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TAS in the Application for Registration of Marginalized Groups/Sector

Under the Cooperative development program, these technical assistance are for the marginalized applicants in the registration of cooperatives: IPs and Muslim brothers, farmers, fisherfolks, former rebels, women, coconut farmers organization, youth and other marginalized sectors. The major challenge of Malindog Ati Cultural Community is mostly attributed to lack of technological knowledge and access. It has no or limited English language vocabulary and has no internet connectivity in the area.



According to Saturnino Bernabe:

Kami po ay mga miyembro ng Indigenous People's Community dito sa Sitio Malindog Brgy. Laserna Nabas, Aklan, ang Malindog Ati Cultural Community.

Kami po ay nagpatayo ng Cooperative sa kadahilanan na mahirap na ang aming pamumuhay. Hindi sapat kahit anong pag sisikap lalo kaming naghihirap. Sinasamantala kami ng mga negosyante, binibili sa mababang halaga and aming mga produkto. Hindi namin alam ang gagawin kung paano kami mag simula at hindi namin alam kung sino ang tutulong sa amin.



Nakaisip po ako na magtatag ng Kooperatiba sa tulong din ng ibang Kooperatiba. Ito ang nalaman namin na paraan para matulungan ang mga ka tribo. Lahat kami nagkaisa para sa amin tribo para mabuo ang Kooperatiba. At salamat nga pala sa lahat ng tumulong sa amin dahil nahihirapan kami mag rehistro dahil walang internet sa lugar naming at hindi kami masyadong marunong sa computer. Salamat sa Panginoon, sa Aklan Office na binubuo nina Sir Mario na nag seminar sa amin at kay Ma'am Ginette na tumulong sa pag rehistro.. Sila po ang nag guide sa amin. Sa aming IP's leader na si Nang Myrna. Mga elders namin sa tribu, sa aming Brgy Captain din po na sumuporta sa amin.

("We are members of Indigenous People's Community of Sitio Malindog Brgy. Laserna Nabas, Aklan, the Malindog Ati Cultural Community. We organized a Cooperative because of poverty. Even though we work harder, it seems like it is never enough, and we remain poor. Businessmen are taking advantage of our

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situation; they buy our products at a cheaper price. We don't know what to do, where to start and who will help us.



I thought of organizing a Cooperative with the help of other Cooperatives. This is the only way we know to help the tribe. All of us within the tribe agreed to form a Cooperative. We would like to thank all of those who helped us. However, we have difficulty registering online because we don't have an internet signal in our area, and we don't know how to use the computer. Thank you to our Lord God, Aklan office composed of Mr. Mario who conducted the seminar and Ma'am Ginette who helped us in registration. They both

guided us. To our IP's leader, Ms. Myrna. Our elders in the tribe, to our Barangay Captain who supported us").

The commitment, efforts, and cooperation of the members of the proposed Cooperative, and the technical expertise provided by the Aklan Field Office paved the way towards realizing the registration of a cooperative. The Malindog Ati Cultural Community was registered last October 20, 2023, as Laserna Consumers Cooperative.

