

Situation Summary

- **Out of total 326,833 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 55% are male, with the most affected age group 20-29 years (27%) followed by 30-39 years (24%).**
- 52% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (17.6%), Central Visayas (7%), and Central Luzon (5.4%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.
- **Out of 5,865 confirmed deaths, 60% are male, with the most affected age group aged over 70 (34.5%) followed by 60-69 years (28%)**
- 48% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (21.5%), CALABARZON (11%), and Western Visayas (4.7%). Largest increase in new deaths from NCR.
- **Department of Health (DOH) and WHO emphasizing the need for compliance to, and proper implementation of, national guidelines at LGU level**
- 100% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing 42.1% occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally. In NCR, out of 180 health facilities, 52.8% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 261 health facilities report 51.5% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds.
- **Currently 108 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 33 laboratories using GeneXpert. 98 applications still in various stages of accreditation.**
- **COVID-19 infection among UN staff in the Philippines: WHO - 1**

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Upcoming Events and Priorities

The Philippines formally expressed its intent to join the Gavi COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) Facility, which aims to ensure fair and equitable access to vaccines. The objective of the COVAX is to deliver two billion doses of safe and effective vaccines to all participating countries by the end of 2021. Priority will be given to healthcare workers. The program will then be expanded to cover 20% of the population of participating countries. Further doses will be made available based on country need, vulnerability and COVID-19 threat.

The government expects to spend P89 million in hosting the World Health Organization (WHO)-led Solidarity Trials but the cost of the potential COVID-19 vaccine will be shouldered by the global health agency, according to the Department of Health (DOH). The Philippines will pay for operational expenses like transportation, cold chain and laboratory supplies, such as the protective gear that will be used for the trial that would likely start in December. It is important for the country to participate in the WHO trials and not just wait for pharmaceutical firms to complete their research. At least 34 vaccines are being studied for inclusion in the WHO trials.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has relaxed documentary requirements to speed up the hiring of contact tracers amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the DILG said Monday. The move has become necessary since government agencies issuing the needed requirements are not fully operational yet due to the implementation of various

community quarantine protocols. Of the 50,000 required contact tracers, a least 10,000 have been hired so far.

An inter-agency task force leading the Philippine government's response against the coronavirus pandemic has said it will use the upgrading of lockdowns as a "last resort" in efforts to contain the respiratory disease as authorities sought to revive the economy. The IATF, in a resolution dated Oct. 2, said it approved a recommendation of an economic development cluster for the "further gradual reopening of the economy in increments proportional to the healthcare capacity of the country." Current community quarantine classifications, which determine which businesses are allowed to operate, will see "stricter implementation and observance of the health and safety protocols,".

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) is considering increasing the passenger capacity in public transport up to 70 percent. Labor officials appealed to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to increase ridership capacity since limited capacity is taking a toll on workers, saying that the only way to lift people out of poverty is if we open the economy. Currently, ridership capacity is at 50 percent or half of the designated capacity.

National Transmission Assessment

At national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localised community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of wide spread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission in Region 3 and Region 4A, and a decreasing trend in the NCR. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 42.1% occupancy, with variation between Regions. Additional beds are being allocated for COVID-19 cases, as per the direction of the government. In the past weeks there seem to have been a decrease in daily reported cases, deaths and recoveries. Recently DOH has changed the reporting of recovered cases based on the national criteria. Mild and asymptomatic cases are tagged as recovered 14 days after onset or specimen collection. Additional data validation and harmonisation efforts are ongoing. The government is responding across sectors, including through enhanced community engagement, targeted isolation and quarantine measures, expansion of contact tracing and continuous increase in laboratory capacity.

Epidemiology

As of 6 Oct, a total of 326,833 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 5,865 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.8%.

