

What is Koop Kapatid Program?

- This Program covers the micro and small cooperatives in need of mentorship in the form of management skills, financial, technical, and other forms of assistance for the so-called beneficiary-cooperative, and partner-cooperatives from medium and large cooperatives that have the capacity and willingness to render the forms of assistance under this Program.
- The terms and conditions shall be expressly indicated in the written Memorandum of Agreement among the parties.
- Cooperative federations and unions may participate as partner-cooperative



Who are the key actors under Koop Kapatid Program?

- The partners of this Program are the operating medium and large cooperatives
- The beneficiaries are the micro and small cooperatives.

Participation in this Program is voluntary in nature and should be covered by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be entered into by the partner-cooperative and the beneficiary-cooperative.

The CDA shall serve as witness to the MOA between the two parties and shall monitor and document the activities and accomplishments of the Program. CDA will also require the partner-cooperatives to submit report on the progress of the Program.

What are the forms of assistance offered under Koop Kapatid Program?

The program components may include primarily, but not be limited to:

- Provision of technical assistance
This is primarily in the form of mentoring, coaching, consultancy and advisory services and technical trainings
- Provision of subsidy/ assistance
This may be in the form of financial subsidies and assistance; sponsorship in training/seminar/educational and other business exposure activities, or donation of units/items/in-kind related to the various business activities/projects of the beneficiary-cooperatives.

The beneficiary-cooperative, before they could receive subsidy/assistance, must be compliant and operating for at least two years.

- Other forms of assistance not categorized in 1 & 2



How is the Koop Kapatid Program going to be funded?

Funding for the assistance to be provided by a partner-cooperative shall come from its allocated Community Development Fund (CDF) in accordance with the approved Annual Development Plan.

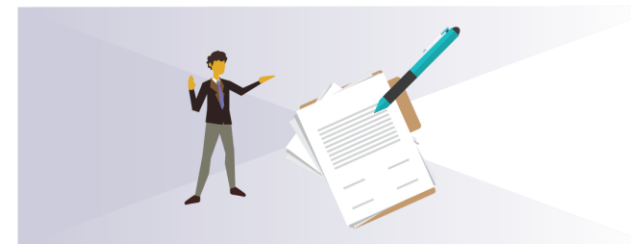
How to participate in the Koop Kapatid Program?

- The prospective beneficiary-cooperative shall submit to CDA a written communication requesting assistance under the program.

Upon receipt of the letter, the CDA will undertake the following procedures:

- validate the status and capacity of prospective beneficiary cooperatives that wish to join the program

- endorse qualified beneficiary-cooperatives to partner-cooperative
- facilitate the forging of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the interested partner cooperative and beneficiary cooperatives.



What are the roles of Partner Cooperative?

- Provide technical assistance, training, or capacity-building activities in accordance with CDA MC 2023-02 for the growth, development and sustainability of the cooperative/s
- Ensure successful implementation of the partnership agreement
- Include the Program in its Annual/Social Development Plan and Budget
- Allocate funds and/or provide financial subsidies and assistance to the beneficiary-cooperative/s w/in its area of operations chargeable against the CDF
- Submit a report on the progress of the Program to the concerned CDA Extension Office
- Other functions as agreed upon by the Parties.

What are the roles of Beneficiary Cooperative?

- Participate in all undertakings programmed with the partner-cooperative
- Designate a focal person upon whom the partner-cooperative or the CDA can coordinate
- Implement the activities/projects under the program
- The Board of Directors of the beneficiary cooperative shall ensure the successful implementation of the Program
- Allocate necessary resources in the implementation of the activities/projects under the program
- Other functions as agreed upon by the Parties

What are the prohibitions under the Program?



1. A partner cooperative is not eligible to invest in the capital structure of a beneficiary-cooperative;
2. Financial Assistance shall not be provided to non-compliant cooperatives
3. Cooperative Federation and Union cannot be a partner-cooperative to its members.

What is the concept of Koop Kapatid?

The Filipino society is already observed of its practice of *Bayanihan*, or the homegrown way of cooperation between and among native communities in the country mainly through the spirit of volunteerism and mutual help.

The concept of *Bayanihan* in *Cooperativism* is amplified further on a global scale through the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA) 6th Principle: Co-operation among Co-operatives. Even with the inception of crafting the CDA guidelines governing the Koop-Kapatid Program, the cooperatives in the country are already known to have been extending goodwill to its own by assisting cooperatives in need. They expressed this in all possible means in the spirit of *Bayanihan*, knowing that their sense of belongingness as one community does not absolutely rely on the exchanges of favors or grants but on deeper social and cultural connection between and among Filipino communities.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) may originally be a foreign concept, but "Koop-Kapatid" as a Filipino amalgam word for "cooperative" and "sibling," is indigenizing the movement for socio-economic cause. It is a good tagging of a program developed over time that best-represented the rich and diverse bond of Filipinos where familial ties is at the heart of community relations, helping each other as if one's own blood.

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