

# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

## Situation Report 32 Philippines 15 May 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 15 May 2020

### Highlights

- **Out of the total 12,091 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (21.3%) followed by 20-29 (17.0%)**
- **64.4% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by Central Visayas (14.8%), CALABARZON (11.4%), and Central Luzon (3.5%)**
- **Out of the 806 confirmed deaths, 65% are male, with the most affected age group over 70 years (35.6%) followed by 60-69 years (31.7%)**
- **72.5% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABARZON (11.6%), Central Luzon (3.7%), and Central Visayas (3.5%)**
- **Several cities in Metro Manila under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine are putting selected barangays under 'special concern lockdown' to control an increase in the number of cases**
- **National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has put special measures in place to reduce risk of transmission from COVID-19 in evacuation shelters located in the path of Tropical Storm Ambo**
- **Currently 30 laboratories accredited for COVID-19 testing. Latest additions: Divine World Hospital in Tacloban, and the Zamboanga City Medical Centre (ZCMC) Department of Agriculture (DA) Satellite Laboratory**
- **According to the Department of Health (DOH) among all confirmed cases, 88.1% are mild**
- **Up to 98% of all health facilities are regularly reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing less than 50% occupancy rate of ward beds, ICU beds and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients**

### PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



### Beat COVID-19 Today

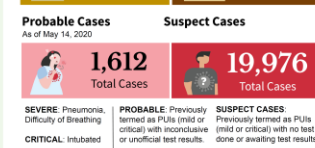
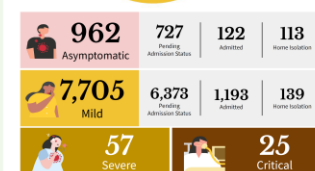
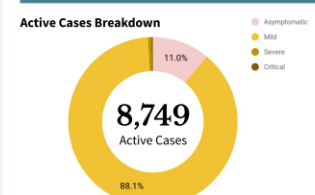
A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer

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#### Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- DOH recorded **8,749 active cases** as of May 14, with the majority of the patients exhibiting **mild symptoms** (7,705, 88.1%).
- DOH certified **Divine World Hospital and Zamboanga City Medical Center - DA Satellite Lab** as Stage 5 laboratories that can perform the RT-PCR test for COVID-19. There is now a total of **30 licensed RT-PCR laboratories** across the country while four and 26 are on Stage 4 and Stage 3 certification, respectively.
- As of May 14, there are four (4) MEGA Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas (LIGTAS) COVID facilities in NCR (PICC, World Trade Center, Rizal Memorial Coliseum, Ninoy Aquino Stadium) and one (1) in Central Luzon (Philippine Arena) managed by the local government. Meanwhile there are a total of 2,297 temporary treatment and monitoring facilities LIGTAS COVID centers all over the country which are managed by local government units.
- As of May 14, a total of 362 repatriate vessels have been processed and 88 are being processed. Of these, 52 vessels have arrived with a total of 13,466 sea-based repatriates under quarantine directly supervised by BOQ for monitoring and PNP for security; while 310 vessels with a total of 18,798 repatriates are also under quarantine directly supervised by OWWA for monitoring and PCG for security.
- For land-based repatriates, a total of 8,130 repatriates arrived. 7,446 are currently in quarantine facilities directly supervised by OWWA for monitoring and PCG for security. A total of 684 completed the quarantine period.
- DOH emphasizes to the public the importance of embracing the New Normal setting in their everyday lives. In this renewed awareness, the public needs to keep in mind that their actions and behaviors should lead to improved health. Concerning this, minimum health standards in places of worship are essential to keep everyone healthy and safe. Conducting religious services online is encouraged.

