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Thank you very much! Salamat po sa mga taga-Kawit! God bless you po.###

Cayetano reaches out to Caviteños in Imus and Kawit

Former Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano is set to visit the province of Cavite once again on Thursday, March 4, this time to give P10,000 cash assistance to 20 beneficiaries of the proposed 10K Ayuda Bill from the City of Imus and the Municipality of Kawit.

10 beneficiaries from Imus and 10 from Kawit will be given P10,000 as part of Cayetano's push for the immediate passage of House Bill No. 8597, more popularly known as the 10K Ayuda Bill.

The 10K Ayuda Bill aims to distribute P10,000 cash to every Filipino family (or P1,500 cash per family member, whichever is higher) so they can afford to buy their immediate needs such as food, water, and housing while waiting for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Although Congress has yet to act on the 10K Ayuda Bill, Cayetano and his allies have begun distributing P10,000 cash assistance out of their own resources to selected areas.

Cayetano had earlier said the 10K Ayuda Bill would not be a simple dole-out but would also work as a stimulus package as the money circulates in the economy.

Meanwhile, Cayetano is also set to meet barangay health workers (BHWs), barangay nutrition scholars (BNS), day care teachers, and members of tricycle operators and drivers associations (TODA).

As part of Cayetano's "Bayanihan Caravan," he will be handing over grocery packs to around 550 BHWs from Imus at the Our Lady of Pilar Seminary to say "thank you" for sacrificing their time and risking their health to serve their fellow Caviteños.

Cayetano will be joined by Taguig 2nd District Rep. Lani Cayetano, Cavite 3rd District Rep. Alex Advincula, Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi, and Cavite 6th District Rep. Jonjon Ferrer IV.

Afterwards, Cayetano and his team will head to the Toclong Covered Court in Kawit to distribute grocery packs to around 106 BHWs and 94 BNS and day care teachers from the Aguinaldo Elementary School, and to around 200 TODA members who lost their jobs during the pandemic.

He will be joined by Taguig 2nd District Rep. Lani Cayetano, Cavite 1st District Rep. Francis Gerald Abaya, and Cavite 6th District Rep. Jonjon Ferrer IV.

He said this is part of his commitment to making sure the Filipino people get the best service from the government.###

PENRO-Cavite leads clean-up drive in protected area on World Wildlife Day

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --The Cavite Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) in cooperation with the local government of Ternate organized a clean-up activity along the roadside of Mounts Palay-Palay-Mataas-na-Gulod Protected Landscape on March 3, 2021.

The activity was held in observance of the World Wildlife Day with this year's theme: "Forest and Livelihood: Sustaining People and Planet" which aimed to clean the road in the protected area, a wildlife habitat, with approximately 5km from Puerto Azul.

PENRO Head Ronita A. Unlayao together with MSD Chief Susan L. del Rosario and TSD Reynaldo A. Belen led the clean up activity.

Unlayao stressed that illegal waste dumping and littering are prohibited under RA 9003, also known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act 2020."

"We need to continuously educate the public to avoid littering especially when entering a biodiversity-rich area and to always practice waste segregation where we are," Unlayao said.

Coinciding with PENRO's National Women's Month celebration with this year's theme, "Women Can Make Change Amidst Climate Crisis and CoViD-19," all women employees of the office participated in the clean-up activity, all dressed in purple shirt to honor the extraordinary role of women in society as leaders and forerunners of change.

About 69 sacks of non-biodegradable wastes composed of PET bottles, plastic wrappers, and facemasks were collected during the clean-up that were hauled by the Ternate Municipal Garbage Collector. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Dennis Abrina)

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Proudly a woman. Proudly a Filipina.

IN celebration of International Woman's Month, I wish to acknowledge and highlight how Filipinas have continued to advance their roles and contributions to our society.

Gone were the days when women of our country were expected to stay behind the shadow of their fathers and their husbands. Gone were the Maria Claras of the past who were then just expected to stay at home, do the chores, bear children and serve the man/men of the house.

