

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report 13 Philippines 1 April 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 1 April 2020

Highlights

- **227 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported on 1 April, compared to 538 cases on 31 March. 8 additional deaths reported on 1 April, and 10 on 31 March.**
- Out of 2,311 confirmed cases, 55% are reported from the National Capital Region (NCR), 62% are male, and the most affected age group is 60-69 years (23.9%)
- Out of the 96 confirmed deaths, 66% are reported from NCR, 73% are male, and the most affected age group 70-79 (29.5%), with the highest fatality among people over 80
- Increase in the number of cases result of increased testing capacity, with currently 6 laboratories testing approximately 1,000 tests per day. Ongoing assessment to increase the number of laboratories throughout the country
- An increasing number of health facilities are reporting shortage of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), as well as ventilators for treatment of severe cases and media for transport of laboratory samples
- **Online IPC trainings kicked off for private and public hospitals to address rational use of PPE amongst other**
- Humanitarian partners and private sector supporting increasing needs of vulnerable populations as a result of imposed restrictions
- **Stay at home remains key message to minimise further spread of disease. Focus is on self-quarantine for those with mild symptoms to decrease stress on hospitals.**
- The Department of Health (DOH) continuing to focus on ensuring continuation of health services within the current restrictions, particularly for vulnerable and high-risk groups including elderly, People With a Disability (PWD), and people living with HIV, TB and other chronic diseases

PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



DOH COVID-19 HOTLINE

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

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1555

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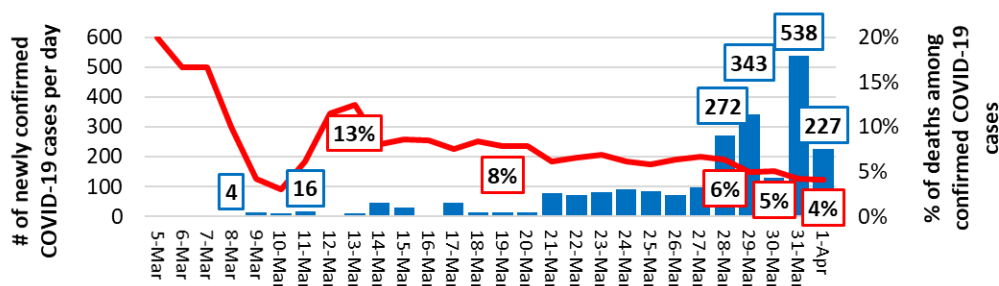
Current Situation

On 1 April, 227 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in the Philippines, compared to 343 newly reported cases on 30 March. 8 additional deaths were reported on 1 April, compared to 10 on 30 March.

There are currently 2,311 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 96 deaths in the country.

Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines

5-1 April 2020 (N=2,311)

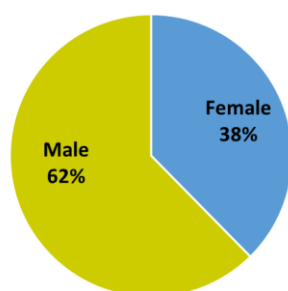


Out of total 96 deaths, 73% are male, ranging between 34 and 89 years of age with a median age of 67. 77% of deaths had either one or several known co-morbidities including diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hypertension, cardiac disease, bronchial asthma and cancer.

Among the 2,311 confirmed cases, 1,410 are male (62%) and 901 are female (38%). The most affected age groups are 60-69 (23.9%) followed by 50-59 years (21.5%)

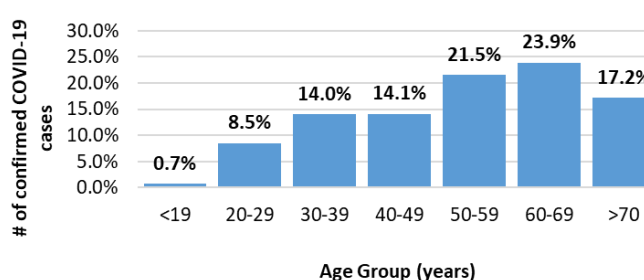
Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

18 January-1 April 2020 (N=2,311)



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

18 January-1 April 2020 (N=2,311)



Country readiness and response operations

Country-level coordination

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) preparing for Social Amelioration Package (SAP) to provide subsidy to 18,000,000 vulnerable families, as part of the *Bayanihan, We Heal as One Act*.

