

# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

## Situation Report 14 Philippines 3 April 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 3 April 2020

### Highlights

- **385 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported on 3 April, compared to 322 cases on 2 April. 29 additional deaths reported on 3 April, and 11 on 2 April.**
- Out of 3,018 confirmed cases, 55% are reported from the National Capital Region (NCR), 61% are male, and the most affected age group is 60-69 years (23.1%)
- Out of the 136 confirmed deaths, 66% are reported from NCR, 73% are male, and the most affected age group 70-79 (29.5%), with the highest fatality among people over 80
- So far, among over 2,000 UN staff members in the Philippines, 7 have tested positive: 5 from WHO and 2 from IOM
- Epidemiological Surveillance Units and Local Government Units working hard to enter pending data on confirmed cases and contacts
- **Increasing number of hospital laboratories submitting self-assessment questionnaires for screening to be allowed to conduct COVID-19 testing. Physical assessments ongoing in Luzon, including NCR and Ilocos**
- Department of Health and Office of Civil Defence distributing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to priority hospitals, with more PPE expected soon
- **Online IPC trainings finalized and ready to be disseminated to key private and public hospitals to address rational use of PPE amongst other**
- Humanitarian partners and private sector supporting increasing needs of vulnerable populations as a result of imposed restrictions
- Government looking at alternative locations for large-scale quarantine facilities, while Local Government Units (LGU) with support from NGOs and private sector are setting up community isolation centres.

### PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



### DOH COVID-19 HOTLINE

OPEN TO ALL CALLERS NATIONWIDE:  
**(02) 894-COVID**  
(02) 894-26843

FOR PLDT, SMART, SUN,  
AND TNT SUBSCRIBERS:  
**1555**

We're working to have the 1555 hotline accessible for all.

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<https://ncovtracker.doh.gov.ph/>

<http://www.covid19.gov.ph/>

As of now, the WHO Philippines Situation Report for COVID-19 will be issued every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All reports are available at <https://www.who.int/philippines/emergencies/covid-19-in-the-philippines/covid-19-sitreps-philippines>

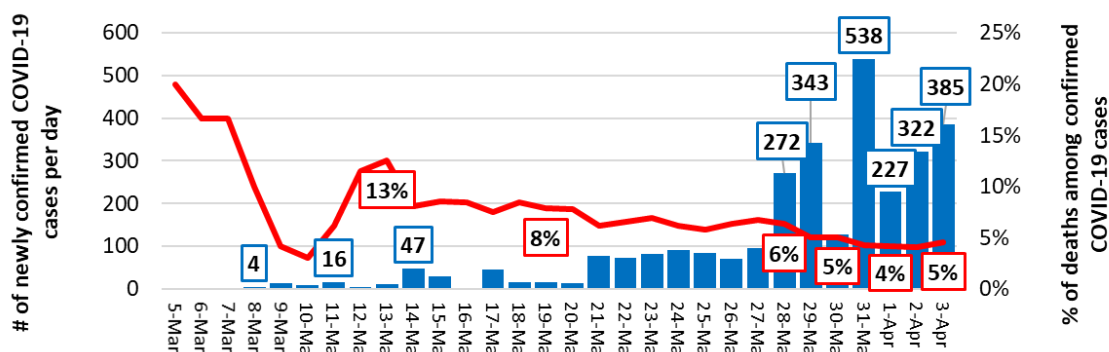
## Current Situation

On 3 April, 385 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in the Philippines, compared to 322 newly reported cases on 2 April. 29 additional deaths were reported on 3 April, compared to 11 on 2 April.

There are currently 3,018 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 136 deaths in the country.

### Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines

5-3 April 2020 (N=3,018)

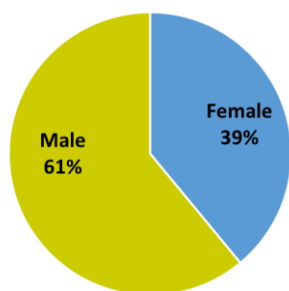


Out of total 136 deaths, 73% are male, ranging between 34 and 89 years of age with a median age of 67. The most affected age group is 70-79 years. 77% of deaths had either one or several known co-morbidities like diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hypertension, cardiac disease, bronchial asthma and cancer.

