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

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

Nearly towards the end of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) on May 15, 2020 and the transition of some provinces and cities in Region 3 from ECQ to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), the spirit of cooperativism in the cooperative sector is still alive, as demonstrated by the continuous efforts of cooperative members, as well as non-members, communities and frontliners. Some cooperative councils and offices also took initiatives to give support to frontliners by distributing food packs and PPEs. Details of the activities of cooperatives from May 6 to 12, 2020 are as follows:



AngelesUniversityFoundationMultipurposeCooperative(AUFCOOP)inAngelesCity,Pampanga,donated rice to 400 residents of Brgy. ClaroM. Recto,AngelesCitylastMay7,2020,amountingtoP79,200.00chargedCommunityDevelopmentFund.

Bambang Multipurpose Cooperative in Candaba, Pampanga, distributed grocery packs (for breakfast, snacks, etc.) to 315 Senior Citizens of Barangay Bambang. Amid the pandemic, it is still operating to





provide micro and agri loans to its members.



Apung Monica De Minalin Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Minalin, Pampanga, provided financial assistance to 15 barangays of Minalin, Pampanga, amounting to P10,000.00 to P15,000.00 per barangay.

Cruzian Multipurpose Cooperative in Magalang, Pampanga, distributed 130 packs of groceries to members and 250 packs of groceries to non-members from Brgy. Sta. Cruz and Brgy. Escaler, Magalang, amounting to P76,867.35 charged to its Community Development Fund.





DAU Operators & Drivers Transport Cooperative in Mabalacat City, Pampanga, distributed 1 sack of rice to each member.

NayongTsinoyCreditCooperativeinSanSimon,Pampanga,distributedFood packsto130amountingtoP12,355.00and





provided cash assistance in the amount of P500.00 to 112 members totaling P56,000.00, charged to its Community Development Fund and Optional Fund.



CFSM Angat-Kabuhayan Consumers Cooperative in Angeles City distributed relief goods (rice and canned goods) to the less privileged families of Brgy. Pulung Cacutud, amounting to P20,000.00 from its Community Development Fund.

Sulong San Nicolas Farmers Marketing Cooperative in Arayat, Pampanga, distributed food packs to members and non-members.



As its way of helping the government in ensuring food security and as support to the RCEF Seeds Program, Abagon Compact Farm and Seed Growers Multipurpose

Cooperative



delivered 1,102 bags of various seeds to the Municipality of Paniqui, Tarlac.

Abucay Teachers & Employees MPC (ATEMPCO) donated cash amounting to Php 10,000 to the Provincial Government of Bataan to be given to its communities, while Abucay Multipurpose Cooperative provided 25 sacks of rice with 25 kg each.

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Sidhay Bataan National High School Multipurpose Cooperative in Balanga City also donated 25 sacks of rice with 1/2 cavan each.

Dynamic Multipurpose Cooperative

in Mariveles, Bataan, distributed financial assistance to its 310 members totaling Php310,000, charged to its Community Development Fund. It also offered cash loan of up to Php5,000 to qualified members.



Mariveles Women and Community Multipurpose Cooperative in Bataan provided financial assistance to its 364 members in the total amount of Php182,000 and gave 15 cavans of rice to its 3 nearby barangays, namely, Brgy. Poblacion, Brgy. San Carlos and Brgy. Camaya, amounting to Php 37,625. Its water refilling station remains open as this service is a basic necessity of the community.





The members of **Amungan National High School MPC,** ANHS Faculty and Staff, launched "Project HAT (Hatid Alay Tulong)" and "Project HEALF (Help and Extend Assistance to All Leaders and Frontliners)". With these projects and through the



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generosity of the members, they were able to collect the total amount of Php 11,900.00, which they used to provide cash assistance to its watchman amounting to Php 5,300, to purchase bottles of alcohol, bars of soap and grocery items for the frontliners serving in the barangay and to provide for their other needs. They also donated food packs to the community.

In response to Covid-19 crisis, **Botolan Municipal Employees Credit Cooperative (BMECC)** donated 5 kilos of rice to each of its 97 members.



The members of **Zambales Upland Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (ZUFARPRO MPC)** showed solidarity and cooperation by disinfecting its community to prevent the spread of Corona virus. The cooperative lent its Power Sprayer and Knapsack, aside from donating fuel. ZUFARPRO MPC members also prepared seedlings like okra, eggplant, cabbage, katuray, including agoho seedlings. It also provided food snacks to the fellow frontliners of 13 barangays in Zambales.



James L. Gordon Integrated School Employees Consumer Cooperative in Zambales, distributed 1,500 snacks and 3,500 lunch packs to the frontliners.



Greater Bani MPC in Balanga, Bataan, provided rice subsidy to its 66 members, worth Php 21,200.

On May 6, 2020, the **Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC) of Bulacan** donated 224 washable personal protective equipment (PPEs), face shields





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and alcohol to the medical frontliners of Bulacan Medical Center (BMC). As of today, the total amount of pledge made by 67 cooperatives and councils already reached P159,000.