Logistics of COVID-19 response now under the responsibility of the Office of Civil Defense.

Regional Interagency Taskforces (IATF) are finalizing their COVID-19 contingency plans, including in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The BARMM Ministry of Health closely coordinates with health cluster partners active in BARMM, including UN and NGO.

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

Risk communication and community engagement

Key messaging on COVID-19 was translated in Tagalog, Yakan (Basilan), Tausug (Sulu) and Sama (Tawi Tawi) dialect versions with support from IOM and UNICEF.

UNICEF is continuing to support the DOH daily presser and the DOH Message Bank. UNICEF also prepared MHPSS and parenting social media cards. Furthermore, UNICEF is supporting DOH and other partners including WHO with regular Zoom meeting hosting.

USAID-funded Risk Communication project implemented by the Johns Hopkins University and InterNews are setting up a rumor tracking mechanism for DOH to effectively address fake news.

OpenWHO offers free COVID-19 courses on different topics for health professionals, decision-makers and the public: <https://bit.ly/3dMlbr5>

Surveillance

Backlog of data on confirmed cases and contacts slowly but steadily being processed by DOH thanks to additional staff and volunteers supporting at City Health Offices in NCR.

National laboratory system

With USAID funding, different partners are supporting DOH with procurement of laboratory supplies and media for transport of samples.

The Infectious Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) project implemented by FHI360 is setting up a specimen transport mechanism for Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao with three field coordinators to be deployed this week. A training package for collection, packaging and handling of specimen is also being developed.

DOH published the inventory of total tests conducted and the remaining number of tests in the 6 operational laboratories.

WHO is supporting the DOH and RITM in the assessment of an increasing number of laboratories to be added to the list of COVID-19 laboratories in the country. WHO is also continuing to procure additional laboratory supplies with funding from USAID.

COVID-19 TEST KITS INVENTORY			
As of March 30, 2020			
REGION	HEALTH FACILITY / LABORATORY	TOTAL TESTS CONDUCTED (all tests including retest, validation, etc.)	REMAINING NUMBER OF TESTS (Good for (n) number of test/reactions)
NCR	Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, Inc. (RITM)	14,001	42,000
CAR	Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC)	162	4,937
NCR	San Lazaro Hospital (SLH)	65	4,932
VII	Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMC)	387	24,396
NCR	UP National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH)	143	4,861
VI	Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)	173	4,843
XI	Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC)	406	4,000
Total		15,337	89,969

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IOM built handwashing facilities for earthquake affected populations in Kidapawan in Region XII

Infection prevention and control

UNICEF finalized Infection, Prevention and control (IPC) guidelines for community and customized training modules with input from DoH, WHO and USAID.

Online Training of Trainers on IPC for health workers will be made available for a wide range of public and private hospitals as of next week, in a joint partnership between DOH, MTaPS, UNICEF, USAID, and WHO. The USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program also developing additional training modules on health care waste management and supply chain management. All training courses will be made available as eLearning modules through the DOH academy learning platform.

UNICEF is supporting frontline workers in BARMM through the provision of PPE and cleaning kits, and translation of key messages into local languages.

DOH continues to distribute available PPE to priority public hospitals. Government reportedly procuring large quantities of PPE which will hopefully meet the needs for a period of time.

Case management and continuity of essential services

UNICEF is providing logistic support to DOH in the transport of PPE and medical supplies to hospitals in Visayas and Mindanao. Many partners are advocating with the government for the continuation of the essential maternal, child and nutrition services, as well as for people living with HIV.

