



## Situation Summary

- **Out of total 169,213 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 56% are male, with the most affected age group 20-29 years (26%) followed by 30-39 years (24%)**
- 58% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (13%), Central Visayas (11%), and Central Luzon (3%). Largest increase in new cases from CALABARZON.
- **Out of 2,691 confirmed deaths, 62% are male, with the most affected age group over 70 years (33%) followed by 60-69 years (29%)**
- 47.5% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (35%), CALABARZON (8%), and Central Luzon (2.6%). 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**
- 98% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing below 47.9 % occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally, while 16 health facilities in Cebu city report occupancy rate of 28.9% of dedicated COVID-19 beds. In NCR, out of 180 health facilities, 72.7% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 268 health facilities report 62.8% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds.
- **Currently 82 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 27 laboratories using GeneXpert. 88 laboratories still in various stages of accreditation.**
- UN staff in the Philippines affected with COVID-19: IOM with 1 (death)

## PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



## Upcoming Events and Priorities

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IAFT-EID) headed by the Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with the National Task Force against COVID-19 will be establishing model barangays to lead the implementation of the five-point containment strategy for COVID-19 to be followed by all local government units (LGUs). The government recognises the need to gradually reopen the economy while ensuring control of the spread of the virus through Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) Teams that will allow close partnership between the national government and LGUs. This is a nationally-enabled, LGU-led, citizen-centered response to COVID-19. The national government will go to LGUs to help them and provide support by way of technical, material support, like PPEs, testing kits, and other supplies, and the augmentation of human resources.

The face shield and the face mask, worn together, are now official safety accessories required to be used by commuters on all modes of transportation and employees in offices. The "No face shield, no ride" policy is stated in memorandum issued by the Departments of Transportation (DOTr), Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Trade and Industry (DTI). It covers all public transportations sectors, from aviation to railways, road, and maritime. The mandatory use of the face shield becomes effective on August 15, while the use of the face mask when one is outside the residence was imposed months earlier. DOTr advised the public to wear face shields that cover eyes, nose, and mouth, instead of just eyes like visors or goggles. The "No Face Shield, No Ride" policy is implemented in areas under general community quarantine (GCQ), and other areas where public transport is allowed.

As long as there are no face-to-face classes, the Department of Education (DepEd) is allowing private schools and other non-DepEd schools with their respective school openings. DepEd reports 1,277 private schools have started operations ahead of the Aug. 24 school opening.

Researchers at the Philippine Genome Center reported last week that a mutated strain of COVID-19 was found in a small sample of positive cases taken from Quezon City. When COVID-19 started spreading in the country last March, the D614G variant of the virus showed up in the samples collected by Filipino genome researchers. However, when a new set of research started in June, both the D614 and the G614 have been detected in a small sample of positive cases from the most populous city in the country. "Although this information confirms the presence of the new strain G614 in the Philippines, we note that all the samples tested were from Quezon City and may not represent the mutational landscape for the whole country," it said in a bulletin released on August 13.

## National Transmission Assessment

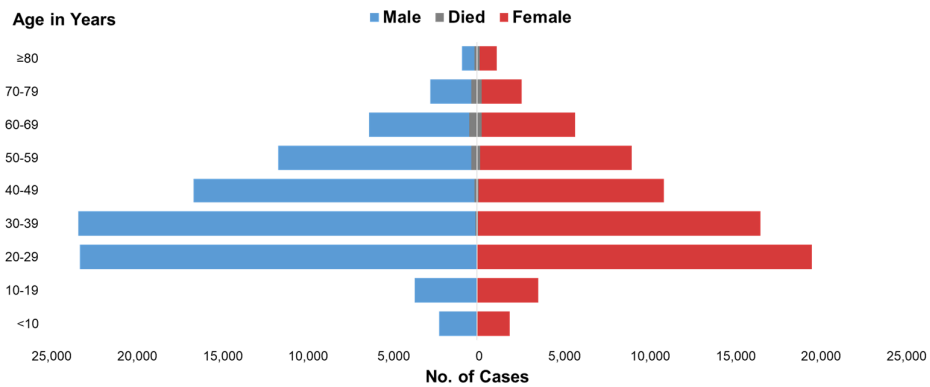
At the national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localised community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of wide spread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission, especially in NCR, Region 3 and Region 4A. Other regions are also reporting additional cases, some of which had recent travel history from areas with higher levels of transmission. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 47.9% 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 has been a further increase 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

