



## Integrated Barangays of Numancia Multi-Purpose Cooperative (IBON MPC) – “People Helping People”

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*Along the years, IBON MPC has shown exemplary in the field of service delivery to the members and the community. Amidst COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020 to present), IBON MPC never step back but rather moved forward to reach out and deliver services, conducted programs and activities to show the world that COOPERATIVE is resilient and true to its universal principle “People Helping People”.*

*When COVID-19 has been unbridled worldwide, it claimed lives, threatened and affected many which include the vulnerable sector... the agri-fishery and coop sectors. Government and private institutions took its part in extending help and aid to the men and women in frontline services to combat COVID-19. As the calling ignites, the IBON MPC also made efforts to be the backliners and frontliners of the government and the society in general.*

*IBON MPC strengthens its tie-up with the government through Department of Agriculture (DA) for the delivery of programs and projects to farmers and fisherfolks especially during COVID-19 pandemic.*

Despite of COVID-19 pandemic, IBON MPC was able to undertake significant activities, as follows:

1. **First among firsts, IBON MPC confronts COVID-19 with minimum health protocols (outside and/or inside office premises), such as:**
  - a. wearing of face mask/face shield at all times
  - b. make available the disinfectant/sanitizer/alcohol
  - c. body temperature check
  - d. install hand washing facility
  - e. foot bath in the office entry
  - f. signage: “Observe Social Distancing” and “No Face Mask, No Face Shield, No Entry” in the workplace

2. **At Boracay, Malay, Aklan, the IBON MPC General Manager (GM) and the Education, Training and Information (ETI) Vice-Chairperson attended the awarding of check worth 12.4 Million COVID SURE to IBON MPC for the fisherfolks in the municipalities of Altavas, Batan and New Washington, Aklan, one unit Combine Rice Harvester and one unit Four-Wheel Drive Tractor. The financial assistance was personally delivered to the identified beneficiaries.**

3. **IBON MPC facilitated the released of the P12.4 million to the 496 Marginal Small Farmers and Fisherfolks (MSFF) from the municipalities of Altavas, Batan and New Washington. The lending conduit is the IBON MPC under the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Credit Policy Council (DA-ACPC) SURE COVID Program in the heights of Enhanced Community Quarantine.**



**4. A Memorandum of Agreement signing of 10.0 Million zero interest loans to IBON MPC with Marketing Contract with the Provincial Government of Aklan (PGA).**



**5. Turn-over of farm implements from the Provincial Government of Aklan (PGA) to IBON MPC for Vegetable Contract Growing and Baboyang Walang Amoy.**



**6. Aside from the Mutual Aid Benefit Programs (Medical, Disability and Burial**

**Assistance to Members), IBON MPC extended COVID-19 assistance to members in form of cash and food subsidy.**



**7. The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) Regional Director, Engr. Doreen C. Ancheta conducted dialogue to IBON MPC Officers as one of the CDA identified coop beneficiaries of the Enhanced KADIWA Program of the Department of Agriculture.**

**8. The IBON MPC GM and the ETI Com. Vice-Chair conducted coop orientation to the proposed women cooperative in the Municipality of Balete to support the Committee on Women of Agricultural and Fishery Council.**

**9. IBON MPC conducted/facilitated the 32 days TESDA NC III training on Milling and Drying Serving at IBON MPC Rice Processing Center (RPC) II under the DA RCEF Program; officers and employees of IBON MPC were the scholars/participants.**



**10. The Rice Processing Center (RPC) II which is owned and managed by IBON MPC extended overtime work to ensure availability of milled rice during pandemic.**

11. IBON MPC GM and ETI Com. Vice-Chair were members of the Monitoring Team and conduct Participatory Monitoring and Tracking of the DA Programs and Projects to 8 Municipalities of Aklan.



The projects/programs monitored and validated were the following:

- a. Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA)
- b. Financial Subsidy to Rice Farmers (FSRF)
- c. Rice Resiliency Program (RRP)
- d. Revitalized Urban Agriculture and Gulayan Project
- e. Expanded SURE AID and Recovery Project
- f. Mini-Cultivator and Plastic Drums
- g. Rice Threshers (2 Units)
- h. Granule Applicator (6 Units)
- i. Rice Reaper
- j. Pump and Engine Set
- k. Pump Irrigation System Open Source (PISOS, 3 Units)
- l. Plant Nurseries (2 Units)
- m. Incubator
- n. Fisheries and Aquaculture Projects
- o. Greenhouse Project



12. IBON MPC GM and ETI Com Vice-Chair defended the 30.0 Million package for the RPC II of IBON MPC during the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC) 6 meeting at Iloilo City.