The Australian embassy is releasing AUD3 million to support the Philippine Red Cross with critical supplies to health authorities and increased testing capacity. An additional AUD134,000 is channeled through UNFPA for PPE for hospitals, emergency tent facilities and dignity kits.

The National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) and partners conducted a rapid assessment of TB services in 276 health centers/rural health units, hospitals showing reduced human resources for TB services, interruption of delivery of TB services, unguaranteed availability of TB commodities for at least one-month, inadequate PPE in health facilities and limited functionality of specimen transport system (STRiders) among government facilities.

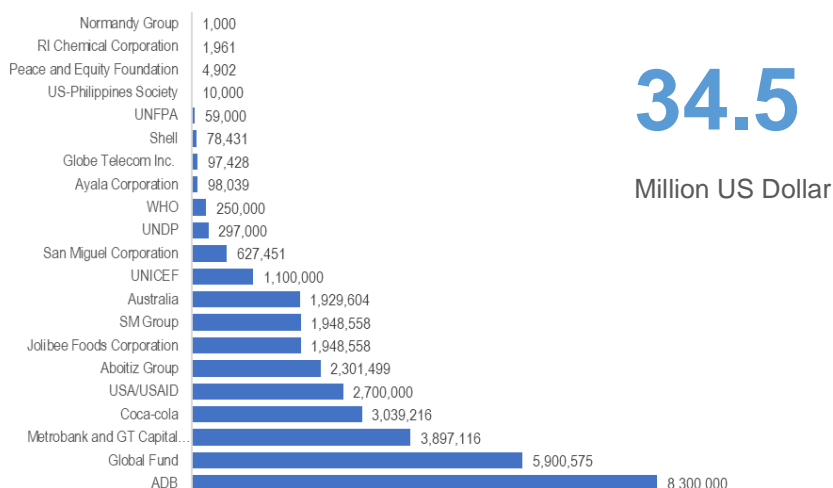
The NTP is strongly advocating for continued dispensing of 1-month supply and transport of TB drugs and laboratory supplies through the necessary certification and passes, as well as the storage of TB drugs for 3 months at regional and provincial/city level. Other urgent measures looked into are the reinforcement of IPC in health facilities and adequate testing of patients with TB and COVID signs and symptoms.

Updated guidelines: <https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCov/interim-guidelines>.

Resource mobilization

Grant

DOH has received grants from the below donors up to date:



Notes:

Jollibee Foods corporation donation of food worth 100 million pesos (\$1,948,558)

Globe telecom donated medical supplies worth 5 million pesos (\$97,428) through Red Cross

US-Philippine Society donated \$10,000 to Philippine Army for Hazmat B Suits.

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

As of 1 April, WHO received more than US\$ 258.8 million and an additional US\$ 45.5 million in pledges to its global appeal. This includes €114 million from the European Union to support 80 priority countries with weakened health care systems and capacity including the Philippines.

Loan



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World Bank

Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
Americares	N95 masks	1,440	
Chinese government	COVID-19 test kits	100,000	
	PPE sets	10,000	
	N95 masks	10,000	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
IMC	PPE	200	
PRC	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	30	
	Face masks	36,000	
	PPE	2,000	
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila district hospitals	
UNFPA	Face masks	110,000	
	Handheld thermometers	1,130	
	PPE	206,059	48,780
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets		6
	Hygiene kits for women		1,600
	Clean delivery packs		500
	Women Friendly Space Tents		3
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment		1
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes	20	24
	Disinfection kits		100
	Coverall (M, L and XL)		72,380
	Masks		41,232
	Face shields		33,000
WFP	Tent	1	
	50 kVA generator	1	
WHO	PPE	12,000	
	Laboratory supplies		
	E-gene EAV kits	115	
	RdRP-gene kits	95	
	N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials	12	
	Universal Transport Media		
	UTM Viral transport kit	2,350	
	Regular Flocked Swab	2,000	
	Flexible Mini Tip		2,000
	Extraction kits		
	QIAgen Qlamp Viral RNA Mini Kit	14	11
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	3	2
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	