

**DTI-South Cotabato
SSF Malasakit Story
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The Bagong Silang Workers Association (BASIWA) is one of the Cooperators of the SSF and BuB Projects of DTI South Cotabato. It is located at Brgy. Ambalgan, Sto. Niño, South Cotabato and with operational coverage in the entire province. The organization is into garments making catering to individual and institutional customers. It is a recipient of sewing and embroidery machines from SSF and BuB projects. The Association was able to procure additional machine like sublimation out of their income generated from their operation.

In the midst of calamities and other crisis, we Filipinos are known for our **Bayanihan** value. We have this concern for the welfare of each and every one. As our country is experiencing this Pandemic COVID-19, production of critical products and provision of services are becoming scarce and inadequate. In its effort to contribute something in the face of this catastrophe, BASIWA initiated the massive production of face mask. They produced face mask for the Local Government Unit of Sto. Niño’s employees at an affordable price. The Association realized that not everyone was able to acquire face mask since supply is no longer available. They initiated mass production and distributed to the communities. They gave donations to the COVID-19 Operation Center of Sto. Niño and other offices; DTI-South Cotabato is among the recipients. Their production inventory is now sufficient to answer the needs of the regular and walk-in clients.

Recently, the association received used sacks from the municipality of Sto Nino to be used for making eco bags. These eco bags are being used as packaging materials for rice, canned goods and other consumables being distributed to households in the Municipality as part of the support for curbing Covid-19. BASIWA likewise established partnership with a private group working out for the provision of PPEs to frontline workers in some health centers in the Province. The private group provides all the materials while BASIWA will tailor the PPEs free of labor cost.



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