

**REPORT TO THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2020**

As we approach 30 April 2020, or the 44<sup>th</sup> day of implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) for the entire Luzon, upon thorough consultations with medical experts and former Secretaries of Health, I have decided to approve the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) to extend until 15 May 2020 the implementation of ECQ in high-risk areas in Luzon, including the National Capital Region (NCR), and place under ECQ other high-risk areas throughout the country. For low-risk areas in Luzon and some moderate-risk areas in Visayas and Mindanao, a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) shall be implemented, subject to further assessment. The pertinent guidelines for the implementation of GCQ shall be laid down this week.

A prudent and cautious approach is imperative to stem the spread of COVID-19, and effectively supplement continuous efforts to strengthen the capacity of our hospitals and healthcare facilities. In the spirit of *bayanihan*, the entire Executive department has long been directed to render full assistance and cooperation to achieve these objectives, and to mobilize the necessary resources to alleviate the conditions of all those affected by this crisis.

Through this report, in compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act," I respectfully submit updates and developments during the fifth week of our whole-of-government approach in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. This summarizes the programs, activities, and accomplishments of 82 departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Executive branch of government, reported to this Office through the Executive Secretary. Most of the reports were received on **24 April 2020 (Friday)**.

I acknowledge and sincerely welcome the comments and observations given to us by the members of the Senate, including its representatives in the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the implementation of RA No. 11469. These valuable inputs have been cascaded to the concerned agencies for appropriate study and consideration, with the commitment to report on them accordingly. Meanwhile, consistent with previous reports, I have incorporated herein those proposals which are either already being implemented or integrated to existing programs. Likewise, I have cited herein those concerns which are already being addressed.

I continue to highlight the existing and newly-initiated measures of our various agencies under the four (4) major objectives of: (1) Providing Emergency Assistance to all Affected Sectors; (2) Securing Facilities and Resources for the Health Sector and Other Frontliners; (3) Establishing Sound Fiscal and Monetary Actions that are Responsive to all Stakeholders; and (4) Formulating a Responsive and Sustainable Recovery Plan.

**I. Providing Emergency Assistance to All Affected Sectors**

## Update on the Social Amelioration Programs (SAPs)

Updates on the implementation of the Emergency Subsidy Program (ESP) pursuant to Section 4 (c)<sup>1</sup> and (cc)<sup>2</sup> of RA No. 11469, through (1) the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Program (AICS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); (2) the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) for Affected Formal Workers, CAMP Abot-Kamay and Pagtulong (AKAP) for Displaced Overseas Filipinos Workers (OFWs), and *Tulong Panghanapbuhay para sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers* (TUPAD) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE); and (3) the Financial Subsidy for Rice Farmers (FSRF) Program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), are summarized in **Table 1** below:

**Table 1.** Summary of Implementation of SAPs

Imple- menting Agency	Program	Estimated Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries Served	Allotted Amount	Remarks
1. DSWD	AICS	18,046,093  Breakdown: • 4.4 Million (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiaries [4Ps]) • 13,556,093 (Non-4Ps) • 90,000 [Transport Network Vehicle Service (TNVS) and Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) in NCR]	6,266,522 <sup>3</sup> as of 24 April 2020  Breakdown: • 3,721,883 (4Ps) • 2,504,221 (Non-4Ps) • 40,418 (TNVS and PUVs in NCR)	PhP100,901,303,261.20 <sup>4</sup>	Total disbursed amount is PhP96,852,535,050, of which PhP31,123,298,950 has been received by the beneficiaries.  For 4Ps: Total disbursed amount is PhP16,562,076,100, of which PhP16,347,295,950 has been received by the beneficiaries.  For non-4Ps: Total disbursed amount is PhP79,967,114,950, of which PhP14,452,659,000 has been received by the beneficiaries.  For TNVS and PUVs in NCR: Total disbursed amount and received by the beneficiaries is PhP323,344,000.
2. DOLE	CAMP for affected formal workers	349,354	344,805 as of 23 April 2020	PhP1.746 Billion  *projected disbursement	The utilized amount is PhP1.724 Billion
3. DOLE	CAMP-AKAP for displaced OFWs	135, 720 OFWs	20,500 OFWs as of 23 April 2020	PhP 1.5 Billion	The utilized amount is PhP 205 Million
4. DOLE	TUPAD for informal workers	235, 949	220,320 as of 23 April 2020	PhP 966.5 Million	The utilized amount is PhP575.2 Million
5. DA	FSRF	591,246 rice farmers	53,881 rice farmers as of 22 April 2020	PhP3 Billion	The utilized amount is PhP645 Million

Further to the DSWD's provision of emergency subsidy to non-4Ps beneficiaries, a total of 1,490 Local Government Units (LGUs) have received their SAPs funds as follows:

**Table 2.** Summary of Non-4Ps Beneficiaries Disbursements as of 23 April 2020.

DSWD Field Office	Total No. of LGUs	No. of Target Low Income Non-4Ps	Budget Allocation	Funds Downloaded to LGUs	LGUs with Funds	Payout (as of 23 April 2020)	No. of Beneficiaries Paid
I	125	798,206	PhP4,390,133,000.00	PhP4,333,340,000.00	125	PhP886,275,500.00	161,141
II	93	593,973	PhP3,266,851,500.00	PhP3,213,419,000.00	93	PhP975,056,500.00	177,283
CAR	77	255,676	PhP1,406,218,000.00	PhP1,305,017,950.00	77	PhP528,412,000.00	96,227
III	130	1,515,847	PhP9,853,005,500.00	PhP9,741,361,500.00	130	PhP2,285,679,500.00	351,643
NCR	17	1,558,615	PhP12,468,920,000.00	PhP12,468,920,000.00	17	PhP536,872,000.00	67,109
IV-A	142	1,929,422	PhP12,641,973,500.00	PhP12,641,973,500.00	142	PhP1,982,376,500.00	304,981
IV-B	73	416,246	PhP2,081,230,000.00	PhP2,055,370,000.00	73	PhP917,965,000.00	183,593
V	114	772,287	PhP3,861,435,000.00	PhP3,861,435,000.00	114	PhP1,293,880,000.00	258,776
VI	133	1,153,784	PhP6,922,704,000.00	PhP6,922,704,000.00	133	PhP1,324,428,000.00	220,738
VII	132	1,058,075	PhP6,348,450,000.00	PhP6,300,036,000.00	132	PhP1,029,036,000.00	171,506
VIII	143	591,612	PhP2,980,470,000.00	PhP2,949,550,000.00	123	PhP73,020,000.00	14,410
IX	72	403,185	PhP2,015,925,000.00	PhP1,998,870,000.00	67	PhP106,035,000.00	21,207
X	93	623,590	PhP3,769,458,000.00	PhP3,769,458,000.00	93	PhP171,074,000.00	28,519
XI	49	690,083	PhP4,140,498,000.00	PhP2,836,500,000.00	49	PhP642,654,000.00	107,109
XII	50	709,417	PhP3,547,085,000.00	PhP3,308,825,000.00	49	PhP722,920,000.00	144,584
CARAGA	73	305,096	PhP1,525,480,000.00	PhP1,508,335,000.00	73	PhP972,615,000.00	194,523
BARMM	118	180,979	PhP833,983,596.63	PhP752,000,000.00	TBD	PhP4,360,000.00	872
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>13,556,093</b>	<b>PhP82,042,820,096.63</b>	<b>PhP79,967,114,950.00</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>PhP14,452,659,000.00</b>	<b>2,504,221</b>

The DSWD has standby funds amounting to PhP450 Million (inclusive of the available Quick Response Fund of PhP416.4 Million) and stockpiles of the following: 368,391 Family Food Packs (FFPs) amounting to PhP147.1 Million; Other Food Items amounting to PhP262.5 Million; and Non-Food Items amounting to PhP459.6 Million. In addition to the SAPs, the DSWD, through its regular AICS, has catered to 22,459 clients for COVID-related concerns, such as requests for medical or burial assistance, including 2,388 stranded individuals, in the total amount of PhP104.4 Million.

