## Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Situation Report 22 Philippines 22 April 2020



Data reported by the Department of Health on 22 April 2020

### **Highlights**

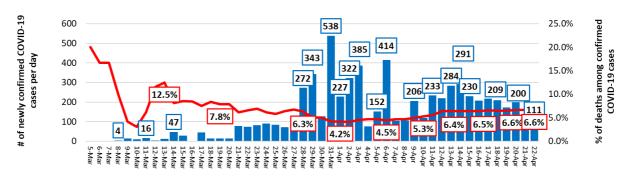
- Out of the total 6,710 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 53% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (18.9%) followed by 50-59 (17.6%)
- 71.3% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (14.9%) and Central Luzon (5.3%)
- Out of the 446 confirmed deaths, 67.5% are male, with the most affected age group over 70 years (34.1%) followed by 60-69 years (33.4%)
- 65.7% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABAR ZON (15.2%) and Central Luzon (6.1%)
- Daily testing capacity temporarily scaled down due to cluster of confirmed cases in the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM). Additional assessments of private and public hospital laboratories continues, to expand the current network of 17 laboratories able to conduct COVID-19 tests.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) delivered COVID-19 laboratory equipment to enhance daily testing capacity.
- Currently 57.1% of hospitals and 63.3% of infirmaries reporting availability of essential resources on a daily basis through the Department of Health (DOH) DataCollect application
- Increasing number of Local Government Units (LGUs) establishing community quarantine and treatment centres.
- Almost 2,000 hospital workers and community health workers trained on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) through online trainings throughout the country



#### **Current Situation**

As of 22 April, a total of 6,710 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 446 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. Out of total 446 confirmed deaths, 67.5% are male, with most affected age group over 70 (34.1%) followed by 60-69 years of age (33.4%).

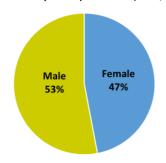
Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines 5- 22 April 2020 (N=6,710)



Among the 6,710 confirmed cases, 3,556 are male (53%) and 3,154 are female (47%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 years (18.9%) followed by 50-59 years (17.6%).

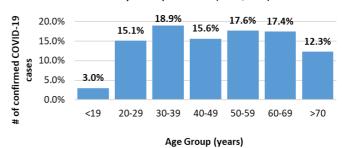
#### Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

18 January-22 April 2020 (N=6,710)



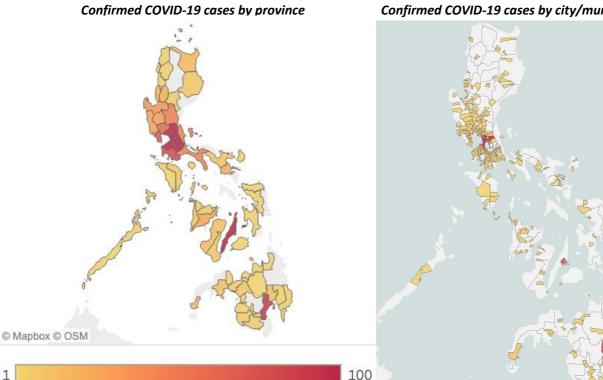
### Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

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#### Confirmed COVID-19 cases by city/municipality



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

#### **Country readiness and response operations**

#### **Country-level coordination**

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) is carefully considering the decision to extend the current enhanced community quarantine beyond 30 April next, taking into consideration the potential public health consequences and the socio economic impact on the overall country, as well as vulnerable groups whose livelihoods have been negatively affected by the ongoing restrictions.

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

#### **Risk communication**

WHO organised its first Facebook Live session to discuss the mental health impact of the COVID-19 situation <a href="https://www.face-book.com/watch/live/?v=612226662706423&ref=watch\_permalink">https://www.face-book.com/watch/live/?v=612226662706423&ref=watch\_permalink</a>



#### Surveillance

Different clusters of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Cebu (Sitio Zapatera, Barangay Luz), Manila (Sampaloc), and Pasay (Barangay 201), are reportedly resulting in a lockdown of the affected areas districts to prevent further spread of infection.

Other reported clusters are being investigated at RITM (43 confirmed cases), the National Center for Mental Health (75 confirmed cases), the Quezon City Jail (over 40 confirmed cases), the Correctional Institution for Women in Mandaluyong (19 confirmed cases), the Cebu City Jail (312 confirmed cases) and the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (55 confirmed cases).

DOH and WHO are looking into the root causes of the increasing number of reported health workers infected with COVID-19, to identify effective ways to address these.

Recently issued guidelines are imposing all returning overseas Filipino workers including seafarers to spend 14 days in a quarantine facility upon arrival.

#### National laboratory system

In spite of RITM's scaled down operations, the overall daily tests conducted by the 17 certified laboratories is estimated at 3,200 tests. RITM is expected to be fully operational again by Saturday 25 April.

Laboratory assessments are ongoing between RITM, DOH, and WHO in Cagayan, Cebu, Negros, and Iloilo.