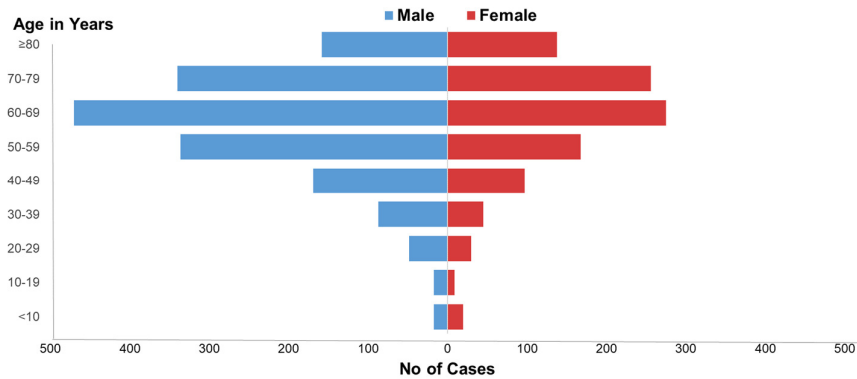
As of 18 August, a total of 169,213 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 2,691 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.6 %.

Epidemiological Update	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
COVID-19	255,262 Tests past 7 days	29,675 New cases past 7 days	379 Deaths past 7 days	54% ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
<i>Data reported on 3 Aug 2020 compared with data reported on 27 July 2020 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)</i>	<b>1,956,496</b> Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	<b>169,213</b> Cumulative Cases	<b>2,691</b> Cumulative Deaths	<b>1,469</b> ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
	<b>10.4%</b> (0%) Positivity rate			
Health Service Provision	12,195 Health care workers trained on IPC	538 Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	1,926 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	14,378 Non-ICU Hospital beds in hospitals
COVID-19	11,088 Community workers trained on IPC			54,223 Hospital beds in TTMF

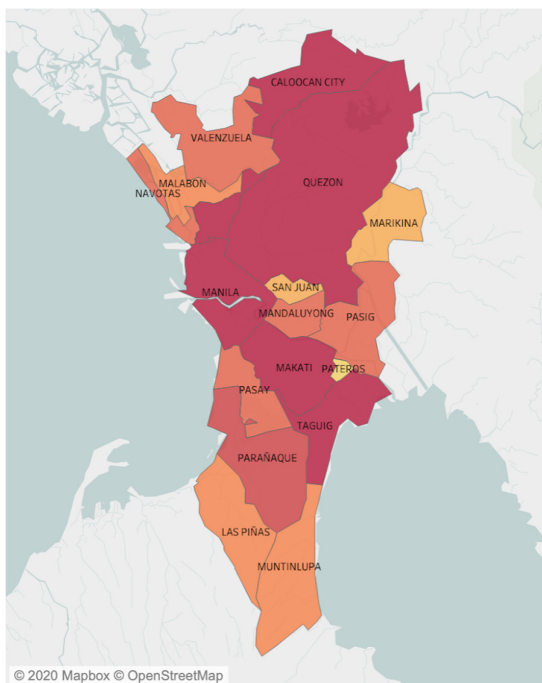
**Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %**  
 18 January-18 August 2020 (N=169,213)



