



Situation Summary

- **Out of total 291,789 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 55% are male, with the most affected age group 20-29 years (26%) followed by 30-39 years (24%).**
- 53% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (17%), Central Visayas (7.4%), and Central Luzon (5%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.
- **Out of 5,049 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 (24%), CALABARZON (10.4%), and Central Luzon (3.5%). 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**
- 100% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing 45.2% occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally. In NCR, out of 180 health facilities, 57.6% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 262 health facilities report 56.7% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds.
- **Currently 100 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 30 laboratories using GeneXpert. 98 applications still in various stages of accreditation.**

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Upcoming Events and Priorities

The President has extended the declaration of a state of calamity throughout the Philippines for one more year due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic, saying that while "significant strides" have been achieved to strengthen the country's efforts to fight the spread of the virus, Covid-19 cases continue to increase in the country. The president said the extension would allow the national government, as well as local government units (LGUs), to continue using the "appropriate funds, including the Quick Response Fund, in their disaster preparedness and response efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19, monitor and control prices of basic necessities and prime commodities, and provide basic services to the affected populations".

An infectious disease expert working for the government estimates that the earliest time the Philippines would approve a COVID-19 vaccine for distribution is in the second quarter of 2021 or the months of April to June. The executive director of the Philippine Council for Health Research Development said this projection takes into consideration the time it will take to conclude crucial Phase 3 trials and the approval process of food and drug administrations. Phase 3 trials are a crucial stage that involves testing thousands of people and comparing results with volunteers given a placebo. This determines if the vaccine is effective in protecting against SARS-CoV-2, and can reveal evidence of other possible side effects that may have been unseen in earlier studies.

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) said it would "strictly enforce" protocols on physical distancing in public transport, after the president decided to retain the one-meter

physical distancing policy in public transport. The DOTr earlier suspended the 0.75-meter physical distancing policy after various sectors expressed concern over the measure saying it could lead to increased transmission of Covid-19 in public transport.

National Transmission Assessment

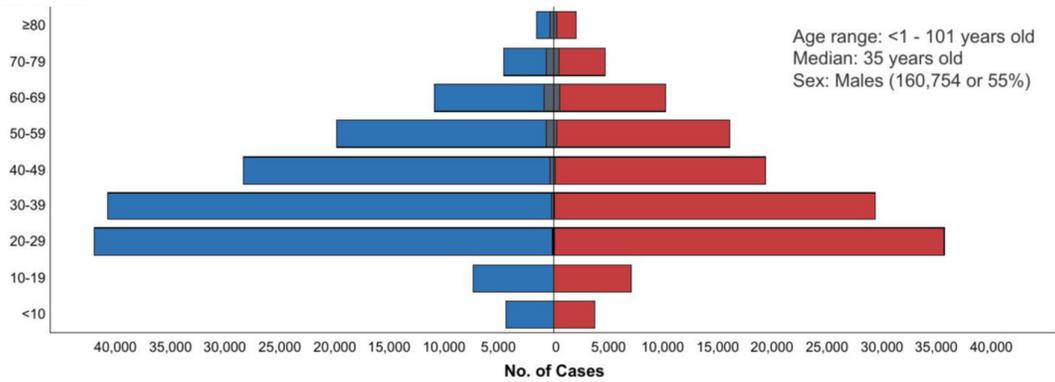
At national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localised community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of wide spread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission, especially in NCR, Region 3 and Region 4A. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 45.2% 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

