

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE
THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:
REPORTS FROM **REGION 5**
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Albay Coops undaunted in extending services amidst ECQ

Despite its ECQ status due to the COVID-19 crisis, cooperatives in Albay province were not deterred in extending their continuous services.

One of the cooperatives which responded immediately in giving help amidst this pandemic was LACE Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LACE MPC). It is a medium cooperative located in the City Hall Complex, Ligao City, Albay. Together with Ligao Association of City Employees, LACE MPC provided five (5) kilos of rice to 358 members and 512 non-members as relief during the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). The coop utilized its community development fund amounting to Php 40,000.00 to buy the bags of rice.

Aside from this, the cooperative released the interest on share capital and patronage refund of members to augment their household budget amidst this crisis. They still continued to provide credit/lending services. Petro Gazz, the coop's gasoline station, continued its operations as well. In addition, they provided a moratorium on loan payment for the months of April and May.

Another cooperative is the Albay Dairy Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, a micro cooperative located at Brgy. Banao, Guinobatan, Albay. They shared fresh milk to frontliners in checkpoints during this Enhanced Community Quarantine. It is also the cooperative's way to express their gratitude for the sacrifices made by the frontliners.



The Albay Seed Producers Multi-Purpose Cooperative in Polangui, Albay donated ten (10) bags of rice to the barangay council of Brgy. Mendez, Polangui, Albay. ASPMPC used their Community Development Fund (CDF) to donate packs amounting to Php 16,500.00. With the help of barangay officials, they distributed these packs of rice to 250 households in the said barangay.

The same acts of community-sharing are also true with the following cooperatives:

- Bicol Seeds Growers Multi-Purpose Cooperative donated (8) bags of rice from their community development fund and optional fund.
- Polangui - Legazpi UV Transport Cooperative (POLUVTRASCO), a newly registered micro cooperative in Polangui, Albay gave Php 1,000.00 cash assistance to their members (both drivers and dispatchers). A total of Php 44,000.00 was release to 44 recipients as augmentation their basic essentials.
- Tabaco Legaspi Transport Cooperative (TALETRASCO) provided assorted food packs to 250 coop members/families in the Municipality of Bacacay, Albay during the ECQ. This amounted to Php 25,000.
- TABACO WOMENS TRANSPORT SERVICE COOPERATIVE (TAWTRASCO) provided assorted food packs to 100 coop members/ families in Tabaco City and selected Municipalities in the 1st District of, Albay during the ECQ. This amounted to Php 20,000.

These acts of community-sharing made by the cooperatives may be so little compared to what the situation requires, but the hugeness of the heart that is inherent in cooperativism has proven to be reliable in responding to the call of the times.

