SOCIAL AUDIT OF COOPERATIVES: REGION 02 EXPERIENCE

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Abstract: This research was conducted to determine the significant differences on the social audit of cooperatives when grouped by province and size in Region 2. The respondents were the one hundred sixty seven cooperatives in Region 02 with social audit reports at the Cooperative Development Authority. The descriptive-qualitative research design was used in the study. The data used in the research were obtained from the consolidated records of the Cooperative Development Authority on Social Audit of Cooperatives. Based on the findings, the study revealed that Fifty one percent of the cooperatives in Region 02 comprise of Multipurpose Cooperatives and the least is a Dairy cooperative. Forty five percent of the cooperatives are classified as micro while 6 percent are classified as large. As to assets, the highest amount of assets amounted to P269,135,079.19 and the lowest assets amounted to P43,598.00. The highest social rating garnered by the cooperatives is 96.5% and the lowest rating is 8.5%. Regardless of the size of cooperatives whether micro, small, medium and large Cagayan got a fair rating while the rest were all satisfactory with the exception of Nueva Vizcaya when the cooperatives are classified as medium and large which has a rating of very satisfactory. The study revealed that on social audit, there are no significant differences among the cooperatives when grouped according to size and province.

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INTRODUCTION:

A cooperative is an autonomous and duly registered association of persons, with a common bond of interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve their social, economic, and cultural needs and aspirations, making equitable contributions to the capital required, patronizing their products and services, and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principles.(R.A. 9520, 2008). As a business entity, the cooperative is capitalized, owned, operated and patronized by its members as well as catering to other people in the community. It has to operate in accordance with the purpose it was registered in order to meet the expectation of its members as well as to generate income to cover its expenses and to have a net surplus for its members as well as to finance its activities. Cooperatives as partners of the government in development provides a lot of contributions such as on employment generation, products and service offered at reasonable prices. Cooperatives are often the only provider of services in rural communities given that traditional companies often find it costly to invest in these areas or anticipate unacceptable levels of economic return (ILO, 2007). Cooperatives play a key role in helping fight poverty.

Aware of the important role played by cooperatives, Region 02 which comprises Cagayan, Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya and Batanes have many cooperatives organized and in operation. Some are operating as micro, small, medium and large cooperatives with different services depending on the needs of the community or purposes to which they were organized. Regardless of the type and category of cooperatives, all of them are under the supervision of the Cooperative Development Authority. For cooperatives to enjoy protection and supervision, they need to be registered with the Cooperative Development Authority. As an agency task in supervising and monitoring the performance of cooperatives, a lot of tools were developed to evaluate the performance of cooperatives. One of the common tools used is the Social Audit of Cooperatives. The Social audit is a procedure wherein the cooperative assesses its social impact and ethical performance vis-avis its stated mission, vision, goals, and code of social responsibility as it relates to the impact not only to the community but to its members as the immediate beneficiary of the decisions and actions it promulgated, passed and implemented. (Article 5 (12) of Republic Act 9520, also known as the Cooperative Code of 2008- Philippines). Social audit serves as

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a control mechanism to account for its social performance and evaluate its impact in the community taking into account the community development fund which shall be used for projects or activities that will benefit the community where the cooperative operates. It validates the support of the cooperative to the seventh principle, the concern for community and determines whether the cooperative work for the community's sustainable development through policies approved by their members are implemented. The audit focuses not only on the economic side of the cooperative but also the social aspect of the organization and appraises the cooperative performance as value-based organization usually participative, user and community oriented and non-profit but service organizations. The social audit tool is an instrument to identify, measure, assess and to report on their social performance which is done annually. Such social audit comprises of six areas such as Organization, Membership, Staff and Employees, Cooperation among cooperatives, community and nation as well as network, linkages, alliances with their respective points giving a total of 100 points. However, the 100 points is distributed to five scales such as poor, fair, satisfactory, very satisfactory and outstanding. Such tool used by the cooperatives in evaluating their social performance through the audit and inventory committee and reviewed by their Board of Directors. Such evaluation or audit is one of the annual reports required to be submitted to the Authority. The focus of this study is to look into how the cooperatives evaluated their social performance.

