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**Humanitarian Situation Report Template**

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**COVID-19 – [Philippines]**

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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 597,763 positive cases *(previous report 540,227)* with active cases of 39,330 12,521 deaths *(previous report 11,296)* report, 545,912 recovered cases *(previous report 499,764)*.

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| Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recovered |
| **597,763** | **12,521** | **545,912** |
| SOURCE: <https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV> ( March 9, 2021) | | |

Of the total cases 54% are male, with the most affected age group 20-29 years (25.97%) followed by 30-39 years (23.58%). 41% of cases reported from National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (17.%), Central Visayas (6.9%), Central Luzon (6.6%) and Western Visayas (4.6%). Largest increase in new cases from NCR.

Out of the confirmed deaths, 60% are male, with the most affected age group aged over 70 (35.3%) followed by 60-69 years (27.7%) 39% of deaths reported from NCR, followed by Central Visayas (12.4%), CALABARZON (12.6%), and Western Visayas (5.7%). 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 51 laboratories using GeneXpert.

Closely working with the DOH is critical to monitor the compliance of public and private hospitals on COVID-19 bed allocation. Furthermore, the efficient and rational utilization of these facilities and the appropriate referral and back referral systems should be in place to avoid overutilization of Level 3 facilities and improved bed utilization of intermediate care facilities. Coordination with the Regional Outreach Pillar has facilitated discussion among the regions and priority areas on appropriate referral and rational utilization of health facilities.

WHO donated 100,000 sample collection kits to complement the laboratory supplies for the COVID-19 laboratory network. In addition, 83 COVID-19 laboratories participated in the WHO-led quality assurance program that ended last February 15, 2021. All participating laboratories successfully submitted their results to the quality assurance provider. Recent information on new variants highlighted the need for enhanced genomic surveillance across the world. As of February 12, the Philippines has reported 44 cases of B.1.1.7 variant from travelers and local transmission. All samples, following the DOH criteria, are submitted to the Philippine Genome Center (PGC). The Philippines has the capacity to perform 750 sequences per week, provided that supplies are available. WHO is currently collaborating with PGC on the needed support.

Closely working with the DOH Epidemiology Bureau to continue to strengthen national surveillance and risk assessment criteria. Coordination with other pillars, specifically the Regional Outreach Advisers, has facilitated a better understanding of the sub-national assessment process and of how to develop recommendations and actions to be taken in areas assessed to be at high risk for Covid-19 transmission.

In line with WHO WPRO’s Indicators to monitor health-care capacity and utilization for decisionmaking on COVID-19, analysis of COVID-19 bed and equipment utilization rates of hospitals and temporary treatment and monitoring facilities (TTMFs) is currently being done. Moreover, data analysis support to DOH PHL in contributing to the weekly Health Facility Capacity Report is also being provided. 3

With the support of EU ECHO, Department of Health, BARMM Ministry of Health and WHO Philippines are monitoring health resources and services availability through Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS), to ensure continuity of essential health services in health facilities during outbreaks and emergencies in Mindanao including BARMM during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is being implemented in collaboration with the Field Epidemiology Training Program Alumni Foundation, Inc. (FETPAFI). The HeRAMS Initiative aims to ensure that core information on essential health resources and services is readily available to decision-makers at country, regional, and global levels.

WHO, along with UNICEF, has multiple roles in support to the readiness of the country in the roll-out of vaccines. WCO works with WPRO to provide the tools, guidance, monitoring, and on the ground technical assistance for the planning and roll out of the vaccines. The Philippines has received 476,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines last March 4 from the COVAX facility, with a cumulative number of indicative doses amounting to 9M throughout the second the quarter, provided that all COVAX requirements are fulfilled.

To date, other sources of COVID-19 vaccines include donations and bilateral agreements. Nevertheless, WHO is keen in monitoring all vaccines to be introduced in the country and is working closely with the government to ensure that safe and quality vaccines are allocated equitably. The Philippines has successfully published its National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 vaccines which was technically supported by the country office. The national plan is based on the framework of the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 Vaccine Cluster and WHO guidelines which includes a chapter on prioritization of eligible populations for vaccination where foremost in the list are healthcare workers.