Today, Filipinas know what they want, are more involved, take the lead, speak out their minds, make decisions, and are listened to. They have shown that they can do a lot more aside from making a home.

The pandemic that we are in now, is proving the vital roles that women play not only in their own families but also in their communities.

First, women are leading the health response. Almost 70% of the health care workforce is women, from doctors to nurses to medical technologists down to medical aides. These women are at the forefront of the health crisis our country is facing. They bravely face the risks their jobs bring not only because it's their duty but because they want to be a part of the solution and make a difference.

At the same time, the pandemic highlighted the multi-tasking skills of women. While busy with their jobs, women are also in charge of much of the chores at the home front. They are doing their own work from home duties while tutoring and helping their children with their online studies and cooking or doing laundry in between. Many even managed to do online selling for additional income. And still, find time to enjoy e-parties with friends after work or on weekends. Never underestimate her ability to do more than two things at a time. She can always manage to have her plates full.

More children are saying that their spiritual and religious beliefs are influenced more by the women in their families. They consider either their mother or their grandma, or their aunt, or their eldest sister who is primarily responsible for molding and shaping their spirituality growing up. It's the women of the house who would often lead the Bible studies, the daily rosary, the Sunday church visits, and the novenas. Women have taken upon themselves to assume this responsibility and opportunity to guide and grow their children spiritually.

The women's market continues to grow. The purchasing power and influence of women is very much recognized as seen on product advertisements and showroom displays. About 95% of Ads you will see on different media platform is directed to the female audience. While about 80% of stores in malls and shopping outlets cater to female shoppers. This is because women are usually the budget keepers and the ones making decisions on their household purchases. It is also because more women are becoming financially independent. More are earning their own money thus, are now empowered to decide what, when, where, and how to buy. They don't have to get the approval or permission of someone else to buy themselves or their family members what they want and need. They have a big say in the consumption behaviors of Filipino families. They are driving the consumption sector of our country.

More sales and service-oriented sectors are getting more women into their workforce. As most of these sectors are high on person-to-person interactions, women are preferred for this role because they are usually kinder, more patient, and gentler. That's why in general, you will notice that the most successful salespeople are women. Women tend to listen and understand more. It's not seen as being weak but it's a woman's version of being strong. To be strong doesn't mean you have to be physically strong like a man. We don't have to be aggressive and mad to be considered strong. Women have the ability to be firm but stay calm and gentle. It is said that we are strongest when we are gentle. Heard about women being the real stronger sex?

I am happy that compared to other countries, gender equality is much more felt in the Philippines. More women are occupying critical positions in the workplace, even taking on work and positions previously associated only with men. We have had two female Philippine Presidents and two female Philippine Vice-Presidents, including the incumbent VP Leny. We have more Filipinas in both Senate and Congress and in several local government units. We see more Filipina athletes making names and bringing pride to our country.

Even private corporations are recognizing and giving importance to women's empowerment. More Filipinas have climbed up the corporate ladder in recognition of their talents and contributions to the growth of their companies. Their voices are heard, their opinions mattered and their decisions respected.

Though much can still be desired about gender equality, at least we can say that we have taken big strides towards its realization.

We love and respect the men in our lives. But let's be mindful that the Filipina of today no longer allows a man or anyone for that matter to define who she is and who she can become. She knows what she wants and is determined to do what it takes to make it happen. She does not depend on fate, destiny, or man to make it happen for her. She is empowered. She is her own person.

