

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

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

With the extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in six provinces of Region III, cooperatives continue to provide assistance and donations. Cooperatives involved in the supply of essential, banking and health services also remain open to provide adequate services to their communities.

San Jose del Monte Savings and Credit Cooperative (SJDMSCC)

In response to CDA's call for cooperatives to extend assistance to their members and communities during this difficult time, SJDMSCC in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan utilized its Community Development Fund to provide cash assistance amounting to Php200 each to its members. The cooperative also donated various kinds of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to the Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose del Monte and gave moratorium on penalties of loans for the period of ECQ. SJDMSCC implemented a skeletal working scheme for its employees, operating only from 9am-12nn daily.



SJDMSCC donates face masks, acetate face shields, and protective clothing to Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose del Monte frontliners



Bulacan Convention Baptist Fellowship Credit Cooperative (BCBFCC) in Meycauayan, Bulacan, donated a total amount of Php140,000 dedicated to fund its relief efforts brought about by COVID-19. P90,000 worth of relief goods were given to its community during the 1st wave of distribution, followed by P50,000 worth of relief goods given during the 2nd wave of distribution.



Repacking and distribution of rice and other relief goods to communities in Bulacan by BCBFCC

San Pedro de Alcantara Kilusang Bayan sa Pananalapi at Industriya Multipurpose Cooperative (SPAKBI MPC) in Bocaue, Bulacan, distributed Php500 cash assistance to its 920 coop members, amounting to a total of Php460,000 CDF and GRF. Despite the temporary suspension of one of their satellite offices (Turo Satellite Office) as a precautionary measure to combat the spread of COVID-19, SPAKBI MPC assured its members, depositors, Bayad Center and Western Union customers that their cooperative, remittance, and bills payment services will not be hampered by the ongoing pandemic. Clients can still avail of their services at their main branch in Taal and satellite office in Lolomboy, Bocaue, Bulacan, operating from 8:30am-3:30pm during Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Cash assistance amounting to P500 was also given to all the members of the said cooperative.



SPAKBI MPC members receive Php500 cash assistance from the cooperative

Angat Development and Credit Cooperative in Angat, Bulacan, distributed 25 kgs. or 44 sacks of rice to 22 barangays in Angat and nearby municipalities. P300 worth of financial assistance was given to 5,000 members. P1,000 to P1,500 were also given to 194



members aged 70 years old and above, and P2,000 subsistence allowance and 25 kgs. of rice were given to 28 staff. Distribution of face masks was also done by the said coop. Angat Development and Credit Cooperative operates daily, from 7:30am to

3pm.

Calumpit Responsible Entrepreneurs Savings and Credit Cooperative in Calumpit, Bulacan, distributed 5 kgs. of rice, ½ kg. longganisang Calumpit, 2 soaps and 2 facemasks to 60 non-members (frontliners). Its office is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 am to 12 nn.



Sta. Monica of Bustos Multipurpose Cooperative in Bustos, Bulacan, initiated the distribution of relief goods and cash assistance to its 1,600 members and 700 non-members. The cooperative's office is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 3 pm.



Paschal Multipurpose Cooperative in Pandi, Bulacan, donated rice and grocery packages to its 1,947 members and 51 non-members (frontliners). 723 food packs are yet to be distributed to target barangays of Pandi, containing P300 worth of rice and grocery items. Cash subsidy was also given to employees and interest on share capital and patronage refund were distributed to members.



Bukal Farmers Producers Cooperative in San Idefonso, Bulacan, also provided relief goods to its 59 members and handed out food packs to 50 frontliners in their area.



San Ricardo Faculty and Staff Multipurpose Cooperative in Talavera, Nueva Ecija, donated 68 sacks of 5 kilos rice to Local Government Unit of Talavera as their commitment to the community.



Talavera Handicrafts and Processed Products Producers Cooperative in Nueva Ecija distributed food packs to front liners in the area.





City of Gapan Footwear Multipurpose Cooperative in Nueva Ecija handed out cash assistance to members in the amount of P2,000.00.

