



# FROM NORMAL TO LOCK-DOWN IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

Less than a week after PAGA's last Board of Trustees meeting on March, 11, Metro Manila, and soon thereafter, all of Luzon, was under quarantine to minimize the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease.

Since the quarantine effectively shuttered all "non-essential" businesses, almost all of our PAGA beneficiaries' families suffered a partial or total loss of income and the resulting financial stress, and in some cases, hunger.

In order to help our beneficiaries, given the urgent circumstances, our social workers interviewed and assessed all of them. They determined that 64 families were in immediate need, and we provided cash remittances to these families in March, and again in April. Our intention is to augment, not replace, what they may already receive in cash or relief goods from the local barangay, LGU, DSWD, or DOLE.

Two long months later we are awaiting the decision by the IATF and the President about moving from ECQ to GCQ, a somewhat lower, but still intrusive, set of restrictions.

Our social workers will continue to review the status of our beneficiaries' families again in mid-May and we will respond accordingly.

Meanwhile, our staff and Board of Trustees will be working through changes required for us to continue delivering PAGA's programs and services in the GCQ era, and beyond.



# THANK YOU LETTERS FROM PAGA BENEFICIARIES

Thank you po ng madami :)

Kenneth Louise Wright

Thank you po.

Lorenz De Vera

Nakuha ko na. Salamat.

Teddy Gorospe

Thank you po lalo po kay God.

Jericho Ignacio

Salamat sa inyo talagang kailangan po namin ngayon yan.

Micaella Rice

Thank you so much po. Malaking help yan.

John Faustino

Thanks po sa financial assistance at sa mga board ng PAGA. God bless po.

Dalinsel & Ashane Mortalla

Marami pong salamat.

Jam Vigilia

Maraming maraming salamat po sa tulong.

Sarah Mae Schultz

Super thank you po.

Lucilita Paningbatan

Salamat po.

Darlin May Gullas

I am thankful to PAGA, if not for them, somehow it eased the problem I have especially now I could not work. I will request landlord i wont be able to pay rent.

Ana Melissa Johnson

Salamat po.

Elaiza Yasmin Manabat

Thank you so much po.

Moira Kirstie Combs

Thank you!

Kristina Anne & Kristine Nicolle Llorca

Salamat po ulit.

Jesha Banzon

Salamat po.

Syb/Reu & Uel Cohen

In behalf of Harris-Lopez Family, me as a good student also worrying about what happening right now. I know that many of us feel it too. Instead of panicking, we should stay at home, keeping ourselves healthy, follow the community policy noticed for our safety and pray about everything. Since our community is totally lockdown because of the pandemic Corona Virus Infection Disease 2019, schools and work suspension happens.

My mama is a single mom, having no stable salary is not really good because of no work, no pay. Also my ate who helps our budget for our foods. "Mahirap 'pag mahirap! Ang alalahanin kung saan kami kukuha ng pambili ng pagkain kung sakaling maubos at nang mairaos ang kagutuman sa araw-araw."

But its a pleasure by having an association and people like you PAGA. One of our greatest blessings who really support to build a brighter future for us. We gratefully to thanks PAGA for the messages we received from Ma'am Deanna Bajar, our Executive Director, to our Social Works - Ma'am Roryvie Illumin and Ma'am Eufemia De Leon specially PAGA Boards and the donors who gave us P2,000 cash sent through Pera Padala for the financial assistance during Enhance Community Quarantine. As my mama received the assistance, she goes to supermarket with safety mask and bought one sack of rice, tray of eggs, a pieces of bread, a sachets of coffee and milk, fruits rich in vitamins such as oranges, calamansi and peras. Also vegetable such as red onions, garlic and ginger that usually putting on our daily ulam as antioxidants. We're so glad my mother going home from supermarket with these blessings from your help. Again, thank you PAGA!

Jerrico Harris Lopez

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