#### Case Summary As of May 14, 2020



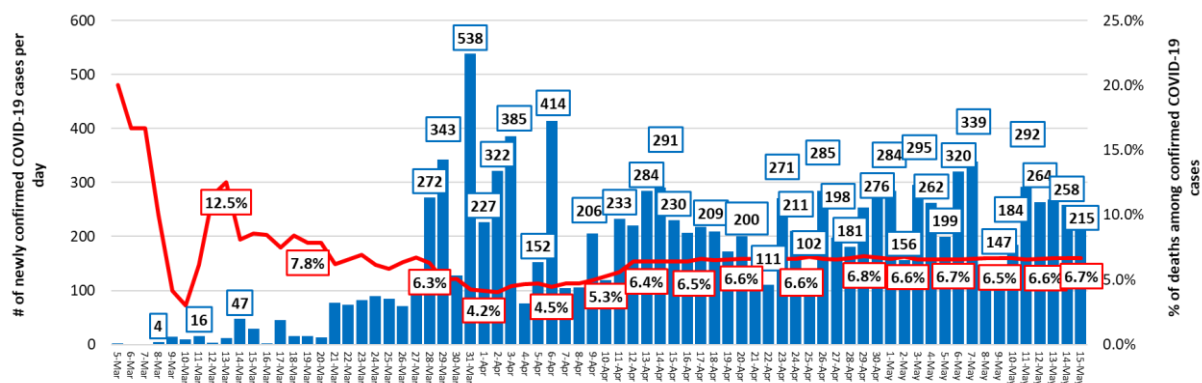
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## Current Situation

As of 15 May, a total of 12,091 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 806 deaths have been reported in the Philippines.

### Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines

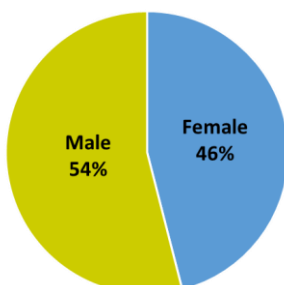
5 March-15 May 2020 (N=12,091)



Among the 12,091 confirmed cases, 6,967 are male (54%) and 5,934 are female (46%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 years (21.3%) followed by 20-29 (17.0%).

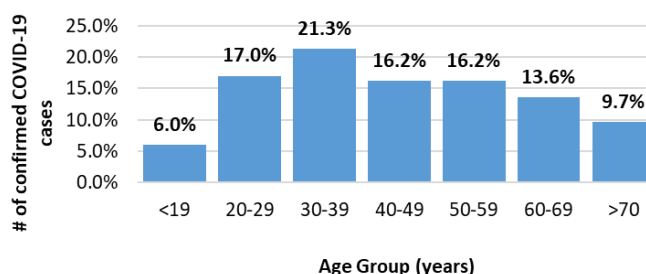
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18 January-15 May 2020 (N=12,091)



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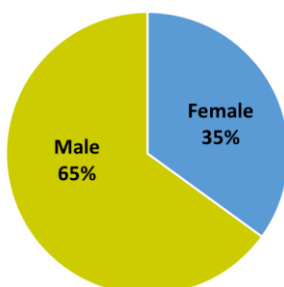
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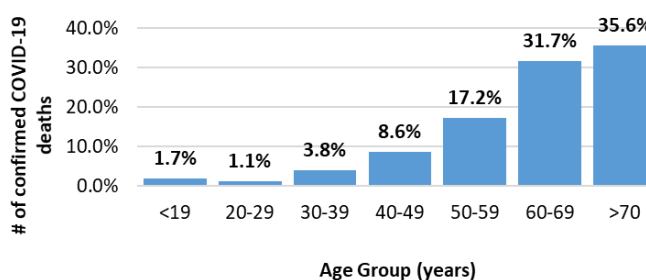
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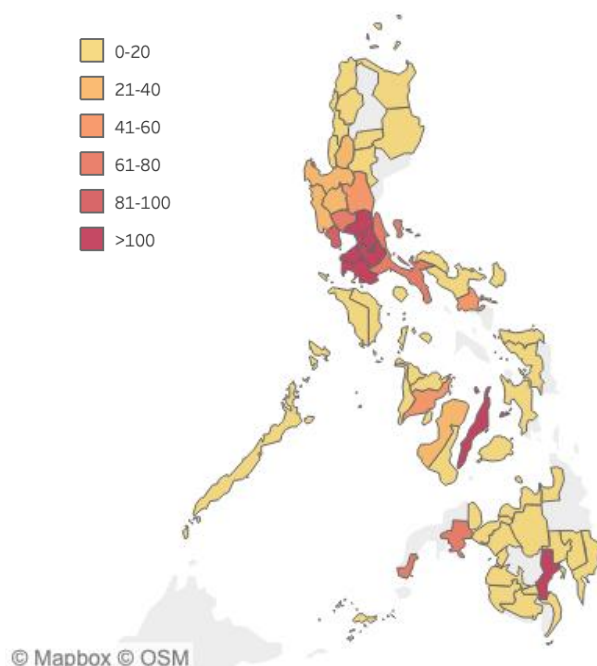


