

Situation Summary

- **Out of total 241,987 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%)**
- 55% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (16%), Central Visayas (8.4%), and Central Luzon (4%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.
- **Out of 3,916 confirmed deaths, 61 % are male, with the most affected age group aged 60-69 years (33%) followed by over 70 (28%)**
- 49% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (27%), CALABARZON (9.6%), and Central Luzon (3.6%). 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**
- 99% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing 45.6% occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally. In NCR, out of 180 health facilities, 63.5% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 268 health facilities report 56.9% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds.
- **Currently 89 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 28 laboratories using GeneXpert. 93 applications still in various stages of accreditation.**
- COVID-19 infection among UN agencies in the Philippines: WFP – 1 (dependent)

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Upcoming Events and Priorities

The National Capital Region (NCR or Metro Manila) may further ease to the less restrictive Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) by October if the pandemic situation further improves, the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 said. According to the Department of Health (DOH), there has been a “decreasing trend” in the number of new cases in the past week. From August 29 to September 4, the number of new cases ranged from 1,900 to 4,200. In the past week, the lowest reported case was noted on September 3 with 1,987 while the highest was on August 30 with 4,284. This fared better compared to the data listed in the latter part of July to early part of August where around 5,000 to 7,000 cases were being reported daily. The DOH also said the positivity rate went down from around 20 percent to 10 percent in September, while the R0 (R naught) or the reproduction rate of the virus decreased from 1.19 in July to less than 1 in September.

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer has presented its proposal to the Philippine government as the country bids to secure a supply of vaccine from foreign manufacturers in a meeting with DOH and DOST officials on Saturday. Representatives from the DOH on Friday also met virtually with the Russian embassy in Manila to discuss an upcoming meeting between the government and Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, the developer of Moscow's candidate vaccine Sputnik V. Russia is the first country to approve a vaccine against SARS-CoV-2, a move met with initial skepticism from the international community. At the time of its approval on August 11, the vaccine has not started the crucial phase 3 clinical trial.

The clustering of COVID-19 cases in the country are mainly found in communities and other settings such as modes of transportation and business process outsourcing (BPO) companies, the DOH said Monday, of which 84.9% (1,480/1,742) are found in communities. The second highest incidence of clustering of cases at 8.09% or 140 was found in other settings which include the transportation sector and nine BPO companies. 5.11% or 89 cases of clustering were found in hospitals and health care facilities, while 1.84% or 32 clusters were spotted in jails and prison facilities.

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National Transmission Assessment

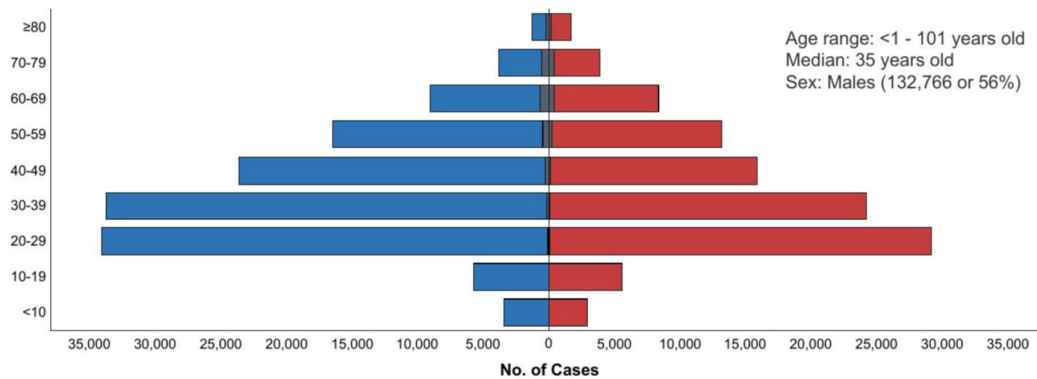
At national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localised community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of wide spread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission, especially in NCR, Region 3 and Region 4A. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 45.6% 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 8 Sept, a total of 241,987 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 3,916 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.6%.

