# UPSCALING THE STATUS OF LABOR SERVICE COOPERATIVES

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## HOW ?

- IMAGE BUILDING
- **CREATE STRONG ALLIANCES**

## CONTEXT:



### PADAIGDIGANG AWIT NG MANGGAGAWA

#### 1:

Bangon sa pagkakabusabos
Bangon mga bihag ng gutom
Katwiran ay bulkang sasabog
Buong lakas na magdadagundong
Gapos ng kahapo'y lagutin
Tayong api ay magbalikwas
Tayo ngayo'y inaalipin
Subalit atin ang bukas

#### Koro:

Ito'y huling paglalaban Magkaisa nang masaklaw Ng internasyunal, Ang sangkatauhan (2x)

#### II:

Wala tayong maaasahan
Bathala o manunubos
Kaya't ang ating kaligtasa'y
Nasa ating pagkilos
Manggagawa bawiin ang yaman
Kaisipa'y palayain
Ang maso ay ating tanganan
Kinabukasa'y pandayin

#### III:

Manggagawa at magsasaka
Ating partido'y dakila
Palayasin ang mga gahaman
Sa anakpawis ang daigdigan
Wakasan pagsasamantala
Ng mga bwitre at uwak
Sa umagang sila'y maglaho: Mapulang araw sisikat

# GLARING REALITIES



## **GROSS INEQUALITY** — on Distribution of Wealth

#### Forbes Top Ten Billionaires -2016

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\$50b Telecom



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\$43.6b





Bloomberg LP United States



United States

David Koch \$39.6b Diversified United States

#### **FILIPINOS IN FORBES' 2016 BILLIONAIRES LIST**





- The eight richest people on the planet are worth more than the combined wealth of half the world's population
- The wealth of the 10 richest Filipinos grew 220% within 2010-2015 while the real value of the average daily basic pay of wage and salary workers rose by just 5.3%

United States FE Graphics

Source : Forbe:

# GROWTH AT ALL COST: DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM



## 1. UNSUSTAINABILITY IN ECOLOGY

- **GLOBAL WARMING**
- MELTING OF ICEBERGS
- **RISING OF THE OCEANS**
- **EXTINCTION OF SPECIES**

Leading to the 4
Horsemen of Apocalypse
- Revelation of St. John

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Larry Ellison Michael Bloomberg Charles Koch \$39.6b Bloombera LP Diversified United States United States



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**HENRY SY** NET WORTH: \$12.9B

Age: 91 | Source of Income: SM Investments Corporation



#270 JOHN GOKONGWEI, JR. Net Worth: \$5B



Net Worth: \$4B

#421 GEORGE TY Net Worth: \$3.7B Age: 83

Source of Income: Banking #569 DAVID CONSUNJI Net Worth: \$3B

Source of Income: Construction

#569 ANDREW TAN Net Worth: \$3B

**#569 TONY TAN CAKTIONG** Net Worth: \$3B

#722 ENRIQUE RAZON, JR. Net Worth: \$2.4B

#1121 LUCIO AND SUSAN CO Net Worth: \$1.6B

> #1121 ROBERT COYIUTO, JR. Net Worth: \$1.6B

> > Source of Income: Power

**#1367 MANUEL VILLAR** Net Worth: \$1.3B

THIS CONTEMPORANEOUS DEVELOPMENT PARADIGM WAS ONLY SUCCESSFUL IN SACRIFICING THE PEOPLE & MOTHER EARTH TO THE ALTAR OF GREED & PROFIT

# MONEY MUST BE USED TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE!

## **COOPERATIVE IS THE ANSWER!**



- Members owned
- Value based
- Sustainable

## **GROSS INEQUALITY** — on Land Distribution



- 9 out of 10 farmers are landless; 75% of all land reform beneficiaries are unable to pay land amortizations (IBON)
- Farmers are the one feeding the nation and yet their dining table have no food

