

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE
THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:
REPORTS FROM **REGION 11**
#CoopAgainstCOVID19**

DAVAO REGION COOPERATIVES HELP COMBAT COVID-19

Davao City

**Lapuy-Batallion Employees Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative
(LBEARBCO)**

PAY IT FORWARD by GIVING ITS HEART

Now it's their time to pay it forward amidst the pandemic.

The Lapuy-Batallion Employees Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (LBEARBCO), a booming cardaba-based cooperative in Sitio Lapuy, Mandug, Davao City donated part of their current harvest to COVID-19 frontliners in Davao City.



LBEARCO workers prepare cardaba banana hearts for donation



The committed and hard working LBEARBCO officials with MAO Godofredo Rangas and Audie Sanchez of DA-HVCDP

At least 2,000 kilograms of cardaba banana worth Php 25,000.00 were turned over to the officials of Barangay Pampanga, Davao City for distribution to its frontliners. The co-op also donated 400 pieces of banana heart (puso), which can be used as fresh salad or ingredients to various cooking recipes. Banana blossom, which is part of the banana heart, is known to help cure infections as well as to relieve anxiety and depression making it a healthy food for the frontliners. LBEARBCO also donated 15 sacks of rice and canned goods to frontliners in Barangay Mandug, where the co-op's cardaba banana plantation is located. DA-XI through its High Value Crops Development Program has provided various interventions such as the provision of a hauling truck, farm tractor, water pump, and plastic crates from 2017-2019 to LBEARBCO.

Unity and hard work enabled the coop to have a gross income of Php10M in 2019 without obtaining loans from any banks or financing institutions. In this time of health crisis, it is heartening to note that farmer-members of this coop are now donors helping

their community combat coronavirus by ensuring that front-liners are nourished. | via RAFIS XI. (Source: Article and photos taken from Agri Info Davao Facebook post dated April 18, 2020)



FOCCUS GROUP OF COOPERATIVES OFFERS TEMPORARY SHELTER TO COVID-19 FRONTLINE RESPONDERS



DAVAO CITY – The FOCCUS Group of Cooperatives through the Model Cooperative Network (MCN) are working together in a cooperative social responsibility project that provides temporary shelter to the frontline responders in support to the battle against COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning April 7, 2020, ten (10) fully-furnished and airconditioned rooms of the building owned by Ateneo de Davao Employees Credit Cooperative (AdDECC) at Emilio Jacinto Street, Poblacion District, in front of Ateneo de Davao University was made available to accommodate the frontliners of Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) for free in a period of one (1) month or until after the threat is neutralized. Each room can accommodate 2-3 individuals.

Fr. Joel Tabora, SJ, the president of Ateneo de Davao University is in full support of this initiative by AdDECC and the FOCCUS Coops. AdDU scholars who are residents of the building have been temporarily

accommodated by the University inside their Jacinto campus so that more rooms can be made available for accommodation of SPMC personnel.

The FOCCUS Cooperatives based and operating in Davao City will shoulder the cost of this community social responsibility project by utilizing funds from their respective Community Development Fund (CDF). Under PH laws, each cooperative is required to retain at least 3% of its annual surplus to the CDF, which can be used for endeavors that help and promote community development. In times of social and economic disruptions, such as this COVID crisis, CDF accumulation has been proven to be a useful cooperative resource management scheme in order to immediately respond to public needs. FOCCUS coops operating in Davao City include Agdao Multipurpose Cooperative (AMPC), BCS Credit Cooperative (BCS CC), First Community Cooperative (FICCO), INCOME Davao, Nabunturan Integrated Cooperative (NICO), Panabo Multipurpose Cooperative (PMPC), Samal Island Multipurpose Cooperative (SIMC), Silangan Multipurpose Cooperative (SMPC), Tagum Cooperative (TC) and USPD Savings and Credit Cooperative (USPD SCC), among others. This initiative hopes to raise at least P500,000.00 to cover the cost of building operations for at least 2 months.

AdDECC, the owner of the building, is at the forefront of the project. With them is UKC Multipurpose Cooperative/INCOME Davao, the cooperative of Davao Light employees, that manages the operation of the temporary shelter. In addition, all the members of the FOCCUS network are encouraged to give donations in cash or in kind to the main hospitals in their respective provinces that cater to COVID-19 patients.

Manuel Guianga and Sirib Growers and Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGSIGE MPC)

MAGSIGE MPC TAKES A STAND AGAINST COVID-19

As the nation continuously responds against the large scale effects of the pandemic, we see many organizations that are facing significant challenges. But what really captivates the hearts of many is the way organizations helped those who are most in need. This shows the Filipino's true Bayanihan spirit.

