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## Humanitarian Situation Report Template

### Humanitarian Situation Report [# 19] COVID-19 – [Philippines] [October 10, 2020] [Point of Contact – Federico Diaz Albertini, Country Director] September 10-October 10, 2020

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#### Part 1: The Overall Situation

##### Philippines

In the Philippines, since the lockdown in March 16, the Covid 19 cases in the country has been rising steadily and has currently **129,913** positive cases (*previous report 128,913*) with **2,270** deaths (*previous report 2,270*) report and **67,673** recovered cases (*previous report 67,673*).

Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported	Number of Deaths	Number of Cases Recovered
<b>331,869</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>273,958</b>
SOURCE: <a href="https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV">https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV</a> (Oct 10, 2020)		

For cases by gender 55% are male and 45% are female with the most affected age group are 20-29 followed by 30-39. 52% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by Central Visayas (7%), CALABARZON (17.6%), and Central Luzon (5.4%). Largest increase in new cases from the National Capital Region

Out of 6,069 confirmed deaths, 60 % are male, with the most affected age group aged 60-69 years (33%) followed by over 70 (34.5%) followed by 60-69 (28%). 48% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (21.5%), CALABARZON (11%), and Central Luzon (4.7%). Largest increase in new deaths from NCR.

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Department of Health (DOH) and WHO emphasizing the need for compliance to, and proper implementation of, national guidelines at LGU level - 100% of health facilities daily reporting to DOH's DataCollectApp showing 42.1% occupancy rate of ward, ICU and isolation beds for COVID-19 patients nationally. In NCR, out of 180 health facilities, 52.8% of dedicated COVID-19 beds are occupied. In CALABARZON, 261 health facilities report 51.5% occupancy rate of dedicated COVID-19 beds. Currently 108 laboratories using RT-PCR are accredited for COVID-19 testing, as well as 33 laboratories using GeneXpert. 98 applications still in various stages of accreditation.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has relaxed documentary requirements to speed up the hiring of contact tracers amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the DILG said Monday. The move has become necessary since government agencies issuing the needed requirements are not fully

operational yet due to the implementation of various community quarantine protocols. Of the 50,000 required contact tracers, a least 10,000 have been hired so far.

An inter-agency task force leading the Philippine government's response against the coronavirus pandemic has said it will use the upgrading of lockdowns as a "last resort" in efforts to contain the respiratory disease as authorities sought to revive the economy. The IATF, in a resolution dated Oct. 2, said it approved a recommendation of an economic development cluster for the "further gradual reopening of the economy in increments proportional to the healthcare capacity of the country." Current community quarantine classifications, which determine which businesses are allowed to operate, will see "stricter implementation and observance of the health and safety protocols."

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) is considering increasing the passenger capacity in public transport up to 70 percent. Labor officials appealed to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to increase ridership capacity since limited capacity is taking a toll on workers, saying that the only way to lift people out of poverty is if we open the economy. Currently, ridership capacity is at 50 percent or half of the designated capacity.

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 and Region 4A, and a decreasing trend in the NCR. At national level, the bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 allocated beds is currently at 42.1% 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. 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.

The clustering of COVID-19 cases in the country are mainly found in communities and other settings such as modes of transportation and business process outsourcing (BPO) companies, the DOH said Monday, of which 84.9% (1,480/1,742) are found in communities. The second highest incidence of clustering of cases at 8.09% or 140 was found in other settings which include the transportation sector and nine BPO companies. 5.11% or 89 cases of clustering were found in hospitals and health care facilities, while 1.84% or 32 clusters were spotted in jails and prison facilities.

The national government has already borrowed a total of \$7.76 billion <sup>i</sup>(as of July 2020) for their Covid 19 response but it still not enough to respond to those who lost their jobs and businesses due to quarantines and lockdowns implemented. The government has stopped their social amelioration program to the poor communities already leaving the task of continuous provision of immediate needs at the hands of the local government authorities as the Philippine government struggles to balance health care system needs and economic recovery interventions for this Covid 19 pandemic.