## PARADIGM SHIFT:



- From conventional to sustainable agriculture
- Capability Building for micro and small cooperatives through enterprise development such as provision of:
  - Seawater salt plant
  - o lce plant for fishermen

## **GROSS INEQUALITY** — on Distribution of Power



- IPs are rendered powerless when their lands are taken away for the sake of development either by local or foreign investors
- Some are even imprisoned or worse, killed

## PARADIGM SHIFT:



Powerless to empowered IPs through cooperativism

- Make land productive
- Follow value chain

## PARADIGM SHIFT:



#### **Erase "Negative Peace"**

Advancing the essence of cooperativism through Peace in Mindanao

#### 7 Paths to Peace:

- Peace through Sustainable Agriculture
- Peace through protection, rehabilitation, conservation and preferential use rights of natural resources
- Peace through rights-based management of utilities
- Peace through good governance and people empowerment
- Peace through human resource development
- Peace through conflict transformation, management resolution, and
- Peace through promotion of halal food

## STATE OF HEALTH



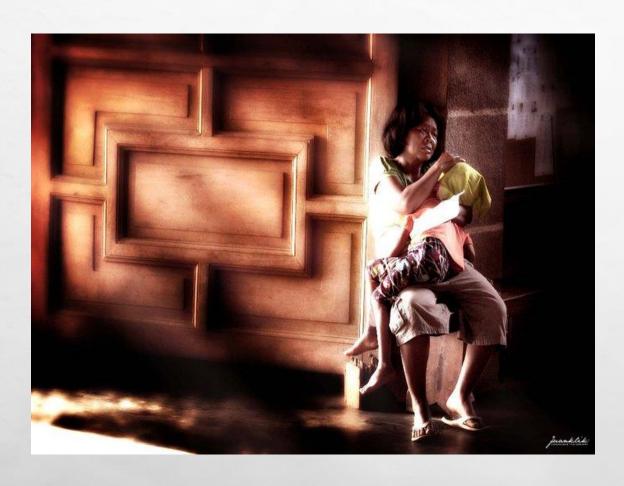
- 28% malnourished
- 27% underweight
- 30% stunted
- 15% healthy

1 in every 2 children LIVE IN POVERTY

25,000 children
DIE EVERYDAY

Nearly 1 child DIES EVERY SECOND

## STATE OF HEALTH



- 68% of personal health expenses are out-of-pocket
- 6 out of I 0 die without seeing a doctor
- 80,000 infants die of curable diseases every year

## PARADIGM SHIFT:





#### mga Benepisyo

- Preventive(Annual Physical Examination)
- Out-Patient Consultation
- Emergency Treatment
- Confinement
- Dental Benefit
- Financial Assistance

#### NABALAKA KA BA SA MAHAL NGA BAYRONON SA PAGPA OSPITAL?

Di nata angay mabalaka RCCO members!

Naa na sa atong Kooperatiba ang barato nga

Healthcare program! (HMO)
PA MIEMBRO NA!





FICCO in Partnership with Cooperative Health Management Federation (CHMF)

## STATE OF HEALTH

## PROFILE OF DRUG ABUSERS

(FACILITY BASED)

AGE: Mean age of 30 years

SEX: Ratio of male to female 12:1

CIVIL STATUS: Single 49.07%

STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT: Unemployed 47.59%

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: College Level 29.83%** 

**ECONOMIC STATUS:** Average Monthly

Family Income Php 15,423

PLACE OF RESIDENCE: Urban (Specifically NCR 45.56%)

**DURATION OF DRUG - TAKING**: More than six (6) years

NATURE OF DRUG - TAKING: Poly drug use\*

DRUGS/SUBSTANCES OF ABUSE :

Methamphetamine Hydrochloride (Shabu)

Cannabis (Marijuana)