Daop Palad MPC in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, gave its share during this pandemic by providing P300 cash assistance to its 311 members and by distributing food packs worth P20,000 to 65 non-members, covering the areas of Sta. Maria, San Jose del Monte, and Norzagaray, in Bulacan. The cooperative utilized the total amount of P115,000 from its CDF, ISCPR, and Optional Fund. Daop Palad MPC is open from Monday-Friday with adjusted office hours from 9 am to 3 pm.



Catmon MPC in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, distributed 60 bags of rice, worth P225,000.00, to 2,000 members in

four (4) barangays of Sta Maria. It also gave P180 per day as hazard pay to its employees.





Alaga Producers Cooperative in Plaridel, Bulacan, donated Covid19 Rapid Testing Kits: 1) 8 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth P156,000 to Plaridel Bulacan; 2) 8 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth P156,000 to Baliuag, Bulacan; 3) 10 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth P195,000 to Pulilan, Bulacan; 4) 10 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth P195,000 to Calumpit, Bulacan; 5) 10 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth P195,000 to Bustos, Bulacan; and 6) 21 boxes containing 25 pcs per box, worth

P409,500 to San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan – totaling P1,306,500. It also handed out 41 pcs of PPE suits and face masks to the medical frontliners of Plaridel Infirmary Hospital (Bulacan Medical Center Annex). It utilized the total amount of P18,450.00, in partnership with Ms. Joy Rapsing of Sassy Creation.

Malibo Bata Consumers Cooperative in Pandi, Bulacan, distributed food packs to all its members and donated 5 sacks of rice to non-members in its barangay, utilizing the total amount of P134,000.00 from its optional fund.





Pandi Senior Citizen MPC in Pandi, Bulacan, distributed 5 kilos of rice and eggs to its members. It also conducted a disinfection activity within the office premises.

Kapit-Bisig sa Pag-unlad MPC in Pandi, Bulacan, distributed 5 kilos of rice and 1 whole chicken to its members from Brgy. Gulod, Hulo, Centro, Kalle Looban, Luwasan, Silma



Labas, Pinagkwartelan, Siling Bata, Lawang Bato, Real De Cacarong and Siling Matanda, Pandi, Bulacan. As of April 8, 2020, a total of 823 members has received relief assistance of 5 kgs of rice and 1

whole live chicken. The coop also donated 3 crates of pork meat, 3 crates of chicken meat and 5 sacks of rice to Pandi LGU. Its consumer store is open from 9 am to 12 nn.





Our Lady of Penafrancia MPC in Pandi, Bulacan, donated twenty (20) 50-kilo sacks of rice, utilizing the total amount of P40,000 from its Community Development Fund. A micro cooperative, **Dela Costa IV Credit Cooperative** in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed rice packs to its members in need during this time of crisis.

Delmon Transport and Multipurpose Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, provided cash and relief assistance to members and non-members, including those members who are under active monitoring status.







Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose del Monte Employees MPC (OLSEMCO) in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed relief packs and face masks to patients and employees of the hospital. They also provided 25 kilos of rice to each of its 90 members/frontliners.



Sapang Palay Minuyan Loop TSC in SJDM, Bulacan, facilitated the repacking and distribution of 10 kgs of rice and face masks to



face masks to ______ each of its members. The coop also released emergency loans to its members.

Sapang Palay National High School MPC in

SJDM, Bulacan, donated improvised Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to the frontliners and staff of Ospital ng Lungsod ng San Jose Del Monte. It also distributed food packs to members, non-members, employees and crew of the cooperative, and provided financial assistance to 70 employees and 330 members. The coop utilized the total amount of P529,000 (P330,000 for members, P168,000 for employees and P31,000 for non-members). The coop is open with skeletal workforce.



San Pablo Multipurpose Cooperative in

Malolos City, Bulacan, is open every Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays starting April 13, 2020, from 8 am to 12 nn. Its transactions include withdrawal of savings and time deposits, granting of emergency and character loans, and sending and receiving of remittances via Western Union. The coop also distributed 500,000 worth of rice assistance to 2,000 members.



Samahang Manggagawa Credit Cooperative in Plaridel, Bulacan, released P16,000 loan to its 5 members with no interest from March 15, 2020 up to the present. Additionally, basic commodities amounting to P17,327 were distributed to 44 members. The coop also offered a ride from Plaridel to Guiginto, Balagtas in Bulacan and Pampanga.



Caniogan Credit and Development Cooperative in Malolos City, Bulacan, allocated P2.5 Million from its CDF for the distribution of food packs and rice to its 11,500 members. The coop also provided calamity loan at low interest rate to its members and offered a one-month moratorium on loan payments.



Minuyan Family Development and MPC in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed relief packs to 30 members and 20 non-members last April 2, 2020.