13. IBON MPC opened its Agri-Ventures outlet at Poblacion, New Washington, Aklan during COVID time.



14. IBON MPC GM, BOD Chair and lending personnel attended the DA ACPC ANYO and KAYA Program Orientation.

15. Despite of pandemic, IBON MPC satisfactorily complied with the requirements for accreditation as a legitimate Civil Society Organization (CSO) to be engaged by the Department of Agriculture (DA) as partner CSO in the implementation of agriculture and fishery programs, projects and activities pursuant to DA Administrative Order No. 13, Series of 2020 as amended by Administrative Order 19, Series of 2020. The Certificate of Accreditation was signed by DA Secretary, William D. Dar; issued on December 11, 2020 in DA, Quezon City.



16. IBON MPC promotes its own programs and projects, its best practices and the importance of cooperatives through television and radio segments. The coop also takes pride the programs of the government by featuring the DA Rice Processing Center (RPC) II operated and managed by IBON MPC. It was featured on the following network/station:

- a. GMA 7 through Philippine Mechanization entitled: "Agripreneur"
- b. DYKR 1161 through DA Western Visayas Information Division entitled: "Mainuswagon nga Agrikultura"



17. IBON MPC is the program implementer/partner of the DA's Food Subsidy Distribution in the municipalities of Numancia, Kalibo, Makato and Tangalan.



18. IBON MPC GM and ETI Com. Vice-Chair conducted the DA CSO Accreditation Seminar/Orientation on the following Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Councils (MAFCs), Cooperatives and Farmers' Associations:

- Maliliit Na Magniniyog Ng Caticlan-Boracay Transport
- Libacao Development Cooperative
- Madalag Development Cooperative
- Madalag Teachers MPC
- MASBOI Sailboat MPC
- Aklan Cooperative Alliance
- Lezo MPC
- BENTCH Agrarian Reform Cooperative
- Aklan Seed Growers MPC
- Numancia Vegetable and Fruits Producers MPC
- SANDONA Development Cooperative
- CBCP MPC
- Metro Kalibo Water District
- Magallanes Malopalo Irrigators' Association



- Aparicio Agrarian Reform Cooperative
- Kalipunan Ng Napaan (KAMANA) MPC



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- MAFC Makato
- MAFC Numancia
- MAFC Banga
- MAFC New Washington
- MAFC Kalibo
- MAFC Nabas
- MAFC Batan
- MAFC Ibajay



**19. IBON MPC assisted the Provincial Government of Aklan (PGA) in the conceptualization and planning of the Aklan Grains Processing Center (AGPC).**

- a. General Manager, Arnulfo T. Magcope was the Resource Person during the Coordination Meeting for the establishment of AGPC.
- b. IBON MPC thru its RPC II Bookkeeper and General Manager conducted mentoring and coaching to the staff of the Provincial Agriculture's Office in the preparation of Business Plan of AGPC.



**20. IBON MPC is the "Big Brother Coop" to small coops, listed below:**

- a. Aklan Seed Growers MPC
- b. Olive Plains Homeowners MPC
- c. Camanci Norte-Bulwang-Camanci Sur-Pusiw (CBCP) MPC
- d. Saint Joseph the Worker Parish (Numancia) MPC



**IBON MPC extended free consultancy, subsidized training and coaching, business tie-up for milled rice trading and certified rice seeds.**

**21. IBON MPC returns the blessing to the community through various community projects, such as:**

- a. Donation of cash and food items to the frontliners of four (4) barangays in the municipality of Numancia.
- b. Extended college scholarship grant to one (1) Indigenous Person (IP) who wants to be a teacher someday.
- c. Cash donation to the Senior Citizen Association during their Valentine's Get Together celebration.



- d. Monthly allowance of P500.00 to the keyboardist of NSDS Choir which members coop employees. The choir serves Sunday Masses in the chapel and other Eucharistic Celebration.



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- e. Sustain the development project of the adopted schools (Pusiw Elementary School (PES) P10,000.00 and Navitas Elementary School (NES) P25,000.00)



- f. Conducted the Gulayan sa Kabahayan Project under coop Gender and Development (GAD) Committee in coordination with the Local Government Community Development Fund (CDF) budget of P20,000.00



Unit (LGU) Numancia with

- g. Cash assistance to typhoon Ursula victim

- h. Pulot Upos

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**IBON MPC worked with the Aklan Cooperative Alliance (ACA) as co-facilitator in the conduct of CDA mandatory and optional trainings to cooperatives, such as:**



- a. Fundamentals of Cooperative
- b. Governance and Management of Cooperative
- c. Risk Management
- d. Business Plan Preparation
- e. Reports Preparation and Presentation

- f. CDA Updates

**23. IBON MPC, through the attendance of its GM, Arnulfo T. Magcope to the Provincial Development Council (PDC), assisted the Provincial Government of Aklan (PGA) in combating COVID-19 pandemic by sponsoring Resolutions for the implementation of health services and food security programs of Aklan.**

- a. Mr. Magcope moved for the approval of the Plans, Programs and Activities (PPAs) to be funded by the 2021 Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) Development fund amounting to PhP 259,550,061.40.
- b. For the food security, Mr. Magcope sponsored a Resolution during the PDC for the construction of Aklan Grains Processing Center amounting to PhP 47,000,000.00. The said project is inspired by the Rice Processing Center (PRC) II which is operated and managed by IBON MPC.
- c. Mr. Magcope sponsored the PhP 3.0 Million budget for the repair and improvement of the Aklan Provincial Food Terminal building.



