

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report 21 Philippines 20 April 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 20 April 2020

Highlights

- **Out of the total 6,459 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (18.8%) followed by 50-59 (17.7%)**
- **70.9% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (15.6%) and Central Luzon (5.6%)**
- **Out of the 428 confirmed deaths, 68.3% are male, with the most affected age group over 60-69 years (34.3%) followed by over 70 (33.8%)**
- **63.2% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABARZON (16.4%) and Central Luzon (6.5%)**
- **Currently 17 laboratories able to conduct approximately 3,900 COVID19 tests per day. Additional assessments ongoing.**
- **So far, among over 2,000 UN staff members in the Philippines, 12 have tested positive: 9 from WHO, 2 from IOM, and 1 from UNICEF**
- **Increasing number of hospitals reporting availability of essential resources on a daily basis through the DOH DataCollect application: currently 48.6% of hospitals and 52.4% of infirmaries**
- **75% of Local Government Units (LGUs) reportedly have established community quarantine and treatment centres.**
- **414 hospital workers and 1,000 community health workers trained on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) through online trainings throughout the country**

PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



24/7 DOH Hotlines

FOR COVID-19 HEALTH CONCERNS:

DOH COVID-19 Hotline

(02) 894-COVID (26843) 1555

NCR DEDICATED TELEMEDICINE HOTLINES:

Telimed Management Inc., and Medgate Hotline

(02) 8424-1724

Global TeleHealth, Inc. (KonsultaMD)

(02) 7798-8000

FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS:

NCMH Crisis Hotline

0917-899-USAP (8727)

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<https://covid19.healthphilipinas.ph/>

<https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>

<http://www.covid19.gov.ph/>

ADVISORY

RITM has two hotline numbers exclusively dedicated for follow-up of laboratory confirmation results:

0919 927 9180
0919 927 9204

All RESU concerns should be directed to hotline numbers:

0947 870 6673
0915 375 9204

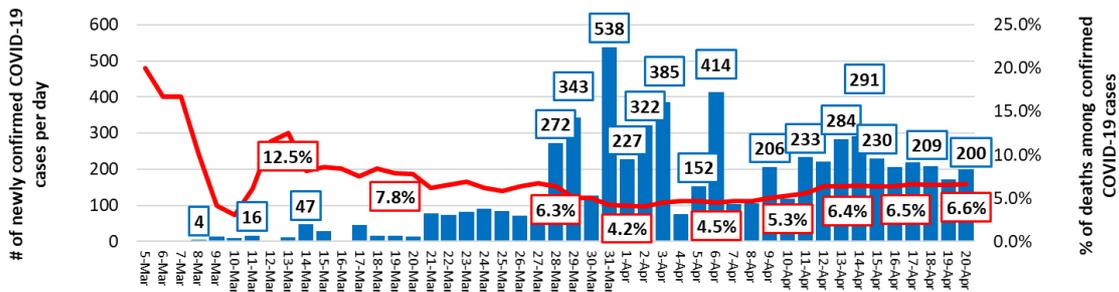


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Current Situation

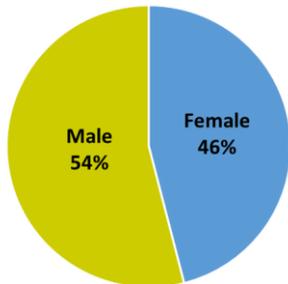
As of 20 April, a total of 6,459 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 428 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. Out of total 428 confirmed deaths, 68.3% are male, with most affected age group 60-69 years of age (34.3%) followed by over 70 (33.8%).

Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines
5- 20 April 2020 (N=6,459)

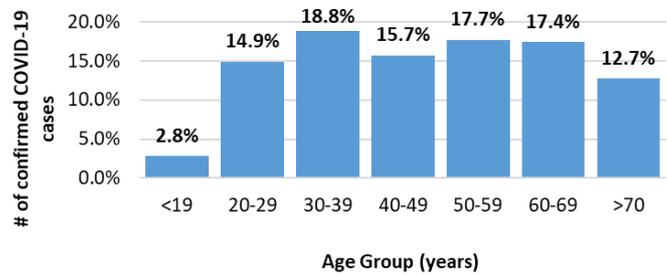


Among the 6,459 confirmed cases, 3,488 are male (54%) and 2,971 are female (46%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 years (18.8%) followed by 50-59 years (17.7%).