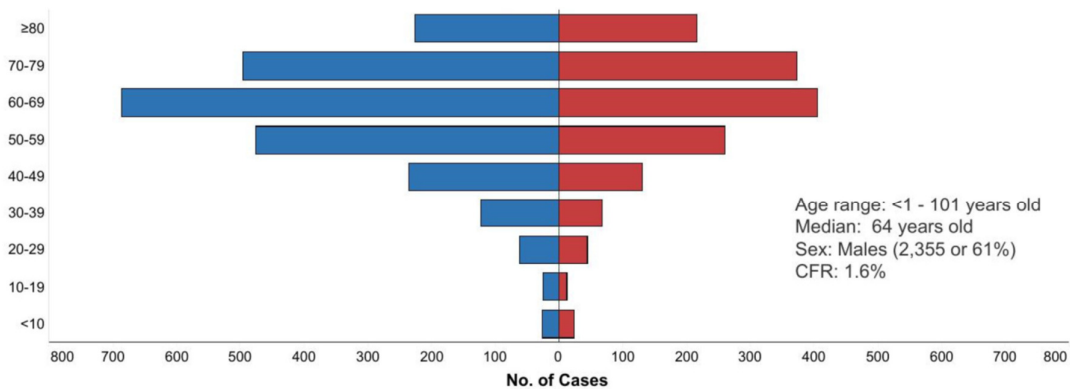
Epidemiological Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
<i>Data reported on 24 Aug 2020 compared with data reported on 17 Aug 2020 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)</i>	84,134 Tests past 7 days	17,723 New cases past 7 days	319 Deaths past 7 days	54% ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
	2,686,157 Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	241,987 Cumulative Cases	3,916 Cumulative Deaths	1,717 ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
	10.6% Positivity rate			
Health Service Provision COVID-19	12,195 Health care workers trained on IPC	420 Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	1,925 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	19,171 Non-ICU Hospital beds in hospitals Hospital beds in TTMF
	11,159 Community workers trained on IPC			

Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %
18 January- 8 September 2020 (N=241,987)



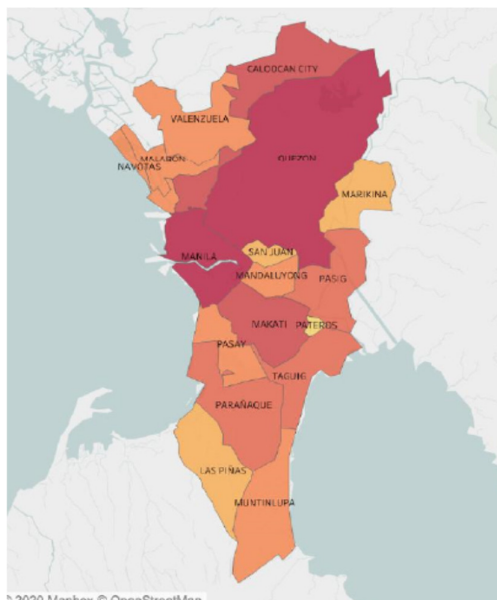
Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %

18 January- 8 September 2020 (N=3,916)



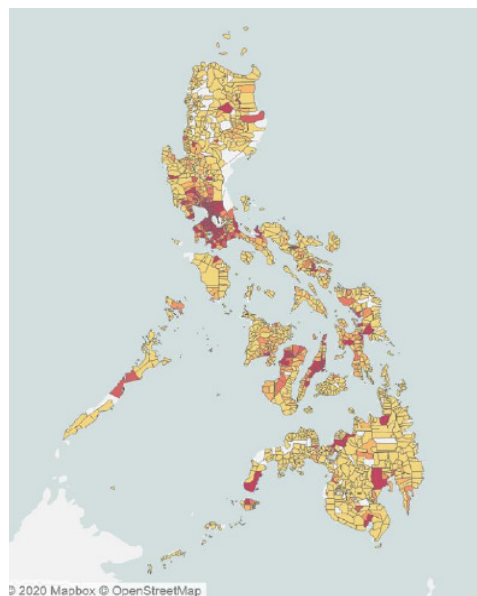
Map of COVID-19 cases in NCR by city/municipality

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Strategic Approach

The Joint Task Force COVID Shield has ordered all police commanders to monitor social media for violations of quarantine protocols, the group said in a statement Saturday. These include drinking sessions and other forms of celebrations posted by netizens through their social media accounts. "The social media are full of photos and evidence of hardheaded people deliberately violating the quarantine protocols. These can be used as pieces of evidence to warn, to fine and to summon the people concerned in coordination with the barangay officials concerned," the Commander of the JTF COVID Shield said.