The major objective of this study is to determine if there are significant differences on the social performance provided by the respective cooperatives when grouped by province and size of cooperatives. Specifically, the study aims to answer the following:

- 1. To determine the demographic profile of the cooperatives by province along the following:
 - a. Types of Cooperatives
 - b. Size of Cooperatives
 - c. Social performance of the cooperatives
- 2. To determine if there are significant differences in the social performance of the cooperatives when grouped by:
 - a. Province
 - b. Size of the Cooperatives

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3. To determine the social performance of the cooperatives as a region.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Cooperatives are superior forms of organizations with noble mission and high purposes (ICA 1995) As such, cooperatives strive to a higher social order and cooperative common wealth. They advocate autonomy, independence, equality, equity, social harmony, self-reliance, mutuality, solidarity, empowerment and common good. While other schemes of social reorganizations are revolutionary and invoke rapid change on social structure, cooperation is a silent evolutionary method of social change. Social change can be permanent, only when it is brought about by good means and consent. Cooperation exemplifies this. (Cole, G.D.H., 1944).

Cooperatives tend to check petty quarrels and bitterness of village life and build the community together in friendly relationship. They develop a sense of responsibility, integrity and diligence as they rely on the characters of members (Madan G.R. 1989) It is often said that cooperation is an industry where fine rational human beings are produced with the materials of honesty, unity, equality, etc. Moreover, social integration, education and training, community development, gender equality and protection against twin evils of rugged individualism and blatant totalitarianism are the ways in which cooperatives contribute for social development as well as for sustainable human development (ICA, 1995) Social accounting and Reporting is one of the social accounting methods applied to the organizations, which are engaged in commercial and social activities. The objective of social accounting and reporting is to bring to light for public knowledge how far an organization has discharged its responsibilities to the society and to make an assessment of the social performance of an organization. The social accounting and reporting takes into consideration the relationship of an organization's activities in relation to its employees, community, and the customers in the context of social considerations.

Social accounting offers an alternative account of significant economic entities. It has the potential to expose the tension between pursuing economic profit and the pursuit of social and environmental objectives (Gray R.H., D.L. Owen & C. Adams, 1996). The purpose of social accounting can be approached from two different angles, namely for management control purposes or accountability purposes. Social accounting for accountability purposes is designed to support and facilitate the pursuit of society's objectives. These objectives can

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be manifold but can typically be described in terms of social and environmental desirability and sustainability. In order to make informed choices on these objectives, the flow of information in society in general, and in accounting, in particular, needs to cater for democratic decision-making. In democratic systems, Gray argues, there must then be flows of information in which those controlling the resources provide accounts to society of their use of those resources: a system of corporate accountability. Society is seen to profit from implementing a social and environmental approach to accounting in a number of ways such as honoring stakeholders' rights of information, balancing corporate power with corporate responsibility and increasing transparency of corporate activity. Social accounting for the purpose of management control is designed to support and facilitate the achievement of an organization's own objectives. Because social accounting is concerned with substantial self-reporting on a systematic level, individual reports are often referred as social audits.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The descriptive research design was used in the study with 167 respondent cooperatives taken from the records of the Cooperative Development Authority with complete records of their social performance ratings. The respondents were cooperatives from Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino. Documentary analysis were done by the researcher on the records available at the Cooperative Authority. Interviews were also done to supplement the data obtain from the records.

The data gathered were then tabulated, analyzed and interpreted using frequency counts and percentage.

RESULTS

Fifty one percent of the cooperatives in Region 02 comprise of Multi-purpose Cooperatives and the least is a Dairy cooperative.

Forty five percent of the cooperatives are classified as micro while 6 percent are classified as large.

As to assets, the highest amount of assets amounted to P269,135,079.19 and the lowest assets amounted to P43,598.00.

The highest social rating garnered by the cooperatives is 96.5% and the lowest rating is 8.5%.

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Regardless of the size of cooperatives, Cagayan got a fair rating while the rest were all satisfactory with the exception of Nueva Vizcaya when the cooperatives are classified as medium and large which has a rating of very satisfactory.

As to social rating, there are no significant relationship between the cooperatives when grouped according to size.

DISCUSSIONS

Table 1 shows that as to type of cooperatives, there are 85 multi-purpose cooperatives in the region with Cagayan having the most number, followed by Credit cooperative with Isabela having the highest number. The least cooperative is the producers' cooperative found in Nueva Vizcaya. The cooperatives types organized among the provinces depended on the felt needs of the people.