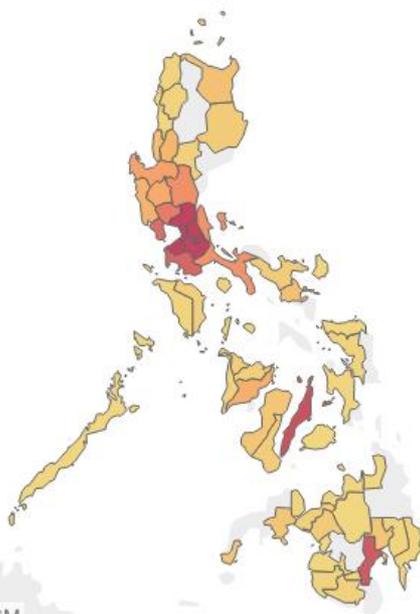
Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %
18 January-20 April 2020 (N=6,459)



Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %
18 January-20 April 2020 (N=6,459)



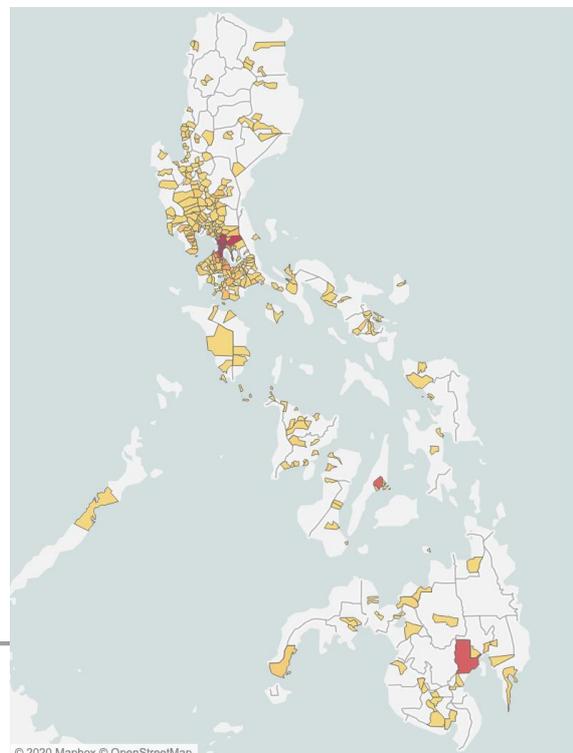
Confirmed COVID-19 cases by province



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Confirmed COVID-19 cases by city/municipality



Maps courtesy of Mark Marcelino in partnership with DOH-Epidemiology Bureau (EB)

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Country readiness and response operations

Country-level coordination

All cluster partners, including health, WASH, and nutrition, have submitted their updated activity plans to OCHA for the revised Humanitarian Country Team COVID-19 Response Plan, budgeted for a total of 90 million USD. The HCT Response Plan complements ongoing government's efforts.

All latest government updates available online at <http://www.covid19.gov.ph/>.

All relevant government guidelines, issuances, and documents available online at bit.ly/COVIDPH.

Risk communication

Five weeks after the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon, followed by all regions in the Philippines, key messages remain on the importance to stay at home for those who have that ability, and to report to community isolation centres for those who are unable to stay at home, but do have symptoms. The government is issuing assurances to the public that human rights abuses are not condoned amid reports of disproportionate measures taken by some LGUs against offenders who defied quarantine and health protocols.

At the same time, the government is preparing its decision on whether to extend the community quarantine after 30 April.

Surveillance

A large cluster of COVID-19 cases was reported in a densely populated area in Cebu City, with the City Government imposing a complete lockdown on the affected area. Another cluster was detected in a hospital after an extensive number of health workers tested positive for COVID-19, resulting in the temporary closure of the hospital.

Health facilities account for the largest source for clustering of cases, followed by service delivery, offices, as well as special gatherings include wakes, and family reunions.

