



BISLIG CITY: HOME OF TAGUM COOPERATIVE'S 24th BUSINESS CENTER

The City of Bislig in Mangagoy, Surigao del Sur, known for its fine tourist destinations such as the Tinuy-an Falls has become another place for Tagum Cooperative to embrace.

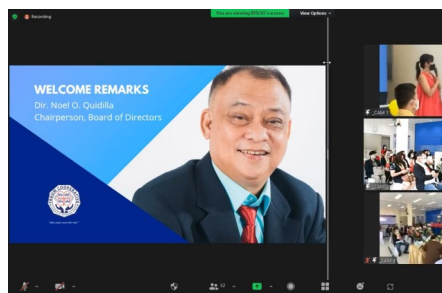
Last September 8, 2021, TC Bislig Satellite Office celebrated its Blessing and inauguration. To follow the minimum health protocol, half of the attendees witnessed the celebration via Zoom Video Conferencing and Facebook Live Coverage. The celebration commenced – as with all the TC Business Center Opening, with a motorcade, followed by the office blessing officiated by Rev. Father Antonio M. Galela, and closed with a short program. After the festivities, the Satellite Office began its official first day of business operations.

Dir. Noel O. Quidilla on his virtual message is proud to announce the expansion of Tagum Cooperative in Bislig City while humbly recalling the 54 year-old cooperative's humble beginnings up to its present growth of P9.7 Billion in terms of assets serving more than 170,000 members and users. "Part of Tagum Cooperative's mission is to provide highly innovative and relevant products and services. Despite the Covid -19 pandemic rest assured that we will abide by our mission to continuously innovate our products and services offered for all our members and the surrounding communities. It is with the best of our intention to work side-by-side hand-in-hand to create a strong and fruitful relationship for the beloved members of Tagum Cooperative in Bislig and its neighboring municipalities." Dir. Quidilla states.

Bislig City Mayor Florencio C. Garay duly represented by Executive Assistant IV Mr. Jose S. Candia welcomes Tagum Coop as a part of their growing "Bisligan Family". "We are thankful to Tagum Cooperative for investing and aiming to help improve the lives of the Bisligan families. We are very much happy to welcome you as part of our family," Mr. Candia states.

Before closing the short celebration, TC Bislig Satellite staff recited the Tagum Cooperative Customer Service Creed signifying the utmost sincere service to the people of Bislig and carrying with them the banner of Tagum Cooperative as the icon of trust and excellence.

The 24th Tagum Cooperative Business Center is led by one of the youngest branch/satellite office Managers Ms. Leeven G. Granada, MBA. Visit our Bislig Satellite Office at R.B. Castillo St. Brgy. Mangagoy, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur and become a member of the Tagum Coop Family.



In photos: The hybrid celebration made possible by technology. Some of the attendees, including TC Chairperson Noel O. Quidilla, witnessed the inauguration via Zoom Conference while others went physically to Bislig City to celebrate with the team.





SAFETY FIRST: TAGUM COOPERATIVE BRINGS VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS

Tagum Cooperative remains one of the many essential establishments that are still standing despite the ravaging of the worldwide pandemic, COVID-19. This is due to the efforts of the Officers, Management and Staff to provide the needs of its members and the surrounding communities.

Bearing in mind the continued safety of its employees and its transacting members, Tagum Cooperative in coordination with the City Health Office brings the vaccination program to Tagum Cooperative. A total of 240 "vacinnees" composed of TC employees and their dependents availed their first doses on September 22, 2021 held on Tagum Cooperative Gymnasium in Tagum City. CEO Juris D. Perez and TC Chairperson Noel O. Quidilla were also present during the vaccination to ensure the successful conduct of the vaccination program.

"Thank you to The City Health Office for allowing us to conduct this vaccination. We would also like to thank all those who came to take part in this program. To the Board of Directors, Officers, Management and staff led by CEO Juris Perez, and the City Health Office, thank you for doing your best everyday to provide safety and protection. To our Human Resource Management Department led by Ms. Erlybeth Plaza by making sure that PPEs such as masks, vitamins, and alcohol are being provided to our employees and making sure that all TC premises, including all TC Business Centers are being disinfected everyday" CEO Noel O. Quidilla affirms.

