

OUTLINE OF SUCCESS STORY FOR KOOP KAPATID PROGRAM (2 page report)

I. BRIEF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON SMALL BROTHER COOPERATIVE

The Kaibigang Maaasahan Multi-purpose Cooperative (KMMC), which was officially registered in 2009, aims to restore the dignity of street dwellers, referred to as kaibigan or friend, by mainstreaming them back to society and bringing them into a thriving and worshipping community. The ministry's theme verse on Ezekiel 37 truly comes alive when the dry bones come to life as the former street dwellers get born again and become productive members of a faith community.

KMMC was designed for the delivery of continued economic interventions for the kaibigans through job placement. Transformative programs include training in construction and building maintenance, technical-vocational courses, janitorial services, agribusiness, and social enterprises. In 2020, the C's Kingdom Builders, Inc., C pertaining to Christ, was established to organize the construction arm of KMMC—serving clients beyond the CCT Group.

II. ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE BENEFICIARIES THROUGH THE KOOP KAPATID PROGRAM

KMMC and CCT Multipurpose Cooperative (CCT MPC) are two of the 14 ministries under the CCT Group of Ministries that work together to uplift the lives of Filipino poor. KMMC and CCT MPC entered into an agreement in November of 2018 in response to the CDA-Manila Extension's KOOP Kapatid (Big Brother Small Brother) Program.

CCT MPC, just like a big brother, has always been ready to assist KMMC in terms of its need to achieve the fulfillment of its programs and services.

- **Financial and credit assistance to support the small brother's program**

CCT MPC provided a financial assistance to KMMC amounting to around one million pesos to support the small brother's housing project for former street dwellers. CCT MPC also contributed for the continuous operation of KMMC, especially during the trying times last 2020 when the COVID-19 hit the country.



- **Assistance to individual member-workers of KMMC**

Through this big brother-small brother program, member-workers of KMMC were able to apply for a loan assistance to finance the purchase of motorcycles, which they use for easier and more accessible transportation to their work and also for their leisure. What they termed as “LP Riders”, relationships among members of KMMC were fostered through this leisure activity.



- **Employment**

With the goal of KMMC to bring former street dwellers back to mainstream society, member-workers are formed into fellowship and savings groups and are deployed to the different enterprises under KMMC or outside companies.

CCT MPC is one of the companies that absorbs trained former street dwellers and employ them for janitorial and messengerial works. Not only do they provide employment opportunities, but they are one with KMMC in believing that street dwellers can change and become productive again.



- **Support for KMMC Enterprises**

CCT MPC and its members are very much supportive of the different social enterprises under KMMC. From its clothing under ukay ukay stores to the agri-products from its agribusiness, CCT MPC shows how it fully and willingly helps its small brother by patronizing and promoting its products.



III. MENTION SOME INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES OF THE SMALL BROTHER COOPERATIVE THAT LED TO SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM

- Recently, KMMC was able to harvest an abundant supply of calamansi and palay, which were sold to the market. These endeavors not only add income to the cooperative but is also an avenue for employment opportunities for former street dwellers and the local workers in the community.
- KMMC also has an investment in C's (Christ's) Kingdom Builders, Inc., a construction company composed of former street dwellers themselves that was formally registered in September 2020.
 - Aside from the CCT Group of Ministries' construction projects, CKBI was able to secure a project outside of the organization—all by the grace of God. The kaibigan team is currently working on its flood control project in Bulacan province.

IV. PROVIDE LONG TERM PLANS OF SMALL BROTHER COOPERATIVE THAT WILL HELP MAKE THE ASSISTANCE SUSTAINABLE

- KMMC is set to process a separate registration for its unit that provides cleaning and all-around helps. Formerly under KMMC, this entity will be called Blessings at Work, Inc.



With this direction, more former street dwellers will be provided with a regular source of income.