

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE
THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC:
REPORTS FROM REGION 9
#CoopAgainstCOVID19**

We take pride in sharing this report about cooperatives in Region 9 which continue to play a vital role in the healing of the nation. It makes us also prouder to state that even striving micro cooperatives do their part in providing comfort to their members despite meager resources.

Likewise, our partners in cooperative development from different LGUs in provinces, cities and municipalities constantly encourage cooperative leaders in their jurisdiction to utilize available means to ensure proper care for their members and employees, and appropriate support to their communities.

Marvin Calapiz of MCDO and Mayor Josecor S. Gepolongca of the Municipality of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte, gave its support to consumers and farmers cooperatives located in the far-flung barangays to enable them to extend assistance to their members.

Elena Doris Sarande of CCDO and Mayor Darel Dexter T. Uy of Dipolog City partnered with the cooperatives to ensure easy and convenient access to food supply and other essential commodities during the community quarantine, which was readily acceded to by the **Bidlisiw sa Kalambuan MPC**.

The local government of Zamboanga City, partnered with the **Asia's Latin City Transport Service Cooperative** for the free use of 5 taxi units owned by the latter to transport patients with chronic diseases since April 3, 2020 up to the present.

The foregoing forms of assistance, documented from May 13-18, 2020, may appear insignificant in the grander scale, but for the coop members, employees, local residents and patients who received them, they could be life changing. By: E.M.A.



Ramon Magsaysay Employees MPC, located at Municipal Compound Ramon Magsaysay ZDS, extended cash assistance of Php5,000.00 each to its 18 coop employees-members, amounting to Php90,000.00 charged against the Optional Fund.

Datagan Consumers Cooperative (DICONCO), located at Datagan, Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte, distributed eggs and noodles to 107 cooperative members amounting to Php10,102.60 charged against the Optional Fund.



Diongan Consumers Cooperative (DICONCO), located at Diongan, Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte, distributed eggs and noodles to 184 cooperative members, amounting to Php17,000.00 charged against the Optional Fund.



Polayo Consumers Cooperative, located at Brgy. Polayo, Siayan, Zamboanga del Sur, distributed eggs, noodles and soap to 72 cooperative members, amounting to Php7,650.20 charged against the Optional Fund.



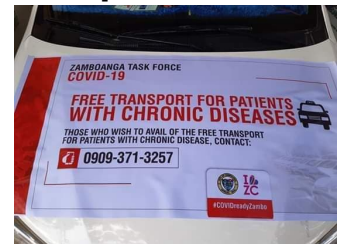
Gonayen Consumers Cooperative, located at Gonayen, Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte, distributed soap, shampoo, sardines and pancit to 154 coop members under general community quarantine, amounting to Php10,000.00 charged against the Optional Fund.

Bidlisiw sa Kalambuan

MPC, located at Block 10, Lot 14, La Perla Village, Cogon, Dipolog City, supported the city government in ensuring easy access to food and basic commodities for residents within the village, which is located approximately 9.2 km from the city proper, by displaying their products at the COVID19 free flea market.



Asia's Latin City Transport Service Cooperative, located at Mayor Jaldon St., Canelar, Zamboanga City, distributed rice and canned goods to



110 taxi drivers, amounting to Php33,000.00 charged against its Community Development Fund. The cooperative also authorized the city government of Zamboanga to use its 5 taxi units for free, for the purpose of transporting patients with chronic diseases. From April 3, 2020 up to the present, it has served approximately 720 patients.