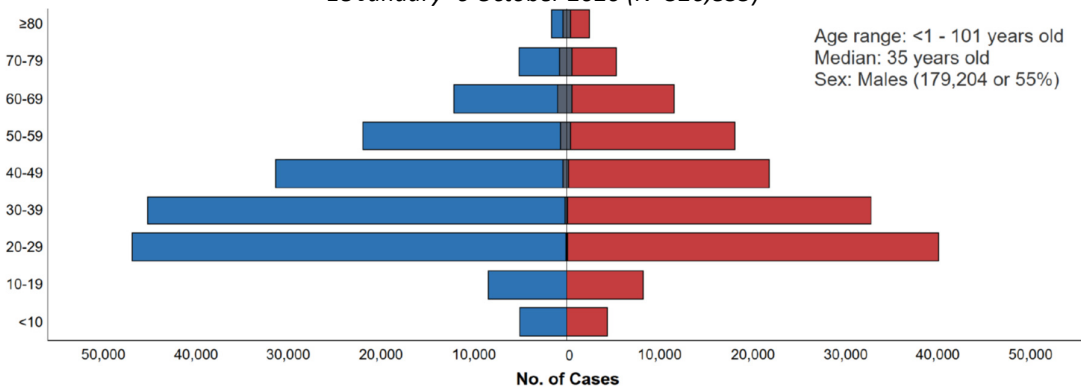
Epidemiological Update COVID-19

Data reported on 6 Oct 2020 compared with data reported on 29 Sept 2020 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)

