

CONNECT

The Official NATCCO Children and Youth Newsletter

Jan-Feb
2023



Hi, Partners!

The NATCCO Children and Youth Team is thrilled to share with you our bi-monthly newsletter, Connect. This is our way to connect with you and share the latest updates on the various youth activities our team has conducted every two months. Our activities were made possible all thanks to your continued involvement with the youth program. We dedicate all our efforts and fruitful results in the program to all of you. We hope this brings us closer to you and strengthens our partnership in the cooperative movement. Enjoy reading and help us share the good news with your youth members, partners, and stakeholders!

The Latest Updates

What's Featured?

* MEET OUR TEAM

About the NATCCO Children & Youth Program
The Youth Unit and Committee Officers

* SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming youth activities for March - April 2023

* #NATCCOYOUTHPH

January-February 2023 Conducted Activities

* #AFLATOUNPH

Where is Aflatoun PH right now?

* #AFLAYOUTHPH

NATCCO and Partner Co-ops initiatives
for Aflayouth Program

* COORDINATOR OF THE MONTH

Odessa Javier, Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative



Meet the Team!



The NATCCO Children and Youth unit is under the Education, Training, and Consultancy Group. The unit's primary purpose is to lead and promote the network's youth programs and activities to its member cooperatives for the co-op succession plan of building young cooperative leaders nationwide such as the formation of the NATCCO Youth Committee Officers. The flagship program of the Children and Youth unit is the Aflatoun program which delivers social and financial education to youth co-op members under the Laboratory Cooperative.

NATCCO Children and Youth



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Save the Date

MARCH 2023

★ 21 MARCH

Aflatoun Asia Regional Youth Forum

FREE! **REGISTER HERE**

★ 24 MARCH

Aflatoun Day Call with NATCCO: Celebrate Aflatoun International Day!

FREE! **REGISTER HERE**

★ 22-23 MARCH

Work Smarter with Basics of Microsoft Excel

P1000 **REGISTER HERE**

★ 27-28 MARCH

Master the Art of Video Editing: Tips & Tricks for Creating Professional-Quality Video

P1000 **REGISTER HERE**

All March Activities held via Zoom

APRIL 2023

11 Building Your Professional Portfolio

12-13 Meta Social Media Marketing

19-20 Fundamentals of Cooperatives for Young Leaders

25-26 SIYB: Generate Your Business Training

*Training dates for April are subject to change. The official invitation will be posted to our Facebook page or upon request through our email, youth@natcco.coop



Reg Fee includes:

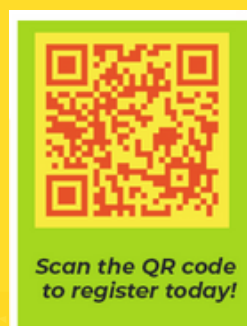
2-night accommodation in Sugarland Hotel, Meals (May 2: PM Snacks, Dinner, May 3: Breakfast, AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, Dinner May 4: Breakfast, AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks), Event Kit and Bacolod Tour

Early Bird Promo:
P7,100

Register on or before March 24 to avail the Early Bird Rate!

Join us now!

It's a BIG event!



READ MORE ABOUT THE EVENT

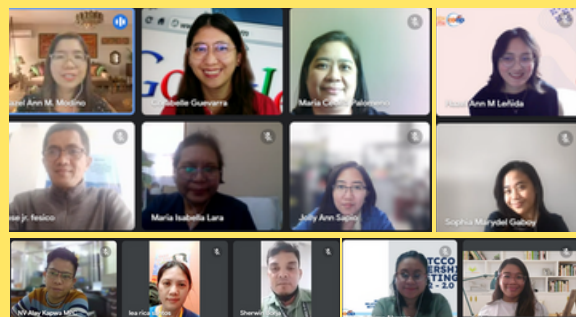
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January 26-27, 2023

**AFLATOUN
LEARNING SESSION**

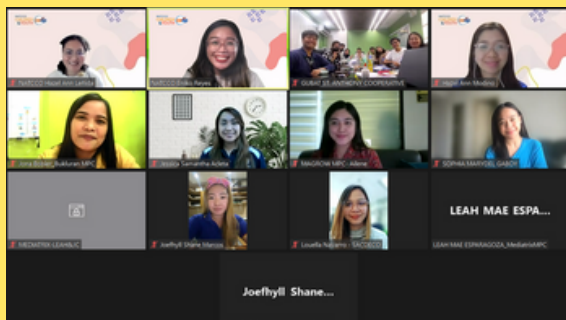
Grateful we had a worthwhile learning session with you, partners! Through this learning session, we aim to strive and maintain the best practices we successfully conducted for the Aflatoun program. This also encouraged our coordinators to overcome the challenges and the unknown horizons and be able to see the fruits of our advocacy for a brighter future created for the next generation.

