

**REPORT TO THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act," I respectfully submit this twelfth weekly report on the programs and activities of 82 departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Executive branch for the whole-of-government response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of these updates were reported to the Office of the Executive Secretary on **12 June 2020 (Friday)**.

We continue to focus the discussion on the four 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. As in the previous submissions, this report includes responses to the questions and observations of the members of the Senate, and incorporates proposals for a more effective implementation of RA No. 11469 consistent with the declared policy therein.

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

*Update on the Social Amelioration Programs (SAPs)*

Updates on the implementation of the Emergency Subsidy Program pursuant to Section 4 (c)<sup>1</sup> and (cc)<sup>2</sup> of RA No. 11469, particularly the (1) Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation Program (AICS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and (2) the COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP) *Abot-Kamay ang Pagtulong* (AKAP) for Displaced Overseas Filipinos Workers (OFWs) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) are summarized in **Table 1**, as follows:

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

Imple menting Agency	Program	Estimated Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries Served	Allotted Amount	Remarks
1. DSWD	AICS	17,946,554 <sup>3</sup>  Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4,287,676 Million (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiaries [4Ps])</li><li>• 13,560,746 (Non-4Ps)</li><li>• 98,132 [Transport Network Vehicle Service (TNVS) and Public Utility Vehicles]</li></ul>	17,654,832 (98%) as of 12 June 2020  Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4,239,125<sup>4</sup> (4Ps)</li><li>• 13,317,575 (Non-4Ps)</li><li>• 98,132<sup>5</sup> (TNVS and PUVs in NCR)</li></ul>	PhP101,484,052,400.00 <sup>6</sup>  Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PhP18,574,264,900.00 (4Ps)</li><li>• PhP82,124,731,500.00 (Non-4Ps)</li><li>• PhP785,056,000.00 (TNVS and PUVs in NCR)</li></ul>	Total disbursed amount is PhP100,988,272,850.00 of which PhP99,827,981,800.00 total assistance has been provided.  For 4Ps: Total disbursed amount is PhP18,547,082,150.00, of which PhP18,379,387,250.00 has been received by the beneficiaries.  For non-4Ps: Total disbursed amount is PhP81,656,134,700.00, <sup>7</sup> of which PhP80,663,538,550.00 has been received by the beneficiaries.

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		(PUVs) in the National Capital Region (NCR)]			For TNVS and PUVs in NCR: Total assistance provided is PhP785,056,000.00.	
2.	DOLE	CAMP AKAP for displaced OFWs	Estimated total beneficiaries: 250,000 On Site OFWs - 170,00 Repatriated - 80,000	153,322 OFWs/beneficia ries paid (61.32%)	PhP2.5 Billion	PhP1.568 Billion utilized
Total number of beneficiaries subject to deduplication process <sup>8</sup>		20,092,662	19,382,796			

With regard to the Financial Subsidy for Rice Farmers of the Department of Agriculture (DA), as reported the previous week, 100% of the PhP3 Billion<sup>9</sup> allotted for its 591,246 beneficiaries have been transferred to the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP).<sup>10</sup>

There is no significant development in the breakdown of payouts to non 4Ps beneficiaries per region from the previous weeks. However, the target beneficiaries continue to be adjusted as the DSWD excludes listed names in the original lists for not being qualified. Around 1,146 (70%) local government units (LGUs) have submitted partial or complete liquidation reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of the emergency cash subsidy payment.<sup>11</sup>

The DSWD has provided other relief assistance to affected families amounting to PhP482,302,832.95 as of 12 June 2020, consisting of 1,140,379 family food packs (FPs),<sup>12</sup> among others.<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has distributed food packs to a total of 119,637 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) out of the targeted 124,448 ARBs under its "PaSSOver: ARBold Move for Deliverance of our Farmers from the COVID-19 Pandemic" project.

A data sharing agreement among the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and DSWD, to improve reporting processes and data quality is being finalized.

On 09 June 2020, Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 02, s. 2020, entitled, "Joint Implementing Guidelines for the Implementation of the Social Amelioration Program for the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tranche" was issued, providing guidelines for the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of the emergency cash subsidy payment. The DSWD will take the lead in the distribution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche, to be assisted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

#### SAPs for Small Businesses

As of 11 June 2020, more than PhP44 Billion worth of subsidies for two (2) months have been credited directly to the Small Business Wage Subsidy (SBWS) program beneficiaries. For the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche, 3.05 million or 98% of the 3.09 million qualified beneficiaries, have received their cash grants totaling PhP22.78 Billion. The remaining 40,000 employees are either awaiting confirmation or requiring correction of

their bank account or mobile phone numbers. A total of 2.96 million or 97% of qualified beneficiaries, have also received their 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of wage subsidies amounting to PhP21.24 Billion.

Adjustments have been made to the payout dates – from 29 April 2020 to 17 June 2020 for the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche and from 16 May 2020 to 17 June 2020 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche – to give the SBWS Task Force time to check for duplication of subsidies with the DOLE CAMP and correction of eligible employee payout details by employers. Initial matching between the CAMP and SBWS program lists showed that around 193,000 out of 680,000 CAMP recipients are also beneficiaries of the SBWS. A grievance mechanism has been placed to resolve issues from the matching process. Payouts for these specific cases have been extended to 25 June 2020.

Out of the PhP203,000,000.00 downloaded to provincial offices of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as part of the *Livelihood Seeding Program - Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay*, PhP40,913,546.00 (20.15%) has already been utilized. Preparatory work, which started as early as first week of May 2020 (e.g., identification of beneficiaries, profiling, beneficiary validation, and procurement), are still ongoing. Field activities such as consultations with LGUs, orientations/briefings, seminars on DTI programs, *Negosyo Center* services, entrepreneurial mind-setting, simple business planning workshop, business name registration and barangay micro business enterprise registration, and consumer rights and privileges/discounts to senior citizens and persons with disabilities also commenced last week. Eight regions (Regions II, III, VII, VIII, IX, X, and the Cordillera Administrative Region and CARAGA Region) covering 364 barangays and 3,608 people have been served. The DTI has identified 4,171 potential beneficiaries who are currently undergoing validation process while an additional 925 inquiries were received between 05 and 11 June 2020.