Manuel Guianga and Sirib Growers and Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGSIGE MPC) initiated the following activities in their fight against the current pandemic:



PPEs and facemasks are being sewn in their workplace for distribution to frontliners



MAGSIGE MPC staff purchased food packs and PPEs to deliver to frontliners

- Production and provision of facemasks to different stakeholders. More than ten thousand facemasks were already distributed.
- Partnering with the private sector and different individuals on the production and provision of quality protective suits to our dear COVID-19 front-liners in Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) thru MAGSIGE MPC's Garments Manufacturing, a livelihood project in partnership with DOLE XI. A total of Five hundred fifty-five (550) sets of protective suits were distributed as of this writing.
- Provision of protective suits and food packs to checkpoints and LGUs.
- Partnered with a religious FM Station, DXGN 89.9 in seeking divine intervention during this very challenging time.
- Free delivery of basic goods to members affected by the enhanced community quarantine.

MAGSIGE MPC as a social enterprise remains committed to our bond – to continuously work hand in hand with various sectors in the society and take a stand against COVID-19.

Toril Community Cooperative (TCC)

Toril Community Cooperative Responds to COVID 19 Crisis

Toril Community Cooperative (TCC) is a multipurpose cooperative with products and services in savings and credit, funeral homes, condo-hostel, KAYA Payment Platform, automated teller machines and Coop Assurance.

As part of the safety and precautionary measures against the spread of COVID-19, TCC has implemented a skeletal workforce scheme and reduced the number of operational hours from an 8-hour work day down to four (4). This was applied to the main office and branches from Monday to Friday. However, the satellite offices in Padada and Puan were closed until further notice. Members of the affected areas were advised to transact with their nearest TCC branch. The TCC Condohostel was also temporarily closed. Meanwhile, the TCC Funeral Homes remains open and operational however, the chapel was closed to reduce the risk of covid-19. PPEs were given to the frontliners.

TCC installed a mobile sink outside the office premises from where members can wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, foot bath was also laid, and tents were put outside with chairs having considerable distance in observance to social distancing.

In adherence to the "*Bayanihan we heal as one Act*", TCC implemented a loan moratorium effective until the health crisis is lifted. Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund amounting to Php 12,889,748.00 was released. Cash Assistance to 17,816 members at Php 300.00 each with a total amount of Php 5,344,800.00 to be taken from the Community Development Fund and Optional Fund and was scheduled for release within this week.



Donation of PPEs to hospitals in Toril area



Tent provided for frontliners in Toril Checkpoints

Aside from the aforementioned practices, TCC has joined in the frontliners' fight against covid19 by donating PPEs to the hospitals in Toril Area amounting to Php67,000.00. The coop also responded to the call of MAGSIGE Coop to donate PPE to Southern Philippines Medical Center amounting to Php10,000.00, and provided Tents to frontliners assigned in the checkpoints in the Toril Area.

Lastly, the Toril Community Cooperative ensured that its employees are also given due assistance by providing them with face masks, alcohol, sanitizers and vitamins. Half of the 13th month pay of their 88 employees (amounting to Php 633,871.69) was released. Hazard pay was given to frontliner employees – total amount was Php156,000.00), and cash assistance of

Php2,500.00 was given to employees with exhausted leave credits.

DAVAO DEL NORTE

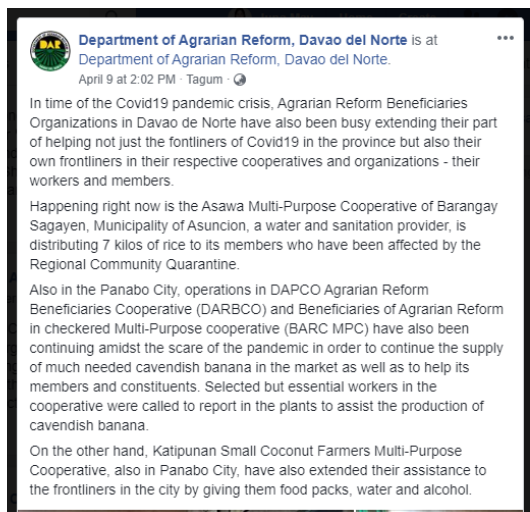
Asawa Multipurpose Cooperative

DAPCO Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (DARBCO)

Beneficiaries of Agrarian Reform in checkered Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BARC MPC)

Katipunan Small Coconut Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative

The Department of Agrarian Reform of Davao del Norte recognized the efforts of the following cooperatives in Davao del Norte thru their social media postdated April 9, 2020. DAR of Davao Del Norte wrote the following:



"In time of the Covid19 pandemic crisis, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organizations in Davao de Norte have also been busy extending their part of helping not just the frontliners of Covid19 in the province but also their own frontliners in their respective cooperatives and organizations - their workers and members."



