Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Situation Report 20 Philippines 17 April 2020



Data reported by the Department of Health on 17 April 2020

Highlights

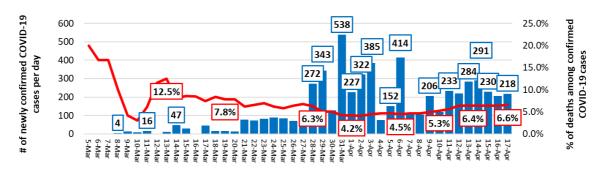
- Out of the total 5,878 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (18.9%)
- 71.4% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (13.5%) and Central Luzon (5.3%)
- Out of the 387 confirmed deaths, 68.5% are male, with the most affected age group over 60-69 years (39.0%)
- 59.3% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABAR ZON (18.1%) and Central Luzon (7.2%)
- Laboratory assessments ongoing in Tacloban, Cotabato and Surigao to further expand network of laboratories able to conduct COVID19 tests.
- DOH issued guidelines on Expanded Testing to reach a larger number of people considered for laboratory testing
- Guidelines on the Manufacture of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Ventilators, and Respirators were issued to promote the local production of essential items while ensuring adherence to quality standards
- Ongoing preparedness of hospitals through the Interim Guidelines on Surge Capacity Management of All Health Facilities
- Online IPC trainings ongoing for increasing number of hospital workers and community health workers throughout the country
- More and more Local Government Units reportedly establishing community quarantine and treatment centres.



Current Situation

As of 17 April, a total of 5,878 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 387 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. Out of total 387 confirmed deaths, 68.5% are male, with most affected age group 60-69 years of age (39%), followed by over 70 (37.1%).

Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines 5- 17 April 2020 (N=5,878)



Among the 5,878 confirmed cases, 3,174 are male (54%) and 2,704 are female (46%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 (18.9%) followed by 60-69 years (18.1%).

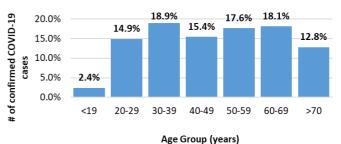
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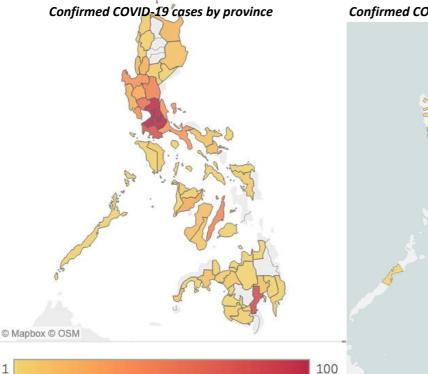
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Country readiness and response operations

Country-level coordination

WHO is supporting the Department of Health (DOH) with setting up of Emergency Operation Centres (EOC) at those Regional Centres for Health Development (CHD) that did already not have EOC structures activated as part of the polio outbreak response.

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

Risk communication

Regional CHD and the Ministry of Health for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) are increasingly making hotline services available for psychosocial support.

Surveillance

To ensure transparent sharing of relevant data, DOH is making data downloadable in csv format at the COVID-19 Data Drop at: bit.ly/dohcovid19data, while updating relevant analysis at the daily updated COVID-19 Case Tracker, available at: https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker.

The *Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID-19* issued through the Department Circular on 9 April 2020, are ensuring more people are considered for laboratory testing than before.

In order of priority, patients or healthcare workers should be tested:

- with severe/critical symptoms, and relevant history of travel/contact
- 2. with mild symptoms, and relevant history of travel/contact and considered vulnerable
- 3. with mild symptoms, relevant history of travel/contact
- 4. with no symptoms, and relevant history of travel/contact

https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-up-date/dc2020-0174.pdf

National laboratory system

Between the current 16 certified laboratories conducted COVID-19 testing, the daily testing capacity is estimated at over 3,900 tests, with the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) still conducting the largest number of tests per day

Laboratory assessments are ongoing between RITM, DOH, and WHO in Tacloban, Surigao and Cotabato.

An additional 6,000 Xpert SARS CoV 2 cartridges are expected next week, on top of the 3,000 cartridges delivered this week: 7,500 cartridges are provided by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) through the Global Fund, and 1,500 via the ADB).

RITM's National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRL) will be conducting training on the use of Xpert technology for COVID-19 testing next week for a selected number of laboratories.