Under its *Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-Asenso - COVID-19 Assistance to Restart Enterprises (CARES) Program*, the DTI received a total of 9,817 inquiries from 05 June to 11 June 2020, while the Small Business Corporation's online application, which was launched on 08 June 2020, received a total of 753 loan applications. Of the total number of online applications, 75.2% (566) are from Luzon, 16% (121) from Mindanao, and 8.8% (66) from Visayas. To date, 12 loan applications with an aggregate amount of PhP1.220 Million have been approved and released.

#### *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 Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Manila International Airport Authority, Mactan Cebu International Airport, Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), Clark International Airport Corporation, and Clark Development Corporation, Metro Manila Development Authority, Toll Regulatory Board, Philippine Coast Guard and other government agencies continue to provide transportation assistance to ferry health workers, frontliners, OFWs, and other persons in need; logistical assistance in the distribution of medical supplies and food relief; assistance and emergency response to vehicles, passengers, and stranded seafarers; and repatriation services for OFWs and foreigners.

The DFA facilitated the repatriation of 4,258 OFWs consisting of 2,005 sea-based workers and 2,253 land-based workers from ten (10) countries. The DILG has been continuously assisting the safe transportation of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) to their respective provinces, and as of 08 June 2020, a total of 24,069 LSIs have returned to their respective provinces. As of 11 June 2020, the DOT has assisted in the repatriation of 29,297 stranded foreign tourists, served 9,682 stranded domestic tourists, and distributed 21,568 tourist care kits. Through the government's *Hatid-Probinsya para sa mga OFWs* program, 9,714 OFWs have been assisted as of 11 June 2020, by way of deployment of 538 buses and issuance of 396 special permits.

#### *Protection of Consumers and Related Measures*

Consistent with our continuing efforts to enforce RA No. 7581 or the "Price Act," the *Bantay Presyo* Task Force of the DA continues to conduct price monitoring operations in 12 regions nationwide, and issue notices of violations to retailers found to be overpricing;<sup>14</sup> the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) in 123 markets;<sup>15</sup> and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 137 establishments.

Of the total 34 complaints received (24 on residential rent and 10 on commercial rent), 20 (59%) complaints have already been mediated and resolved as part of enforcing DTI Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 20-12 dated 04 April 2020, which granted a 30-day grace period for residential and commercial rent falling due within the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).

As of 10 June 2020, the FDA, in coordination with the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the PNP – Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, has seized and confiscated various products amounting to PhP55,012,220.75 for violation of the Price Act and RA No. 9711 or the "FDA Act of 2009." The FDA also issued an advisory on the risks associated with the use of Favipiravir, an antiviral medication used to treat influenza,<sup>16</sup> and the COVID-19 Medical Device Frequently Asked Questions.<sup>17</sup>

#### *Other Assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and Productive Sectors<sup>18</sup>*

The DA, through the Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC), continues to enhance the provision of concessionary loans to marginal small farmers and fishers (MSFFs) and agri-fishery based micro and small entrepreneurs (MSEs) through the Expanded SURE Aid and Recovery Project, the details of which are summarized below:

**Table 2. Status of Other Assistance from the DA**

	Target Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries Served	Allotted Amount (in PhP)	Utilized Amount (in PhP)
MSFFs	40,000	17,682 as of 09 June 2020	1 Billion	PhP386.29 Million <sup>19</sup>
Agri-fishery based MSEs	150	70 as of 09 June 2020	1.5 Billion	501.35 Million

As previously reported, these loan programs serve to complement financial grants and assistance given by other departments and agencies. To broaden the reach of the program, the DA has sought to increase its information dissemination efforts, while the ACPC has negotiated partnerships between financial technology and payment services providers<sup>20</sup> and ACPC partner lending conduits for the use of cash cards and e-wallets in loan disbursement.<sup>21</sup>

## *Access to Agri-Fishery Products and Ensuring an Uninterrupted Supply Chain<sup>22</sup>*

The DA, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), BFAR and DTI continue with their efforts and programs to ensure the seamless movement of agri-fishery goods to consumers in areas under community quarantine, such as the *Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita* (KAK) project, Urban Agriculture Program, KAK-IsDA on the Go program, and *Kadiwa Diskwento Karavan*. From 05 June to 28 June 2020, 42 *Diskwento Caravans* were facilitated in coordination with the DA (*Kadiwa on Wheels*) and/or with concerned LGUs (Rolling Stores). These caravans served 141 barangays and benefitted 16,175 households with 256 participating retailers, generating a total of PhP14.244 Million in cash sales.

With the need to increase food production efforts, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) continues to offer free online courses through "e-Learning for Agriculture and Fisheries."<sup>23</sup> As of 09 June 2020, the e-Learning has a total of 2,076 enrollees with 1,785 graduates and 26 online course offerings related to urban agriculture.<sup>24</sup>

The DAR is continuously assisting ARB organizations (ARBOs) in marketing their agricultural products, and as of 10 June 2020, 3,747 ARBOs have been assisted, with a generated total sales of PhP641.51 Million. Additionally, in partnership with the DTI, the DAR has been assisting ARBOs in developing and marketing food and non-food products from raw materials produced by ARBs and other farmers.

The DTI - Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) joint collaboration effort has assisted 1,360 existing Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and ARBOs, and developed 39 new MSMEs in 892 Agrarian Reform Communities. These MSMEs operate 1,362 projects/businesses, 71% of which are focused on processed food products and 29% on non-food products. Technical services<sup>25</sup> amounting to PhP23 Million have been extended under the DTI-CARP collaboration effort and the continuous partnership of the DAR with other CARP-implementing agencies. Said technical services for ARBs and ARBOs resulted in generating investments amounting to PhP247.9 Million, sales of PhP498.5 Million, and employment of 23,755 individuals.<sup>26</sup>

The SRA reports that based on the stock balance as of 08 June 2020, the supply of raw sugar and refined sugar remain stable and stocks are estimated to be sufficient for four a half (4 1/2) months.