"Asawa Multi-purpose Cooperative of Barangay Sagayen, Municipality of Asuncion, a water and sanitation provider, distributing 7 kilos of rice to its members who have been affected by the Regional Community Quarantine."

*"Also in the Panabo City, operations in **DAPCO Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (DARBCO)** and **Beneficiaries of Agrarian Reform in checkered Multi-Purpose cooperative (BARC MPC)** have also been continuing amidst the scare of the pandemic in order to continue the supply of much needed cavendish banana in the market as well as to help its members and constituents. Selected but essential workers in the cooperative were called to report in the plants to assist the production of cavendish banana."*



DAPCO Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative (DARBCO)



Beneficiaries of Agrarian Reform in checkered Multi-Purpose cooperative (BARC MPC)

*"On the other hand, **Katipunan Small Coconut Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative**, also in Panabo City, have also extended their assistance to the frontliners in the city by giving them food packs, water and alcohol."*

Tagum Cooperative

"Tagum Cooperative ang Kadangpang ko". These words were put into action as the spirit of cooperativism kindled amidst the corona virus outbreak. In this time of crisis, the cooperative took part in sharing the following to their members and community:

- Rice Subsidy to 100,346 TC Members – Php 25,086,500.00
- Vitamin C for TC Employees – Php 120,125.65.00
- Cash Assistance to TC Guards and Cleaners – Php 141,500.00
- Washable Face Masks, Surgical Gloves and Biscuits for Frontliners – Php 184,870.00.00

TAGUM COOP PROVIDES RICE SUBSIDY, GRACE-PERIOD FOR MEMBERS' LOANS

"Tagum Coop ang Kadangpan Ko" - words put into flesh as the spirit of cooperativism kindles amidst the corona virus outbreak.

TC Board of Directors and the Management promptly approved the release of Twenty Five Million Pesos rice subsidy for more than a hundred thousand members coming from the different cities and municipalities in Mindanao. Each member receives P250 duly deposited to individual regular savings or ATM accounts.

"Through our humble gift, this could help the families buy and stock up to five kilos of rice so that they will have something to eat, given that our movements are limited during the Community Quarantine" says TC CEO Juris D. Perez.

In addition, a 30-day grace period for loan payments is granted in line with Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan Act. This shall be effected to loan account due dates within April 1-30, 2020. However, members may still opt to pay for their loan amortizations through TC Branches or through partner Collection Centers.

Moreover, with the release of the Patronage Refund and Interest on Share Capital (PRISC) last April 1, 2020, Tagum Cooperative also suspends the deduction on share capital and savings retention so the members may use the additional money to provide for their immediate needs such as food and medicine.

"This in line with the 7th Cooperative Principle "Concern for the Community", we cannot abandon our members in hard times like this, we are here because of them and TC is after all, where they invest their trust", TC Chairperson Rosalina S. Argent states.

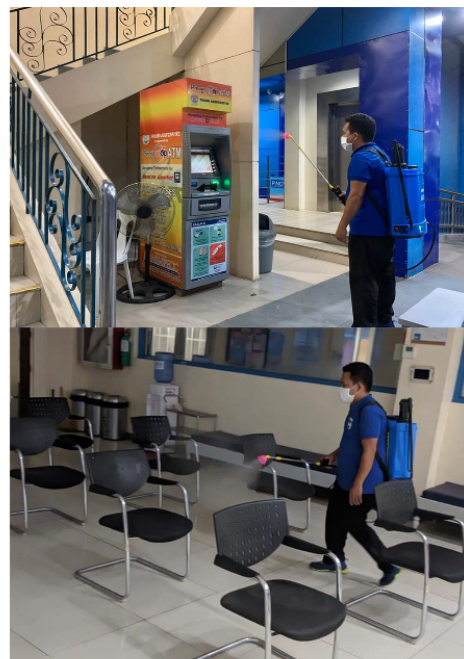
P25 MILLION
SUBSIDY



All TC Branches continue to operate from 9:00am to 12:00nn Mondays to Fridays. Members are required to wear face masks, maintain at least one-meter physical distance and wash their hands upon entering and leaving TC premises. Disinfection of TC Offices are also being conducted regularly on places that are being accessed by members and employees.



TC frontliners across all TC Branches continuously serve the transacting members during the release of Patronage Refund and Interest on Share Capital (PRISC) last April 1, 2020



To prevent the Covid-19 virus from spreading, Tagum Cooperative conducts regular disinfection of places that are commonly being accessed by members and employees such as ATMs and waiting areas.



the Coop Watch

Panabo Multipurpose Cooperative, Clean Up Solutions Enterprises, Inc., and Former City Councilor, Mr. Jovito M. Glodo joined hand-in-hand in providing aid to the LGU of Panabo City in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis.