Aside from the ESP, the National Government also released PhP6 Billion and PhP36 Billion in additional support for LGUs under the *Bayanihan* Grant to Provinces, and *Bayanihan* Grant to Cities and Municipalities, respectively, giving LGUs a grant equivalent to their respective one (1) month Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Internal Revenue Allotment, to boost their capacity to immediately respond to the COVID-19 emergency. The Department of Finance (DOF) is also monitoring the DSWD's pilot implementation of *Relief Agad*, a computer-based application to fast-track the distribution of the ESP.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) is in the process of rolling out a project entitled, "PaSSOver: ARBold Move for Deliverance of our Farmers from the COVID-19 Pandemic," which seeks to consolidate the efforts of the DAR in addressing the problems brought about by COVID-19. As of 24 April 2020, a total of 77,119 agrarian reform beneficiary (ARB) identification cards have been distributed by the DAR under its ARB ID System to identify ARBs who are in dire need of assistance and facilitate access to the SAPs, and such other financial and livelihood assistance(e.g., farm productivity, seedlings), especially to those who are not entitled to the existing SAPs.

### *Implementation of the SAP for Small Businesses*

As of 22 April 2020, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has notified 199,377 small business employers that they are pre-qualified for the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) Program.<sup>5</sup> To date, 6,403 employers have completed the application process on behalf of 130,188 employees. Actual payouts are scheduled on 01 to 15 May 2020 for the 1st tranche, and 16 to 31 May 2020 for the 2nd tranche. The SBWS Program has an estimated 3.4 Million target eligible employees.

The government is also studying a proposal to Congress to amend the National Internal Revenue Code to stretch the net operating loss carry-over period from three (3) years to five (5) years to help small-sized enterprises cope with losses, and a credit guarantee program to cover loans worth PhP120 Billion to grant easier access to bank financing even during crisis situations.

### *Continued Transportation, Repatriation, and Mobility Assistance to Health Workers, Frontliners, OFWs, Stranded Passengers, Foreign Nationals in the Country, and Other Entities or Individuals*

The Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), and the Clark Development Corporation (CDC), in partnership with other government agencies or with the support of private sector partners, continue to provide: (1) transportation assistance to ferry health workers, frontliners, OFWs, and other persons in need [e.g., DOTr's Free Bus Ride Program, *Malasakit* Help Desks, Emergency Operations Center (EOC),<sup>6</sup> *Libreng Sakay* Program, MMDA's Bicycle-Lending Program]; (2) logistical assistance in the distribution of medical supplies and food relief; (3) emergency response to vehicles, passengers, and stranded seafarers; and (4) repatriation services for OFWs and foreigners.

### *Protection of Consumers and Related Measures*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has intensified the *Diskwento Caravan*, a program which aims to provide consumers easier access to basic necessities and prime commodities at reduced prices by bringing them closer to manufacturers, distributors and local producers. This program has significantly benefitted 930 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and 31,637 households in 346 barangays across 11 regions of the country, since its launch in January.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to monitor prices of essential health products and medical devices. It received a total of 3,635 reports through [covidresponse@fda.gov.ph](mailto:covidresponse@fda.gov.ph), of which 3,457 involve reports on the price freeze. These reports are then processed and coordinated with the Department of Health (DOH) and LGUs for proper action. The FDA has issued an Advisory to the general public on the proper selection and use of household cleaners and disinfectant products,<sup>7</sup> and a Circular

on interim measures to ensure access to vitamin drug products during the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>8</sup>

As part of ongoing efforts in enforcing trade and consumer laws, the DTI reported a 95% compliance rate in price freeze directives on basic necessities and prime commodities in 15 regions outside the NCR. A summary of the law enforcement measures to protect consumers is shown in **Table 3**.

**Table 3.** Law Enforcement Measures to Protect Consumers

Agency	Monitoring	Investiga-tions	Letters of Inquiry	Notice of Violation	Show Cause Order	Arrests
DTI	2,730	77	110	32	6	
DTI-Philippine National Police (PNP)/CIDG-NBI						162

Meanwhile, the DOH, the DTI, the DA, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) issued Joint Circular No. 001 (s. 2020), which establishes guidelines for the seizure, forfeiture, and disposition of goods which are held, hoarded, manipulated, sold or otherwise disposed of in violation of RA No. 7581 or the "Price Act," and RA No. 10863 or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act," pending preliminary investigation or trial. The Joint Circular gives the State preferential right to purchase, at the suggested retail price, such seized goods to address COVID-19.

#### *Other Assistance to MSMEs and Productive Sectors<sup>9</sup>*

In support of our MSMEs, the DA continues to reach out to marginalized and small farmers and fisherfolk (MSFFs) and agri-based micro and small enterprises (MSEs), and offers a zero-interest loan program under its Expanded SURE Aid and Recovery Project:

**Table 4.** Status of Other Assistance from the DA

Program	Target Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries Served	Allotted Amount (in PhP)	Utilized Amount (in PhP)
MSFFs	40,000	777 as of 22 April 2020	1 Billion	242.645 Million
Agri-based MSEs	150	15 as of 22 April 2020	1.5 Billion	114.5 Million credit fund approved

#### *Access to Agri-Fishery Products and Ensuring an Uninterrupted Supply Chain<sup>10</sup>*

Since the imposition of the ECQ, the *DA Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita* (KAK) project, which seeks to provide communities convenient access to agri-fishery products, has served 63 barangays and 13 subdivisions within the NCR and 31 provinces in CAR, Regions I, II, III, IV-A, MIMAROPA, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XI and XIII, specifically through the *KAK On Wheels*, and sold 10,812 kg. of fish and fishery products at affordable prices, benefitting 160,055 individuals through the *KAK-IsDA on the Go* of the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA). The project has also facilitated the delivery of 22,760.27 MT of commodities from Benguet, Nueva Vizcaya, and Oriental Mindoro to Metro Manila through *KAK-On Express* last week. Further, the PFDA facilitated the unloading of 59,025 MT of fish nationwide since the start of the ECQ.

