

Philippines Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report #101

9 May 2022

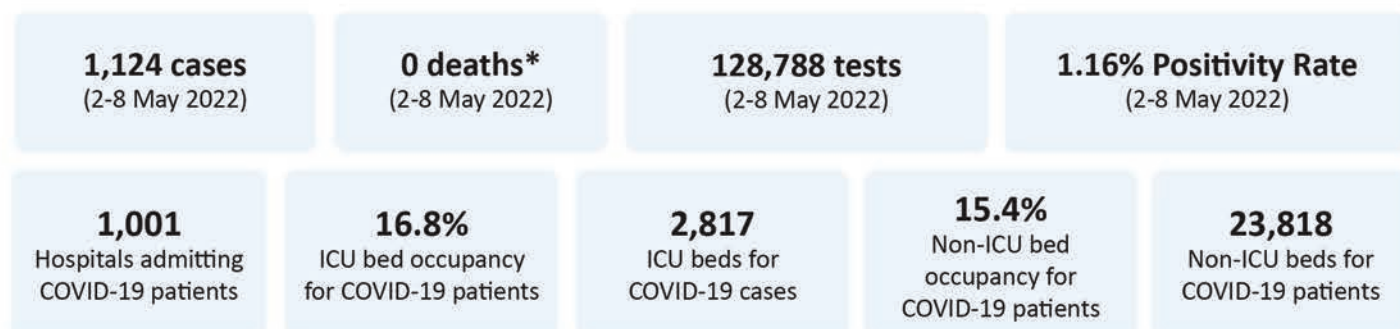
Data reported by the Department of Health on 8 May 2022



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Summary of the epidemiological situation in Philippines²

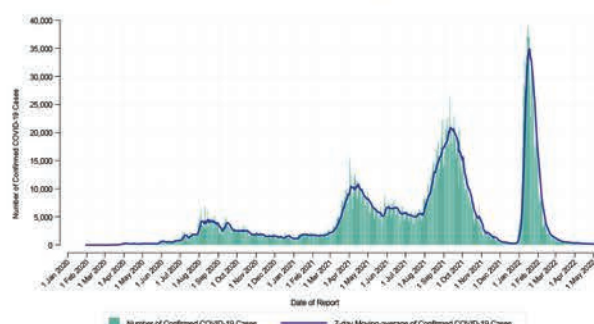
Key Numbers



*Obtained from FASSSTER COVID-19 death tally as of 11 May 2022

COVID-19 cases

As of 8 May, a total of **3,687,018** COVID-19 cases and **60,439 (1.6%)** COVID-19 related deaths had been recorded since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a sudden and sharp increase in cases in late December 2021, but after peaking in early January, a decreasing trend has been continuing in the number of cases reported per day (Figure 1). There were 1,124 new cases (1.02 cases per 100,000 population³) reported in week 18 (2 May – 8 May 2022), that is 20% lower than the previous week (25 April – 1 May 2022: 1,399 new cases, 1.3 cases per 100,000 population³). For week 18, the following regions recorded the highest case counts: NCR (451 cases), Region IV-A: CALABARZON (147 cases), and Region 3: Central Luzon (142 cases).



FOOTNOTES

¹ Percent of total eligible population (5 years and older)

² Weekly case counts were obtained from
FASSSTER COVID-19 PROJECT

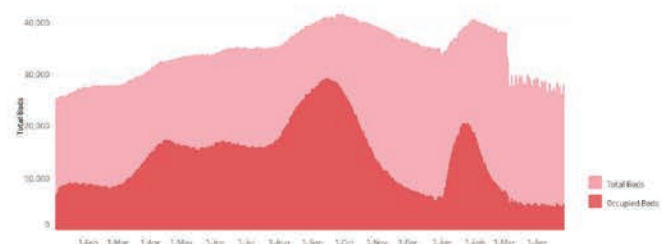
³ National population size used (n=110,278,979,
Epidemiology Bureau of the Department of Health, 2022)

Figure 1. Daily reported COVID-19 cases in the Philippines (30 January 2020 – 8 May 2022)

Healthcare utilization

Following the continuous decrease in COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks, COVID-19 hospital bed and ICU bed utilization has also declined in Philippines since 30 January, and it is currently maintained at stable levels (Figure 2). The daily number (7-day average) of COVID-19 occupied ICU beds has plateaued in week 18: 451 beds compared to 470 beds in week 17. Utilization of COVID-19 dedicated mechanical ventilators (7-day average) also showed a plateau: 242 ventilators in week 18, compared to 247 ventilators in the previous week.

