

TEMPORARY LEARNING FACILITY FOR MATANAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



**FOCCUS
Cooperatives
Turns-Over a
Temporary
Learning
Facility to
Matanao
National High
School**

DAVAO CITY - The FOCCUS Group of Cooperatives has turned-over a temporary learning facility to Matanao National High School last August 26, 2020 at the temporary learning shelter site of Barangay Poblacion, Matanao, Davao del Sur.

The temporary learning facility is a CSR project of the FOCCUS Network in response to the destruction caused by the series of earthquakes that hit in Mindanao, especially Davao del Sur, in the last quarter of 2019.

Matanao is one of the greatly affected areas. Many establishments were destroyed; among them is the Matanao National High School. Its school buildings which used to cater more than 4,000 students have been ruined.



MCN Chief Executive Officer Rhoda Ruth M. Pillerin had personally seen the damage caused by the calamity during her visit to Matanao National High School last November 27, 2019.



Seeing the great need of the school for a temporary learning facility, the FOCCUS Cooperatives through the Model Cooperative Network (MCN) started the Temporary Learning Shelter Project with the hope for the continuity of education for the children of Matanao amidst the disaster.

The FOCCUS Cooperatives, especially **INCOME Davao, Kapalong Cooperative, Panabo Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Pantukan Chess Club Multipurpose Cooperative, Silangan Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and Tagum Cooperative**, donated a certain amount from their respective Community Development Fund (CDF) to fund the project.



The turn-over ceremony was attended by a representative from Matanao LGU, Punong Barangay of Barangay Poblacion, Schools Division Superintendent, Matanao National High School heads, and representatives from the FOCCUS Network headed by MCN Director Luis U. Espino.



Now, instead of serving as a classroom for the students, the FOCCUS Building (as it is called) shall serve as shelter for the copying machines, modules, and computer units of the school which are very important in the conduct of online learning while the COVID-19 crisis still prevails.

