



## Situation Summary

- **Out of total 491,258 confirmed cases reported in the Philippines until today, 54% are male, with the most affected age group 20-29 years (26.2%) followed by 30-39 years (23.7%).**
- 43.7% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), CALABARZON (18.2%), Central Visayas (5.58%), and Central Luzon (6.7%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.
- **Out of 9,554 confirmed deaths, 60% are male, with the most affected age group aged over 70 (35%) followed by 60-69 years (27.3%)**
- 40.7% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (14.8%), CALABARZON (12%), and Western Visayas (6.4s%). Largest increase in new deaths from NCR.
- **Department of Health (DOH) and WHO emphasizing the need for compliance to, and proper implementation of, national guidelines at LGU level**
- Currently 154 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 45 laboratories using GeneXpert.

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## Upcoming Events and Priorities

The Black Nazarene feast held this year, albeit without the annual procession of the life-sized image of the dark-skinned Jesus Christ carrying the cross, was a "superspreader" event amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a research group said. The group, however, said they have not made their projection on COVID-19 cases regarding the event, but could use figures presented by authorities, such as the 400,000 devotees that flocked the Quiapo Church, as mentioned by the Manila Police District. COVID-19 data in the past two or three weeks has been incomplete due to the reduced capacities of testing laboratories over the holidays. A rise in COVID-19 cases are however expected now that testing centers are back in full operation.

The Department of Health has refuted claims that a new coronavirus variant has already been detected in the Philippines, as it continued to appeal to netizens to stop spreading unverified information on the matter. "We would like to explain that we have not yet detected the UK or any variant at all here in the country. Those are not true, and please, do not add to the fear of the public by issuing this kind of statement", the DOH appealed. The new variants can only be detected through genome sequencing, which can only be carried out by the Philippine Genome Center, the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, and the University of the Philippines National Institutes of Health. The over 300 specimens that have been processed for sequencing have not given signs of any new variant. Meanwhile, the DOH also noted that the sequencing results of the close contacts of the Filipina domestic

helper in Hong Kong earlier diagnosed with the new variant are expected to be released within the week.

The Philippines is about to secure 90 million more doses of COVID-19 vaccines within the next two weeks, on top of the 30 million doses of Covovax from the Serum Institute of India and 25 million doses of Sinovac vaccines, as well as advance purchases of local government units and private firms through tripartite agreements. In total, the national government is expected to secure 145 million vaccine doses within the month, as it targets to inoculate up to 70 million Filipinos this year. The first vaccine to arrive will be 50,000 doses from China's Sinovac, although vaccines from US firm Pfizer could be rolled out earlier if the COVAX facility would grant the Philippines' appeal for 44 million free doses. COVAX, a global initiative led by the World Health Organization along with the vaccine alliance GAVI and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, aims to ensure equitable access to safe and effective coronavirus vaccines.

## National Transmission Assessment

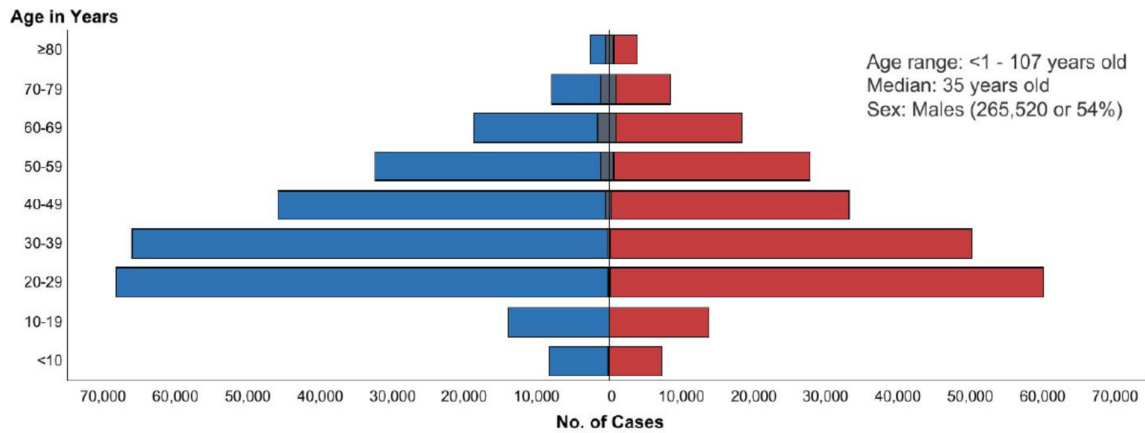
At national level, the Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localised community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of wide spread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of an increasing trend in the number of cases and higher transmission in Region 3, Region 4A, and in the NCR. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 34.4% occupancy, with variation between Regions. Additional beds are being allocated for COVID-19 cases, as per the direction of the government. In the past weeks there seem to have been a decrease in daily reported cases, deaths and recoveries by as much as 25%. Recently DOH has changed the reporting of recovered cases based on the national criteria. Mild and asymptomatic cases are tagged as recovered 14 days after onset or specimen collection. Additional data validation and harmonisation efforts are ongoing. The government is responding across sectors, including through enhanced community engagement, targeted isolation and quarantine measures, expansion of contact tracing and continuous increase in laboratory capacity.