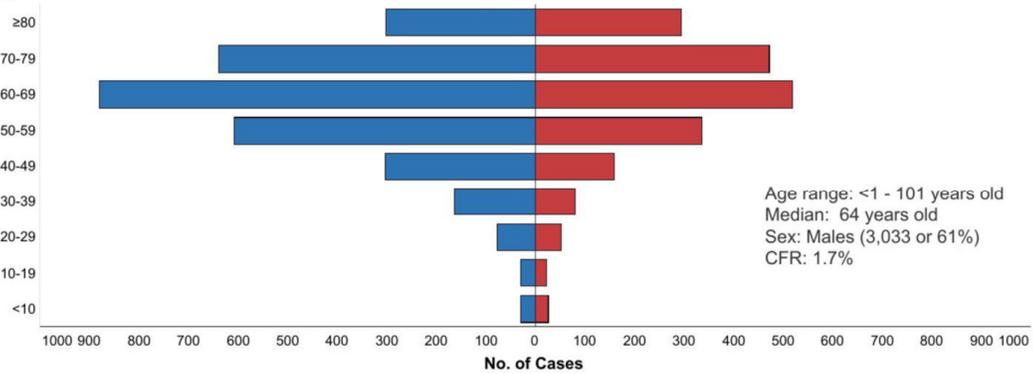
As of 22 Sept, a total of 291,789 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 5,049 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.7%.

Epidemiological Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
<i>Data reported on 22 Sept 2020 compared with data reported on 15 Sept 2020 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)</i>	242,911 Tests past 7 days	22,382 New cases past 7 days	386 Deaths past 7 days	48% ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
	3,221,770 Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	291,789 Cumulative Cases	5,049 Cumulative Deaths	1,880 ICU beds for COVID-19 patients
	10.4% Positivity rate			
Health Service Provision COVID-19	12,195 Health care workers trained on IPC	540 Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	1,905 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	19,430 Non-ICU Hospital beds in hospitals
	11,272 Community workers trained on IPC			164,615 Hospital beds in TTMF

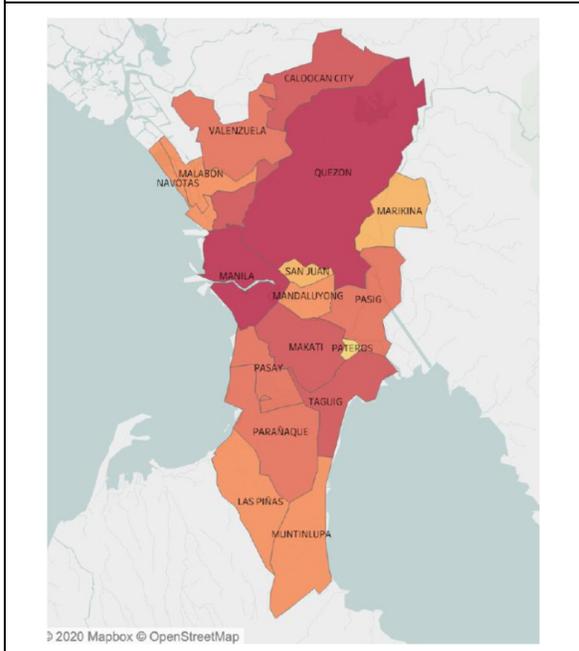
Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %
 18 January- 22 September 2020 (N=291,789)



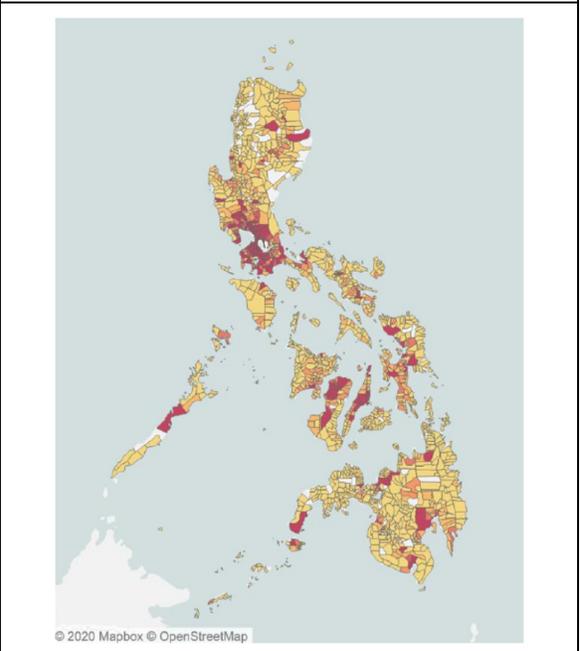
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 18 January- 22 September 2020 (N=5,049)