The DOH launched the Feasibility Analysis of Syndromic Surveillance using Spatio-Temporal Epidemiological Modeler for Early Detection of Diseases or FASSST, a platform developed by DOST-PCHRD, UP National Telehealth Center, and Ateneo de Manila University. The launch formally turns over the platform to DOH for management. This is a tool for monitoring and forecasting COVID-19 cases in the country which can be used by LGUs for formulating policies and planning their pandemic response.

The Department of Health (DOH) is unlikely to ban home quarantine for asymptomatic and mild cases of the coronavirus disease 2019 even if it might have contributed to community transmission. The DOH is still observing existing protocol allowing home quarantine for asymptomatic and mild cases of COVID-19. Asymptomatic and mild cases of COVID-19 are allowed to go on home quarantine as long as they have their own room with toilet, have no members of the vulnerable population at home and can be promptly monitored by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams.

Eighty-two of 142 Quezon City barangays already have their own isolation facilities for asymptomatic and mild coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases, adding 860 beds which will augment 2,000 existing beds that the city already has in its HOPE isolation facilities. Home quarantine is being discouraged in Quezon City as it "was highlighted by a recent report from the city's BantAI COVID data monitoring" that an increase in infection was due to exposure to positive patients undergoing home quarantine, the local government said.

The mayor of Mandaluyong has signed an ordinance which calls for the mandatory use of face shield aside from face mask while in public transport, workplaces, and public places in the city. The measure provides that face shields must completely cover the entire face. Visor-type shields that only cover the eyes and nose are not allowed. The city government deemed it necessary to impose the mandatory use of face shields along with face masks in public places "since studies have shown that face shields further reduce viral exposure and in order to promote a more comprehensive action to curb the spread of COVID-19."

The Pasay City government has developed a Quick Response (QR) code system to bolster its contact tracing efforts amid the prevailing health crisis. The QR code technology is designed to provide a real-time update of information and data to the city's Contact Tracing Command Center (CTCC), whenever an individual enters an establishment. The internet-based tracing app requires a contactless transaction with a one-time registration process. Through the QR code system, those using the app and who have filled out the contact tracing form will not be required to fill out another form anymore, when they enter an establishment. Once operational, there will a collection individual's details of visited places prior to being diagnosed with Covid-19.

Laboratory strengthening

There are currently 89 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, as well as 28 laboratories using GeneXpert, with an additional 93 public and private laboratories under assessment.

Infection prevention and control

The DOH said Saturday that the Philippine clinical management and treatment modalities for COVID-19 have greatly improved overtime, pushing case mortality rate from 5 down to 1.6 percent lately. Despite improvements in clinical practice and management of COVID-19 cases, however, the DOH underscored that the most critical factor in dealing with the disease is prevention, and our behavior in line with it. The high-flow oxygen machine is a lot more expensive than face masks, face shield, and disinfectants, and doing social distancing and other behavioral measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

To help contain the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, the Quezon City government have installed four additional hybrid public handwashing facilities in various places in the city, bringing to a total of 6 handwashing facilities built by the local government. The facility's unique

“hybrid” design allows users to turn on the faucet in two ways, either via a lever that can be used by a hand or an elbow, or by using a foot pedal. There is also a one-meter distance between faucets to observe physical distancing. The facility is person with disability (PWD)-friendly as it has a ramp and a lowered sink, which can also be accessed by small children. Each facility is built with three faucets with readily available soap containers, and signage about Covid-19 precautionary measures, proper handwashing, and water conservation.

Best Practices / Lessons Learned

UNICEF

Community Support



UNICEF has started providing a webinar series to support parents and communities in the continuation of early learning and the development of very young children during the pandemic. The first episode on 4 September reached 4,000 viewers peak live views, reaching 650,000 Facebook users. The FB Live was cross posted on DepEd Philippines page and generated over 220,000 engagements with close to 2,000 shares.

The session is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/videos/663360761283073/>.

The registration for upcoming webinars is available here:

https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tjSo6EhGSnSE7RtiEfSFDw

UNICEF supports the empowerment of caregivers and families of children with disabilities in responding to the pandemic challenges through its webinar series “Caring for the Caregivers.”

