

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report 25 Philippines 29 April 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 29 April 2020

Highlights

- **Out of the total 8,212 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 30-39 years (19.6%) followed by 50-59 (17.1%)**
- **68.4% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (13.8%), Central Visayas (6.7%) and Central Luzon (4.6%). The rapid increase in the number of cases in Central Visayas is attributed to several localized outbreaks in Cebu barangays and prisons.**
- **Out of the 558 confirmed deaths, 66% are male, with the most affected age groups over 70 years and 60-69 years (both at 34.7%)**
- **68.9% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by CALABARZON (13.4%) and Central Luzon (5.3%)**
- **Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) ramping up testing capacity for current 17 laboratories able to conduct COVID-19 tests. Ongoing assessments into more private and public hospital laboratories to expand the network.**
- **Department of Health (DOH) conducting joint outbreak investigation with WHO and ICRC to rapidly respond to different clusters of COVID-19 cases reported throughout the country, including in prisons and hospitals.**
- **Almost 4,000 hospital workers and community health workers trained on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) through online trainings throughout the country**
- **Distribution of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) ongoing to public hospitals in the country, with up to 84% of hospitals currently reported to DOH's DataCollect App**

PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS



24/7 DOH Hotlines

FOR COVID-19 HEALTH CONCERNS:

DOH COVID-19 Hotline

(02) 894-COVID (26843)
1555

NCR DEDICATED TELEMEDICINE HOTLINES:

Telimed Management Inc., and Medgate Hotline

(02) 8424-1724

Global TeleHealth, Inc. (KonsultaMD)

(02) 7798-8000

FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS:

NCMH Crisis Hotline

0917-899-USAP (8727)
(02) 899-USAP (8727)

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

<https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>

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ADVISORY

RITM has two hotline numbers exclusively dedicated for follow-up of laboratory confirmation results:

0919 927 9180
0919 927 9204

All RESU concerns should be directed to hotline numbers:

0947 870 6673
0915 375 9204



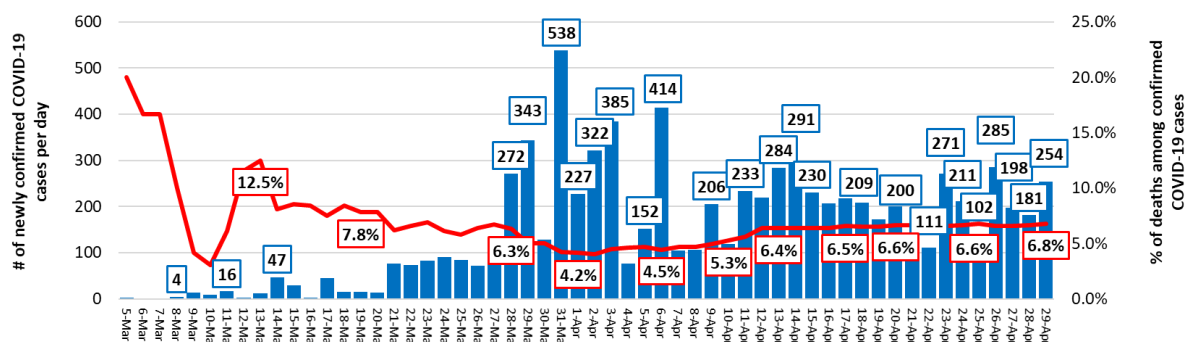
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE
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Current Situation

As of 29 April, a total of 8,212 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 558 deaths have been reported in the Philippines.

Daily reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines

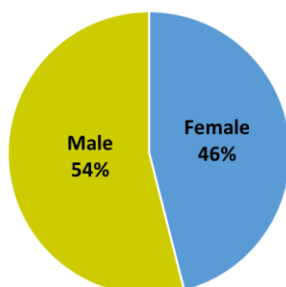
5- 27 April 2020 (N=8,212)



Among the 8,212 confirmed cases, 4,434 are male (54%) and 3,778 are female (47%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 years (19.6%) followed by 50-59 (17.1%).

