the production of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) that were given to our frontliners in service.

The following contains the complete and detailed report of the documented voluntary, in-kind, and monetary aid provided by the cooperative sector across Region 3:



To meet the high demand of medical supplies/PPEs due to the ongoing pandemic, **Bagong Barrio Multipurpose Cooperative** in Pandi, Bulacan produced a customized washable, water resistant and lightweight overall suit and facemasks. To date, the cooperative has already donated 807 pcs. of overall suits (PPEs) and 1,500 pcs. of facemasks with additional on-going production of 280 overall suit/PPEs for its waiting list beneficiaries. The overall suits (PPEs) were donated to different hospital, clinics, RHUs, infirmaries, LGUs and senior citizens from the Provinces of Bulacan, Tarlac, Isabela; Cities of

Mandaluyong, Navotas and Manila. Facemasks were also donated to the barangay frontliners of Bagong Barrio and Barangay Cacarong including Manatal MPC, the Rotary Club of North Bay East and the cooperative’s members and employees as



well. The cooperative has also donated snacks and bottled water to barangay frontliners of Barangay Bagong Barrio.

Apart from this, the cooperative extended a Php 1,000.00 financial assistance to its 925 members (as of April 28) charged to its Community Development Fund and had already distributed the ISC/PR to augment the financial needs of its members. A 30-day loan moratorium was also given to members.



As part of BBMPC's community service, 5 cavans of rice were donated to Brgy. Bagong Barrio, Pandi, Bulacan. The cooperative also opted to serve its members despite the occurring crisis through its KMART with business hours from 7am-5pm every M-W-F including the continuous service of its ATM machine.



Manatal Multipurpose Cooperative at Pandi, Bulacan distributed 10 kgs. rice assistance to its 12,000 members, provided loan extension ,and continues its business operation to provide the needs of its members amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The cooperative also distributed 220 trays of salted egg and 44 cavans of rice for barangay frontliners covering 22 barangays of Pandi, Bulacan. Further, the cooperative also distributed food packs for 5,500 families covering 6 barangays in the town of Pandi (content of food packs were 4 kg. rice, 2 canned goods).



The money used for providing assistance was sourced from the cooperative's Community Development Fund amounting to Php 1,422,947.50 and Php 2,923,250.00 from its Member's Benefit. The ISC/PR of its members was also distributed before the start of the ECQ which covered an overall amount of Php 21,757,678.93 (Interest on Capital) and Php 9,324,669.86 (Patronage Refund).



The **Ligas Kooperatiba ng Bayan sa Pagpapaunlad (LKBP)** in Malolos City, Bulacan, through its COVID-19 Community Drive, extended assistance to its members, employees and to the community from its Community Development Fund amounting to Php 2,3040,000.00.



From this fund, 5,000 beneficiaries which includes the cooperative's members and employees from its



branches in Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan and Nueva Ecija received 10 kgs. of rice assistance. Also, 8 selected barangays from the Municipality of Malolos, Guiguinto and Plaridel,

Bulacan were provided rice vouchers of 5 cavans of rice given through their barangay officials for distribution to their respective constituents.

The cooperative also continued its operation and gave loan extension to its members. Distribution of Interest in Share Capital and Patronage Refund to members is being considered to date.



The **Catholic Servants of Christ Community Multipurpose Cooperative (CASECHCOM MPC)** in Baliuag, Bulacan allotted an amount of Php 30,000 for its banner program "Adopt-a-Family" wherein 22 families were given relief goods and 2 children with special needs received milk supplies. A total of Php 273,100.00 as financial assistance from their Community Development Fund were also extended to 1,211 members from Bulacan, Pampanga and NCR. Moratorium on loan payments without interests and charges was also provided and ISC/PR was distributed to their members. Its main office was opened to accept water payments (BAWASA) from its members.



The **Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office (PCEDO)** of Bataan initiated a program called "KOOP-BISIG LABAN SA COVID!" which aims to help Bataan frontliners and communities by providing them Personal Protective Equipments (PPEs) and other essential goods to make sure that they are safe and protected while doing their jobs and fighting against this pandemic. As of this time, two municipalities and one city in Bataan have adopted the program --- Municipality of Mariveles and Limay and Balanga City.