There are currently more than 4,000 sub-national and some local government units’ vaccination teams who were trained with the support of WHO technical staff on the 8-modules of the DOH on COVID-19 vaccination. A functional National Vaccination Operation Center (NVOC) is physically set-up at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City which is led by the Department of Health and co-lead by the Department of Interior and Local Government. A national full-scale simulation exercise on delivery and cold chain management of COVID-19 vaccines was held last 9th of February which was facilitated by WHO and UNICEF staff. More than 30 hospitals and all cities in the National Capital Region had conducted their own simulation exercises on cold chain management and vaccine administration based on their microplans. Logistics The Logistics pillar supported in the design and facilitation of the full drill simulation exercise with government, focusing on the transporting, storing and distribution of the ultralow temperature vaccine from Pfizer BioNTech as part of the preparations for the upcoming mass vaccinations against COVID-19.

Sinovac vaccine has also arrived in the country and the government has started vaccinating individuals that are in the priority list of their vaccination program.

The table[[1]](#footnote-1) below shows almost all program areas of our partners are in **Modified General Community Quarantine**[[2]](#footnote-2) 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)[[3]](#footnote-3) or Person Under Monitoring (PUM)[[4]](#footnote-4)

(As of March 9, 2021)

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| **Partners** (Name, Province, Region, Municipalities, Cities) | **Quarantine Category** | | | | **Cases in covered Mun/Cities** | | |
| **MGCQ** | **GCQ** | **MECQ** | **ECQ** | **Positive Case** | **PUI** | **PUM** |
| **1.SPUP**  *Apayao Province, Northern Luzon* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Luna | 1 |  |  |  | 17 | 1 | 30 |
| 2.Flora | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 0 | 32 |
| **2. GEMS**  *National Capital Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Pasay |  | 1 |  |  | 3017 | 824 | 102 |
| 2. Manila |  | 1 |  |  | 3,709 | 975 | 345 |
| 3. T. Martires |  | 1 |  |  | 813 | 287 | 117 |
| **3. REINA**  *Northern Quezon Province, Southern**Luzon Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Infanta | 1 |  |  |  | 176 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Nakar | 1 |  |  |  | 44 | 1 | 0 |
| 3. Real | 1 |  |  |  | 98 | 4 | 0 |
| **4. FACE**  *Bicol Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Pili (Camarines Sur province) | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Sorogon City (Sorsogon province) | 1 |  |  |  | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.Irosin (Sorsogon province) | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 19 | 67 |
| 4. Bulan (Sorsogon province) | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 448 |
| 5.Matnog (Sorsogon province) | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 14 | 178 |

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| **5. CHILD Initiative**  *Western Visayas Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Roxas (Capiz province) | 1 |  |  |  | 6 | 1 | 330 |
| 2.San Joaquin (Iloilo province) | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| 3. Bacolod (Negros Occidental province) | 1 |  |  |  | 5628 | 0 | 81 |
| **6. KKKK**  *Northern Mindanao Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Cagayan De Oro (Misamis Oriental) | 1 |  |  |  | 3,529 | 19,130 | 0 |
| **7. Hauman-BREATH**  *Central Mindanao Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Midsayap (North Cotabato province) | 1 |  |  |  | 8 | 5 | 163 |
| 2.Aleosan (North Cotabato) | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.Cotabato City | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Upi (Maguindanao province) | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5.South Upi (Maguindanao province) | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6.Tupi (South Cotabato province) | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **8. ZnFEPA**  *Zamboanga Del Norte Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Dipolog | 1 |  |  |  | 28 | 37 | 226 |
| 2.Dapitan | 1 |  |  |  | 6 | 3 | 218 |
| 3. Pres.MAR | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 4.Katipunan | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| 5. Manukan | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| 6.Sindangan | 1 |  |  |  | 10 | 5 | 353 |