Among the 3,018 confirmed cases, 1,841 are male (61%) and 1,177 are female (39%). The most affected age groups are 60-69 (23.1%) followed by 50-59 years (21.5%)

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

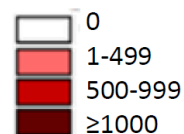
18 January-3 April 2020 (N=3,018)



55% of all cases and 66% of deaths are reported from NCR.

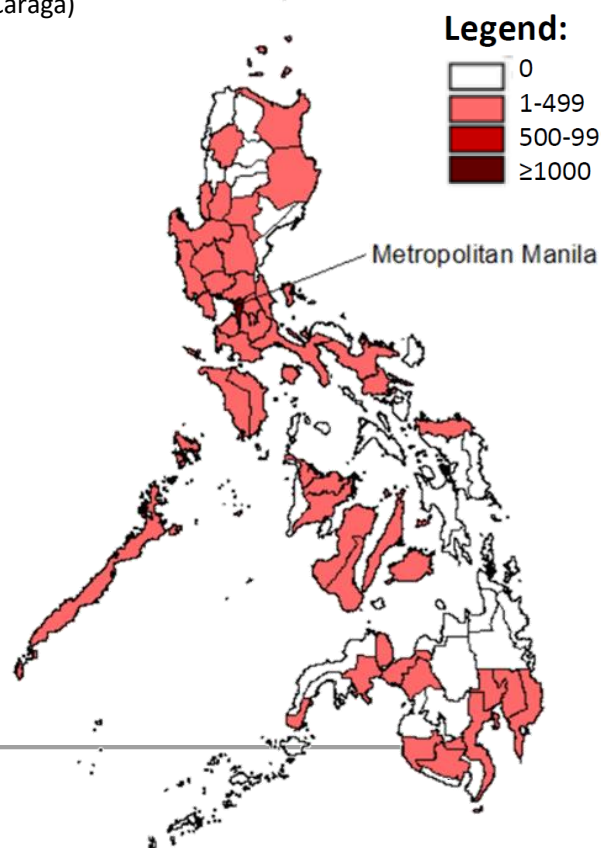
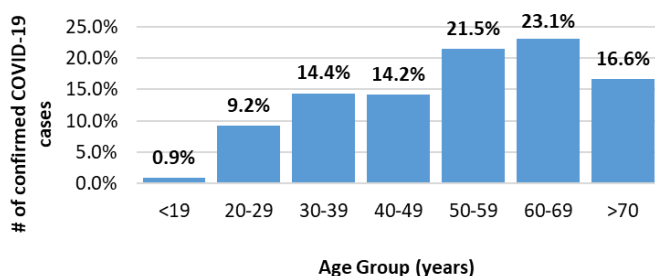
Currently, 16 out of 17 regions are reporting cases, except for Region XIII (Caraga)

### Legend:



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

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## Country readiness and response operations

### Country-level coordination

Health cluster coordination meetings conducted including all health-related clusters WASH, Nutrition, Reproductive Health and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. Partners are discussing ways how to effectively support the government in its ongoing response efforts. Meetings were held at national level and at Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) level.

Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) ordered removal of barangay checkpoints on national highways and provincial roads. Only the Philippine National Police (PNP) are allowed to set up checkpoints along major routes, as well as inspect cargo trucks. For ease of travel, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) suggests UN and NGO staff to travel in marked vehicles with a maximum of three passengers, carrying official IDs, and wearing masks.

All relevant government guidelines, issuances, and documents available online at [bit.ly/COVIDPH](https://bit.ly/COVIDPH).

### Risk communication and community engagement

UNDP with UNAIDS and partner NGOs developed communications materials on frequently asked questions on HIV and COVID-19, including practical concerns about accessing HIV treatment during the period of enhanced community quarantine. The materials are available both in English and Filipino.