- Session 1 focused on “Reducing Fatigue among Caregivers and Families of Children with Disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” The recorded webinar has been viewed 8,000 times on the Facebook pages of UNICEF Philippines and of the Council for the Welfare of Children and can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/videos/3814478831915536/>
- Session 2 on “Experiences of Parents and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities during Challenging Times and Emergencies” has been viewed a total of 5,700 times, and can be accessed here: <https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/videos/619608342289098>
- The registration for upcoming sessions is available here: <https://bit.ly/3fzeFhh>

Technical assistance to the Government

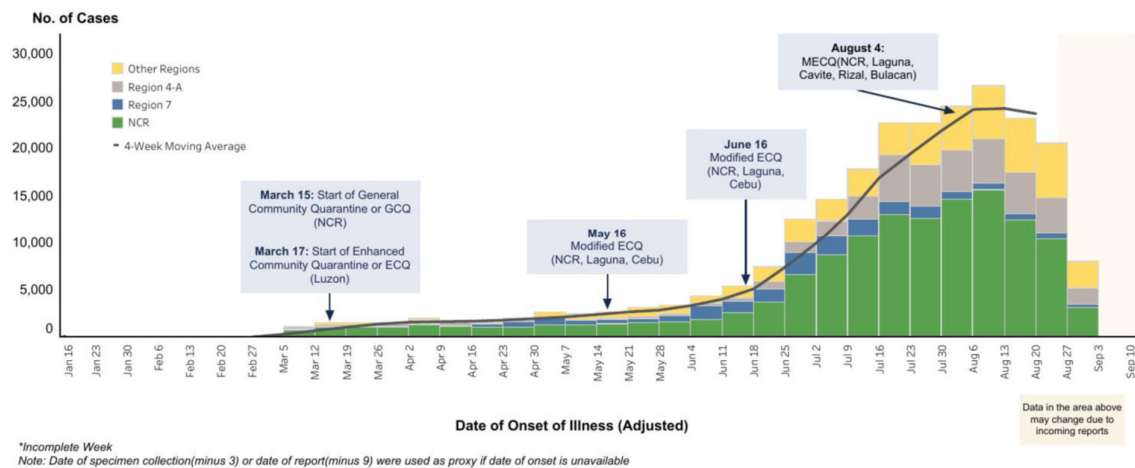
UNICEF has been providing an ongoing COVID-responsive Teacher Training Program for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) called "UPSKILL: Shaping the New Normal for the Alternative Learning System" from 1-15 September which aims to train over 300 ALS officials and implementers from eight Schools Divisions in Region IX.

UNICEF stepped up its polio vaccination campaign amid the pandemic with the announcement of the schedules in Regions III and IV-A reaching around 180,000 Facebook users, generating 105,000 engagements and over 120 shares. The videos of UNICEF Philippines’ Goodwill Ambassadors encouraging parents to have their children vaccinated increased the campaign's engagement with a reach of 53,000 users and engagement of 33,000 with over 200 shares:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=650432048926186&extid=eSxtMmufQh3SIY5w>

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates
16 January-8 September 2020

