



Situation summary

(Highlights of the current report) Please see the Philippines Department of Health (DOH) daily [Situation Update](#) for further information.

- Out of a total 1,108,826¹ confirmed cases reported in the Philippines as of 10 May 2021, 52.4 % are male, with the most affected age group 25-34 years (27.8%).
- 43.2% of the total number of cases are from the National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (17.6%), Central Luzon (8.4%), Central Visayas (5.4%), Western Visayas (3.7%).
- Out of the total 18,562 confirmed deaths, 59.1% are male, with the most affected age group 65-74 (28.1%) followed by the age group 60-64 years (13.5%) and the age group 80+ (12.7%).
- 36.1% of the total number of deaths reported are from the NCR, followed by CALABARZON (13.2%), Central Luzon (11.8%), Central Visayas (10.6%), Western Visayas (4.8%).
- Currently, there are 219 laboratories performing tests for COVID-19 using RT-PCR or GenXpert.
- Bed occupancy nationwide is at 47.6%, NCR (50.6%), CALABARZON (62.1%), Central Luzon (54.3%), Central Visayas (28.4%), CAR (66.5%).
- 2,025,038 individuals have received their 1st dose of vaccine from 3,388 vaccination sites nationwide. 1,195,381 (76.9 % of Priority Group A1) frontline HCW have received their first dose of vaccine and 355,242 (22.9% of Priority Group A1) HCW have received the 2nd dose.
- Vaccine deliveries;
 - On 1 May, 15,000 doses of the Gamaleya vaccine.
 - On 7 May, 1.5 million doses of the Sinovac vaccine.
 - On 8 May, 2.03 million doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine donated by the COVAX Facility.
 - On 10 May, 193,050 doses of the Pfizer vaccine donated by the COVAX Facility.
- Variant of concern (VOC) B.1.617 has been detected in two overseas workers returning to the Philippines. Control measures have been put in place and an epidemiologic investigation is on-going.

1,108,826

Cases

1,030,367

Recoveries

18,562

Deaths

Transmission assessment

At national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localized community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of widespread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission in Region 3, Region 4A, and in the NCR which are at **Stage 3, large scale community transmission**.

Epidemiological updates

As of 10 May 2021, a total of **1,108,826** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **18,562** deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The case fatality rate is 1.7%.

¹ Data as of 10 May 2021 can be found in the following DOH's COVID-19 report: [COVID-19 Situationer #379.pdf](#)



Epi Update COVID-19	Tests 734,356 Tests past 14 days	Cases 102,398 Cases past 14 days	Deaths 1709 Deaths past 14 days	ICU Occupancy 60,42%
	11,619,829 Cumulative unique individuals tested	1,108,826 Cumulative cases	18,562 Cumulative deaths	3,004 ICU beds for COVID-19 cases
	10,2% Cumul. Positivity rate			
Health service provision COVID-19	17,886 Healthcare worker cases (cumulative)	1,271 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	30,652 Non-ICU beds for COVID-19 cases	132,673 TTMF beds for COVID-19 cases

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection and Control

Health Service Delivery

WHO Philippines (WHO) continues to support the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC) and its institutionalization as the National Patient Navigation and Referral System in the country. The OHCC continues to expand its operations in order to optimize and ensure the adequacy of healthcare services in both hospitals and intermediate care facilities to address COVID-19 and emergency non-COVID-19 concerns. With the establishment of local pre-hospital triage systems in the local government units, the OHCC continues to provide a strong communication line and proper coordination between health facilities in the referral and patient navigation. WHO continues to provide its technical assistance in monitoring the COVID-19 bed allocation and hospital and Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility occupancy of the National Capital Region (NCR) and other priority regions. Adherence to the healthcare pathways resulting to the appropriate referral and back referral systems and efficient and rational utilization of these facilities remains to be critical in the response.

Expansion of the healthcare capacity continues in the NCR Plus (NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal) and other priority areas. In addition to the expansion, the Department of Health is currently developing the home care program, which will help decongest the hospital facilities in areas where capacity could not meet the demand of healthcare services. As for the healthcare workforce augmentation, emergency hiring is still ongoing and DOH continues to deploy several healthcare workers from different regions of the country to NCR hospitals. Risk communications and community engagement activities are continuously being conducted through outreach to the different regions to provide an opportunity to increase awareness of the community on the appropriate healthcare pathway.

