

COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 9**

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Spirit of Resilience and Grit, alive among cooperative leaders.

As the government continued to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the Filipino people and work for the unity of the nation during this pandemic, cooperative leaders in region 9 similarly continued to be an epitome of cooperation, compassion, and charity to their members and their community.

As we continue to document activities showing cooperation, compassion, and charity of cooperative leaders in region 9, it has not escaped our notice that only when the government has activated and implemented the series of financial assistance programs that the number of assistance from cooperatives decreased. And that when pressed harder, cooperative leaders, as entrepreneurs, were able to balance their priorities between preserving their businesses and protecting their employees and members.

As we continue to hope for a pandemic free-future, we are optimistic that we shall continue to see the spirit of resilience and grit among cooperative leaders.

Below are additional activities on Cooperative Social Responsibility against Covid19 documented from April 30 to May 6, 2020. By: E.M.A

Zamboanga Sibugay Government Employees Credit Cooperative (ZASIGECCO) located at Provincial Capitol, Ipil, Zamboanga



Sibugay distributed personal protective equipments such as 35 pieces cover suits, 150 pcs. of N95 mask, 10 boxes of surgical mask, and 20 bottles of 500ml 70% Ethyl Alcohol to doctors, nurses, MedTech, attendants, and other health care workers of the Zamboanga Sibugay Provincial Hospital. This amounted to



Php70,000.00 which was charged against the CDF.



Josefina Employees MPC located at the municipal hall of Josefina, Zamboanga del Sur distributed 550 pcs. of face mask to habal-habal drivers and Indigenous Peoples who visited the municipal building on April 27-29, 2020. The total cost amounted to Php10,000.00 which was charged against the CDF.



Seriac Consumers Cooperative (SECONCO) located at Seriac, Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte distributed relief goods to 156 coop members on May 5, 2020. The total cost amounted to Php12,504.00 which was charged against the Optional Fund.



Sindangan FACOMA Community MPC located at Poblacion, Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte distributed relief goods to 40 barangays in the municipality of Sindangan. This benefitted 663 coop members, majority of whom were farmers, teachers, and women. The total cost amounted to Php79,301.25 which was charged against the Optional Fund.



The Educators Consumers Cooperative located at Mercedes Central School Campus, Mercedes East, Zamboanga City distributed 1 sack of rice @25kls to 6 canteen volunteer workers on May 1, 2020, during the celebration of Labor Day. The total cost amounted to Php6,960 which was charged against the CDF.