Map of COVID-19 cases in NCR by city/municipality
 18 January- 22 September 2020 (N=291,789)



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Strategic Approach

More isolation facilities for coronavirus disease (Covid-19) patients would be built under the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act (Bayanihan 2), the country's testing czar said on Friday, noting that the measure is part of efforts to improve the country's capability to isolate more patients away from their communities to avoid further transmission of Covid-19. Under the Bayanihan 2, PHP4.5 billion was allocated for temporary medical isolation and quarantine facilities, field hospitals, and expansion of government hospitals' capacity all over the country.

The Joint Task Force COVID Shield sees the reopening of Tagaytay City to tourists as a possible blueprint for other local government units (LGUs) that plan to open their borders for tourism as part of the effort to reboot the local economy amid the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The JTF said the reopening of Tagaytay City means that people from any part of the country can now visit the area without a travel authority, except for those who live in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or higher community quarantine status.

All enclosed indoor establishments in Valenzuela City are required to use the Valenzuela Tracing Application (ValTrace app) beginning October 5, prohibiting the practice of manual collection of details through contact tracing forms. Residents shall present the quick response (QR) codes upon entering enclosed indoor establishments within the city. "The #NoQRCodeNoEntry policy will be strictly implemented for individuals who will fail to present their ValTrace QR Code upon entry. Manual contact tracing forms will be prohibited," the city government stated in a social media post. The city government noted the registration for the ValTrace app is free-of-charge.

BAGUIO CITY – The City Health Services Office (CHSO) continues to train volunteers who help the city's contact tracing, while the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has yet to complete the hiring of over 500 contact tracers for the Cordillera Administrative Region. The newly trained contact tracers have been fielded to allow others to have a break and prevent wearing them out. Baguio now has 781 contact tracers who are doctors, nurses, midwives, policemen, and members of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs). They comprise the 40 teams conducting tracing of close contacts of patients positive for coronavirus.

The Department of Health (DOH) is eyeing to complete a pilot test on the use of antigen tests in Baguio City to assess whether or not the new diagnostic tool can be adopted for official use. The DOH proposed the pilot test to the government's coronavirus task force so they could study the performance of antigen tests in screening for COVID-19. Antigen tests are another type of test that is used to determine current or active infections among patients. Like reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests, antigen tests use swab samples collected to test for COVID-19. The main advantage of antigen tests are its faster turnaround time and cheaper cost. Unlike RT-PCR tests that can take up to 3 days to process, results from antigen tests take about an hour until they can be released.

The Department of Health said it is now waiting for the clinical trial protocol for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine Sputnik V from Russia before it starts its evaluation for the conduct of clinical trials in the Philippines. The country and the Russian Embassy recently discussed the regulatory process and the conduct of a clinical trial for Sputnik V,

which is scheduled to start soon. It was disclosed that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also committed to shorten the process from vaccine experts panel review to ethical clearance to FDA review and evaluation. From 55 days, the FDA committed to reduce the process to about 43 days maximum once the requirements are complete.

Laboratory strengthening

There are currently 100 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, as well as 30 laboratories using GeneXpert, with an additional 98 public and private laboratories under assessment.

Best Practices / Lessons Learned

UNICEF

Community Support

UNICEF continues to conduct training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for COVID-19 in Home and Community Settings, to date reaching 11,272 individuals (76% females, 24% males): 8,157 through online webinars and 3,115 through face-to-face training in 98 rural health units in BARMM. Registration is ongoing here:

<https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>. The IPC training is also available through the DOH Academy E-Learning Platform and can be accessed by signing up for an account on through this link: <https://learn.doh.gov.ph/>. Participants of both the UNICEF-facilitated webinar and DOH Academy Course will be eligible to earn Continuing Professional Development Units after completion of the training.