Laboratory and Testing

As of May 10, 2021, there are over 11.6M samples tested by the 222 licensed and functional laboratories with a cumulative positivity rate of 10.2%. While the number of molecular laboratories expand, the national laboratory quality assurance (QA) must also be implemented. Recognizing significant consequences if there is of poor quality in the laboratory on test results and patient outcomes, WHO has worked closely with the RITM, the national implementor of the laboratory QA program, in preparing key performance indicators and laboratory quality indicators. The indicators have been translated into the assessment tool that will be integrated in an existing DOH laboratory reporting platform to ensure reporting compliance of all laboratories in the COVID-19 laboratory network.



While the local spread of COVID-19 has increased in April 2021, concerns on variants of concern and interest continue to grow. WHO has supported the DOH Epidemiology Bureau in developing sampling design to maximize the limited number of reagents and consumables. Technical assistance on the analysis of biosurveillance data was also extended to augment outbreak response. In addition, assessment of genomic sequencing capacity at RITM and PGC will commence to identify and address gaps in the process and further optimize capacity.

Risk assessment, Surveillance and Contract tracing

Risk assessment

- To help prevent and control outbreaks in Local Government Units (LGUs), DOH, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the FASSSTER group and WHO in coordination with the National Task Force on COVID-19 are currently discussing a collaboration on anticipatory guidance for LGUs under the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) initiative Pintig Lab. The initiative is a multi-stakeholder network of data scientists, epidemiologists, economists, and other field experts that synthesize data from the public and private sector into policy recommendations that can inform the government's response and recovery strategy against COVID-19.
- Due to an increase of cases in various regions in the country (i.e. Region IV-B, VI, IX, BARMM), the WHO Country Office has been working together with the different DOH Center for Health Development (CHD) offices to assess the increased trend of cases and the capacity of the health system in terms of laboratory testing and health care readiness should cases continue to increase.

Surveillance

- To strengthen surveillance by analyzing trends in overall mortality, the WHO Country Office conducted field and coordination work to obtain data on deaths in Quezon City and Pasay City in the NCR. Preliminary analysis showed that the number of cremations at least doubled in March and April compared to January and February among the funeral homes surveyed.
- To identify the risk of entry of the variant of concern B.1.617 from India, the WHO Country Office provided input to the DOH Epidemiology Bureau on the sampling strategy for conducting whole-genome sequencing of returning overseas Filipinos as well as in priority risk areas and sentinel sites.

Contact tracing and Management

- Baguio City has shared its data (raw case and close contact dataset) with the DOH-FASSSTER team. This allows a pilot run of the recently developed contact tracing module of the data analytics platform, which includes analysis and cluster mapping.
- The City Epidemiology and Surveillance UNIT's (CESU) has piloted the utility of the enhanced TKC platform/digital solution for contact tracing in three barangays of Quezon City. The information system was able to collect data (push and pull data of cases from the repository) and to complement it with passive contact tracing data through citizen reports and digital logbooks from QCPass (KyusiPass). Based on the success of the pilot run, the CESU proceeded with full implementation in all districts.

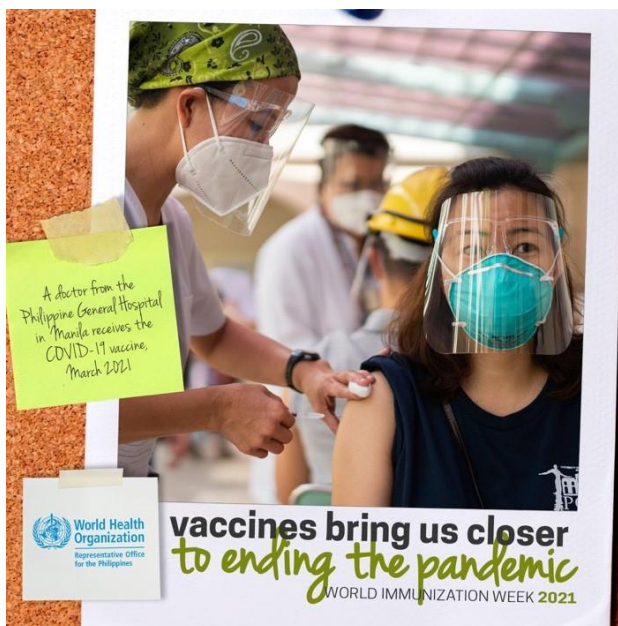
Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- The Philippines celebrated World Immunization Week (WIW) from 24-30 April 2021 that aimed to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. As part of WIW, and our continuous engagement with faith-based groups in the country, there was a vaccine awareness virtual



session with religious leaders of Philippine Children's Ministries Network. A media forum and a recognition of champions event was also held in collaboration with the DOH and UNICEF.

