

# Cooperatives Create Local Solutions by Local People

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# 7 Cooperative Principles

## *Voluntary and open membership*

Open to all persons willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

## *Democratic member control*

Democratically controlled by members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.

## *Members' economic participation*

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.

## *Autonomy and independence*

Autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.

## *Education and training*

Educate the general public about the nature and benefits of cooperatives

## *Cooperation among cooperatives*

Work together to strengthen the cooperative movement through local, national, regional, and international structures.

## *Concern for community*

Exist to serve members and work toward sustainable development of their communities.

# Cooperative Solutions





# Ready to form a Co-op? Call us!

