

C. COOPERATIVE

Cooperatives are duly registered association of persons with a common bond and interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve a lawful common social or economic end, making equitable contribution to the capital required and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principle. Its primary objective is to provide goods and services to its members to enable them to attain increased income and savings, investment, productivity and purchasing power.

The Bataan Cooperative Development Council was organized to serve as mechanism for collaboration, consultation and coordination in the implementation of various cooperative program and projects implemented by all government branches and instrumentalities, subdivisions and agencies in partnership with the cooperative sector. The council is composed of the Provincial Governor, Sangguniang Panlalawigan member, representative of Government Financing Institutions operating in the province, cooperative leaders from provincial federation and unions, NGOs and other government agencies involved in cooperative development.

The Provincial Cooperative and Enterprise Development Office (PCEDO), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) alongside other agencies have joined offices to restore cooperative's major role in economic progress. Series of intentions include capability buildings such as seminars, workshops, technical assistance and a number of skills training investments matching market linkage and networking, product development and promotion through trade fair and some of the regular activities extended to cooperatives.

As of December 31, 2015 there are one hundred thirty six (136) registered cooperatives classified as follows:

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| Multipurpose Cooperative | 103 |
| Credit Cooperative | 8 |
| Service Cooperative | 6 |
| Consumer Cooperative | 6 |
| Marketing Cooperative | 4 |
| Producer Cooperative | 3 |
| Cooperative Union | 1 |
| Cooperative Bank | 1 |
| Cooperative Federation | 2 |
| Agrarian reform Cooperative | 2 |