

# CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

Meeting the Challenge of Real  
Development

*Usual conclusion  
when one talks of  
failure of  
co-operative  
organizations,  
programs & policies.*

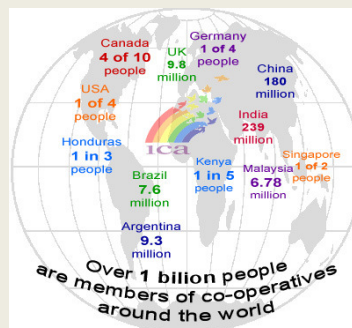
“Lack of  
education” lies at  
the root, if not  
one of the  
causes, of the  
problem.



- Republic Act 2033  
*Education Fund*
- Emergence of the  
voluntary sector:  
emphasis on  
member education  
*PMEs*

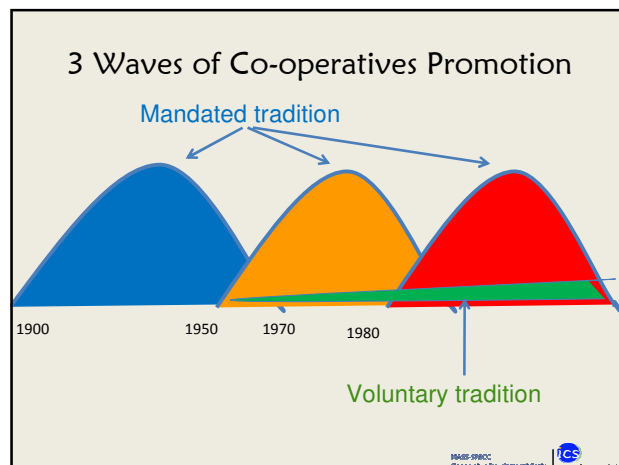
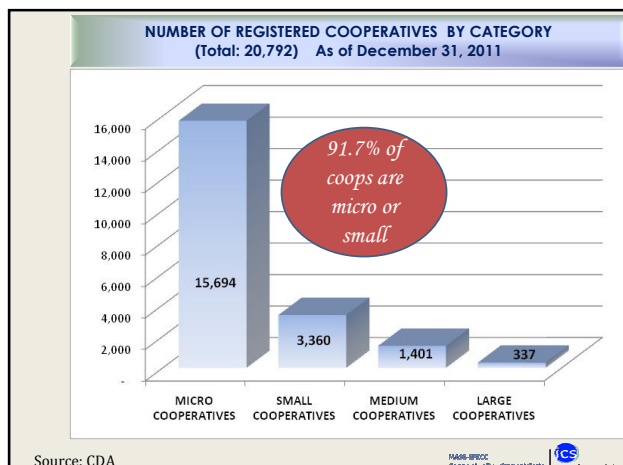
Lack = failure  
of co-op education

Why is the  
Philippines  
not in the  
Co-operative  
map?



## Present State of Co-operatives

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*Co-operatives in the country seem permanently stuck at a stage of underdevelopment*

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Co-ops are largely individual players

"Competition among co-operatives"

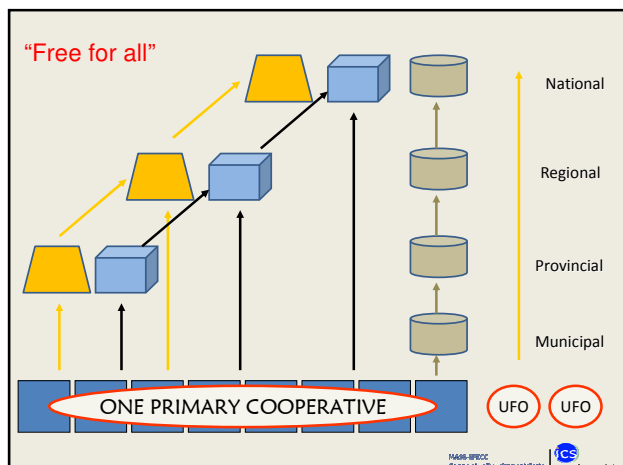
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Weak  
Unions  
Federations  
("service providers")



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*"The great aim of education  
is not knowledge but  
action"*

*- Herbert Spencer*

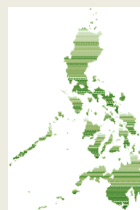
## Content as Message

- ✓ Consolidation, merger
- ✓ Systems thinking
- ✓ Movement building
- ✓ Nation building

**RA 9520**  
**ART 44**

IRR, Rule 7

"Sec. 5. Training Requirements for  
the Officers of the Cooperative..."



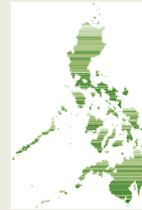
We do not have the  
system and the  
structure in place to  
meet the needs of  
co-operatives for  
education and training.

We have to  
think  
**SYSTEM**

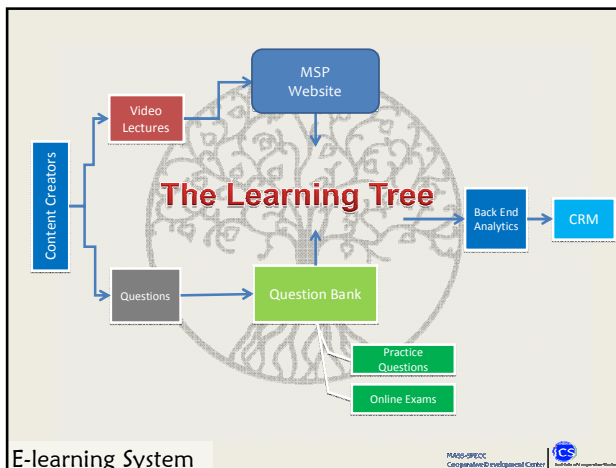


- Standards
- Quality
- Effectiveness
- Relevance
- Responsiveness
- Access to co-operatives

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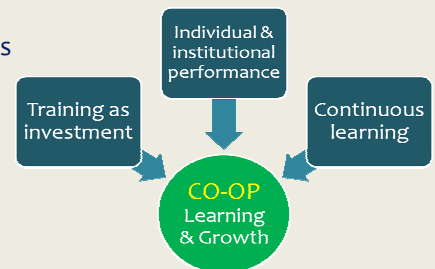


- Progressive
- Innovative
- Permanent
- Nationwide



E-learning System

Co-operatives  
as learning  
systems



Co-operative  
Education &  
Training Fund  
(CETF)

*Leverage its use*

- *to establish viable co-op education & training system*
- *to strengthen service/support institutions*
- *to grow the co-operative sector/movement*