

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report 35 Philippines 26 May 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 26 May 2020

Highlights

- **Out of the total 14,669 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (21.8%) followed by 20-29 (17.8%)**
- **64.5% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by Central Visayas (14.1%), CALABARZON (10.5%), and Central Luzon (3.5%)**
- **Out of the 886 confirmed deaths, 65% are male, with the most affected age group over 70 years (36.4%) 30.7%**
- **73.7% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABARZON (11.6%), Central Luzon (3.4%), and Central Visayas (3.2%)**
- **Department of Health (DOH) strongly emphasizing the importance of adherence to minimum precautionary measures, with more areas transiting from (Modified) Enhanced Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine**
- **According to DOH among all confirmed cases, 91.3% are mild**
- **Currently 34 laboratories using RT-PCR accredited for COVID-19 testing, with latest additions: Philippine National Police (PNP) Crime Laboratory and National Kidney and Transplant Institute in NCR, and Ilocos Training Regional Medical Centre in Region I, as well as 8 34 laboratories using GeneXpert, with latest addition: Tondo Medical Centre in NCR**
- **100% of health facilities are regularly reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing less than 36.4% occupancy rate of ward beds, ICU beds and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients**

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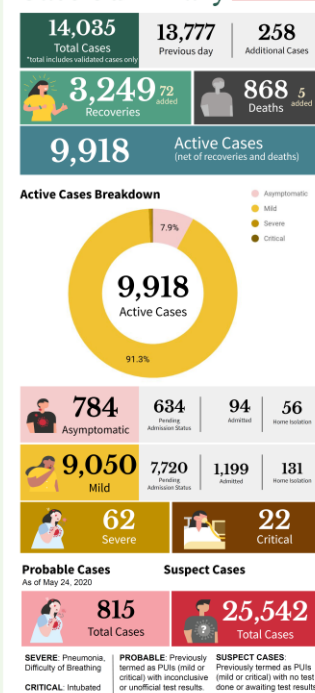
A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer

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Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- DOH recorded **9,918 active cases** as of May 24, with the majority of the patients exhibiting **mild symptoms** (9,050; 91.3%).
- **Hypertension and diabetes** are the top two (2) **comorbidities** of those who have been infected with COVID-19.
- A total of **2,394** (17% of all cases) **healthcare workers** have been affected by COVID-19, with **1,153 recoveries** and **31 deaths**.
- As of May 24, a total of **476 repatriate vessels** have been processed. Of these, **58 vessels** have arrived with a total of **14,338 repatriates** under quarantine directly supervised by BOQ for monitoring and PNP for security, while **418 vessels** with **21,197 repatriates** are under quarantine directly supervised by OWWA for monitoring and PCG for security. There are currently **101 vessels** being processed.
- As of reporting, **202 health facilities** have requested for additional healthcare workers under the DOH's emergency hiring program.
- DOH has approved a total of **6,802 slots** for hiring in **202 health facilities**. DOH has redeployed a total of **1,175 NNP nurses** (185 in Luzon and 990 in Visayas and Mindanao) to DOH and LGU hospitals catering COVID-19 cases.
- DOTr, LFRB, and LTO have been giving **free rides to healthcare workers** from different access points to respective health facilities. A total of **258 units** have been deployed and a total of 920,570 ridership nationwide.
- DOH encourages the public to **maintain good health** in the midst of a pandemic. Everyone is advised to eat healthy and to avoid junk food. The **Pinggang Pinoy** is also promoted to boost one's health and resistance.