The City Health Office team includes Dr. Arnel R. Florendo, City health officer; Dr. April Lyndy Grace N. Senarillos, Asst. City Health Officer ; Dr. Princess Dyann W. Dumandagan, Medical Officer IV; Rae Katherine A. Pongan, Health Education and Promotion Officer (HEPO) III; and more than ten health professionals went to Tagum Cooperative to conduct the vaccination program. Beforehand, the team conducted an inspection making sure that TC's Gymnasium passes the standards for safety as the vaccination site.

During the briefing to the employees and dependents about to be vaccinated, HEPO III Ms. Rae Katherine A. Pongan

reiterated the importance of the vaccines especially those who are considered essential workers like those who are in the cooperative sector. "The best vaccine is the vaccine that is in front of you. The main purpose of the vaccination is to protect you from the worst case scenario. The vaccine is not a treatment but a form of prevention. You might be infected but with the help of the vaccination, it won't get worse for the infected person. This will also help us protect ourselves and the families especially our children and senior citizens," HEPO III Pongan states.



HEPO III Ms. Rae Katherine A. Pongan discusses the advantages of the vaccine to the employees and dependents

Tagum Cooperative continues to implement minimum health protocols like physical distancing and face mask and face shield requirements upon entering TC premises. One of the measures to further guarantee the safety of everyone in Tagum Cooperative is to initiate the vaccination program for the employees and their dependents.

In her message, CEO Juris D. Perez states that TC aims to achieve 100% vaccination on all its employees including the security personnel and utility personnel to guarantee safety and protection for the employees, the transacting members and the surrounding people as well. "The rolling out of vaccination will help us secure our continued operations because we are confident that all of us have the necessary protection against the virus on our day-to-day operations" CEO Perez said.

One of the recipients of the vaccination is Ms. Harlen Ky M. Sumagang, wife of Mr. Paolo Khryzz Sumagang, TC FuneCare

Events Specialist. Ms. Sumagang who gave birth in July 2021 wanted to make sure that their child is safe by getting the vaccination herself. "I am happy and thankful that Tagum Cooperative offered this to their employees and their dependents. These vaccines have been developed safely that will surely protect us once we get exposed to the virus. I know some of us are still undecided because of misinformation about how the vaccine works, but these vaccines are developed with careful consideration and that they were extensively tested for both safety and efficacy. Let's help one another in putting an end to the spreading of COVID-19." Ms. Sumagang expresses.

A second round of first dose of vaccination has been set in October of this year to ensure that TC Employees, Officers and their dependents are protected. It can also be recalled that in 2020, during the onset of the pandemic, Tagum Cooperative donated PPEs – gloves and masks, as an immediate response to the request of the City Government of Tagum.



Employees and dependent follow minimum health protocols while waiting for their turn for the health assessment.



Ms. Harlen Ky M. Sumagang, wife of one of the employees got her first dose as a safety precaution for her new born and their family



TAGUM COOPERATIVE: 1 MILLION FOR LGU TAGUM

Tagum Cooperative known to take by heart the 7th Cooperative Principle "Concern for Community" hands over One Million Pesos as donation to the Local Government of Tagum through Mayor Allan L. Rellon on September 27, 2021.

The said donation is intended to finance the vaccination program in the community, which will require a whole-of-government approach, involving coordination and partnership between and among the National and Local Agencies and other Key Stakeholders such as Cooperatives to help roll-out inoculation of the COVID-19 vaccine.



An energetic City Mayor welcomes the Tagum Cooperative representatives led by Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Dir. Janet T. Matuguinas, CPA, DBA; Members of the BOD Directors Antonio C. Arañas, MPA and Rosamaria S. Torrejano, CPA, MPA; together with Chief Executive Officer Juris D. Perez, CPA, MBA. Also present are Mr. Giovanni Ryan Rellon- City Administrator, Operations Head of Task Force Covid19 (IATF) Tagum; and Dr. Daina Fajardo from the City

Health Office.