The table<sup>1</sup> below shows almost all program areas of our partners are in **Modified General Community Quarantine**<sup>2</sup> except for Metro Manila partner that is under General Community Quarantine based on the latest category of quarantines defined by the national government. One program area of the partner is under strict Enhanced Community Quarantine guidelines due to rising Covid 19 cases. The table below also shows the number of Covid cases that are either Positive, Person Under Investigation (PUI)<sup>3</sup> or Person Under Monitoring (PUM)<sup>4</sup>

**(As of October 10, 2020)**

Partners (Name, Province, Region, Municipalities, Cities)	Quarantine Category				Cases in covered Mun/Cities		
	MGCQ	GCQ	MECQ	ECQ	Positive Case	PUI	PUM
<b>1.SPUP</b> <i>Apayao Province, Northern Luzon</i>							
1. Luna	1				1	4	55
2. Flora	1				1	2	35
<b>2. GEMS</b> <i>National Capital Region</i>							
1. Pasay		1			3887	769	93
2. Manila		1			4,753	736	285
3. T. Martires		1			302	87	109
<b>3. REINA</b> <i>Northern Quezon Province, Southern Luzon Region</i>							
1. Infanta	1				63	0	1
2. Nakar	1				7	0	0
3. Real	1				72	0	0
<b>4. FACE</b> <i>Bicol Region</i>							
1. Pili (Camarines Sur province)	1				39	0	185
2. Sorogon City (Sorsogon province)	1				11	21	402
3. Irosin (Sorsogon province)		1			2	50	306

<sup>1</sup> Local Partners update as of September 9, 2020

<sup>2</sup> Modified General Community Quarantine-refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal. When the following temporary measures are relaxed and becomes less necessary; limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries and presence and presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols

<sup>3</sup> PUI- Fever and / or cough + a travel history in the past 14 days to areas with issued travel restrictions especially areas with Cases of COVID 19+ A History of Exposure to COVID 19.

<sup>4</sup> PUM- a travel history in the past 14 days to areas with issued travel restrictions especially areas with Cases of COVID 19+ A History of Exposure to COVID 19

4. Bulan (Sorsogon province)	1				2	25	312
5. Matnog (Sorsogon province)	1				6	12	109

<b>5. CHILD Initiative</b> <i>Western Visayas Region</i>							
1. Roxas (Capiz province)	1				340	230	350
2. San Joaquin (Iloilo province)	1				27	4	90
3. Bacolod (Negros Occidental province)		1			4266	243	933
<b>6. KKKK</b> <i>Northern Mindanao Region</i>							
1. Cagayan De Oro (Misamis Oriental)	1				984	8766	3
<b>7. Hauman-BREATH</b> <i>Central Mindanao Region</i>							
1. Midsayap (North Cotabato province)	1				8	30	258
2. Aleosan (North Cotabato)	1				0	0	0
3. Cotabato City	1				104	83	0
4. Upi (Maguindanao province)	1				8	0	0
5. South Upi (Maguindanao province)	1				3	4	0
6. Tupi (South Cotabato province)	1				1	0	0
<b>8. ZnFEPA</b> <i>Zamboanga Del Norte Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region</i>							
1. Dipolog	1				0	5	89
2. Dapitan	1				0	1	146
3. Pres. MAR	1				0	1	92
4. Katipunan	1				0	4	116
5. Manukan	1				0	1	100
6. Sindangan	1				0	6	240

<b>9. XAES</b> <i>Zamboanga Del Sur Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region</i>							
1. L. Postigo	1				0	0	97
2. Gutalac	1				0	0	47

<b>10. KPPA</b> <i>Zamboanga Del Sur Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region</i>							
1.Pagadian	1				2		
2.Zamboanga City	1				1,882	4,921	1,213
<b>11. IFI</b> <i>Basilan Province, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao</i>							
1.Isabela	1				16	41	0
2.Lamitan	1				5	50	0
3.Sumisip	1				0	0	0
4.Maluso	1				1	0	0
5. Tipo tipo	1				0	0	0
6. Tuburan	1				0	0	0
7.Lantawan	1				0	0	0
<b>12. VSDFI</b> <i>Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao</i>							
1.Jolo (Sulu province)	1				20	0	0
2.Patikul (Sulu province)	1				0	0	0
3.Tawi-tawi province				1	115	0	0
<b>Total</b>	37	5	0	0	16,949	16,096	6,033
<b>Previous Report Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10,673</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>7,838</b>

