

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE
THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:
REPORTS FROM **REGION 10****

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Region 10 Cooperatives Countervail COVID-19 Challenge

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - The challenge of facing life with CoViD-19 continues. But this emergency revealed one thing: the power of cooperation exhibited by cooperatives proved equal if not stronger than the CoVID-19 virus. Cooperatives continued to show their compassion not just to ease the burden of fear of contracting the deadly and unseen virus, but also to ease the burden of hunger and thirst, and the burden of poverty and lack of daily sustenance.

In Lanao del Norte, cooperatives continued to show their support by giving a second round of assistance through the Iligan City Cooperative Development Council (ICCDC), where they distributed food packs and relief goods to micro cooperatives namely: Lambaguhon Barinaut MPC of Brgy. San Roque, BS Modla MPC, and Women Survivors Marketing Cooperative. All of these cooperatives are from Iligan City.

In the Province of Misamis Oriental, the spirit of cooperativism continues to shine through amidst this pandemic. The Fresh Fruit Homemakers Consumer Cooperative in Mahayahay, Medina, Misamis Oriental extended help by distributing relief food packages to their members and community. The First Jasaan Multi-Purpose Cooperative provided food assistance and distributed grocery items to different families affected by Covid 19 in Solana, Jasaan, Misamis Oriental. Meanwhile, the Misamis Oriental PNP Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative initiated a gift-giving program to the poor families of San Martin, Villanueva, Misamis Oriental. Finally, the Mambajao Central School Teachers and Employees Cooperative (MACESTECO) in Mambajao, Camiguin distributed rice packs and relief items to their community.

In Bukidnon, Nagkahiusang Mag-uuma Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative of Don Carlos, Bukidnon, National High School Industries Faculty & Employees MPC, FIBECO Employees Primary MPC, and San Miguel Farm Workers MPC, all from Maramag, Bukidnon, provided food packs, relief goods and financial assistance to 12 frontliners, 605 cooperative members and 449 non-members. These amounted to **Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Three Pesos (Php 525,353.00)**. While, NORMIARC MPC gave salaries to 4 employees without requiring them to report to the office.

The COVID 19 health crisis and the associated measures of confinement brought about by this pandemic will have a devastating effect and consequences especially among micro, small, and medium size business enterprises, including cooperatives. Not only will it disrupt many existing value chains but will also lead to the decrease of revenue and net surplus.

We face uncertainties due to this health emergency. That is for sure. But we still hope that this crisis will come to an end. Resiliency, planning, and preparedness are also some important lessons this pandemic has taught cooperatives to survive and keep the business operating effectively. These, among others, are what keep the SPIRIT OF COOPERATIVISM alive in this most trying time.

The Iligan City Cooperative Development Council (ICCDC) extended assistance to 9 identified coops --- five (5) transport coops and 4 non transport coops with a total of 405 members.



Fresh Fruit Homemakers Consumer Cooperative in Mahayahay, Medina, Misamis Oriental extended assistance to their members and community.

FIRST JASAAN MPC gave food assistance to families in Solana, Jasaan, Mis. Oriental





The Misamis Oriental PNP Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative spearheaded by Police Colonel Rolando Erlano Destura, Chairman of the Board conducted a gift-giving activity to fifty (50) poorest of the poor families in Purok 8, San Martin, Villanueva, Misamis Oriental last 29 April 2020.

The grocery pack contains 5 kilos of rice, 4 cans of sardines, 2 cans of Lami beef loaf, 2 cans of Argentina corned beef, 6 packs of Kopiko 3-n-1 coffee, 1/2 kilo dried tamban, and 5 packs of noodles.

The activity was initiated as an aid in alleviating economically afflicted families brought out by the current pandemic.



Oro Integrated Cooperative donated forty-eight (48) sacks of 50 kilos Rice in Don Carlos, Bukidnon.



Nagkahiusang Mag-uuma Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative in San Nicolas, Don Carlos, Bukidnon extended assistance to its members.



Iligan City Cooperative Development Council (ICCDC) gave relief goods to the following micro coops: Lambaguhon Barinaut MPC at Brgy. San Roque, Iligan City, BS Modla MPC of Iligan City, and Women Survivors Marketing Cooperative.



Misamis Occidental Employees' Multipurpose Cooperative (MOEMCO), in addition to providing Php 1,000 COVID-19 assistance to each member and suspending the billing for April and May 2020, provided a simple packed meal and a short prayer for the frontliners in the province of Misamis Occidental. This is to give more courage to these brave people.



These packed meals aren't that much but what matters to these people is the unending trust and support of the community to them. These people are basically at high risk of catching the virus, hence, they need us to pray for them as much as we need them to protect all of us.

Lunch sponsored by the Sinai RIC MPC for LGU frontliners at Lagundingan, Misamis Oriental was given last May 8.





San Miguel Farm Workers MPC from San Miguel Maramag, Bukidnon gave food packs.

Nestle CDO Employees Multipurpose Cooperative distributed relief goods to Purok 4 Tablon Community. They also extended 20 sacks of rice, 18 boxes of noodles and sardines to the Barangay Tablon LGU. Their members also received dressed chicken.



MORESCO I Employees and Retirees MPC in Laguindingan Misamis Oriental distributed 10 kgs. of rice to all members last May 11.



Mambajao Central School Teachers and Employees Cooperative (MACESTECO) in Mambajao, Camiguin extended assistance to the community.