- The WHO Country Office in the Philippines provided orientation trainings to the DOH and local task force crisis communication clusters on adverse events following immunization. The office also facilitated the risk communication and community engagement section of an After Action Review of the Humanitarian Response Plan.
- World Hand Hygiene Day was celebrated on 5 May 2021. This year's campaign called on health care workers and facilities to achieve effective hand hygiene action at the point of care. This commemorative day also provided an important opportunity to reinforce the importance of regular hand washing amidst the recent surge of cases in the Philippines.
- As part of our regional outreach, a risk communication and community engagement technical assistance plan was developed and shared with response authorities in Western Visayas.



We have sacrificed so much to keep our loved ones and community safe from COVID-19.

Along with other measures like mask-wearing and physical distancing, vaccines will help end the pandemic and bring us closer again.

#VaccinesWork

Vaccines

- As of 11 May 2021, 2,025,038 Filipinos have been vaccinated with their 1st dose vaccine against COVID-19 and 514,655 Filipinos have completed their 2nd dose within 3,688 vaccination sites in the country.
- The 1st dose coverage of priority group A1 has increased by 0.7% (11,447 vaccinated) as of 11 May. 1,195,381 frontline healthcare workers (HCW) in the Philippines, or 76.9% of the 1,554,122 masterlisted eligible Priority Group A1 population, have received their first dose. Furthermore, 355,242 HCW, or 22.9% of priority Group A1, have completed their 2nd dose of Sinovac during the said date.



Coverage Rate % (A1) 1ST & 2ND DOSE					
REGION	Masterlisted (Priority Group A1)	Total Vaccinated COMPLETED FIRST DOSE	Over-all Coverage FIRST DOSE	Total Vaccinated COMPLETED 2 DOSES	Over-all Coverage COMPLETED 2 DOSES
NCR	262,566	245,386	93.5%	106,207	40.4%
CAR	45,322	33,768	74.5%	15,291	33.7%
1	79,322	57,871	73.0%	27,221	34.3%
2	76,188	42,911	56.3%	10,778	14.1%
3	149,284	110,188	73.8%	21,366	14.3%
4A	125,522	110,380	87.9%	17,135	13.7%
Mimaropa	45,859	33,788	73.7%	5,762	12.6%
5	71,510	57,414	80.3%	8,053	11.3%
6	128,969	72,441	56.2%	24,113	18.7%
7	131,781	87,928	66.7%	39,326	29.8%
8	82,047	67,065	81.7%	8,416	10.3%
9	53,294	40,681	76.3%	15,142	28.4%
10	84,733	66,604	78.6%	15,608	18.4%
11	84,692	64,706	76.4%	21,496	25.4%
12	60,333	50,143	83.1%	9,197	15.2%
CARAGA	53,802	42,408	78.8%	6,926	12.9%
BARMM	18,898	11,699	61.9%	3,205	17.0%
PHIL	1,554,122	1,195,381	76.9%	355,242	22.9%

Percentage of Vaccination Coverage – First Dose and 2nd Completed Dose, per region for Masterlisted Eligible Population Priority A1 as of 11 May 2021

- 466,899 senior citizens (Priority Group A2), 353,842 individuals with comorbidity (Priority Group A3) and 8,916 frontline personnel in both public and private essential sectors (Priority Group A4) have received their 1st dose of vaccine against COVID-19. 25,070 senior citizens and 134,343 individuals with comorbidity in the country have already completed their 2-dose of Sinovac vaccine.
- At day 10 of the second dose of Sinovac for senior citizens (priority group A2), the drop-out rate was 55.6%, or a difference of 31,372, compared with day 1-10 of the first dose of Sinovac of the priority group A2.

Operations Support Logistics

- The WHO provided technical assistance in updating/revising the WHO Supply Chain Sizing Tool and CCE Inventory Gap Analysis Tool for the COVAX CCE Support Application of the DOH. The Philippines' CCE application and accompanying documents have already been sent to the Independent Review Committee (IRC).
- In response to a WHO donation of YH-830 Yuwell Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) machines, the WHO Country Office will facilitate a training on the BiPAP machines for the DOH Health Facilities Bureau.
- An official request received from DOH for Dexamethasone is currently being processed for local procurement.