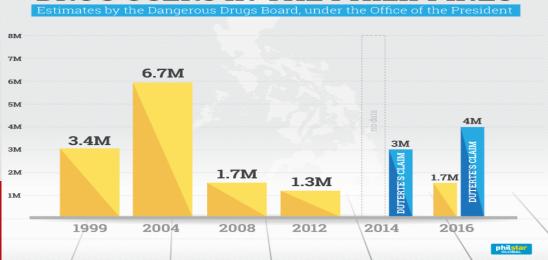
Inhalants (Contact Cement Adhesive)

Residential and Out-Patient Facilities
Poly drug users - abuse of more than one (1) drug

Source: Data from the Dangerous Drugs Board as of October 2015

Rampant drug
 abuse that
 contribute to the
 deteriorating health
 situation in the
 Philippines

#### DRUG USERS IN THE PHILIPPINES





## Nutriwealth Holistic Rehabilitation Center and Ecological Park Dona Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan





## **JOB CRISIS**

- 14 Million Filipinos are un / under-employed
- About 6,000 Filipinos leave daily to work abroad
- Increasing jobs-skills mismatch crisis that confronts the new graduates every year

## **LOW WAGES**



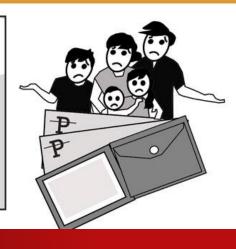


The P456 NCR minimum wage is still insufficient for a family to live decently

NCR minimum wage with P30 Cost of Living Allowance

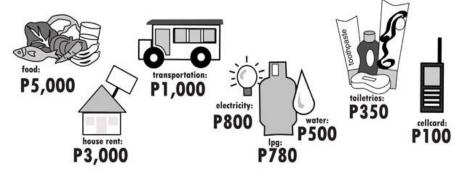
P456/day

The P 456 National Capital Region daily minimum wage (P 11,856 per month) is insufficient for a family of 5-6 members to live decently.



P11,856/month

This amount is barely enough for a family's monthly expenses on basic needs, such as...



...for a total of

P11,530

What about education and health?

Even if tuition were free, a family would still need

P 1,458

each month for other school-related expenses.





P1,050

is the average cost of medical treatment in a public health facility, which can become

P16,800

if it leads to confinement, the cost of which will even double if private services are availed.

## **EMPOWERING THE FILIPINO CONSUMERS:**

- **ELIMINATE THE 5-7 MARKET LAYERS** 
  - GO COOP MART (BULK BUYING)
  - **GO GASOLINE STATION**
  - **GO COOP PHARMACY**

## THE PARADOX:

# LABOR CREATES WEALTH BUT THE LABORERS REMAIN IN POVERTY

## THE TRUTH:

# POWER LIES ON LABOR, NOT ON CAPITAL

# LABOR SERVICE COOPERATIVES GOING TRANSFORMATIVE FOR:











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## **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION**

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines contain provision recognizing cooperatives as legal personalities with economic and social functions and mandating the creation of an agency to promote their viability and growth for the good of the nation.

## LEGAL BASIS FOR EXISTENCE OF CDA

It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote the viability and growth of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice and economic development and to create an agency, in fulfillment of the mandate in Section 15, Article XII of the Constitution

RA 6938 Cooperative Code of the Philippines as amended by Republic Act 9520, Phil. Cooperative Code of 2008 RA 6939 – Also known as the Cooperative Development Authority Law No. 332 Transfer of CDA to DOF

Executive Order No. 1 Reverting the CDA to the Office of the President

## NO. OF COOPERATIVES

About 26,000 cooperatives with members coming from all walks of life where

- **-82.2%** are micro
- -10.5% are small

belonging to the vulnerable sectors needing government development intervention such as technical, financial and institutional building supports to form viable business enterprise and build a competent governance.