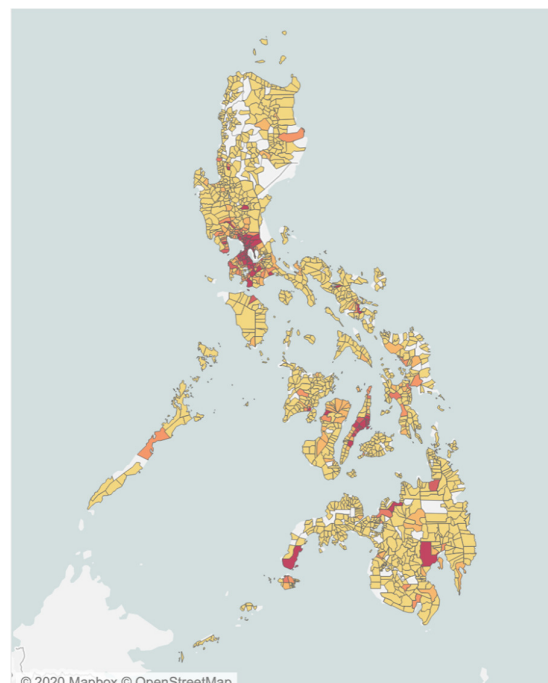
**Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %**  
 18 January-18 August 2020 (N=2,691)



**Map of COVID-19 cases in NCR by city/municipality**  
 18 January-18 August 2020 (N=169,213)



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

The DOH reported more than 40,000 recoveries in their August 16 daily update of cases, recoveries and deaths. Out of this number, 914 were tested and found negative for COVID-19. The DOH reported that the total number of recoveries is based on ‘time-based recoveries’ which tag a patient as recovered if they are asymptomatic after 14 days without further testing. According to the DOH, this method is recommended by the Philippine College of Physicians and the Philippine Society of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) maintained Sunday that aggressive contact tracing is a game changer against COVID-19 in the country. DILG Secretary Eduardo Año cited that “aggressive contact tracing is the key to the success of the COVID-19 response in Metropolitan Cebu and Baguio City. We did a lot of things in Cebu but among all our interventions, we are making progress now because of contact tracing,” Año said. While contact tracing efforts are already being done by more than 7,000 contact tracing teams, Año still cited the need to hire at “least 50,000 more to meet the WHO recommended ratio of one contact tracer for every 800 people.” Currently, the country has more than 85,000 contact tracers.

The Joint Task Force COVID Shield has sought assistance from transport leaders for the strict implementation of quarantine rules in their areas of responsibility, following reports that some tricycle drivers are still not wearing face masks, and not ensuring passengers' physical distancing, especially in the provinces.

A surge in COVID-19 cases in Iligan City has prompted local officials to ask the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force to allow them to revert to Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) status from the extended Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) to prevent more infections in the coming days. The local chief executive said they hope the IATF grants their request to return to ECQ status starting Monday, August 17, describing their situation as “dire” with 21 of their 44 barangays having third-degree local transmissions.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is urging all barangays to put up their respective "Barangay Disiplina Brigades" to drumbeat the core message of "BIDA ang May Disiplina: Solusyon sa COVID 19," which is individual responsibility and discipline will stop the spread of COVID-19 in their communities. The DILG said the formation of the Disiplina Brigades on the ground level promotes the spirit of volunteerism and ensures that minimum health standards are implemented by the community themselves. “The role of each Brigade is to police their own respective communities, remind their neighbors of the need to follow the BIDA Solusyon protocols of DOH, provide factual information and communicate the message of Bayanihan to defeat the pandemic,” the DILG said.

The governor of Bulacan presented on Saturday the best practices of the province in dealing with the pandemic in a meeting with the COVID-19 Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic (CODE) team. The governor said among the measures employed by the province to curb the spread of the disease is the strict monitoring of entry-exit borders, organization of provincial IATF and incident command center, establishment of provincial quarantine facilities for returning overseas Filipino workers, mandated municipal quarantine facilities for asymptomatic cases, and mass testing, among others.