Maunlad Farmers MPC in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, distributed rice packs to members. The coop also conducted a clean-up and disinfecting activity in its community in Sumandig, San Ildefonso, Bulacan. Additionally, it distributed the ISC and PR to all its members.



Akle Farmers Producers Cooperative in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, distributed eggs and rice to its members and non-members as well, in Brgy. Akle, San Ildefonso, Bulacan.



Umpucan Palay and Vegetable Farmers MPC in San Ildefonso, Bulacan conducted its first leg of community service in Brgy. Umpucan, wherein it distributed relief packs containing 2.5 kgs of rice & monggo or 5 kgs of rice & 5 pcs of eggs to 650 households.



Kapatirang Agapay sa Kaunlaran ng Bayan Multipurpose Cooperative (KAAKBAY MPC) in Calumpit, Bulacan, distributed 3 cavans of rice and 3 boxes of sardines to three churches, and 4 boxes of sardines and 7 cavans of rice to Brgy. Gatbuca, Calumpit, Bulacan. KAAKBAY MPC also handed out food packs to garbage collectors.



Meycauayan Senior Citizen MPC in Meycauayan City, Bulacan, provided its members with face shield for their personal protection.





Casalat Farmers Producers Cooperative in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, conducted community service by giving relief goods to 385 households in Brgy. Casalat.

San Marcos MPC in Calumpit, Bulacan, distributed P300 to all its 1,072 members, amounting to 321,600.00 from its CDF/Optional Fund.



Silangan MPC in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, is open with skeletal force to cater to its members' needs, especially those who want to avail of loans, while observing appropriate measures



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to avoid the spread of the virus. The coop also distributed 3 kgs. of rice to 400 members from its CDF.

San Miguel MPC in Hagonoy, Bulacan distributed relief goods to its members.



Citrus National High School Teachers and Employees Consumers Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, donated powdered milk to 50 children (1 pack of milk per child) in Brgy. Citrus, using its CDF.





Grotto Novaliches Transport Service Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to its members. The coop also provided snacks to frontliners in CSJDM, Bulacan.



SapangPalayTalipapaVendorsMPCinSJDM,Bulacan, conducteda clean-up



drive and disinfected Sampol Market last March 26, 2020. The coop also distributed rice packs to 95 members.

Tungkong Mangga Barangay Water Service Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, donated a total of 830 bottled water to Ospital ng Lungsod SJDM and Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital. The coop also distributed 5 kgs of rice to 30 members.



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Jabez Credit Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed financial assistance in the amount of P300 to each of its 600 members last April 6-7, 2020.



Big Family Credit Cooperative in SJDM, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to its 108 members, amounting to P34,002.30.





Samahan ng Kababaihang Kapatiran ng Pulilan MPC in Pulilan, Bulacan, distributed 1/2 cavan of rice to all its members. The coop continues to operate at skeletal workforce and reduced working hours.

- Bulacan Convention Baptist Fellowship Credit Cooperative in Meycauayan, Bulacan, distributed relief goods to members and non-members in Bulacan.
- Morong Multipurpose Cooperative in Bataan, provided financial assistance to members at Php350.00 each. It also assisted the LGU in the procurement of relief goods for distribution to different barangays and extended help in the printing of

quarantine pass. To ease the members' expenses, it implemented a moratorium on the payment of loans and facilitated availment of cooperative services.

- Olongapo Multipurpose Cooperative donated bottled water, face masks, alcogel and liquid soap to the tanod, military and police who served in Brgy. Barreto and Brgy. Cabalan checkpoints. It also donated bottled water, face masks, alcogel and packed lunch to frontliners of Gordon Hospital and Bay Point Hospital. In addition, the cooperative distributed 3 kilos of rice to about 500 families of jeepney and tricycle drivers.
- **Mother Rita Multipurpose Cooperative** in Candelaria, Zambales, distributed food packs to members and offered withdrawal of cash thru POS and ATM for 4P's beneficiaries.
- **Masinloc Multipurpose Cooperative** in Zambales distributed facemask and alcohol to members.
- Metro Zambales Multipurpose Cooperative provided a moratorium on the payment of loans, without charges, for those who want to avail. It distributed the Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund to members. Facemask was also provided to members.
- **Iba Botolan Cabangan San Felipe Transport Cooperative (IBCSF-TC)** in Zambales gave Php500.00 financial assistance to all of its 71 members.
- **Iba Credit Cooperative** in Zambales provided moratorium on the collection of loan payments from members.
- San Simon Multipurpose Cooperative in Pampanga distributed 100 packs of relief goods to members.
- **Mining Primary Multipurpose Cooperative** in Angeles City, Pampanga, distributed hand sanitizer, alcohol and face mask to members.
- San Ricardo Faculty and Staff Multipurpose Cooperative in Talavera, Nueva Ecija, donated 68 50-kilo sacks of rice to the local government unit of Talavera as its commitment to the community.