

Situation Summary

- **Out of total 360,775 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%).**
- 50% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (18%), Central Visayas (6.4%), and Central Luzon (5.5%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.
- **Out of 6,690 confirmed deaths, 60% are male, with the most affected age group aged over 70 (34.6%) followed by 60-69 years (27.6%)**
- 47% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (19%), CALABARZON (11%), and Western Visayas (5%). Largest increase in new deaths from NCR and Zamboanga.
- **Department of Health (DOH) and WHO emphasizing the need for compliance to, and proper implementation of, national guidelines at LGU level**
- 99% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing 42.5% occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally. In NCR, out of 161 health facilities, 48.7% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 221 health facilities report 48.4% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds.
- **Currently 112 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 35 laboratories using GeneXpert.**
- COVID-19 infection among UN staff in the Philippines: WFP - 1

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Upcoming Events and Priorities

The National Task Force against COVID-19 is set to tackle guidelines that would provide ease in travel between areas with the same or different quarantine classifications. The DILG and the LGUs will finalize the guidelines for travel to the provinces and remote LGUs through commercial transportation via airlines, ferries or buses. The easing of the travel restriction also covers those who are excluded from the list of authorized persons outside of residence (APOR). Aside from permitted movement between GCQ and MGCQ areas, the IATF also made adjustments on age-based stay-at-home restrictions, expanding those allowed to leave their homes to 15 years old up to 65. Previously, those younger than 21 and older than 60 were barred from going out. It has also permitted leisure travel abroad starting Oct. 21.

More commuters will be accommodated by the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) as the railway system is set to increase its trains' passenger capacity to 30 percent. The MRT-3 management said the rail line will be able to transport at least 124 passengers per train car or 372 in a train set with the increased maximum passenger capacity to be implemented. The maximum passenger capacity at the MRT-3 is currently at 13 percent which translates to 51 passengers per train car or 153 per train set.

Metro Manila mayors have agreed to reduce the curfew hours in Metro Manila to 12 midnight to 4 a.m. except for the Navotas City, which decided to keep its curfew hours of 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. This agreement was reached with members of the Inter-Agency Task Force

for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF). Aside from the reduced curfew hours, Olivarez said the Metro Manila mayors have also agreed to increase the capacity of churchgoers in the National Capital Region (NCR) from 10 percent to 30 percent.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Department of Health (DOH) will hold the first phase of the measles, rubella, and polio vaccination campaign in the Ilocos Region from Oct. 26 to Nov. 25 amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19). The Philippines is currently fighting three health enemies, namely the Covid-19, polio, and measles, and the pandemic has prevented three out of four children from immunization. The target is to immunize 95 percent of eligible children, 0-59 months old for polio, and 9-59 months old for measles. Polio and measles don't have specific treatment but can be prevented with a very effective vaccine. The Philippines has been free of polio since the year 2000 and the country was certified as a polio-free country by WHO that year.

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 42.5% 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.

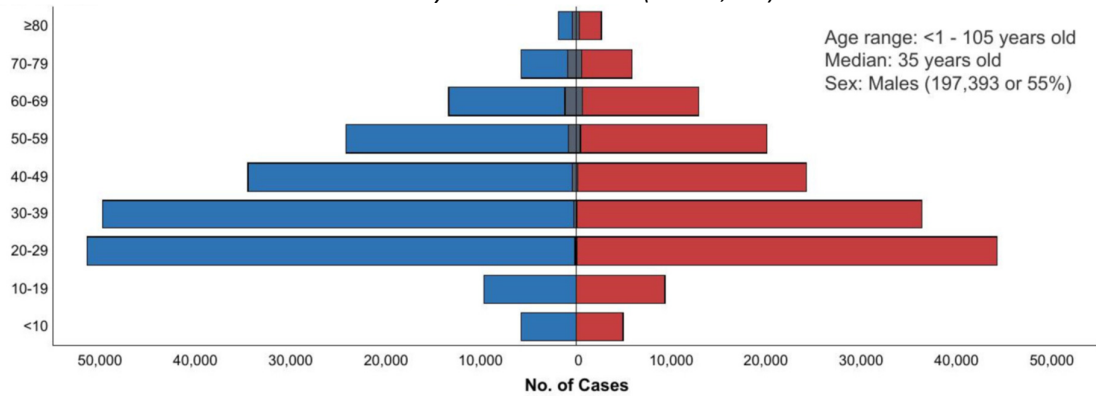
Epidemiology

As of 20 Oct, a total of 360,775 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 6,690 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.9%.