February 16, 2023

**USING GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR
PRODUCTIVITY**

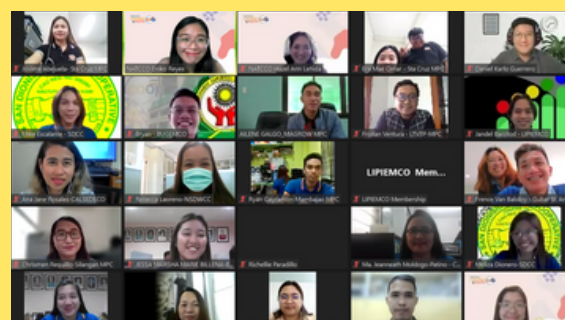
Successfully explored Google Workspace Apps to keep us organized, highly productive, and efficient in handling our project plans, tasks, and outputs! Thanks to our speaker, Ms. Corabelle Guevarra for sharing tips and tricks so we can step up the game in productivity and collaboration in our school or workplace.

February 17, 2023

**MEETING MANAGEMENT USING
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES
FOR LABORATORY
COOPERATIVE OFFICERS**

We've learned a lot of values and practices we need to change so we can effectively lead and attend to our roles and responsibilities in a meeting. In our training, the LabCoop Officers were able to identify steps in conducting a meeting using Parliamentary Procedures. We are thankful for our resource speaker, Atty. Jessica Samantha Acleta for the pointers given and thoroughly shared with our participants.

February 22-23, 2023

**FUNDAMENTALS OF DESIGN
USING CANVA
FOR EFFECTIVE MARKETING**

Our two-day training was able to cover the basics of graphic design. 29 participants joined us to discover an online editing tool to create posters for effective marketing in their cooperative. We appreciate the sessions that Mr. Daniel Karlo Guerrero has presented to use Canva and improve the layouts of our Digital Creatives that they will showcase on their respective social media pages or accounts.

#NATCCOYouthPH

MOBILIZE YOUTH PROGRAMS TO CO-OPS: NATCCO CHILDREN AND YOUTH Collaborates with LAMAC MPC Youth Planet Laboratory Cooperative

A successful collaboration between NATCCO Children and Youth and Lamac Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LMPC) Youth Planet Laboratory Cooperative transpired last February 10-11, 2023 in Pinamungajan, Cebu.

13 Partner Co-ops joined our Study Learning Visit to be more immersed and share best practices of LMPC with their youth engagement and membership in the cooperative.



34 participants had a full experience of some of the production of the products of the LabCoop such as Concoction Making, Cacao Grafting, Vermiculture, and Buffalo Feeding.

The LMPC Youth Planet Lab Coop Members also had the opportunity to showcase their talent to welcome our participants with a dance performance.

Through this benchmarking, we hope all cooperatives will be able to pursue a larger scale of ideas that can attract more youth in the cooperative sector.

Thank you for joining the fun and learning, pretty sure this will not be the last!

Check out our Facebook Page, NATCCO Children and Youth for more photos of this activity.

#AflayouthPH



AFLAYOUTH INTEGRATION WRITESHOP WITH TAGUM COOPERATIVE

On February 11, 2023 NATCCO in partnership with Tagum Cooperative organized its first Aflayouth Integration Writeshop along with the teachers of Tagum Comprehensive National High School in a hybrid set-up.

The teachers gathered in Tagum Cooperative Function Hall to work on mastering integration of the Aflayouth Curriculum using the 4As of Learning.

Aflayouth Master Trainers Dr. Eduard Amoguis Ed.D, Dr. Josephine Fadul Ed. D, Ms. Jonalyn Pasquito and Ms. Hermarie Esmael led the workshops and learning sessions to guide the teachers of TCNHS in the entirety of the Aflayouth Program.



NATCCO Data as of February 2023

#AflayouthPH

5 PARTNER CO-OPS

18 PARTNER SCHOOLS

17 MASTER TRAINERS

101 TEACHERS' TRAINED

Coordinator of the Month

THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF ODESSA IN SHSC

I applied for whatever position was open at that time in Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative (SHSC). Fortunately, they were looking for a Youth Coordinator for the newly organized Laboratory Cooperative of SHSC. During my application, I was interviewed by Mr. Rey F. Tanglib, the Human Resource Manager, through the approval of then CEO Mr. Jaime "Jim" D. Gaboy Jr.



ODESSA JAVIER
Youth Program Officer,
Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative

I was then officially hired by SHSC on July 1, 2014. The main program that I was assigned to handle was the Aflatoun Program. I must say that the trust and belief that Sir Jim had given me lit the fire in my heart and soul. Sir Jim was a believer that the Aflatoun Program can help a lot of children. He gave me his wholehearted support, which also gave me the confidence to perform the work, even if I was not yet familiar with the Program.