The DILG has released an Advisory enjoining LGUs to implement innovative measures to bring the market/goods closer to people, such as: (i) marketing and delivery of goods through the use of various online platforms; (ii) community markets in subdivisions implemented through Home Owners Associations; and (iii) market on wheels or mobile *palengke*. The same Advisory also instructed LGUs to discontinue the imposition of “narrow or limited window period” for public and private establishments selling essential goods.

The DA has also provided assorted vegetable seeds, starter kits, and livestock to individuals and communities for the promotion of local backyard gardening amounting to PhP248.66 Million since the implementation of its Urban Agriculture Program, while the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has provided fingerlings, seedstock, and seaweed propagules to fish farmers amounting to PhP14.71 Million to support fish production.

Meanwhile, the Sugar Regulatory Administration sees no shortage of sugar supply in traders' warehouses in Luzon and has monitored the retail and whole prices of sugar within the NCR, and the retail prices of raw and refined sugar in Bacolod City to ensure that the same are within the suggested retail price.

As of 22 April 2020, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) has issued 8,001 IATF IDs to ensure assistance in the unhampered movement of cargo.

The IATF has approved the prototype of the Supply Chain Analysis dashboard application to address bottlenecks to the supply, distribution, and movement of essential goods and services. Said application is currently being polished by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Development Group and the University of the Philippines (UP) Public Administration - Regulatory Reform Support Program for National Development to ensure compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) on functionality, reliability, data privacy, and mandatory anti-cybercrime features.

The DOST-assisted agriculture-based Technology Business Incubators and Regional Research and Development Consortia distributed agri-based products, such as fruits, vegetables, duck eggs, slaughtered native chickens and seeds to households, frontliners, and farmers in rural communities.

The DAR is continually assisting the marketing and sale of farm products of ARBs. As of 24 April 2020, the DAR has assisted 673 ARB Organizations (ARBOs), thereby generating a total gross sale of PhP152 Million. In order to ensure the delivery of farm products to critical areas affected by the ECQ, the DAR has issued a total of 629 Quarantine Accreditation Passes to ARBs, ARBOs, and agrarian reform communities and cooperatives. The DOST-CAR, in coordination with the Tublay Municipal Agriculture Office, has assisted Benguet farmers in selling their vegetable products in the NCR.

#### *Protection of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)*

To decongest prison facilities, the DOJ has approved Board of Pardons and Parole Resolution No. OT-04-15-2020,<sup>11</sup> which simplifies the requirements and procedures for

the processing of applications for parole or executive clemency. Executive clemency is made available to those over 65 years old who have served at least five (5) years of their sentence, or those whose continued imprisonment is certified to be inimical to their health.

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) has noted that out of 3,384 elderly PDLs who are 60 years old and above and charged with light offenses or those punishable with *arresto menor* and *arresto mayor*, 1,927 have existing medical conditions and only 804 are non-recidivists, who may qualify for the proposed early release.

The BJMP has declared a total lockdown on all of its 468 supervised jail facilities nationwide. The BJMP likewise identified 222 Isolation Areas and established four (4) Regional Isolation Centers. The BJMP added that all probable and confirmed cases were either brought to COVID-19 isolation centers or hospitals for proper medication and health monitoring. In the Correctional Institution for Women, 18 COVID-19 positive PDLs have been identified and transferred to Site HARRY.

#### *Ensuring Water and Energy Supply<sup>12</sup>*

To ensure the adequate supply of clean water in the NCR, Cavite, Rizal, and Bulacan, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, in coordination with the Inter-agency Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Angat Dam Operation and Management, has retained the current water allocation of 46 cubic meters per second from the Angat Dam until 30 June 2020.

Due to this allocation, the water availability at 24 hours supply in the west zone covered by the Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (MWSI) increased from 36% prior to the ECQ to 89% as of date. The water availability at 24 hours supply in the east zone covered by the Manila Water Company, Inc. (MWCI) is now almost 100%.

The MWSI and the MWCI commit to provide, at no cost, water supply to the temporary quarantine facilities built at the World Trade Center, Ninoy Aquino Stadium, Rizal Memorial Stadium, North and South Towers of the Football Stadium 1 & 3 of the Philippine Sports Commission, and the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). A total of 27 shower facilities were installed at the World Trade Center for COVID-19 patients. An additional 10 facilities for frontliners and medical workers were completed on 11 April 2020. Line boosters were also installed in six (6) hospitals<sup>13</sup> in Quezon City to improve water supply in the area.

As of 23 April 2020, the available power capacity stood at 11,478 MW while peak demand was recorded at 8,228 MW in Luzon. The power supply had an excess of 3,250 MW which is 28% above the peak demand. The country's inventory of crude oil and petroleum products was measured at 49.3 days as of 20 April 2020.

The new power development projects of the National Power Corporation have been completed and are already operational.

## *Assistance to Other Sectors and Partnership with LGUs*

From the first week of April to 22 April 2020, the DICT has provided free WiFi to 31 public health facilities nationwide and 110 quarantine centers.

The DOF has allowed the electronic processing and issuance of LGU net debt service ceiling and borrowing capacity certificates to make it easier for LGUs tied up with quarantine enforcement to borrow money.<sup>14</sup> These transactions will ensure immediate assistance to LGUs availing of credit financing for provision of goods and services in response to COVID-19.

As part of the assistance to LGUs, the DILG, in coordination with the DSWD, has issued an advisory authorizing the inclusion of barangay frontliners, consisting of barangay *tanods*, barangay health care and daycare workers, as among the target beneficiaries of the SAP.

The National Government is continuously monitoring LGUs as regards their compliance with the rules and guidelines enforced during the ECQ. The DILG has issued Show Cause Orders against officials of LGUs that were found to have violated the aforesaid rules and guidelines.

**Table 5.** Summary of LGUs' Compliance with ECQ Guidelines

<b>Provinces</b>	<b>No. of Compliant LGUs</b>	<b>Cities</b>	<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Barangays</b>	<b>No. of Non-compliant LGUs (issued Show Cause Orders by the DILG)</b>
78	139		1,321	32,027	37

In line with the synchronization of local policies with the declared national policy in RA No. 11469, the DILG has also issued advisories on: (1) the implementation of appropriate safety protocols in the collection and management of waste from designated isolation or quarantine areas (e.g., wearing of appropriate protective equipment by collectors; use of disinfecting agents or solutions before and after transport; and further disinfection in landfills); (2) social distancing and basic infection prevention measures; and (3) provision of markets for municipal fisherfolk and small farmers.

## *Assistance to Students, Educators and Educational Institutions*

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) is coordinating with the DICT with the goal of enhancing the accessibility in internet connectivity of students and higher educational institutions (HEIs) especially during the period of ECQ. This includes getting special or reduced rates for internet services, free access and downloading of educational resources in the internet, and interconnectivity among state universities and colleges (SUCs).

Meanwhile, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) postponed 17 licensure examinations scheduled from March to June due to the ECQ. These examinations will be rescheduled later this year. The CHED and the PRC are closely working to ease the disruption of the scheduled licensure examinations.