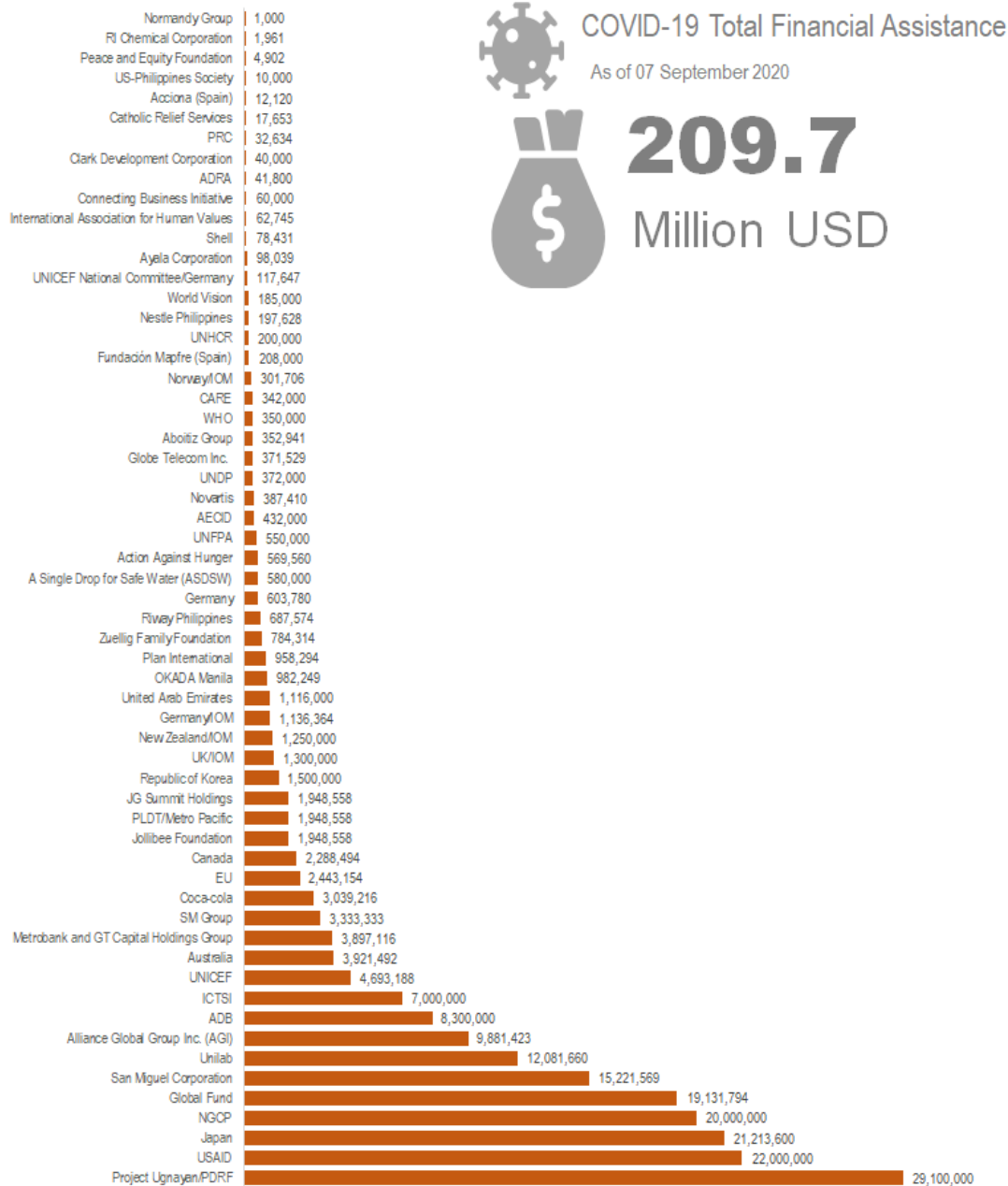


NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation		Lifted for some areas	Lifted for all areas
			Geo-graphical	Recommended /Required		
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	13 March	-	National	Required	No	No
School Closure	10 March – Metro Manila	3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



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, 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	Decontamination chambers	2	
Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)	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	

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
UNDP	Face Shield	1,300	15
	Gown	1,300	
	Gloves	54,000	
	Surgical Mask	3,600	
	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	
UNHCR	Hygiene kits for women	750	350
	Clean delivery packs		500
	Women Friendly Space Tents	1	2
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment	1	
	PPE	12,152	
UNICEF	Sleeping mats	64	
	Hygiene kits	64	
	Blankets	64	
	Plastic sheets	1,020	
	Solar lamps	1,020	
US government	Mosquito nets	1,020	
	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 72m² and 42 m²	74	
	Coveralls for health workers	20,860	51,520
	Face shields	33,000	
	N95 masks for health workers	35,680	
US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)	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	
WFP	Coveralls for cleaning and disinfection personnel	1,000	
	N95 masks for cleaning and disinfecting personnel	15,000	
	Cleaning and disinfection kit	500	
	Cots	1,300	
	Disposable shoe cover	14,000	
WHO (with USAID funding)	Disposable head cap	14,000	
	Disposable surgical gown	12,600	
	KN95 mask	9800	
	Face shield	2800	
	Goggles	2800	
WHO (with DFAT funding)	Nitrile gloves	119,000	
	Pulse oximeter	210	
	Infrared thermometer	210	
	Medical Mask		23,920
	N95 Mask		15,140
WHO (with USAID funding)	Gloves (pair)		21,220
	Gown		12,000
	Face Shield		9,370
	Shoe Cover		1,640
	Alcohol (500ml Bottle)		5,590
WHO (with USAID funding)	Mobile Storage Unit	3	
	50 kVA generator	2	
	Shower/toilet unit	1	
	Laboratory supplies		
	E-gene EAV kits	335	
WHO (with USAID funding)	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
WHO (with USAID funding)	Extraction kits		
	QIAgen QIamp RNA Kit	235	
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	109	
	Goggles	1,200	
	Gloves	31,000	
WHO (with USAID funding)	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	