As of October 10, there are 16,949 positive cases in the program areas and majority of them are still in Metro Manila program areas (8,943) or in the National Capital Region. 16,096 individuals that are PUI's while 6,033 were recorded are in the PUM list in scattered in almost all program areas. Based on the table above, positive cases in almost all program areas have increased. Most of these cases are local transmission already.

If you look in the tables above and below, there are 700 positive cases of Covid 19 directly affecting the covered communities of our partners. Some areas remain zero positive case but it does not mean that areas are safe of the spread of the virus already. There programs of partners that are experiencing spike of positive cases of Covid 19 most of its through local transmission. Despite the rising positive cases in the rural areas the government will not be declaring any strict quarantine implementation as the government think the economy cannot afford another major lockdown as it might totally destroy the local economies. As of this reporting there is no enrolled child reported positive of Covid 19 nor diseased by it.

However, based on the feedback by the local partners though Covid 19 is not really spreading in their program areas but the impact of the strict quarantine restriction implementation is really affecting the communities they are serving.

On *livelihood*, partners shared that many head of households lost their jobs and opportunities for livelihood activities becomes limited. Family members that lost their jobs in the cities have returned to the provinces and are engaging back to farming. Farmers have struggle marketing their products outside

their villages. Families are resorting to backyard gardening as additional source of food. the agricultural produce are being sold cheap whereas prices of other necessities are high. What other farmers are doing is that some of their produce (rice, corn, vegetables) are not being sold but use this as household consumption. Some families engage themselves to online business and others.

On Education, school opened last October 5 and the department of education started implementing the blended learning approach a mix of modular and online lessons. So far there have been a lot of complained from parents, students and teachers themselves on the challenges particularly on teaching students using the modular approach as most of the parents are struggling to teach their children in their respective homes. Internet connection remains a major challenge in this remote teaching approach.

On *businesses*, sales of goods went down because people opted to buy only the necessities and also supplies are low. Non-essential commodity businesses are really affected. Prices of essential commodities went high as well affecting greatly the poor families.

On *health services*, the partners shared commonly that people in the rural areas are afraid to go to the health centers for check-up because they are afraid to be infected with the virus and afraid of experiencing discrimination if suspected of having Covid.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

Parent Account	Community Name	Community ID	# of Enrolled and Sponsored Children		COVID19 Cases Reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N/Unknown) Provide number if available.	Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.)	Number of enrolled children diseased as result of COVID19
			Sponsored	Enrolled			
Community Hope and Initiative for Lasting Development, Inc. CHILDInitiative	Western Visayas Area	3960	1549	1949	425	0	0
Federation of Associations for Communities and Children Empowerment, Inc. (Bicol Area)	Bicol Area	1852	1952	2449	4	0	0
GEMS Heart Outreach Dev't, Inc.	Bukas Kamay	1854	680	1447	251	0	0
Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc	Bila-an	3812	444	653	0	0	0
Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc	Tiruray	3811	457	675	0	0	0
Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc	Reconciliation	3924	528	666	1	0	0
Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc	Ha Uman	1139	2167	2757	0	0	0
Isabela Foundation, Inc.	Inspiracion delos Pobres	1841	421	704	0	0	0