Guimba Seed Growers Multipurpose Cooperative in Nueva Ecija distributed relief goods to members amounting to P20,000.00.



Calibutbut Multipurpose Cooperative in Bacolor, Pampanga, donated 350 bags of rice (50 kilos/sack) to their barangay and another 50 bags to their chosen cooperative members, amounting to P629,000.00, from the Optional and Community Development Funds.

San Fernando Pampanga Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (CSFPEMPC) provided cash assistance to Kapampangan Transport Service Cooperative and San Fernando Transport Service Cooperative amounting to P35,000.00, from its Community Development Fund.



Kapampangan TSC

Baquero Sur Farmers Agriculture Cooperative in Moncada, Tarlac, distributed the 3rd wave of food packs to frontliners of 10 barangays in Moncada from the donations of the coop members, amounting to Php15,000.00. They also handed out inbred rice seeds to farmer-members under RCEF program of DA-MAO.



Laungcupang Farmers Field School Producers Cooperative in Lapaz, Tarlac, distributed Bayanihan/relief goods to 214 coop members containing rice, eggs and salted eggs worth PhP 22,610.00. They also gave facemasks to 16 frontliners.



Below is a list of cooperatives who also extended assistance to their members, community and frontliners:

- **Agrarian Development Cooperative of Aurora** distributed relief goods to 150 members and 50 non-members, worth Php40,000.00, from the Community Development Fund.
- **Aurora Multipurpose Cooperative (AMC)** in Baler, Aurora, provided LGU Baler a cash donation of Php10,000.00 from the Community Development Fund.
- **Maria Aurora Development Cooperative (MADECO)** in Maria Aurora, Aurora, distributed relief goods to its community worth Php84,480.00 during the 2nd wave of distribution, followed by Php77,720.00 worth of relief goods during the 3rd wave and lastly, Php11,040.00 worth of relief goods for the 4th wave of distribution.
- **National Food Authority Aurora Multipurpose Cooperative** in Aurora handed out relief goods (1st wave) to 128 members and 12 non-members worth Php56,000.00, charged to the Community Development Fund and Optional Fund.

- **Limay Agri Business MPC** in Bataan, distributed 5 kilos of rice each to 200 members, worth Php50,000.00, from the Community Development Fund (CDF).
- **Limay MPC** in Bataan, distributed relief goods to 800 members worth Php328,000.00 from CDF. Also, offered rice loans to members without interest.
- **Alagad Multi-Purpose Cooperative** in Orion, Bataan, distributed a total of 3 cavans of rice to 100 non-members, donated Php15,000.00 cash to Life-Giver Church of Orion with 200 non-members beneficiaries and provided financial assistance to 6 coop employees amounting to Php47,962.00.
- **Stronglinks Service Cooperative** in Malolos, Bulacan, offered emergency cash loan assistance without interest and gave out vitamin C supplements and canned goods to its members. 180 frontliners (traffic enforcers, ecoboys and Brgy volunteers) and senior citizens were also provided with vitamin C. Washable facemasks were given to members and employees. The office of the cooperative is open once a week for timekeeping and payroll.
- **Palayan Sa Nayon Multipurpose Cooperative** in Malolos, Bulacan, handed out P400,000 worth of relief goods to 1,800 members on its 2nd wave of distribution. Its office is open every Monday and Thursday with skeletal workforce.
- The BODs of the **Parish of St. Francis of Assisi Meycauayan Credit & Development Cooperative** in Meycauayan, Bulacan, donated P68,000 cash assistance to its members who are senior citizens. Additionally, 2,500 packs of rice, sugar, and bihon were distributed to its members.
- **Municipal Cooperative Development Council** of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, distributed rice and groceries to one of the depressed areas in Sitio Tamale, Bongabon, Nueva Ecija. 79 households benefited from the relief.
- **Binhi Producers Cooperative** in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, distributed 52 sacks of rice to 52 Members at 25kls per sack. Skeletal workforce was observed for agriculture supply business and is open from 10am to 12 noon.
- **DR. PJGMRMC Employees MPC** in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, distributed 300 food packs to DR. PJGMRMC Hospital Frontliners. The cooperative gave a total amount of Php137,000.00 cash assistance to 450 coop members.
- **Premier General Hospital Employees MPC** in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, distributed groceries to its 100 members amounting to Php5,000.00. Business

operation is open from 7am to 3pm. Canteen and credit services operated on skeletal workforce.