Total Beds vs Occupied Beds



Total ICU Beds vs ICU Beds Occupied

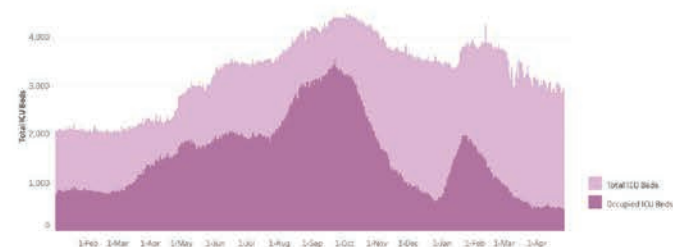


Figure 2. Total bed and ICU bed distribution over time stratified by occupancy (as of 8 May 2022)

COVID-19 deaths

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 60,439 COVID-19 deaths were reported in Philippines as of 8 May 2022, with the highest number of over 300 deaths recorded in September 2021 (Figure 3). COVID-19 deaths increased during the surge in January, but after peaking in mid-January, a declining trend has continued.

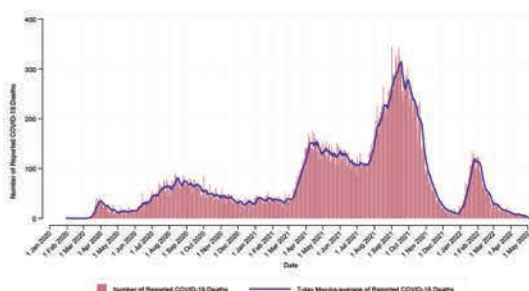


Figure 3. Daily number of COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines by date of death since 2020 (as of 8 May 2022)

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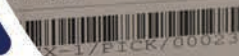
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Laboratory: testing rates, positivity rates and genomic surveillance

The testing rate (number of tests per 1,000 population) has decreased in the Philippines to 1.17 tests per 1,000 population for week 18 (previously at 1.35 tests per 1,000 population in week 17).

Vaccination

As of 9 May 2022, 68.1% of the target population (5 years and older) were vaccinated with last dose of primary series. Among healthcare workers, who are at increased risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the coverage is 94.9%, with 50.8% already received a booster dose. Currently, there is particular focus to increase coverage of vulnerable populations; elderly population (A2 priority group), persons with comorbidities (A3) and poor population (A5). Their respective vaccination coverage in Philippines is over 72.8%, 94.0%, and 71.2% (Figure 4). However, it is important to note that there is variation in vaccination coverage between regions, for example, coverage of the A2 population is below 50% in BARMM while in six regions the coverage is above 75% (Table 1). Vaccination coverage of the A5 group is below 50% in 8 regions (Table 2).

Target Population Aged 5 & Above: 100,464,114



Vaccinated with last dose of primary series

68,439,442 (68.1%)

Vaccinated with first dose of primary series

4,558,352 (4.5%)