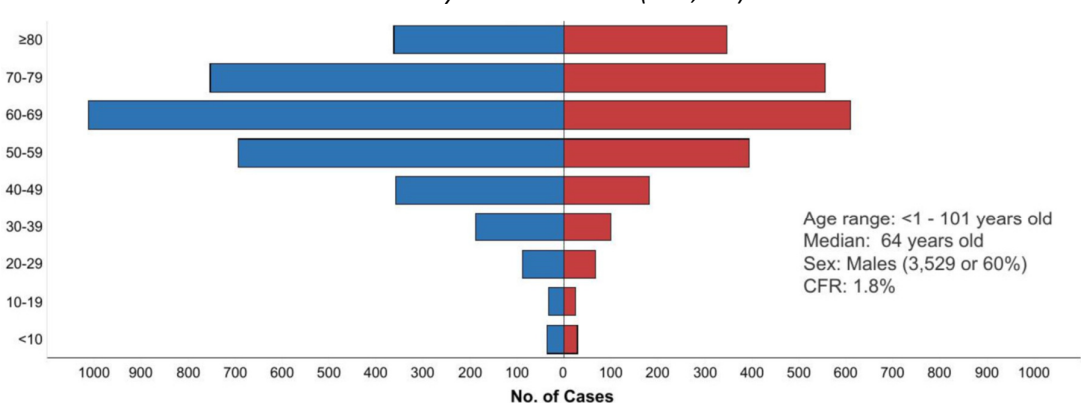
Health Service Provision COVID-19

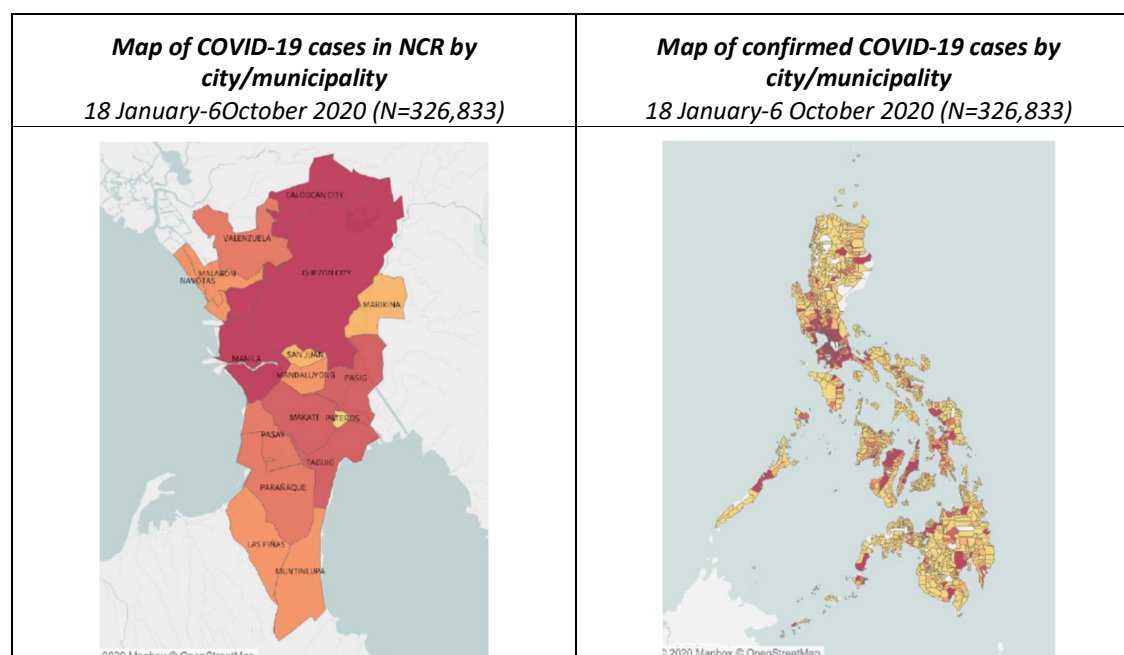
Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
250,423	17,530	427	46%
Tests past 7 days	New cases past 7 days	Deaths past 7 days	ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
3,711,021	326,833	5,865	1,858
Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Deaths	ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
10.2%			
Positivity rate			
14,757	422	1,901	20,396
Health care workers trained on IPC	Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	Non-ICU Hospital beds in hospitals
11,333			165,864
Community workers trained on IPC			Hospital beds in TTMF

Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %
18 January- 6 October 2020 (N=326,833)



Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %
18 January- 6 October 2020 (N=5,865)





Strategic Approach

The local government of Tuguegarao City on Saturday began implementing a 14-day modified enhanced community quarantine to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The Tuguegarao Inter-Agency Task Force Against COVID-19 recommended placing the city from modified general community quarantine to MECQ, following the surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in 19 out of its 49 barangays. Under the MECQ guidelines, the local government would be implementing strict home quarantine for individuals below 21 and above 60 years old and those with health risks and pregnant women. Movement shall be limited to buying essential goods and services, and work in permitted offices or establishments. A COVID Shield Control Pass is required when going out. Curfew hours shall be imposed from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. while the sale of liquor is strictly prohibited.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases will not raise the number of churchgoers in areas under general community quarantine. “For now, the IATF sticks to the existing rules on mass gatherings, including public religious worship in GCQ areas, until the latter get reclassified to MGCQ (modified GCQ),” the IATF said, in response to appeals made by the Quiapo Church in Manila to raise the capacity allowed for religious gatherings. Under the current guidelines of the IATF, churches under GCQ are only allowed to accept people up to 10 percent of its capacity.

THREE medical teams of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) that were previously deployed in Cebu City arrived in Bacolod City to help the fight against the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. The additional AFP medical teams will augment the frontline medical workers of Bacolod City starting today to help handle the growing number of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases, as well as provide needed assistance to the health system capacity of the city just like the assistance given by the previous team.

Clustering of coronavirus cases has occurred in several workplaces in Davao Region following the easing of lockdown restrictions under the modified general community quarantine and reopening of the economy, with most of the clusters happening in 12 establishments, mostly private companies and a few government offices. The DOH Davao Region reminded everyone, every establishment to be strict when it comes to implementation of the minimum health protocols at the workplace because of the observed increasing number of work establishments with clustering of cases. The DOH Davao Region encouraged companies to strictly implement the minimum health standards, such as wearing face masks and face shields, maintaining a physical distance, and frequent handwashing to protect their workers from the virus.

The private sector can seek assistance from local government units (LGU) to enable their COVID-19 positive employees get medical attention and isolate them in quarantine facilities, the Department of Health said Monday. The DOH added that if an employee tests positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms aligned with the novel sickness, the company may get help from the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs), especially in terms of having a secure isolation facility.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Legazpi has raised alarm over the surge in cases of depression and suicide among the youth in Albay amid the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) crisis, which continues to affect the country, saying young people are among those who are most vulnerable to mental health conditions as a result of the pandemic. Strict orders to stay at home to prevent the spread of Covid-19 impact the mental health of many young people, who are prone to depression and anxiety. Because of the community quarantine, there are youngsters who become exposed to domestic violence and sexual abuse in their homes. Parents and the community to watch over the youth for possible signs that they are suffering from mental health conditions.