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| **9. XAES**  *Zamboanga Del Sur Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.L.Postigo | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| 2.Gutalac | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| **10. KPPA**  *Zamboanga Del Sur Province, Zamboanga Peninsula Region* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Pagadian | 1 |  |  |  | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Zamboanga City | 1 |  |  |  | 4,202 | 1,901 | 316 |
| **11. IFI**  *Basilan Province, Bangsamoro Autonomus Region of Muslim Mindanao* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Isabela | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| 2.Lamitan | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.Sumisip | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4.Maluso | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Tipo tipo | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Tuburan | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7.Lantawan | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **12. VSDFI**  *Bangsamoro Autonomus Region of Muslim Mindanao* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.Jolo (Sulu province) | 1 |  |  |  | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.Patikul (Sulu province) | 1 |  |  |  | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.Tawi-tawi province |  |  |  | 1 | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | 37 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 21647 | 23223 | 3140 |
| ***Previous Report Totals*** | ***37*** | ***5*** | ***2*** | ***1*** | ***20,918*** | ***22,022*** | ***3,670*** |

As of March 9, there are 21,647 positive cases (which is 853 positive cases higher than previous month) in the program areas and majority of them are still in Metro Manila program areas (7,539) or in the National Capital Region.

The table below shows there are 3,657 positive cases of Covid 19 in covered communities (last month 3,500 positive cases only) which has increased previous month. The positive cases developing in the program areas is very unpredictable. Most of the new cases are from person who were previously declared as stranded individuals from big cities and metropolitan such as metro manila and were not thouroughly tested or monitered by local task force that is why it is resulting into new cases all over the country especially in the provinces

2 enrolled children parent tested positive of Covid 19 and are now being quarantined and treated in government quarantine facilities. Children of these parents are staying safely with relative in their respective communities. Meanwhile, 5 covered barangays in Pasay city in Metro Manila are in Lockdown due to the rising South African variant cases in the area. Local partners in the area are closely monitoring situation of families in the areas.

Based on the feedback of partners on how Covid 19 is impacting the communities they are serving the following are the consolidated information they have provided;

On *livelihood*, most of the families still has not found new job opportunities since losing their jobs as livelihood activities becomes limited. Farmers have struggle marketing their products outside their villages. In some program areas most of business establishment are back to normal but should comply to social distancing, wearing of face mask and shield policies.

It has been observed all over the country on the increasing prices of basic commodities prices especially food items (fish and meat). Prices of copra and rubber are lower than the past months and there are program areas that was observed that some children are task by their parents to help in developing products and selling them just to be able to survive from their daily needs.

On Education, due to the current situation (GCQ), provision of education services to children remains a challenge not only to the children but also among the teachers as well as the parents. The prolonged home confinement might bring undesirable effects on the physical and psychological state of children. Much more with the parents who do not know how to read and write. Others parents also expressed having difficulty understanding the module of their children as it is written in either Tagalog and English. Moreover, the modular distance learning modality posted difficulty among teachers to monitor well the learnings of the students, this is due to multiple tasks such as preparation and printing of modules, aside from the distance of the households to schools. Teachers fear that throughout the course of modular schooling, many of the learners may not avail quality education.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 transportation, most of the local transportation services are back to normal especially in the rural program areas but social distancing protocols are strictly followed, only 50% capacity is allowed.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

