

COOPERATIVES: Play an indispensable role in times of crisis

Cooperatives nowadays, play an indispensable role in socio – economic and environmental development of the country, especially in times of crisis.

Presently, we are facing an alarming global health crisis brought about by the outbreak of Corona Virus Disease (COVID – 19) and characterized as pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020, caused panic and anxiety to the people.

President Rodrigo ROA Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency and Locked/Enhanced Community Quarantine, wherein Local Government Units did the same at all levels to immediately prevent the spread of the disease and other harms.

Such declarations ignited the spirit of cooperativism, gave life to the universal philosophy and principle of “People helping People”, “Cooperation among cooperatives”, respectively.

The following cooperatives in Region VI have extended assistance in various forms for the effective implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine to by the government.

PINILI DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE, NEW LUCENA, ILOILO

This cooperative extended the following assistance in support to the COVID – 19 Lockdown.

- a. Approved the released of 20 sacks of Rice, 600 PC's each of sardines, corned beef and noodles to be donated to New Lucena LGU for vulnerable sectors that are heavily affected by covid-19 Lockdown.
- b. Released prorated 13th month pay for all employees to address preparation of their essential needs during covid-19 Lockdown period.
- c. "Botika ng KOOPERATIBA" staff were given additional pay during covid-19 lock-down period. This is to assure members and constituents of continued services of the cooperative even during a time of crisis with a tagline of STAY SAFE.



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VALDERRAMA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES MPC, VALDERRAMA, ANTIQUE



The Valderrama Municipal Employees MPC utilized its Community Development Fund (CDF) for assistance to front liners against COVID-19 by allocating a Php1,500.00 daily budget for 7 days.

VALDERRAMA MPC, VALDERRAMA, ANTIQUE

Another cooperative with a heart in Valderrama, Antique, the Valderrama MPC distributed noodles, bottled waters, soft drinks for front liners against the said COVID – 19 with budget allocation of Php2,500.00 from CDF.



SAN JOSE MPC, SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE

San Jose MPC, San Jose, Antique giving its share against COVID -19 by providing face masks, gloves, caps, bottled water and food packs to volunteers having duty at the boundary of the Provinces of Iloilo and Antique. They did this humanitarian endeavor despite of the danger of being transmitted with the Corona Virus in the spirit of cooperativism.



LEZO MPC, LEZO, AKLAN



As part of preparedness done by this multi-awarded cooperative for COVID - 2019 were the provisions of goods available to barangays and to Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO) on credit basis in case worst situation may happen and provision of groceries as Calamity Assistance to the families of the Operators under our Farm Facilities Program who are still on field working, according to Manager Ms. Jill Dalisay.

PANDAN MPC, PANDAN, ANTIQUE

Pandan MPC, Pandan, Antique – March 22, 2020 shared their resources to frontliners of COVID-19 by giving food packs, masks, gloves to three(3) check points under their areas of operation: Solido, Nabas, aklan, Buwang, Pandan & Callan, Sebaste, Antique.



PAVIA ENTREPRENEURS MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE

This cooperative as part of its social responsibility and concern for community joined the FIGHT AGAINST



COVID-19 through a series of cash donations taken from their Community Development Fund (CDF) to Pavia Local Government (LGU), Pavia Philippine National Police (PNP) and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO). Mayor Luigi Gorriceta

received Php10,000.00, Mr. Arnold Gonzales, MDRRMO, and Pavia PNP Chief of Police Jojo Tabaloc each received Php2,000.00 from the cooperative according to Chairperson Joy D. Palmada.

Ms. Palmada further reported that Php60,000.00 from their CDF was provided as financial assistance to members in good standing (MIGS), released cash gift loan to fixed earner – members (Pavia, LGU), with service fee, no interest and payment is scheduled on December and released prorated 13th month pay for Jan to April to management staff.

According to Regional Director Doreen C. Ancheta, these big – hearted cooperatives rendering assistance in any form are worthy of recognition and emulation

MARAMING SALAMAT PO AT MABUHAY ANG KOOPERATIBA.... Kooperatiba na lagging handa at maasahan sa ano mang sakuna na darating". (mjpg)

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