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The Official NATCCO Children & Youth Newsletter

MAY-JUNE 2019

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### Ahoy, Dearest Partners!

It's now a back-to-school season for all our Aflatouners out there!

The recent summer vacation means having more time for the learners and teachers to immerse themselves with exciting activities to strengthen the Aflatoun movement.

In our bi-monthly newsletter for May to June, indulge in the latest happenings of what our partner cooperatives from around the country are up to in reaching out to its partners, stakeholders and learners to become socially and financially aware!


Let's continue to connect,  
**NATCCO Children and Youth Team**




**CHILDREN  
& YOUTH TEAM**  
AFLATOUNI PHILIPPINES


### June 2019 AFLATOUN updates

Where are we now?

 154 partner co-ops

 1,563 partner schools

 7,744 teachers

 303,450 savers

 193,422,155.6  
total amount saved

Notice to all Aflatoun Co-op Partners:  
To keep our Metabase Data updated,  
please send your Aflatoun Data to  
[hadmmangaya@natcco.coop](mailto:hadmmangaya@natcco.coop)

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# Youth Entrepreneurship Training

[Charting your Own Success and Happiness while Helping Others]

Ban-aw Resort, Candon City, Ilocos Sur

May 22-24, 2019

## NATCCO network events

Our young entrepreneurs had the opportunity to attend a 3-day training on Youth Entrepreneurship Training and Digital Literacy with Co-op Benchmarking last May 22-24, 2019. The training was held all the way to the Northern part of Luzon at Ban-aw Resort, Candon City, Ilocos Sur!

49 of our aspiring young entrepreneurs were present during the training which created a lot of fun and excitement especially during the activities NATCCO Children and Youth Team have prepared for them.

The first day welcomed the participants with concepts on Self-Awareness, Creativity, Entrepreneurial Mindset and Personal Vision. These allowed their creative minds and reflect on their dreams and aspiration before heading on to building an enterprise that can contribute to the well-being of their community. Participants also had the chance to create a bond during the activity, "Creative uses of a spoon."







Eventually, the second day created a lighter atmosphere wherein the participants from different cooperatives in Luzon were grouped for the various activities per session. The main focus of the second day was to familiarize the concepts on Basic Marketing and Pricing and applying this to their Entrepreneurial project.

Since the training does not only focus on enterprise, to further improve their marketing skills and the use of digital media, a session on Digital Literacy paved way to give them the basic knowledge of what it means to be digitally literate in a digital world. Awareness on this topic created a sense of responsibility in using the digital platforms that are arising in the age of technology.

Also, the second batch had a chance to present their Entrep Pitch which were participated by four cooperatives. Each of the cooperative laid down their plans for the entrepreneurial project that they can apply in their Cooperative to address the social issues of their community.







Winners of the Entrep Pitch were awarded as follows:

**First Place:** Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative

**Second Place:** Abra Diocesan Teachers and Employees' Multi-Purpose Cooperative

**Third Place:** Sta. Cruz Savings and Development Cooperative (SACDECO)

**Fourth Place:** Bukluran Multi-Purpose Cooperative

The night of the second day was filled with laughter, spontaneous games, and camaraderie during the Solidarity Night. Creativity of the participants were unlimited and all-out which exceeded the expectation of the objectives of the social gathering.

Finally, the last day was an opportunity for the participants to visit two of the largest cooperatives in Luzon, Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative and Sta. Cruz Savings and Development Cooperative. Each cooperative presented their ways of organizing and sustaining a laboratory cooperative and showed the youth's involvement in the cooperatives. The visit encouraged our participants to either create a laboratory cooperative or participate in the programs of their respective Laboratory Cooperative.

The three-day long journey with the younger generation was indeed a hopeful experience for the future of Entrepreneurship and the Cooperative in our country!





## My DE Experience...

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

I've been working towards the development of children and youth as a NATCCO Youth Program Officer for years now, but I still had my uncertainties about my expertise as an educator every time we conduct our activities. It was only after attending the Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions' Development Educators Training that I truly felt that I am officially a Development Educator.

Last June 9-15, 2019, I had the wonderful opportunity to learn and discover more about being a Development Educator thru various sessions, discussions, and group work during ACCU's Development Educators Program held in Bangkok, Thailand. It's truly challenging and exciting meeting other people coming from different parts of the continent speaking from different perspective. I had the opportunity to mingle, socialize, and learn with co-participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Kenya, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Australia, and Philippines.