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Isabela Foundation, Inc.	Maluso	1837	456	708	0	0	0
Isabela Foundation, Inc.	Punuhkubong	1836	287	450	0	0	0
KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC.	Holy Rosary	3815	247	295	0	0	0
KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC.	Kalambu-an	1834	348	573	0	0	0
REINA Federation of Parents Associations, Inc (REINA Area)	REINA Area	4235	2506	3140	6	0	0
SPUP Community Development Center Foundation, Inc.	ChildProTECT	4296	739	1315	0	0	0
Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc	Kalimayahan Family Life Center	1853	546	842	3	0	0
Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc	Tawi-Tawi Family Center	3931	526	964	10	0	0
Xavier Agricultural Extension Service Foundation Inc.	CREATE CD	4289	1264	1799	0	0	0
Xavier Science Foundation, Inc.	Kabatangan Sa Katilingban Sa Ilang	4037	729	1175	0	0	0
Zamboanga del Norte Federation of Parents Association, Inc.	Zamboanga del Norte Area	1847	2564	3090	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>18,410</b>	<b>25,651</b>	<b>700</b> (previous 535)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Parent Organization	Community Name	Community ID	What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)?					
			Program Implementation	CVS	M&E Level 2	Enrollment /Disaffiliation	Sponsorship Communication	DFC
Community Hope and Initiative for Lasting Development, Inc. CHILDInitiative	Western Visayas Area	3960	Family Disaster Resiliency Program	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Partially operational	April-July released to partners
Federation of Associations for Communities and Children Empowerment, Inc. (Bicol Area)	Bicol Area	1852	Family Disaster Resiliency Program	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Partially operational	April-July released to partners
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Service Foundation Inc.								
Xavier Science Foundation, Inc.	Kabtangnan Sa Katilingban Sa Ilang	4037	Family Disaster Resiliency Program	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Partially operational	April-July released to partners
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Part 3: ChildFund’s Response

**3.a. Overall**

ChildFund CO has ended as of the moment its Covid 19 relief response interventions from its partners as of the moment and currently implementing Family Disaster Resilience program. This is an initial intervention in supporting the program areas in adapting to “new normal”, preparing the partners in possible double disasters happening as the country is entering the typhoon season, and most of the program areas are high risk to impacts of hydro meteorological hazards aside from the other hazards. The CO has provided initial guidelines in the implementation of the Family Disaster Resilience program. This program includes home-based activities and PFA interventions in the communities of partners.

The CO continues to be in close coordination with the Philippine International NGO Network (PINGON), participates actively with the National Child Protection Working Group (NCPWG) and Mindanao Humanitarian Team on updating and coordination remote meetings in discussions in addressing Covid 19 humanitarian issues in the Philippines.

The CO just concluded its program models assessment to its local partners. The purpose of the assessment is to generate data from partners on how the existing program models can adjust/adapt in the context of the new normal of program implementation under Covid 19 emergency.

All local partners have just finished their 1<sup>st</sup> quarter implementation of Family Disaster Resiliency program and will continue to implement the program until end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**3.b. Program Response**

○ **Ensure that children get food they need**

The CO fully implemented its Cash transfer Program intervention since June 30. Currently no intervention related to food security being implemented but are providing support activities for families on food resilience under the Family Disaster Resiliency program. Family participants are implementing backyard gardening to ensure food always in their table and as part of emergency readiness.

BUILDCA2P Child labor project are currently finalizing their food pack distribution plan in their four program areas. 920 facemasks and face shields distributed already to village patrols, village leaders, health workers and nutrition volunteers in 8 villages from four municipalities in two provinces.

As of end of August, the BUILDCA2P Child labor project distributed food packages to 3,300 households of Child Laborers in the provinces of Bukidnon, Davao del Norte and North Cotabato.

○ **Keep children safe from Violence: physically and emotionally**

To ensure support in community-based child protection systems that identify, respond to and refer cases of abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation. The CO will implement capacity building of partners to implement Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to their covered program areas.

The CO is closely monitoring the implementation of local partners of their MHPSS activities that is integrated in their regular program intervention. CO will provide technical support as needed.

Currently the CO MHPSS team of facilitators will conduct an MHPSS training to the BUILDCA2P project partners. This intervention forms part of BUILDCA2P Covid 19 response.

○ **Help children continue to do their job: Learning**

All HFAK activities have ended since July but text information blast continuously provided to covered communities of partners. In particular, provided information related OSEC and referral information to families.