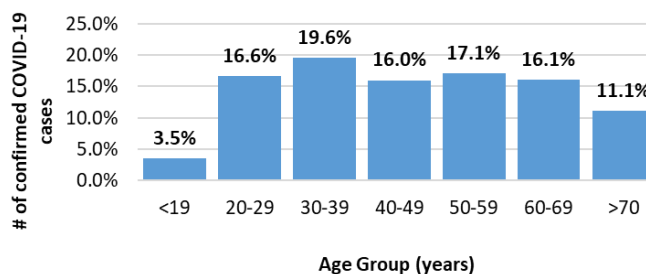
Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %

18 January-29 April 2020 (N=8,212)



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

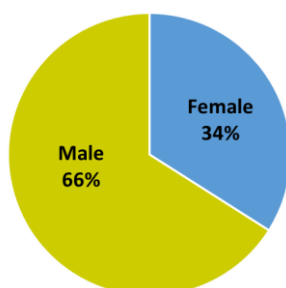
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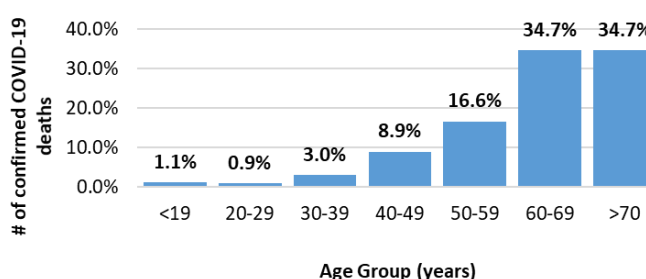
Gender distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %

18 January-29 April 2020 (N=558)

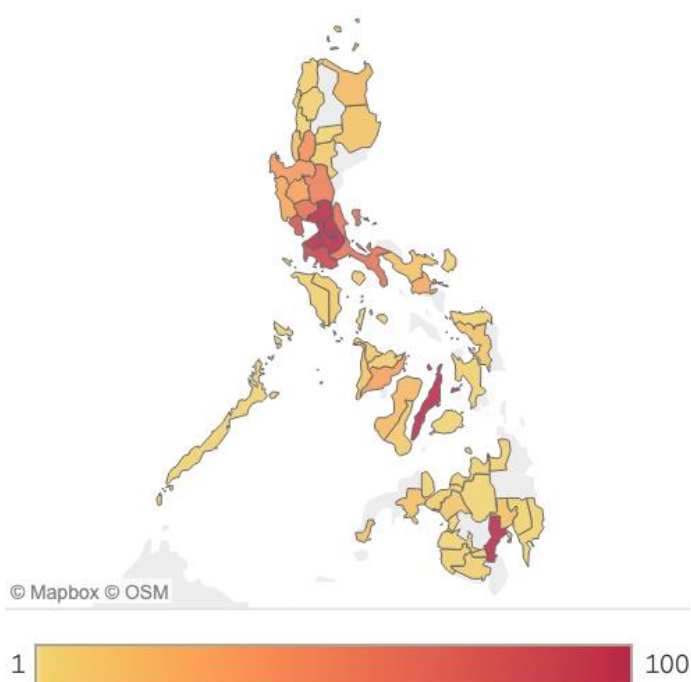


Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %

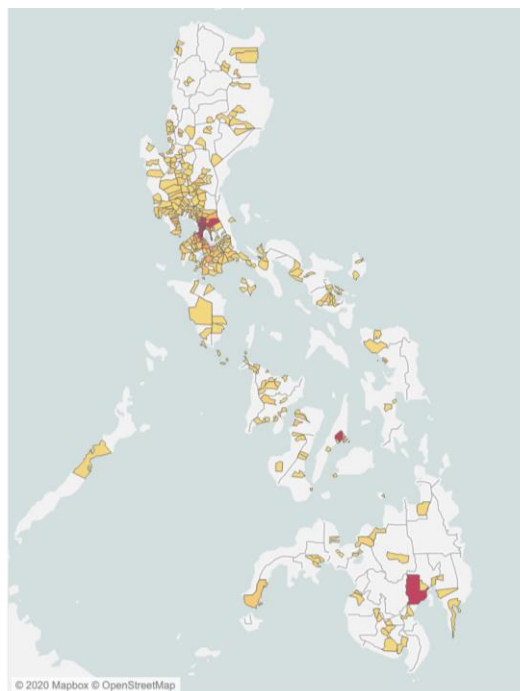
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Map of confirmed COVID-19 cases by province
18 January-29 April 2020 (N=8,212)



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Country readiness and response operations

Country-level coordination

The revised list of areas to remain under enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) until 15 May 2020 includes NCR, Central Luzon (except Aurora), CALABARZON, Pangasinan, Benguet, Baguio City, Iloilo province, Cebu province and Cebu City, and Davao City.