Mariveles Bataan thru its **Municipal Cooperative Development Council (MCDC)** and with the assistance of 19 cooperatives in the municipality initially donated the following:

- A total of 183 face shields were given to 6 institutions and LGUs with frontliners (40 pcs. for Mariveles Mental Wellness & Gen Hospital, 30 pcs. for MAHESECO, 25 pcs. for Brgy. Ipag, 25 pcs. for Brgy. Poblacion, and 25 pcs. for Brgy. San Carlos)
- 37 pieces of clinical apron from Mariveles Bagmakers MPC were given to MAHESECO frontliners
- 1 roll (50 yards) of plastic curtain and 15 pieces of PVC blue pipes were donated to Mariveles District Hospital.
- 500 pieces of facemasks from Grand Innovasia Concept Corporation (GICC) thru the help of PCEDO Bataan was donated to MAHESECO MPC.



The **Balanga City Cooperative Development Council (BCCDC)** headed by the Chairman of the Capitol Employees of Bataan (CEmBa) Multipurpose Cooperative, together with the coop's officers and members, extended help to cooperative members and their community by distributing the donations of various cooperatives in Balanga City. The distributed cooperative donations are the following:



- Coops for Christ Php 5,000.00 cash
- Bataan Tourism Php 5,000.00 cash
- Cupang West MPC 5 sacks of rice
- Sidhay, CEmBa MPC, and AMPC donated groceries and snacks and lunch of volunteers.

- Distribution of relief goods and food packs was done with the help of volunteers from BJODTS, Cupang West, Bataan Press Club and from AMPC.



- 118 total package was distributed in the barangays of Tuyoy, Tenejero, Bo. Campo, Cupang, Catanang, Dangol at Bo. Maluwang.

Limay Municipal Cooperative Development Council (MCDC) which also adopted the "KOOP-BISIG LABAN SA COVID!" program of PCEDO Bataan, distributed 150 food packs and 150 face masks to their frontliners as their initial activity. They also received donations of: 1) Php8,000 from Limay MPC; 2) Php5,000 from LAB Muco; and 3) Limay Merchant MPC – Php1,500.



ASCCOM Multipurpose Cooperative in Apalit, Pampanga initially distributed 5 kilos of rice, vitamin c and face masks with estimated amount of ₱ 400 per member to their 4,254 members with a total amount of ₱ 1,701,600.



They are planning to have a second wave of the relief operations to be given during the distribution of interest on share capital and patronage refund with a budget of ₱ 600 or ₱ 2,552,400.

Also, in participation to the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, ASCCOM allowed an extended term of payment covering the quarantine period with no added penalties and surcharges and will allow request for extension on a case to case basis.

Business operation and services are on skeletal basis and their office is open only on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 am



to 12:00 noon as the Barangay observed total locked down after 12:00 pm that started last April 27. Staff are only required to work once a week but salaries and honoraria are still paid in full. The 13th month pay was released to augment the financial needs of the staff.

For the non-members in the community, 20 bags of rice (25 kilos each) per Barangay will also be distributed to augment the "Ayudas" of the Barangays to its constituents. The estimated cost is ₱ 300,000.

ASCCOM also distributed 5 kilos of rice and masks to the ASCCOM Hospital Staff (total amount is ₱ 22,600.00). Aside from this the staff also made personal donations and provided meals to the frontliners in the hospitals and nearby places.

The **ACDI Multipurpose Cooperative**, one of the largest cooperatives in the country also conducted CSR in their branches in Central Luzon which included donations of the much needed protective gears and food packs to front liners, as well as grocery items to different communities. Through these activities, ACDI aims to alleviate some of the problems currently faced by the country and to provide support to both members and non-members of the Cooperative during these trying times. Here are some of the CSR activities conducted in Region 3:

- **ACDI-Air Force City Branch** donated alcohol, face masks and surgical gloves to AFC hospital to protect their health workers and personnel as they served as front liners.
- **ACDI-Tarlac Branch** donated packed lunch to the frontliners serving in Brgy. San Miguel, Tarlac City.