Case Summary As of May 24, 2020



<https://covid19.healthphilippines.ph/>

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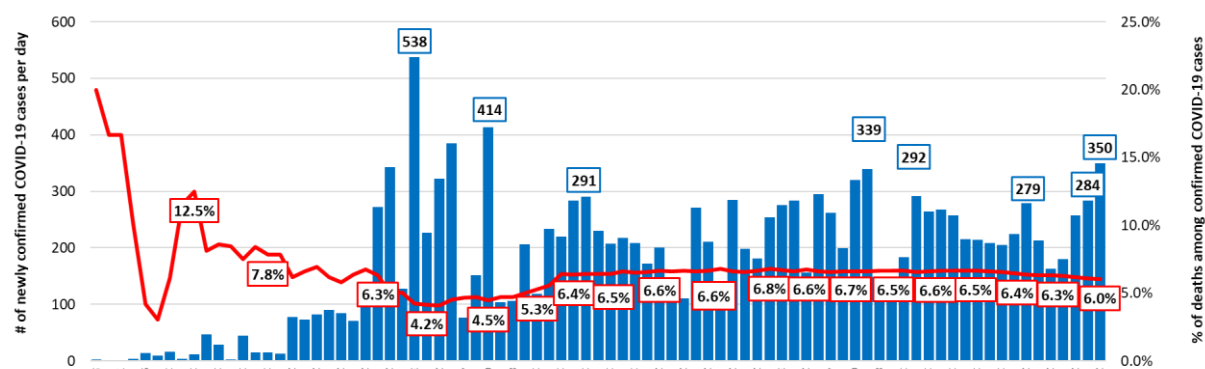
The WHO Philippines Situation Report for COVID-19 is issued **every Tuesday and Thursday**. All reports are available at: <https://www.who.int/philippines/emergencies/covid-19-in-the-philippines/covid-19-sitreps-philippines>

Current Situation

As of 26 May, a total of 14,669 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 886 deaths have been reported in the Philippines.

Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines

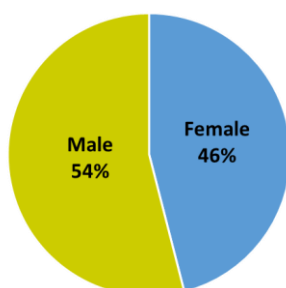
5 March-26 May 2020 (N=14,669)



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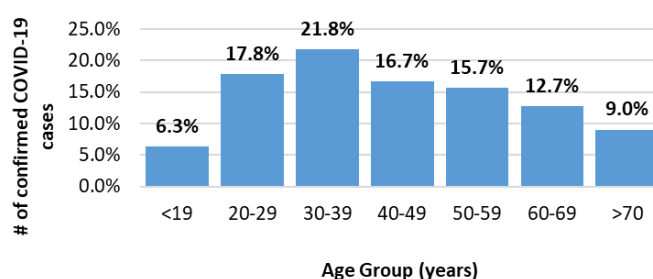
Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

18 January-26 May 2020 (N=14,669)



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

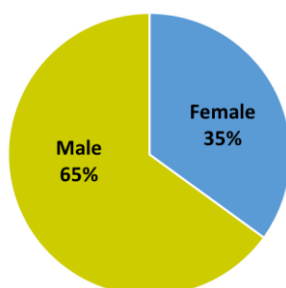
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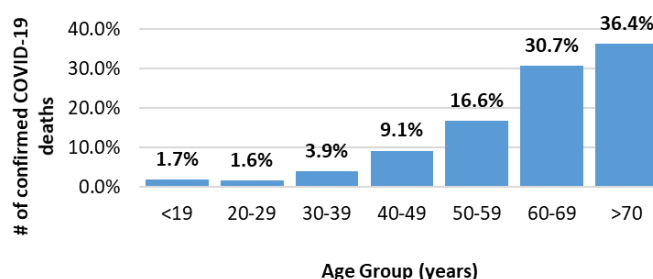
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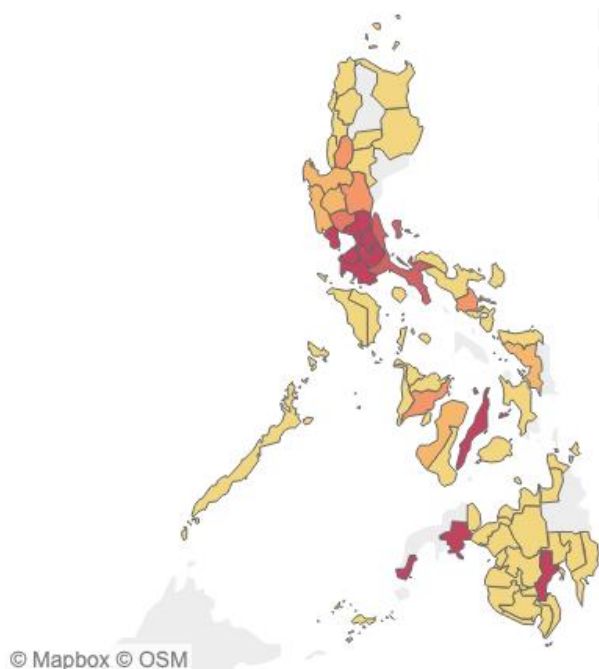