BARANGAY KORNER

Ni: George Arce

MGA PUNONG BARANGAY SA NCR, HINDI NA RAW MAGPAPAGAMIT SA MGA PULITIKONG SINUNGALING AT WALANG ISANG SALITA

Hello po mga ka-barangay! Kumusta na po ang isang linggong nagdaan sa inyong lugar? Totoo ba na marami na ang nagpaparamdam na gustong kumandidato sa halalan '22? Sa muli po nating pag-ikot sa kung saan-saang lugar sa buong Metro Manila ay naaamoy na po natin ang mga taong gustong kumandidato sa halalan '22. National po ang election sa '22 mula presidente hanggang sa bise-governor. Ang mga punong barangay ang unang target ng mga kakandidato dahil nga po sila ang may hawak sa mga taong botante, kaya sa kanila sila nagpapalakas. Pero ano itong ating nalaman na ang mga punong barangay ngayon ay hindi na magpapagamit sa mga pulitikang sinungaling at walang isang salita. Marami po kasing pangako ang isang pulitiko na kung sakaling papalarin ay magbibigay agad ang pulitiko ng agarang tulong sa isang barangay. Mag-isang barangay po sa Maynila na todo-suporta ang ginawa sa isang pulitiko pero nang palarin ay hindi na po kilala ang barangay na nagbigay ng pondo sa kaniya.

Sa totoo lang naman po ay maraming pulitiko na ganyan ang drama sa kanilang buhay. Tulad na lamang ng isang senador hanggang ngayon. Natatandaan po namin noong kumakatidato pa lang siya. Nangako ng isang salitang magbibigay ng tulong sa isang association kapag siya ay pinalad, ngunit nang nanalo na ay napakarami nang dahilan. Iyon ang nangyari, walang tulong na naibigay, todo-pangako pa rin hanggang ngayon. Sabagay, gawain po talaga ng isang pulitiko ang pangako pero ngayon ay matatalino na ang mga tao. Kapag ang isang pulitiko ay walang nagawa sa unang termino, huwag na po kayong umasa na mayroon pa rin kayong 2nd term. Ang kailangan po ngayon ng mga taong bumuboto ay yaong pulitikong maaasahan sa lahat ng bagay.

Tulad ngayong mayroong epidemya ang ating bansa, may nagawa na po ba kayong tulong sa taumbayan? At kung wala, huwag na po kayong umasa. Mahiya naman kayong kumaway sa taumbayan kung wala kayong nagawang tulong sa pandemyang ito. Kilala na po ng mga botante ang mga pulitiko lalung-lalo na sa mga senador at congressman. Umasa po kayo ng mga boto kung may nagawa kayong napakinabangan ng mga mamamayan. Kaya ang mga dilawan na mahilig magsalita na wala namang nagawa, mangangawit lang ang inyong dila, pero wala na po kayong aasahang boto sa taumbayan.

Lagi po nating tatandaan na ang isang pulitikong tahimik at maraming tulong na nagagawa sa bayan, asahan po ninyo na mayroong takot iyon sa Diyos at laging nananalangin iyan sa Dakilang Ama sa langit.

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PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Kahitnasabahaylang, dress well paramaakitang good feelings at puromagandangbagayangmaranasan mo. Huwagpatulanang ma-panadya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 26, 58, 15, 43 at kidlat red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Maghanapngmadalingparaanparamataposagadanggawain. May magyayangdate. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 26, 59, 13, 33 at sapphire blue.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Matatanggapangkabuuanngbenepisyonghinahangad. Napapanahonangmagnegosyo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 36, 59, 15, 45 at dollar green.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Enjoy kasa piling ngmgakapamilyanamatagalnanawalay. Ingatanangkalusugan, itigilnaangsigarilyo at alak. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 26, 49, 55, 11 at sandalwood brown.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Angpagkakaroonng focus angsusisapag-lagongkakayahan. Pagtuunanangmgagawaingnatengga. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 26, 48, 15, 51 at tangerine.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Piliinang gusto at hindiangdiktangmgataosaiyongpaligid. Alalalahaninnasarilingkaligayahanangnakataya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 36, 29, 15, 53 at ice blue.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Posiblengmasayaka, kahitnasagitnangpag-aalinlangan. Tiyakinangdamdaminkaysamapasuboka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 26, 49, 13, 33 at ube purple.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Nauunawaanmonga-yon ang vibrational reality naanglahatngbinhingbinaon ay sisibol. Kaya magtanim at umani. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 43, 36, 29, 51, 11 at ruby red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Meronkang vibration mulasa inner being, namagbibigayng conviction sabuhay mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 26, 48, 55, 11 at mocha brown.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Mararanasanang expansion ng ideas. Maihahayagangsaloobinnaikagagaanngloob mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 46, 59, 13, 32 at ivory white.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Masaya saepektibongekspresyonngmga idea. Ipagpapasalamatitongmgamatutulu-ngan mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 48, 12, 22, 46 at fuchsia pink.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Angbuhay ay fulfillment ngiyong desire. Magpasalamatsamganagmalasakitngtapat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 56, 49, 13, 35 at squash yellow.

