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UP Baguio Initiatives in Response to COVID-19

UP Baguio students stranded in Baguio City due to quarantine restrictions receive another ration of care packs, 8 April 2020.

The University of the Philippines Baguio (UPB) on 7-8 April 2020 delivered another provision of supplementary food supply and basic personal hygiene items to UPB students who are stranded in Baguio City due to restrictions under the policies of enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) to contain COVID-19. After initial provision early into the Luzon-wide ECQ in mid-March 2020, rounds of distribution of care packs were scheduled mainly on the basis of the arrival of donated goods. So far, there have been four rounds of rations: March 19 and 20; March 31 and April 1; April 3 and 6; and April 7 and 8, 2020.

This time each provision included an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, a cooked complete meal, and a reusable face mask, in addition to the usual food pack contents. Donations from individuals and organizations continue to pour in specifically for UPB’s relief operations, for which both the administration and the students are grateful.

(9 April 2020)

UP Baguio produces ethyl alcohol in line with its COVID-19 response efforts, 8 April 2020.

As part of its initiatives in response to the situation brought about by COVID-19, the University of the Philippines Baguio (UPB) is producing 70% ethyl alcohol in its laboratories.

Explored last week, alcohol production was initially motivated by the University’s own need for disinfecting the personal protective equipment (PPE) fabricated through the UPB Task Force PPE. Alcohol production commenced immediately after determining the sourcing of necessary materials, ensuring the capacity of existing facilities, and convening the work force composed of Chemistry faculty, Dr. Ofelia Giron and Mr. Reymark Ereje, College of Science administrative staff Mr. Joeran Valdez, and Biology alumni and research assistants, Ms. Donna Castro, Ms. Jen Manglinong and Ms. Bea Palaganas.

The production team has produced the first 10 liters of 70% EtOH on the first day, 7 April 2020. It is currently in the process of producing more as the UP Baguio administration seeks to help address the need for disinfection solutions especially of public healthcare facilities in the locality. On the second day at the lab, as of writing, additional 37 liters of 70% EtOH have been produced.

(8 April 2020)
The UPcats won't miss a meal during the enhanced community quarantine. We hope you don't miss your meals as well!

The UP Baguio Animal Welfare Committee sees to it that the resident cats of UP Baguio are continuously fed during the quarantine. Student volunteer Dexter Ramirez, who takes turn with other committee members, feeds the cats on their regular schedule. Food is provisioned twice daily at all the 10 stations in the campus.

(3 April 2020)

UP Baguio donates 87 pieces of face shields to the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) Baguio Chapter. 1 April 2020. "Thank you, UP Baguio!" from PNA

A total of 87 face shields--34 pieces with 3D printed frames, and 53 pieces with foam mount--were turned over to the Baguio chapter of PNA. These will be included in the personal protective equipment (PPE) being prepared by the PNA to be given to the Baguio General Hospital.

UP Manila alumna and Saint Louis University Nursing professor, Ms. Cheryll Bandaay, received the donation from representatives of UP Baguio. Trying one of the face shields on, Prof. Bandaay showed a sign of approval and thanked UP Baguio.

Among the first batch of face shields fabricated by UP Baguio (UPB), the face protection gears are outputs of the UPB Task Force PPE. The task force is a collective effort of several volunteers who have been looking into studying prototypes, sourcing of raw materials and 3D printing equipment, tapping partners and volunteers, and assembling and fabrication of PPEs for donation.

Despite challenges brought about by travel restrictions which make it less easy to acquire and transport resources, the task force has been receiving enormous support. Efforts from within the TF-PPE, donations in cash and in kind, and pledges of more volunteers make the task less of a chore and to which UPB Chancellor Dr. Raymundo Rovillos remarks, "This outpouring of support is heartwarming, maraming salamat!"

(1 April 2020)
UP Baguio Operations in Response to COVID19 Continue

The University of the Philippines Baguio’s operations in response to the immediate needs of its constituents continue, 24 March 2020.

Members of the UPB community have been continuously mobilizing both physically and online. Those who are part of the skeletal force have adopted alternative working arrangements while some report physically to work when necessary. Some comprise the manpower for the operations and the rest perform their duties online while at home.

The UPB administration in close coordination with its finance offices ensures that the economic benefits of all employees are provided. For quick dissemination and as a personal approach, UPB Chancellor Raymundo Rovillos posts updates on his own Facebook account. These are subsequently disseminated via the UP-email.

Operations to mitigate risks commenced immediately as the University’s Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) convened together with the Incident Command Team led by the Chancellor. Initial response operations on 19-20 March 2020 included distribution of supplemental supplies packs to UP Baguio (UPB) students stranded in Baguio City. After which, the UP Baguio administration has formed task forces to further systematize operations in light of recent developments brought about by COVID19. These include Task Force UPB Cares for the survey, monitoring and distribution of care packs for stranded UPB students who need assistance for their basic provisions; Task Force “Out of Baguio” to assist students and faculty who are stranded in Baguio and would like to go home; and Task Force PPE for the production of personal protective equipment (PPE) mainly for the UPB front liners. The task forces (TF) consist of UP Baguio administration officials, faculty and employees including members of the University’s DRRM committee, the Office of Student Affairs, UP Baguio Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, and other volunteers.

Before noon, 24 March 2020, TF “Out of Baguio” has prepared a batch of UPB students and faculty members for travel. The group is the fifth batch of UPB constituents who were assisted by the UPB operations since last week.

Meanwhile, TF PPE has ventured in producing the materials for the fabrication of basic PPEs such as face protection gears. Faculty members with the University’s Science Research Center together with some alumni comprise the TF which also expedites the sourcing of raw materials and 3-D printing services for the gears.

TF UPB Cares continues to monitor the needs of stranded students. The Ugnayan ng Pahinungod has also launched a donation drive (https://www.facebook.com/OfficialUPB/posts/2290450481249513) for the food packs of stranded UPB students including the residents of the UP Baguio Residence Hall Ladies Dormitory.

TF UPB Cares has also put up a new hotline: 09562264598 (Office of the Director for Student Affairs). Another hotline has been offered for non-emergency health-related inquiries for UPB constituents (Health Service Office). The UP Baguio Information Assistance Line
(09178523048) continues to respond primarily to UPB students needing assistance. (24 March 2020, Baguio City)

Call for Donations for UP Baguio Relief Operations and other Response Efforts

The University of the Philippines Baguio, through its Ugnayan ng Pahinungod office, continues to welcome donations in cash and in kind to supplement its resources to sustain the assistance provided primarily for UP Baguio students stranded in Baguio City. The UP Baguio administration, as well as the entire UP Baguio community, thanks all donors, volunteers, and everyone who contributed in the University's operations in response to the current health crisis.

From the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod: UPDATE ON CALL FOR DONATIONS
(30 March 2020)

The call for donations for the food packs of stranded UP Baguio students is still up! We accept cash and in kind donations.

For donations in kind, please drop your donations at the UP Baguio guard house. Please be ready to have your temperatures checked upon entering the campus.

For cash donations, please check the updated details below:

BANK TRANSFER:
Development Bank of the Philippines (Bank name)
**UPB Educational Foundation Inc.** (Account name)
000003805102 (Account number)

*We received feedback that some online banking methods do not accept the account name and/or number we previously provided. For the account name, please input the whole account name; and for the account number, please input 0003805102 if the app is insisting on a 10-digit account number.

PAYPAL:
upcbeducationalfoundationinc@gmail.com

To help us take note of the amount of cash donations, please send us a picture of the finished online transaction. Make sure that the amount donated is visible on the picture.

Thank you so much! Maraming salamat! Agyamankami!