UNICEF is continuing to provide communication support to DOH by hosting Zoom meetings for online IPC training for health facilities and Health Partners meetings.

### Surveillance

DOH and LGU staff working hard to process backlog of data on confirmed cases and contacts supported by additional staff and volunteers.

### National laboratory system

An increasing number of hospital laboratories are submitting self-assessment questionnaires for screening to be allowed to conduct COVID-19 testing. Physical assessments are ongoing in Luzon, including NCR and Ilocos, with additional visits planned to Visayas and Mindanao.

WHO conducted Question & Answer sessions on laboratory tests for donor agencies who are supporting the Department of Health with urgently needed testing kits.



NGOs including CARE, Plan International and Action Against Hunger are supporting with the printing and dissemination of banners, posters and other IEC materials

#### LABORATORY ACCREDITATION STEPS

##### STAGE 1: SELF-ASSESSMENT

The laboratory will conduct self-assessment using the tool provided by RITM. The components of the self-assessment tools are:

- ▶ Access to the laboratory,
- ▶ Design of the laboratory,
- ▶ Use of laboratory safety equipment,
- ▶ Administrative control and management,
- ▶ Records and documentation,
- ▶ Personnel practices and training

##### STAGE 2: VALIDATION

A team from DOH, RITM, and WHO will conduct an on-site visit to check the correctness of the self-assessment. The team will inform the laboratory of its deficiencies, and the laboratory will have to comply with recommendations before proceeding to the next stage.

##### STAGE 3: PERSONNEL TRAINING

The personnel who will operate the laboratory will have to undergo a special 3-day training at RITM.

##### STAGE 4: PROFICIENCY TESTING

At this stage, the laboratory may already accept COVID-19 samples. However, the laboratory will first need to test 5 positive samples as confirmed by RITM before proceeding to a full-scale implementation.

##### STAGE 5: FULL SCALE IMPLEMENTATION

Once all 5 positive samples have been confirmed by RITM as correct, the laboratory will be certified and allowed to process and test samples at full scale.



BARM Minister of Health delivering PPE, alcohol, medicines and other supplies to hospitals and Rural Health Units in Lanao del Sur and Marawi City

### Infection prevention and control

First sessions of the finalized Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) online training for health workers to be conducted next week by the USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program.

UNICEF to start pilot testing online IPC training for community health workers with DOH and partners like the Philippine Red Cross in NCR and BARMM on Monday.

Distribution of PPE ongoing to priority public hospitals, with DOH reportedly receiving a large batch of PPE.



### Case management and continuity of essential services

International Medical Corps (IMC) supporting the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC) with transport of recovered patients to their homes in CALABARZON region and Bulacan province, to free up space for new patients. With LGUs providing transport to health workers, IMC's vehicle at Santa Ana Hospital is now used for patient transport. IMC donated another set of PPE to the Manila Health Department and other equipment to Santa Ana Hospital (*details in the logistics table*).

UNDP and UNAIDS are continuing the survey on treatment and care concerns of people living with HIV. Disaggregated analyses on young people living and women living with HIV to be shared soon.

UNICEF will be providing tents for triage to 5 provincial hospitals in Region III. UNICEF is also providing personnel support to DOH' logistics operations.