**24. IBON MPC, thru its General Manager and ETI Com. Vice-Chair, facilitated Seminar/Workshops to the Officers, Employees and Stockholders of Cruziseden Integrated Farm Training Center, Inc., a TESDA Accredited Training Provider, as follows:**

- a. Team Building
- b. Strategic Planning
- c. Corporate Governance and Value Formation
- d. Financial Management
- e. Financial Literacy Cum Provident Fund and Mutual Aid Benefits Programs



**25. IBON MPC engaged in “Federation Building” to ACA, a Secondary Cooperative with 62 member-primaries thru voluntary services, particularly as follows:**

- a. The General Manager of IBON MPC is the Project Manager of Aklan Provincial Food Terminal (Aklan PFT), a tie-up project of ACA with the Provincial Government of Aklan. The GM and the ETI Com. Vice-Chair spearheaded the making of the Business Plan for the Operation and Management of the Aklan PFT.
- b. The Accountant of IBON MPC has a regular mentoring and coaching to the newly hired Bookkeeper of ACA.
- c. The ETI Com. Vice-Chair of IBON MPC is also the ETI Com. Vice-Chair of ACA.
- d. The full-time Secretary of IBON MPC also serves as the ETI Com. Secretary of ACA.
- e. The Rice Processing Center (RPC) II which operated and managed by IBON MPC is the temporary business address of ACA for the operation of the KADIWA ni Ani at Kita while the Aklan PFT building is undergoing repair and improvement.



**26. IBON MPC was the first coop in the province of Aklan to conduct the face to face 2021 Annual General Membership Assembly (AGMA) with large member’s participation. The Aklan’s Provincial Governor, Hon. Florencio T. Miraflores attended the AGMA on March 27, 2021 at Aklan Provincial Trade Hall, Capitol Site, Kalibo, Aklan. The AGMA was successfully conducted; following strictly COVID-19 protocol.**

- a. The AGMA was participated by 554 coop members divided into two groups with morning and afternoon session (A.M.- 343 members, P.M.- 211 members).
- b. The election of BODs, Audit Committee and Election Committee was conducted.
- c. The 2021 Annual Plan and Budget were approved and adopted.
- d. Amendments to Articles of Cooperation and By- Laws were approved.
- e. Various Reports of Accomplishments for the operational year 2020 were approved and adopted.



- f. The allocation and distribution of Interest of Share Capital and Patronage Refund for the operational year 2020 were conducted.

**27. IBON MPC conducted an Educational Trip and Team Building to the Province of Antique on May 1-2, 2021. The coop has a long-term plan to have an agri-tourism farm and to have an Agri –Tourism Farm. The activity also strengthens the camaraderie of the officers and employees for the betterment of the coop.**



28. In the implementation of the DAs various projects and programs, ten (10) officers and employees of IBON MPC were issued with Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) ID. The IATF IDs were the proof that IBON MPC did not stop its operation during pandemic to reach out it members to the 17 municipalities of Aklan.

29. IBON MPC conducted an Educational Tour to Aklan Agri-Aqua Demonstration and Training Farm in preparation for the coops plan to engage in Hydroponics farming. This future project of IBON MPC is initiated by the Officers with the end goal of contributing to the vegetable production of the province. At the same time, this will be an income-generating activity of the coop. The said project also aims to encourage coop members to shift to high value crops and promote the use of sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural systems.



For the past five (5) years, IBON MPC has joined the CDA Annual Search for GAWAD PARANGAL for Primary Cooperatives and gained recognition, to wit:



Year	Title of Recognition	Category	Level
2015	Most Outstanding Primary Cooperative	Small	Regional
	Exemplary Environmental Protection and Conservation Program		National
2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Most Outstanding Primary Cooperative	Medium	Regional
2017	4 <sup>th</sup> Most Outstanding Primary Cooperative	Medium	Regional
2018	Regional Nominee	Medium	Regional
2019	Regional Nominee	Medium	Regional

*In God's divine intervention, IBON MPC will continuously toil for its mission to uplift the socio-economic status of its members, will leave a legacy by touching the lives of the people and will uphold the principles, practices, values and culture of cooperative to bring resiliency, tranquility to the environment and the community.*

**TO GOD BE THE HIGHEST GLORY!**

----IBON MPC Family----