The BOAT school project from PALLADIUM has recently started last September. This is implemented in the island province of Tawi-tawi in the Municipalities of Pandami and Siasi. Implementation is on-going and is not affected by the Covid 19 cases as currently not positive cases has been reported in the island municipalities.

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**Part 4: Office and Staff Status**

Members of the health and wellness committee of the CO have finalized the return from work preparation of the CO for selected staff. But with recent spike of Covid 19 cases in the country particularly in Metro Manila, the CMT has pushed back on the plans of selected going to office to work particularly with Metro Manila reverting back to MECQ were no public transport is available. CMT will further study and observe the situation before arriving deciding again on back-to-office schedule.

Last August 20, the health and wellness committee have conducted another online “Kumustahan” to check on the staff overall wellness and conditions.

Back-to-office schedule remains on hold as Covid 19 cases continue to affect Metro Manila. With public transportation continues to be very limited and other work sectors are back to work, it is making public transport very congested which makes staff anxious to go back to office.

Part 5 Human Resources

N/A

Part 6 Safety & Security

With the steady and alarming rise of Covid 19 cases, the National Capital Region and four other provinces are back to Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine/Lockdown and with that, many checkpoints are established and are being manned by Police and Military personnel.

Only essential stores and services like groceries, pharmacies, markets, hardware's, food deliveries are allowed to operate to manage and prevent the spread of the virus.

All domestic flights are shutdown down again until August 18 while selected international flights are allowed with strict restriction. Land and sea travel including public transportation are not allowed under MECQ.

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

<u>Grant Job Code</u>	<u>Grant Name</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended)</u>	<u>Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)</u>
	<u>ECD IP</u>	<u>ChildFund Korea</u>	<u>Has finished implementing realigned budget approved by donor related to Covid 19 response.</u>	<u>Yes</u>
	<u>USDOL BUILDCA2P</u>	<u>USDOL</u>	<u>Suspended; currently implementing Covid 19 relief response in their program areas.</u>	<u>Yes</u>

As of July, the BUILDCA2P project has started implementing their Covid 19 response to their covered program areas in close coordination and partnership with Department of Labor, respective partner local government units and their 4 local partner organizations.

Part 8 Funding

No current funding received as of the moment related to Covid 19 response. Partners are implementing Family Disaster Resiliency program using subsidy funds.

**I. Overall Funding landscape in the Philippines:**

- **Individual Fundraising**

- Crowdsourcing platforms and online fundraising events (i.e. concerts and pay per view webinars) are emerging
- Public solicitation is directed to healthcare professionals & national hospitals (i.e. PPEs, masks, meals for health workers)

- **Private Sector**

- Funds from CSR reached \$163M
- Purchase of PPEs, ventilators, test kits and meals for health workers and policemen
- Gift checks to buy groceries and essentials
- Metro Manila primary recipient of CSR for COVID-19
- Major CSR funding are consolidated to either the national hospitals, the Department of Welfare and Development, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (a local NGO), or catholic organizations (Caritas etc.)

- **Multilateral Institutions**

- No COVID-19 related call for proposals to date from international missions & UN agencies

**II. Updates on resource mobilization efforts:**

No latest update as of the moment related to Covid 19

Part 9 Media/Communications

Below are the latest list of materials developed related to Covid 19 shared publicly;