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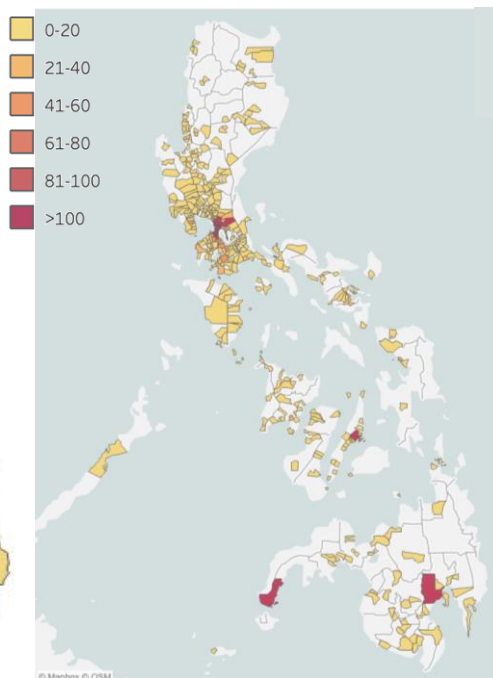
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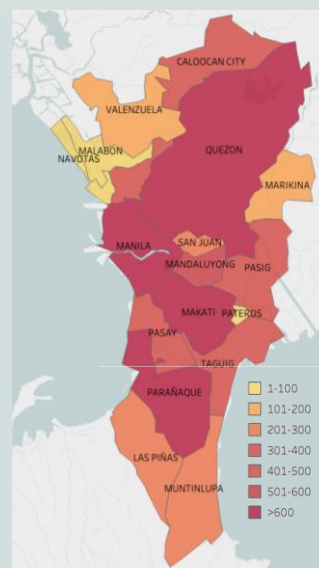
Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by province
18 January-26 May 2020 (N=14,669)



Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by city/municipality
18 January-26 May 2020 (N=14,669)



Map of COVID-19 Cases in NCR by City/Municipality
18 January-26 May 2020 (N=9,234)



Country readiness and response operations

Country-level coordination

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued updated [Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines](#) as well as [Resolution No. 38](#) on 22 May 2020, detailing the different requirements under (Modified) Enhanced Community Quarantine and (Modified) General Community Quarantine

The latest DOH situationers are available here:

- bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer026 23 May 2020
- bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer027 24 May 2020
- bit.ly/COVIDPHSituationer028 25 May 2020

Risk communication

DOH strongly emphasizes the need for the public to adapt to the New Normal to ensure health and safety, practicing handwashing, physical distancing, wearing of face masks, and cough etiquette.

DOH and WHO are stepping up social media campaigns against an increasing number of incidents reported of discrimination against health workers. Stigma and discrimination of health workers and suspected COVID-19 cases leads to a reduction in people seeking medical care or testing, and a in adherence to interventions such as contact tracing and self-isolation

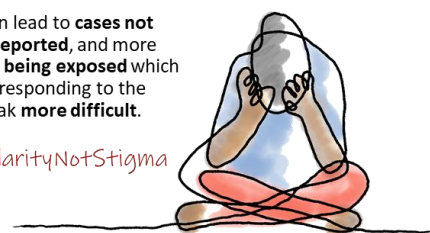
WHO, UNICEF and USAID Breakthrough Action are supporting DOH with online trainings on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) for community workers, with a special focus on health promotion officers (HEPOs).

Evidence shows that stigma due to **#coronavirus** leads to:

- Reduction in people seeking medical care or testing
- Reduction in people adhering to interventions (including self-isolation)

This can lead to **cases not being reported**, and more **people being exposed** which makes responding to the outbreak **more difficult**.

#SolidarityNotStigma



Surveillance

While the majority of cases are still from NCR, an increase in the number of cases has been reported from Davao and Zamboanga.

DOH has established special surveillance for health workers, prisons, and overseas foreign workers, while City Epidemiological Surveillance Units (CESU) in Manila and Mandaluyong are closely monitoring the situation in poor urban areas known for overcrowding and lack of access to water and sanitation.

DOH is also stepping up its multi-source surveillance at province, city and municipality level into clusters of unknown deaths or disease through its event-based surveillance system.

WHO is supporting DOH with continued training on the proper use of the COVID KAYA mobile application, which aims to provide real-time information on suspected, probable and confirmed cases up to the barangay level. Crucial is to ensure all health facilities, including community-level isolation and treatment facilities and all public and private laboratories, are using COVID KAYA.