Source: Panabo Multipurpose Cooperative Facebook Page, posted on March 30, 2020

PMPC, headed by its Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Reynaldo T. Gulane, donated a total of 525 liters of liquid hand soap to the LGU.

The said donation was personally received by the Panabo City Mayor, Hon. Jose E. Relampagos, at the Sabon Depot-Panabo.

The total donated products are 1,050 liters of liquid hand soap and 1,050 liters of liquid bleach.

Last April 17, 2020 Barangay Southern Davao 1949 posted on their Facebook Page their appreciation to PMPC for its 80 packs of rice donation in Brgy. Southern Davao.

"Daghang salamat PANABO MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (PMPC) sa inyong 80 packs of rice nga gihatag diri sa Brgy. Southern Davao, dako kining tabang sa atong mga maabtikon ug kugihan nga mga frontliners. Ang Ginoo na ang mubalos sa inyong kamaayo ug tagaan pamong daghang grasya sa atong Labawng Makagagahom. Daghang Salamat."



NIA-SAUG Employees and Irrigators Multi Purpose Cooperative (NIA-SEIMCO)

Last April 18 NIA-SAUG Employees and Irrigators Multi Purpose Cooperative (NIA-SEIMCO) distributed relief goods to their members.



NIA-SEIMCO distributed relief goods to its members

Diamond Individual Farmers Cooperative (DIFCO)

Diamond Individual Farmers Cooperative (DIFCO) of Carmen, Davao del Norte, distributed cash and relief goods worth Php 200,000.00 on April 22, 2020 while in observation of social distancing.



DIFCO distributing cash and relief goods while maintaining social distancing

Kapalong Government Officials and Employees Cooperative (KAGOEKO)

Kapalong Government Officials and Employees Cooperative (KAGOEKO) of Kapalong, Davao del Norte donated disinfectants to Kapalong IATF frontliners and those who were manning the checkpoints.



DAVAO DE ORO

DFC Pawarb Multipurpose Cooperative (PAWARB COOP), Maragusan Growers Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGROW MPC), Callawan Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (CALFAMCO)

On April 20, 2020, the Department of Agrarian Reform Davao de Oro posted on their Facebook Page the following to express their gratitude to the cooperatives:

"Imbued by the spirit of bayanihan, DFC PAWARB MPC of Compostela, MAGROW MPC of Maragusan, and CALFAMCO of New Bataan, take part in donating PPEs to the frontliners and medical workers of their respective municipalities."



Maragusan Growers Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGROW MPC)



DFC Pawarb Multipurpose Cooperative (PAWARB COOP) donated goods

"Callawan Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (CALFAMCO) in Cabinuangan, New Bataan, Davao de Oro provides 3 kilos of rice to their members."



Callawan Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (CALFAMCO)

(Photos and information credit to Department of Agrarian Reform Davao de Oro Facebook Page)

Pag-asa Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PAFAMUPCO)

Pag-asa Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PAFAMUPCO), headed by its Chairperson Dir. Wilfredo Villuencino Baco and Manager Mrs. Jocelyn Geverola Etang, personally handed financial assistance worth Php30,000.00 to COVID19 Brgy. Task Force and frontliners of Brgy. Katipunan, New Bataan, Davao de Oro. This was given thru its Brgy. Captain Hon. Luzviminda Racho and councilor Hon. Francisco "Titing" E. Etang Jr. According to the coop, " (This is) our simple way of saying thank you to our FRONTLINERS."



PAFAMUPCO handing financial assistance to Brgy. Task Force and frontliners through Brgy. Captain Hon. Luzviminda Racho and Councilor Hon. Francisco "Titing" E. Etang Jr.

Further, on the same day, thru Manager Mrs. Jocelyn G. Etang and the management staff, the coop donated 4 pieces of headlamp/flashlight and 1 unit of AM/FM radio to the Baclog Post COVID-19 Brgy. Task Force in Brgy. Katipunan, New Bataan, Davao de Oro. The following items were received by BAPO Mr. Delson Junio and Mr. Pedro Gian.



PAFAMUPCO donated headlamps/flashlights and radio to Baclog Post COVID-19 Brgy. Task Force

DAVAO ORIENTAL

Municipal Employees of Mati Cooperative (MEMCO)

Municipal Employees of Mati Cooperative (MEMCO) distributed food packs for the City LGU frontliners on April 16, 2020 at Upper Bliss, Barangay Sainz, City of Mati.



Limbahan Small Coconut Farmers and Women Multipurpose Cooperative (LIMSCOFARMCO)

Limbahan Small Coconut Farmers and Women Multipurpose Cooperative (LIMSCOFARMCO) gave foodpacks to volunteers and frontliners. They also distributed relief goods.

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