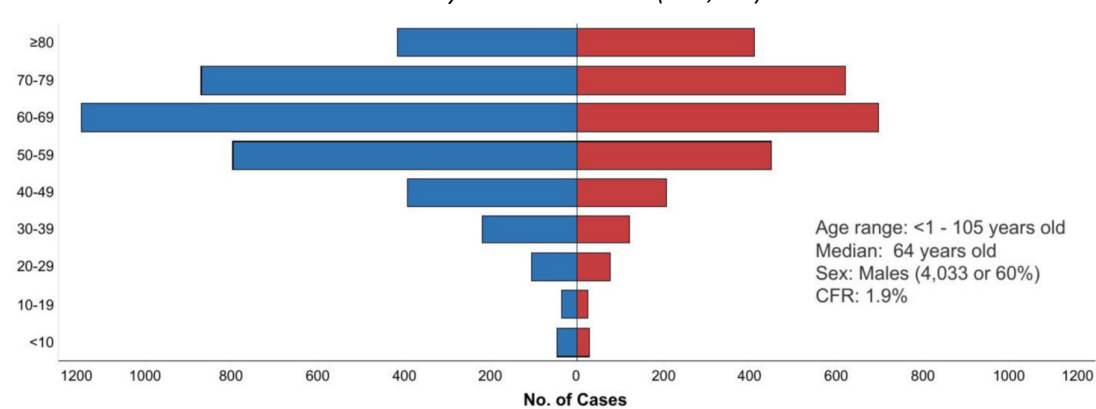
Epidemiological Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
	219,669	6,059	318	46.3%
	Tests past 7 days	New cases past 7 days	Deaths past 7 days	ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
Data reported on 20 Oct 2020 compared with data reported on 13 Oct 2020 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)	4,163,064	360,775	6,690	1,889
	Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Deaths	COVID-19 ICU beds
	9.9%			
	Positivity rate			
Health Service Provision COVID-19	14,757	337	1,269	18,872
	Health care workers trained on IPC	Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	Non-ICU Hospital beds
	11,333			168,106
	Community workers trained on IPC			Hospital beds in TTMF

Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

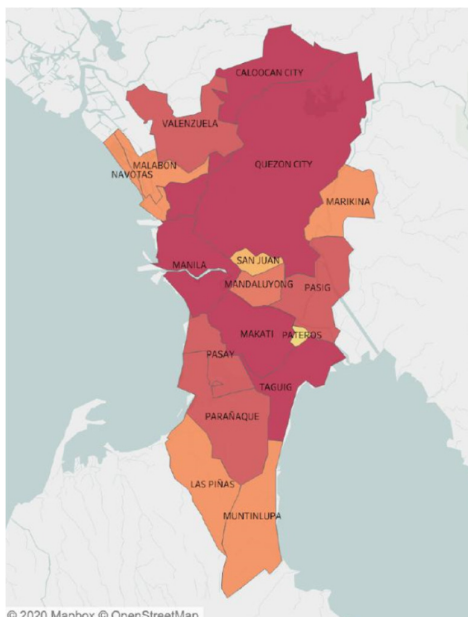
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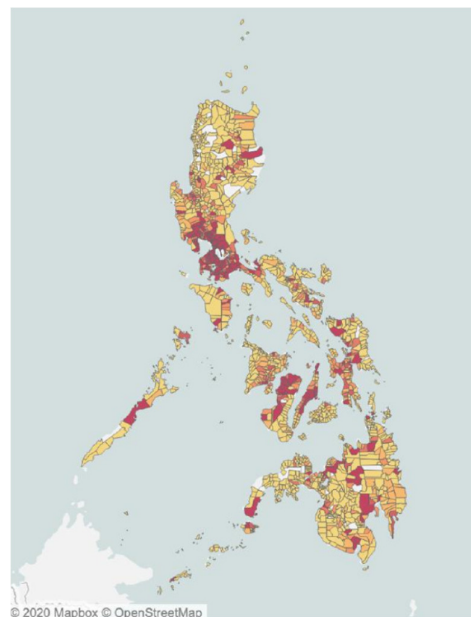
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**Map of COVID-19 cases in NCR by city/municipality**