Efforts to step up contact tracing and case investigation through the LGUs are ongoing, with still many delays in information collection.

National laboratory system

Between the current 17 certified laboratories conducted COVID-19 testing, the daily testing capacity is estimated at over 3,900 tests, with the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) temporarily scaling down its daily testing to ensure staff safety.

Laboratory assessments are ongoing between RITM, DOH, and WHO.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) approved DOH's [Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID-19](#) for the use of the 16 rapid antibody test kits currently accredited by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). FDA issued a special statement that these rapid test kits are strictly for medical professional use only and not for personal use. Confirmatory PCR based testing is still the gold standard.

Besides the rapid test kits, FDA also certified 27 PCR-based test kits for COVID-19, including the locally-produced kit from the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH). UP-NIH aims to conduct 16,000 tests per day by 1 May.

Please the latest updated [List of FDA-registered kits for COVID-19](#).

COVID-19 Laboratory Capacities
As of April 18, 2020

CERTIFIED LABORATORIES FOR COVID-19 TESTING		
Region	City	Health Facility/Laboratory
NCR	Muntinlupa	Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)
CAR	Baguio	Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC)
NCR	Manila	San Lazero Hospital (SLH)
VII	Cebu	Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMC)
XI	Davao City	Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC)
NCR	Manila	UP National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH)
NCR	Quezon City	Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP)
VI	Iloilo City	Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)
V	Legazpi City	Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory
NCR	Quezon City	St. Luke's Medical Center- QC
NCR	Pasig	The Medical City - Ortigas
NCR	Quezon City	Victoriano Luna Hospital (in coord. w AFRIMS)
NCR	Mandaluyong City	Detoxicare Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory
NCR	Taguig City	St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC
NCR	Makati	Makati Medical Center
NCR	Mandaluyong City	Philippine Red Cross
NCR	Manila City	Chinese General Hospital

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Infection prevention and control

Over 1,000 community health workers from Rural Health Units, Infirmaries, and Birthing Facilities all over the country have been reached with online IPC trainings conducted by UNICEF.

Trainings are free and anyone interested can sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>

A total of 414 hospital workers have been trained so far on Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) through online trainings conducted by the USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program. Trainings are ongoing throughout the month of April. Interested partners can sign up for [online registration](#), or visit the [landing page for the virtual training](#)

DOH endorsed the Training Manual and the Instructional Manual with FAQs developed by WHO, UNICEF, USAID, and MTAps.

The government continues to deliver PPE to priority hospitals: 14,000 N95 masks and 27,000 face masks over the past weekend. Additional PPE are expected to come in, but with the continuous need for new PPE, shortages are expected.

Local manufacturing of PPEs is ongoing thanks to PDRF who used its partnership with UPS to fly in 10 tons of hospital-grade fabric. More flights will be used to bring additional material.

Case management and continuity of essential services

WHO is conducting free daily webinars on Clinical Perspectives on COVID-19 for non-ICU physicians, medical interns, clinical clerks, medical students. The first session on Oxygen Therapy was attended by 130 participants. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaA6o2Btz_Y.

Those interested can register at <https://bit.ly/WHOPHLCOVID19>.

Through its Project Pagasa, the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) teamed up with Brown University and Project HOPE to run a 4-night course (12 hours total) Training of Trainers program for 80 doctors from public and private hospitals across the country.

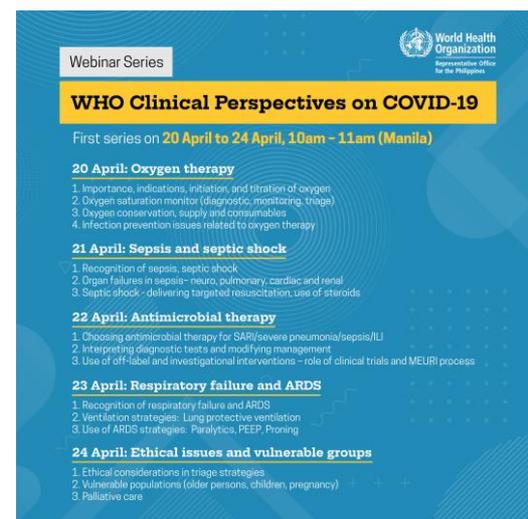
PDRF is also supporting with the provision of 10 buses for a shuttle service for hospital workers for major hospitals in Metro Manila, as well as meal delivery to hospitals for frontliners.

