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Civil society responses and marginalised publics during COVID-19

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SOUTHEAST ASIA NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK (SEANNET)

Manila case study with artists Alma Quinto and Nathalie Dagmang

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The SEANNET Manila Case Study

- The *local* as a methodology and not just a form of articulation

- *Scalar* interventions (varying scales of engagement) to address the different temporalities and discrepant rhythms of urban life

- Two micro-studies: “Tagilid si Soledad” (Soledad on the Edge), and Escolta Food Cultures

- *Homelessness*, marginality, displacement, *precarity*, unstable livelihoods, and practices of *agency* in everyday life

*Our women partners and volunteers, as well as minors (through parents and/or guardians) have given consent to share photographs, videos, and related documentation for research and teaching purposes.*
2018 Workshop with volunteers, our women partners and their families, YMCA Manila
Children’s workshop on nutrition and hygiene, Museo Pambata 2020
Play as a break from daily life routine, establishing a sense of trust among participants, April 2018
Consolidating and reviewing our timeline, 2019
Eating together, prayer is led by one of the women’s daughter, 2018
Food provision and food relief programs during the COVID19 lockdown in Metro Manila

- Reliance on individual social networks
- Community kitchens and citizen movements as partners
- State reliance on local governments and barangays
- State's delayed and inadequate response and assistance to families in need: arrival of overseas workers; the distribution of subsidy through the social amelioration program; stranded migrant workers in Metro Manila; inadequate provision of public transportation when cities started opening up; ‘return to provinces’ program; among others.
- Imposed restrictions through the recently signed Anti-Terror Law of 2020 (RepublicAct 11479)
Dispersal and arrest of residents from Barangay Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City March 2019

Visit by police to Sitio San Roque's community kitchen, April 2019

Kodao Productions
COMMUNITY KITCHENS
Sitio San Roque, Barangay Bagong Pag-asá
Quezon City, Metro Manila
MILLIONS OF LOW INCOME EARNERS NEED TO STAY AT HOME TO CONTAIN THIS VIRUS. LET’S FEED THEIR FAMILIES.

LET’S PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLES.

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ONE SURVIVAL PACK PER FAMILY, PER WEEK.

THE SURVIVAL PACK INCLUDES:

- 6 KILOS RICE (P40x6 = P240)
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- 4 CANS CORNED BEEF (P25x4 = P100)
- 1 MEDIUM POWDERED COFFEE (P30)
- 1 MEDIUM POWDERED MILK (P45)
- 1/2 KILO SUGAR (P45)
- 2 LOAVES OF BREAD (P40x2 = P80)
- 1 SET OF ASSORTED FRESH VEGGIES (P100)
FOOD PACK DISTRIBUTION
Escolta, Manila
Through PAGASA and Richard Quan

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Richard Quan
‘Namamangketa’, a way of life on the streets
‘Nangangalakal’, making a living from garbage and refuse

- Ways of living together: being together or ‘being in common’
- Traits for survival
- Empathy and concern for others
- Sustaining livelihood
- Notions of threat; differing notions of ‘safety and rescue’
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