ADB delivered COVID-19 laboratory equipment worth 2.5 million USD from Shenzhen, China to DOH. Once the laboratory equipment is set up in 7-10 days, this will greatly enhance the daily testing capacity in the country.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) and Metro Manila LGUs to increase PRC's daily testing capacity for COVID-19 to 8,000 by end April.

#### Infection prevention and control

Almost 2,000 hospital workers and community health workers all over the country have been reached with online trainings on Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) conducted by the USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program and UNICEF.

Trainings are free and anyone interested can sign up:

- For community health workers (UNICEF): https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9
- For hospital workers (MTaPS): online registration, or landing page for the virtual training

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) discouraged LGUs from using disinfection tents, misting chambers or sanitation booths on individuals following DOH and WHO's advisory stating that such measures are harmful for human health.

The United States Department of Defense (DOD) is supporting with the procurement of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) worth 2 million USD for 7 Mindanao hospitals (Navarro General Hospital, Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital, Camp Siongco Station Hospital, Edwin Andrews Airbase Hospital, Kuta Major Cesar L Sang-an Station Hospital, Zamboanga City Task Force, and Zamboanga City Medical Centre).

The NGO Americares distributed 1,920 N95 masks and 4,000 surgical masks to different health partners in the Philippines, including DOH, V. Luna Medical Centre, Pasig Doctors Medical Centre, World Surgical Foundation Philippines, and the Order of Malta. Another 55,000 N95 masks in partnership with Project Hope will be distributed soon in NCR, Regions 4A, 7, 8, 5 and 2.

Americares is disseminating key messages on handwashing, social distancing, cough etiquette and home quarantine through social media, as well as through printed banners. Americares also supported partners in Cebu, Leyte, Laguna, Rizal and Antipolo City with technical guidance on proper wearing of PPE and preparedness of facilities for COVID-19 cases.

UNICEF distributed PPEs to 50 Rural Health Units and 20 hospitals in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

#### 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. All sessions are made available online:

- Oxygen Therapy was attended by 130 participants https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaA6o2Btz\_Y
- Sepsis and Septic Shock was attended by 297 participants https://youtu.be/vSUcBBOVIAg
- Antimicrobial Therapy was attended by 360 participants https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXq3EXbObvU

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

Americares is supporting with Psychological First Aid for frontliners in Cebu Province including those in partner health centers via phone calls done by trained project staff. Messaging on stress, coping and resilience are shared on Americares's Facebook including a video testimony of a nurse frontliner and a gratefulness tutorial to address anxiety.

The Ayala Group of Companies supported with 46.4 million PHP for the partial conversion of the World Trade Center (WTC) in Pasay City into a temporary COVID-19 healthcare facility, run by the Armed Forces of the Philippines Health Service Command <a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3009399692414185">https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3009399692414185</a>

Similarly, the Eva Macapagal Super Terminal in Pier 15 was converted into a COVID-19 treatment facility in a joint effort between the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), in cooperation with the private sector.

USAID and its MTaPS and Infectious Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) programs, jointly with Plan International and WHO supported the Lanao del Sur Provincial Health Office with online trainings on IPC, setting up of COVID-19 treatment facilities, and specimen collection on 21 and 22 April.



# CARE Philippines COVID-19 Response in numbers as of April 19, 2020







WASH

**Accomplished** 



**Food Security** 



Risk Communication reach country wide

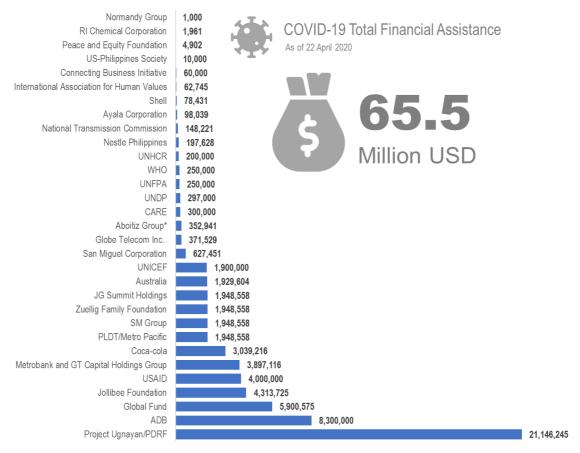
313, 548 Social Media 1,162 Text Messages 38,005 IEC Materials



#### **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 21 April, WHO received more than US\$ 377.1 million and an additional US\$ 240.6 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.

#### Loan



Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
Americares	N95 masks	1,920	
	Surgical masks	4,000	
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, typeIIR, 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	Laboratory supplies E-gene EAV kits	115	
funding)	RdRP-gene kits	95	
	N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials	12	
	Universal Transport Media viral kit	2,350	
	Regular Flocked Swab	2,000	
	Flexible Mini Tip		2,000
	Extraction kits QIAgen Qlamp RNA Kit	16	21
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	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	