## TYPES OF COOPERATIVES

- 1. Credit
- 2. Consumer
- 3. Producers
- 4. Marketing
- 5. Multi-Purpose
- 6. Advocacy
- 7. Agrarian Reform
- 8. Cooperative Bank
- 9. Dairy
- 10. Education
- 11. Electric
- 12. Financial Service
- 13. Fishermen

- 14. Health Service
- 15. Housing
- 16. Insurance
- 17. Transport
- 18. Small scale mining
- 19. Water Service
- 20. WORKERS
- 21. Senior Citizen
- 22. Persons with Disability
- 23. Reformed MNLF and combatants
- 24. Indigenous peoples
- 25. LABOR SERVICE
- 26. Drug Victims

## THE 6TH ACBF DECLARATION 30 NOVEMBER 2016



**We**, the representatives of the ASEAN Member States, and with the participation of other countries, cooperatives, farmers and fishers organizations, development organizations, and, civil society organizations, gathered during the 2016 ASEAN Cooperative Business Forum in Novotel Hotel, Quezon City, Philippines;

**Recognizing** that there is remarkable economic growth in the Asean region yet we still witness massive hunger and poverty as indicated by 560 million Asians who are struggling in the vicious cycle of poverty, especially in natural-resource-rich rural areas where majority of the Asean people live;

**Alarmed** by the growth-centered policies prioritizing profits and commodifying products have led to these increasing gross inequalities in the region as reflected by the global phenomenon where the wealth of only 88 families equal the combined assets of 3.5 billion or half of the world's population;

**Concerned** that this gross inequality is intensified by the increasing degradation of the environment due to impact of climate change, and, over exploitation of natural resources such as heavy deforestation, degradation of land, groundwater depletion, massive use of toxic materials such as chemical inputs in agricultural production—which all made it difficult to sustain agricultural growth and tradeoffs in sustainability;

**Understanding** that the situation is alarming as the earth warms without let-up and the oceans are rising, while, at the same time, the Asean population is steadily increasing;

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**Recognizing** the urgency and gravity of the situation, and the important role of cooperativism in addressing aforementioned challenges, we now come together in advancing the welfare of at least 300 thousand agriculture cooperatives and farmers organizations in Southeast Asia to rise to the aforementioned policy gaps, failing developmental models, and environmental-related issues;

**Recognizing** that the objective of ACEDAC is to increase the access of agri coops in Asean market and promote the exchange of info and technical expertise of the cooperatives in ASEAN countries.

#### With a firm conviction, we commit to:

- a. Champion the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger especially among small farmers, indigenous communities
  and fisher folks who ironically produce the food needs of the ASEAN people and of the world;
- b. Promote and advance social solidarity economy through cooperativism where people and the environment are the priorities more than profit towards attaining inclusive development;
- c. Strongly advocate sustainable agricultural technologies and promote local industries towards sustainable livelihoods and conservation of natural resources;

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#### In moving forward, we will unite in building an informed constituency in the ASEAN region to:

- a. Be the voice and institution of the poor and the excluded in resisting growth-centered development aggressions, and, instead, promote people-centered development with emphasis on benefiting the small holders;
- b. Consolidate our efforts and promote the inter-country collaboration, such as learning exchanges, coop-to-coop trade, capacity building, information sharing, etc. in fostering sustainable development of agri-cooperatives; and,
- c. Advocate for legal framework and/or enabling policies and appropriate programs
- d. Funding support for development of agri-cooperatives among the Member States;
- e. Promote continuing social dialogue and ensure institutionalized and meaningful participation of farmers' organization (FOs) and civil society organization (CSOs) in various ASEAN processes concerning agri-cooperatives such as AMAF, ACEDAC, and, ASWGAC, among others;
- f. Facilitate and promote linkage with other platforms (e.g. NEDAC, ICA, etc.) and private sector;
- g. Promote youth, gender equality and women empowerment to have increased participation in the agri-cooperative sector.

Signed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016 in Quezon City, PHILIPPINES.

# PARTING WORDS ....



# THANK YOU!

