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DTI R2 Regional Director Leah Pulido Ocampo said that starter kits will be provided for the production of the much needed PPE for frontliners in the fight against Covid 19. Starter kits will be given to SSF Project Cooperators in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, and Nueva Vizcaya.

RD Ocampo said that the provision of the starter kits is in support to the government's efforts of addressing the supply shortage of PPE suits for health workers by repurposing the operations of identified SSF Cooperators from producing garments and wearables to sewing PPE suits.

Aside from helping to augment the supply of PPE, the project also hopes to provide an alternative source of income to the beneficiaries.

Some of the identified SSF Cooperators were San Antonino Women Association, ISU-Ilagan Campus, LGU Cabatuan, Santos Women Weavers Association, Karigo Corn Husk Fashion and Accessories Association in the province of Isabela, Bayombong Public Market Eco-Sewers Association and Kayapa Loom Weavers Association in the province of Nueva Vizcaya, and two (2) associations in province of Quirino, namely: Ponggo Women In Development Association and

Quirino State University – Maddela Campus.

These SSF Cooperators were originally engaged in dress making, Leather Craft Making, and loom weaving.

A training will be conducted for each project beneficiary, focusing on practical skills and basic quality control. The production will be limited to reusable protective suits to augment current stocks of these items. A standard pattern will be provided based on medically-reviewed PPE specifications. Proceeds from this undertaking will be plowed back as capital for the cooperators to finance their succeeding projects.

DTI R2 is now looking for possible raw material suppliers and has launched a crowd sourcing initiative through social media. For interested suppliers, please call or text 0927-145-6560 or 0949-782-0812 or directly send your message on this link:

<http://m.me/NegosyoCenter.CagayanValley>