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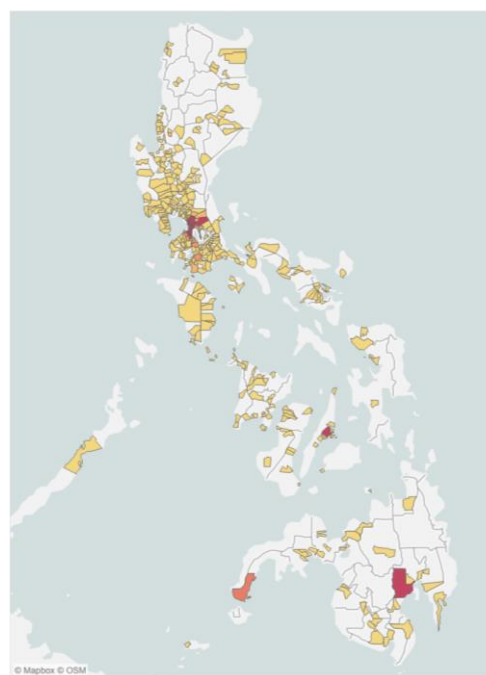
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**Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by province**  
18 January-15 May 2020 (N=12,091)



**Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by city/municipality**  
18 January-15 May 2020 (N=12,091)



## Country readiness and response operations

### Country-level coordination

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) clarified the difference between Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine and General Community Quarantine. (MECQ) on the use of public and private transportation (see graph). Malls and other businesses are allowed to reopen with a 50% skeletal workforce.

IATF guidelines furthermore determine that all passengers arriving in the Philippines are required to undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR test and 14-day quarantine in approved facilities while awaiting tests results.

NCR will remain under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine until end May, with Bahay Toro, Culiati, Sauyo, Batasan Hills, and Tatalon barangays in Quezon City and San Antonio, BF Homes, San Dionisio, Don Bosco and Moonwalk barangays in Parañaque City under special concern lockdown, or 'pocket lockdown' due to an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases.

The latest DOH situationers are available here:

- [bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer017](https://bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer017) 14 May 2020
- [bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer018](https://bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer018) 15 May 2020

## Transportation



	MECQ	GCQ
Public		
Rail (PNR, LRT, MRT)	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
Bus	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
Jeepney	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
Taxi	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
TNVS	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
Tricycle	Not allowed	Allowed with safety protocols
Public shuttle	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols
Private		
Company shuttle	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols
Personal vehicle	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols
Bicycle	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols
Motorcycle	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols
E-scooter	Allowed with safety protocols	Allowed with safety protocols