Laboratory strengthening

There are currently 108 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, as well as 33 laboratories using GeneXpert, with an additional 98 public and private laboratories under assessment.

Best Practices / Lessons Learned

UNICEF

Community Support

From 6 April to 2 October 2020, UNICEF conducted training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for COVID-19 in Home and Community Settings, reaching 11,333 individuals (76% females, 24% males): 8,218 through online webinars and 3,115 through face-to-face training in 98 rural health units in BARMM. Roll out of the IPC training is now being conducted by DOH through the DOH Academy E-Learning Platform which can be accessed by signing up for an account through this link: <https://learn.doh.gov.ph/>. Participants will be eligible to earn Continuing Professional Development Units after completion of the training.

WEBINAR
IPC COVID-19 Technical Guidance for Cleaners and Sanitary Personnel
 Choose from these dates:
13 or 28 October 2020
 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To register: http://bit.ly/WASHIPC_Oct
 FB live link: <https://www.facebook.com/washphcoordination/>

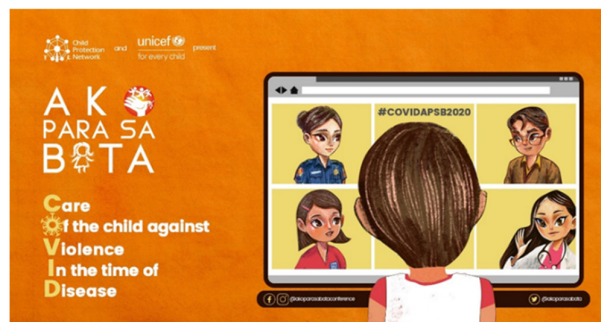
Target audiences: Sanitary Engineers, Sanitary Inspectors, Members of the COVID-19 task force, Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHRT) members, Community health care facility managers, Quarantine Officers, cleaners and sanitary workers.

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UNICEF continues to conduct the IPC webinar on Technical Guidance for Cleaners and Sanitary Personnel, which has reached over 2,300 people to date. Interested participants may register for upcoming webinars on 13 and 28 October through this link: http://bit.ly/WASHIPC_Oct.

UNICEF is supporting the ongoing "Ako Para Sa Bata" (I am for the Child) annual conference. Now on its 12th cycle, the conference this year will be a series of webinars with the theme "Care of the Child against Violence in the Time of Disease". The webinars presented by the Child Protection Network Foundation and UNICEF will run from September to November 2020, targeting frontline service providers. To date, the conference has 7,000 registered participants nationwide. Webinars may be viewed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10AM-12NN at <https://www.facebook.com/AkoParaSaBataConference>.



UNICEF has reached up to date a total of 45.3 million Facebook users with COVID-19 key messages. A recent story of a mother and child about preparing for the school start during the pandemic reached 250,000 people, generated 20,000 engagements and was shared 50 times. The video is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/posts/10159266355855572>

The organization also reached young people via a TikTok, giving examples of how children continue learning through different modalities. The video reached 400,000 users, garnered 20,000 engagements, and was shared 100 times on Facebook. The video is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/posts/10159274800640572>

Likewise, UNICEF continues to disseminate important COVID-19 messages through traditional media organizations and their digital platforms. Before the opening of classes, UNICEF released a statement on the importance of learning continuity picked up by major news outlets. The statement is available here: <https://mb.com.ph/2020/10/02/learning-is-for-all-unicef-lauds-govt-decision-to-start-classes/amp/>