1st Booster Shot

13,459,178

2nd Booster Shot

17,716

	Priority Group A1 Workers in Frontline Health Services	Expanded Priority Group A1 Outbound OFWs & Immediate Family of Frontline HWs	Priority Group A2 Senior Citizens	Priority Group A3 Individuals with Comorbidity/ Immunocompromised/Immunocompetent	Priority Group Expanded A3 Pregnant Women	Adolescent Priority Group A3 Ages 12-17 years old with Comorbidities	Pediatric Priority Group A3 Ages 5-11 years old with Comorbidities	Priority Group A4 Frontline Personnel in Essential Sectors	Priority Group A5 Poor Population	Rest of the Adult Population 18YO&Above (ROAP)	Rest of the Adolescent Population 12-17YO (ROPP)	Rest of the Pediatric Population 5-11 YO (ROPP)
Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	2,019,341 (94.9%)	941,219	6,726,291 (72.8%)	8,971,373 (93.9%)	92,336 (77.0%)	235,942 (23.2%)	53,589 (3.4%)	19,501,803 (68.9%)	9,190,742 (71.2%)	9,492,354 (59.1%)	9,043,175 (77.2%)	2,171,278 (15.5%)
Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	161,141 (7.6%)	44,623	244,147 (2.6%)	459,182 (4.8%)	27,63 (23.0%)	68,834 (6.8%)	24,514 (1.6%)	946,075 (3.3%)	506,775 (3.9%)	434,584 (2.7%)	670,171 (5.7%)	970,670 (6.9%)
1 st Booster Shot	1,080,999 (50.8%)	389,924	2,119,004 (22.9%)	2,384,060 (24.7%)	15,283 (12.7%)	-	-	4,766,898 (16.8%)	1,179,404 (9.1%)	1,643,613 (10.2%)	-	-
2 nd Booster Shot	2,078 (0.1%)	184	6,114 (0.07%)	5,184 (0.05%)	86 (0.07%)	-	-	3,016 (0.01%)	278 (0.002%)	776 (0.005%)	-	-

Figure 4. Overview of COVID-19 vaccination status of Philippines' population as of 9 May 2022

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A2)							
REGION	Projected Pop (Priority Group A2)	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%
2	342,018	302,389	88.4%	10,186	3.0%	85,675	25.0%
CAR	143,040	121,690	85.1%	6,115	4.3%	49,187	34.4%
NCR	1,222,154	1,037,466	84.9%	20,277	1.7%	551,338	45.1%
1	530,907	440,331	82.9%	17,462	3.3%	144,843	27.3%
CARAGA	219,338	172,354	78.6%	(4,827)	-2.2%	28,499	13.0%
4A	1,348,666	1,040,822	77.2%	51,781	3.8%	363,774	27.0%
3	1,126,636	834,796	74.1%	31,385	2.8%	336,313	29.9%
5	494,357	357,393	72.3%	13,275	2.7%	68,771	13.9%
6	778,402	559,943	71.8%	(3,633)	-0.5%	122,254	15.7%
9	289,442	201,568	69.7%	7,511	2.6%	39,470	13.6%
10	406,917	278,197	68.4%	14,265	3.5%	63,469	15.6%
Mimaropa	249,124	163,399	65.6%	9,549	3.8%	35,495	14.2%
8	412,565	269,962	65.4%	13,882	3.4%	45,599	11.1%
12	342,890	208,561	60.9%	8,984	2.6%	39,886	11.6%
11	431,064	261,275	60.6%	31,551	7.3%	57,376	13.3%
7	716,936	410,989	57.3%	4,322	0.6%	79,565	11.1%
BARMM	180,050	66,126	36.7%	12,082	6.7%	7,490	4.2%
PHIL	9,234,308	6,726,291	72.8%	244,147	2.6%	2,119,004	22.9%

Table 1. Overview of vaccination of A2 population per region in Philippines (9 May 2022)