## *Continuing Efforts on Information Dissemination*

The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) and its attached agencies further intensified the government's information drive on COVID-19 through the website, [www.covid19.gov.ph](http://www.covid19.gov.ph), virtual pressers, including those by the IATF, the National Task Force on COVID-19, and the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson, alongside the President's Talk to the Nation.

## II. Securing Facilities and Resources for the Health Sector and Other Frontliners

### *Human Resources for Health (HRH)*

To boost the number of healthcare frontliners, the DBM has approved the request of the DOH for the engagement of an additional 15,757 healthcare professionals under contract of service for a period of three (3) months, with a total budget of PhP2.7 Billion, chargeable against available released allotment of the DOH under the FY 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA). As of 22 April 2020, the DOH has received requests from seven (7) hospitals for emergency hiring of HRH and has approved 701 slots for hiring in five (5) hospitals.<sup>15</sup> The DOH reports that under its HRH Deployment Program, it has redeployed a total of 639 nurses<sup>16</sup> (192 in Luzon and 447 in Visayas and Mindanao) to DOH and local hospitals handling COVID-19 cases. As of 20 April 2020, 130 HRH were trained to collect and encode case data, 14 of whom were deployed to 12 hospitals in the NCR. This number is expected to increase as 97 HRH were scheduled for deployment to 51 hospitals last 24 April 2020.

Pursuant to RA No. 7160 or the "Local Government Code," as amended, LGUs are empowered to employ emergency or casual employees or laborers in the implementation of programs, activities or projects as part of local responses to COVID-19 pandemic. Compensation for this set of short-term employees or laborers may be charged against their general fund instead of their respective allocations from the *Bayanihan* Grant.

### *Referral Hospitals and Equipment by the Numbers*

As of 23 April 2020, a total of 1,101 COVID-referral hospitals have been designated across the country, with every region having at least one (1) hospital. The total number of dedicated beds for COVID-19 is 7,732 while the total number of mechanical ventilators for both private and public hospitals is 1,381.<sup>17</sup>

### *Provision of Healthcare Resources, Supplies, and Equipment*

The entire government continues to mobilize its resources to provide health and medical supplies and equipment to our frontliners. **Table 6** below is a summary of contributions, either procured from the respective agency budgets of various agencies and instrumentalities of the Executive Department or through distribution of donations from the private sector, based on available data.

**Table 6. Summary of Contributions or Distribution of Healthcare Resources by Government Agencies**

Department/ Agency/ GOCC	PPEs	Procured, Donated, or Contributed				Food Packs (FP)/ Food Products
		Face Masks/ Face Shields	Hygiene Kits/ Other Products	Medicine/ Equipment		
1. MMDA (assistance in transportation or distribution from private donors) <sup>18</sup>		To 6 hospitals	Aerosol boxes to 20 hospitals	1 generator and 1 refrigerated container van	Snacks to 36 institutions	
2. DENR-MGB <sup>19</sup>			432,584 households <sup>20</sup> and 34,131 frontliners <sup>21</sup>			
3. DENR			57,350 board feet of lumber (or a total of 138,866 board feet <sup>22</sup> of lumber as of 23 April 2020)			
4. EMB <sup>23</sup>	774 <sup>24</sup> 1,723 <sup>25</sup>	4,909 pieces of face masks 570 pieces of face shields	126 gallons of alcohol	1,510 vitamin C capsules	2,272 grocery packs, 1,615 kilos of rice, 3,210 pieces of eggs, and 100 pieces of whole dressed chickens	
5. OTS					652 FP <sup>26</sup>	
6. MIAA					Meals to 7,677 frontliners <sup>27</sup>	
7. PCG				Transported medical supplies <sup>28</sup>		
8. DSWD					511,977 <sup>29</sup>	
9. DTI-PITC	52,500 gowns, 52,500 aprons, 15,000 goggles, 52,500 shoe covers, and 2,800 hazmat suits (in 88 boxes)	10,500 facemasks				
10. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)	28,650	278,570	3,604 consisting of 2,176 bottles and 888 boxes of alcohol	21,047/ 23,689	127,150 FP	
11. AFP-ADB					46,296 FP	
12. AFP	50.91 tons					
13. DOE					For the week: 32,598 pieces of bread, 1,200 liters of milk, 300 cupcakes and 5 cauldrons of viand	
14. DOST <sup>30</sup>	942	10,450 / 63,424 and 9,180 face shields from regional	28,000 liters of disinfectant solution	2,500 vitamin C capsules	3,000 FP: 318,233 mingo meals for children; 4,179 bottles of beverages	

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		Face Masks/ Face Shields	Hygiene Kits/ Other Products	Medicine/ Equipment		
		offices				
15. TESDA (as of 22 April 2020)	2,726	239,632 / 22,849	8,019 liters of hand sanitizers and surface disinfectants	60 goggles	24,877 FP and 54,083 food products <sup>31</sup>	
16. SUCs (for the period 20 to 24 April 2020)		11,473 face masks, face shields, gloves and hair caps	577.32 liters of alcohol, 3,173 bottles of disinfectant and dishwashing liquid, and 5,552 bars of soap	211 bottles of vitamins	6,587 kilos of rice, 9,165 FP/meals/snacks; 1,260 bottled drinks	
17. DOH (for the period of 20 to 22 April 2020)	17,100 sets <sup>32</sup>			30 units of ventilators <sup>33</sup>		

Relative to the issuance of a license to operate, the FDA inspected a total of 44 new manufacturing facilities for alcohol - fourteen (14) are located in the NCR, four (4) in North Luzon, 13 in South Luzon, ten (10) in Visayas, and three (3) in Mindanao. Other manufacturing facilities inspected include: three (3) hand sanitizer manufacturing facilities in Mindanao, three (3) personal protective equipment (PPE) (face masks) manufacturing facilities in Region III, XI, and XII, and one (1) COVID-19 test kit manufacturing facility in the NCR.

As of 22 April 2020, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), through its Interim Reimbursement Mechanism, has released PhP10.075 Billion to 317 PhilHealth-accredited Health Care Institutions, either hospitals or medical clinics, to enable them to quickly respond to the COVID-19 threat.

The DBM, through its Procurement Service, has approved and issued a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) dated 23 April 2020 in the amount of PhP45.717 Billion to cover the funding requirements for the efficient implementation of programs and projects of the DOH under RA No. 11469. The SARO includes the allotment of PhP1.35 Billion for the purchase of 1,500 units of mechanical ventilators to serve the needs of DOH hospitals, selected LGU hospitals, military hospitals, and the UP-Philippine General Hospital (PGH).

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Environment Management Bureau (EMB) continues to ensure the proper transport and disposal of healthcare wastes for further treatment. It has issued a total of 424 Special Permits to Transport, wherein 11,723.04 metric tons of healthcare wastes are permitted for transport for further treatment. As of date, a total of 1,364.31 metric tons of healthcare wastes were transported for treatment while 766.72 metric tons of healthcare wastes have already undergone treatment in EMB-accredited Treatment, Sanitation, and Disposal (TSD) facilities. The DENR has been directed to address in its subsequent reports the concerns raised on the need for guidelines to the public on the proper disposal of used medical

supplies and other similar personal hygiene products, and to elaborate how TSD facilities ensure the safe and sanitary disposal of infectious healthcare wastes.