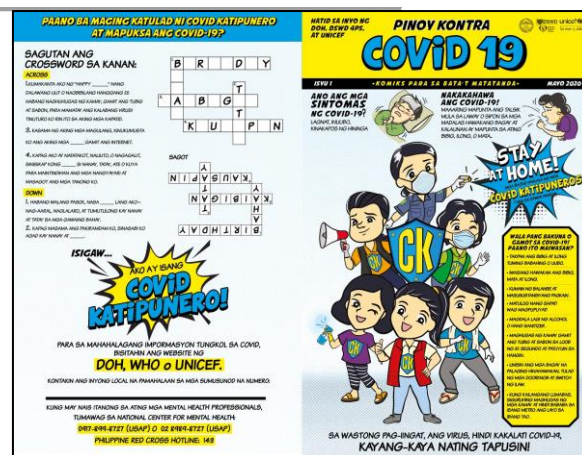
Limited load factor  
(varies by mode of transport)



## Risk communication

UNICEF issued the 1<sup>st</sup> set of parenting flyers to be included in Social Amelioration Program food packs to be distributed to 5,000 families in NCR, jointly developed with DOH, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) program, which provides conditional cash grants to the most vulnerable to improve the health, nutrition, and the education of children aged 0-18.

Up to 30 million people from Luzon to Mindanao are being reached with DOH-UNICEF audio materials through 17 Nutriskwela community radio stations via the Far East Broadcasting Corporation (FEBC).



**U-Report**

An estimated 1 million people without double counting have been reached with core messages disseminated through new channels including Radio Plugs in 3 stations thanks to the NGO Community and Family Services International (CFSI) in the Bangsamoro, officially the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and nearby provinces.

Furthermore 66.8 million people were reached through SMS blasts thanks to Smart.

UNICEF's proprietary U-Report platform MHPSS Survey to gather insights from young people on mental health was launched nationwide.

## Surveillance

WHO is strongly advocating for additional monitoring of proper adherence to DOH guidelines at the LGU level. Gaps in surveillance including data encoding of suspected, probable and confirmed cases at the hospitals were identified during field visits conducted by joint WHO and DOH Rapid Response Teams.

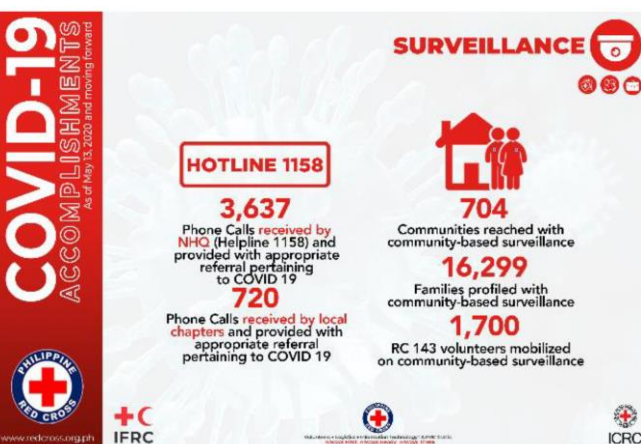
The mobile application COVID-KAYA is expected to facilitate unified data entry by all reporting units. Training is ongoing in the proper use of the app throughout the Philippines.

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) mobilized its so-called RC143 volunteers to conduct community-based surveillance throughout the country, to actively look for COVID-19 cases.

PRC is also operating a 24/7 HELPLINE run by volunteers accepting calls for COVID-19 to support with proper referral to health facilities, in close collaboration with DOH.



RC143 volunteers conducting community-based surveillance



## National laboratory system

The list of laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH expanded to 30. The latest laboratories added are the Divine World Hospital in Tacloban (Region VIII), and the Zamboanga City Medical Centre (ZCMC) Department of Agriculture (DA) Satellite Laboratory.

WHO is supporting DOH and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) with ongoing assessments of an additional 102 public and private laboratories which applied for accreditation.

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) issued *considerations for sampling, testing, and reporting of SARS-CoV-2 in animals*, which are intended to cover a range of human and animal interactions. The document aims to differentiate individual case management from research and will be reviewed and updated as new scientific evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in animals comes to light.

## Infection prevention and control

UNICEF has so far trained over 3,300 health and community workers with its online IPC trainings for home and community settings. Training are continuing and anyone can sign up for free at <https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>.