During this training, we've learned more about Sustainable Development Goals and how cooperatives can contribute to its achievement, problems that usually encountered by Credit Unions or Cooperatives, not only in the local setting but globally, and how others managed to go pass through it. This was achieved thru the inputs from our knowledgeable mentors, Ms. Leni San Roque (CEO of ACCU), Mr. Ranjith Hettiarachchi, Mr. Paul Dawson, Mrs. Maribel Gulay-Isidro, and Mr. Kamon Kiattisirikumpon.

Now, I am more energized than ever to get back to the community and empower our Youth, socially and financially. This experience is truly one for the books, thank you NATCCO!

**Hazel Ann Lenida**

NATCCO Youth Program Officer  
Development Educator





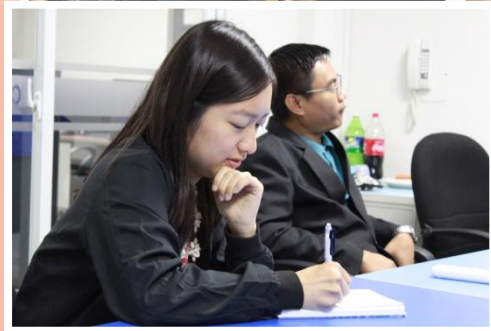
# GLOBAL GIVING

## study visit



GlobalGiving, a non-profit organization from United States that helps local non-profits access the funding, tools, training, and support they need to become more effective had the chance to visit the Philippines for the second time.

Last June 28, 2019, NATCCO was visited by Grace Yu, a field traveler of GlobalGiving to discuss the effective fundraising strategies for the Cooperative. Also, to gain more firsthand experience of the Cooperative and its programs, she visited Most Holy Rosary MPC in Rizal and San Jose Elementary School, a partner school of MHRMPC in the Aflatoun Program. Yu together with CEO Josie Cardona and National Aflatoun Trainer Joey Flores had a discussion on how the Aflatoun Program worked in the cooperative sector and the educational system of the schools.





# AFLATEACH

Aflatoun welcomes our new Aflateachers!

## San Isidro Development Cooperative (SIDECO)

DepEd Div. of Naga City (May 17-18, 2019)

### Partner Schools:

1. Concepcion Grande Elementary School
2. Julian Milton Central School
3. Mac Mariano Elementary School
4. San Isidro Elementary School
5. Tinago National High School

Facilitators: National Aflatoun Trainer Alona Almazan & Youth Program Officer I Hazel Ann Leñida



## Tabuk Multi-Purpose Cooperative (TAMPCO)

DepEd Div. of Kalinga and Tabuk City  
(May 28-29, 2019)

### Partner Schools:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Batch:

1. Appas Elementary School
2. Balong Elementary School
3. Burayucan Elementary School
4. Cabaruan Elementary School
5. Dilag Integrated School
6. Laya Elementary School
7. Magsaysay Elementary School
8. Pantar Elementary School
9. Tabuk City Central School

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch:

1. Kalinga SPED Center
2. Liwan West Elementary School
3. Macutay Elementary School
4. Macutay-Palao National High School
5. San Juan Elementary School
6. St. Tonis College
7. Socbot Elementary School
8. Rizal Central School

Facilitators: National Aflatoun Trainer Joey Flores & Youth Program Officer I Hazel Ann Leñida



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Aflatoun welcomes our new Aflateachers!

Fairchild Cebu Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative  
DepEd Div. of Lapu-Lapu City (May 31, 2019)

(Refresher Teachers' Training)

Partner School:  
Pusok Elementary School

Facilitators: National Aflatoun Trainer Rodolfo Villanueva & Youth Program Associate Eniko Jaimee Reyes



"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."

Proverbs 9:9





# SCHOOL launchings

Aflatoun meets our new Aflatouners!



**MAVENCO** | It's an exciting encounter with our new Aflatouners from Canjulao Elementary School in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu as they sign in their membership forms last June 17, 2019!



**Ugong MPC** | June 20, 2019 is the start of something new for our aspiring young savers at Francisco Legaspi Memorial School, Ugong, Pasig as the concepts of the Aflatoun program were introduced to them!



**Most Holy Rosary MPC** | We had a new big family to welcome in the Aflatoun movement last June 21, 2019! Hundreds of our learners from Tagumpay Elementary School in San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal are in anticipation of materializing their knowledge through the social and financial activities of the program.



**SAFADECO** | All smiles have brightened up the morning of our newest Aflatouners in Sorsogon City as the program kicked off in Pamurayan Integrated School on June 21, 2019!



# #AFLATOUN PH

What's trending in the Aflatoun movement?



Saving commitment was duly awarded to this little girl from Belison Multi-Purpose Cooperative!



Summer vacation is over and it's time for these young savers to deposit their bottle-filled alkansya in Bukluran MPC!



Most Holy Rosary MPC initiated a visit last May 4, 2019 in DepEd Division of Rizal to reach out and sustain the program for their partner schools!