## MEDIA RELEASES ON OSEC, HFAK, MHPSS, COVLOG19

1. [https://www.businessweekmindanao.com/e-paper/BusinessWeek-Mindanao-\(June-15,-2020\)?data\\_url=aHR0cHM6Ly9pc3N1MmNvbS59zdWRhcmIhX3B1YmxyY2F0aW9ucy9kb2NzL2J3bV9qdW5lXzE1](https://www.businessweekmindanao.com/e-paper/BusinessWeek-Mindanao-(June-15,-2020)?data_url=aHR0cHM6Ly9pc3N1MmNvbS59zdWRhcmIhX3B1YmxyY2F0aW9ucy9kb2NzL2J3bV9qdW5lXzE1)
2. <https://the-pr-circuit.blogspot.com/2020/06/globe-partners-with-childfund.html>
3. <https://www.goodnewspilipinas.com/globe-childfund-philippines-guide-parents-on-how-to-protect-children-from-covid-19/>
4. <https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/06/17/public-square/globe-partners-with-childfund-ph-to-empower-filipino-children-and-families/732287/>
5. <https://reliefweb.int/report/philippines/childfund-philippines-creates-very-first-ingo-vlog-its-communitEENS-fight-covid>
6. TV5 OneNewsPH's Usapang Kapa-TED program broadcasted across cable tv, youtube and social media platform on OSEC issue. Show is hosted by Atty. Theodore Te and Chi Datu-Bocobo. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M18cyQ9AtaM>



### Globe partners with ChildFund PH to empower Filipino children and families

By The Manila Times | 17 June 17, 2020

WITH most Filipinos still reeling from the effects of community quarantine policies across the country, Globe is helping long-time ally with ChildFund Philippines, an international non-governmental organization that ensures the healthy and safe upbringing of Filipino children.

ChildFund is an international organization that has its beginnings that go way back to 1958 in the USA. It works with local partner organizations, governments, corporations, and individuals in 24 countries around the world to help create the safe environments children need to thrive.

Through its programs, ChildFund gives parents and caregivers the skills and resources to be responsive to children's needs, ensure access to health and education, and provide quality learning and safe environments. To date, it has helped 7.54 million children across the world.



## MEDIA RELEASES ON OSEC, HFAK, MHPSS, COVLOG19

- <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/734026/child-rights-groups-call-for-protection-of-filipino-children-amid-covid-19/story/>
- <https://www.dw.com/en/philippine-child-abuse/a-53598169>
- <https://news.fundsforgos.org/children/philippine-government-needs-to-intensify-efforts-against-sexual-exploitation-of-children-child-rights-griups/>
- <https://www.msn.com/en-ph/news/national/child-rights-groups-call-for-protection-of-filipino-children-amid-covid-19/ar-BB12CA6T>
- <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3941154>



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**Philippines activists concerned about spike in child abuse linked to coronavirus crisis**

By Cecilia Wong  
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Children's rights advocates in the Philippines are concerned that the coronavirus crisis will add to a disturbing trend in online child pornography, as sexual predators spend more time at home online, and economic downturns create an incentive for peddling lascivious content featuring children.

They warn that school closures and movement restrictions have confined children at home and prevented teachers and community members from observing and reporting abuse.

"The worsening economic situation may push adults to resort to peddling their children online to sexual predators. They assume that in online or virtual nature makes it a harmless way to earn money," said Anna Erweha, country director of ChildFund Philippines.

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According to the pediatric unit of the Philippines Department of Justice (DOJ), a surge in sexual exploitation of children online was reported on the main island of Luzon between March 1 and May 24, which corresponds with the time frame of lockdowns.

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**Child rights groups call for protection of Filipino children amid COVID-19**

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Several international child rights organizations on Tuesday called on the Philippine government and local government units to intensify efforts against the sexual exploitation of children online amid the national emergency quarantine.

According to Sam Concepcion, the Philippine Country Manager of Save the Children, individuals may experience loneliness or economic stress which may push them to engage in risky behavior.

"The lockdown has many people having to work from home, which is a good thing, but it also means that children are spending more time at home, which is a concern," he added.

"Strong online social media activity is increasing the risk of child sexual exploitation, particularly in the Philippines where COVID-19 has been reported to have the government declare a state of emergency," he added.

A Philippine report stated that there has been an increase in the number of live streams of child sexual abuse from the Philippines in the world.

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Due to this, the Joint Fact-Finding Commission of the ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, Save the Children, UNICEF, UN Women, UN Women International, and UN Women Philippines, have the following recommendations:

- Increase that mechanism for reporting, referral, and responding to online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) are limited at all times
- Have measures on OSEC through education, skills, and social media
- Establish a database and monitoring system for OSEC reports related to the COVID-19 pandemic

Local government units, meanwhile, were recommended to:

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