Partner Coordination

The COVID-19 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), which supported the government of the Philippines in providing critical health interventions and humanitarian assistance to the 5.4 million poorest and most marginalized Filipinos, expired in March 2021 after one year of duration. Against this backdrop, UN OCHA invited on behalf of the Humanitarian Country Team to an After-Action Review (AAR) on 5 May 2021. During the meeting, more than 100 participants discussed successes, challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the COVID-19 HRP. The outcomes of the AAR will be included into a final report of the COVID-19 HRP that is currently being prepared.

Updates from UNICEF

Strategic Approach

On 8 May 2021, 2 million more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were delivered to the Philippines by the COVAX Facility. COVAX is a global initiative co-led by Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, World Health Organization (WHO), and CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations) with UNICEF as a key delivery partner.



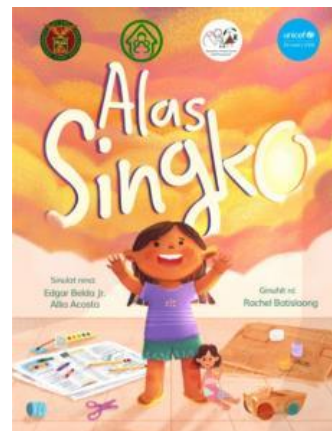
Community Support

- On 22 April 2021, UNICEF supported a nationwide orientation on the revised Child Protection Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Action and on the updated 2020 version of the Philippine National Implementation Guidelines on Child Friendly Spaces. The latter includes guidance on infection prevention and control in the context of a pandemic. The orientation was organized by the 17 Regional Child Protection Working Groups mentored by the National Child Protection Working Group (NCPWG). The NCPWG is co-chaired by the Council for the Welfare of Children, World Vision, and UNICEF. The orientation reached 8,077 parents, caregivers, and child protection workers.



- UNICEF initiated multi-sectoral dialogues between various stakeholders from the government and international development organizations to plan for the resumption of in-person schooling in the country. These discussions fostered collaboration between the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH), the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), USAID, and other members of civil society.

- UNICEF and other Education partners has been advocating for teachers and school personnel to be included at the top of the list for COVID-19 vaccines. They have now been moved up from priority group B2 to A4.
- UNICEF and partners have released the digital version of the Alas Singko storybook. It is a story of a young girl's journey into adapting to the changes brought about by COVID-19. This was developed in partnership with UP Department of Family Life and Child Development, Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council, DepEd Philippines and Department of Social Welfare and Development, and is meant to help young children cope with the challenges of pandemic while continuing to learn at home. The e-book is available for download in Filipino and English and as a coloring book here: <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/reports/alas-singko>.



RCCE

- As a key delivery partner of the COVAX global initiative, UNICEF shared the news of the arrival of the 2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines on 8 May which reached over 28 million people and received over 370,000 engagements on Facebook. UNICEF also issued a joint press release with DOH and WHO on the arrival of the vaccines which was picked up by 25 online and print media. [Link](#) to the PR.
- UNICEF covered the arrival of the first batch of Pfizer vaccines provided by the COVAX Facility with at least 193,000 doses on 10 May. The news reached over 3 million users on [Facebook](#). The joint press release was picked up 24 online and print media and is available [here](#).
- In celebration of World Immunization Day, UNICEF posted content on COVID-19 vaccination and immunization as part of its continuous COVID-19 response and advocacy on the importance of childhood immunization to fight preventable diseases. The UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors also joined the campaign. View their messages [here](#) and [here](#). For press releases are available here: <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/stories/children-have-right-health>
<https://www.unicef.org/philippines/press-releases/vaccines-bring-us-closer-philippines-celebrates-world-immunization-week-honor>
- As of 5 May, UNICEF has reached 91.5 million Facebook users with critical COVID-19 key messages.





Logistics, Procurement, and Supply Management

Requesting update to UNICEF entries for this section. **Updated entries are in red font.**

Org	Items	Delivered	Expected
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 72m ² and 42m ²	83	
	Modular tents for isolation facility	200	
	Head cap		5,000
	Goggles for health workers		5,000
	Coveralls for health workers	72,380	5,000
	Gown for health workers		5,000
	Face shields	33,000	
	N95 masks for health workers	35,680	5,000
	Surgical Masks	406,750	5,000
	Surgical gloves, pair		5,000
	Shoe covers, pair		5,000
	Reusable cloth masks	76,500	
	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 disinfection personnel	15,000	
	Cleaning and Disinfection kits	1,196	100
	Water kits	2,738	
	Hygiene kits	7,540	
	Handwashing facilities	210	
	Temporary drinking water facilities	15	
	Temporary sanitation facilities	67	
	Chlorine pool testers for water quality monitoring	12	
	Bulk water storages/bladders	6	