## *Ensuring Water and Energy Supply<sup>27</sup>*

To alleviate the hardships of consumers in paying their water bills that have accumulated during the period of implementation of an ECQ and Modified ECQ, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System directed water concessionaires to reflect the actual water consumption of consumers. The concessionaires were ordered to verify the consumers' consumption patterns, check irregularities, and automatically withhold statements of account (SOAs) with observed significant deviation for further investigation and necessary adjustments. Lifeline consumers or those who consume ten (10) cubic meters per month or less can settle their SOAs until 01 September 2020, while non-life consumers or those who consume more than ten (10) cubic meters per month can settle their SOAs in staggered amounts until 01 August 2020.

The country's supply situation remains adequate for both power and downstream oil sectors. However, the power sector experienced tightness in supply<sup>28</sup> particularly in the Luzon grid because of unplanned/forced outages of some power plants and restricted natural gas output from Malampaya. Nonetheless, the major grids exhibited excess capacity over peak demand: Luzon at 27% (3,691 MW); Visayas at 32% (831 MW); and Mindanao at 33% (844 MW).<sup>29</sup> Luzon recorded its highest peak demand of 10,484 MW on 08 June 2020. Visayas' and Mindanao's highest peak demand both occurred on 04 June 2020 at 2,007 MW and 1,891 MW, respectively.

The National Transmission Corporation is proceeding with the Feed In Tariff (FIT) Payments for FIT-Eligible Renewable Energy Developers to ensure that they have the means to support their operations. Full payment of FIT revenue was made on 05 June 2020 to 49 FIT-Eligible Renewable Energy Plants amounting to PhP1.92 Billion for actual energy generation covering 26 March to 25 April 2020 billing period.

As of 6:00 o'clock in the morning of 11 June 2020, the water level in the Angat reservoir is at 188.27 meters, which is 8.27 meters above the minimum operating water level of 180 meters. The water level in the Ipo Dam increased to 101.11 meters, while the level at the La Mesa Dam decreased to 75.77 meters. The water level in the Laguna Lake at elevation increased to a range of 10.80 to 10.87 meters, well-above the minimum critical level of 10.50 meters.

#### *Other Forms of Assistance and Partnership with LGUs*

In addition to the SAPs, the DSWD, through its regular AICS, has served 172,921 clients<sup>30</sup> for COVID-related concerns (e.g., support services, medical assistance, burial assistance, food assistance, transportation assistance, educational assistance).<sup>31</sup> Further, a total of 2,156,794 indigent senior citizens have received their social pension for the first semester of 2020 and/or their unpaid social pension for 2019, in the total amount of PhP6,470,382,000.00.

The DSWD has recorded relief assistance (FPs, ready-to-eat food, hygiene kits, masks, alcohol, etc.) provided by LGUs amounting to PhP12,972,962,615.06, from non-governmental organizations amounting to PhP398,950,589.83, and from other private partners in the amount of PhP31,843,409.56.<sup>32</sup>

Pursuant to Administrative Order (AO) No. 27 (s. 2020), the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) is mandated to consolidate all donations from foreign governments and entities, among others, to the National Government and the DOH. A summary of these foreign donations coordinated with and recorded by the OCD, is attached as **Annex A.**<sup>33</sup>

Consistent with the government's initiative to implement the *Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-aso (BP2) Program* (BP2), the DSWD has issued Memorandum Circular No. 15, s. 2020,<sup>34</sup> relative to the BP2 component activities of the DSWD.

The DILG is continuously monitoring LGUs on their compliance with the rules and guidelines in the implementation of a community quarantine. As of 11 June 2020, a total of 78 provinces, 140 cities, 1,355 municipalities and 32,582 barangays have been found compliant with the said guidelines.

With the aim of increasing mobility during the "new normal," the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has created a Technical Working Group to directly coordinate with the DOTR and the MMDA for the preparation of a conceptual design and construction of a Metro Manila-wide bicycle lane for national and local roads. A Technical Working Group is currently gathering data in preparation of seven (7) prioritized road sections along EDSA, Quezon Avenue, Commonwealth Avenue, Roxas Boulevard, R-10, C-5, and Marcos Highway.

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

As of 10 June 2020, the LBP has approved a loan application worth PhP250 Million under the Access to Academic Development to Empower the Masses towards Endless Opportunities (ACADEME) lending program. Thirty (30) educational institutions, mostly located outside of Metro Manila, have expressed interest in the program, while four (4) have already submitted partial requirements. To further promote the program, the LBP has been arranging teleconference meetings with school administrators and sending information materials to potential borrowers via traditional and electronic mail, as well as traditional and social media.

#### *Assistance to Women, Children and Other Vulnerable Groups*

The PNP Women and Children Protection Desks continue to work closely with LGUs to ensure that the rights and welfare of women and children are protected. As of 11 June 2020, the PNP has recorded a total of 2,183 cases of violations against women and 2,077 cases of violations against children since the implementation of the ECQ. Accordingly, the Philippine Commission on Women, has been continuously monitoring and assisting women who are victims of abuse and violence.

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

The Board of Pardons and Parole (BPP) continues to implement BPP Resolution No. OT-04-15-2020 or the "Interim Rules on Parole and Executive Clemency." As of 03 June 2020, out of the 984 PDLs whose carpetas were received by the BPP during the community quarantine period, 165 PDLs have been granted parole, 21 have been recommended to the Department of Justice for conditional pardon without parole conditions and 24 with parole conditions, while 46 have been recommended for commutation of their sentences. Meanwhile, 454 paroles have been deferred pending verification by the NBI.

As of 11 June 2020, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) has established a total of 283 isolation areas across the country, six (6) of which were established with the assistance of the International Committee of the Red Cross, with a total of 918 bed capacity and 696 patients currently occupying the same.

In lieu of the physical visitation of PDLs, the BJMP has implemented and maximized the use of its *E-Dalaw* program, which utilizes video conference and regulated phone calls to allow PDLs to communicate with their family members or lawyers.