## Epidemiology

As of 12 January 2021, a total of 491,258 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 9,554 deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The proportion of deaths among COVID-19 confirmed cases is now 1.94%.

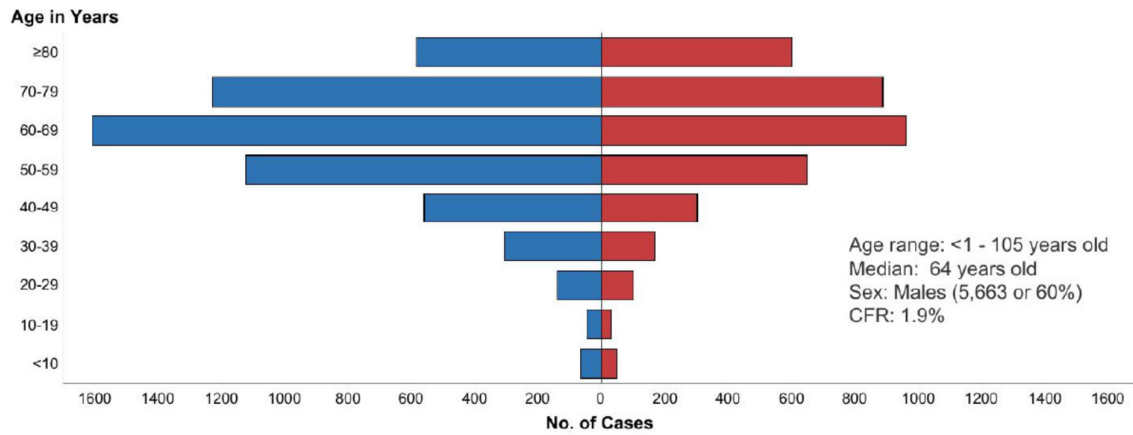
Epidemiological Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU
<i>Data reported on 12 January 2021 compared with data reported on 5 January 2021 (% difference compared to previous 7 days)</i>	248,222 Tests past 7 days	11,565 New cases past 7 days	233 Deaths past 7 days	41.17% ICU Utilization Rate past 7 days
	6,689,762 Cumulative Unique Individuals Tested	491,258 Cumulative Cases	9,554 Cumulative Deaths	2,113 COVID-19 ICU beds
	8.3% Positivity rate			
Health Service Provision COVID-19	14,757 Health care workers trained on IPC	192 Healthcare worker cases reported past 7 days	1,266 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	23,761 Non-ICU Hospital beds
	11,133 Community workers trained on IPC			149,368 Hospital beds in TTMF

**Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines in %**  
18 January 2020 - 12 January 2021 (N=491,258)

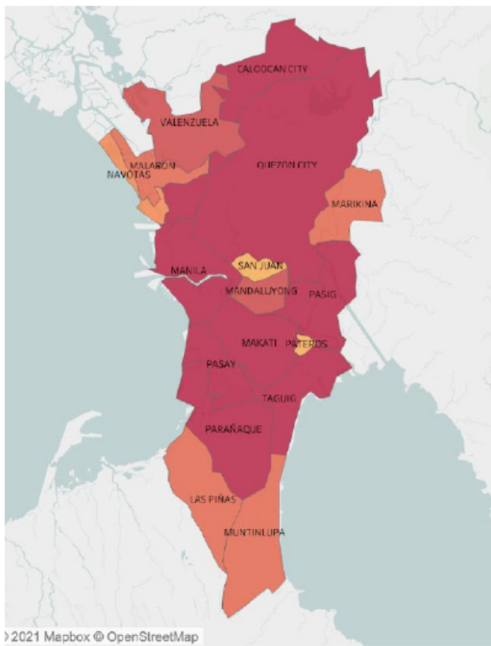


**Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines in %**

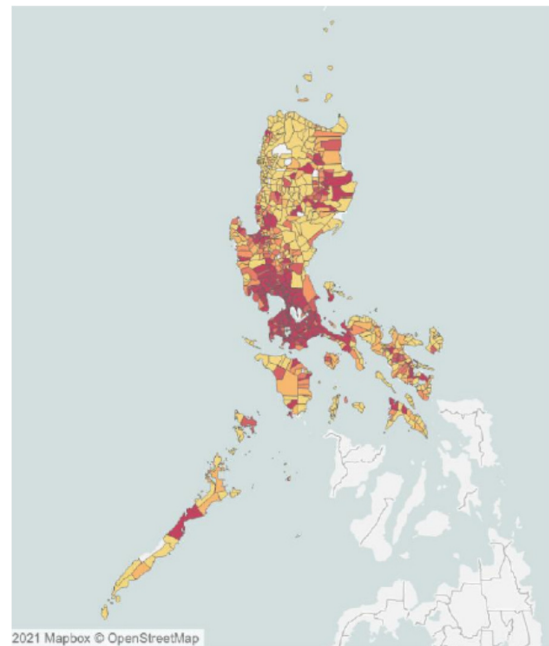
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**Map of COVID-19 cases in NCR by city/municipality**  
 18 January 2020 - 12 January 2021 (N=491,258)



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## Strategic Approach

The mayor of Davao City announced that the city government has formally signed a contract with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals Inc. to deliver initial doses of its Covid-19 vaccines to the city by third quarter of 2021. However, as AstraZeneca cannot commit to deliver bulk supply to Davao, the city will still be getting its Covid-19 vaccines from multiple sources, prioritizing talks with companies that intend to apply for emergency use authorization (EUA) and product registration in the country. On a related note, a survey shows two out of 10 Dabawenyos express unwillingness to get the vaccine because of possible side effects, fear of complication, personal mistrust in vaccines, lack of empirical clinical studies affirming the safety of the vaccine, among others. There is a need to roll out an information dissemination drive to let the public know more about the vaccine.

Recognizing that greater action was needed to manage the flock of devotees and pilgrims coming to the Basilica for the Novena Masses and the upcoming Fiesta Senior 2021, the Augustinian Friars of Basilica Minore del Sto. Nino de Cebu have decided to cancel all public masses in the Basilica and instead celebrate through virtual or online, starting from January 12 to 17, the Fiesta Senior. Despite the cancellation of face-to-face masses, the Basilica church and compound will remain open.

### Laboratory strengthening

There are currently 154 laboratories certified to conduct COVID-19 testing by DOH using RT-PCR technology, as well as 45 laboratories using GeneXpert, with an additional 50 public and private laboratories under assessment.

### Community Support

UNICEF provided infection prevention and control equipment to the DOH Luzon Field Implementation and Coordination Team for use in the response and recovery activities following two destructive typhoons that hit the Philippines in November 2020. DOH received a total of 15,300 face shields and 200 modular tents distributed to recipients in Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, and CAR.

### RCCE

UNICEF posted its congratulations and support to the passing of Republic Act No. 11510 or the Alternative Learning System Act to strengthen access to education for out-of-school children and youth, especially those severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The post was the top performing on UNICEF's official Facebook page, reaching 15,000 people and generating 600 engagements with over 100 shares. Access the post here:

