Amidst this COVID 19 pandemic, our government offices, such as our agency, have taken stricter and more impactful measures to ensure the safety of their employees and their citizens. In addition to the immediate and grave health concerns, we are seeing a much wider impact on all of our lives.

***Sa gitna ng pandemya ng COVID 19, ang ating mga government offices, katulad ng ating agency, ay gumawa o gumagawa ng mga hakbang para ma-ensure yung safety ng mga employees at ng mga ating mamamayan. Dagdag pa sa mga immediate health concerns, nakikita natin yung mas malaki na impact neto sa buhay natin.***

It is in this context that I would like to address you on behalf of our Chairman, our entire Board of Directors, our Executive Director, Executive Committee, and myself.

***Ang ibabahagi kong mensahe para sa inyo ay sa ngalan din ng ating Chairman, ng buong Board of Directors, ng ating Excutive Director, Executive Committee, at ng aking sarili.***

*Una sa lahat,* we would like to thank you for what you have done already to endure this crisis and to get our Agency prepared to cope with this situation. Your commitment makes all the difference.

***Una sa lahat, gusto ko kayong pasalamatan at batiin para sa mga inyong matagumpay na nagawa para malagpasan ang crisis na ito at inyong mga nagawa para maging handa ang CDA na kayanin ang ating kasalukuyang sitwasyon. Ang inyong commitment sa trabaho ay naging malaking parte para rito.***

We would also like to reassure you that as a government agency we are resilient and we would like to remind you of the special responsibility that an agency like ours has at this time. *Ang konsepto ng kilusang kooperatiba ay isa rin sa mga pangangailangan ng mga tao sa ngayon.* In moments like these our purpose and values also matter a lot to the people and communities we serve.

***Nais din namin na i-reassure kayo na bilang isang government agency, tayo ay hindi natitinag. At gusto ko ring ipaalala sa inyo ang espesyal na responsibilidad natin bilang isang agency para sa cooperatives.. na ang konsepto ng kilusang kooperatiba ay isa na rin sa mga pangangailangan ng mga tao ngayon. Sa ganitong mga panahon, ang ating mga layunin at values ay mahalaga rin sa ating mga mamamayan na ating pinagsisilbihan.***

But we would also like to emphasize that your health, safety, and other concerns are our top priority. We have been trying our best to address the critical task of helping you, our CDA family, feel supported and comfortable on the implemented alternative work arrangements for you as you ensure business continuity for our clients. CDA has already provided assistance not just for our clients, but also to you, our CDA family, in response to these current extreme situations. Yet, still we would like to know what are you experiencing, and how can you best be supported during these difficult times? Your voice is essential to ensure you receive everything you need.

***Ngunit, gusto rin naming bigyang-diin na ang inyong kalusugan, kaligtasan, at concerns ay aming ding prayoridad. Ginagawa namin ang aming makakaya para matugunan ang inyong pangangailangan at maramdaman nyo ang aming suporta habang pinagpapatuloy nyo ang serbisyo sa ating cooperative sector sa kabila ng panganib ng COVID 19.   
  
Ang CDA ay nkapag bigay na ng iba’t ibang assistance hindi lamang para sa ating mga kooperatib pero para sa inyo ring mga empleyado ng CDA. Gayunpaman, nais pa rin naming malaman kung ano pa ang inyong mga concerns at paano namin kayo higit na masusuportahan lalo na sa ganitong panahon? Ang inyong boses ay mahalaga para masiguro na ma-address ang inyong mga pangangailangan.***

We know that there’s a lot of work left to do, for our clients and for you, but I am convinced that we are up to the challenge. By working together, sharing together, and supporting one another, we will come through this a stronger and more united agency.

***Alam namin na marami pang mga dapat gawin para sa ating cooperatives at para sa inyo. Pero naniniwala ako na sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan, pagbabahagi, at pag susuporta sa bawat isa ay malalagpasan natin ito.. mas magiging matatag at mas magiging united ang CDA.***

***Kaya, sa ngalan ng CDA Board of Directors, hinihiling ko ang inyong maayos na kalusugan at kaligtasan. Sana ay maging matagumpay ang inyong conference.***