Table 1. Types of Cooperatives

	Provinces				
Types of Cooperatives	Cagayan	Isabela	Nueva Vizcaya	Quirino	Total
Multi-Purpose Cooperative	35	29	9	12	85
Credit Cooperative	9	24	5	5	43
Development Cooperative	2	7	2	1	12
Marketing Cooperative	3	1	2	0	6
Farmers' Cooperative	6	0	0	0	6
Producers' Cooperative	2	2	1	0	5
Service Cooperative	0	3	4	0	7
Dairy Cooperative	0	1	0	0	1
Consumers' Cooperative	0	0	2	0	2
Total					167

The cooperatives when classified as to size show that Micro cooperatives comprises 75 out of 167 cooperatives. There were 60 small cooperatives in operation and only 10 large cooperatives in region 2.

Table 2. Size of Cooperatives

	Provinces				
Size of Cooperatives	Cagayan	Isabela	Nueva Vizcaya	Quirino	Total
Micro	31	29	8	7	75
Small	18	25	10	7	60
Medium	6	10	4	2	22
Large	2	3	3	2	10
Total					167

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Table 3 presents the cooperatives' rating on social audit categorized as to size. Taken as a whole, the micro cooperatives were rated as fair on their social performance. However, when treated as individual ,out of 31 respondents, there were fourteen(14) who were rated as poor, ten(10) as fair and seven(7) as satisfactory. This could be explained by their nature as having limited assets, they also have limited staff and activities to their communities.

Table 3. Cooperatives categorized by Size and Asset (CAGAYAN)

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
Pata MPC	Micro	3,080,968.71	49	Value Fair
Sunrise MPC	Micro	2,985,252.53	64	satisfactory
DTI Employees MPC	Micro	2,846,831.71	47	Fair
Cagayan Hog Raisers Integrated MPC	Micro	2,741,810.23	39	Fair
Masisit Fishery MPC	Micro	2,718,452.76	55.5	Satisfactory
Lasam Savings & Credit Development	1111010	2,7 10, 132.7 0	33.3	Satisfactory
Cooperative	Micro	2,695,040.32	61	Satisfactory
BIR, RR-3 Employees MPC	Micro	2,668,516.35	37	Fair
Metro Tuguegarao MPC	Micro	2,616,073.09	45	Fair
Cabayabasan Farmers Credit		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	_	-
Cooperative	Micro	2,468,541.22	47	Fair
Calayan MPC	Micro	2,425,784.43	41	Fair
Meal MPC	Micro	2,317,012.82	22.5	Poor
Four Pillars	Micro	2,240,481.06	32	Poor
Lasvinag MPC	Micro	1,525,776.00	53.5	Satisfactory
Baggao North District Teachers Credit				
Cooperative	Micro	1,387,144.83	20	Poor
LHS Batch '79 MPC	Micro	1,320,221.00	41.5	Fair
Mabuhay Botika Kooperatiba	Micro	1,129,360.22	28.5	Poor
MTWD Development Cooperative	Micro	884,673.28	17	Poor
Malaueg Farmers F.M.P. Cooperative	Micro	870,685.61	20	Poor
Nuestro Senora de Piat District				
Hospital MPC	Micro	837,743.74	11	Poor
New Breed Farmers Marketing Coop.	Micro	704,375.07	62.5	Satisfactory
Hacienda Intal Credit Cooperative	Micro	648,434.13	64	Satisfactory
Konseho ng mga Espiritual sa reg. 02				
MPC	Micro	576,975.00	31.5	Poor
Saint Joseph College MPC	Micro	537,471.30	53	Satisfactory
Ubong Samahang Nayon MPC	Micro	536,605.31	29	Poor
Western Alcala Farmers Irrigators				
Cooperative	Micro	495,800.25	47.5	Fair
New Paradigm Farmers Marketing	Micro	469,077.31	41.5	Fair
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Dalaoig MPC	Micro	407,560.31	9	Poor
San Esteban Farmers MPC	Micro	385,277.25	28.5	Poor
Babuyan Farmers and Fisherfolks	Micro	362,084.64	32	Poor
Соор				
Tuguegarao Tobacco Producers Coop	Micro	358,387.69	8.5	Poor
Taribubu Marketing Cooperative	Micro	278,349.58	11	Poor
Total Weighted Average rating			37.26	Fair

The table presents that the cooperatives categorized as small has a weighted average rating of fair on their social performance. Taken individually, there were six (6) small cooperatives rated as satisfactory on their social performance, five (5) were rated poor, four (4) were rated as fair and three(3) were rated to be very satisfactory.

