

#CoopsAgainstCOVID19

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Billionaire, millionaire, small and micro cooperatives extended assistance to the community where they operate such as giving of bags/packs of rice, distributing snacks, facemasks, alcohol to the frontliners and many more. Indeed, in trying times like the COVID-19 pandemic, the cooperative spirit/“bayanihan” can heal as one!



**FRONTLINERS AND THEIR COOPERATIVE:
SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE
Dumaguete City**

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The Silliman University Medical Center Consumers Cooperative, situated within the compound of Silliman University Medical Center(SUMC), Dumaguete City, serves the personnel of the hospital, foremost of all. When they are on duty or needs groceries to bring home, the “consumer” as they call it, is their “run-to-store”. It also serves as the “walk-in canteen” for those who have transactions/ check-ups in the hospital.

At this time of crisis, the cooperative is there to serve the members who are on duty everyday. The Chairperson, Mr. Jose Siglos, said that the cooperative has to open to cater to the needs of the members who are assigned to the different departments of the hospital. The consumer store sells affordable groceries, snacks and meals. Ms. Rose Omaid, also an officer of the cooperative, shared to us that they have set extra precautionary measures in their operations during this time, especially for the

cooperative's employees and customers. They also secured working passes from the City Hall to allow the employees of the cooperative to report regularly.

The Silliman University Medical Center Consumer Cooperative, categorized as a micro cooperative, has proven that in this fight against COVID-19, its responsibility to serve its members and community is of paramount importance.