COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 4-B OR MIMAROPA

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"Encourage, lift and strengthen one another. For the positive energy spread to one will be felt by us all. For we are connected, one and all."
-Deborah Day

Rio Tuba Consumers Cooperative, Palawan continued operating their grocery store despite the threat of COVID-19. They have been extending help to their members and frontliners at the same time.   The Board of Directors decided to convert the prizes for raffle draw during annual General Assembly meetings to 1 whole chicken for each member due to the postponement of the said assembly meeting.   They also gave out food packages to the frontliners at the RTN Hospital.

The **Busuanga Employees Multipurpose Cooperative** in the Calamianes Group of Islands has been extending help to the frontliners, the Navy & Marines Reservists by giving them *kakanin* and *bottled juice* to further inspire them in their heroic deeds at this time of the pandemic. Soon rice packs will also be given to the community in Brgy. Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan.

Abuh Transport Service Cooperative, Brgy. Poblacion 3, Coron, Palawan lent out their 13 units of van to the LGU to transport grocery goods to the community, and the other 7 units for SAP Distribution, for three days.

Coron Tourist Boat Service Cooperative (CTBSC) of Coron, Palawan distributed rice and grocery packages to all their 350 members and cash assistance to their 118 members.

CENRO Mamburao Multipurpose Cooperative, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro made an effort to go over the mountains to distribute grocery packs to the 290 families of IPs of Mamburao, Abra de ilog, Paluan and helped 10 members of their cooperative who are contractual employees and temporarily not working due to the ECQ.

MCDC Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro initiated the distribution of 410 food packs to the poorest of the poor from seven barangays of the municipality of Calintaan. The following primary cooperatives involved are: ***Calintaan Seed Growers Cooperative (CASEEDCO), New Dagupan Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Matatag Multipurpose***

Cooperative, Concepcion Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Calintaan Young Blood Farmers, and Fishermen Multi-Purpose Cooperative. The Calintaan Farmers and Fishermen Multipurpose Cooperative (CAFFARMCO) donated Php 2,000 and 50 kgs. of rice out of their Community Development Fund.

Agrarian Reform Community of Agpudlos Multi-Purpose Cooperative (ARCAMPC), Agpudlos, San Andres, Romblon distributed relief goods to their members and frontliners.

Division Teachers and Non-Teaching Multipurpose Cooperative (DTNTMPC), Capaclan, Romblon, Romblon, once again conducted a relief operation thru their Sagip Families Program

wherein families of the learners in the whole municipality of Romblon, Romblon were the beneficiaries. As part of their initiative, they also distributed some goods to the frontliners.

In response to the COVID19 pandemic, **St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Multipurpose Cooperative (SVFPMPC)**, Odiongan, Romblon prepared emergency relief packs for distribution to the municipalities of San Jose, Magdiwang, Romblon and other municipalities. In order to complete the assistance, the cooperative spent more or less Php 2.8M out of their CDF in addition to their first and second waves of relief operations which, in turn,

amounted to Php 8.2M. These include the distribution of food packs to the frontliners provincewide.

At present, the cooperative launched their new program entitled "The Frontliners' Shopping Privilege". At their Baymart Stores, frontliners are given time to buy their personal needs by providing them an express lane. Discount is given to those who can purchase a total amount of PhP 5,00.00 in a single receipt per day of basic needs. In order to avail of this program, they just have to present a Company/Agency ID or Inter-Agency Task Force ID.