Table 4. Cooperative categorized by size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive Value
Northern Cagayan Seed Producers MPC	Small	12,954,234.58	58	Satisfactory
LTO RO2 Employees Credit Cooperative	Small	10,030,546.13	58.5	Satisfactory
Sanchez Mira United Methodist				
Church MPC	Small	7,082,473.21	52.5	Satisfactory
Calayan Samahang Nayon MPC	Small	6,584,668.18	62.5	Satisfactory
EVHS Development Cooperative	Small	5,571,696.68	24.5	Poor
Ballesteros Teachers MPC	Small	5,567,433.84	64.5	Satisfactory
Solana Employees MPC	Small	5,124,598.93	65.5	Very Satisfactory
SRT Camalaniugan Cooperative of				
Cagayan	Small	4,675,863.45	55.5	Satisfactory
Cagayan State University at Aparri MPC	Small	4,384,368.00	35.5	Fair
Lasam Teachers Credit Cooperative	Small	4,242,303.96	16	Poor
Southern Cagayan Seed Growers				
Marketing Cooperative	Small	4,061,815.10	24	Poor
Sagrada Pamilia Cooperative	Small	4,057,792.25	46	Fair
St. Andrei MPC	Small	3,892,876.00	36	Fair
Taggat Sur MPC	Small	3,743,701.54	66	Very
				Satisfactory
New Millenium Cooperative MPC	Small	3,716,277.17	32	Poor
Cagayan Cooperative Bank	Small	3,604,588.90	67	Very
				Satisfactory
SMSAT MPC	Small	3,445,242.93	11.5	Poor
Providence MPC	Small	3,324,386.00	41	fair
Total Weighted Average Rating			45.6	Fair

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The cooperatives categorized as medium had an overall rating of fair in terms of social performance. When taken individually, there were two (2) cooperatives who were rated as fair and poor respectively. There were also 2 cooperatives who were rated to be satisfactory and very satisfactory in their social performance. As gleaned from the table, the cooperative that was rated very satisfactory in social performance had the highest amount in terms of assets. In their experience, it is implied that the more resources you have, the better will be your social performance.

Table 5. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Norphil Farmers MPC	Medium	49,740,640.61	50.5	Poor
Sta. Praxedes MPC	Medium	38,537,032.07	89	Very
				Satisfactory
BFD R2 MPC	Medium	31,439,768.96	61.5	Fair
Naguilian Christian MPC	Medium	29,055,735.29	70.5	Satisfactory
Solana West Farmers'	Medium	27,892,533.79	37.5	Poor
Cooperative				
Aparri Valley of Jotbah MPC	Medium	19,329,599.62	67.5	Fair
Total Weighted Average Rating			62.5	Fair

The cooperatives categorized as large had an overall rating of fair. However, when rated individually, the two(2) cooperatives have extreme ratings. One cooperative was rated outstanding and the other cooperative was rated poor. In terms of assets, the cooperative that was rated to be outstanding has a huge amount. Hence, this could be attributed to the concept, that the more resources you have, the more you can do activities for the community in terms of the services offered.

Table 6. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperativ	ve		Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
						Value
Masisit	Dacal	Livelihood	Large	269,135,079.19	90.5	Outstanding
Cooperativ	ve					
Claveria Fa	armers MPC		Large	104,842,254.00	44.5	Poor
Total Wei	ghted Avera	ge Rating			67.5	Fair

Table 7 shows that when the cooperatives were taken as a whole, regardless of the category, the cooperatives in Cagayan were rated fair in terms of their social performance.

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This could be explain that many of the cooperatives in Cagayan are still operating as small and medium cooperatives.

Table 7. Summary of the Weighted Overall Ratings (CAGAYAN)

Cooperative Category	Weighted Overall Rating	Descriptive Value
Micro	37.26	Fair
Small	45.60	Fair
Overall average rating	41.43	Fair
Medium	62.50	Fair
Large	67.50	Fair
Overall average rating	65.00	Fair

The table presents the cooperatives' rating on social audit categorized as to size. Taken as a whole, the micro cooperatives were rated as satisfactory on their social performance. However, when treated as individual ,out of 29 respondents, there were twelve (12) who were rated as fair, seven(7) as poor and five (5) as satisfactory, three (3) very satisfactory and two (2) were rated as outstanding. This could be explained by their nature as having limited assets, they also have limited staff and activities to their communities. Comparing it to Cagayan, they have a better performance.