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| **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 | 1439 | 1619 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Federation of Associations for Communities and Children Empowerment, Inc. (Bicol Area) | Bicol Area | 1852 | 1819 | 2369 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| GEMS Heart Outreach Dev't, Inc. | Bukas Kamay | 1854 | 665 | 973 | 3,268 | 0 | 0 |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Bila-an | 3812 | 462 | 561 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Tiruray | 3811 | 426 | 567 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Reconciliation | 3924 | 482 | 587 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | DGTL - Ha Uman | 1139 | 1344 | 1469 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, In | Ha Uman | 4367 | 761 | 1015 |  |  |  |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Inspiracion delos Pobres | 1841 | 407 | 666 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Maluso | 1837 | 447 | 596 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Punuhkubong | 1836 | 261 | 408 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC. | Holy Rosary | 3815 | 239 | 273 | 184 | 0 | 0 |
| KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC. | Kalambu-an | 1834 | 390 | 737 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| REINA Federation of Parents Associations, Inc (REINA Area) | REINA Area | 4235 | 2397 | 3028 | 59 | 0 | 0 |
| SPUP Commu nity Development Center Foundation, Inc. | ChildProTECT | 4296 | 780 | 1171 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc | Kalimayahan Family Life  Center | 1853 | 565 | 838 | 137 | 0 | 0 |
| Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc | Tawi-Tawi Family Center | 3931 | 526 | 923 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Xavier Agricultural Extension Service Foundation Inc. | CREATE CD | 4289 | 1210 | 1587 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Xavier Science Foundation, Inc. | Kabtangan Sa Katilingban Sa Ilang | 4037 | 753 | 1071 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Zamboanga del Norte Federation of Parents Association, Inc. | Zamboanga del Norte Area | 1847 | 2475 | 2912 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** |  |  | **17,848** | **23,370** | **3,657**  **(previous 3,500)** | **2** | **0** |

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| 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 | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Federation of Associations for Communities and Children Empowerment, Inc. (Bicol Area) | Bicol Area | 1852 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| GEMS Heart Outreach Dev't, Inc. | Bukas Kamay | 1854 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Bila-an | 3812 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Tiruray | 3811 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Reconciliation | 3924 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | DGTL - Ha Uman | 1139 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Halad Uma Alang Sa Nasud (Human) Association, Inc | Ha Uman | 4367 |  | Started 2nd week of Feb |  |  |  |  |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Inspiracion delos Pobres | 1841 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Maluso | 1837 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Isabela Foundation, Inc. | Punuhkubong | 1836 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC. | Holy Rosary | 3815 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| KALAMBU AN PROJECT Parents Association, INC. | Kalambu-an | 1834 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| REINA Federation of Parents Associations, Inc (REINA Area) | REINA Area | 4235 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| SPUP Commu nity Development Center Foundation, Inc. | ChildProTECT | 4296 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc | Kalimayahan Family Life  Center | 1853 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Vicariate Social Development Foundation, Inc | Tawi-Tawi Family Center | 3931 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Xavier Agricultural Extension Service Foundation Inc. | CREATE CD | 4289 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Xavier Science Foundation, Inc. | Kabtangan Sa Katilingban Sa Ilang | 4037 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |
| Zamboanga del Norte Federation of Parents Association, Inc. | Zamboanga del Norte Area | 1847 | Family Disaster Resiliency Program | Started 2nd week of Feb | Suspended | Suspended | Fully operational | Fully Operational |

Local partners operational arrangement as this report is still very varied as it depends on the interpretation and implementation of Covid 19 protocols and local Covid 19 situation of respective program areas which is still is still very fluid. There are times that most of the local have lax in quarantine protocols but there are times that suddenly the local government implement strict quarantine protocols. It all depends on the respective Covid 19 cases of the areas of the partner.

Sponsorship communication and DFC processes though fully operational are with delays due to localized lockdowns, delays in delivery of sponsor letters to Local Partners by courier and other COVID-related reasons.

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 2nd quarter implementation of Family Disaster Resiliency program and will continue to implement the program until end of the fiscal year.

**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.

As of part of the Family Disaster Resiliency Program, partners were able to implement with participant familiies home-based farming and gardening and as of December 2020 it was able to reach already 3,638 families to start up their own farming production to ensure food supply for the family’s and opportunity to sell their produce to local markets.

* **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.

Most the local partners are continuously conducting MHPSS related sessions in their respective communities in particular providing needed PSS/PFA sessions to parents and service providers.

Local partners REINA Federation in Quezon province and FACE Inc in Camarines Sur province conducted PSS/PFA sessions to around 900 children and adults in their respective program areas as an immediate response intervention brought about the successive typhoons that hit their program areas last November (Goni and Vamco)

* **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. However the mode of learning remains modular in adherence to the mandate of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) of the BARMM. The Community Learning Facilitators (CLFs), through the guidance of Sulu Division Office of MBHTE distribute, and collect the modules, and perform the roles that regular school teachers do. Most Bajau families are challenged because of non-schooled adults in the household, and thus CLFs schedule home visit to provide direct guidance in completing the self learning modules.