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A5)							
REGION	Projected Priority Group A5	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%
NCR	663,588	2,151,911	324.3%	64,126	9.7%	501,585	75.6%
4A	955,143	1,211,169	126.8%	49,827	5.2%	190,878	20.0%
6	967,299	960,655	99.3%	(96,351)	-10.2%	87,547	9.1%
CAR	179,565	149,361	83.2%	7,213	4.0%	19,364	10.8%
2	315,918	228,930	72.8%	21,746	6.9%	20,345	6.4%
3	882,423	631,677	71.6%	51,853	5.9%	106,169	12.0%
1	618,150	404,283	65.4%	35,876	5.8%	52,222	8.4%
7	854,691	510,549	59.7%	17,843	2.1%	35,228	4.1%
11	771,534	429,166	55.6%	38,855	5.0%	27,524	3.6%
9	896,151	447,256	49.9%	31,717	3.5%	36,916	4.1%
5	1,111,587	448,406	40.3%	50,200	4.5%	19,399	1.7%
8	839,772	336,740	40.1%	41,924	5.0%	18,626	2.2%
CARAGA	566,586	216,930	38.3%	26,019	4.6%	12,102	2.1%
10	798,837	303,062	37.9%	27,536	3.4%	22,253	2.8%
Mimaropa	583,026	206,624	35.4%	16,493	2.8%	12,322	2.1%
12	743,511	243,766	32.8%	30,129	4.1%	6,894	0.9%
BARMM	1,163,412	308,257	26.6%	93,769	8.1%	10,030	0.9%
PHIL	12,911,193	9,190,742	71.2%	506,775	3.9%	1,179,404	9.1%

Table 2. Overview of vaccination of A5 population per region in Philippines (9 May 2022)

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection and Control

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

WHO Philippines supported VDI team during the Chikiting Bakunation Days Launch at SM Masinag, Antipolo as part of the World Immunization Week 2022.



WHO Philippines published two stories of WHO teams supporting local teams on COVID-19 vaccination. One story focused on the Special Vaccination Days (SVDs) in Davao while the other focused on WHO's visit in the Municipality of Barili, Cebu.



WHO Philippines published a localized article and a microvideo on home-based recovery from COVID-19.



Partner Coordination

Updates from UNICEF Support to COVID-19 vaccination

BARMM COVID-19 special vaccination days planning workshop

UNICEF supported the Department of Health (DOH) in the design and conduct of COVID-19 Vaccination Microplanning Workshop held on 04 to 05 April 2022 in Manila. The planning workshop aimed to review the current situation, challenges, lessons learned and develop strategic and impactful solutions to achieve the desired targets in the upcoming special vaccination days that will be held in May. Participants from the BARMM Ministry of Health and other government offices, Provincial Health Offices, City Health Offices of Marawi and Lamitan, DOH National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC), UNICEF, World Health Organization and World Bank joined the activity. Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., the COVID-19 Chief Implementer and Vaccine Czar and Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje, Chair of NVOC were also present and their presence boosted the work morale of healthcare workers. BARMM is aiming to vaccinate at least 215,776 individuals from identified priority municipalities and cities during the Special COVID-19 Vaccination Days.



Undersecretary Myrna Cabotaje presents the progress of BARMM COVID-19 vaccination roll out on the first day of the planning workshop.
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COVID-19 Vaccine Post-introduction Evaluation

UNICEF supported the conduct of the COVID-19 vaccine post-introduction evaluation (cPIE) in the Philippines from 18 to 27 April 2022 at the national level and in selected regions (National Capital Region, Regions I, III, IV-B, VII, XI and XII). The activity was organized and led by the World Health Organization.

UNICEF provided support through the deployment of its specialists, including from UNICEF New York headquarters and from the UNICEF East Asia Pacific regional office, who served as external evaluators at the national and field levels. Participants from World Health Organization global headquarters, Western Pacific regional office and country office; the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and private consulting firm MM Global Health also joined the activity and were part of the evaluation team.

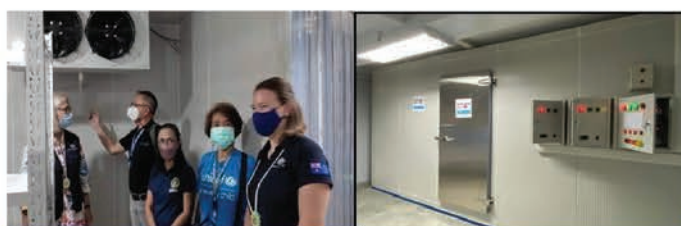
The cPIE aimed to highlight the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out and implementation strategies and challenges, assess the impact of COVID-19 vaccine deployment on the core immunization activities (routine and surveillance) and to provide recommendations to DOH and its Centers for Health Development regional offices to optimize the impact of the on-going COVID-19 vaccination.