## *Continuing Efforts on Information Dissemination*

To provide tourism stakeholders and the public with reliable information on how to cope and adapt to the circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the DOT provided 20 free seminar sessions through online platforms such as Zoom, Facebook Live and ExLink. Collectively, as of 11 June 2020, the webinars initiated by the DOT, the Tourism Promotions Board, the Intramuros Administration, and the Nayong Pilipino Foundation have already reached more than 1 million viewers.

On the other hand, the “*Buhay GCQ*” and “*Buhay MGCQ*” information drives of the Presidential Communications Operations Office continue to constantly remind the public on the guidelines and minimum health and safety standards to observe while community quarantine remains in effect. These are highlighted and extensively discussed in the COVID-19 broadcast specials, including the *Public Briefing #LagingHandaPH* and *Network Briefing News*, which feature live interviews with government officials at both the national and local levels. Hookup by member stations of the *Kapisanan ng Mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas* further broadens the reach of the *Laging Handa* programs.

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

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

As of 10 June 2020, the DOH has provided 16,660 HRH, or an additional of 2,742 HRH from the previous week, to health facilities needing health personnel augmentation for COVID 19 response. From 08 to 12 June 2020, it has approved 8,494 slots for emergency hiring in 269 health facilities such as hospitals, quarantine facilities managed by the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), temporary treatment and monitoring facilities, diagnostic facilities, and primary health care facilities. Of the 8,494 slots approved, 3,541 HRH (or 42%) have been hired,<sup>35</sup> with 1,192 HRH (or 33.66%) hired in the NCR.

The DOH continues to temporarily redeploy nurses to DOH and LGU Hospitals handling COVID-19 cases, as well as for contact tracing and specimen collection/swabbing, and assign public health associates to regional, provincial, and municipal health units for contact tracing and surveillance.<sup>36</sup>

Pursuant to Section 3(f) of RA No. 11469,<sup>37</sup> 31 death benefit checks for beneficiaries of health workers who died from COVID-19 have been issued, while one (1) is pending arrangement with the beneficiaries. Further, all 19 recipients of the compensation for health workers who contracted severe COVID-19 have received their respective checks.<sup>38</sup>

### *Referral Hospitals, COVID-19 Bed Capacity, and Equipment*

As of 10 June 2020, the number of dedicated beds for COVID-19 is at 13,794. The average occupancy rate nationwide of COVID-19 beds is 33.90%, with an occupancy spread as follows: DOH COVID-19 referral hospitals – 39.00%, other DOH accepting hospitals – 45.90%, LGUs and other government hospitals – 29.80%, and private hospitals – 34.80%. The total reported number of mechanical ventilators is 2,051, of which 79.70% are available.<sup>39</sup>

## Quarantine Facilities

Through the continued joint efforts of the DPWH, the Bases Conversion and Development Authority, and LGUs, with contributions from the private sector, seven (7) out of 11 Mega Community Quarantine Facilities<sup>40</sup> in the Mega Manila Area and other crucial cities, are in operation,<sup>41</sup> while the remaining have been completed and are ready to be turned-over for operations. As of 12 June 2020, 80 out of 129 converted regional evacuation centers are already being utilized as health/quarantine facilities, emergency operation centers, food hubs, and quarters for health workers.

As of 10 June 2020, the number of temporary treatment and monitoring facilities for COVID-19 related cases across the country has increased to 4,893, with a total bed capacity of 51,488, broken down as follows: 12,132 beds for confirmed, mild, and asymptomatic cases, 5,162 beds for step-down cases (recovering confirmed cases), and 34,194 beds for probable or suspect cases.

On 01 June 2020, the floating quarantine ships from 2GO Shipping Lines were demobilized, while the Eva Macapagal Super Terminal COVID-19 treatment facility continues to be utilized for quarantined OFWs.

As of 10 June 2020, the BOQ is managing 44 quarantine facilities (17 are hotels or similar facilities, while 27 are cruise ships). From 09 February to 11 June 2020, a total of 58,843 Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) arrived in the country (18,614 land-based and 40,229 sea-based). As of 11 June 2020, 48,150 ROFs have been released from quarantine facilities (12,116 land-based and 36,034 sea-based), while 10,693 are still undergoing quarantine.

As of 11 June 2020, the DOT has screened and identified 804 hotels nationwide with 54,410 allocated rooms for ROFs. It has also reached out to non-accredited accommodation establishments that could provide a total of 7,922 rooms to serve as temporary quarantine facilities for OFWs.

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

As of 10 June 2020, a total of 473,281 tests have been conducted on 436,448 individuals, with a recorded increase of 74,367 tests from 04 June 2020. From 04 to 10 June 2020, the daily average number of tests processed is 10,771.

The country's COVID-19 testing capacity is steadily increasing, as the DOH has accredited four (4) more COVID-19 testing laboratories, for a total of 58 active testing laboratories.<sup>42</sup> As of 11 June 2020, there are 151 laboratories currently being evaluated, with 125 laboratories already at Stages 3 and above.<sup>43</sup>

Pursuant to Section 4(b)<sup>44</sup> of RA No. 11469, the FDA continues to process and approve applications for test kits and other licenses in relation to COVID-19.

**Table 3. Processing of Application for Test Kits as of 10 June 2020<sup>45</sup>**

Type of Application	Total Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	No. of Applications with pending requirements for compliance
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)	330	134	10

Serologic	891	262	22
Rapid Antigen	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>32</b>

**Table 4.** Total Approved Test Kits as of 10 June 2020

Type of Test Kit	No. Approved
PCR Based Kits	60
Serologic Test Kits	97
Rapid Antigen Based Test Kit	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>

**Table 5.** Processing of Applications under the Bayanihan One-Stop-Shop (BOSS)<sup>46</sup>

Total Applications Received	No. of Applications Approved	No. of Applications Disapproved	No. of Applications Pending Approval
263	125	89	49

### Clinical Trials

As of 10 June 2020, there are 260 patient-participants from the 24 hospitals that are participating in the World Health Organization Solidarity Trials.