Local partners continued to implement the Home-based Family Activities contextual to the areas of the local partner. Some local partners continued doing text blasting messaging of activities and information for families while other partners implement youth-led and children focused radio programs in their respective program areas.

Local partners are providing support as well to school children enrolled in the home-based blended learning of the Department of Education by providing support to the needed home-schooling materials and conducting some PSS session to students struggling with the modular learning.

On March 2, 2021, the Department of Education released DepEd Order No.12 Series 2021 otherwise known as the Amendment to DepEd Order No. 30 S.2020 (Amendment to DepEd Order No.007 S.2020, School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2020-2021). The most recent amendment wishes to address students’ learning gaps accordingly due to “reduced academic opportunities at home and substantial loss of live contact with teachers”. This learning gap among students were determined by the results of formative assessments, portfolio of learning outputs, and other activities given to children through the implementation of the Basic Education – Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP). DO No.12 Series of 2012 mandates the 1) conduct of intervention and remediation activities; 2) participation of teachers in In-service trainings (INSeT), and 3) adjustment of the school year adding two weeks, to conclude on July 10, 2021.

The Education Specialist continuously participates as a member of the Joining Forces-Education Working Group, a subgroup of the Joining Forces Alliance focused on advocating for quality education amidst CoVid-19. The JF-Educ Working Group, currently with members from World Vision, Plan, and Educo recently expressed retention of the group for a collective action towards long-term advocacy for quality and equitable education. Activities for the first half of 2021 would include mapping of education efforts of the member organizations for a targeted lobbying and collaboration with the Department of Education.

**Below Sections for Internal Use Only**

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.

Last October 26, the health and wellness committee conducted an online session on Anger Management. This is to support and orient staff who are experiencing these kind of emotions in these times of quarantine.

Currently, almost all are still in WFH arrangement. The “New Normal” Working arrangement guidance develop last 1st quarter of FY needs to reviewed and updated given there changes in the government protocols and current situations.

Last March 5, the Health and Wellness committee conducted a wellness check session to all staff which was facilitated by professional psychosocial session providers. The wellness check was in line with the result of the Professional Quality of Life Scale (PROQOL) conducted by the committee from all staff.

Part 5 Human Resources

All the staff are still working from home with a few staff reporting in the office. The BuildCAAP Project has resumed operation. The CO continues to have zero case of COVID-19 infection among its staff members.

Part 6 Safety & Security

All domestic flights are now available but only up to 50% capacity and traveler need to secure travel passes from their respective covid 19 Task-force unit before travelling to their destination. The travel is inclusive already of a medical certificate to clear that you have no Covid 19 virus. There is a national standard guidelines on travelling from one province to another but the implementation and interpretation is depended on the local government units as Covid 19 situation are varies from every area that is why there are provinces, municipalities and cities that are strictly implementing quarantine and movement protocols while other are more relax.

Immediately after ST Goni made impact the health department issued an advisory that humanitarian responders do not need to undergo PCR test (swab test). Responders may be deployed under the conditions that they have no symptoms and recent exposure to a COVID-19 case and have been cleared by a medical doctor.[[5]](#endnote-1)

The advisory also added that Upon deployment, responders will be adhere to established Infection Prevention and Control protocols and will be in appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (face mask, Face shield and gloves). Deploying agency/unit will be responsible to the over-all safety and welfare of the responder. Coordination with relevant health authorities in the area of deployment should likewise be observed.

The CO sent a Four-person team to provide support the local partner FACE in Pili, Camarines sur and REINA Federation in Quezon province in the implementation of their response. The team was led by the DRM specialist, Communication specialist, Program Portfolio officer which is the MHPSS expert on the team and a driver. Before the team left Metro Manila they first seek a travel pass from the Police designated by the Covid 19 Inter Agency Task Force and requested acceptance certificate from the respective local government unit that will receive them.