UNICEF and WHO present the findings and recommendations during debriefing meeting with DOH Center for Health Development (CHD) in Cebu. © UNICEF/2022/BBersola

Turnover of cold chain equipment donated by the Government of Australia

On 26 April, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and UNICEF Philippines turned over the walk-in cold room donated by the Government of Australia to the DOH Center for Health Development (CHD) in Bicol. The cold room, which arrived on 5 April, is part of the cold chain equipment expansion of the Philippine Government supported by UNICEF to ramp up the COVID-19 vaccination in the country. DOH CHD Bicol Regional Director Ernie Vera and Assistant Regional Director Ferchito Avelino led the inspection and turnover of the equipment.



Australian Embassy Delegation and UNICEF inspect the newly-donated Walk-in Cold Room at CHD – Bicol ©UNICEF/2022/NPastrana

The turnover followed the cold room readiness assessment at the Provincial Health Office (PHO) in Albay on 22 April 2022 conducted by UNICEF and the Provincial Engineering Office. The PHO of Albay is one of the recipients of the cold chain equipment donated by the COVAX facility. UNICEF presented the results of the assessment to Governor Al Francis Bichara who accepted the equipment and committed a counterpart funding for the site completion by June 2022.



UNICEF facilitates the cold room readiness assessment at PHO Albay. ©UNICEF/2022/ATaulani



UNICEF presents the cold room readiness assessment results to Albay Province Governor Al Francis Bichara and the staff of the Provincial Engineering Office. ©UNICEF/2022/ATAulani

Education

Early Childhood Education. Of the planned 80 pilot National Child Development Centers (NCDCs) and Child Development Centers (CDCs) for the safe reopening of early childhood education (ECE), nine centers have already reopened in eight LGUs. The rest of the 41 pilot NCDCs and CDCs are expected to reopen by 2 May 2022. With technical assistance from UNICEF, tools and training module for monitoring and evaluation have already been developed. The pilot will run until 27 May 2022. To support home-based ECE, 267 Learn-at-Home kits are currently being distributed to benefit 3 to 4 year-old children identified to be at risk of developmental delays in the municipalities of Sindangan and Leon Postigo in Zamboanga del Norte.

Learners with disabilities. UNICEF remains committed in ensuring the delivery of basic education services to learners with disabilities in the Philippines through the COVID-19 Learning Continuity Plan. A total of 200 DepEd-produced TV episodes that focus on different subject areas have been embedded with Filipino Sign Language to support over 2,136 enrolled learners with hearing impairments from Grades 1-3 (based on DepEd Learner Information System data for SY 2021-2022). The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery and ICTS, has recently approved these episodes and will make these resources accessible to learners nationwide through their DepEd Commons and DepEd TV platforms.

Multigrade education. UNICEF Philippines, in partnership with international NGO Fundación Educación y Cooperación, handed over education materials and COVID-19 kits to the Schools Division of Northern Samar and Samar to support the resumption of in-person classes under the COVID-19 Recovery Programme for Children in Multigrade Schools in the Philippines. The materials and kits include handwashing liquid, face masks and alcohol, among others, and will be distributed to 50 pilot multigrade schools under this project, benefitting about 2,500 children.



Educo project team facilitates the delivery of education materials and COVID-19 kits in Samar as part of UNICEF support to the resumption of in-person classes © Educo/2022

Risk communication and community engagement

UNICEF, through its implementing partner Relief International, continues to support risk communication and community engagement for COVID-19 prevention and vaccination in Regions VI, IV-A, IX, and NCR. Through the technical support, 20 local governments have continued to update their demand generation plans; 5,587 health workers and volunteers were trained on COVID-19 RCCE; 6,706 local officials, 3,402 local leaders, and 192 community-based groups have been engaged to support the COVID-19 campaign; and 5.4 million people, including eligible populations, were reached with COVID-19 messages through various channels and community-level approaches.



