

Response of cooperatives to the COVID-19 crisis

Region	Country	Initiative	Example
Americas	Argentina	Production and donation of medical supplies	Río Uruguay Seguros and universities produce medical supplies with 3D printers
			The cooperative Coopeva Textil tailors two thousand masks for the health system
			Farmacoop donates masks to several public hospitals
			Several cooperatives produce an important number of masks. Some examples, here , here and here .
			Two cooperatives reactivated to produce medical supplies
	Brazil	IT self-diagnosis tools	Several IT cooperatives are working on the development of a web version of a COVID10 screening app.
		Support to members	Advocacy and prevention measures to support members by the organisation Sistema OCB
		Support to members	Bank cooperative Coopeuch allows delay in the payment of credit fees
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	Colombia	Coordination of a common response to the COVID-19 crisis	“Colombia cuida a Colombia” initiative launched by civil society and private sector: to coordinate a response to the health and economic emergency
	Costa Rica	Support to members	The organisation Infocoop decreases the interest rate in credits to support cooperatives
	USA	Production and donation of medical supplies	The cooperative Opportunity Threads is retooling its production to sew masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) for the caregivers at Cooperative Home Care Associates.
		Support to members	Support to apply for SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans
Africa	Ethiopia	Support to members	AWACH SACCO is giving two months grace period for loan borrowers and facilitating withdrawal members' saving with a very short time when they asked, among other initiatives.

	Kenya	Prevention measures	The Kenya Union of Saving and Credit Cooperatives invites to take a series of prevention measures to members
		Donation of financial resources	Co-op Bank Kenya donates USD 1,000,000 to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund to fight the pandemic in Kenya
	Uganda	Advocacy	The organisation NAAC calls for support for agriculture cooperatives, so that they can keep contributing to guarantee food security.
		Mobilization and sensitization programs	The Uganda Cooperative Alliance is addressing members to take preventative measures against the virus
Europe	Sweden	Mobilization and sensitization programs	WeEffect launched the social media campaign #CoronaVoices to collect stories of members and other cooperatives. Advocacy work with other Swedish organisations to defend the 1% of GNP of Sweden to development cooperation.
	Italy	Social assistance and donations	Different Italian cooperatives are special services for citizens over 65, donate funds to hospitals and food to people in difficulty, host medical staff coming from other regions, organise remote school classes, among other initiatives.
	Israel	Awareness raising campaigns; emergency teams and volunteers distributing protective equipment, disinfectants and food; online tutoring	AJEEC-NISPED is working with the most vulnerable populations of Israel to mitigate the impacts of corona http://sewar.net/Ajeec-Haaretz/
Asia and Pacific	Pakistan	Social assistance	The Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union's representatives assist with the community social work
	India	Distribution of medical supplies and food	The SEWA Cooperative Federation distributes food and health kits among members - informal women workers. It also offers direct cash transfer for sustenance.
		Production and donation of medical supplies and other initiatives	The health cooperative SEWA Lok Swasthya is manufacturing low cost hand sanitizers and making low cost masks. It is also providing food to children and elderly people and

			disseminating communication material to spread awareness on social distancing and other preventive measures.
		Provision of medical supplies	IFFCO responds to COVID-19 containment efforts : Provision of masks, soaps and other protective gear to farmers and labourers. Donation of \$3.6 million to the PM Cares Fund toward relief efforts against the COVID outbreak in India
	Iran	Production of medical supplies	Women co-operators in Iran at the forefront of campaign against COVID-19 : Production of masks and isolation gowns; social assistance through cleansing and disinfection of public amenities; online education services
	Korea	Increasing sales of food staples; increasing capacities in special disaster zones due to covid 19; increasing mask distributions and sales; meal distribution	iCOOP responds to Covid-19 by increasing capacities in “special disaster zones” which had 70% case concentrations ; and COVID-19 Social Healing Project – a fund of KRW 4.9 million to support the underprivileged and travel and service organisations.
	The Philippines	Social assistance	NATCCO’s partners at the epicentre of the virus in the Philippines distribute food in the community.
		Supply of masks and sanitizer	AIMCoop collaborating with government and cooperatives to address the covid situation in the Philippines.

These examples, not meant to be exhaustive, are based on self-reporting from members or on information reported on media and social media.