WHO



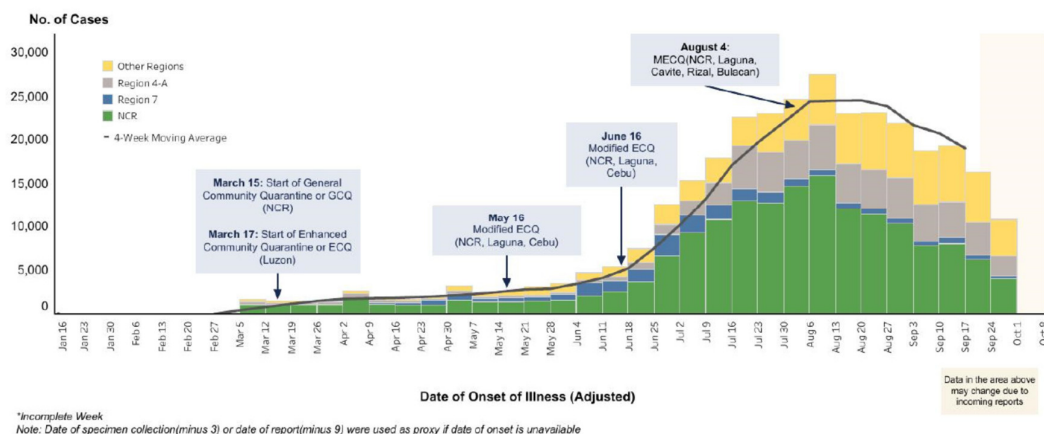
The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday donated \$3.1 million (P150 million) worth of personal protective equipment to the Philippines as the coronavirus pandemic continued to drag on worldwide. The WHO turned over to the DOH 230,900 gowns, 405,000 KN95 masks, 187,800 face shields, 159,540 goggles, 489,000 pairs of gloves 1.6 million surgical masks, and 350 units of oxygen concentrators. The WHO's donation came as COVID-19 cases in the Philippines continued to increase, with an average of about 2,000 to 3,000 new infections reported daily. The latest average was lower than what was seen in August, when some 4,000 to 5,000 cases were reported daily.

On Monday, the WHO Representative to the Philippines said that, while cases have

declined in Metro Manila, the epicenter of the health crisis, this “does not mean the pandemic is over, and now is not the time to relax.” We must continue to build on this success in Metro Manila and support the control in newly emerging hotspots in other regions of the Philippines as we continue to save lives and ensure a gradual opening of the economy.” The WHO official said response should continue to ensure “we detect cases early, quarantine close contacts and continue to expand healthcare pathways.”

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates
16 January-6 October 2020