The DOST approved a PhP9.8 Million project for the conduct of clinical trials on the use of high dose melatonin<sup>47</sup> as an adjuvant or supplementary treatment for COVID-19 patients with pneumonia. Initial studies have shown that melatonin improved outcomes in patients admitted to the Manila Doctors Hospital with COVID-19 pneumonia and high-risk features. The project will be undertaken by a team from Manila Doctors Hospital for four (4) months and will involve 350 patients. Results of the project are expected to contribute to national and international guidelines on life-saving drugs and therapy that can impact mortality in COVID-19 pneumonia patients.

### Strengthening Contact Tracing Measures

In relation to the concerns raised regarding the reliability of StaySafe.ph,<sup>48</sup> the DICT reported that it has reviewed the submission of the Multisys Technologies Corporation on Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing, Privacy Impact Assessment, and Software, Data Governance, and Operational Plan, before it endorsed the use of StaySafe.ph to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.<sup>49</sup>

The DOST, in collaboration with an information and communications technology (ICT)-based technology company, started using the SafePass system in two government facilities.<sup>50</sup> The SafePass is an all-digital, contact-free authorization, scheduling, and contract tracing solution to help offices and businesses operate safely amid the COVID-19 crisis. It can be used to plan and manage space capacity and people's schedules to allow safe distancing during operating hours. It allows collection of information on COVID-19 symptoms, recent exposure to COVID-19 patients or travel, and contributes to the efficiency of contract tracing and incident management.

The DOH aims to have at least one (1) personnel per facility trained on COVID KAYA<sup>51</sup> for all 1,733 Provincial, City, and Municipal Health Offices and 996 reported hospitals. As of 11 June 2020, 1,775 personnel have been trained on COVID KAYA.

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

As of 11 June 2020, the DOH donations team facilitated a total of 255 local and foreign donations of medical equipment and supplies. Out of the 255 donations, 175 (69.00%) have been completed and delivered. The donations consist of 4,873,950 surgical masks, 101 ventilators, 378,440 N95 masks, and 242,279 PPEs/medical coveralls. As of said date, the country has received a total of 1,632,248 RT-PCR testing kits from donations.

From 05 to 10 June 2020, a total of 223,100 PPE sets procured by the Procurement Service (PS)-Department of Budget and Management (DBM) have been distributed to various health facilities.<sup>52</sup> **Table 6** below summarizes the progress of delivery, processing, and allocation of health commodities<sup>53</sup> by the DOH.

**Table 6. Summary of Health Commodities Delivered, in Process, and Pending Allocation by the DOH**

Items	Donated	Procured	Delivered	Processing <sup>51</sup>	Pending Allocation <sup>52</sup>
Apron	0	856,500	516,000	102,000	238,500
Cadaver bag-Adult	0	880	730	0	150
Cadaver bag-Child	0	1,333	793	0	540
Coveralls	114,510	1,761,700	1,430,311	109,120	336,779
Face Masks	3,188,950	10,612,400	8,098,650	210,100	5,492,600
Face Shield	49,222	1,350,440	876,976	102,000	420,686
Gloves	623,000	3,399,800	3,128,870	216,700	677,230
Goggles	71,420	1,207,500	894,468	12,500	371,952
Gowns	6,062	1,907,800	1,408,272	124,100	381,490
Head cap	30,000	1,834,500	1,512,155	108,200	244,145
Kn95	199,950	1,645,000	1,356,280	108,000	380,670
N95	55,815	400,000	417,334	1,000	37,481
Shoe Cover	17,000	1,867,500	1,394,595	108,000	381,905
Thermal Scanner	132	3,200	2,982	0	350
Ventilators	80	0	60	20	0
Sanitation Tent	10	0	10	0	0

As of 10 June 2020, out of the 6,127,349 DOH-procured PPE sets, a total of 1,708,000 PPE sets (or 27.88%) have been delivered, with another 2.3 million PPE sets to be delivered within the month of June. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of PCR test kits worth PhP2.5 Billion for eight (8) different models, equivalent to more than 2.8 million tests, and the third tranche of PCR test kits worth PhP6.9 Billion for ten (10) different types, equivalent to more than 7.5 million tests, are both undergoing market scanning. Two (2) out of the ten (10) units of Automated Nucleic Acid Extraction Machines procured through PS-DBM for PhP400 Million have been delivered, with three (3) units scheduled to arrive on 15 June 2020 and the remaining five (5) units expected on or before 30 June 2020.

The PhilHealth has released PhP14.04 Billion to 632 PhilHealth-accredited Health Care Institutions through its Interim Reimbursement Mechanism as of 10 June 2020. It also paid 4,309,280 claims amounting to PhP41,838,441,463.77, with check payment dates from 01 January to 10 June 2020. The PhilHealth has processed 221 and 372 claims for COVID-19 hospitalization and SARS-CoV-2 testing, respectively.

Researchers from the University of Sto. Tomas (UST) have developed a prototype Logistic Indoor Service Assistant Telepresence (LISA) Robot, a remote-controlled wheeled device that allows health professionals to talk to their patients via wi-fi using a computer, tablet or smartphone. It has a box that can hold and deliver

medicines, food or supplies for patients for contactless care, thus, avoiding the spread of the virus. The DOST has approved the proposal submitted by UST to produce more LISA Robots that can be deployed to healthcare facilities attending to COVID-19 patients.

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

#### *Relief Measures, Loans, Insurance, Waiver of Fees, and Extension of Submission of Documents*

As of 10 June 2020, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has released a total net proceeds of PhP5.81 Billion in Emergency Loans to 331,906 active members and old-age pensioners. This is in addition to the PhP185.18 Million granted to 4,185 active members and pensioners who applied for Consolidated Loan, Policy Loan, and Pension Loan online. Likewise, a total net proceed of PhP2.09 Billion was released to 70,605 active members and pensioners who applied for loan through the GSIS Wireless Automated Processing System or the "GW@PS Kiosks."