A WEBINAR SERIES

EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD GO ON

EPISODE 3
Where the Children Are
SEPT 18 • 6PM TO 8PM

IF YOU HAVE YET TO REGISTER, VISIT:
<https://bit.ly/eccdwebinar>

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TO WATCH LIVE: UNICEF PHILIPPINES, ECCD COUNCIL,
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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

How Parents Can Help to Monitor their Child's Development
DR. LOURDES K. LEDESMA,
DEVELOPER OF THE PHILIPPINE ECCD CHECKLIST

The Power of Observing Your Children
ASST. PROF. JOSEPHINE F. JAMERO FROM THE DEPT. OF FAMILY LIFE AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS, UP DILIMAN

Tips on Assessing Children
SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED

for every child

UNICEF continues to provide 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 third episode on 18 September had 2,342 peak live viewers, reaching 39,051 Facebook users and generating over 5,515 engagements with 318 shares. The webinars are also livestreamed via FB Live on the UNICEF Philippines, and cross-posted on the ECCD Council and DepEd Philippines Facebook pages.

The session is available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/videos/662001771118885/>. Registration for upcoming webinars is ongoing here:

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

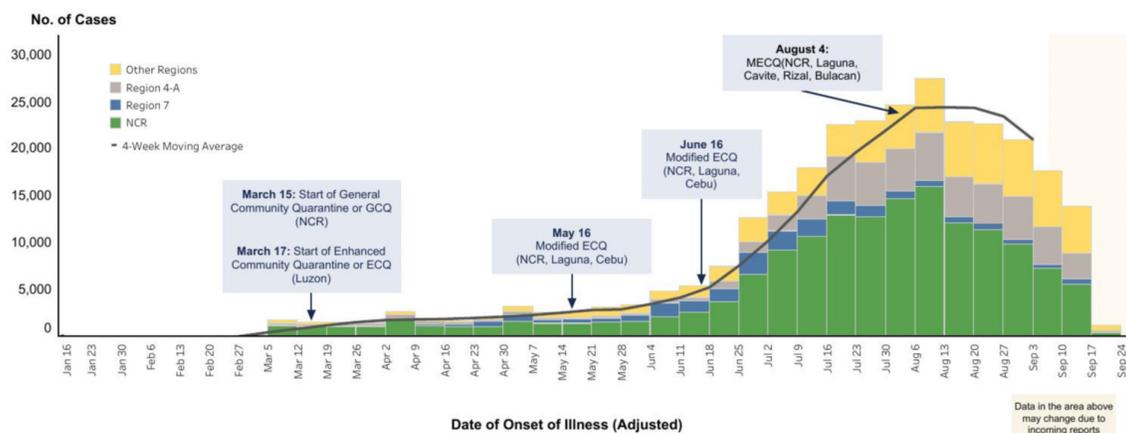
UNICEF is supporting DOH with WHO in conducting a nationwide measles campaign starting October 26, 2020. The campaign will target 9.4 million children under the age of five and Phase 1 will take place in the Mindanao Regions, CAR, and Regions I, II, IV-B and V. Press release available here: <https://www.unicef.org/philippines/press-releases/doh-who-unicef-conduct-nationwide-measles-campaign-starting-october-26?fbclid=IwAR27FCLm4NgUJFhmQ-nE5Ya7BodcsLkz9hL6L5w5LwsjwIEEE0d15RkWj3k>



UNICEF Philippines Goodwill Ambassador Anne Curtis Smith's video message on Polio immunization amid COVID-19 reached 260,000 people on Facebook and was shared 100 times, with more than 8,000 engagements.