UNICEF has so far trained over 818 cleaners and sanitary workers through its webinars on Cleaning and Disinfection for LGUs and Communities. Anyone can sign up for free at <https://bit.ly/2YBGijZ>

The USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program trained 3,300 hospitals workers on IPC and over 850 on health care waste management. About 50% of participants are from the private sector (clinics, birthing facilities). Training are continuing and anyone can sign up for free at [landing page for the virtual training](#).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> WASH Cluster meeting was held on 15 May to discuss updates from partners, the adaptation of the current WASH Cluster Hygiene kit to be COVID-19 specific, and the revision of WASH Cluster Contingency Plans in line with the COVID-19 new normal.

DOH, WHO, and UNICEF with support from USAID and the Japan embassy produced a 25-page manual was on *Cleaning and Disinfection Kits* to guide cleaners and sanitary workers. Topics range from appropriate use of PPEs, preparing diluted chlorine solutions, and cleaning guidelines for community spaces and community-based primary health care facilities.



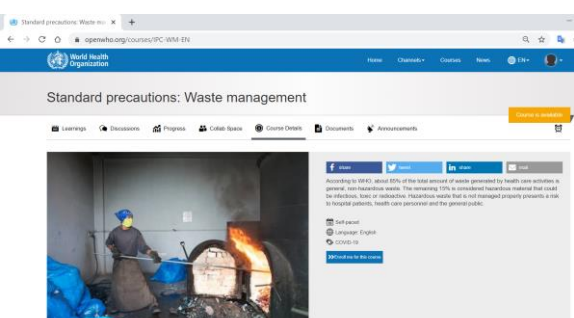
The PRC swab collection centre and laboratory in Manda-luyong was set up with support from the Australian embassy and the Ayala group



21 Jail Officers of the BJMP Urdaneta District Jail Male Dormitory attend the IPC in Community Settings Webinar ↑  
33 cleaners and sanitary workers from Ilocos Sur attending the IPC webinars on Cleaning and Disinfection ↓



Cleaning and Disinfection Kits: General Guidance and Instructions	
<b>Cleaning and Disinfection Kit</b>	
Ethyl alcohol (80%, 75%, 1 gallon per container)	10 containers
Sodium hypochlorite solution (5.25% - regular strength)	10 containers
3 gallon per container	
Mop	1 pc
Mop bucket/sponge	1 pc
Laundry detergent powder - 10kg	2 bags
Buckets - at least 10L	2 pcs
Cleaning cloths - quick absorbent	8 pcs
Pump Dispersers - 500ml	2 pcs
Cleaning brushes with long stick	2 pcs
Disperser	2 pcs
Soap Bar - 130 g/ bar	36 pcs
<b>PPE</b>	
N95 mask	30 pcs
Rubber gloves for cleaning (reusable)	1 pair
Plastic Apron (reusable)	1 pc
Rubber Boots (size 42)	1 pc
Goggles	1 pc
General Suit (size small and medium)	2 pcs

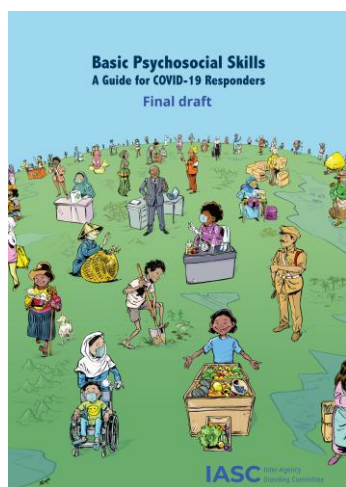


**Standard precautions: Waste management:** is a new online course available at WHO online learning platform. Health care waste includes all waste generated by health, research and laboratory facilities in the course of providing health care services. Health care waste in a facility should be managed from the point of generation to final disposal and removal. <https://openwho.org/courses/IPC-WM-EN>



## Case management and continuity of essential services

To address increasing mental health concerns among health workers due to ongoing violence and insecurity, disrupted social support, long working hours, lack of medical protection and equipment, and the uncertainty about the effectiveness of their efforts, ICRC is providing basic MHPSS through its Helping the Helpers program targeting both the helpers to care for themselves and for people affected by COVID-19. 48 participants from Cotabato Health Office, Maguindanao Provincial Hospital, Integrated Provincial Health Office Maguindanao attended the 3 weekly sessions of 2 hours each.