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**Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by city/municipality**

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Strategic Approach

The League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) on Monday said it wanted to maintain medical clearance certification and travel authority for non-authorized persons outside residence (non-APOR) and locally stranded individuals (LSI) requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to the provinces. Earlier, the government's COVID-19 task force allowed travel between areas under a general community quarantine (GCQ) and modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) regardless of purpose. In a statement, LPP president and Marinduque Governor Presbitero Velasco said provincial governments would continue to allow the entry of overseas Filipino workers and LSIs according to the latest resolution and guidelines of the IATF. However, he said non-APORs and LSIs would still need to comply with the two basic requirements such as medical clearance certification (MCC) and travel authority (TA).

Churches in Manila are now allowed to open up to 30 percent of its capacity, a bishop said Monday. Parish priests will also hold Mass services in school gymnasiums to avoid large gatherings during Undas and Simbang Gabi (dawn masses). Metro Manila mayors, in a meeting Sunday evening, have decided to allow residents aged 18 to 65 to go outside their homes between 4 a.m. to 12 midnight.

The City of Ilagan in Isabela has been placed under a stricter enhanced community quarantine for two weeks, beginning 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This comes after the city ended its modified ECQ imposed from Oct. 6 to 16, and infections and community transmission continued to rise. Under the ECQ, strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households and movement of residents shall be limited to buying essential goods and services. Mass gatherings are prohibited except for government services or authorized humanitarian activities. Public transportation shall also be suspended, while a liquor ban is in effect. The city government said curfew hours will be from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. The ECQ will end at 8 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Enforcing the minimum health standards in tourism sites is one of the biggest challenges in the reopening of destinations. Citing experiences of local resorts that partially opened during community quarantine, the DOT said tourists are still adjusting on how to adhere to the health protocols. The government has already come up with protocols for the operation of tourism sites during a crisis and orient business owners, but tourists tend to ignore these protocols. "After staying at home for months due to movement restrictions, people are so excited to be in a different place and just ignore the minimum health standards," the DOT said.

Laboratory strengthening

There are currently 112 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, as well as 35 laboratories using GeneXpert, with an additional 100 public and private laboratories under assessment.

Best Practices / Lessons Learned

UNICEF

Community Support



UNICEF provided 200 modular isolation tents to DOH Treatment and Rehabilitation Center Bicutan. These are being used to improve distancing measures for both patients and staff who stay within the facility. They also serve as isolation rooms for staff and patients who may test positive for COVID-19.

The IPC for cleaning and disinfection webinar has had a total of 2,537 participants, as of 19 October 2020. The next IPC is planned for 28 October.

UNICEF hosted a technical roundtable discussion with the Department of Education regarding global evidence and recommendations for ensuring learning continuity in the Philippines. The event was attended by 48 participants from DepEd, UNICEF, WHO, ADB, WB, DFAT, and USAID. Discussions provided valuable insights to inform education policy on when and how to reopen schools based on international lessons and latest scientific evidence.



UNICEF, with partners NORFIL and Physicians for Peace, conducted a webinar on supporting children with Down Syndrome in uncertain times such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar was held on 15 October 2020 and had 233 participants and reached close to 6,000 people on Facebook. Sign language interpretation was provided during the webinar to ensure inclusivity and engage a wider audience.

