

Module Four

Cooperatives and Other Forms of Business Enterprises



Session Guide

SESSION 4: Cooperatives and Other Forms of Business Enterprises

Objectives

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

1. Understand the major differences among cooperatives and other forms of business; and
2. Discuss the nature and character of cooperatives; and

Equipment/Materials Needed:

Whiteboard
White board marker
Handouts

Duration: 30 Minutes

Time	Trainer	Learners
1 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greet the participants. Explain the purpose of this session. Ask how they feel or what they think about the objectives of the session. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share their thoughts about the objectives of the session
4 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss table in handout that outlines differences among cooperatives and other business enterprises. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learn differences among cooperatives and other business forms. Be able to use table as quick reference.
20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give a brief description of a cooperative. A cooperative is both an association of people and business enterprise. ▪ Nature and Character of Cooperatives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooperatives are service oriented 2. Cooperatives are community-oriented 3. Cooperatives are people-oriented 4. Cooperatives are owned, managed and patronized by members 5. Cooperatives are business enterprises: 6. Cooperatives develop best through self-help and mutual help 7. Cooperatives serve best when they answer the needs of the members 8. Cooperatives develop best from bottom to top: come first before the primary cooperatives. 9. The development of cooperatives is enhanced through a multi-sectoral approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Able to understand and discuss the nature and characteristics of cooperatives. ▪ Share thoughts on each nature and characteristics of cooperatives.
5 min	To summarize, ask 2- 3 participants some questions regarding the session topics. Repeat the big words that were discussed, and then provide a summary of the discussions.	Understands session topics.