Through its Project Ugnayan, PDRF raised almost P1.7 billion (US\$34 million) for emergency cash to more than 7.5 million people in vulnerable economic situations. PDRF's Project Kaagapay raised funds for the procurement of essential medical supplies including over 20,000 PPEs, 100,000 N95 facemasks, 8 ventilators, and over 300,000 rapid test kits. such as PPEs, test kits, PCR machines, and ventilators.

Reportedly, 75% of LGUs in the country have now established community quarantine and treatment centres for COVID-19, many of them with support from UN and NGO partners.

UNFPA delivered a total of 4 Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets to DOH, one Women Friendly Space Tents, one Women and Child Protection Unit equipment, 750 Hygiene kits for women, as well as an additional 50,000 sets of PPE. Many of these suppliers were reallocated from the Taal Volcanic Eruption and supported by Australian Government (DFAT)

A total of 40 detainees from the Quezon City Jail (QCJ) are currently confined at the isolation facility set up with support from ICRC in close collaboration with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). The facility's capacity will increase to 150 beds for both suspect and confirmed cases.





MESSAGES FOR GOVERNMENTS
Coordinating the Protection of Children during
the COVID-19 Response

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) jointly with the Child Protection Global Protection Cluster issued a message for governments about **Coordinating the Protection of Children during the COVID-19 Response**, which should be consistent with the *Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action*; and the *IASC Interim Technical note on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) during the COVID-19 response*.

UNDP and UNAIDS released their latest report on treatment and care concerns of people living with HIV in the time of COVID-19. Included in the report are specific results and recommendations on subpopulations such as young people and women living with HIV. The reports may be accessed at <https://www.ph.undp.org/content/philippines/en/home/library/treatment-and-care-for-everyone--people-living-with-hiv-in-the-p.html>

PhilHealth released an advisory stating that the Outpatient HIV/AIDS Treatment (OHAT) package may be used to cover cost of courier or parcel services in delivering anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) during the period of enhanced community quarantine. UNDP, with UNAIDS and UNICEF, coordinated with PhilHealth to provide guidance on utilizing PhilHealth OHAT package for delivery of ARVs. PhilHealth Advisory may be accessed at <https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/advisories/2020/adv2020-0026.pdf>

UNDP launched an **animated COVID-19 explainer video for children** with support from WHO. The video can be downloaded [here](#) and can be found on **FACEBOOK**, **TWITTER**, and **YOUTUBE**. The video is introduced by the new UNDP Philippines celebrity Youth Advocate for the SDGs, Mr Darren Espanto.