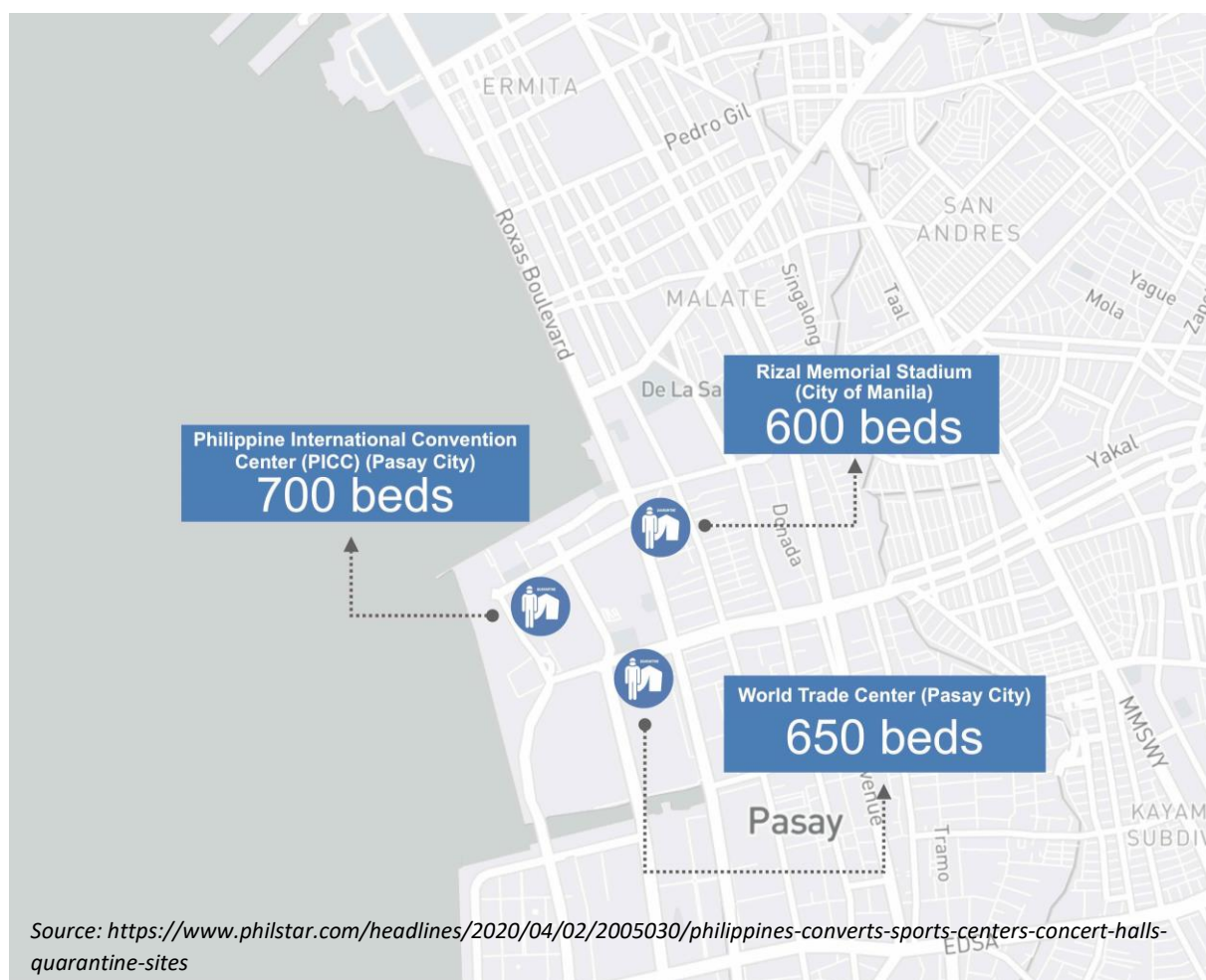
WFP provided one mobile storage tent, 150 pallets, and one 14KVA Generator to BARMM for the pre-positioning of health supplies.

The Social Action Network raised over 45 million pesos for Community Caritas Kindness Stations, relief goods, shelter to frontliners and families, PPEs and medical supplies

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAP), together with the International Fund For Agricultural Development (IFAD), WFP, and UNICEF are preparing to conduct rapid Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) assessments into the impact of the community quarantine, and to identify mechanism how to support the Department of Agriculture on helping affected farmers/fishers.

ADRA is supporting LGUs in Cavite, Camarines Sur and Benguet with risk communication materials and supplementary rice and hygiene items for vulnerable groups. ADRA also provided a tent for temporary triage in a Santiago hospital.