The rest of the country will start general community quarantine (GCQ) on 1 May, while observing minimum health standards. If no increase in COVID-19 cases occurs, GCQ in low-risk areas may be lifted after 15 May.

As of 16 May, only the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) will be allowed to impose, lift, or extend community quarantine in provinces, highly urbanized cities and independent component cities.

Under both ECQ and GCQ, mass gatherings remain prohibited, as are sports clubs, libraries, archives, museums, tourism, gambling and activities of membership organizations.

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

DOH facilitated special meeting with over 20 NGO and UN partners on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support to enhance coordination among ongoing interventions to address mental health problems among health workers and the broader population as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the detrimental effects of the community quarantine.

Risk communication

DOH, WHO and all NGO and UNICEF partners continue to be fight the infodemic of incorrect news items related to COVID-19 circulating via regular and social media.

Surveillance

On 29 April the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and DOH launched a COVID-19 support mission to Cebu and Mandaue city Jails in Region VII.

DOH, the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) facilitated the approval to charter a plane by ICRC in cooperation with the private sector partners Philippines Disaster and Resilience Foundation (PDRF). An ICRC vehicle also traveled to Cebu from Manila with the necessary PPE supplies.

Doctors, water and sanitation engineers, a prison system advisor and DOH epidemiologists will support the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) with tackling an outbreak in the jails, where so far 186 prisoners and 24 staff have tested positive for COVID-19 as reported by the authorities.

National laboratory system

The current list of laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH remains at 17. Assessments of additional laboratories is ongoing, with more and more private hospital laboratories signing up for accreditation. The Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded laboratory being installed in San Fernando will greatly contribute to the daily testing capacity, at 5,000 as of today.

PRC is also planning to expand COVID-19 testing among many of its laboratories in the country. The PRC laboratory in Mandaluyong which is part of DOH's list of certified laboratories was supported by the Australian Government, which funded all laboratory equipment and supplies, including 28,000 test kits and hiring of 14 Medical Technologist and 1 Pathologist for 6 months.

WHO is continuing to support the RITM and DOH with procurement of essential laboratory supplies.

Infection prevention and control

UNICEF trained over 2,300 community health workers on Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC). The online IPC training for community settings was attended by staff from the Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) in 16 of the 17 regions.

Trainings are continuing and anyone can sign up for free at <https://forms.gle/WAVzGvMFC4geofdU9>.

Training for 40 sanitary engineers, sanitary inspectors, cleaners and sanitation workers on cleaning and disinfection for communities was conducted on 29 April 2020 by UNICEF.

UNICEF is supporting a pilot on IPC for barangay health workers spearheaded by the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) School of Public Health. Volunteer healthcare workers are taught how to reinforce the understanding of community residents on ways to contain the COVID-19 outbreak like physical distancing. Manila City plans to disseminate IPC guidelines training to all 897 barangays.



ICRC and DOH team travelling to Cebu for case investigation ↑
ICRC delivering PPE ↓



Philippine Red Cross (PRC) laboratory fully operational thanks to support from the Australian Government and the Ayala Group conducting COVID-19 testing ↓



Barangay health workers from Barangay 704 in Manila City attending the IPC pilot training supported by UNICEF ↓



The USAID-funded Medicines, Technologies, and Pharmaceutical Services (MTaPS) program trained over 1,200 hospital workers on IPC in close collaboration with DOH and WHO. Trainings are continuing and anyone can sign up for free at [landing page for the virtual training](#)

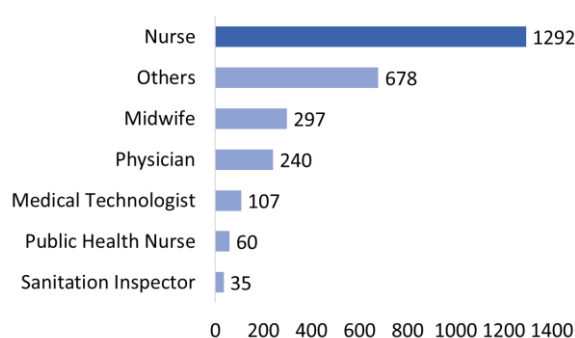
- Module 1: IPC for Frontline Healthcare Workers in Facility (every Monday and Wednesday)
- Module 2: Healthcare Waste Management (every Tuesday and Thursday)