National laboratory system

There are currently 34 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, with latest additions: the Philippine National Police (PNP) Crime Laboratory and National Kidney and Transplant Institute in NCR, and the Ilocos Training Regional Medical Centre in Region I as well as 8 GenExpert machines, with as most recent addition the Tondo Medical Centre in NCR.

DOH is looking into ensuring daily reporting from all 42 certified laboratories through the COVID KAYA mobile application, for real-time access to crucial data including daily tests conducted, positivity rate, and number of confirmed cases per laboratory.

WHO is supporting DOH and the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) with ongoing assessments of an additional 123 public and private laboratories which applied for accreditation.

The Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City has been converted into a COVID-19 mega swabbing facility, in partnership with DOH and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) amongst other.

Infection prevention and control

According to DOH, there currently are 1,210 health care workers infected with COVID-19, out of which 76% have mild symptoms, 24% are asymptomatic, and less than 0.2% have severe symptoms. Out of the accumulative total of 2,394 confirmed cases among health care workers, 31 have died.

UNICEF has so far trained over 4,000 health and community workers with its online IPC trainings for home and community settings. Training are continuing and anyone can sign up for free at <https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>.

Over 1,000 cleaners and sanitary workers were trained through webinars on Cleaning and Disinfection for LGUs and Communities. Anyone can sign up for free at <https://bit.ly/2YBGijZ>

The USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program trained almost 8,000 hospitals workers on IPC, 1 health care waste management, and supply chain management. Trainings are continuing and anyone can sign up at [landing page for the virtual training](#).



IOM delivered a large number of PPE and multipurpose tents to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)



In spite of sufficient quantities of PPE available as per the DOH tracker, Rural Health Units (RHUs) and provincial hospitals in remote areas are reporting a shortage of masks and other PPE. WHO is looking into supporting community-based health facilities with requesting PPE through the correct channels.

Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Philippine Hospital Infection Control Society, and Philippine College of Physicians issued *Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Outpatient Clinic Resumption in the Context of COVID-19* on 17 May 2020.



The United States government through its Army, Marines, and Air Force delivered over 203,000 USD in PPE and medical supplies to 14 medical clinics, hospitals, and local health offices in Palawan, Isabela, Tarlac, Laguna, Bataan, Bulacan, Sulu, Zamboanga del Sur, Maguindanao and Basilan in partnership with the Philippine Coast Guard, Army, Marines, and Air Force (details in the logistics table). The total donation from the U.S. government for COVID-19 assistance to the Philippines is now nearly 15.5 million USD.

Case management and continuity of essential services

Businesses around the globe are facing a prolonged battle with the COVID-19 pandemic even as companies move to gradually reopen. What is the role of the private sector in the "new normal"? How can we restart our economy safely?

To answer these questions, the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) is conducting a virtual Forum on "Shaping Business Resiliency 2020: The Private Sector's Response to the New Normal" this Thursday 28 May 2020.