DCCCO MPC's potential trainers were set to adapt on Aflatoun's training model during the Trainers' Training last May 27-28, 2019 in Dumaguete City!



Tabuk MPC recognizes its Top Aflatoun Savers during their partner school's Recognition Day. Keep up saving regularly, young savers!

It's time to shine for our Aflatouners' parents to be socially and financially aware during the conduct of Parents' Orientation facilitated by Most Holy Rosary MPC on July 8<sup>th</sup> at San Jose Elementary School in Rodriguez, Rizal!



Tabuk MPC have been working on the potential of their young leaders through their recent Transformative Leadership Training held last May 9-10, 2019 at TAMPCO Training Center. Congratulations to our LabCoop officers from Balong National High School, Casigayan Elementary School, Rizal National School of Arts and Trades, Socbot National High School, Tabuk City National High School, and Tabuk Institute for completing the two-day training!



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ANTRECCO donated two cans of paint to create a refreshing exterior to the school building of Luis B. Azura Elementary School!



Bukluran LabCoop Cooperative mobilizes around its community through a motorcade activity in Cavite.



Aflatoun Mavenco also joins the Brigada Eskwela 2019 with Lapu-Lapu Central Elementary School, Pajo Elementary School, Tabok Elementary School 1 and 2, and Tabok National High School in Cebu!



Wow! We have newly painted classroom walls for Most Holy Rosary MPC's partner school, Puray Elementary School, during their Brigada Eskwela 2019 in Rodriguez Rizal.



PACI Aflatoun extends its generous support to its partner schools by donating cleaning materials for the Brigada Eskwela in Leyte!



Tabuk MPC pushes for a greener school environment in Rizal National School of Arts and Trade by planting in their garden plots!

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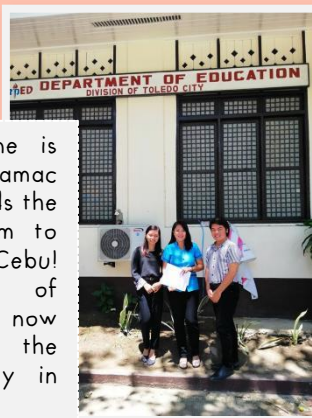
More cleaning supplies coming from Barbaza Multi-Purpose Cooperative to highly encourage their partner schools to maintain a sanitary environment for their students!



Flaunt that neat hairdo, boys of Tooy Elementary School!! SONARCO had its unique way to participate in this year's Brigada Eskwela as they visited their partner school and invited its students to have their free haircut!



Another milestone is coming for Lamac MPC as it expands the Aflatoun Program to Toledo City, Cebu! DepEd Division of Toledo City is now ready to break the cycle of poverty in their community!



It's a season of gift-giving during PACCI MPC's 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last June 25, 2019! Aflatoun savers from Mazawalo Elementary schools have received new school supplies in Palompon, Leyte!



MAVENCO MPC had a busy but encouraging day during its preparation for the Aflatoun passbooks they for their new young savers at Canjulao Elementary School, Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu!



SIDECO shares the Aflatoun awareness to the parents of Mac Mariano Elementary School in Naga City during their 1<sup>st</sup> General PTA Assembly held last June 8, 2019



Parents from Bojo Elementary school in Aloguinsan, Cebu has openly welcomed Lamac MPC to create camaraderie in their orientation for the Aflatoun Program!



Our partner cooperative, Lamac MPC reached out to the learners from Angilan National High School in Cebu to give a session on Financial Literacy!

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# COOPERATIVE of the month

## ANTRECCO

Agusan Del Norte Teachers, Retirees, Employees, and Community Cooperative

Written by: Vergil Quijada

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." This is according to Malcolm X and ANTRECCO believes on this. This is the very essence why ANTRECCO joined the group of cooperatives that implement Aflatoun Program.

Aflatoun Program is a Child Social and Financial Education. This program answered four (4) out of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which are, NO POVERTY, QUALITY EDUCATION, DECENT WORK and ECONOMIC GROWTH, REDUCED INEQUALITIES. Because of the reasons cited above, ANTRECCO became interested in implementing it. From that interest, it became the passion of not only its General Manager, but also the other Branch Managers.

The implementation of Aflatoun Program started last 2014, with five (5) pilot schools namely: *Santiago CES, Agay NHS, Carmen CES, Carmen NHS and Buenavista NHS*. It expanded the program by adding twelve (12) additional schools last 2018 and these are the following. (1) Santiago NHS, (2) Tubay NHS, (3) Doña Rosario NHS, (4) Doña Rosario CES, (5) Tubay CES, (6) Luis B. Azura Mem. ES, (7) RTR CES, (8) Cogon CES, (9) Nasipit CES, (10) Mateo B. Abao CES, (11) Tagcatong CES and (12) Cahayagan ES.