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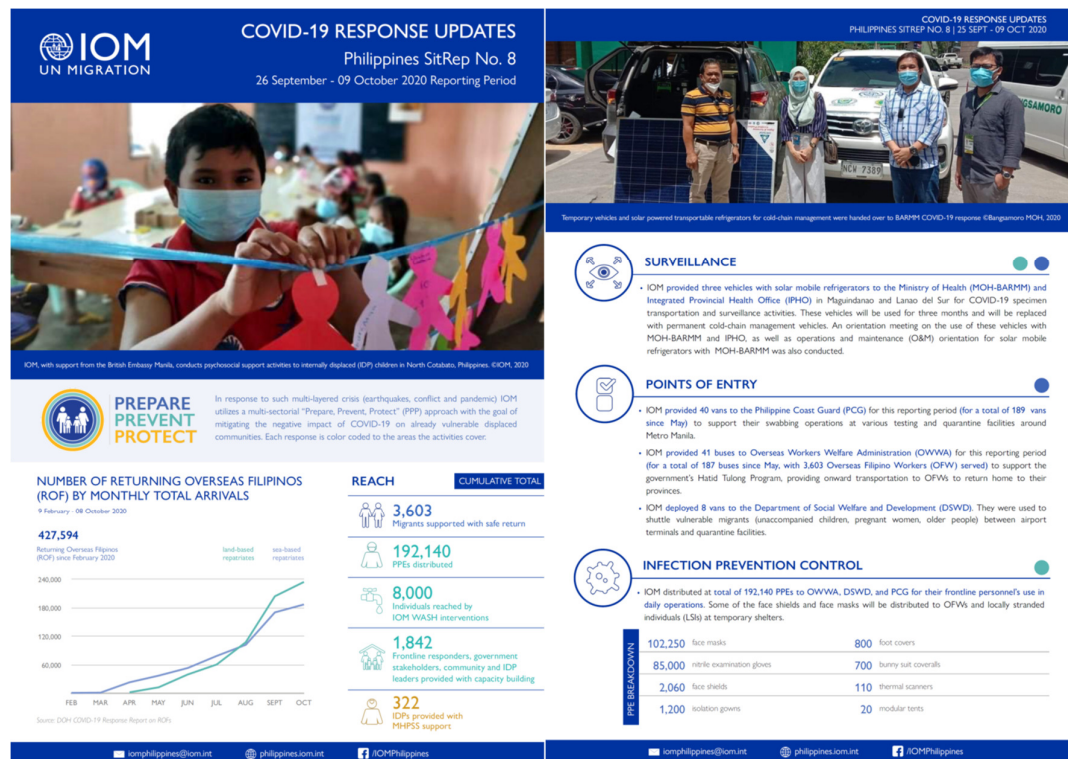
UNICEF promoted the Global Handwashing Day to strengthen the importance of regular handwashing and hygiene during the COVID-19 pandemic. The messages reached 7.5 million people organically (no paid promotions) on Facebook users, engaged 275,000, and were shared 2,300 times. UNICEF Philippines' Goodwill Ambassadors' handwashing videos generated more than 25,000 engagements and were shared over 300 times through their official pages. One of the posts is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/posts/10159307410265572>

UNICEF, in partnership with the Government of the United Kingdom, stepped up its support to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao's (BARMM) COVID-19 response with the virtual launch of the partnership on 14 October 2020. The partnership is envisioned to benefit 3 million people in BARMM. The livestreamed event reached 2.5 million people organically on Facebook, with over 47,000 engagements and 500 shares. The recording is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/videos/836516763753801>

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PROTECTION

- Seven Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) hotlines were installed in displacement sites in North Cotabato.
- 63 IDPs were trained on peer support and handling of MHPSS hotline from six sites in North Cotabato and Davao del Sur. The protection committee members plan to create a barangay resolution in order to sustain the hotline and ensure continuous provision of load for the phone devices.
- IOM provided face-to-face direct psychosocial support to eight IDPs in need of care, and health-related support, encouraging proactive health-seeking behaviours. Barangay health workers and nurses will provide follow-up care.
- MHPSS hotline kits were distributed to 62 IDPs in Davao del Sur displacement sites.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

- 99 IDP leaders and camp managers were trained on Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) and Shelter based on DSWD's operational guidelines on COVID-19 in six barangays in Kiblawan, Davao del Sur.
- IOM provided remote technical assistance and mentoring of IDP leaders and camp managers on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and CCCM in 47 sites.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- 15 handwashing stations in the municipalities of Maricao and Kiblawan, Davao del Sur were installed and three others were placed in critical government facilities, such as barangay health centres, isolation facilities, and municipal offices frequented by IDPs.
- 3 soap refilling stations were installed and hygiene consumables (soap refills) were distributed across 12 sites in North Cotabato, serving 1,776 IDP families. As a sustainability measure, IDP families decided to contribute PHP 5 to 20 (USD 0.10) per refill for purchase of additional hygiene consumables.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

- The Returnee Survey for Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROF) is ongoing. As of 09 October 2020, over 2,000 respondents have been interviewed out of the 8,000 target respondents.

