

# CDA KOOP-KAPATID PROGRAM: THE ALAMADA MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE (PARTNER) AND PARALUMAN CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE (BENEFICIARY) SUCCESS STORY

The CDA Koop Kapatid program which exemplifies the cooperative principle of cooperation among cooperatives aims to improve the management, governance, and business operations of the beneficiary cooperative through the provision of technical, financial, or other forms of assistance from the partner micro and small cooperatives.



CDA Koop Kapatid MOA Signing between Paraluman Consumers Cooperative (beneficiary) and Alamada MPC (partner). In this photo are Alamada MPC BOD Chairperson Engr. Rolando A. Erese (left), Paraluman Consumers Cooperative Chairperson Marissa C. Acerda (center), GM Marcelita Q. Camerling of Alamada MPC (right) and the Manager of Paraluman Consumers Cooperative (at the back)

On November 26, 2021, a Memorandum of Agreement was forged between Paraluman Consumers Cooperative and Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative, both located in Alamada, Cotabato. As the Partner cooperative, Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative will assist its beneficiary, the Paraluman Consumers Cooperative in terms of management and governance.

The beneficiary of the program, The Paraluman Consumers Cooperative is a primary cooperative registered with the authority on November 4, 2021. The coop started with thirty-six (36) members who organized themselves with the assistance of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Office 12 under its Sustainable Livelihood Project Association (SLPA).

Included in the assistance extended by DSWD 12 was the additional paid-up capital amounting to Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three Pesos (Php445,183.00) as a start-up capital for a Consumer Store.

Since most of the members especially the officers of the cooperatives has limited knowledge on the nature of cooperative and its operations, they were very thankful to CDA 12 especially their Cooperative Development Specialist assigned for the assistance.

The Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative extended help to Paraluman Consumers Cooperative through various ways. They latter assisted them with a Pre-Membership Education Seminar (PMES) for their prospective members; Basic Financial Management Training; and Coffee Production and Management Training. It also extended medical assistance to the senior citizens through its Program “Giving Love to Senior Citizens”; assistance in the preparation of CDA reports; online submission of their CDA reports through CAIS; and accompanied their officers and staff during the orientation and hands-on preparation of reports conducted by the CDA 12 at CDA Office, Kidapawan City. Through these efforts, the Paraluman Consumers Cooperative members and officers extend its gratitude to their partner Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative for their untiring support and assistance.

Chairperson Marissa C. Acerda of Paraluman Consumers Cooperative humbly asks its partner cooperative to continue empowering their cooperative and assisting them especially in the financial records and mobilization of its officers and members until they can operate independently and be qualified in accessing government initiatives.

“Daku jud amon pasalamat sa Cooperative Development Authority Region 12 Extension Office sa ilang programa nga Koop-Kapatid kay nag extend ug nag share ang Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative sang ila experience sa amon gamay nga organisasyon. Hinaot unta nga magpabilin pa kag magpadayon pag alalay sa amon asta nga kami makatindog na sang maayo kag magdamo pa ang amon mga membro.” Ms. Marissa C. Acerda said.



Fifty (50) Senior Citizens and members of Paraluman Consumers Cooperative received health kits from Alamada Multipurpose Cooperative through the program, “Giving Love to Senior Citizens”.



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