

## **CDA Aklan conducts Federation and Union Orientation**

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Kalibo, Aklan - The CDA Aklan Field Office personnel in partnership with the Provincial Government thru the Cooperatives Development Division, Office of Provincial Agriculturist (CDD\_OPA) conducted an orientation on Federation and Union of Cooperatives held at PGO Conference Room Kalibo, Aklan on December 1, 2023.

It was closely coordinated by Ms. Vic Mae Laurdaus, Chief, CDD-OPA with the intention of creating awareness about the significant importance of federation and union in enhancing productivity of cooperatives, particularly agricultural cooperatives.



The invitation was heeded by twenty-three officers and authorized representatives from various Agriculture and Multipurpose Cooperatives, from micro to large in terms of asset size, from 2 districts in Aklan.

1<sup>st</sup> district attendees:

1. Provincial Government Employees Development Cooperative (PGEDECO)
2. Lorri Agrarian Reform Cooperative
3. Libacao Development Cooperative
4. Aklan Multipurpose Cooperative
5. Madalag Development Cooperative (MADECO)
6. Man-up Multipurpose Cooperative

7. Twenty-Five Peso Multipurpose Cooperative
8. Yarp Agriculture Cooperative
9. Notredam Multi-Purpose Cooperative



2<sup>nd</sup> District attendees:

1. Integrated Barangays of Numancia Multi-Purpose Cooperative (IBON MPC)
2. Lezo Multi-Purpose Cooperative
3. Rosario Multi-Purpose Cooperative
4. Numancia Agricultural and Fisheries Producers' Cooperative
5. GMT Farmers Consumers Cooperative
6. Kalipunan ng Maliliit na Magniniyog ng Napaan Multipurpose Cooperative (KAMMANA MPC)
7. Aparicio Agrarian Reform Cooperative



The orientation started at around 10:00 in the morning, OIC-Director Mercy Gabasa discussed the objective of the activity.



Sr. CDS of Registration Section Mary Grace Sangcada was tasked to present the legal basis for the registration and operation of Cooperative Unions (MC 2023-24) and Federations of Cooperatives respectively. The difference between Federations and Unions was also expounded during the presentation.



After the information was clearly explained, some of the attendees have signified their interest into organizing a Cooperative Union, but this idea still needs to be further discussed by the group to ensure that the commitment is there and the viability of the future Union to be organized.

The OIC-Director, together with the whole team made their courtesy call to Gov. Jose Enrique “Joel” Miraflores and thank his office for the accommodation, food for the activity and untiring support to the cooperative sector of the province.



OIC-Director Gabasa also took the opportunity to present to the Governor the RA 11535 where local government units are required to appoint a Cooperatives Development Officer, to which the good Governor replied that they will study it first and asked to be provided of a copy of the law.