#### *Update on Test Kits, Testing Centers and Expanded Testing*

Pursuant to Section 4(b)<sup>34</sup> of RA No. 11469, the FDA continues to process and approve applications for test kits and other licenses in relation to COVID-19. **Tables 7, 8, and 9** below summarize the applications and approved test kits, as of available data.

**Table 7.** Processing of Application for Test Kits as of 22 April 2020<sup>35</sup>

Type of Application	Total Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	No. of Applications with Pending Requirements for Compliance
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)	175	74	15
Rapid	345	79	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>54</b>

**Table 8.** Total Approved Test Kits as of 22 April 2020<sup>36</sup>

Type of Test Kit	No. Approved
PCR Based Kits	32
Rapid Antibody Test Kits	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

**Table 9.** Processing of Applications under the Bayanihan One-Stop-Shop (BOSS)<sup>37</sup>

Total Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	No. of Applications Disapproved	No. of Applications Pending Approval
116	27	39	50

On 18 and 20 April 2020, the FDA released an issuance on the varying specifications and use of COVID-19 Rapid Antibody Test Kits<sup>38</sup> and performance testing of Antibody Test Kits with issued special certification, respectively.<sup>39</sup>

As of 24 April 2020, from 16 testing facilities as previously reported, the DOH has activated a total of 19 laboratories and hospitals for COVID-19 testing with maximum testing capacity of 6,220 a day. The DOH also reports that a new COVID-19 laboratory equipment capable of up to 45,000 tests a day arrived on 22 April 2020 and is currently lodged and being set-up at Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital. In addition, 9,000 pieces of Cepheid Xpert Xpress SARS COV-2 kits which are RT-PCR based kits are expected to arrive in the Philippines from 27 April to 28 April 2020.

The DOST deployed two (2) PCR machines to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine and one (1) PCR machine to the San Lazaro Hospital to increase their capacities for COVID-19 testing.

#### *COVID-19 Bed Capacity and Quarantine Facilities*

To augment the capacity of health facilities, the government has been constantly expanding its capacity and preparedness to address COVID-19 related cases through the conversion of facilities and properties into quarantine centers.

The DPWH and other agencies continue to prepare evacuation centers to be utilized as health/quarantine facilities, emergency operation centers, food hubs, and quarters for health workers. One (1) additional evacuation center has been converted for use in Region IX, while a total of nine (9) evacuation centers are now being used as health/quarantine facilities in Regions I, II, IV-A, V, VII, and XI, and one (1) as food hub in Region XI.

The foregoing health/quarantine facilities have served a total of 684 persons so far, from 575 that was reported on 20 April 2020. These numbers are distributed per region as shown in **Table 10** below:

**Table 10.** Distribution of Evacuation Centers converted into Health or Quarantine Facilities

Region	No. of Evacuation Centers being Used as Health/Quarantine Facilities	Estimated / Target Capacity per Region	Persons Served Per Region
I	8	184	37
II	2	70	4
III	2	67	139
IV-A	3	152	83
IV-B	2	200	114
V	2	64	70
VI	5	230	45
VII	7	307	90
VIII	2	90	18
IX	3	90	9
X	1	62	-
XI	3	85	32
XII	2	60	2
XIII	2	60	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>684</b>

In addition to the previously reported converted or for conversion quarantine facilities, additional sites such as the Filinvest Tent and Nayong Pilipino are currently being considered.

**Table 11** below shows a summary of completed converted quarantine centers, including those with ongoing or planned conversions (excluding evacuation centers), and their respective capacities.

**Table 11.** Facilities Converted or for Conversion into Quarantine Centers

Implementing Agency	Site	Estimated / Target Capacity	Date of Completion/ Persons Served <sup>40</sup>
1. DPWH and BCDA / AFP <sup>41</sup>	Ninoy Aquino Stadium	100 to 116	06 April 2020; 24 persons
2. DPWH and BCDA / PNP <sup>42</sup>	PICC-Forum	294	08 April 2020
3. DPWH and BCDA / Armed Forces of the Philippines	World Trade Center	502	09 April 2020
4. DPWH and BCDA / PNP	Rizal Memorial Coliseum	97 to 150	09 April 2020
5. DPWH, BCDA and CDC	ASEAN Convention Center	150	12 April 2020; Pending DOH evaluation prior to operation

Implementing Agency		Site	Estimated / Target Capacity	Date of Completion/ Persons Served <sup>40</sup>
6.	DPWH, BCDA and CDC	New Clark City-National Government Administrative Center	688	12 April 2020; Pending DOH evaluation prior to operation
7.	DPWH and BCDA	Philippine Sports Complex	132	18 April 2020
8.	DOTr	Floating Quarantine Hospitals	546	335 OFWs as of 24 April 2010
9.	DOTr, PPA, and PCG	South Harbor Passenger Terminal Building	211	Reported complete as of 23 April 2020
10.	DPWH	Philippine Arena	288 to 300	-
11.	AFP	BRP Ang Pangulo	28	-
12.	BCDA	New Clark City-Athletes' Village	520	Since February 2020
13.	-	Las Piñas Rehabilitation Center	50	-
14.	DOH	Quezon Institute	100	65% occupancy rate
15.	DOTr	Nayong Pilipino	-	being considered
16.	DPWH	Filinvest Tent	-	being considered
17.	PSALM <sup>43</sup>	Property in Bagac, Bataan	20 patients at any given time	15 active patients 14 discharged
18.	DOH	ULTRA Stadium	112	21.43% occupancy

For the period of 20 to 24 April 2020, two (2) additional SUCs used their facilities as quarantine facilities/crisis intervention units (CIUs). The total number of SUC facilities used as quarantine facilities/CIUs is now at 16, while 18 local universities and colleges were also converted as quarantine areas/isolation centers for suspected cases.

#### *Strengthening Contact Tracing Measures*

The DOH continues to roll out interventions in improving contact tracing efforts. It has revised its contact tracing strategy and simplified its training modules in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO). The DOH, with technical assistance from the WHO and a private enterprise, has deployed the enhanced COVID-19 Information System which involves an application using smartphones and tablets for case and contact tracing. This is set to undergo pilot testing in the Davao Region and Parañaque City by 27 April 2020.

The DOST has briefed Regional IATF (for COVID-19) units and Regional Development Councils for the deployment of *FASSSTER*<sup>44</sup> and *TanodCOVID*. The *FASSSTER* is the web-based disease surveillance platform that covers COVID-19. On the other hand, the *TanodCOVID* is a self-reporting application, which will enable LGUs to access report summaries, visualization, and mobile numbers and addresses of those who reported symptoms. When used by an LGU, the *TanodCOVID* will help the local officials and the DOH in the contact tracing of possible and suspected COVID-19 cases and decide on areas where mass testing must be administered.

For its part, the DICT is in the process of continuing its review and system deployment of *StaySafe.ph*, a community-driven social distancing system that enables COVID-19 case mapping and monitoring, symptoms reporting, medical consultation, and contact tracing.