ANTRECCO has three (3) branches that cater Aflatoun Program. Carmen Branch caters 6 schools. Cabadbaran Branch caters 9 schools and Libertad Branch caters 2 schools. Altogether, ANTRECCO has trained 101 teachers and 8 school heads for the Aflatoun Program. It has total number of 2076 depositors with a total amount saved of Php 528, 560.87 as of May 31, 2019.

### Be Featured As Co-op of the Month!

Send an article that could feature a young saver's journey with Aflatoun!

You can also share your highlighted activities during the month.

Email us at [youth@natcco.coop](mailto:youth@natcco.coop)



Last January 2019, ANTRECCO sent three (3) participants to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for Capacity-Building Training Program for Aflatoun Coordinators and Advocates. These three (3) participants are now certified National Trainer on Aflatoun Program.

During March 2019 Recognition Day, ANTRECCO awarded Top Savers of the Year to all partner schools. The Top Saver for all the Aflateens and Aflatouns is Marie Antoinette E. Custodio, a Grade 9 - Section Fleming student of Carmen National High School. Marie Antoinette says that with Aflatoun Program she learned to save from her allowances. Aflatoun Program is really a blessing on her life and she will continue to save money for Aflatoun and it will become her habit forever in her life. She intends to save as a preparation for her study in college. She believes that her savings will really help her mother specially in her schooling in the future.

Last Brigada Eskwela 2019, ANTRECCO supports the preparation of all Aflatoun schools by donating painting materials and even attending kick off program of Brigada Eskwela to select schools. As of the moment, ANTRECCO is just waiting the go signal of the Schools Division Superintendent to proceed with its training for the sixteen (16) additional partner schools in the Municipality of Las Nieves, Agusan del Norte.

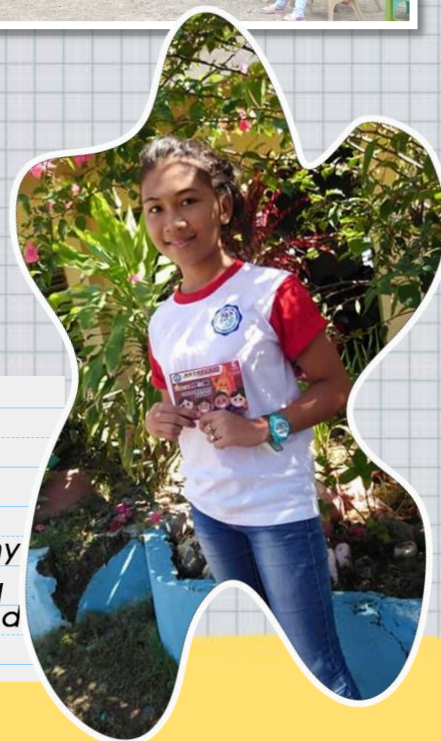
It is the dream of ANTRECCO to institutionalize the implementation of Aflatoun program. This means that it will implement the program to all its branches across the region



# AFLASAYER, AFLASTORY!

**MARIE ANTOINETTE E. CUSTODIO**  
Aflatoun Top Saver of the Year

*"What I like is about saving money: because of that I can save money from my own allowances and I learn to save my money on my own and because of that I will continue saving money to Aflatoun and it will become my habit forever."*





**SAVE the DATE**  
Mark your calendars!

**2019**  
**July**  
**#COOPSday**  
International Day of Cooperatives



The United Nations International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July.

The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness of cooperatives. The event underscores the contributions of the cooperative movement to resolving the major problems addressed by the United Nations and to strengthening and extending the partnerships between the international cooperative movement and other actors.

The celebration has worked on the 2019 theme, "Coops 4 Decent Work." Read more about the celebration through the International Cooperative Alliance's website:

<https://www.ica.coop/en/newsroom/news/international-day-cooperatives-2019-theme-unveiled>

**and**

Join us as July is the National Nutrition Month and National Disaster Resilience Month!

This month's theme for 2019 National Nutrition month focuses on attaining a balanced healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and performing physical activities.

Whereas, the National Disaster Resilience Month expects schools to take part of activities that could attain Disaster Risk and Reduction Management. The activities are observed to take part in the readiness of the community in case a disaster hits.







## WELCOME AFLATOUN INTO YOUR HOME!

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*May at Tay.*  
 Araw-araw na pagmamahal sa ating inang  
 Happy Mother and Father's Day!



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 Get notified about important announcements and  
 events, and chat with NATCCO's Children & Youth  
 Team!