- **Tupad Pangarap MPC** in Gapan, Nueva Ecija, distributed groceries to 350 members and 168 non-members.
- **Sabit Agriculture Cooperative** in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, offered loan payment moratorium to its 25 members.
- **Bonifacio MPC** in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, gave 500 cash assistance to 193 coop members with a total amount of Php96,000.00.
- **Orient Credit Coop** in Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, gave 500 cash assistance to 53 coop members with a total amount of Php26,000.00.
- **Alizar FST** in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija, gave rice subsidy to 125 coop members with a total amount of Php125,000.00.
- **Aliaga Transport Cooperative** in Nueva Ecija distributed cash allowance to 105 members & staff with a total amount of Php105,000.00.
- **Llanera Teachers Association MPC** in Nueva Ecija provided Php20,000.00 cash assistance to the municipality of Llanera.
- **Haranista Small farmers MPC** in Llanera, Nueva Ecija, donated goods & cash to the LGU of Llanera.
- **Rizal Public Mkt. Vendors & Farmers MPC** in Nueva Ecija provided cash assistance to employees & officers. They will also give cash assistance to all (120) members after lockdown.
- **Samahang Kababaihan ng Capintalan MPC** in Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, volunteered and helped barangay workers in repackaging and distributing relief goods. The cooperative store is in operation to sell basic goods at prevailing market price.
- **Kilusang Bayan sa Pagpapaunlad Ng Talavera Multipurpose Cooperative** in Nueva Ecija handed out P5,000.00 financial assistance to its barangay.
- **Romana Pangan District Hospital Multipurpose Cooperative** in Floridablanca, distributed to members 136 face masks which were donated by a supplier.

- **Mupra Multipurpose Cooperative** in Sto. Tomas, Pampanga, donated more or less 50 cases of eggs to LGUs of Minalin and Sto. Tomas, Pampanga, cost to be charged to Community Development Fund.
- **Clark International Airport Employees Consumers Cooperative**, in Clark, Pampanga, distributed Isopropyl Alcohol and face mask (1 liter and 1 pc for each member).
- **Abagon Compact Farm and Seed Growers Multipurpose Cooperative** in Gerona, Tarlac, delivered 2,000 bags of NSI 2016, Rc 480, NSIC Rc 222, NSIC Rc 216 to Camiling, Tarlac.
- **Comillas Agriculture Cooperative** in Lapaz, Tarlac, facilitated distribution of Inbred Rice seeds to farmer-members under RCEF program DA-MAO. The cooperative also disinfected 64 houses and backyards and gave vegetable seeds to the community where the coop operates.
- **Anao Government Employees Primary Multipurpose Cooperative** in Anao, Tarlac, distributed cash assistance to 65 members at Php500 each member, totalling P32,500.00.
- **Tarlac Agricultural University Multipurpose Cooperative (TAU MPC)** in Camiling, Tarlac, gave cash assistance to its 350 members at Php 3,000.00 each, totalling Php1,050,000 charged to Optional Fund. Staff shall work from home with continuous salary. Hazard pay is given to an employee if there is a need to go to the office to work. Meetings of BODs were done thru teleconference.
- **Tarlac College of Agriculture (TCA) Faculty Association Multipurpose Cooperative** in Camiling, Tarlac, offered loan payment moratorium. The cooperative also gave financial assistance (half of the regular salary) to staff (bookkeeper) during the ECQ.
- **Tarlac Sikap Unlad Multipurpose Cooperative** in Camiling, Tarlac, offered loan payment moratorium to its members.
- **Cabalan Transport Service Cooperative** in Zambales distributed relief goods to members.