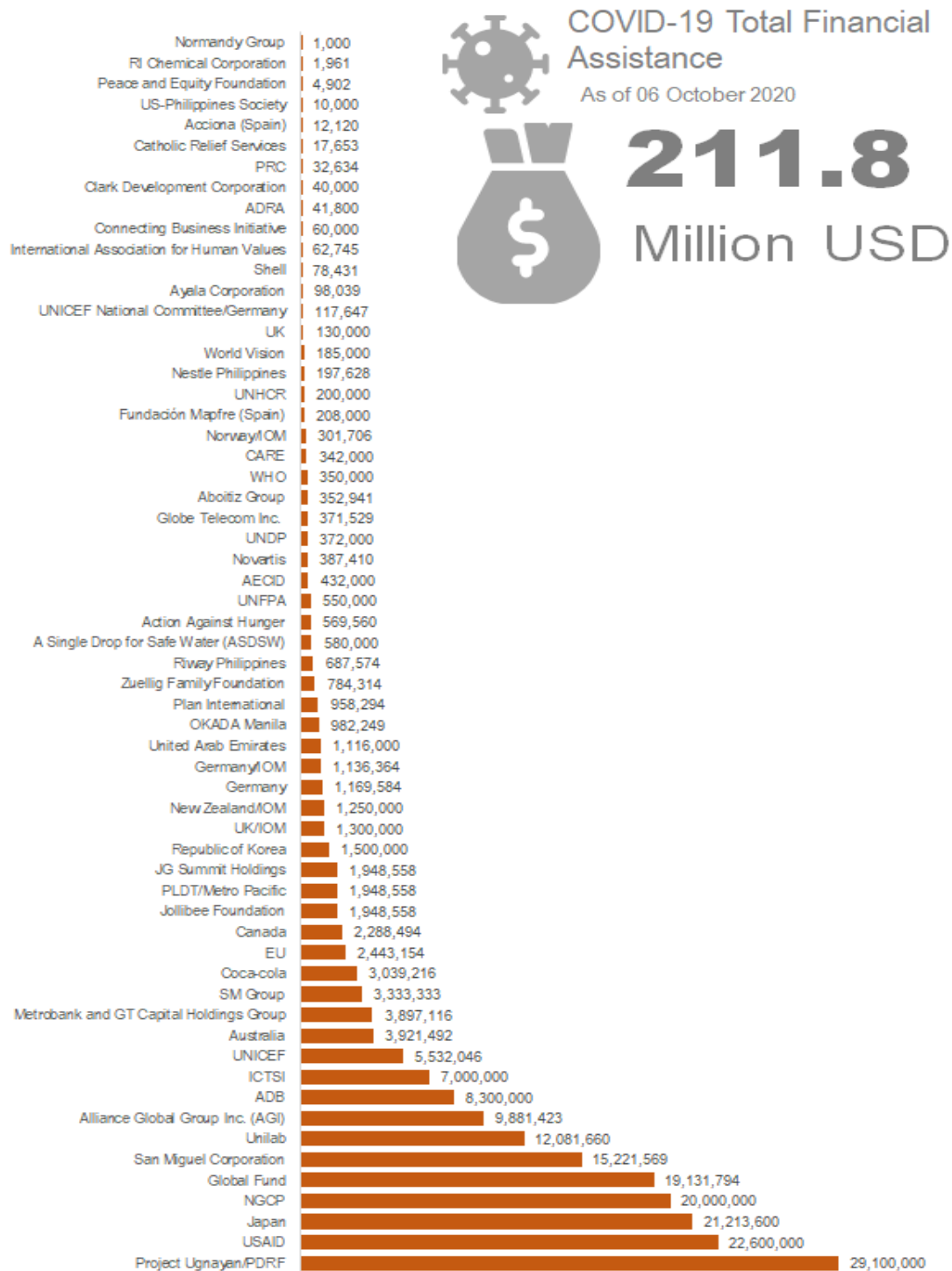


NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation		Lifted for some areas	Lifted for all areas
			Geo-graphical	Recommended /Required		
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	13 March	-	National	Required	No	No
School Closure	10 March – Metro Manila	3 June	National	Required	3 June with limitations	No
Workplace Closure	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	15 May	No
Mass Gatherings	10 March – Metro Manila	4 Aug	National	Required	3 June with limitations	No
Stay at Home	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	15 May	No
Restrictions on Internal Movement (within country)	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	1 June	No
Restrictions on International Travel	31 Jan - China	4 Aug	National	Required	1 June	No
Others; specify in narrative	None	None	-	-	-	-

Important links:

- <https://covid19.healthphilipinas.ph/>
- <https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>
- <http://www.covid19.gov.ph/>
- <https://www.lguvsocovid.ph/>

Annex: Resource mobilization



Here is the link to the COVID-19 Funding Online Dashboard:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/ocha.philippines.im#!/vizhome/PHILIPPINESCOVID-19FinancialAssistanceDashboard/DASHBOARD>

Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
ADB	Laboratory facility for 45,000 tests	1	
Americares	N95 masks	73,120	33,800
	Surgical masks	17,500	36,500
	Face shields	60	
	Thermal scanners	3	
	Disinfectant alcohol (1 gallon)	6	
	Oxygen tanks with accessories	3	
CARE	Water tanks	5	
	PPE (full set)	2,029	
	Thermal scanners	23	
	Hygiene kits	9,364	
Chinese government	Water station facilities	5	
	COVID-19 test kits	100,000	
	PPE (full set minus goggles)	10,000	
	N95 masks	10,000	
IAHV	Surgical masks	100,000	
	N95/KN95 Masks	34,922	
IMC	PPE (full set)	200	
	Examination gloves	767,184	
	Surgical masks	666,200	
	N95 masks	150,445	
	Surgical gowns	5,115	
	Goggles	470	
	Electric fans	20	
	HTH Chlorine (Kg)	225	
	Stethoscope	2	
	Sphygmomanometer	2	
	Digital thermometer	6	
	Sprayer	2	
	Sanitizer (Lt)	225	
	Body bags	50	
	Hospital Beds	2	
	Cot beds	10	
	Breast milk container, 180ml	160	
	Electric fan	20	
	Scrub suits	90	
	Folding table, 72in x 30 in	2	
	Rubber apron	40	
	Stretcher	2	
	Metal bench, 3 seater	6	
	Tent, 6mx 10m, x 2m	1	
	Tent, 11ft x 11 ft x 7ft	2	
	Canopy tents, 3m x 3m	3	
IOM	Surgical mask	15,000	
	Gloves	5,000	
	Face shields	400	
	Isolation gowns and shoe cover	300	
	Suits/coveralls	300	
	Thermal scanner	50	
	Multipurpose tents	3	
Japan government	PPE	12,000	
National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)	Decontamination chambers	2	
	Ventilators	12	
	Powered air purifying respirators	32	
	Closed suction system	200	
	Test kits	10,000	
	Gallons of 70% alcohol	42,000	
	Gallons of disinfecting solutions	3,800	
	Infrared thermometers	2,100	
	Hazmat suits	3,000	
	Goggles	45,000	
	Surgical caps	60,000	
	Full face shields	65,000	
	Disposable gowns	75,000	
	Pairs of shoe covers	85,000	
	N95 and surgical masks	3,300,000	
	Gloves	3,300,000	
PRC	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	30	
	Face masks	36,000	
	PPE (full set)	2,000	
Samaritan's Purse	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals	
	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	3	
	Mattresses	200	
	KN95 mask	1,300	
	Face Shield	1,300	
	Gown	1,300	
	Gloves	54,000	
	Surgical Mask	3,600	
	Hygiene kits	810	

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
UNDP	Ventilators		15
UNFPA	Face masks	110,000	
	Handheld thermometers	1,130	
	PPE (full set)	386,355	
	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	
UNHCR	PPE	12,152	
	Sleeping mats	64	
	Hygiene kits	64	
	Blankets	64	
	Plastic sheets	1,020	
	Solar lamps	1,020	
	Mosquito nets	1,020	
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 72m² and 42 m²	74	
	Modular tents for isolation facility	200	
	Coveralls for health workers	72,380	
	Face shields	33,000	
	N95 masks for health workers	35,680	
	Surgical masks	406,750	
	Gloves, heavy-duty, rubber/nitrile	1,000	
	Goggles, protective, indirect-side-venti	500	
	Apron, protection, plastic, reusable	500	
	Boots, rubber/PVC, reusable, pair	500	
	Coveralls for cleaning and disinfection personnel	1,000	
	N95 masks for cleaning and disinfecting personnel	15,000	
	Cleaning and disinfection kit	500	
US government	Cots	1,300	
	Disposable shoe cover	14,000	
	Disposable head cap	14,000	
	Disposable surgical gown	12,600	
	KN95 mask	9800	
	Face shield	2800	
	Goggles	2800	
	Nitrile gloves	119,000	
	Pulse oximeter	210	
	Infrared thermometer	210	
US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	Medical Mask		23,920
	N95 Mask		15,140
	Gloves (pair)		21,220
	Gown		12,000
	Face Shield		9,370
	Shoe Cover		1,640
	Alcohol (500ml Bottle)		5,590
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	89,350	
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	10,000
	Extraction kits		
	QIAGEN Qlamp RNA Kit	235	
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	109	
WHO (with DFAT funding)	Goggles	1,200	
	Gloves	31,000	
	N95 masks	900	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
	Surgical gowns	817	
	Hand sanitizer	240	
	Face shields	640	
	Bio bags	400	
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	
	PPE (full set)	458	
	Disinfectant kits	30	