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Joint laboratory assessment teams with experts from RITM, DOH, and WHO travelling with Air Force plane, delivering a PCR machine



Infection prevention and control

DOH issued *Interim Guidelines on the Manufacture of Personal Protective Equipment* (PPE), Ventilators, and Respirators in Light of the COVID-19 Situation in a Department Circular on 13 April 2020 available at https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/health-up-date/dc2020-0175.pdf

WHO made the *Guide to Local Production of WHO-recommended Handrub Formulations* available online at https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/Guide to Local Production.pdf

Online Infection, Prevention and control (IPC) trainings for hospital workers conducted by the USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program are ongoing throughout the month of April. Interested partners can sign up for *online registration*, or visit the *landing page for the virtual training*

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WHO-recommended Handrub Formulations

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GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY CARE

Online IPC trainings for community health workers conducted by UNICEF are also ongoing. Trainings are free and anyone interested is able to attend.

The government continues to deliver PPE to priority hospitals: Mindanao received over 111,000 sets.

Case management and continuity of essential services

DOH issued *Interim Guidelines on Surge Capacity Management of All Health Facilities during the COVID*19 Pandemic in a Department Memorandum on 16 April where hospitals are tasked to:

- Activate their Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HEICS),
- Apply the Health Facility Preparedness Checklist,
- Provide daily reports to the Health Facility Essential Resource Database, set up by the DOH's Knowledge Management and Information Technology Service (KMITS) in close collaboration with the Health Facility Development Bureau (HFDB), with support from WHO.
- Follow the Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID) patient algorithm https://www.psmid.org/unified-covid-19-algorithms-1/
- Adhere to existing IPC guidelines

The Joint Memorandum Circular 2020-001 on the *Reiteration of Protocols on Reaching Out to Children, Including Those in Street Situations, In Need of Special Protection, Children at Risk, and Children in Conflict with the Law during the Enhanced Community Quarantine* by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) is available online, as well as the social media cards for children and adolescents affected by and/or living with HIV.



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Update as of April 15, 2020

World Vision has declared a Global Health Emergency Response covering 17 countries, with strong focus on health and water, sanitation, and hygiene. In the Philippines, World Vision aims to initially support 21 provinces and 3 cities with multi-sectoral interventions.



A total of 13 tents with floor area of 42 square meters each have been provided to hospitals and medical centers nationwide. 9 tents have been given to Lung Centre of the Philippines, East Avenue Medical Centre, Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, New Bilibid Prison Hospital, used as isolation/triage areas. In Luzon, 2 huggy tents have been provided to Pangasinan General Hospital and Bicol Regional Training and Teaching Hospital (I unit each). While in Mindanao, the J.R. Borja General Hospital and Northern Mindanao Medical Center, both in Cagayan De Oro, have each received a huggy tent as well to be used as isolation/treatment areas.

2 mobile storage units (Wik Hall) with floor area of 320 square meters each have been provided to Quezon City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and Office of Civil Defense to be used as treatment/isolation units.





458 personal protective equipment have been provided to four hospitals, and three health centers.

A total of 108 disinfectant kits have also been distributed to the Lung Center, DJNRM Hospital, and Malabon City Hospital, rural health units (RHU) of Bulan in Sorsogon and Pio Duran in Albay and a number of hospitals and rural health units in Mindanao.





1,000 families have received **sanitation kits** (alcohol, bath soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, face masks, mouthwash) in Malabon.







About 1.4 million people have been reached through mass media (local radio, social media, LED advertising), face-to-face orientation and distribution of IEC materials (leaflets, flyers and tarps).

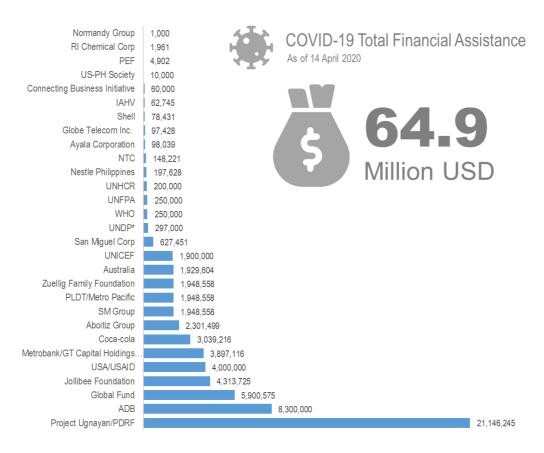
For updates, reports, resources and other information, please visit www.worldvision.org.ph

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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.

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Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What		Delivered	Expected
Americares	N95 masks		1,440	
Chinese government	COVID-19 test kits		100,000	
	PPE sets		10,000	
	N95 masks		10,000	
	Surgical masks		100,000	
AHV	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	
apan 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		206,059	48,780
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets			6
	Hygiene kits for women			1,600
	Clean delivery packs			500
	Women Friendly Space Tents			3
	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
WFP	Tent		2	
	50 kVA generator		2	
NHO (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 Viral	14	11
		RNA Mini Kit		
	SuperScript III Pla	tinum 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		458	
	caps, 100 gloves, 200 shoe covers)			
	Disinfectant kits		30	

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