Cayetano reaches out to Caviteños

TRANSCRIPT
Kawit, Cavite

Q: Sabi po ni Congressman Sid Ungab may nabawas daw pong ?209B sa 2020 budget at hindi raw po sila kasama sa nag-approve. Kayo raw po ni Cong. LRay ang nandoon that time. Kasama din po doon 'yung ?70B pension at gratuity po ng mga pensioner.

ASC: Unang-una, very very clear ang record namin sa pagtulong ng military. Dalawa lang kami sa lahat ng kandidato noong 2016 ni President Duterte na nangakong dodoblehin ang sweldo ng pulis at militar, at 'yan po ay nagawa natin. N'ung ako po'y naging Speaker, nagkaroon tayo ng pagkakataon, first time in history, may isang bilyong camp development plan ang AFP at one billion camp development plan ang PNP; ilang building sa SAF, crime labs, at kung anu-ano pa. In fact, kung hindi ako naalis bilang Speaker ay mayroon po tayong ?5B para sa C130 dahil ang ating bansa ay parating binabagyo at kailangan nito. And in fact po, ang Navy at Coast Guard ay bibigyan po sana natin ng floating hospitals.

So squid tactics ito pong ginagawa nila, na kinukwestyon ni Mike. Tandaan po natin, n'ung panahon ko po, in consultation with the Senate and the Executive [ang paggawa sa budget]. So kung anuman ang gawin namin noon [ay] with(?) the Senate and the Executive kung ano ang nagagamit at hindi na pondo. Itong huli po na ginawa ng Kongreso na walang sang-ayon ang Executive kasi kailangan nila 'to sa kanilang fund.

Sinabi n'ung ng ating present leadership maglalaan sila ng ?50B, edi thank you. Tapos na dapat ang issue. Pero ako ay naniniwala na lahat ito ay squid tactics kasi ayaw nilang bigyan ng hearing 'yung 10K ayuda. February 1 pa finile 'yan bakit hanggang ngayon hindi ibinibigay sa Senado, ni hindi naghi-hearing? I mean, ang military ay napakaimportante sa atin pero ang military may pinsan din, may anak, may lolo, may lola, may senior citizen, may kamag-anak na PWD. Lahat sa military kailangan din ng 10K ang kanilang mga kamag-anak.

So, bakit ba ang pinag-uusapan natin hindi 'yung mga isyung mas kailangan ng tao right now? So 'yun ang pakiusap ko sa leadership, maging mga kasama ko, maging katunggali, i-sentro natin 'yung isyu. Nagiging personalan, nagiging pulitika eh. We are all for the military and police kasi kailangan natin sila. Sila ang tigapagtanggol natin. So, bakit tayo mag-aaway tungkol d'on?

Ngayon, I've only stood up kung ano man ginawa sa budget, panindigan nila budget nila — sila gumawa sa budget na 'yun eh. Marami pa akong hawak na hindi nila pinasok, pero tahimik lang ako. Bakit? Mas importante 'yung 10k eh. Bakit natin pinag-uusapan 'yung kahapon eh ngayon nagihirap ang mga tao at hindi nila alam 'yung kanilang bukas?

So 'yan ang aking pakiusap sa mga pag-uusap sa Congress. I-sentro natin kung ano pangangailangan ng tao.

Q: Pero sir may natanggal bang ?209B gaya ng sinasabi ni Cong. Isidro?

ASC: It's all in the record, and sa Senate tingnan pa lang 'yung committee report n'ung sa Senate.

