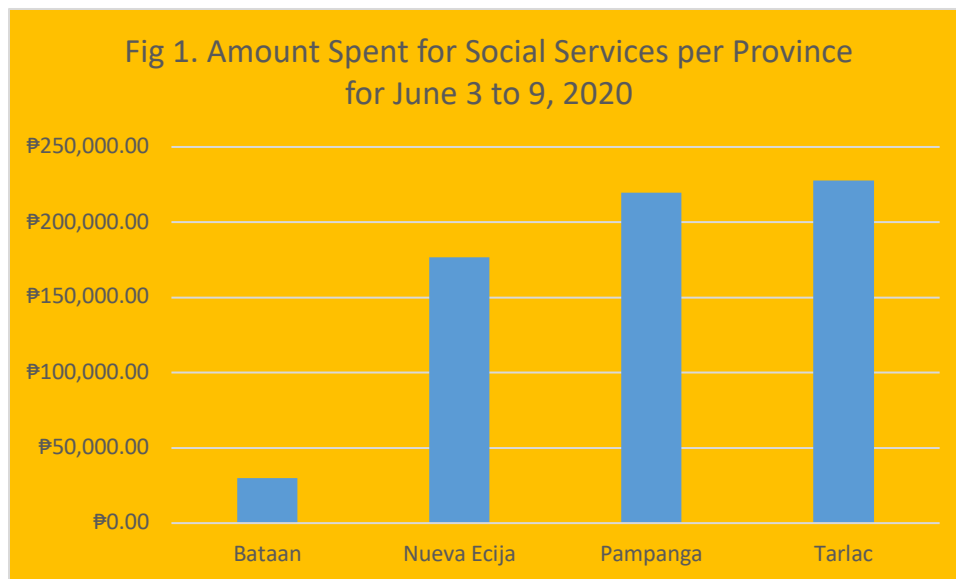


COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 3

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While Central Luzon was placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), 11 cooperatives from Bataan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, and Tarlac have extended assistance to their respective areas of operation. This was part of the continuous effort of Region 3 cooperatives to contribute to their communities as well as to complement the government’s efforts in providing economic relief and in-kind assistance to Filipinos who are heavily affected by the ongoing pandemic. For the period of June 3-9, a total amount of Php 653,900.00 was allotted to CSR activities to benefit various cooperative members, community frontliners, and non-members. Figure 1 shows the reported amount spent on social services per province for the given period.

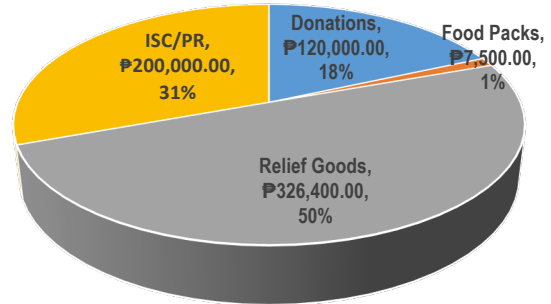


In terms of the amount spent on assistance provided by the cooperatives (Fig. 2), eighteen percent (18%) or Php 120,000.00 of the total amount was spent on rice relief and grocery donations. These were distributed to 5 barangays, 3 municipalities and 1 province from 4 cooperatives, namely ***Unified Novo Ecijano Producers Cooperative (UNEPCO)***, ***Rizal Public Market Vendors and Farmers Multipurpose Cooperative (RPMVFMPC)***, ***Sta. Barbara Hybrid Producer's Cooperative*** from Nueva Ecija and ***Cupang West Multipurpose Cooperative*** from Balanga City, Bataan.

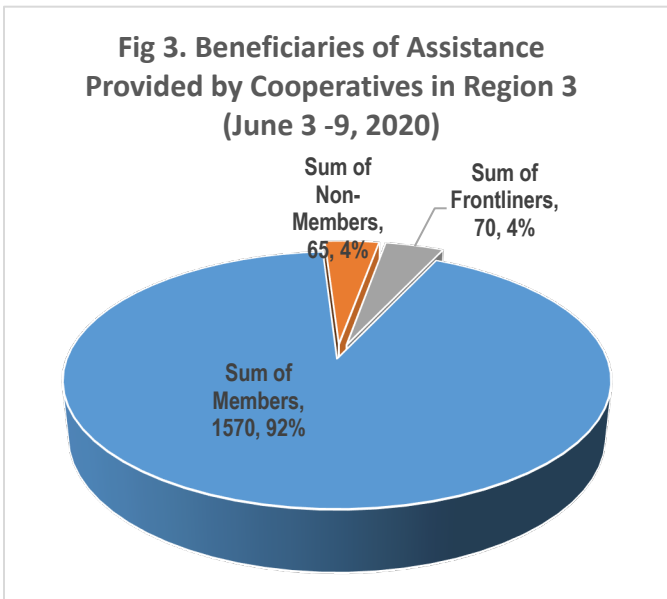
Further, **Calius Gueco Producers Cooperative** and **CRHS Faculty Consumers Cooperative (Cristo Rey High School)** in Tarlac Province spent Php 7,500.00 for the distribution of breakfast meals and food packs to 20 frontliners in Capas and 50 frontliners in Concepcion, Tarlac.

