

IMPACT OF KOOP KAPATID PROGRAM ON SMALL BROTHER COOPERATIVES



The Cooperative Development Authority, as mandated by Republic Act No. 6939, seeks to ensure the safe and sound operation of cooperatives in order to develop the cooperative sector into a viable and sustainable economic enterprise. One way of reinforcing this strategy is to provide technical assistance to Micro / Small cooperatives through strengthening partnership with successful cooperatives through the **KOOP KAPATID (Big Brother Small Brother) Program** and application of the internationally accepted Principle of Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Koop Kapatid Program aims at identifying possible Large cooperatives who could extend all forms of possible assistance to Micro / Small cooperatives to help them graduate to Small / Medium cooperatives.

In December, 2019 a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into and signed between Large Cooperative, Valenzuela Development Cooperative (VALDECO) and Small Brothers Risen Lord Multi-Purpose Cooperative and United Wheelers Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

The Small Brother Cooperatives, Risen Lord Multi-Purpose Cooperative and United Wheelers Multi-Purpose Cooperative) believe the financial assistance provided by their Big Brother for their lending activity had a great impact on their services. The seed money was made available to Members In Good Standing (MIGS) in the form of loans.

It has been a good experience for the Small Cooperatives that their members have fully paid their loans on time and have successfully been renewed. The assistance to both cooperatives was a big help to the coop and to their members at this point in time during this NCOVID-19 pandemic. The loanable amount is pegged at P200,000.00 to qualified members. Application and processing of said loans were done at the office of the Big Brother, Valenzuela Development Cooperative's (VALDECO). The Big Brother was provided with the list of names of the Small Brother MIGS. As per policy, such loan shall be fully paid on a six (6) month period with an interest rate of two percent (2%) of which one percent (1%) goes to the Small Brother while the other one percent (1%) will be returned to the Big Brother Cooperative as a token of gratitude. These information were gathered during the interview last August 13, 2020 with Ms. Annie A. Antonia, General Manager of Risen Lord Multi-Purpose Cooperative, and Mr. Antonio S. Uy, Founder of the United Wheelers Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Small Brothers Risen Lord Multi-Purpose Cooperative and United Wheelers Multi-Purpose Cooperative are deeply grateful to Big Brother Valenzuela Development Cooperative's (VALDECO) for the said financial assistance which enabled them to better serve their members.

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