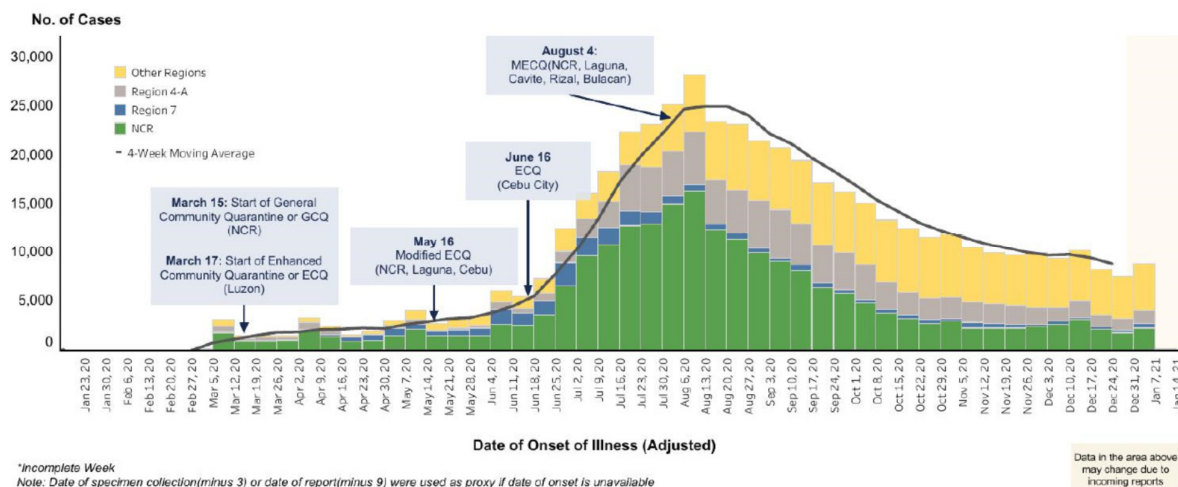
<https://www.facebook.com/unicefphilippines/posts/10159529747745572>

UNICEF Country Representative Oyun Dendevnorov released an op-ed discussing how children in the Philippines are being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and how moving forward, UNICEF continues to support the government with its proposed Six-Point Plan to ensure that every child gets the support he or she needs to navigate the pandemic and beyond. The op-ed is available here:

<https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2021/01/07/2068663/fresh-start-filipino-children-2021/amp>

## Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

**Figure: Timeline of NPIs with EPI curve combined with NPI implementation dates**  
16 January 2020- 12 January 2021

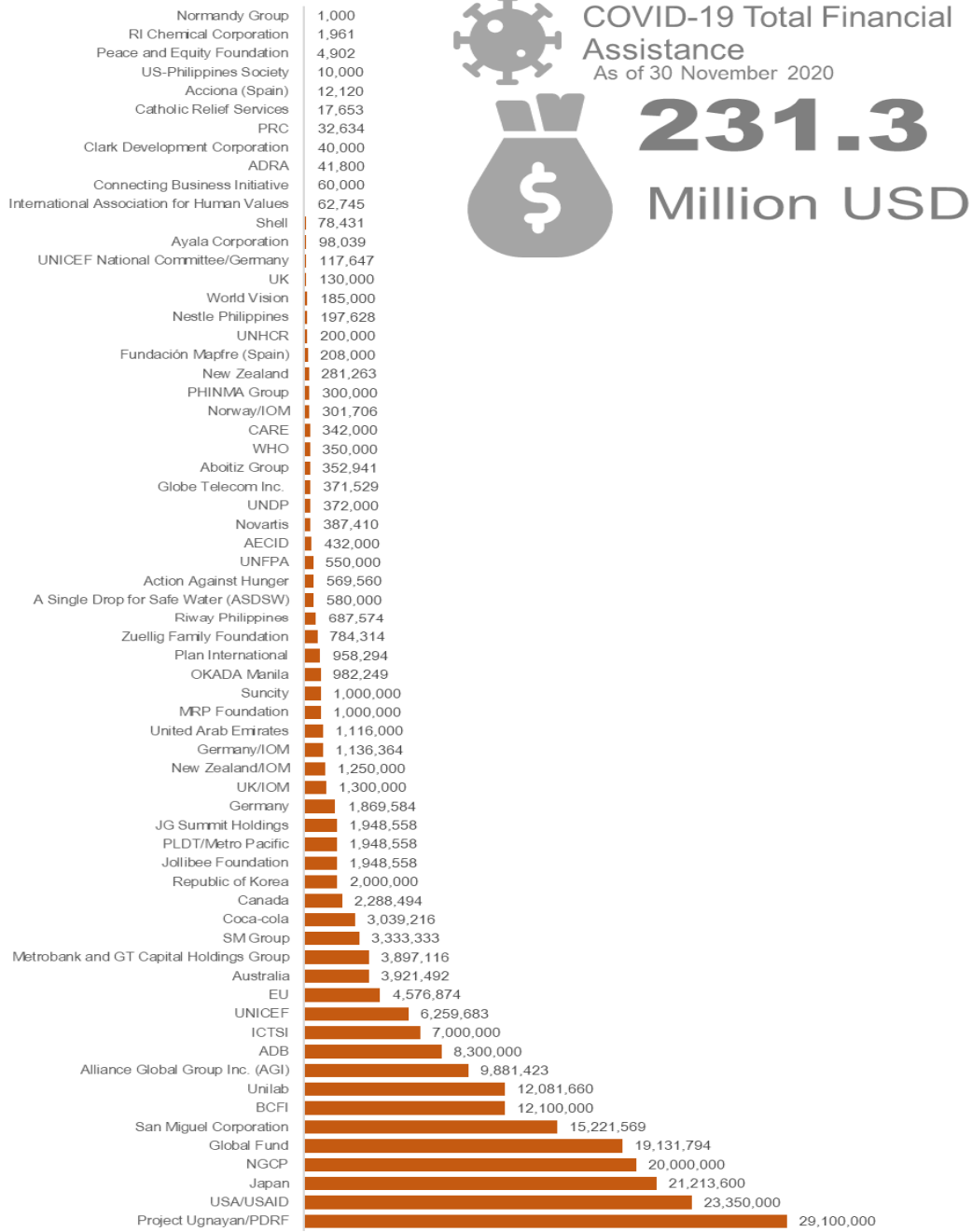


NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation		Lifted for some areas	Lifted for all areas
			Geo-graphical	Recommended /Required		
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	13 March	-	National	Required	No	No
School Closure	10 March – Metro Manila	3 June	National	Required	3 June with limitations	No
Workplace Closure	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	15 May	No
Mass Gatherings	10 March – Metro Manila	4 Aug	National	Required	3 June with limitations	No
Stay at Home	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	15 May	No
Restrictions on Internal Movement (within country)	13 March	4 Aug	National	Required	1 June	No
Restrictions on International Travel	31 Jan - China	4 Aug	National	Required	1 June	No
Others; specify in narrative	None	None	-	-	-	-

**Important links:**

- <https://covid19.healthphilipinas.ph/>
- <https://www.doh.gov.ph/covid19tracker>
- <http://www.covid19.gov.ph/>
- <https://www.lguvsocovid.ph/>

## Annex: Resource mobilization



Here is the link to the COVID-19 Funding Online Dashboard:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/ocha.philippines.im#!/vizhome/PHILIPPINESCOVID-19FinancialAssistanceDashboard/DASHBOARD>

## Logistics, procurement, and supply management

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
ADB	Laboratory facility for 45,000 tests	1	
Americares	N95 masks	73,120	33,800
	Surgical masks	17,500	36,500
	Face shields	60	
	Thermal scanners	3	
	Disinfectant alcohol (1 gallon)	6	
	Oxygen tanks with accessories	3	
	Water tanks	5	
CARE	PPE (full set)	2,029	
	Thermal scanners	23	
	Hygiene kits	9,364	
	Water station facilities	5	
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	
	Examination gloves	767,184	
	Surgical masks	666,200	
	N95 masks	150,445	
	Surgical gowns	5,115	
	Goggles	470	
	Electric fans	20	
	HTH Chlorine (Kg)	225	
	Stethoscope	2	
	Sphygmomanometer	2	
	Digital thermometer	6	
	Sprayer	2	
	Sanitizer (Lt)	225	
	Body bags	50	
	Hospital Beds	2	
	Cot beds	10	
	Breast milk container, 180ml	160	
	Electric fan	20	
	Scrub suits	90	
	Folding table, 72in x 30 in	2	
	Rubber apron	40	
	Stretcher	2	
	Metal bench, 3 seater	6	
	Tent, 6m x 10m, x 2m	1	
	Tent, 11ft x 11 ft x 7ft	2	
	Canopy tents, 3m x 3m	3	
IOM	Isolation gown, washable Taffeta	1,200	
	foot cover, non woven	800	
	bunny suit coverall, washable Taffeta	700	
	nitrile examination gloves	85,000	
	surgical mask	102,250	
	face shield, acrylic	560	
	face shield, acetate	1,500	
	Thermal scanner	110	
	Modular tents	20	
Japan government	PPE	12,000	
National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP)	Decontamination chambers	2	
	Ventilators	12	
	Powered air purifying respirators	32	
	Closed suction system	200	
	Test kits	10,000	
	Gallons of 70% alcohol	42,000	
	Gallons of disinfecting solutions	3,800	
	Infrared thermometers	2,100	
	Hazmat suits	3,000	
	Goggles	45,000	
	Surgical caps	60,000	
	Full face shields	65,000	
	Disposable gowns	75,000	
	Pairs of shoe covers	85,000	
	N95 and surgical masks	3,300,000	
	Gloves	3,300,000	
PRC	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	30	
	Face masks	36,000	
	PPE (full set)	2,000	
	Medical supplies, masks, alcohol, food	6 Manila hospitals	
Samaritan's Purse	Medical tents for isolation and treatment	3	
	Mattresses	200	
	KN95 mask	1,300	
	Face Shield	1,300	
	Gown	1,300	
	Gloves	54,000	