Right after I was hired, the Aflatoun Trainers' Training was organized by NATCCO last July 2014. From the first training until now, each day is a full-packed, busy day with Aflatoun. I hope Sir Jim is happy with what we have done in the Aflatoun Program—that we have reached the fruits of his vision, although it is sad that he is no longer with us. But his legacy will live on forever in every child that we educate each day.



Our Future. Today.

Jan-Feb
2023

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES IN THE AFLATOUN PROGRAM

Challenges are part of the deal and they are inevitable considering the partner schools that we have. But in a way, the challenges also push us to revisit our procedures and make improvements. Way back 2014, dealing with a new program (Aflatoun) as a newly hired employee is very thought-provoking, to list some – What is this program all about? How is this being implemented and part of the Laboratory Cooperative?

For the past eight years of working as a Program Officer, some challenges revolve around program logistics like updating passbooks - just imagine updating 18,000 passbooks! Thus, we decided to do the updating on a weekly basis and we now allot five to six days before the passbooks are returned to the pupils. We cannot impose on the branches to expedite the updating of the passbooks because the branches also serve thousands of regular members.

Another challenge is the presence or absence of the savings collector. Apart from the Aflatoun Program, the collectors also serve and visit regular Co-op members and sometimes applied for a leave of absence due to sickness or personal activities.

Hence, there are times when the teachers complain that the collectors did not visit them during Savings Day.

Although the collectors' absence is not a regular recurrence, we try to make up for it by sending a collector after Savings Day or within the week.

With the teachers, the challenge is that a lot of them are asking for incentives. We provide incentives as much as we can through classroom or school improvement and gifts during Aflatoun activities involving teachers. We also plan to make a more institutionalized incentive system for the schools and the teachers.

As to the parents, they usually complain about the awards for the kids. Some parents are really into the "medals and gifts" as measurements of achievement. We always emphasize that it is not about the amount of savings but the consistency of savings. Thus, we look into the average daily balance and the regular deposit of savings.

Personally, I am also challenged by having to talk with the Schools Division Offices, especially those who are not yet familiar with the Aflatoun Program. Some of them see the Program as an additional task for the teachers and additional expenses for the parents.

Also, since the program involves a voluntary savings component, the Division Office does not like the idea of monetary transactions. To face a challenge like this, I provide them with the success stories of the other Divisions as testimonies.

These stories make the Division office realize that the Program is doable and can be sustained. But if the Superintendent still refuses to implement the Program, we do not insist and do not push too much. We would just hope that soon they can see and appreciate the benefits of the Aflatoun to the students. Hopefully, they would be the ones to approach us, and this had happened already, that a Division Office was the one that approached us instead of us reaching out to them. We count our blessings.

Since I am the only one doing full-time work for SHSC's Lab Coop, organizing Aflatoun activities is also very challenging and it is difficult for me to visit and monitor all the Divisions. Thus, it is necessary that each branch has full ownership of the Program and does everything it can for its success. Being with the Program, sometimes you have to sacrifice your personal interest just to fit into our stakeholders' schedules.

IMPACT OF AFLATOUN PROGRAM

The program taught me a lot, from being a "shy type" to being "inclined." I've learned how to deal with different kinds of people, build up my leadership skills, and learned how to manage time and handle situations. It made me experience and discover new things that developed my whole being. So I really thank Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative for the opportunity to help in realizing the dreams of the youth and building the cooperative members' lives.

MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG ONES

Dear young ones: "Learn and Earn"- Learn how to value the gifts of life, and follow your aspirations with love, excellence, competence, and honesty. Treat other people with humility and kindness and you will Earn love and respect.

To the youth who are not yet part of the Aflatoun community, be an Aflatouner or youth saver so you will learn its core elements that will mold you to become a better you and eventually teach you how to save for your future and be of great help for your family and community.

To my fellow Youth Officers of different organizations, have faith. Ups and downs come along in the program implementation but as long as we do our part with compassion, commitment, and integrity- always ask for His guidance in whatever endeavor with the help of other people around us, we will surely overcome those struggles. We just have "do our best and God will do the rest."

NATCCO Data as of February 2023

#AflatounPH

158 PARTNER CO-OPS

2,057 PARTNER SCHOOLS

8,283 TEACHERS' TRAINED

413,605 CHILDREN SAVING

P429.5 M AMOUNT SAVED

For all Aflatoun Partner Co-ops:
To keep our metabase updated, please email your latest Aflatoun
Monthly Data Report to youth@natcco.coop



NATCCO YOUTH MERCHANDISE

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AFLATOUN DOLL

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Share the Aflatoun Love!

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AFLATOUN MANUAL

Co-op Youth as Changemakers Manual for
Financial Literacy for Youth: Aflatoun-
NATCCO Program

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Episode 6 - Financial Empowerment
Marichelle Candado (NATCCO KRC Operation Team Lead)



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