Table 8. Cooperatives categorized by Size and Asset (ISABELA)

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Cagayan Valley Operators &				
Drivers MPC	Micro	2,445,579.61	28	Poor
People's MPC	Micro	2,343,826.79	33	Poor
LGU San Manuel Officials and				
Employees Credit Cooperative	Micro	1,931,265.09	73	Very
				satisfactory
Jacob's Well Savings & Credit	Micro	1,883,156.54	66	Very
Соор				satisfactory
Cauayan City Teachers				
Development Cooperative	Micro	1,468,606.47	39	Fair
Edcor Development Cooperative	Micro	1,425,603.49	38	Fair
Quirino Farmers Credit	Micro	1,371,932.11	41.5	Fair
Cooperative				
Kabalikat sa Kaularan Service	Micro	1,153,380.04	42	Fair
Соор				
Santiago City National High School				
Credit Cooperative	Micro	1,091,227.74	43.5	Fair
Kaunlaran sa Kanayuan	Micro	986,789.98	52	Satisfactory
San Mariano Teachers Credit	Micro	815,655.94	25.5	Poor

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Coop				
Kaunlad MPC	Micro	698,147.19	56.5	Satisfactory
Environment Caretaker's Credit	Micro	550,644.55	35	Fair
Coop				
Cagayan Valley and Neighbors				
sunflower Producers Cooperative	Micro	466,452.96	75.5	Outstanding
General Aguinaldo RIC MPC	Micro	422,588.39	58.5	Satisfactory
San Antonio Farmers Marketing	Micro	406,003.42	46	Fair
Coop				
Western Pinacanauan				
Development Cooperative	Micro	283,611.22	40	Fair
Bagong Pag-asa ng Del Pilar Coop	Micro	258,271.90	47	Fair
Villa Jose Minabuan Agro-Forestry				
Producers Cooperative	Micro	213,899.71	54	Satisfactory
Isabela Hog Raisers and Livestock				
MPC	Micro	212,874.87	38.5	Fair
Bayabo Producers Cooperative	Micro	168,342.00	51	Satisfactory
San Agustin Dairy Cooperative	Micro	157,649.69	17.5	Poor
Northeastern College High School				
Alumni Credit Cooperative	Micro	146,458.18	39	Fair
San Andres MPC	Micro	139,990.18	75.5	Outstanding
Tumauini Van Integrated Coop	Micro	133,685.88	17.5	Poor
Divisoria Credit Cooperative	Micro	94,488.16	68	Very
				satisfactory
Camalagui Ilagan City community				
Credit Cooperative	Micro	91,000,000	38	Fair
Barbueda Development	Micro	80,217.74	27	Poor
Cooperative				
Region 2 NELFI Credit cooperative	Micro	43,598.00	25.5	Poor
Total Weighted Rating			44.53	Satisfactory

It could be gleaned from the table that out of 25 small cooperatives, there were 8 who were rated as satisfactory and 7 as fair. There were three cooperatives who were rated very satisfactory and outstanding respectively. However, when these cooperatives are taken as a whole, they had an overall rating of satisfactory.

Table 9. Cooperative categorized by size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Binayan Igorot Credit Cooperative	Small	14,125,989.23	59.5	satisfactory
ISELCO-1 Employees MPC	Small	13,143,124.31	23	Poor
Santiago-San Isidro Teachers MPC	Small	11,653,741.93	64.5	Satisfactory
Sadiri IA MPC	Small	11,603,892.36	16.6	Poor