Pero hindi naman 'yun ang issue eh. Ang issue, ano ba kailangan ng tao ngayon? 10k. Ang issue, kailangan ng militar ngayon sa kanilang pension tinanggalan nang hindi sinabihan ang Executive. N'ung panahon namin, ang Executive ay sumang-ayon na hindi magagastos 'yon. Si LRay ang may alam ng exact figures. Kasi nga, in consultation 'yun with the Executive, kasi inisa-isa namin ang pangangailangan ng militar at ng pulis.

Q: Sir 'yung binabanggit n'yo po 'yung ?20B na sinabi ni Cong. Mike n'ung isang araw?

ASC: I don't know the exact figures. What I'm saying is 'yung inalis nila sa 2021, walang paalam sa Executive 'yon. In fact, sinabi ng Executive n'ung nandoon pa ako, "'Wag n'yong gagalawin ito kasi kailangan ito".

But let me just say ha, that's easy to sort out. Upuan ng Appropriation at ng DBM, tapos na, wala nang usapan 'yan. Kaya 'yung speech ni Mike, para maayos; eh imbes na ayusin, gusto nila debate eh na wala namang mananalo sa debateng 'yon — turuan lang eh. So n'ung time ko, panay meeting kami, hindi kami nag-aaway sa publiko. Pinapatawag ko ang mga departamento sa opisina ko, inuupuan ko. Walang lalabas sa kwarto na 'to hanggang hindi natatapos 'yung problema.

So madaling ayusin 'yan, kasi may pera naman ang gobyerno eh.

Q: So kung madali lang pong ayusin ito, kailangan pa po bang maghain ng supplemental budget para sa pension fund?

ASC: It depends sa pag-uusap nila kasi malaking din ang contingency fund ng Malakanyang eh, at ang 2020 budget naka-extend — basta may bahay sa budget na 'yon, pwedeng i-augment. So there's 1001 technical ways to fix that. So kung ang ginawa ng kabila pagkasalita ni Mike ay sinabi, "Noted, patawag tayo ng hearing. Alamin natin kung paano aayusin 'yon," tapos na sana usapan. Pero mas gusto nilang hiluhin ang publiko na kasalanan ni Jose, kasalanan ni Pedro, kasalanan ni Juan. It's not the time for finger-pointing, may pandemic eh, but ibabalik sa kanila ang tanong ngayon: Bakit hindi sila mag-Committee on the Whole? Ang Cha-Cha walang isang buwan natapos eh, itong sampunlibong ayuda bakit hindi natin i-hearing?

Q: So ang gusto n'yong mangyari sa Kamara ay ipasa ASAP ang 10K ayuda Bill?

ASC: Mahirap gisingin ang gising o nagtutulug-tulugan eh. Alam nilang importante 'to, alam nilang kailangan ng tao, alam nilang kayang gawin – ginawa natin sa Bayanihan 1 eh – pero hindi ginagawa. Bakit? Edi kung ayaw nila, sabihin na lang sana nila na ayaw nila. Eh hindi eh, ni-refer na nga lang sa isang Committee hindi pa sa Committee on Appropriations, tapos wala man lang hearing.

Q: Saan po nanggagaling ang pondong inilalaan ninyo para sa mga cash assistance at programa ninyo para sa mga binibisita ninyo sa iba't ibang lugar?

ASC: Imbes na Bayanihan 3, na naka-hold pa, "Bayanihan Me". Katulad sa Quezon City, 'yung mga nasa likod ko n'on – si Mike, 10,000; si Onix, 10,000 – nag-ambagan kami. Dito, nagpadala rin 'yung grupo. May congressman na hindi lumalabas, pinadalhan ako ng isang supot ng 150,000 pesos, may note, "Speaker, isama mo naman ako sa mga ibibigay mo." So, as you see, ilan lang naman 'yan. Like ngayon, sampu (beneficiaries), so that's 100,000 for ten people. BHWs 200 sila, si Blue at ako maghahati d'un sa konting ayuda. So, ito ay nanggagaling sa private at sa tulong-tulong.