Inter-Agency Standing Committee: *Basic Psychosocial Skills- A Guide for COVID-19 Responders Basic Psychosocial Skills- A Guide for COVID-19 Responders* 11 May 2020

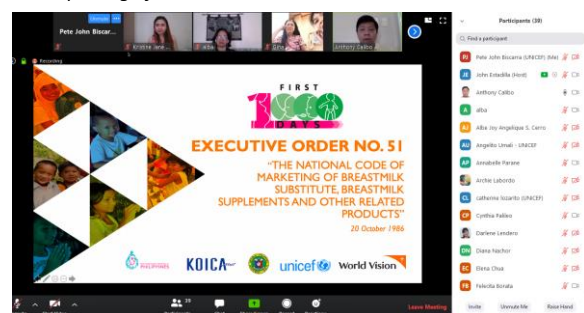
The UN Secretary General Policy issued a *Brief on COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health*



ICRC providing MHPSS sessions to health workers



Online training of 36 DOH/NNC Region 8 and Samar and North Samar Provincial staff on the Philippine Milk Code monitoring and reporting of violations ↓



UNICEF installed 14 tents in BARMM hospitals including Cotabato City and nearby Region 12 hospitals ↑ and distributed 74 mobile handwashing facilities in Cotabato City, with 26 to be delivered to in Lanao del Sur and Maguindanao soon ↓



**Webinar on Mental Health during the Pandemic**  
May 14, 2020 - 9:00 am

**Resource Persons:**  
Ms. Frances Prescilla Cuevas  
DOH Mental Health Program Manager  
Dr. Jasmine Vergara  
WHO Technical Officer on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

If you are interested to attend the Mental Health Webinar, fill up the Registration Form on this link [www.tinyurl.com/webinarmentalhealth](http://www.tinyurl.com/webinarmentalhealth) and submit on or before May 13, 2020. Thank you.

A Webinar on Mental Health was conducted for DOH Regional Health Promotion offices HEPOs, MHPSS, Mental Health, Dangerous Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program (DDAPT) officers.

The USAID-supported RenewHealth program conducted Webinars on Mental Health First Aid for Persons Who Use Drugs (PWUDs) and virtual psychosocial support program for community facilitators

**FROM RISK TO RESILIENCE**  
Online Forum Series on the Aspects of COVID-19 Response and Recovery

**Health Options for a Healthy Society**  
May 19, 2020 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Recordings of the session will be available through the PASCDR and Start Network Websites

For more information, please contact: [pascdresilience@gmail.com](mailto:pascdresilience@gmail.com)

The START Network is conducting another Online Forum in the From Risk to Resilience series, dedicated to Health Options for a Healthy Society on 19 May. Registration at: <https://up-edu.zoom.us/j/60851yAJWD9>

## PHILIPPINES 2-MONTHS ON | COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE



As of May 14, 2020,  
we have reached  
**3.2 million**  
individuals across  
the country.  
**More than  
1 million**  
are children.



**LUZON:**  
Albay, Sorsogon, Batangas,  
Camarines Norte,  
Camarines Sur, Metro Manila  
(Malabon, Manila and Quezon  
City) and Pangasinan

**VISAYAS:**  
Aklan, Antique, Bohol, Cebu,  
Leyte, Negros Occidental,  
and Samar



**MINDANAO:**  
Bukidnon, Davao City,  
Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur  
(including Marawi City),  
Misamis Occidental,  
Misamis Oriental,  
North Cotabato,  
South Cotabato,  
Sultan Kudarat, and  
Zamboanga del Norte