### **Laboratory strengthening**

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

### **Infection prevention and control**

UNICEF continues to conduct training on Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19 in Home and Community Settings, to date reaching 11,088 individuals (76% female, 24% male): 7,973 through online webinars and 3,115 through face-to-face training across 98 rural health units in BARMM. People interested to join the webinar may continue to sign up here: <https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned

### Samaritan's Purse

SPPH RESPONSE IN NUMBERS						
Instances of mass messaging materials distributed	People reached by SP-educated COVID-19 promoters	Health Facilities Assisted with IPC supplies & Infra Support	COVID-19 screenings conducted by health staff	People educated on COVID-19 protective behavior	Handwashing stations constructed at Health Facilities and Community	PPE supplies distributed
249 	197 	6 	87 	454 	2 	2,000 



IPC distribution at Mandaluyong City Medical Center conducted on 12 August 2020



PROMOTING HAND HYGIENE TO SAVE LIVES AND COMBAT COVID-19. Samaritan's Purse in Lanao del Sur constructed two (2) hands-free handwashing facilities, situated at the Public Market and the Rural Health Unit of Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur.

### Plan International Philippines

#### PLAN INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES' COVID-19 RESPONSE

As of July 30, 2020

**IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

264% INCREASE in online social replication of children (SRECs) since the implementation of enhanced community quarantine in March

**NUMBER OF CASES**

82,040 confirmed cases and 28,446 deaths

**BENEFICIARIES REACHED**

1,030,807 INDIVIDUALS

37,462 individuals reached through trainings

5,237,812 individuals reached through multimedia channels

**PRIORITY INTERVENTIONS**

Health and hygiene, including infection prevention and control

Child protection, including safety online and social and gender based violence

Community engagement and accountability, including responding to feedback and complaints

Inclusive and sustained education

#### PLAN INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES' COVID-19 RESPONSE

As of July 30, 2020

**WHERE WE WORK**

- Bataan, Cavendish Sur, Cebu, Davao del Sur, Iloilo, Marikina, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Quezon, Southern Leyte, Surigao del Norte, Visayas Central

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS PER SECTOR**

**CHILD PROTECTION**

- 35,615 FAMILIES
- 26,865 SPONSORED CHILDREN
- 26,865 SPONSORED FAMILIES
- 75 CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE (COC)
- 323 BARANGAYS

#### PLAN INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES' COVID-19 RESPONSE

As of July 30, 2020

**CHILD PROTECTION (CONTINUED)**

- 79 INDIVIDUALS received psychosocial support
- 31,379 FAMILIES AND 19,230 FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS received hygiene kits
- 2,462 FAMILIES received kits including water simultaneously impacted by the effects of Typhoon Aring in May
- 18,333 ADOLESCENT GIRLS received menstrual hygiene kits
- 5,581 FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS received Safety Protection Supplies

**EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES**

- 2,250 SCHOOL CHILDREN from North Cotabato provided with art kits for psychosocial support
- 551 YOUTHS assisted through information dissemination on COVID-19, basic facts, transmission and prevention
- 10 WASH FACILITIES established in schools in Eastern Samar
- 79,904 FAMILIES OR 364,552 INDIVIDUALS reached through trainings

#### PLAN INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES' COVID-19 RESPONSE

As of July 30, 2020

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)**

- 15,574 FAMILIES OR 82,071 INDIVIDUALS reached through Bantay System (Flying Public Announcements)
- 13,000 SUBSCRIBERS reached through SMS community text blasts on how to protect Senior Citizens from COVID-19 and online safety

**KIRA KNOWLEDGE INFORMS RESPONSIBLE ACTION**

- KIRA (Knowledge Informs Responsible Action), the ContactCOVID Bot that can help the public respond if they have potentially contracted the virus or if they are COVID-19, seek a local referral for health services, and answer questions about COVID-19 and quarantine guidelines.
- KIRA currently has 505,657 subscribers.

**DONORS**

**LEARNED THAT AS A WOMAN, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM ABUSE.**

There is a law that protects me.