For the relief goods distribution, 6 out of 11 cooperatives spent a total amount of Php 326,400.00. The details of relief assistance provided by the said cooperatives are reflected below:

Fig 2. Total Amount Spent per Assistance Provided by Cooperatives in Region 3 (June 3 -9, 2020)



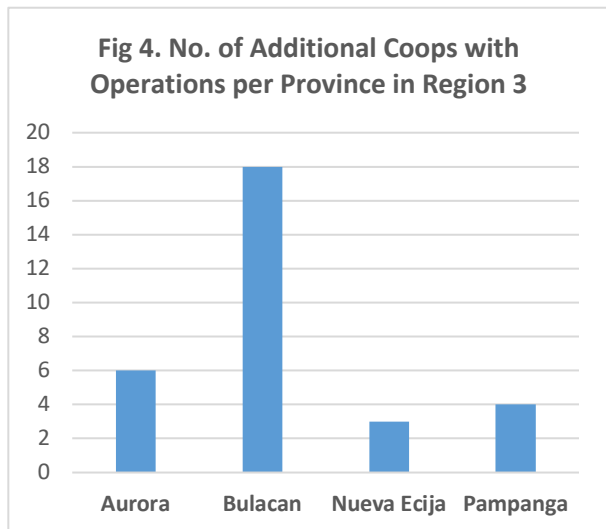
- **College of the Immaculate Conception Primary Multipurpose Cooperative** in Cabanatuan Nueva Ecija distributed groceries to its 105 members worth Php 500.00 each and groceries to 15 non-members worth Php120.00 each.
- **Cannoneers Multipurpose Cooperative (CMC)** in Palayan City, Nueva Ecija donated relief assistance to cooperative staff, officers, and nearby neighbors amounting to Php 38,100.00 from its Optional Fund.
- **San Pablo Primary Multipurpose Cooperative** in Jaen, Nueva Ecija distributed groceries worth of Php 25,000.00 to its 242 members.
- **Divina Pastora Multipurpose Cooperative** in Gapan City, Nueva Ecija distributed Php 200.00 worth of grocery pack to 20 coop members and 35 non-members at Php 100.00 each.
- **Staffers Labor Service Cooperative** in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga gave 5 kilos of rice to its 1,050 members amounting to Php 219,600.00.
- **Calius Gueco Producers Cooperative** in Concepcion, Tarlac distributed grocery packs to its 40 members containing rice, canned goods noodles, mask and alcohol.



Lastly, **CRHS Faculty Consumers Cooperative (Cristo Rey High School)** in Tarlac distributed Interest on Share Capital and Patronage Refund amounting to Php 200,000.00 to its 200 members as they needed it in this time of crisis.

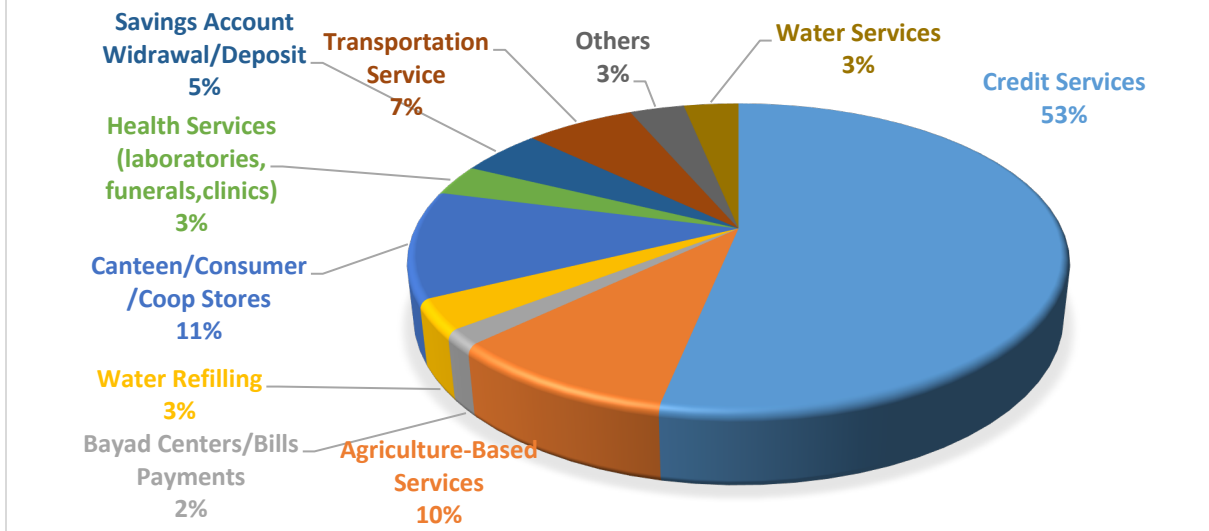
The total beneficiaries of assistances provided by the cooperative for this week totaled to 70 frontliners, 65 non-members, and 1,570 cooperative members as shown in Figure 3.

On the other hand, 31 cooperatives from the province of Aurora, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija and Pampanga were reported to have continued with their operations and served their members and community (see figure 4). This number makes a total of **321 cooperatives with operations** in Region 3, as of June 9, amidst the community quarantine.



The services rendered by those cooperatives as seen in figure 5 were mostly essential especially during this quarantine period. To augment the financial needs of the members, credit services have the biggest percentage recorded. This was followed by consumer or coop stores and agri-based services which include farm and input production, marketing of farm produce, agri-supply inputs, and rentals of post-harvest machineries to ensure the continuous food production and food security as a whole.

Fig 5. Services Rendered by Cooperatives with Operatrions in Region 3



Bulacan has the most number of reported additional cooperatives in operation. Its cooperatives also provide the most diverse services to their members and the community as shown in figure 6 below. Bulacan’s cooperatives offer 9 out of 10 services being offered by the whole region.

Fig 6. Services Offered per Province in Region 3