### Scaling up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19

	<b>Over 3 million</b> people reached with health, infection, prevention and control messages through radio plugs, TV ads, distribution of IEC materials		<b>65,300</b> germicidal soaps distributed
	<b>30,028</b> individuals received sanitation or hygiene kits		<b>43,220</b> masks provided
	<b>39,180</b> toothbrushes for children and adults provided		<b>6,530</b> 500 ml alcohol

### Strengthen health systems and workers

	<b>12,808</b> frontliners provided with PPEs and food packs		<b>7,220</b> medical goggles distributed		<b>1,480</b> bottles of bleach solution distributed
	<b>36,100</b> n95 and surgical masks distributed		<b>361,000</b> pairs of shoe cover distributed		<b>17</b> isolation tents (42 sqm each), set up in referral hospitals
	<b>361,600</b> surgical caps provided		<b>740</b> disinfectant kits given to 72 health facilities		<b>2</b> mobile treatment or isolation units (320 sqm each) provided
	<b>180,500</b> pairs of gloves distributed		<b>740</b> 1 gallon alcohol provided		

### Support children impacted by COVID-19 through education, child protection, food and livelihoods

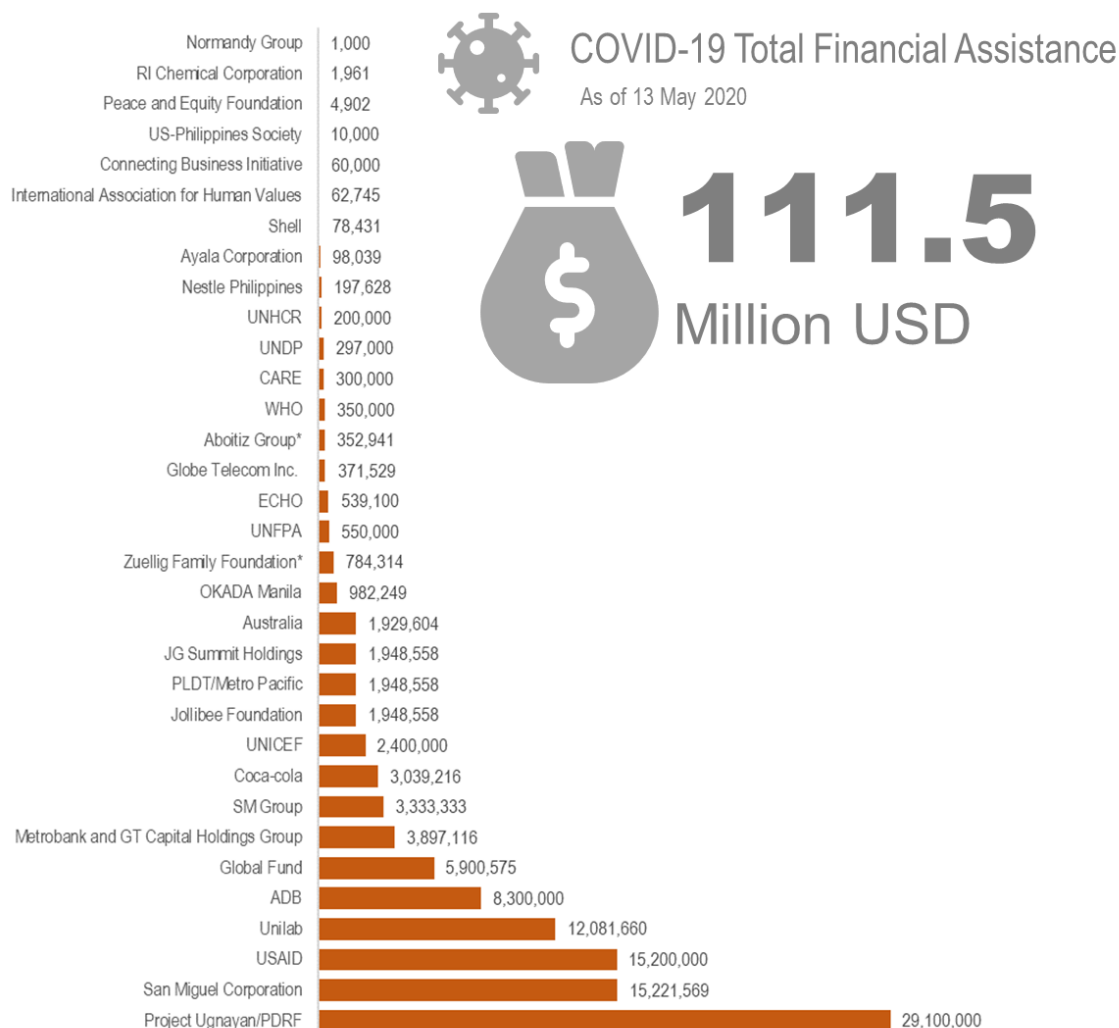
	<b>74,418</b> individuals benefited from the distribution of 33,800 kg of mixed fresh vegetables		<b>1,600</b> children received multiple micronutrient powder (MNP) or food supplement
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For updates, reports, resources and other information, please visit [www.worldvision.org.ph](http://www.worldvision.org.ph)