Dir. Antonio C. Aranas, MPA states that the event is historic as it is the first time that Tagum Cooperative is able to reciprocate the kindness, the goodness, and the opportunity that is offered by the City (of Tagum). "Today, it can't be denied that Tagum Cooperative is one of the most progressive Cooperatives not only in the Philippines but in the entire Asia. So we are here to share this blessing to our City Government. Hopefully, this donation can go a long way in helping us fight this COVID-19 Pandemic," Dir. Aranas says.

Tagum Cooperative also embraces the 3rd Sustainable Development Goal set by the United Nations which mandates the promotion and preservation of good health and well-being of people in the community. Through this donation, TC intends to help pay for the expenses on Medical and Laboratory Fees, Drugs and Medicines, Meals and Snacks, I.T. Equipment and other supplies for the vaccination program of the City Government of Tagum.



"On behalf of the entire officialdom and people of Tagum I would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to

Tagum Cooperative with its BOD, and the workforce for this assistance. This really will help us inspire our front liners to continue to give their selfless and untiring efforts. We have to really fight and provide the very best medical and services to our people, Again Daghang Salamat Kaayo, and Tagum, Tagumpay." Mayor Rellon states earnestly.

The good-natured relationship between Tagum Cooperative and the City Government of Tagum can be evident in the beginning of the Pandemic in 2020 as Tagum Cooperative immediately donates PPEs to the front liners and recently, through TC's partnership with the City Health Office, the vaccination program for TC employees and their dependents held at Tagum Coop's very own gymnasium.



As the COVID-19 Pandemic brings worldwide health scare among people in all walks of life, it also continues to threaten ordinary or marginalized workers whose employers or businesses ceased to operate or have experienced losses due to the pandemic.

The TUPAD or “**Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers**” implemented by COOP-NATCCO Party-List, Davao del Norte Chapter, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is a form of assistance that provides emergency employment for the disadvantaged/displaced workers in our community. The program runs for a maximum period of 10 Days with each Program-Beneficiary paid at Php 396.00 per Day, the approved minimum daily wage in Region XI.

The COOP-NATCCO Party-List, Davao del Norte Chapter, has identified a Total of 148 Beneficiaries for said TUPAD Program, 60 of those Beneficiaries are from Purok Tipaz, Barangay Magugpo East, 60 Beneficiaries from Barangay Cuambogan, both in Tagum City; and another 28 Beneficiaries from the Municipality of Kapalong, all of Davao del Norte.

This program partnership seeks to aid those who have lost their source of income or livelihood since the onset of COVID-19 Pandemic last year.

CNPL – Davao del Norte and Region XI Chapters, led by its President, **Director ANTONIO C. ARAÑAS, MPA** (speaking at top photo), has devised a strategy or scheme with the concurrence of the Department of Labor and Employment whereby the original Total Allocated Number of TUPAD Beneficiaries in Davao del Norte was doubled from 74 to 148 individual Beneficiaries. The scheme afforded more Tagum Coop Members and people in the community to participate in said work program to stave off the impact of the pandemic that wrought havoc to the lives and the livelihood of people in times of crisis or difficulty.

It can be recalled that last November 2020, COOP-NATCCO Party-List also initiated in providing Cash Assistance to over 300 Indigent Families in the town of Talaingod, Davao del Norte, dubbed as, “**Tabang sa Pamilyang Pilipino Panahon sa (COVID-19) Pandem-n’ya**” which was implemented in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Local Government Unit (LGU) of Talaingod and **Tagum**



CNPL Davao del Norte and Region XI Chapters President, **Director ANTONIO C. ARAÑAS, MPA** speaks to the beneficiaries during the launching of the TUPAD Program

COOP-NATCCO PARTY-LIST (CNPL) IMPLEMENTS ‘TUPAD’ PROGRAM IN DAVAO DEL NORTE