But the more important thing is what we want to do. Marami akong kaibigan sa subdivision, marami akong kaibigang negosyante, nagsasabi, "Gusto namin tulungan ang tao pero ayaw namin ng dole out." Pinapaliwanag namin, "Boss, ang dole out, walang COVID kasi pwedeng magtrabaho ang tao pero kung ayaw magtrabaho, ido-dole out mo. Ngayon po gustong magtrabaho ang tao, walang masakyan, walang mapasukan, minsan lugi pa sa pinapasukan kung tatlong araw lang ang pasok d'un sa pamasahe." So hindi ito dole out; ito ay kaunting puhunan o tulong.

ASC: So actually, in two places already – one is Batangas – sinorpresa ako ng isang Congressan after meeting one group, pinameet n'ya sa akin mga businessman d'on, mag-ambagan sila – tig-25,000, tig-50,000 – kasi gagawin nila. That's why personally, ako, kung ano ang dinonate na galing Cavite, dito sa Cavite namin ipamimigay; kung ano ang idonate sa Batangas, doon sa Batangas [natin binibigay] kasi bakit natin ilalabas 'yung pera.

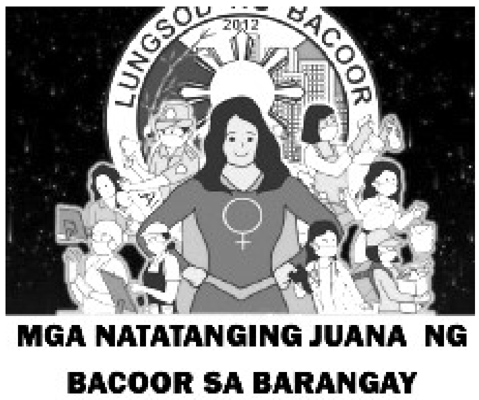
But this is very, very small. Ang sinasabi namin ngayon, ang may pera ngayon ay gobyerno. Ang Vietnam po doble ang stimulus [ng] atin. Ang Malaysia po mas maliit [na bansa] sa atin, napakalaki po – more than times three – sa atin ang kanilang stimulus. So napag-aralan na po ito. NEDA na mismo ang nagsabi, 'pag nagbigay ka ng pera sa tao, 'yung household consumption will be the key to reviving our economy. So kumbaga, patikim lang 'to eh, para makita naman ng gobyerno na kailangan at maganda at lalo 'tong umusad.

So for me, balikan n'yo po ang mga nabigyan ngayon after a week or two weeks or three weeks at tingnan mo. Kasi kung pulitika lang ang iisipin namin, bakit namin sila bibigyan ng 10,000? Bigyan natin sila ng tig-500, damihan natin ang tao dito. Pero anong mangyayari sa'yo sa 500, makakapag-umpisa ka ba ulit? Magiging puhunan ba? Kaya 10,000 po eh, kinwenta na namin 'yan, that's enough na 'yung pang-araw-araw mo for the next few days, but it's also enough may konti kang puhunan makapag-negosyo nang konti.

Q: Sabi n'yo po ay hindi ginagawan ng aksyon ng kasalukuyang liderato ng House ang isinusulong n'yong 10,000. Sabi n'yo rin po ay galing kayo sa Malakanyang, n'ung pinu-pursue po ninyo ito, ano naman po ang naging reaksyon ng Malakanyang?

ASC: Well, hindi 'yon ang main topic namin. Pero, pinaaabot sa akin na alam nilang may gan'on akong proposal. I'll just stop there na lang kasi medyo private 'yung usapan.

Natatanging Juana sa Bacoor, kinilala ng pamahalaang lungsod



By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY, (PIA) - Binigyang pugay kamakailan ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Bacoor ang kontribusyon ng kababaihan mula sa iba't ibang sektor ng kanilang lungsod nitong Martes, Marso 8, kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Kababaihan.

Bukod sa mga babaeng opisyal ng pamahalaan na pinangungunahan nina Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, Vice Mayor Catherine Sarino Evaristo, at ang bagong hirang na City Fire Marshal na si CINSP. Jenalyn Cabasal, kinilala rin ng pamahalaang lungsod ang kontribusyon ng kababaihan sa kanilang komunidad.