Who	What	Delivered	Expected
	Surgical Mask	3,600	
	Hygiene kits	810	
UNDP	Ventilators		15
UNFPA	Face masks	124,700	
	Handheld thermometers	1,201	
	PPE (full set)	616,762	
	Medical Triage Tents and equipment sets	9	2
	Hygiene kits for women	780	350
	Clean delivery packs		500
	Women Friendly Space Tents	1	2
	Women and Child Protection Unit equipment	1	
	Human resource support (nurses, midwives, encoders)	43 staff	
	PPE set to support 4 facilities	4 months worth	
	Gallons of hand sanitizer and alcohol	1,000	
	Face shield	700	
	Condoms and Lubricants	8,000	
	Automated Nucleic Acid Extraction Machine	1	
UNHCR	PPE	12,152	
	Sleeping mats	64	
	Hygiene kits	64	
	Blankets	64	
	Plastic sheets	1,020	
	Solar lamps	1,020	
	Mosquito nets	1,020	
UNICEF	Tents for triage and isolation purposes 72m <sup>2</sup> and 42 m <sup>2</sup>	74	
	Modular tents for isolation facility	400	
	Coveralls for health workers	72,380	
	Face shields	48,300	
	N95 masks for health workers	35,680	
	Surgical masks	406,750	
	Gloves, heavy-duty, rubber/nitrile	1,000	
	Goggles, protective, indirect-side-venti	500	
	Apron, protection, plastic, reusable	500	
	Boots, rubber/PVC, reusable, pair	500	
	Coveralls for cleaning and disinfection personnel	1,000	
	N95 masks for cleaning and disinfecting personnel	15,000	
	Cleaning and disinfection kit	1,196	
	Water kits	2,738	
	Hygiene kits	7,540	
	Handwashing facilities	210	
	Temporary drinking water facilities	15	
	Temporary sanitation facilities	67	
	Chlorine pool testers for water quality monitoring	12	
	Bulk water storages/bladders	6	
US government	Cots	1,300	
	Disposable shoe cover	14,000	
	Disposable head cap	14,000	
	Disposable surgical gown	12,600	
	KN95 mask	9800	
	Face shield	2800	
	Goggles	2800	
	Nitrile gloves	119,000	
	Pulse oximeter	210	
	Infrared thermometer	210	
WFP	Mobile Storage Unit	3	
	50 kVA generator	2	
	Shower/toilet unit	1	
WHO (with USAID funding)	Laboratory supplies		
	E-gene EAV kits	335	
	RdRP-gene kits	99	
	N gene/E gene/RdRp gene vials	12	7
	Sanger sequencing reagents vials	3	
	Universal Transport Media viral kit	89,350	
	Flexible Mini Tip	2,000	10,000
	Extraction kits		
	QIAGEN Qlamp RNA Kit	235	
	SuperScript III Platinum One-step qRT-PCR	109	
WHO (with DFAT funding)	Goggles	1,200	
	Gloves	31,000	
	N95 masks	900	
	Surgical masks	100,000	
	Surgical gowns	817	
	Hand sanitizer	240	
	Face shields	640	
	Bio bags	400	
WHO (from HQ)	Goggles	161,200	
	Examination Gloves	31,000	
	N95 Respirator Mask	408,900	
	Surgical Gowns	231,817	
	Face Shield	240,640	
	Hand Sanitizer	240	
	Surgical Mask	2,256,000	
	Bio Bags	400	

Who	What	Delivered	Expected
	Oxygen Concentrator	500	
	Oxygen Concentrator Spare Parts	500	
	Nasal Oxygen Cannula with prongs (adult)	500	
	Nasal Oxygen Cannula with prongs (pediatric)	500	
	Venturi Mask with O2 lock and tubing (adult)	500	
	Venturi Mask with O2 lock and tubing (pediatric)	500	
	Patient Monitor	66	
World Vision	Mobile Storage Unit 10 x 32m	4	
	Tents (child-friendly space) 7 x 6m	17	
	PPE (full set)	458	
	Disinfectant kits	30	