Moreover, the GSIS has processed six (6) Bayanihan Frontliners Fund (BFF) claims amounting to PhP3 Million. The BFF provides an additional insurance coverage of PhP500,000.00 to 27,682 frontliners for the period from 01 March to 31 December 2020.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) further extended the temporary waiver of transaction fees for transactions made in the Philippine Payment and Settlement System until end of December 2020,<sup>56</sup> which would facilitate online transactions by lessening financial and transactional costs. The BSP also relaxed regulations governing the submission of reports and other documents to the BSP Financial Supervision Sector.<sup>57</sup>

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

As of 11 June 2020, no additional allotments and cash allocations have been released pursuant to Sections 4(v),<sup>58</sup> (x),<sup>59</sup> and (y)<sup>60</sup> of RA No. 11469. As to the allotments already released to the departments/agencies that were reprogrammed, reallocated, and realigned pursuant to the pertinent authority granted by the General Provisions of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 and FY 2020 General Appropriations Acts and the *Bayanihan* Act, Circular Letter No. 2020-09 was issued on 11 June 2020, requiring the submission of reports on or before 19 June 2020 in order to come up with a more comprehensive picture of government resources utilized to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, in accordance with Section 4(v)(9)<sup>61</sup> of RA No. 11469 and pursuant to Local Budget Circular Nos. 125<sup>62</sup> and 126,<sup>63</sup> as of 10 June 2020, 191 LGUs (6 provinces, 165 municipalities, and 20 cities) have submitted fund utilization reports, which liquidated PhP3.892 Billion worth of funds received for the purposes identified in the following table:

**Table 7. Breakdown of Expenses of the Bayanihan Grant to LGUs**

Items of Expenses	Amount (in PhP)
Food assistance and other relief goods for affected households	2,281,973,446.72
Procurement of hospital equipment	369,547,584.49
Food, transportation (includes fuel), and accommodation expenses of medical personnel and other LGU personnel directly involved in the implementation of COVID-19 related Programs, Activities and Projects (P/A/Ps) and expenses	198,363,948.25
Procurement of medicines and vitamins	195,793,388.57
Procurement of PPEs	172,808,056.20
Expenses for the construction/repair/lease/rental of additional space/building to accommodate COVID-19 patients and persons under monitoring/investigation	216,810,871.86
Procurement of equipment, reagents and kits for COVID-19 testing	187,016,326.00
Other necessary COVID-19 P/A/Ps and expenses	163,941,331.68
Procurement of disinfectants, sprayers, disinfection tents and other disinfecting supplies and misting equipment	46,122,207.92
Expenses for purchase/rental of tents/spaces for temporary shelters of the homeless	27,558,006.00
Expenses for the operation of stand-alone/mobile testing laboratory	30,745,860.00
Expenses for training of personnel in the conduct of COVID-19 testing and other related trainings	1,900,001.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,892,581,028.69</b>

The above breakdown represents 10.51% of total *Bayanihan* Grants released to provinces, cities and municipalities. Bulk of the liquidated amount (58.62%) went to food assistance and other relief goods for affected households, followed by procurement of hospital equipment and supplies (9.49%). Any unutilized amount from the *Bayanihan* Grants after the lifting of the State of Calamity shall revert to the National Treasury.

The Department of Finance (DOF) signed a USD750 Million loan agreement with the Asian Infrastructure Development Bank to support government efforts to suppress the COVID-19 outbreak and augment funds needed in said health crisis. The loan agreement is a parallel financing arrangement with the Asian Development Bank for the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) program, which is a quick-disbursing budget support facility designed to fund the government's COVID-19 response efforts.

As of 11 June 2020, the DOF has raised a total of USD6.40 Billion in budgetary support financing, of which USD6.20 Billion represents newly contracted loans from the ADB, World Bank, and AIIB, as well as the recent dual-tranche issuance of USD-denominated global bonds. A total of USD108 Million in grant and loan financing from the ADB and World Bank have also been contracted to support various projects of agencies involved in the COVID-19 response.

#### IV. Responsive and Sustainable Recovery Plan

As the country restarts the economy after disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the DTI is endeavoring to boost our local products and industries to drive growth. The DTI will launch a national media campaign to encourage Filipinos to support local products and services of MSMEs through its "Buy Local, Go Lokal!" Campaign under the campaign slogan "Shop Local. Eat Local. Travel Local. Buy Local. Go Lokal!" The campaign shall be a call for Filipinos to patronize locally-made products and boost domestic tourism. Also, in partnership with Lazada, Go Lokal! products will now be made available for online orders and delivery.<sup>64</sup>

Recognizing the need to expedite the roll-out of ICT infrastructures and facilities that could accommodate the increasing demand for connectivity and better quality of ICT services, the DICT issued Department Circular No. 008, s. 2020,<sup>65</sup> which, among others, requires all passive telecommunications tower infrastructure to be built, improved, renovated, retrofitted, upgraded or updated to provide ample access slots for all mobile network operators, and the DICT to co-locate their respective ICT equipment or implements.

To enable government agencies to efficiently serve the public and to implement cloud-based services that are at par with global standards, the DICT also issued Department Circular No. 010, s. 2020,<sup>66</sup> amending the Philippine Government's Cloud First Policy or the policy which promoted cloud computing as the preferred technology for government administration and the delivery of government services. The Circular provides clarifications on policy coverage, data classification, and data security, as well as its policy on sovereignty, residency, and ownership.<sup>67</sup>

To assist policymakers and stakeholders in formulating responsive rules and regulations, the Philippine Statistics Authority's Vital Statistics Division is working with local civil registrars for the consolidation of data relative to the deaths reported during the first quarter of 2020.

The Department of Education (DepEd) adopted the computerized learning modules for Math (Grades 1-8) and Science (Grades 7 and 8), which was developed through a project undertaken by the DOST-Science Education Institute. Said materials are Filipino-produced multimedia software to assist teachers and learners in the new delivery mode for distance and blended learning. Currently, 132 self-learning materials may now be accessed and downloaded through the DepEd Commons, a portal for teaching and learning resources operated by the DepEd. Webinars on the Courseware were also conducted for DepEd Division of Laguna, Surigao, Marinduque and Biñan since 24 April 2020 with 1,966 teacher-participants. The courseware is also downloadable for free from the DOST-SEI website.