The Commission on Population and Development's Demographic Vulnerabilities Tool (DVT) is now available on its website to guide national and local agencies in planning and implementing effective pandemic response at the local and community levels.<sup>45</sup> The DILG, the DOH, and the NEDA have drafted a Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) to operationalize the DVT.

#### *Clinical Trials*

The DOST will now start clinical trials to test the efficacy of virgin coconut oil in improving the condition of confirmed and probable COVID-19 patients. It also approved and allocated funds for the project that would allow UP Manila and 22 cooperating hospitals to participate in a multicenter trial that will provide data on the efficacy of candidate anti-viral drugs to Filipino populations infected with COVID-19.

### III. Establishing Sound Fiscal and Monetary Actions that are Responsive to All Stakeholders

#### *Moratoriums and other Relief Measures*

Pursuant to Section 4(aa)<sup>46</sup> of RA No. 11469, the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has continued implementing a moratorium on repayment of salary loans of 53,533 government employees. Under its RESPONSE Program,<sup>47</sup> the DBP has extended a moratorium on loan repayments for 111 borrower accounts, an increase from last week's 47 accounts, with offering tickets for payment moratorium.

Since the commencement of the ECQ period, the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation has validated 1,054 online applications for moratorium on housing loan payments.

The PhilHealth issued an advisory on the moratorium on contribution payments for February to April 2020 and extended the premium payment period for said months until 31 May 2020, without interest for all direct contributors.

Within the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April,<sup>48</sup> the DA has sent notices to 190 partner lending conduits to grant a one (1)-year loan payment moratorium to MSFF-borrowers under the DA's Survival and Recovery (SURE) Assistance Program.

The Presidential Agrarian Reform Council Executive Committee has approved the one (1) year moratorium for the payment of land amortization of ARBs, and the one (1) year extension of the Credit Assistance Program for Program Beneficiaries Development Window III, which provides continuous provision of credit assistance and capacity development to ARBOs and ARBs nationwide.

In line with the extension of the grace period for payment of premiums from 60 to 90 days for non-life insurance policies and premiums due for payment within the ECQ period, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has adopted the provision on "cover notes" under the Insurance Code, which allows the extension of expiring policies during the ECQ, in order to prevent any gap in insurance coverage. As of 13 April 2020, a total of 224 cover notes have been issued to the beneficiaries. Moreover, the GSIS has granted a total of PhP400.30 Million in emergency loans to a total of 24,924 active

members and old-age pensioners nationwide since it started rolling out its assistance program last 13 April 2020.

As of 23 April 2020, the Local Water Utilities Administration has approved the requests for suspension of loan amortization of a total of 16 water districts nationwide.

#### *Extension of Submission of Documents, Deadlines, and Renewal of Permits*

Pursuant to Section 4(z)<sup>49</sup> of RA No. 11469, various government agencies have extended the deadline for application for renewal of licenses and permits and offered new modes to file documents within their respective regulatory jurisdictions, as shown in **Table 12** below.

**Table 12.** Update on Extension of Deadlines and Other Modes to Avail of Service

Department/ Agency/ GOCC	Issuance No.	Date Issued	Subject Matter/ Description
1. Securities and Exchange Commission	Memorandum Circular No. 13 (s. 2020)	21 April 2020	Extending the deadline of submission of Sustainability Report by Publicly Listed Companies
2. Insurance Commission	Circular Letter No. 2020-44	17 April 2020	Allowing the electronic filing of complaints, other pleadings, and/or motions cognizable by the IC Claims Adjudication Division and Regulation, Enforcement, and Prosecution Division for the duration of the ECQ.
3. BIR	Revenue Memorandum Circular Nos. 42-2020 to 44-2020	17 April 2020	Prescribing guidelines for: (1) filing and payment of Income Tax Returns for Taxable Year 2019; (2) acceptance of payment of internal revenue taxes during the ECQ period; and (3) issuance of temporary electronic copies of value-added tax (VAT) Certificates and VAT Identification Cards due to the continuing implementation of the ECQ.

The DOF-Bureau of Local Government Finance monitored that 198 out of 1,715 LGUs have voluntarily extended their deadlines<sup>50</sup> for payment of taxes, fees, and charges.

Further, the DOF and the DILG are currently finalizing a JMC on the adoption of temporary emergency measures which include moving statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of documents, payment of taxes, fees, and other charges at the LGU level. In the meantime, the DILG is continuously monitoring compliance of LGUs with the directive concerning the Provision of Temporary Economic Relief to Individuals and Businesses in LGUs which includes the relaxation of the imposition of fines and extension of statutory deadlines and timelines for payment of, among others, real property tax, business tax, and other charges set by law or local ordinances due and demandable by the end of the first quarter of the year.

#### *Fiscal Measures of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)*

The BSP waived transaction fees for participants of the Philippine Payment and Settlement System (PhilPaSS) from 13 to 30 April 2020.<sup>51</sup> The BSP also recognized loans granted to MSMEs as alternative compliance with the reserve requirement imposed

on banks, quasi-banks, and trust departments.<sup>52</sup> This will allow banks to tap into their funds with the BSP for targeted lending to the MSME sector.

### *Budgetary Measures to Fund COVID-19 Effort*

Pursuant to Section 4(v)<sup>53</sup> of RA No. 11469, out of the PhP246.283 Billion total pooled savings from discontinued programs, activities and projects (P/A/Ps) and abandoned Special Purpose Funds reported by the DBM last week, the following allotments and cash allocations have already been released as of 23 April 2020 to the following agencies:

**Table 13.** Summary of Allotments and Cash Allocations

Agency/Program	Allotments (in PhP)	Cash Allocations (in PhP)	Funding Source
DSWD	196,044,703,507.00	196,044,703,507.00	FY 2020 GAA
DOLE	1,500,000,000.00	1,500,000,000.00	FY 2020 GAA
Assistance to LGUs (ALGU) - Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities	30,823,759,246.00	30,823,759,246.00	FY 2020 GAA
ALGU - Bayanihan Grant to Provinces	6,197,287,773.00	6,197,287,773.00	FY 2020 GAA
DOH	1,912,500,000.00	1,816,875,000.00	FY 2020 GAA
DA	8,500,000,000.00	8,500,000,000.00	FY 2020 GAA
DILG-PNP	93,099,182.00	93,099,182.00	FY 2020 GAA
DND-AFP	150,702,648.00	150,702,648.00	FY 2020 GAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>245,222,052,356.00</b>	<b>245,126,427,356.00</b>	

In accordance with Section 4(x)<sup>54</sup> of RA No. 11469, as of 23 April 2020, the following additional allotments and cash allocations have already been released to the following departments/agencies to cover their COVID-19 response activities, which can be attributed to their existing P/A/Ps within the FY 2020 GAA and the FY 2019 Continuing Appropriations:

**Table 14.** Reprogramed, Reallocated and Realigned Funds that can be Attributed to Existing P/A/Ps

Agency	Allotments (in PhP)	Cash Allocations** (in PhP)	Funding Source
DOH	600,000,000.00	600,000,000.00	FY 2020 GAA (NDRRMF)
DFA	5,094,700.00	-	FY 2020 GAA (Contingent Fund)
DSWD*	4,399,565,846.00	3,908,259,846.00	FY 2019 GAA and FY 2020 GAA
DILG	548,029,000.00	520,627,550.00	FY 2020 GAA (Contingent Fund)
DOST		53,230,732.00	FY 2020 GAA
DOLE	2,645,000,000.00	5,065,394,542.00	FY 2019 GAA and FY 2020 GAA
DND	128,091,703.00	230,817,337.00	FY 2019 GAA
DOJ	-	41,095,945.00	Trust Receipts
OEO-OPAPP*	500,000.00	21,628,902.00	FY 2020 GAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,326,281,249.00</b>	<b>10,441,054,854.00</b>	

Note: \*Figures are inclusive of modifications on previously issued allotment

\*\*Net of withholding taxes

To prevent unnecessary expenses in these trying times, the DBM also issued National Budget Circular No. 580 last 22 April 2020 on the adoption of austerity measures by the government, wherein national government agencies, including SUCs and government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), receiving budgetary appropriations under the FY 2020 GAA and the FY 2019 Continuing Appropriations, shall discontinue at least 10% of the total released allotments for Maintenance and Other

Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays earmarked for certain items, effective 01 April 2020.

As of 23 April 2020, the DOF has collected PhP128.72 Billion in dividends, fees, returns of unutilized subsidies, and other remittances from various GOCCs. Of these, PhP90.67 Billion has been remitted to the Bureau of the Treasury since 24 March 2020. This is the highest amount ever collected in a span of one (1) month.

#### IV. Responsive and Sustainable Recovery Plan

The Final Report of the TWG on Anticipatory and Forward Planning (TWG Report) was submitted to the IATF on 22 April 2020. Said report outlines the three (3) phases of the government's response against the threat of COVID-19, namely: (1) response, (2) mitigation, and (3) transition to the new normal.

In the response phase, the strategies focus on strengthening the health system by increasing the number of COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, quarantine facilities, hospital beds, and medical equipment to curb the transmission of COVID-19. The mitigation phase provides strategies to ensure food security and reduce financial losses. Said strategies seek to define conditions that will allow social and economic activities to proceed while observing the rules set forth by the IATF and the DOH to limit the transmission of COVID-19. The transition to the new normal phase directly responds to the comments of some Senators to engage a whole-of-government approach in formulating programs under the new normal scenario, provide an Economic Risk Assessment Plan, and to study the possible resumption of high-value sectors with a low risk of spreading the virus.

Aligned with adopting a whole-of-nation approach, the NEDA is set to convene inter-agency committees wherein departments, agencies, offices, LGUs, and local development councils shall submit their priority programs and projects and identify their respective budget priorities for FY 2021 in line with the strategies defined in said TWG Report.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shared with the Board of Investments (BOI), data<sup>55</sup> from its establishment-based survey to assist the BOI in formulating measures to mitigate the adverse economic impact of the ECQ on investments. It is likewise currently conducting its Labor Force Survey (LFS) to provide policy makers with relevant information on the impact of COVID-19 on employment and number of hours of work during the ECQ period. The LFS also included questions for NEDA's Rapid Assessment Survey on the impact of COVID-19 on consumers to enable policymakers to adopt responsive measures to aid consumers and boost the economy.

To be able to adapt to a "new normal" in carrying out its mandate of providing skills, employment and livelihood to Filipinos after the pandemic, the TESDA espouses *OPLAN TESDA Abot Lahat: TVET Towards a New Normal*, which is consistent with the NEDA's three-phase program of intervention proposal for the mitigation of the social and economic impact of COVID-19. The Operational Plan is anchored on the three (3) phases of possible quarantine restrictions and periods: Survival (during ECQ), Transition (modified community quarantine after the lifting of ECQ), and Structural (barangay community quarantine).

The CHED is also in discussion with SUCs and private HEIs on flexible learning plans and arrangements in preparation for possible post-ECQ scenarios.

To aid in the development of LGU post-rehabilitation plans, the DILG has undertaken the consolidation of directives and issuances pertaining to COVID-19 and the mapping out of provisions for interventions to enable LGUs to address the adverse effects of the pandemic. Additionally, the Local Government Academy has undertaken the conduct of a focus group discussion with the DILG central and regional officials and Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officers, guided by the UP Resilience Institute, on the formulation of a proposed Protocol for COVID Rehabilitation and Recovery Framework.

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<sup>1</sup> **Section 4(c).** Provide an emergency subsidy to around eighteen (18) million low income households: *Provided*, That the subsidy shall amount to a minimum of Five thousand pesos (₱5,000) to a maximum of Eight thousand pesos (₱8,000) a month for two (2) months: *Provided, further*, That the subsidy shall be computed based on the prevailing regional minimum wage rates: *Provided, finally*, That the subsidy received from the current conditional cash transfer program and rice subsidy shall be taken into consideration in the computation of the emergency subsidy as provided for in this Act.

<sup>2</sup> **Section 4(cc).** Implement an expanded and enhanced Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program, responsive to the need posed by the crisis, and provision of an assistance program, whether in cash or non-cash, whichever is more practicable, where the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, or the Secretary of Labor and Employment, when relevant, shall transfer cash, cash voucher, or goods through the LGUs or directly to households who have no incomes or savings to draw from, including households working in the informal economy and those who are not currently recipients of the current Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program, of an amount adequate to restore capacity to purchase basic food and other essential items during the duration of the quarantine. To carry out this subsection, the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment may approve the temporary emergency standards of eligibility and level of benefits.

<sup>3</sup> The discrepancy pointed out by Senator Francis Pangilinan in the number of beneficiaries served (4,054,360) was due to a mathematical error. The additional 284,614 non-4Ps beneficiaries for 17 and 18 April 2020 was correctly reflected in the breakdown of said figure.

<sup>4</sup> Sourced from the pooled savings from discontinued unreleased appropriations and the DSWD's regular appropriations.

<sup>5</sup> The SBWS Program covers small businesses not included in the BIR's list of 2,745 Large Taxpayers. Said businesses are classified into category A, those forced to close down, such as malls and other retail establishments; and category B, those only allowed to operate with a skeletal force, such as BPOs. Small businesses involved in wholesale and retail trade, and manufacturers of non-essentials, garments, and textiles are pre-qualified in the program, provided that they are fully compliant with SSS and BIR regulations. An estimated 1.63 Million employees are eligible under category A, while around 1.75 Million, or 50% of 3.49 Million employees under category B, are eligible under the program.

<sup>6</sup> The EOC, which started formal operations on 19 March 2020, continues to receive and respond to transportation-related queries from the public to give a better understanding of the policies implemented during the Luzon-wide ECQ.

<sup>7</sup> FDA Advisory No. 2020-549 dated 17 April 2020.

<sup>8</sup> FDA Circular No. 2020-15 dated 21 April 2020.