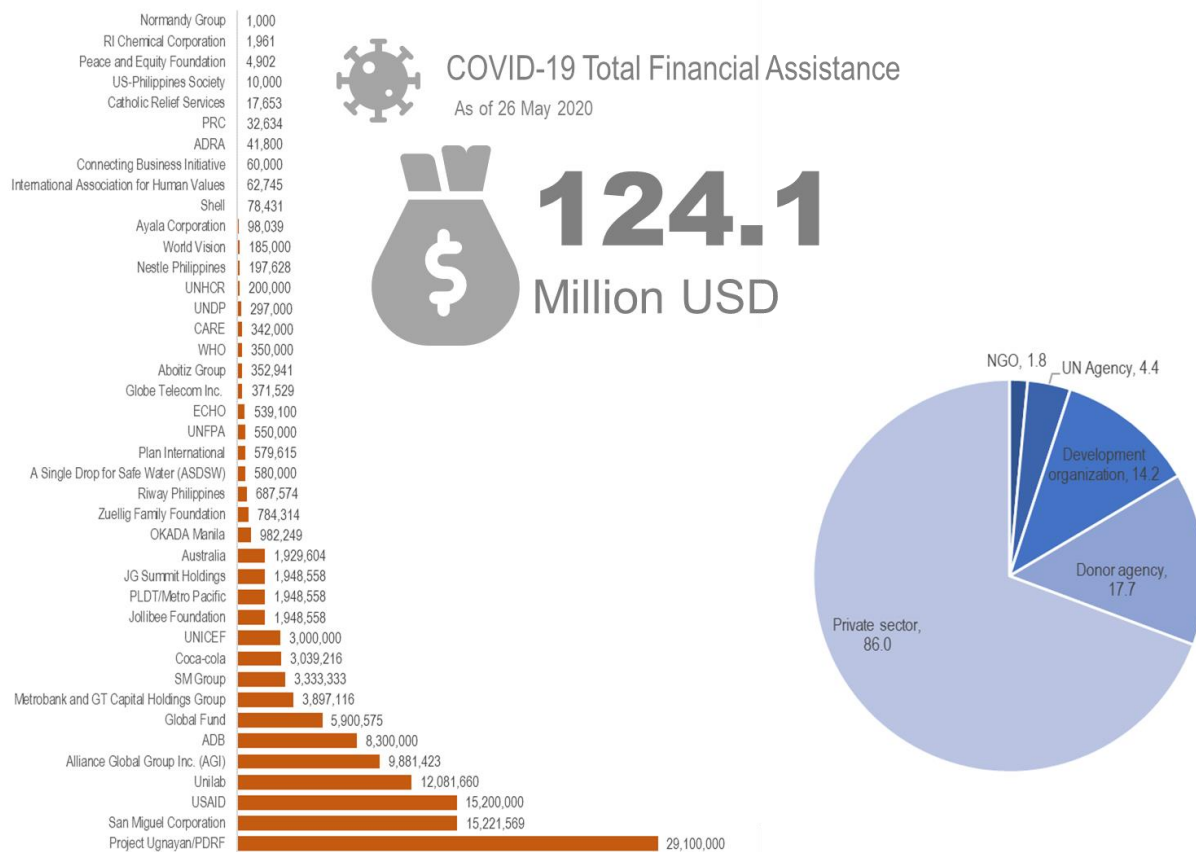
To register, visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/63FhxziQ3AnJB15TeW0TQ63FhxziQ>

To celebrate World Food Safety Day, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), World Food Programme (WFP) and WHO in Asia and the Pacific are conducting a regional joint food safety webinar "Food safety in the new normal" on 3 June 2020. Everyone interested can register at: <http://tiny.cc/WFSDwebinar>

Resource mobilization

Grant

Overall donations received to date (data compiled by OCHA):

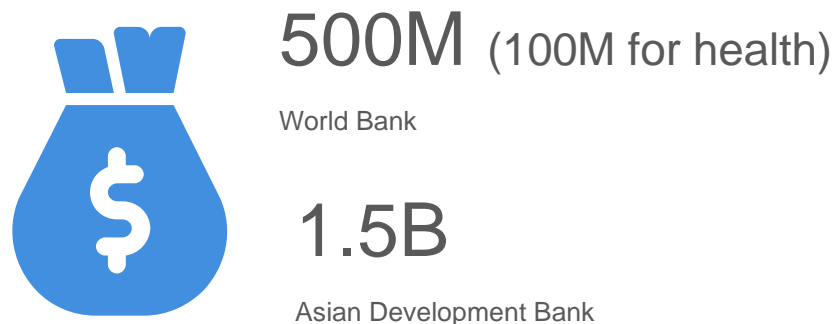


Please see for details of all items distributed so far by DOH: <https://bit.ly/DOHCommDistribution>.

As of 20 May, WHO received more than US\$ 637 million and an additional US\$ 159.5 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.

The French government through its Development Agency AFD donated €2 million to fight COVID-19 in Southeast Asia, including laboratory strengthening support for RITM.

Loan



Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
ADB	Laboratory facility for 45,000 tests	1	
Americares	N95 masks	53,120	3,800
	Surgical masks	4,000	
	Face shields	60	
	Thermal scanners	3	
	Disinfectant alcohol (1 gallon)	6	
	Oxygen tanks with accessories	3	
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	
	Surgical gowns	4,765	
	Examination gloves	33,869	
	Surgical masks	206,000	
	Goggles	30	
	Cot beds	10	
	Electric fans	20	
IOM	Surgical mask	12,000	
	Gloves	2,500	
	Face shields	200	
	Multipurpose tents	3	
Japan government	PPE	12,000	
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	
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	
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 42 m ²	32	24
	Coveralls	20,860	51,520
	Face shields	33,000	
	N95 masks	35,680	
	Surgical masks	38,750	370,450
	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
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	
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	14,350	
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	10,000
	QIAgen QIamp RNA Kit	59	36
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	15	24
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	