

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO
SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19
PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 2
#CoopsAgainstCOVID19**

COOPERATIVES IN ACTION

In these trying times, the call for caring for others is being tested. Some may even choose self-preservation over compassion and one cannot be faulted if he chooses to do so because no one knows when this pandemic will end.

Just like other businesses, cooperatives in Region 2 were greatly affected by the health crisis. Some were not able to operate for two months. Despite loss of income, cooperatives still extend assistance to members and non-members in the community even if it means depleting their accumulated reserves.

Cooperatives exert great efforts to cope up with the effects of this pandemic, knowing that their members largely depend on them. Their communities will always remember how the presence of cooperatives was felt during these difficult times. Indeed, cooperatives are resilient business organizations with hearts that care for the people.

Below are some of the community activities of cooperatives in Region 2:

DPWH Region 02 Credit Cooperative in Solana, Cagayan, distributed snacks to every PNP checkpoint in Tuguegarao City, Enrile and Solana, Cagayan.



Ballesteros Integrated Development Cooperative in Ballesteros, Cagayan, provided snacks to 25 frontliners in Barangay Centro East.



In its effort to support the government's Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, the Ballesteros Integrated Development Cooperative (BIDC) provided snacks to the 25 medical staff and barangay health workers at the municipal health office, under the able leadership of Municipal Health Officer Dr. Arnold S. Talla.



The cooperative gave snacks to the workforce of the Ballesteros District Hospital, headed by the chief of the hospital, Dr. Wilson U. Barcena. The hospital has 80 frontliners.



The management staff and employees of the cooperative also received Php 1, 000.00 each as amelioration pay.



Cooperatives are service-oriented, organized to serve their members by providing goods and services at reasonable cost. In this time of uncertainty, the **Angadanan Forest Region Agrarian Reform Cooperative (AFRARCO)** in Angadanan, Isabela, extended help to its members by offering for sale its own products – ground coffee and sugar.



Cauayan Government Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative Cauayan City, Isabela

As part of its social and community development program, Cauayan Government Employees Cooperative showed its concern by distributing sacks of rice to its members amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



It also distributed relief goods to the frontliners and healthworkers of Cauayan City.



Amballo Pineapple Producers Cooperative in Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya, distributed relief goods to its members.