## Resource mobilization

### Grant

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

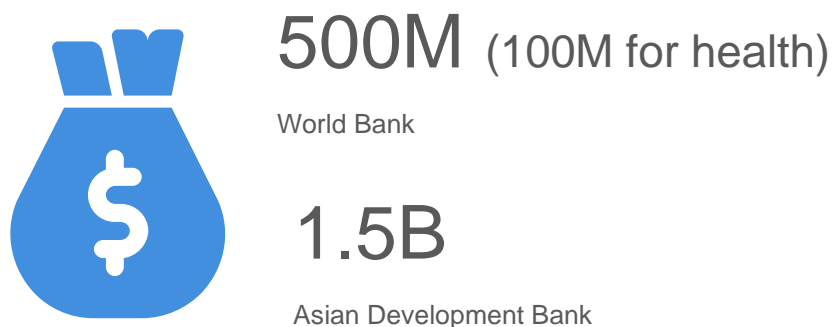


Please see for details of all items distributed so far by DOH: <https://bit.ly/DOHCommDistribution>.

As of 13 May, WHO received more than US\$ 579.1 million and an additional US\$ 186.1 million in pledges to its global appeal. This includes €114 million from the European Union to support 80 priority countries with weakened health care systems and capacity including the Philippines.

The French government through its Development Agency AFD donated €2 million to fight COVID-19 in Southeast Asia.

### Loan





**Logistics, procurement, and supply management**

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
ADB	Laboratory facility for 45,000 tests	1	
Americares	N95 masks	49,320	7,600
	Surgical masks	4,000	
	Face shields	60	
	Thermal scanners	3	
	Disinfectant alcohol (1 gallon)	6	
	Oxygen tanks with accessories	3	
Chinese government	COVID-19 test kits	100,000	
	PPE (full set minus goggles)	10,000	
	N95 masks	10,000	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
IAHV	N95/KN95 Masks	34,922	
IMC	PPE (full set)	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 (full set)	2,000	
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals	
Samaritan's Purse	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	3	
	Mattresses	150	
	PPE		1,500
UNDP	Ventilators		15
UNFPA	Face masks	110,000	
	Handheld thermometers	1,130	
	PPE (full set)	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 42 m <sup>2</sup>	44	
	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	Mobile Storage Unit	3	
	50 kVA generator	2	
	Shower/toilet unit	1	
WHO (with USAID funding)	Laboratory supplies		
	E-gene EAV kits	335	
	RdRP-gene kits	99	
	N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials	12	7
	Sanger sequencing reagents vials	3	
	Universal Transport Media viral kit	14,350	
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	10,000
	Extraction kits	24	36
	QIAgen QIamp RNA Kit	15	24
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR		
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	
	PPE (full set)	458	
	Disinfectant kits	30	