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# LIFE UNDER LOCKDOWN

AS TOLD BY JOVELYN, 17

My name is Jovelyn and I live in Payatas. I go to school in Commonwealth by 5 am and get dismissed by 1 pm. I often spend time with schoolmates after school to work on projects before going home. Although sometimes, we drop by a mall to entertain ourselves. I like reading storybooks, pocketbooks, or Wattpad if there's not much to do.

There used to be a lot of traffic and smoke due to vehicles. But you could go anywhere you want, anytime you want, and do anything you want. My older

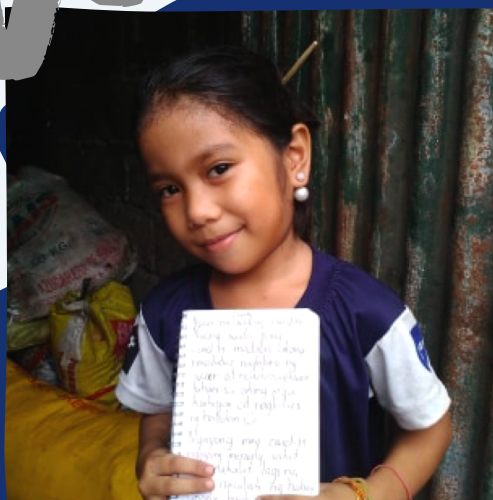
brothers would always be hanging out at their friends' houses so even if we all live together, we rarely see each other.

With the lockdown, classes have been suspended so I'd been waking up much later than usual. From sunrise to sundown, we're all stuck at home and turn to our cellphones to pass time.

Not everyone can go outside and mass transportation has also been suspended. But because of the absence of vehicles, the air feels fresher and pollution has gone down. People go inside their houses

much earlier, nobody is loitering on the streets, and the community is noticeably quieter.

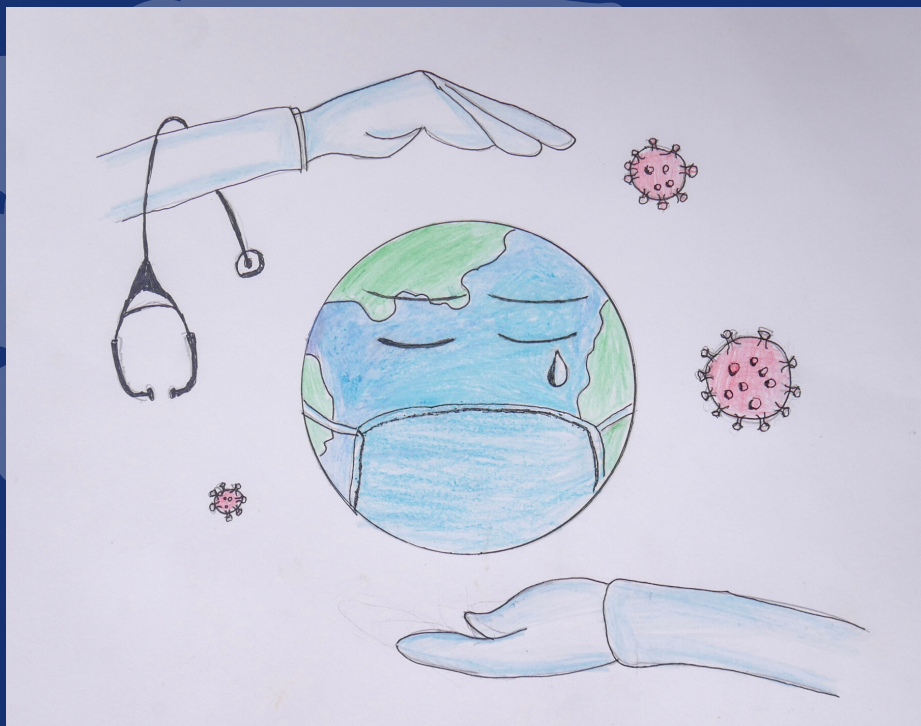
Since all are inside their houses now, our family has finally been eating together and sleeping at the same time. We have also had more chances to bond with each other. But there are still many struggling families. So many are unable to put food on the table because most workers in Payatas are affected by a "no work, no pay" policy. We are therefore extremely grateful for all people who support those in need, especially the ones here in our community.



I HOPE THAT ONE DAY  
THE CRISIS OUR  
COUNTRY IS CURRENTLY  
FACING WILL COME TO  
AN END AND THAT ALL  
THE SICK EMERGE  
HEALTHY. I HOPE THE  
LOCKDOWN ENDS SOON  
SO EVERYONE CAN LIVE  
A NORMAL LIFE AGAIN.

-CRYSTAL, 6

## ARTISTS' CORNER



BY FRANK DOMINIC, 14

## N-COV

BY PIA, 20

Akala mo normal lang ang lahat  
Gigising sa umaga  
Makikita ang mga tao sa kalsada  
Naglalakad, bumibili,  
nagkwekwentuhan, nagtitinda,  
naglalaro, at kung anu-ano pa.

Parang normal lang ang araw na  
iyon sa aking pag-gising  
Isang ordinaryong araw na  
kailangan nating lampasan

Mga panibagong pagsubok at  
adventure sa ating buhay na  
kailangang harapin.

Ngunit bakit tila kakaiba ang araw  
na iyon?

Mga taong aking nadaraan ay  
nababalutan ng kapisang tela  
Tela na kung tawagin ay 'mask'.

Nagkukubli na masilayan ang  
magagandang ngiti at saya sa  
kanilang mga mukha.

Ano ang nangyayari sa aking  
paligid? Nagtatanong sa aking  
isipan

Bakit tila may takot sa kanilang mga  
mata?

Mga matang nagsusumamo na sana  
matapos na ang kalbaryong ito.  
Kalbaryong ito na dinaranas ng  
buong mundo

Buong mundo na nahihirapan at  
nangangamba na lalo pang dumami  
at kumalat ang virus na iniwasan  
Iniwasan ng lahat upang hindi  
magkahawaan

Social distancing pinatupad upang  
COVID-19 virus ay hindi kumalat at  
makapinsala pa ng iba.

# PAYATAS RELIEF OPERATIONS



## WORD SEARCH

R	V	I	K	E	Y	A	P	R	C	V	D	E	G	R
K	O	E	W	W	I	M	H	E	K	B	S	U	S	A
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V	W	J	I	N	O	X	M	L	D	R	T	C	O	Y
S	R	B	J	U	A	R	A	O	M	C	P	L	H	S
D	R	I	V	E	R	J	C	S	O	W	U	N	H	S
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C	V	R	C	L	K	I	T	E	F	C	M	S	I	U
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F	C	B	L	O	R	R	I	T	Z	M	J	R	F	D
Q	J	A	I	O	K	L	J	I	N	H	T	A	H	J

1. DOCTOR
2. NURSE
3. SOLDIER
4. VOLUNTEER
5. DRIVER
6. CASHIER
7. JANITOR
8. PHARMACIST
9. GUARD
10. VENDOR