<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> In response to the Senate's Comment on the President's 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report, the change in the number of total estimated beneficiaries in the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report was the result of an additional 8,132 beneficiaries of TNVS and PUVs (please refer to endnote 3 of the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report). The change in the number of beneficiaries from that indicated in the 10th Weekly Report of the President was the result of the updating of the number of target beneficiaries by the DSWD Field Office X from 623,590 to 628,243 (see endnote 3 of the 10th Weekly Report). In the 8th and 9th Weekly Reports of the President, the number of target beneficiaries was adjusted to 17,933,769 by the Pantawid National Program Management Office based on the number of 4Ps beneficiaries (See endnote 3 of the 8th Weekly Report).

- <sup>4</sup> A total of 3,824,899 4Ps household beneficiaries with cash card accounts or 100% of the cash card holders received their subsidies in the total amount of PhP16,809,669,350.00. On the other hand, a total of 414,226 4Ps household beneficiaries without cash card accounts out of the target 462,777, received their subsidies from 23 April 2020 to 11 June 2020, in the total amount of PhP1,569,717,900.00.
- <sup>5</sup> Of the 98,132 beneficiaries, 40,418 TNVS were provided with funds through the LBP, while 57,714 PUVs were provided with assistance through the GCash. About 17,085 have not yet claimed their emergency subsidy.
- <sup>6</sup> Previous funding source is PhP196 Billion. Currently, PhP198 Billion, since PhP2 Billion was added from various SARO released from the modification per National Budget Circular No. 580 (Source: DSWD-Finance and Management Service Financial Report as of 11 June 2020).
- <sup>7</sup> Previous amount was PhP81,670,158,650.00. For Region I, the total amount of funds downloaded to LGUs was adjusted to PhP4,359,943,500.00 (29 May 2020) and further adjusted to PhP4,348,168,000.00, then to PhP4,334,204,050.00 (11 June 2020) due to the verification of target beneficiaries in 11 localities, which resulted in the exclusion of those found to be ineligible/disqualified.
- <sup>8</sup> Per DSWD MC No. 9, s. 2020, Item VIII(B)(6), the DSWD conducts the deduplication process.
- <sup>9</sup> The remainder of the reported PhP2.9 Billion utilization is for service fees of the LBP.
- <sup>10</sup> As of 09 June 2020, 70% of the target or a total of 415,738 farmers have already received the cash assistance. The DA notes that the distribution of cash assistance is affected by the limited schedule of LBP branches as well as limitations on the mobility of farmer beneficiaries.
- <sup>11</sup> In response to the Senate's Comment on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report to Congress.
- <sup>12</sup> The figure is the total from a baseline of 62,359 as of 24 March 2020.
- <sup>13</sup> The relief items other than family FPs (such as rice bags, sleeping kits, etc.) were provided to stranded individuals (e.g., passengers, students, construction workers, frontliners, etc.) and other affected individuals due to community quarantine.
- <sup>14</sup> 146 Notice of Violation have been issued by the Task Force since creation in March 2020 to 09 June 2020.
- <sup>15</sup> From 03 June to 09 June 2020.
- <sup>16</sup> FDA Advisory No. 2020-1038 dated 05 June 2020.
- <sup>17</sup> FDA FAQs dated 10 June 2020.
- <sup>18</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>19</sup> In response to the Senate Comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report relative to the amount of utilized budget vis-à-vis the number of beneficiaries served, the amount previously reported pertains to credit funds transferred by ACPC to its partner lending conduits (PLCs). As of 11 June 2020, PhP952.818 Million has been transferred to PLCs. This week's reported figure refers to the amount actually disbursed by the PLCs to the MSFF-borrowers as of 05 June 2020. The ACPC notes that the PLCs experienced difficulty with the processing and release of loans to MSFF-borrowers during the community quarantine period due to the restrictions to mobility and the corresponding policy on social distancing, however, as noted in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Reports of the President, ACPC has implemented measures to speed up loan processing and release. 64 PLCs in 39 provinces have been credited with funds, while 44 PLCs in 31 provinces have disbursements to MSSF borrowers.
- <sup>20</sup> I-Pay MYEG Philippines, Inc. and Internet Things Philippines, Inc.
- <sup>21</sup> This is in response to the Senate Comments on the 9th Weekly Report of the President regarding the measures taken to increase utilization by the MSFFs and agri-fishery based MSEs of the Expanded SURE Aid and Recovery Project. The DA reported that the use of cash card for loan release will be piloted in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June, targeting around 1,000 MSFFs while the use of e-wallet will be piloted for agri-fishery based MSEs in Bukidnon.
- <sup>22</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>23</sup> The e-Learning, launched in 2007, is a component of the e-Extension Program of the ATI.
- <sup>24</sup> In response to the Senate Comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report on whether the government, through the ATI, will subsidize costs for enrollment in technical classes in farming, aquaculture or animal husbandry or for the operation of cutting-edge agricultural machinery.
- <sup>25</sup> Technical services include trainings for farmer beneficiaries and small land owners, market development activities, market matching, trade fairs, product development activities, and consultancy services.
- <sup>26</sup> Response to the Senate's Comment to the 10<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report to Congress.
- <sup>27</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>28</sup> Luzon grid was placed on yellow alert on 4 June 2020 (12nn – 3 pm). Normal condition was restored on the grid on 5 June 2020. DOE released advisories/updates on the website regarding Luzon grid's condition.
- <sup>29</sup> As of 10 June 2020.
- <sup>30</sup> The figure is the total from a baseline of 4,250 as of 24 March 2020.
- <sup>31</sup> Total assistance to 172,921 clients amounting to PhP767,405,035.75, consists of:
- 51,332 clients for other support services, in the total amount of PhP151,833,100.98  
These clients are informal workers, construction workers, students, athletes, Overseas Filipino Workers, seafarers, media staff, victims of fire incidents, tricycle operators and drivers, and other families in dire need of assistance as follows:
    - 1,660 Grabfood/express drivers, in the total amount of PhP3,320,000.00
    - 2,579 tricycle operators and drivers, in the total amount of PhP19,840,000.00

