

**COOPERATIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO
SERVE THEIR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITIES AMIDST COVID-19
PANDEMIC: REPORTS FROM REGION 8**
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**CDA lauds coops' assistance to members &
communities amid health crisis**
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"More than a hundred primary cooperatives responded to the call for help amid COVID19 pandemic," thus shared Ms. Venus M. Jornales, Acting Regional Director of the Cooperative Development Authority, Region 8, in an interview on June 15, 2020, during the **SURUSWERTE HA PIA**, a weekly Radio and TV Program of the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Region 8.



CDA RD Venus M. Jornales, shares the contribution of cooperatives in Region VIII amid the health crisis, during the SURUSWERTE HA PIA Program, with PIA Regional Director Erlinda Olivia P. Tiu

These cooperatives either delivered food and snack packs to the frontlines at various checkpoints all over the region or donated PPEs to hospitals. There are also cooperatives who shared relief goods to their members and community members. At least ten (10) transport service cooperatives continued to operate during the quarantine period while three (3) transport service cooperatives provided shuttle services to health workers. About ninety-seven (97) cooperatives provided cash assistance to their members during the pandemic.

Acting RD Jornales also disclosed the various existing programs and services of the CDA, and some important statistics of the cooperative movement in Region 8. She encouraged the viewers and listeners to organize cooperatives or be members of organized cooperatives of their choice. As voluntary organizations, cooperatives are powerful tools in combatting poverty among the less privileged sector, she added.