"Dito sa atin sa Bacoor, espesyal ang pagdiriwang ng Fire Prevention, [dahil kasabay nito ang] International Women's Month pa." ani Mercado-Revilla.

"Isa sa mga sektor na naapektuhan ng pandemya ay ang kababaihan," patuloy ng punong ehekutibo sa kanyang mensahe, kung saan niya inisa-isa ang ambag ng kababaihan noong pandemya gaya ng pagpapatupad ng health protocol at paghahatid ng serbisyo ng pamahalaan.

Kabilang dito sina Nieves Manalili dela Cruz, isang kagawad ng Barangay Alima; Danica L. Morales na tumatayo bilang ama at ina ng kanyang pamilya habang nagta-trabaho ang kanyang asawa bilang isang Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW); Narcisa Enriquez-Barangay Health Worker mula sa Barangay Aniban 2 at katuwang ng mga Senior Citizen sa kanilang mga programa; Mitos Sayaman na patuloy ang pagtulong sa kanyang mga kapwa babae sa gitna ng pandemya; Kimberly Joy Cuevas na boluntaryong nagbabantay kasama ang mga barangay tanod at tumutulong sa pagluluto ng pagkain ng kanilang mga kabarangay.

Hindi naman alintana ni Teresa Ramos ang panganib habang ginagampanan niya ang kanyang tungkulin bilang tagakolekta ng basura sa kanyang barangay. Bukod dito, nagtatrabaho rin si Ramos bilang isang pedicab driver bilang dagdag kita na siyang pantugon sa pangaraw-araw na pangangailangn ng kanyang pamilya.

Kung hindi naman siya nagsisilbi sa tanggapan ng barangay, namamasada naman si Maria Jonalyn Espiritu gamit ang kanyang pedicab bilang karagdagang kabuhayan ng kanyang pamilya.

Isa naman si Julie Dianne Fernando sa mga nagsilbi bilang contact tracer na kumukuha ng datos ng mga Person Under Investigation (PUI) at Person Under Monitoring (PUM) sa mga lugar na inilagay sa lockdown.

Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan, bagamat may kaya sa buhay si Fernando ay pinili nitong gumamit ng bisekleta sa tuwing pumapasok trabaho sa Bacoor City Health Center (Alima).

Aktibo rin sa iba't ibang programa ng barangay si Imelda Angeles ng Barangay Dulong Bayan. Bilang isang health worker, bahagi rin si Angeles ng Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) at palagiang tumutulong sa mga cleanup drive sa kanilang komunidad.

Maging ang mga lider ng barangay na sina Aida Borja, Mary Ann Sacari, Matilde Dumali, Maribel Paraiso, Maria Lourdes Bautista, ay kinilala rin para sa kanilang hindi matatawarang serbisyo sa kani-kanilang nasasakupan sa kabila ng pandemya.

Nagbuwis naman ng buhay si Emylyn Patrocino na sa kabilang ng makailang beses na nagpositibo sa COVID-19 ay patuloy pa rin siya sa pagkokondukto ng monitoring sa mga kaso ng COVID sa kanilang barangay.

Nagpasalamat rin ang lungsod sa mga healthcare worker na nagserbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya gaya nina Dr. Ruby Ann Punzalan, isang solo parent, at 93-taong gulang na si Dr. Conrada Episcope na nagserbisyo maging sa kalapit na barangay.

Bagamat siya ay kabilang sa sektor na nasa laylayan, hindi ito naging hadlang para kay Maribel Macalalag na aktibong nakikiisa sa mga cleanup drive sa lungsod.

Miyembro naman ng LGBTQ+ community si Susan Sauquillo na isang tanod mula sa Barangay Mambog 3. Bukod sa pagluluto ng pagkain sa mga frontliner sa kanilang lugar, siya rin ang tumatayong ama at ina ng kanyang pamilya.

Ilan lamang sila sa mahigit 80 na natatanging babae sa lungsod na walang sawang naglaan ng kanilang oras at talento upang makapagsilbi sa kanilang komunidad. (PB)

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