**UNICEF**

The UN, through UNICEF and FAO, has launched a social protection program in BARMM, which aims to build the resilience of households, especially of the poor and vulnerable, through COVID-19 and beyond. Press releases can be seen here:

- FAO, UNICEF link arms for new social protection program in BARMM. Manila Bulletin. 14 August 2020.
- BARMM, UN to give cash aid to 1,800 poor farming families. GMA News. 13 August 2020.
- BARMM, UN launch social protection program. Philippine News Agency. 14 August 2020.
- BARMM signs social protection program partnership with UN. BARMM website. 13 August 2020.
- Leave no one behind: UN-BARMM program launched to help build resilience of the Bangsamoro people. Joint SDG Fund website. 13 August 2020.
- UN, BARMM join hands to boost Bangsamoro resilience amid crisis. Manila Bulletin. 13 August 2020.
- U.N. agencies, BARMM govt give doles to at-risk folk. Business Mirror. 14 August 2020.

**RCCE Digital Reach**

- On Facebook: Reached 40 million users with COVID-19 key messages, garnered 564,522 impressions and almost 8,000 engagements.
- Received 9,596 unique page views on UNICEF PH website for COVID-19 RCCE content

**Americares**

Americares was able to distribute 2,400 N95 masks and 6,500 surgical masks and this covered the following areas in Visayas and Mindanao:

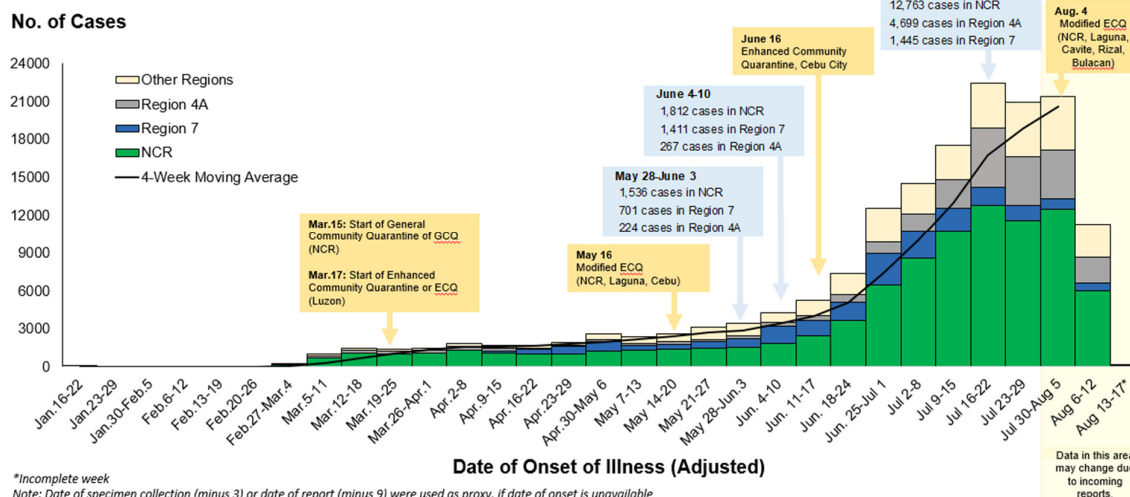
- 1) Surigao del Sur PDRRMO, Caraga Region
- 2) Borbon RHU, Cebu Province
- 3) Tabuelan RHU, Cebu Province
- 4) Sogod RHU, Cebu Province
- 5) Poro RHU, Camotes Island, Cebu
- 6) San Francisco RHU, Camotes Island, Cebu



## Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

**Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates**  
16 January-18 August 2020

Philippines, August 17, 2020

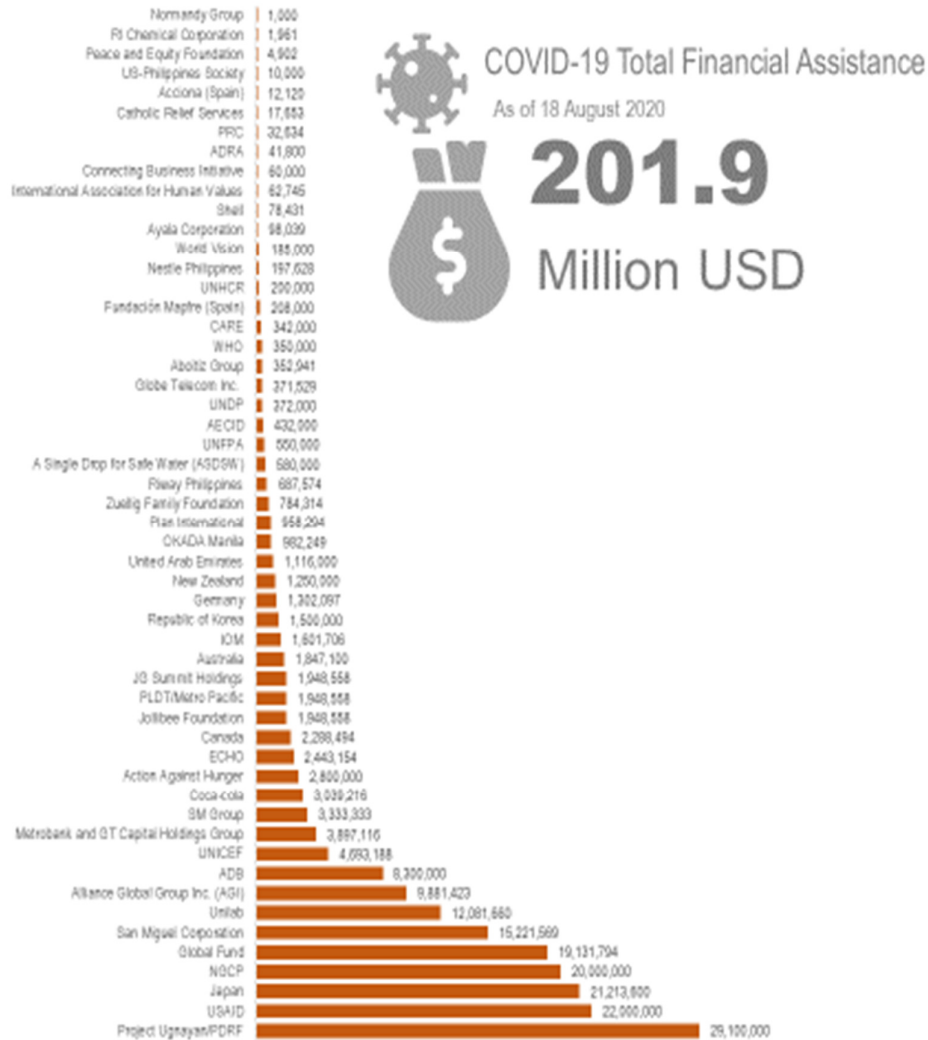


NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation			
			Geo-graphical	Recommended /Required	Lifted for some areas	Lifted for all areas
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	13 March	-	National	Required	No	No
School Closure	10 March – Metro Manila	3 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.lguvscovid.ph/>

## Annex: Resource mobilization



The World Bank will lend \$1.9 billion in fresh loans to the Philippines this year to support projects that will help the economy bounce back from a global coronavirus pandemic. The loan will fund government projects that seek to help poor families amid the global health crisis and boost remote learning for students.

The Philippines on Friday received JPY50 billion (USD469 million) from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the Covid-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan (CCRESL) to immediately help the country deal with the pandemic.



## 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	
	Water tanks	5	
CARE	PPE (full set)	2,029	
	Thermal scanners	23	
	Hygiene kits	9,364	
	Water station facilities	5	
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	
	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, 6m x 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	
	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
	Surgical Mask	3,600	
	Hygiene kits	810	
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 72m <sup>2</sup> and 42 m <sup>2</sup>	74	
	Coveralls for health workers	20,860	51,520
	Face shields	33,000	
	N95 masks for health workers	35,680	
	Surgical masks	38,750	370,450
	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	
	Extraction kits		
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	10,000
	QIAgen QIamp 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	