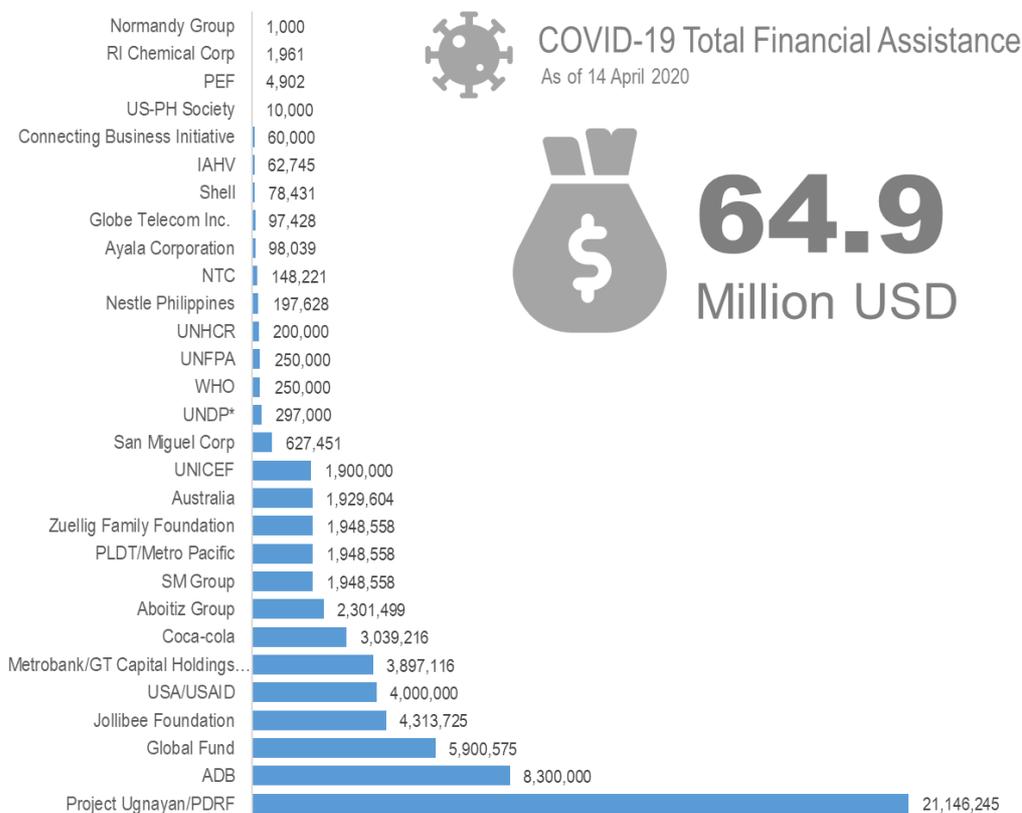


Maging pamilyang handa laban sa COVID-19!

Resource mobilization

Grant

Overall donations received to date (data compiled by OCHA):



Please see for details of all items distributed so far by DOH: <https://bit.ly/DOHCommDistribution>.

Loan



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World Bank

Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected		
Americares	N95 masks	1,440			
Chinese government	COVID-19 test kits	100,000			
	PPE sets	10,000			
	N95 masks	10,000			
	Surgical masks	100,000			
IAHV	Masks	23,210			
IMC	PPE	200			
	Surgical gowns	4,765			
	Examination gloves	33,869			
	Surgical masks	206,000			
	Goggles	30			
	Cot beds	10			
	Electric fans	20			
Japan government	PPE	12,000			
PRC	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	30			
	Face masks	36,000			
	PPE	2,000			
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals			
UNFPA	Face masks	110,000			
	Handheld thermometers	1,130			
	PPE	254,839	131,516		
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets	4	2		
	Hygiene kits for women	750	350		
	Clean delivery packs		500		
	Women Friendly Space Tents	1	2		
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment	1			
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes	20	24		
	Coverall, protection, CatIII, type 4b		72,380		
	Faceshield, fog-resistant, fullface, disp		33,000		
	Mask, high-fil, FFP2/N95, no valve, nonster		48,000		
	Mask, surgic, typellR, ear loop, disp.		409,200		
	Gloves, w/opowder, nitr		100,000		
	Gloves, heavy-duty, rubber/nitrile		1,000		
	Goggles, protective, indirect-side-venti		500		
	Apron, protection, plastic, reusable		500		
	Boots, rubber/PVC, reusable, pair		500		
	Sprayer, compression type, 7.4 litres		160		
	Sanitation and cleaning kit		500		
	US government	Cots	1,300		
WFP	Tent	2			
	50 kVA generator	2			
WHO (with USAID funding)	Laboratory supplies	<i>E-gene EAV kits</i>	115		
		<i>RdRP-gene kits</i>	95		
		<i>N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials</i>	12		
		<i>Universal Transport Media viral kit</i>	2,350		
		<i>Regular Flocked Swab</i>	2,000		
		<i>Flexible Mini Tip</i>		2,000	
		Extraction kits	<i>QIAGEN Qlamp RNA Kit</i>	16	21
			<i>SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR</i>	3	2
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4			
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17			
	PPE (4 goggles, 4 aprons, 4 N95 masks, 200 surgical caps, 100 gloves, 200 shoe covers)	458			
	Disinfectant kits	30			