Social mobilizers from Relief International support vaccine promotion activities during house-to-house vaccination in Nagcarlan, Laguna.
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UNICEF also works with Human Development and Empowerment Services Inc. in supporting seven local government partners in Region IX on demand generation for COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization. The partnership recently supported the World Immunization Week community activation event in Zamboanga City. The activity recorded at least a 70% increase from the event's target vaccine-eligible children reached in the community, majority of which are defaulters and zero-dose children, and was attended by local barangay & health officials, religious leaders, and participants coming from Tausug, Sama, and Badjao community. Messages on COVID-19 prevention and vaccination were also disseminated during the activity.



UNICEF and Relief International continue to support house-to-house visits and master-listing activities of barangay health workers in Navotas City.
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Parents and caregivers actively participate in the World Immunization Week community event at Arena Blanco, Zamboanga City.
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A Relief International social mobilizer visits and helps convince a senior citizen in Jordan, Guimaras to complete her COVID-19 vaccines.
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Lakija, 30 (in orange dress), was one of the success stories of the UNICEF-HDES support. All six of her children were unvaccinated until she was convinced by a local social mobilizer to have them vaccinated. Lakija brought her children to the event to catch them up on their missed doses.
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UNICEF released success stories about COVID-19 vaccination around the world, including the Philippines, on its global website. It highlights the significant increase in COVID-19 vaccination from Sept 2021 to April 2022 which benefitted from donations from the COVAX Facility and the support of UNICEF in remote and disaster-prone communities. The story is available [here](#).

The featured video is available [here](#).



We are visiting areas like Catanauan, Quezon



The U.S. Embassy American Corner in Dumaguete, Negros Oriental gathers parents to be trained as COVID Vaccine Ambassadors to communities in the area. ©U.S. Embassy-Manila

USAID donates vaccination supplies to Lapu-Lapu City.

USAID's ReachHealth project provided support to Lapu-Lapu City's vaccination roll-out for senior citizens, adults with comorbidities, and children. Pulse oximeters, blood pressure apparatuses, thermal scanners with alcohol dispensers, and other vaccination supplies were provided to supplement the operations of five fixed sites and mobile vaccination teams in the city.

USAID is continuously supporting the tri-cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu-Lapu to ramp up the nationwide vaccination program for senior citizens and pediatric populations through the donation of PPEs, deployment of vaccination teams, turnover of communication and advocacy materials, and training of healthcare workers.

Updates from USAID

USAID-supported training helps allay COVID vaccination fears among parents. To provide learners with much-needed knowledge and resources to communicate better about COVID-19 vaccination and build trust among various public health stakeholders, including parents, the U.S. Embassy-Manila, with support from USAID, organized a virtual Massive Open Online Course Camp. Around 1,000 participants from all over the Philippines joined the three-day online training held late April. The training discussed key concepts around immunology, vaccine hesitancy, vaccine communication, mitigating misinformation, and vaccines for children. Participants also received USAID-supported BIDA Kid and Get Vaxxed for Good Vibes multimedia campaign resources to help them promote vaccine confidence in the communities they serve.



USAID turned over a total of 96 BP apparatus, 96 pulse oximeters, 32 thermal scanners with alcohol dispenser, 500 rolls of 400g cotton and 500 boxes of plasters to Lapu-Lapu City's Vaccination Operations Center.

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USAID's donations will be used for Lapu-Lapu City's vaccination operations at its five fixed and barangayan (mobile) vaccination sites.
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Mr. Narciso Costales Jr. of the School Division Office of Quezon City, discusses the guiding principles and operational framework for limited face-to-face learning modality at Quezon City Science High School.
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USAID trains teachers in managing COVID-19 in schools.

USAID's ReachHealth project trained 28 teachers from two partner schools in Quezon City on COVID-19 case management, infection prevention and control, contact tracing, and referral mechanisms in preparation for developing school-level contingency plans and communication strategies for piloting face-to-face classes in August 2022.

USAID has supported the Philippine Department of Education's efforts to safely pilot face-to-face classes through provision of PPEs, training for teaching and non-teaching staff on contingency planning and COVID-19 case management, and conducting school-wide vaccination campaigns in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.