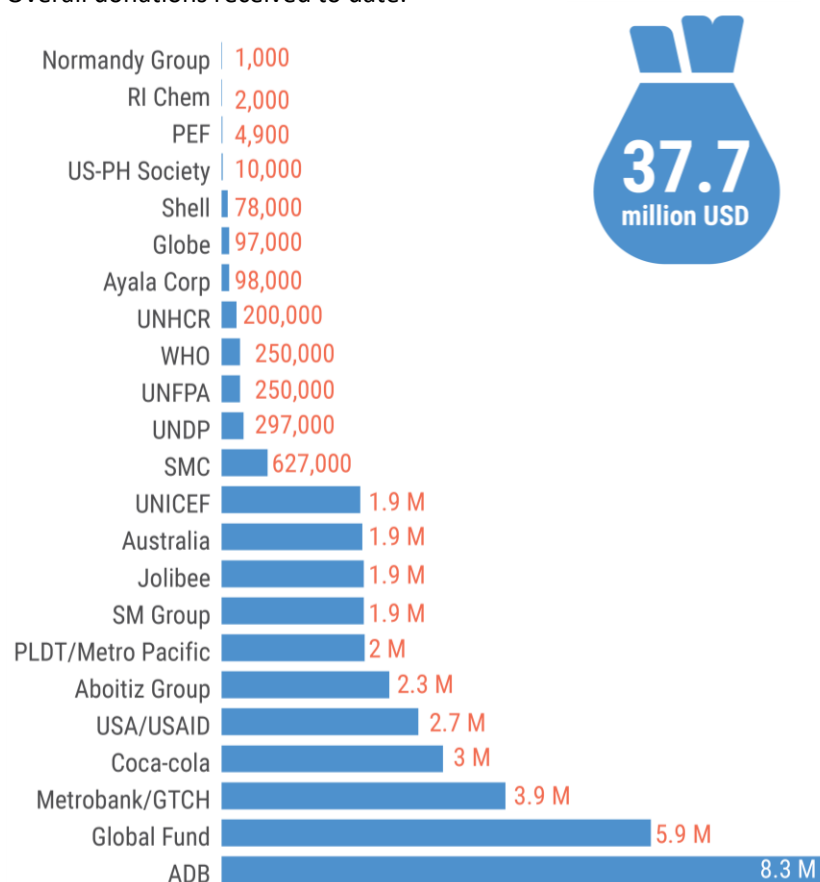
The government is looking at alternative locations for large-scale quarantine facilities, while LGUs are setting up community quarantine facilities. The Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) is reportedly planning 3 makeshift quarantine sites as per the below map:



## Resource mobilization

### Grant

Overall donations received to date:



Please see for details of all items distributed so far by DOH: <https://bit.ly/DOHCommDistribution>

As of 1 April, WHO received more than US\$ 258.8 million and an additional US\$ 45.5 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



# 100M

World Bank

**Logistics, procurement, and supply management**

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
Americares	N95 masks	1,440	
Chinese gov- ernment	COVID-19 test kits	100,000	
	PPE sets	10,000	
	N95 masks	10,000	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
IMC	PPE	200	
	Surgical gowns	4,765	
	Examination gloves	33,869	
	Surgical masks	206,000	
	Goggles	30	
	Cot beds	10	
	Electric fans	20	
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
UNICEF	Women and Child Protection Unit equip- ment		1
	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, typellR, 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	
WHO	PPE	12,000	
	<b>Laboratory supplies</b>		
	<i>E-gene EAV kits</i>	115	
	<i>RdRP-gene kits</i>	95	
	<i>N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials</i>	12	
	<b>Universal Transport Media</b>		
	<i>UTM Viral transport kit</i>	2,350	
	<i>Regular Flocked Swab</i>	2,000	
	<i>Flexible Mini Tip</i>		2,000
	<b>Extraction kits</b>		
World Vision	<i>QIAgen QIamp Viral RNA Mini Kit</i>	14	11
	<i>SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR</i>	3	2
	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	