The donation benefitted a total of 100 frontliners most especially those assigned at checkpoint areas.

- **ACDI-San Antonio Branch** donated 200 pcs. of packed lunch to Naval Education, Training and Doctrine Command (NETDC) and to San Antonio, Zambales.



The donations were distributed to the students and duty personnel of NETDC and to the health workers and volunteers of San Antonio, Zambales.

- **ACDI-BAB Branch** handed over 200 food packs, bottled water, and face masks to the Municipality of Floridablanca, Pampanga for the benefit of their frontliners. ACDI-



BAB Branch head handed over their donations to the Hon. Michael Galang, Vice Mayor of Floridablanca, Pampanga.

Top Link General Labor Service Cooperative (TLGLSC) in Cabanatuan City,

Nueva Ecija distributed Php 300,000.00 worth of relief goods to members



Grano de Oro Farmers Agriculture Cooperative of Nueva Ecija (GRANO) distributed lunch boxes to the frontliners manning the checkpoints in Barangay Villa Joson, Barangay Tayabo and Barangay Sto. Nino 2nd in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija.





Lawin Farmers Credit Cooperative of Moncada, Tarlac distributed relief goods to its members.

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



Balite Primary Multipurpose Cooperative, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija distributed food packs to frontliners to nearby barangays.



Mag-Asawang Sapa Multipurpose Cooperative of Santa Maria, Bulacan distributed relief goods to its members.



Women's Unity Multipurpose Cooperative in Candaba, Pampanga conducted a relief operation to 32 members and 20 non-members as beneficiaries.

Metro Orion Progressive Entrepreneur Multipurpose Cooperative (MOPE) Orion, Bataan provided financial assistance to members and distributed grocery packs to frontliners and non-members.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS (PWD AND SENIOR CITIZENS)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS



GROCERY PACKS TO FRONTLINERS AND NON MEMBERS



Hardinero Agriculture Cooperative of Sta. Ignacia, Tarlac distributed relief goods to members, non-members, and frontliners. They also helped other cooperatives by selling their cooperative products (rice, fresh mangoes, eggs and vegetables) at a lower price.



Cabanatuan City Seed Growers (CABSEEDS) Multipurpose Cooperative in Nueva Ecija distributed relief goods to its members.



Minalin Poultry and Livestock Multi-purpose Cooperative in Pampanga donated 130 cavans of 50 kls rice to 16 Barangays of Minalin amounting to Php 248,000.00 and 5 cases of eggs to the Municipality of Minalin. Likewise, 116 cavans of 25 kls rice were distributed to coop employees and workers.



Mariveles Public Market Development Cooperative, in their relief operation, gave food packs.

Glory to God Multipurpose Cooperative in Baler, Aurora, distributed cash assistance to 111 beneficiaries/non-members amounting to Php 274,250.00 and ISC/PR to 480 cooperative members amounting to Php 458,322.00 with a total amount of Php 732,572.00 in response to "Bayanihan to Heal as One" to fight against Covid-19.



St. Francis Development Cooperative of Baler, Aurora distributed 25 Kilos of well milled rice to 420 cooperative members



Olongapo Multipurpose Cooperative in Zambales distributed rice packs to their members.



Motrico Farmers Agrarian Reform Cooperative of La Paz, Tarlac distributed rice packs to 26 members and 24 non-members. The money used, which amounted to Php50,000.00, was sourced from its Optional Fund.