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Magat Dam Employees	Small			
community Cooperative		11,076,079.00	91	Outstanding
Minante Farmers MPC	Small	10,175,413.90	71	Satisfactory
Christian Farmers MPC	Small	9,795,665.01	71.5	Very
				Satisfactory
Buenvista MPC	Small	8,897,025.21	81	Outstanding
Farmers Employees Credit Coop	Small	8,074,547.00	45.5	Fair
KAPNAYAN Credit Cooperative	Small	7,378,069.96	70	Very
				Satisfactory
Isabela Provincial Employees				
Credit Cooperative	Small	5,763,227.00	44	Fair
Aurora Employees MPC	Small	5,478,890.04	51	Satisfactory
Bannawing Farmers MPC	Small	4,734,844.95	33	Poor
St. Rose of Gamu Credit &				
Development Cooperative	Small	4,490,948.42	64	Very
				Satisfactory
Echague Public School Teachers	Small	4,441,951.73	63.5	Fair
MPC				_
Cooperative for Rural	Small	4,441,316.00	58.5	Satisfactory
Development				
Northeastern Luzon Credit				
Cooperative League	Small	4,145,615.49	64.5	Satisfactory
Dona aurora National High School	6 11	4 05 4 0 4 2 2 0	40.5	
MPC	Small	4,054,943.38	48.5	Fair
San Mateo RIC Development	Small	3,869,425.70	51	Satisfactory
Coop	Consti	2.750.265.25	47	Fair
CNHS Employees Credit	Small	3,759,365.35	47	Fair
Cooperative	Small	2 500 110 69	27.5	Fair
Bliss Water Works MPC	Smail	3,599,119.68	37.5	Fair
Tanglaw ng Kapansanan	Small	3,458,141.29	62	Satisfactory
Producers Cooperative				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Urban Development Credit Coop	Small Small	3,446,284.29	38	Fair
Dairy MPC		3,268,997.88	75	Outstanding
LGU-Maconacon Employees MPC	Small	3,109,369.73	40	Poor
Total Weighted Rating			54.64	Satisfactory

The table below shows that those cooperatives categorized as medium had a weighted rating of fair. However, when taken individually, there were 3 cooperatives rated to be poor and very satisfactory, while 2 cooperatives were rated as fair and satisfactory.

Table 10. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Epiphany MPC	Medium	89,562,728.85	67	Poor

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Good Samaritan	Medium	74,276,256.11	83.5	Very
				Satisfactory
Alicia Local Employees	Medium	57,639,108.85	88.5	Very
Cooperative				Satisfactory
Malaya Development Cooperative	Medium	37,191,685.00	70	Satisfactory
Ideal Partners & Resources MPC	Medium	34,378,359.55	55	Poor
Aurora Teachers MPC	Medium	26,543,506.00	24.5	Poor
Simca Model Rice Cluster MPC	Medium	21,624,614.16	64.5	Fair
Holy Spirit Mission MPC	Medium	21,557,259.64	65	Fair
Ilagan Coca-Cola Employees Coop	Medium	16,685,042.00	70.5	Satisfactory
Cabatuan Savings and				
Development	Medium	15,152,192.38	81.5	Very
Cooperative				Satisfactory
Total Weighted Rating			67.05	Fair

The cooperatives categorized as large had a weighted rating of very satisfactory. There were 3 of the cooperatives who were rated as very satisfactory and only 1 obtained a rating of outstanding.

Table 11. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Providers Savings and credit coop	Large	186,169,483.50	87	Very
				Satisfactory
Fivestar MPC	Large	152,998,341.72	88	Very
				Satisfactory
Villa Luna MPC	Large	120,606,698.67	91	Outstanding
Total Weighted Rating			88.76	Very
				Satisfactory

The table below shows that regardless whether the cooperatives are categorized as micro, small, medium or large, the cooperatives in Isabela were rated to be performing satisfactorily.

Table 12. Summary of the Weighted Overall Ratings (ISABELA)

Cooperative Category	Weighted Overall Rating	Descriptive Value
Micro	44.53	Satisfactory
Small	54.64	Satisfactory
Overall average rating	49.58	Satisfactory
Medium	67.05	Fair
Large	88.67	Very Satisfactory
Overall average rating	77.86	Satisfactory

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In Nueva Vizcaya, of the 8 cooperatives categorized as micro, they had an overall rating of satisfactory. As to details, 3 of the cooperatives were rated fair, 2 were rated satisfactory and there were 3 cooperatives who were rated as poor, very satisfactory and outstanding respectively.

Table 13. Cooperatives categorized by Size and Asset (NUEVA VIZCAYA)

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
NVGCHS	Micro	2,501,489.05	49	Fair
Raymar's Development	Micro	1,883,312.80	68	Very
Cooperative				Satisfactory
Mauan consumers Cooperative	Micro	1,347,533.07	51	Satisfactory
NVTOD MPC	Micro	1,012,154.26	84	Outstanding
Pelaway consumers Cooperative	Micro	903,180.70	11	Poor
Nueva Vizcaya Seed Growers	Micro	787,343.55	63	Satisfactory
Santa Lucia Pag-asa Farmers				
Marketing Cooperative	Micro	254,883.63	46.5	Fair
Paniki Community Credit Coop	Micro	126,653.25	36	Fair
Total Weighted Rating			51.06	Satisfactory

For cooperatives in Nueva Vizcaya categorized as small, they had a total weighted rating of satisfactory. Of the 8 small cooperatives, 4 were rated fair , 3 cooperatives were rated satisfactory and another 3 were rated as very satisfactory.