- 395 individuals provided cash assistance under the *Hatid Probinsya Program*, in the total amount of PhP574,000.00 (The *Hatid Probinsya Program* is a short-term humanitarian effort to assist stranded residents in Metro Manila due to travel restrictions imposed during the community quarantine period.)
  - 72,825 clients for medical assistance, in the total amount of PhP482,317,036.40
  - 14,391 clients for burial assistance, in the total amount of PhP76,403,972.46
  - 25,646 clients for food assistance, in the total amount of PhP37,702,428.75
  - 627 clients for transportation assistance, in the total amount of PhP2,318,297.16
  - 5,310 clients for educational assistance, in the total amount of PhP16,545,800.00
  - 2,790 clients for other assistance (e.g., referrals, psychosocial services and other cash assistance), in the total amount of PhP284,400.00.
- <sup>32</sup> The figure pertains to the total value of assistance from 15 March 2020 to 12 June 2020.
- <sup>33</sup> In response to the Senate Comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report on the summary of donations from foreign governments.
- <sup>34</sup> Entitled, "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-aso Program by the Department of Social Welfare and Development."
- <sup>35</sup> Of these, 9.50% are hired in COVID referral Hospitals, 13.60% in National and Local Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility, 11.60% in DOH Designated Diagnostic Facility (including reference laboratories), 5.20% in Quarantine Facilities and airport units managed by the BOQ, 49.00% in DOH Hospitals, 9.60% in LGU Hospitals, 1.10% in RESU/PESU, and 0.30% in Private Diagnostic Facility (Philippine Red Cross).
- <sup>36</sup> Under the DOH HRH Deployment Program, a total of 1,289 nurses (221 in Luzon and 1,068 in Visayas and Mindanao) were temporarily redeployed to DOH and LGU Hospitals handling COVID-19 cases. An additional 8,359 nurses were deployed in their respective communities for contact tracing and specimen collection/swabbing while 3,471 public health associates were assigned in Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units, Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Units, and Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Units to assist in contact tracing and surveillance.
- <sup>37</sup> **Section 4(f).** Provide compensation of One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) to public and private health workers who may contract severe COVID-19 infection while in the line of duty: Provided, further, That a compensation of One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) shall be given to public and private health workers, who may die while fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.
- <sup>38</sup> Pursuant to the Joint Administrative Order No 2020-0001 dated 04 June 2020 (JAO 2020-0001) of the DOH, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department of Budget and Management on the grant of compensation for public and private health workers who died or contracted severe COVID-19.
- <sup>39</sup> The occupancy rates of specific hospitals are available for public download and viewing at the DOH website tracker (<https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>).
- <sup>40</sup> These are Ninoy Aquino Stadium, World Trade Center, Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)-Forum, Rizal Memorial Coliseum, Philippine Sports Complex/ULTRA Stadium, ASEAN Convention Center, New Clark City-National Government Administrative Center, Philippine Arena, Filinvest Tent, Alonte Sports Arena (Biñan City, Laguna), UP Mindanao Multi-Purpose Building Human Kinetics Building, and Davao City Sports Complex.
- <sup>41</sup> Administered by medical teams from the AFP, the PNP, the PCG, and the Bureau of Fire Protection, among others.
- <sup>42</sup> 43 RT-PCR laboratories and 15 GeneXpert laboratories.
- <sup>43</sup> The list of laboratories currently evaluated by the DOH for Stages 3 and above are available for public viewing at Beat COVID-19 Today: A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer #046 (12 June 2020).
- <sup>44</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>45</sup> The table shows total number of received applications from distributors. Some products have multiple distributors.
- <sup>46</sup> A single window concierge for all government agencies involved in the processing of license for importation of COVID-19 critical commodities. The table shows applications received and processed since the implementation of the BOSS as of 10 June 2020.
- <sup>47</sup> Melatonin is a safe, commonly available, and affordable supplement worldwide.
- <sup>48</sup> StaySafe.ph is a community-driven social distancing system that enables COVID-19 case mapping and monitoring, symptoms reporting, medical consultation, and contact tracing.
- <sup>49</sup> In response to the Senate Comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report relative to the tests conducted by the DICT to ensure the reliability of StaySafe.ph.
- <sup>50</sup> The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology in Quezon City and the Advanced Device and Materials Testing Laboratory of the DOST- Industrial Technology Development Institute in Bicutan, Taguig City.
- <sup>51</sup> A case and contact tracing reporting system developed by the World Health Association and DOH Epidemiology Bureau for epidemiology and surveillance officers, health care providers, and laboratory-based users, expanding the capacity of the previous COVID-19 information system.
- <sup>52</sup> Eight (8) CHDs, four (4) private hospitals, one (1) quarantine facilities and 14 other government facilities.
- <sup>53</sup> Donated, procured, and delivered.
- <sup>54</sup> Items have been assigned to a health facility and are being prepared for releasing or, are en route to the recipient.
- <sup>55</sup> Items inside Camp Aguinaldo warehouses that have not been assigned to a health facility.
- <sup>56</sup> BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-048 dated 05 June 2020.
- <sup>57</sup> BSP Memorandum No. M-2020-049 dated 09 June 2020.

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- <sup>58</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>59</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>60</sup> Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the President is hereby authorized to allocate cash, funds, investments, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies and transfers, held by any GOCC or any national government agency in order to address the COVID-19 emergency, as declared in Section 3 of RA No. 11469.
- <sup>61</sup> The following items in the budget shall be prioritized for augmentation: xxx (9) LGUs.
- <sup>62</sup> Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.
- <sup>63</sup> Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant to Provinces.
- <sup>64</sup> Response to the Senate's Comment to the 10<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report to Congress.
- <sup>65</sup> Policy Guidelines on the Co-Location and Sharing of Passive Telecommunications Tower Infrastructure for Macro Cell Sites dated 29 May 2020.
- <sup>66</sup> Amendment to Department Circular No. 2017-002, re: Prescribing the Philippine Government's Cloud First Policy dated 02 June 2020.
- <sup>67</sup> In response to the Senate Comments on the 11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Report relative to the request for the executive agencies to provide a concrete plan on how to digitize their frontline processes and services for stakeholders and constituents.