- **Cooperative Bank of Aurora**, extended assistance to 32 frontliners incurring an amounting to Php 4,000.00.
- **Centralian Teachers MPC** in Orani, Bataan, extended financial assistance amounting to ₱1 000.00 to 85 members (Php 85,000.00 sourced from its Optional Fund), ₱1 000.00 each for 4 non-member canteen helpers and book keeper (Php 4,000.00 sourced from its Optional Fund) and a total of ₱10,000.00 to identified indigent families in the Municipality of Orion (sourced from its CDF). They also implemented no interest on loans for the month of April.
- **Tapulao Multipurpose Cooperative** in Orani, Bataan, donated 5,000 pesos to the barangay frontliners from its CDF. It gave 300 pesos financial assistance to 74 members (Php 22,200.00 sourced from its Optional Fund); And, distributed 50% of ISCPR to all 96 members (Php 38, 700.00 from ISC/PR)
- **Camiling Grains MPC** in Tarlac Province distributed 100 food packs (rice and whole chicken) to 50 members and 50 non-members amounting to Php 30,000.00 from social services expense.
- **TSU Employees MPC** in Tarlac distributed 25 kilos of rice to 550 members amounting to Php 536,250.00 from its Optional Fund. The cooperative also donated PPEs to the frontliners in Tarlac amounting to Php 100,000.00 from CDF.
- **San Pablo Multipurpose Cooperative** in Malolos, Bulacan distributed Php 500,000 worth of rice assistance to 2,000 members.
- **Sta. Maria Pandi Angat Transport Service Cooperative**, in Bulacan distributed Php109,400 worth of food packs to 165 members.
- **St. Martin of Tours Credit and Development Cooperative** in Bocaue, Bulacan, extended help through rice donations, this time, to the neighboring communities of its branches in Baliuag and San Miguel Bulacan, Guimba and Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija and Orani, Bataan. The cooperative allotted Php10.5million cash assistance to 35,000 eligible members that will be deposited to their designated accounts charged from its CDF. The cooperative likewise distributed ISCPR to its members.
- **Sto. Rosario Credit & Development Cooperative** in Malolos City, Bulacan distributed Php500 worth of food packs to 8,815 members charged to CDF with accumulated amount of Php 4,407,500.00.
- **Immaculate Heart of Mary Multi-Purpose Cooperative** in Guiguinto, Bulacan distributed cash assistance worth Php3,500 to 580 members and employees charged to its Optional Fund amounting to Php2,030,000.00.

- **Bulihan Rural Waterworks Service Cooperative** in Malolos City, Bulacan distributed Php100,000 worth of rice assistance to 650 members charged to its CDF.
- **Kapit Bisig sa Pagunlad MPC** in Pandi, Bulacan donated 3 crates of pork meat, 3 crates of chicken meat and 5 sacks of rice to Pandi LGU. The cooperative kept its consumer store open from 9am to 12nn.
- **Katipunan ng Samahang Magsisibuyas ng Nueva Ecija (KASAMNE)** provided cash assistance to 19 Primary Member Coops amounting to Php 152,000.00 (Php 8,000 per Primary Coop Member). The cooperative distributed food packs for frontliners amounting to 14,000.00.
- **Kilusang Bayan sa Pagpapaunlad ng Talavera (KBPT)** in Nueva Ecija, donated cash to Barangay San Ricardo and Talavera amounting to Php 5,000.00 from its CDF.
- **City of Gapan Footwear Multipurpose Cooperative** in Nueva Ecija, gave cash assistance to its 24 members.
- **Gapan Secondary Teachers Staff & Emp. MPC**, distributed groceries to 225 members amounting to Php 55,000.00 which was sourced from its CDF. The cooperative gave a 30-days grace period on loan collection.
- **Farmers and Community Multipurpose Cooperative** in Sta. Rita, Pampanga gave 1 tray of eggs to each of their 38 members amounting to Php6,650.00 charged from its CDF.
- **Sanyo Semi-Conductor Employees MPC** in Tarlac City, distributed cash assistance to 1,089 members from its Optional Fund amounting to Php1,089,000.00; Wage subsidy to 3 member employees amounting to Php 79,934.90 from its Optional Fund.
- **Capas Seed Growers MPC** in Tarlac, conducted seeds distribution to 100 members amounting to Php 140,000.00 from its Optional Fund. The cooperative also gave food packs to 50 frontliners (PNP, Medical providers, others) amounting to Php 10,000.00 from optional fund.
- **Bayanihan sa Puhunan Credit Cooperative** in Capas, Tarlac extended emergency loan to members in the amount of Php 20,000-Php 30,000 from its working capital.
- **Zambales National High School Multipurpose Cooperative**, extended in-kind assistance to the different barangay frontliners of Iba, Zambales benefiting more than 200 individuals amounting to Php 10,000.00 from its CDF. Its 4 employees were also given a Php 1,000.00 financial assistance.