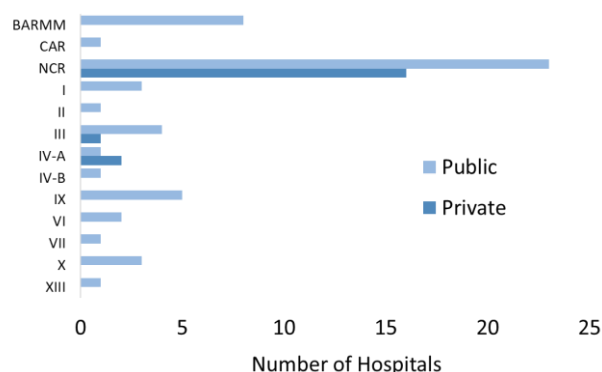
Of the total 2,300 community health workers trained by UNICEF, the majority were nurses. Among the category 'others' many health staff from municipal, city or provincial health offices were registered.

Out of the 17 regions, 13 were covered with IPC trainings, the majority in NCR, followed by the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). While a large number of private hospitals were included in NCR, most hospitals participating in the trainings were public.

Professions trained on IPC in Community Settings*



Health Facilities trained on IPC by Region



*Based on available data from UNICEF

Americares distributed 20,400 N95 masks to 15 institutions in Metro Manila, Cebu and Leyte in partnership with Project Hope, including: San Lazaro Hospital, Santa Ana Hospital, Medical Center Manila, Manila Doctors Hospital, AFP Health Service Command/V. Luna Medical Centre, Lung Center of the Philippines, Pasig Doctors Medical Centre, Antipolo City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRRMO), Rizal Provincial DRRMO, Medical City, National Center for Mental Health, PNP Health Service/General Hospital, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center in Cebu, Burauen District Hospital in Leyte, Burauen Rural Health Unit in Leyte. Distribution is still ongoing in Metro Manila hospitals, Cebu, Leyte, Western Samar.



Case management and continuity of essential services

Most routine immunization activities have reportedly resumed operation throughout the country, providing children with life-saving immunity against key diseases such as measles, polio, and other. DOH and WHO are looking into preparing for the pending polio outbreak immunization campaign.

