

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO
SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19
PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM **REGION 11**
#CoopsAgainstCOVID19**

DAVAO CITY

MAGSIGE MPC CONTINUES TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST COVID-19

As COVID-19 infection cases continued to proliferate, Manuel Guianga and Sirib Growers and Employees Multipurpose Cooperative (MAGSIGE MPC) also continued to initiate activities in the fight against the current pandemic. Several initiatives of the cooperative were given consideration to solve some problems locally such as:

- Facemasks were produced and provided to the different cooperative's stakeholders. More than ten thousand facemasks were already distributed.
- The cooperative partnered with the private sector and different individuals on the production and provision of quality protective suits for the COVID-19 frontliners in Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) thru MAGSIGE MPC's Garments Manufacturing, a livelihood project in partnership with DOLE XI. A total of Five hundred fifty-five (555) sets of protective suits were distributed as of this writing.
- Protective suits and food packs were provided to checkpoints and LGUs.
- The coop partnered with a religious FM Station, DXGN 89.9 to seek divine intervention during this very challenging time.
- The coop conducted free delivery of basic goods to members affected by the enhanced community quarantine.
- Thousands of facemasks were distributed to the member-employees.
- Relief goods were distributed to members who were affected by lockdown due to the COVID19 Pandemic.
- the City Government of Davao donated 1,000 pcs. of facemasks to thru the City Health Office;



- Recently, MAGSIGE MPC partnered with the Department of Education for the launching of the Virtual 2020 Brigada Eskwela and Oplan Balik Eskwela for the whole of Davao Region. MAGSIGE MPC handed over bags to the Division as part of their commitment to assist in the education of the learners and as their shared responsibility to the Community.



MAGSIGE MPC as a social enterprise remains committed to continuously work hand in hand with the various sectors of the society and take a stand against COVID-19.

EAGLE MPC SOARS TO REACH OUT

Eagle Multipurpose Cooperative, located at Bago Aplaya, Davao City, continued to soar higher in their service not only to their members, but as well as around their community. They provided food/bihon products for SPMC frontliners through Fat Cow Restaurant. Their assistance reached throughout Regions X, XI, Region XII, and the Caraga Region. They have utilized a total of Php 80,883.00 from their Community Development Fund in the said outreach.

Just recently, they have donated 20 bags of *bihon* to Region XI Cooperative Development Council (RCDC XI) as they joined in the call to a regional effort to reach out to frontliners. Also, they donated 20 bags of *bihon* to Barangay Bago, as they continue to respond to the immediate need of their community.

DAVAO DEL NORTE

CACAO MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE

In this time of the COVID-19 cases spike, cooperatives have been very active and compassionate to the needs of their members. The government has been finding immeasurable ways to control the spread of the virus and extending assistance to its



citizens. Likewise, our cooperatives are creatively finding ways to make their members feel cherished by handing assistance in whatever way they can.

The Cacao Multi-Purpose Cooperative, located in Purok 2, Barangay Cacao, Panabo, Davao del Norte, was one of the cooperatives in the province who continuously initiated meaningful help for the members by distributing rice subsidy worth Php 9,450.00.

The people behind the activity worked hand in hand to accomplish the preparation of goods for a successful distribution amidst the threat of the virus.

A lot of people are now in need. Blessed are those cooperatives willing to provide assistance and lucky are the recipients of these extended gifts.

DAVAO DE ORO



PANGI LANDOWNERS MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE (PAL-MPC)

This pandemic challenge has caused a lot of people to be in need. No one is confident to roam around due to the risk of battling the invisible enemy. Moreover, everyone is expected to remain vigilant.

Presently, the Province of Davao de Oro is under General Community Quarantine. However, the cases are still rising, which leads people to conclude that it is still considered a good practice to stay at home. Unfortunately, staying at home presents a financial challenge for those whose means of income are sourced elsewhere.

The Community Development Fund ("CDF") was diligently utilized by cooperatives in this crisis. The mandate to allocate a portion of the Net Surplus of cooperatives to the CDF is finally appreciated as it can be a source to share and provide for the needs of the members and their community.

One of the highly-appreciated cooperatives in Davao de Oro is the Pangi Landowners Multi-Purpose Cooperative, which is located at Barangay Pangi,

Municipality of Maco. They provided cash assistance to 352 recipients, which was composed of their cooperative members and officers. The cash assistance of a total of Php 177,000.00 was sourced out from the cooperative's CDF.

To survive, a cooperative with a heart like PAL-MPC, is what communities need.



DAVAO ORIENTAL

DAVAO ORIENTAL SEED PRODUCERS COOPERATIVE (DOSEPCO)

As the victims of the COVID-19 continues to increase, humanity also arises through cooperativism. Fortunately, there are a lot of cooperatives who genuinely provide and share their blessings to the people that are now in need in this pandemic crisis. Small acts of kindness become big for those who seek assistance.

Davao Oriental Seed Producers Cooperative (DOSEPCO) of Barangay Poblacion, Banaybanay, Davao de Oro, utilized their Community Development Fund allocation worth Php 300,000.00 to provide foodpacks to 500 rice field workers and laborers of the cooperative's members last May 8, 2020.

This show of care and concern for their members and their community embodies the true essence of a cooperative.

