

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 2**

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COOPERATIVES IN ACTION

The presence of cooperatives may not be felt by many but during times like these, they prove that they are not only contributors to the economy; they are also institutions that value the well-being of their members. A cooperative is an institution with a heart to serve and a helping hand to extend to the community. A cooperative's willingness to help is not defined by its asset size but by its heart that beats for its members as well as for the community. In this difficult time, what matters is the intention to help, no matter how big or small, especially those who are most affected by the pandemic.

Below are community activities of the cooperatives in order to fight COVID 19:

SADIRI IA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE in Luna, Isabela provided relief goods to its members and snacks to the front liners in the municipality.



ST. VINCENT PARISH MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, Dupax del Sur, Nueva Vizcaya.

The Local Government Unit of Dupax del Sur, headed by Hon. Mayor Ruben S. Basconcillo Jr., received the donation of 40 sacks (@ 25 kgs/sack) of rice from the St. Vincent Parish Multi-Purpose Cooperative.



The **SVPMPC** also provided financial assistance amounting to P 500.00 and 10 kgs of rice to informal laborers of PHF Grains Center. Captured were some of the laborers claiming their reliefs from the office.



The **SVPMPC** employees initiated the packing of rice reliefs and distributed to the 5,278 members of the cooperative (membership as of March 31, 2020). The reliefs were delivered house-to-house to some barangays. Other members were informed to get their reliefs from their barangay halls.



The **SVPMPC** identified 200 recipients of relief packs—these are the Sick, Aged and Disabled members of the community. Part of the amount used in purchasing these goods was donated by a former employee of the cooperative and partly charged from the social services fund of the co-op.



MASISIT FISHERY BASED MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE, SANCHEZ MIRA, CAGAYAN distributed relief goods to its members.



MASISIT - DACAL LIVELIHOOD COOPERATIVE (MASCOOP), SANCHEZ MIRA, CAGAYAN donated cash to LGU frontliners.



The members of the Board of Directors of **ENRILE FARMERS CREDIT COOPERATIVE** of Enrile, Cagayan, pooled together their own funds to distribute relief packs worth P10,000.00 to their disadvantaged members.

AGANI FARMERS COOPERATIVE donated P3,000.00 to its barangay local government.

ALCALA TOBACCO PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE distributed relief goods to its members in the amount of P100,000.00.



QUIRINO FARMERS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE in San Ramos, Nagtipunan, Quirino, gave packs of snacks and meals to barangay officials, front liners, including patients in the hospital, and relief goods to members within its area of coverage/operation.

The **SAMPAGUITA FARMERS MARKETING COOPERATIVE** situated in Solana, Cagayan, demonstrated the spirit of Bayanihan by distributing food packs to more than 100 members of the cooperative. The Bayanihan spirit is exemplified by how Filipinos help one another most especially in difficult times.



SAINT JOSEPH SAVINGS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE

in Sitio Pagui, Pedlisan, Maddela, Quirino, distributed 100 face masks and relief goods to its 271 members.



TAM-AN BANAUE MULTIPURPOSE

COOPERATIVE, the 1st Billionaire Coop in Region 2, has shown that the safety of its employees, members and community is a priority.



TBMPC distributed 1 bag of rice and vegetable pack to each of its more than 700 employees, including the officers. Officers and Branch Managers manned the distribution. This coop program benefited about 12,580 members and non-members, including staff and officers, with cost amounting to at least P1,740, 772.00.

TBMPC also provided Personal Protective Equipment to the front liners in the different branches and agri-supply outlets, like face shield, face masks, vitamins, alcohol, thermal scanners, in order to protect them as they serve the members thru a skeleton workforce even in this time of crisis. This has benefited 452 staff, with cost amounting to at least P29,373.00.

Also, the cooperative also sees to it that all its coop buildings, branches, agri-supply outlets, including the resort and school premises, are disinfected from time to time for members' protection. This has benefited 2,062 members with cost amounting to at least P15,000.00.



TAM-AN BANAUE MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE

has always been sensitive to the needs of people seeking for aid, members or non-members alike. During this lockdown, the Emergency Response Unit (ERU), a component of the coop's Cooperative Social Responsibility, has continued its services of responding to conductions, vehicular accidents, medical emergencies and emergency rescue operations. It also extended its services by providing ambulance and transportation to members, especially to those who are stranded in one place and could not go home when the Enhanced Community Quarantine was strictly implemented. This service has benefited 475 members and non-members, with cost amounting to at least P1,200,000.00.



The cooperative provided free meals and snacks to our border frontliners and bank frontliners in all branches and agri-supply outlets. This program has benefited at least 656 staff and checkpoint personnel, with cost amounting to at least P205,750.00.



Tam-An Banaue Multi-Purpose Cooperative is not just a big family to the more than 700 employees, including officers and at least 200,00 members, regular and associate alike, but also a home for them. In this period of crisis where Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) has been strictly implemented and many front liners, especially those hospital medical workers, experienced discrimination and were prohibited to go home, TBMPC Banaue Mt. Resort serves as a refuge for them, a happy place to dwell, and a place where they feel they are loved. This program has benefited at least 62 front liners, with cost amounting to about P601,500.00.