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ADDRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE CRISIS

- 153 IDP families in Rio Hondo, Mampung and Kasanyangan transitory sites in Zamboanga City and 404 IDP families across six municipalities in Davao del Sur were provided with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA).
- IOM completed field validation activities and selected five Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAAB) cooperatives or community-based associations (CBAs) that will be supported by the Norway-funded project for women's empowerment.
- 1,800 IDP families were verified for MPCA and family handwashing kits distribution in seven municipalities in Davao del Sur.

IOM's action to support migrants is supported with funding from:

As part of IOM's revised global COVID-19 Response Plan, the IOM Mission in the Philippines requires USD 6.3 million to support the Government's efforts to address the health and socio-economic consequences of the pandemic.

“The fight against COVID-19 cannot be won unless the response plans in all countries include MIGRANTS.”

Support IOM's Appeal for the COVID-19 Response
Read our [Country Appeal](#). You can also read our global [Press Release](#) and download the [Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#).

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates
16 January-20 October 2020

No. of Cases

Date of Onset of Illness (Adjusted)

Legend:

- Other Regions
- Region 4-A
- Region 7
- NCR
- 4-Week Moving Average

Key NPI Implementation Dates:

- March 15: Start of General Community Quarantine or GCQ (NCR)
- March 17: Start of Enhanced Community Quarantine or ECQ (Luzon)
- May 16: Modified ECQ (NCR, Laguna, Cebu)
- June 16: ECQ (Cebu City)
- August 4: MECQ (NCR, Laguna, Cavite, Rizal, Bulacan)

*Incomplete Week
Note: Date of specimen collection (minus 3) or date of report (minus 9) were used as proxy if date of onset is unavailable