Table 14. Cooperative categorized by size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive Value
Pingkian Community				
Development Cooperative	Small	12,781,409.61	47	Fair
Greeners MPC	Small	10,287,517.96	57.5	Satisfactory
Sto. Domingo Irrigators	Small	7,625,371.67	59.50	Satisfactory
Cooperative				
Nueva Vizcaya Risingsons MPC	Small	6,117,146.13	62	Satisfactory
Aritao Irrigators Credit	Small	4,109,843.30	69.5	Very
Cooperative				satisfactory
Conwap Valley	Small	3,154,509.91	46	Fair
Mangkati Credit Cooperative	Small	5,236,305.46	47.5	Fair
Colocol Irrigators MPC	Small	4,380,045.90	72.5	Very
				Satisfactory
Valley Safemed Marketing Coop	Small	6,383,888.35	45	Fair
Tulong Kaagapay Credit	Small	8,874,127.25	71	Very
Cooperative				Satisfactory
Total Weighted Rating			58.41	Satisfactory

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There are 4 cooperatives categorized as medium having a weighted rating of satisfactory in social performance. These were rated to be very satisfactory while 1 was rated fair.

Table 15. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Malabinng Valeey MPC	Medium	49,945,123.01	82	Very
				Satisfactory
Medical Mission Group Hospital				
and Health Services Cooperative	Medium	39,751,202.00	84	Very
				Satisfactory
Kasibu Farmers Development	Medium	31,650,234.59	84	Very
Соор				Satisfactory
SMU Employees and Retirees				
Association MPC	Medium	21,822,471.04	67.5	Fair
Total Weighted Rating			79.38	Satisfactory

The table shows that the large cooperatives has a weighted rating of very satisfactory. One cooperative having a rating of outstanding and the other two has a rating of satisfactory and very satisfactory. It was observed that as cooperatives grow in size, their performance also improves.

Table 16. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive Value
St. Catherine's Parish MPC	Large	219,477,031.54	94.5	Outstanding
St. Vincent Parish MPC	Large	151,436,403.60	86	Very Satisfactory
St. Jerome's Parish MPC	Large	126,844,194.83	70	Satisfactory
Total Weighted Rating			83.50	Very Satisfactory

Considering the summary of ratings from micro to large, it was revealed that micro and small cooperatives had a satisfactory social performance while the medium and large had very satisfactory rating on social performance.

Table 17. Summary of the Weighted Overall Ratings (NUEVA VIZCAYA)

Cooperative Category	Weighted Overall Rating	Descriptive Value
Micro	51.06	Satisfactory
Small	58.41	Satisfactory
Overall average rating	54.74	Satisfactory
Medium	78.38	Satisfactory
Large	83.50	Very Satisfactory
Overall average rating	80.94	Very Satisfactory

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For Quirino province, the micro cooperatives taken as a whole had a weighted rating of fair. However, when taken individually, there were 3 cooperatives who were rated satisfactory, very satisfactory and outstanding respectively. Two were rated as poor and the last 2 of the 7 cooperatives were rated as fair.

Table 18. Cooperatives categorized by Size and Asset (Quirino)

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Quirino DA Employees	Micro	741,356.35	38.50	Fair
PEDAI MPC	Micro	2,109,479.35	18	Poor
DENR Quirino Cooperative	Micro	2,122,124.37	50.5	Satisfactory
Quirino "OFW" Credit	Micro	639,393.00	47.5	Fair
Cooperative				
Quirino Maharlika Credit	Micro	244,678.39	75.5	Outstanding
cooperative				
Saguday Credit Cooperative	Micro	116,592.06	65	Very
				Satisfactory
Cupianan Farmers MPC	Micro	493,660.98	24	Poor
Total Weighted Rating			45.57	Fair

Table 19 presents that of the 7 small cooperatives, there were 3 cooperatives rated as very satisfactory, 2 as satisfactory and 2 were rated as outstanding and fair respectively. Taken as a whole they are rated very satisfactory in terms of social performance.