<sup>9</sup> **Section 4(n).** Ensure the availability of credit to the productive sectors of the economy especially in the countryside through measures such as, but not limited to, lowering the effective lending rates of interest and reserve requirements of lending institutions.

<sup>10</sup> **Section 4(p).** Ensure the availability of essential goods, in particular food and medicine, by adopting measures as may reasonably be necessary to facilitate and/or minimize disruption to the supply chain, especially for basic commodities and services to the maximum extent possible.

<sup>11</sup> Interim Rules on Parole and Executive Clemency.

<sup>12</sup> **Section 4(u).** Conserve and regulate the distribution and use of power, fuel, energy, and water, and ensure adequate supply of the same.

<sup>13</sup> The six (6) hospitals in Quezon City are the New Era Hospital, Quirino Memorial Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, Philippine Heart Center, East Avenue Medical Center, and the National Kidney and Transplant Institute.

<sup>14</sup> Bureau of Local Government Finance Memorandum Circular No. 7-2020 dated 23 March 2020.

<sup>15</sup> UP-PGH, Lung Center of the Philippines, Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, RITM, and East Avenue Medical Center.

<sup>16</sup> Note that last week's HRH figure (743) consist of 632 nurses and 111 medical residency graduates.

- <sup>17</sup> There is a noted decrease in this week's reported number of available ventilators from last week's 1,697. This will be subject to further validation.
- <sup>18</sup> As of 23 April 2020.
- <sup>19</sup> Utilizing mining companies' re-aligned unutilized funds from their Social Development Management Program in the amount of PhP151.27 Million as of 22 April 2020, an increase from last week's reported amount of PhP109.03 Million, to provide hygiene kits and food packs to households and frontliners in mining host communities and its neighboring areas.
- <sup>20</sup> An increase from last week's 186,555 households.
- <sup>21</sup> An increase from last week's 17,055 frontliners.
- <sup>22</sup> From last week's 79,434 board feet.
- <sup>23</sup> From 17 April to 23 April 2020.
- <sup>24</sup> Sets of coverall suits.
- <sup>25</sup> Pairs of surgical gloves.
- <sup>26</sup> As of 23 April 2020.
- <sup>27</sup> Worth PhP904,948.00.
- <sup>28</sup> Worth PhP6,456,295.00.
- <sup>29</sup> Distributed to LGUs. The figure is the total amount from a baseline of 62,359 Family FPs as of 24 March 2020.
- <sup>30</sup> Given to PNP for distribution.
- <sup>31</sup> Baked goods, food packs, and other products.
- <sup>32</sup> 17,100 out of the total 31,100 PPE sets procured by the DBM-PS for the period have been distributed by the Office of Civil Defense to 13 private hospitals, nine (9) public hospitals, three (3) Centers for Health Development, the New Clark City, and the Philippine Air Force, while 16,300 PPE sets are expected to be delivered. These are in addition to the 83,000 PPE sets distributed from 01 to 14 April 2020.
- <sup>33</sup> Thirty (30) Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure Ventilators have been distributed to the Lung Center of the Philippines (5 machines), Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital (10 machines), UP-PGH (10 machines), East Avenue Medical Center (4 machines), and Quirino Memorial Medical Center (1 machine).
- <sup>34</sup> **Section 4(b).** Expedite and streamline the accreditation of testing kits and facilitate prompt testing by public and designated private institutions of PUIs and PUMs, and the compulsory and immediate isolation and treatment of patients: *Provided*, That the cost of treatment for COVID-19 patients shall be covered under the National Health Insurance Program of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.
- <sup>35</sup> The table shows total number of received applications from distributors. Some products have multiple distributors.
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- <sup>37</sup> A single window concierge for all government agencies involved in the processing of license for importation of COVID-19 critical commodities. Of the 50 applications for processing, 43 are for payment; two (2) are under evaluation, and five (5) are for pre-assessment.
- <sup>38</sup> FDA Advisory No. 2020-671.
- <sup>39</sup> FDA Memorandum No. 2020-011.
- <sup>40</sup> Data for patients occupying or using some quarantine centers is not yet available.
- <sup>41</sup> The AFP has commenced its operations at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium with 66 AFP personnel deployed composed of 21 medical staff, 12 administrative staff, and 33 security staff.
- <sup>42</sup> The completed facilities of the PICC-Forum were handed over to the PNP Medical Corps last 15 April 2020.
- <sup>43</sup> Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation.
- <sup>44</sup> Feasibility Analysis of Syndromic Surveillance using Spatio-Temporal Epidemiological Modeler.
- <sup>45</sup> The DVT is based on the analysis of four (4) important characteristics of every barangay during a pandemic: (1) the number of houses measuring less than 20 square meters in the barangay; (2) the number of individuals living in a house; (3) the number of individuals 60 years of age and older living in houses less than 20 square meters; and (4) the number of individuals 60 years of age and older living alone.
- <sup>46</sup> **Section 4 (aa).** Direct all banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies, and other financial institutions, public and private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, to implement a minimum of a thirty (30)-day grace period for the payment of all loans, including but not limited to salary, personal, housing, and motor vehicle loans, as well as credit card payments, falling due within the period of the enhanced Community Quarantine without incurring interests, penalties, fees or other charges, persons with multiple loans shall likewise be given the minimum thirty (30)-day grace period for every loan.
- <sup>47</sup> The DBP's Rehabilitation Support Program on Severe Events (RESPONSE) Program is an existing program that extends financial support to public and private institutions, whether existing or new clients, located and/or operating in areas affected by a calamity such as the COVID-19 health event.
- <sup>48</sup> Up to 22 April 2020.
- <sup>49</sup> **Section 4(z).** Move statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of any document, the payment of taxes, fees, and other charges required by law, and the grant of any benefit, in order to ease the burden on individuals under Community Quarantine.
- <sup>50</sup> Pending issuance of DOF and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) policy on the extension of deadline of payment of taxes, fees, and other charges of LGUs.
- <sup>51</sup> BSP Memorandum No. 2020-027 dated 21 April 2020.
- <sup>52</sup> BSP Circular No. 1083 dated 22 April 2020.

<sup>53</sup> **Section 4(v).** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, direct the discontinuance of appropriated programs, projects or activities (P/A/P) of any agency of the Executive Department, including government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), in the FYs 2019 and 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA), whether released or unreleased, the allotments for which remain unobligated, and utilize the savings generated therefrom to augment the allocation for any item directly related to support operations and response measures, which are necessary or beneficial in order to address the COVID-19 emergency, consistent with the herein declared national policy xxx.

<sup>54</sup> **Section 4(x).** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, reprogram, reallocate, and realign from savings on other items of appropriations in the FY 2020 GAA in the Executive Department, as may be necessary and beneficial to fund measures that address and respond to the COVID-19 emergency, including social amelioration for affected communities, and the recovery of areas, sectors and industries severely affected. All amounts so reprogrammed, reallocated or realigned shall be deemed automatically appropriated for such measures to address the COVID-19 situation within the period specified under Section 9 hereof.

<sup>55</sup> Said data includes number of establishments, total employment, total income, gross value-added, and total compensation.

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