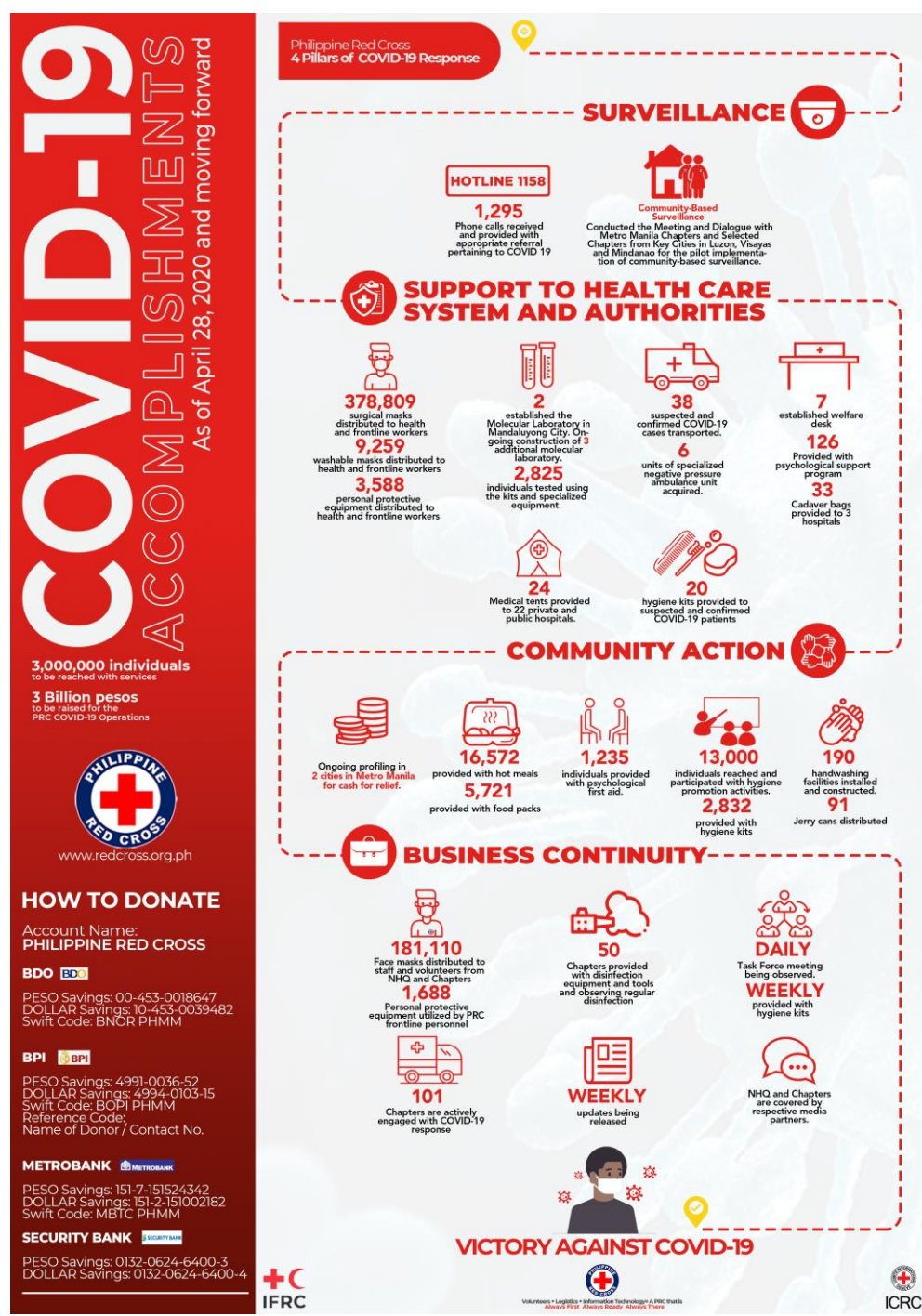
Between 1 January and 11 April 2020, a total of 3,163 measles cases were reported in the Philippines, including 30 deaths. This is a significant decrease with the same period last year, when 35,350 cases were reported including 523 deaths. Among the newly reported cases in 2020, 61% was not vaccinated, with 17% not knowing the vaccination status.

Similarly, between 1 January and 11 April 2020, 46,427 dengue cases were reported, including 157 deaths. This is a 37% decrease compared to the same period last year, when 73,470 cases were reported, including 341 deaths.

PRC has been mobilizing its volunteers for crucial COVID-19 preparedness and response actions:



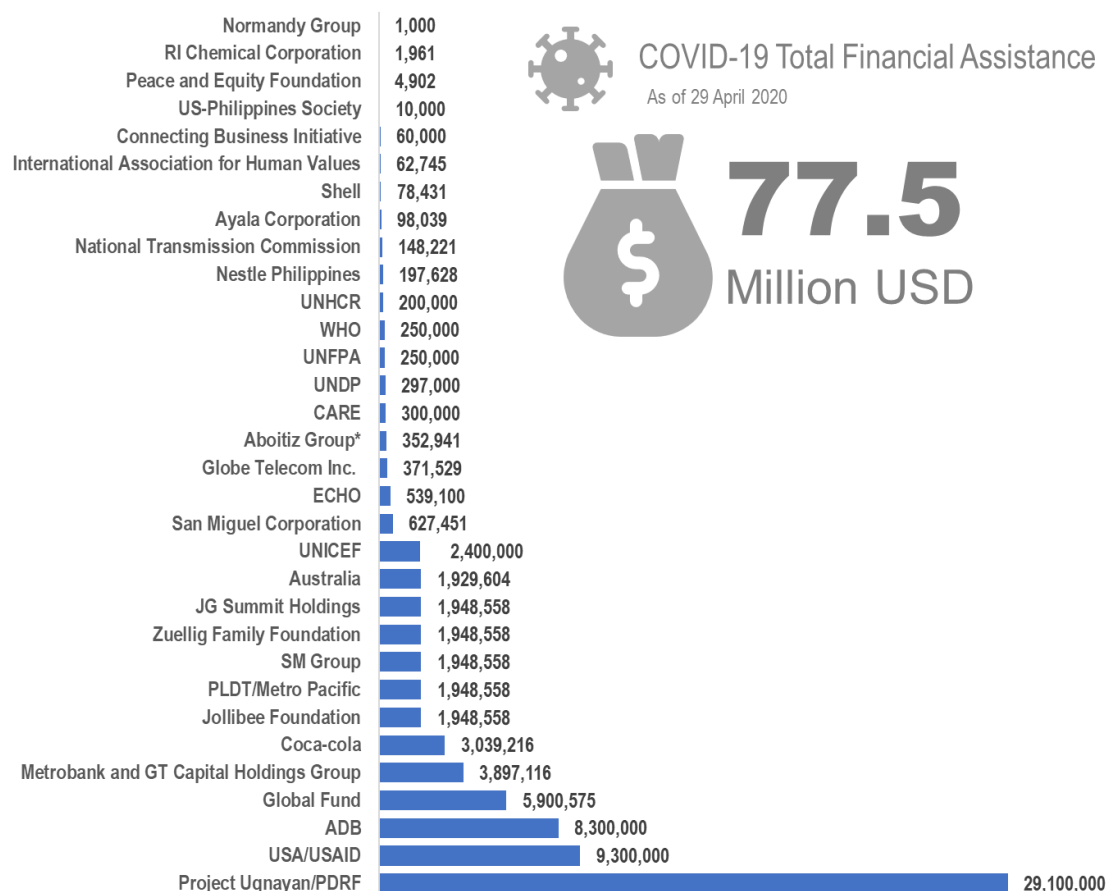
The Australia government supported PRC with a negative pressure ambulance.



Resource mobilization

Grant

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



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

As of 29 April, WHO received more than US\$ 405.7 million and an additional US\$ 302.2 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



500M

World Bank

Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
ADB	Laboratory facility for 45,000 tests	1	
Americares	N95 masks	22,320	34,600
	Surgical masks	4,000	
Chinese government	COVID-19 test kits	100,000	
	PPE (full set minus goggles)	10,000	
	N95 masks	10,000	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
IAHV	N95/KN95 Masks	34,922	
IMC	PPE (full set)	200	
	Surgical gowns	4,765	
	Examination gloves	33,869	
	Surgical masks	206,000	
	Goggles	30	
	Cot beds	10	
	Electric fans	20	
Japan government	PPE	12,000	
PRC	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	30	
	Face masks	36,000	
	PPE (full set)	2,000	
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals	
UNDP	Ventilators		15
UNFPA	Face masks	110,000	
	Handheld thermometers	1,130	
	PPE (full set)	254,839	131,516
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets	4	2
	Hygiene kits for women	750	350
	Clean delivery packs		500
	Women Friendly Space Tents	1	2
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment	1	
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 42 m ²	44	
	Coverall, protection, CatIII, type 4b		72,380
	Faceshield, fog-resistant, fullface, disp		33,000
	Mask, high-fil, FFP2/N95, no valve, nonster		48,000
	Mask, surgic, typellR, ear loop, disp.		409,200
	Gloves, w/opowder, nitr		100,000
	Gloves, heavy-duty, rubber/nitrile		1,000
	Goggles, protective, indirect-side-venti		500
	Apron, protection, plastic, reusable		500
	Boots, rubber/PVC, reusable, pair		500
	Sprayer, compression type, 7.4 litres		160
	Sanitation and cleaning kit		500
US government	Cots	1,300	
WFP	Tent	2	
	50 kVA generator	2	
WHO (with USAID funding)	Laboratory supplies <i>E-gene EAV kits</i>	335	
	<i>RdRP-gene kits</i>	99	
	<i>N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials</i>	12	7
	<i>Sanger sequencing reagents vials</i>	3	
	<i>Universal Transport Media viral kit</i>	4,350	10,000
	<i>Flexible Mini Tip</i>	2,000	10,000
	Extraction kits <i>QIAgen QIamp RNA Kit</i>	24	36
	<i>SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR</i>	15	24
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	
	PPE (4 goggles, 4 aprons, 4 N95 masks, 200 surgical caps, 100 gloves, 200 shoe covers)	458	
	Disinfectant kits	30	