Table 19. Cooperative categorized by size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
United Methodist Development Coop	Small	7,093,801.29	96.5	Outstanding
Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries				Very
Developers MPC	Small	7,988,833.39	71	Satisfactory
Villa Pascua MPC	Small	13,205,611.35	55	Satisfactory
St. Joseph Savings and Development				
Cooperative	Small	8,753,544.79	59.5	Satisfactory
Mapalad MPC	Small	4,205,147.24	86.5	Very
				Satisfactory
Quirino Farmers MPC	Small	3,137,751.24	48.5	Fair
Sagip-Buhay MPC	Small	3,882,109.27	68	Very
				Satisfactory
Total Weighted Rating			69.29	Very
				Satisfactory

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There were only 2 medium cooperatives with a weighted rating of fair. However, when rated individually, these cooperatives are satisfactory and very satisfactory in their social p0erformance respectively.

Table 20. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Pusuac MPC	Medium	43,561,756.15	71	Very
				Satisfactory
Madella Integrated Farmers				
Savings Development Cooperative	Medium	29,445,962.30	61.5	Satisfactory
Total Weighted Rating			66.25	Fair

Only 2 cooperatives in Quirino are categorized as large having a weighted rating of very satisfactory. The individual rating of the 2 large cooperative are satisfactory and very satisfactory respectively.

Table 21. Cooperative Categorized by Size and Asset

Cooperative	Category	Asset	Rating	Descriptive
				Value
Diffun Saranay and Development				
Cooperative	Large	196,193,095.09	76.5	Satisfactory
Abrasa MPC	Large	100,787,354.47	84	Very
				Satisfactory
Weighted Rating			80.25	Very
				Satisfactory

For the overall summary of rating, it is seen on the table that regardless of the cooperative category, all were rated to be satisfactory.

Table 22. Summary of the Weighted Overall Ratings (Quirino)

Cooperative Category	Weighted Overall Rating	Descriptive Value
Micro	45.57	Satisfactory
Small	69.29	Very Satisfactory
Overall average rating	57.43	Satisfactory
Medium	66.25	Fair
Large	80.25	Very satisfactory
Overall average rating	73.25	Satisfactory

Table 23 presents the overall rating of the cooperatives when taken by province, it shows that Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya were all rated satisfactory when categorized as micro

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and small. When cooperatives are categorized as medium and large, Isabela and Quirino has the same overall rating of satisfactory while Nueva Vizcaya had a rating of very satisfactory. Only Cagayan province showed that regardless of the category of cooperatives, all the cooperatives were rated fair on their social performance.

Table 23. Summary Rating by Province

Cooperative	Cagayan		Isabela		Nueva Vizcaya		Quirino	
Category	Rating	DV	Rating	DV	Rating	DV	Rating	DV
Micro	37.26	Fair	44.53	Satisfactory	51.06	Satisfactory	45.57	satisfactory
Small	45.60	Fair	54.64	Satisfactory	58.41	Satisfactory	69.29	Very
								Satisfactory
Overall				Satisfactory				
Rating	41.43	Fair	49.58		54.74	Satisfactory	57.43	Satisfactory
Medium	62.50	Fair	67.05	Fair	78.38	Satisfactory	66.25	Fair
Large	67.50	Fair	88.67	Very	83.5	Very	80.25	Very
				Satisfactory		satisfactory		satisfactory
Overall						Very		
Rating	65	Fair	77.86	Satisfactory	80.94	satisfactory	73.25	Satisfactory

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. More than 50% of the cooperatives in region 02 are multi-purpose cooperatives.
- 2. There are no significant differences in the social performance of the cooperatives when group by size and by province.
- 3. In terms of social performance Cagayan is rated fair in all the categories of cooperatives.
- 4. The provinces of Isabela and Quirino have the same overall ratings on social performance.
- 5. The province of Vizcaya differs on their social performance on the medium and large Cooperatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

 Another study should be conducted taking into consideration the details of the social audit tools on the different areas of consideration such as Organization, membership, staff/employees, cooperation among cooperatives, community and nation and network alliances and linkages.

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- 2. All cooperatives should make the necessary improvements on their deficiencies based on the tool used in evaluation.
- 3. All cooperative officers should be familiar with the Social Audit Tool

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