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates
16 January-22 September 2020



**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

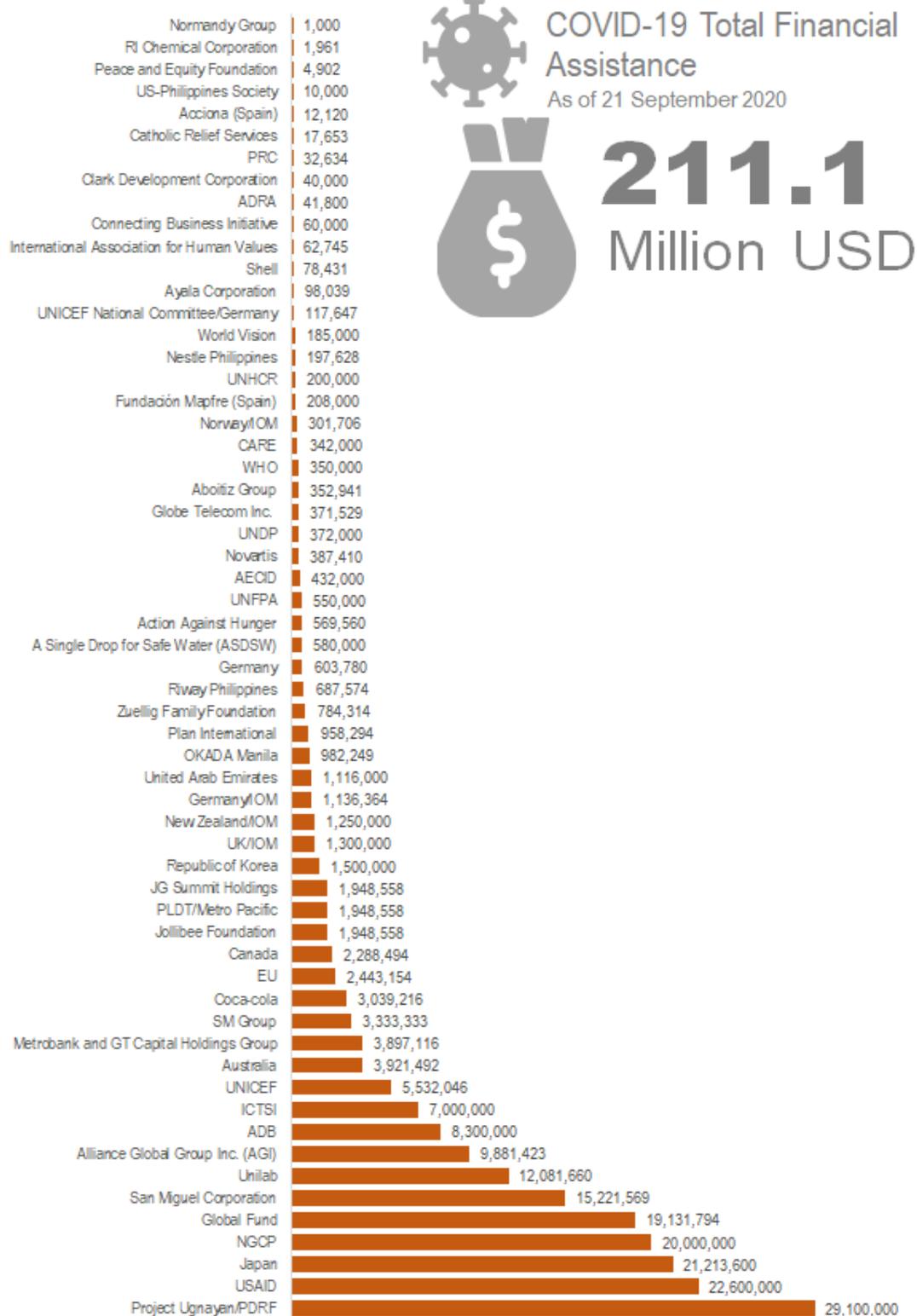
Data in the area above may change due to incoming reports

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.lguvscovid.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, 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	
	Surgical Mask	3,600	
	Hygiene kits	810	

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
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 ² and 42 m ²	74	
	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	
	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		
	<i>E-gene EAV kits</i>	335	
	<i>RdRP-gene kits</i>	99	
	<i>N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials</i>	12	7
	<i>Sanger sequencing reagents vials</i>	3	
	<i>Universal Transport Media viral kit</i>	89,350	
	<i>Flexible Mini Tip</i>	2,000	10,000
	Extraction kits		
	<i>QIAGEN Qlamp RNA Kit</i>	235	
	<i>SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR</i>	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	