Data in the area above may change due to incoming reports

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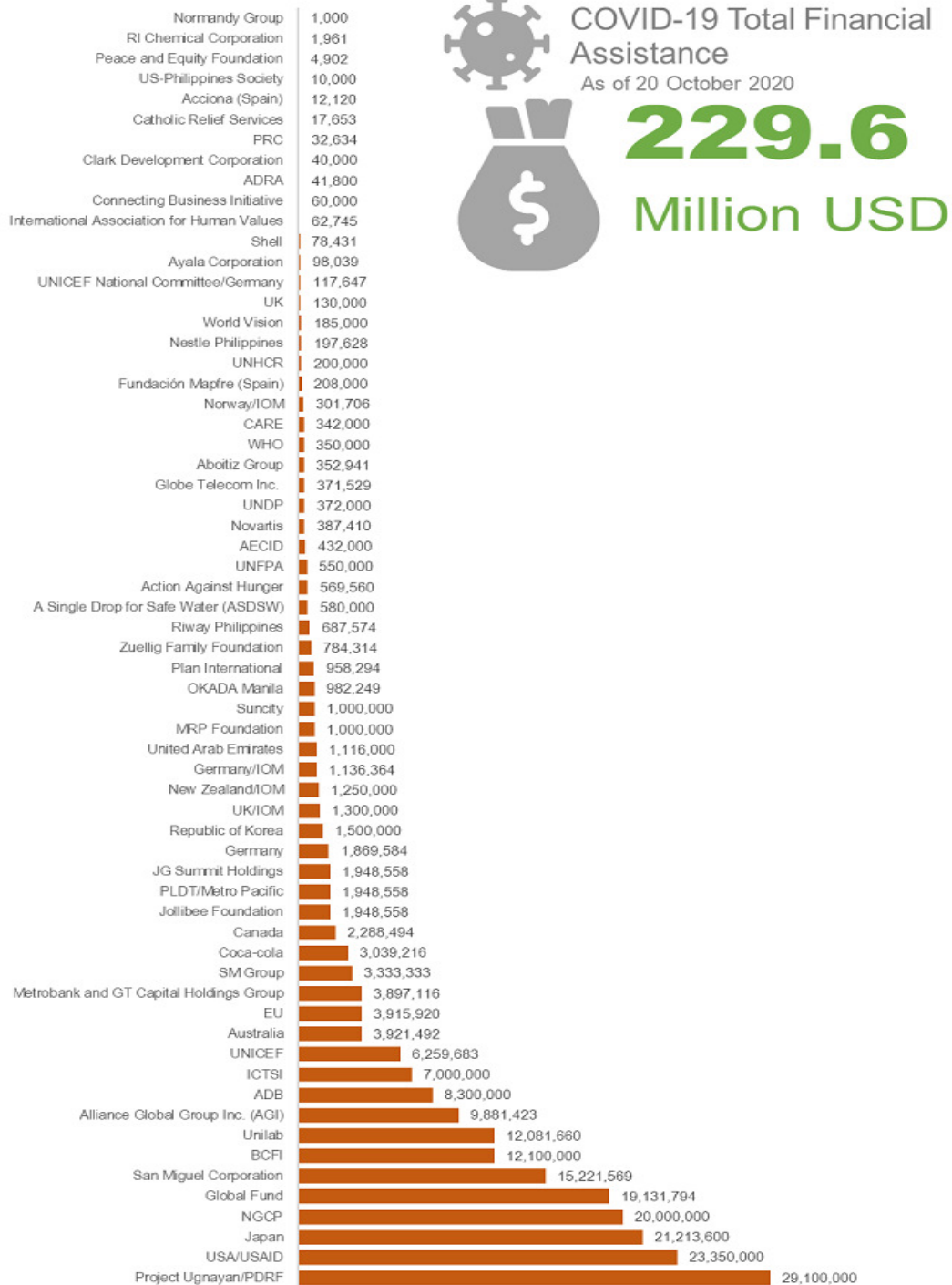
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NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation		Lifted for some areas	Lifted for all areas
			Geo-graphical	Recommended /Required		
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	13 March	-	National	Required	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.lguvs covid.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	Isolation gown, washable Taffeta	1,200	
	foot cover, non woven	800	
	bunny suit coverall, washable Taffeta	700	
	nitrile examination gloves	85,000	
	surgical mask	102,250	
	face shield, acrylic	560	
	face shield, acetate	1,500	
	Thermal scanner	110	
Japan government	Modular tents	20	
	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	
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals	
Samaritan's Purse	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	3	
	Mattresses	200	
	KN95 mask	1,300	
	Face Shield	1,300	
	Gown	1,300	
	Gloves	54,000	

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
UNDP	Surgical Mask	3,600	15
	Hygiene kits	810	
UNFPA	Ventilators		2
	Face masks	110,000	
	Handheld thermometers	1,130	
	PPE (full set)	386,355	
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets	4	
	Hygiene kits for women	750	
	Clean delivery packs		
UNHCR	Women Friendly Space Tents	1	2
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment	1	
	PPE	12,152	
	Sleeping mats	64	
	Hygiene kits	64	
	Blankets	64	
	Plastic sheets	1,020	
	Solar lamps	1,020	
	Mosquito nets	1,020	
	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 72m ² and 42 m ²	74	
UNICEF	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	
US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	Infrared thermometer	210	23,920
	Medical Mask		
	N95 Mask		
	Gloves (pair)		
	Gown		
	Face Shield		
	Shoe Cover		
	Alcohol (500ml Bottle)		
WFP	Mobile Storage Unit	3	
	50 kVA generator	2	
	Shower/toilet unit	1	
WHO (with USAID funding)	Laboratory supplies		7
	E-gene EAV kits	335	
	RdRP-gene kits	99	
	N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials	12	
	Sanger sequencing reagents vials	3	
	Universal Transport Media viral kit	89,350	
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	
	Extraction kits		
	QIAGEN QIAamp 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	
World Vision	Bio bags	400	
	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	
	PPE (full set)	458	
	Disinfectant kits	30	