As of January 15, the Philippine government bans entry from foreign nationals from 35 countries due to the concern of the new Covid 19 variant. The following countries are the following;

* Czech Republic
* United Arab Emirates
* Hungary
* United Kingdom
* United States
* Portugal
* India
* Finland
* Norway
* Jordan
* Brazil
* Denmark
* Ireland
* Japan
* Australia
* Israel
* The Netherlands
* Switzerland
* France
* Germany
* Iceland
* Italy
* Lebanon
* Singapore
* Sweden
* South Korea
* South Africa
* Canada
* Spain
* Austria
* China, including Hong Kong
* Luxembourg
* Oman
* Pakistan
* Jamaica

Initially, the ban supposed to end last January 31 but as of the latest update from Inter-Agency Task Force on Emergency Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) as of February 8, 2021 the travel ban from these countries still stands.

As of February 27, Metro Manila, along with nine other areas, will still be under general community quarantine in March. Areas that will also extend their general community quarantine status are Baguio City, Apayao, Kalinga, Mt. Province, Batangas, Tacloban City, Iligan City, Davao City and Lanao Del Sur.

The rest of the country will be under modified GCQ, the most relaxed form of community quarantine. President Rodrigo Duterte earlier rejected the proposal of the National Economic and Development Authority to place the entire country starting next month under the most lenient community quarantine classification. The president wants further easing of restrictions to take place after the government shall have rolled out its vaccination drive against COVID-19, Roque said last week.

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Grant Job Code** | **Grant Name** | **Donor** | **Status of Implementation (Normal/Reduced/Suspended)** | **Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)** |
|  | ECD IP | ChildFund Korea | Has finished implementing realigned budget approved by donor related to Covid 19 response.  Project implementation completed in January 2021 | Yes |
|  | USDOL BUILDCA2P | USDOL | Back to regular implementation of the project | Yes |
|  | Project Children AWARE | UK Embassy | Normal | NO |
|  | BOAT Project (Bajau Ongka-kumpit for Access and Transition to School) | AusAid thru Pathways Project under Palladium | On-going progress from 2nd quarter of implemen | Regular feedback with donor being done |
|  | Light for Hope | SC Johnson thru IO | Towards completion on March, on final stage of implementation | Project extended at no cost for 2 months |

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.

1. **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

The CO is will submit a Covid 19 response proposal call from ADB “Technical Assistance: Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 through Community-Led Interventions”. The opportunity is worth USD. 300,000.00. it will target the areas of local partner in the Bangsamoro area in Mindanao in Maguindao province.

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

Please see below proposal submitted related to COVID-19

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Proposal** | **Donor** | **Submission** | **Amount** | **Status** | **C-19** |
| US DOL BuildCap -extension | US DoL | Q1 | 500,000 | Submitted | \*\* |
| PHL-Trafficking in Person-2020-US J/TIP | USDoS | Q2 | 2,195,574 | Submitted | \*\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHL- ACHIEVE-2020-GIM | CF-Australia/ GIM | Q3 | 193,369.82 | Won | \*\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHL-Child AWARE-2020-British Embassy | British Embassy Manila | Q2 | 12,847.43 | Won | \*\* |
| PHL-Covid-19 Response Scale Up-2020-ADB | Asian Development Bank | Q3 | 300,000 | Submitted | \*\* |

Part 9 Media/Communications

Below are the latest update on materials developed and implemented

1. [Asia Regional Report (PHL, LKA, IND, IDN)](https://childfundintl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/vlascano_childfund_org/EXDovkPu9pNNjZeltA1lCnkBT_vi9YqsScAdlYDDxJoYnQ?e=FzvQAO) as requested and shared by Daniel Masiko to Alliance
2. [CNN Philippines Tweet on ChildFund's Call for Donations for Typhoon Victims](https://twitter.com/cnnphilippines/status/1327838384455225344) posted also on their Facebook page
3. [National Childrens Month article](https://www.wheninmanila.com/childfund-philippines-presents-kwentuhang-karapatan-ng-kabataan-webinar/) in WhenInManila website and Facebook Page
4. [CNN Philippines Tweet on SaferInternetDay #ShutDownOSEC](https://twitter.com/cnnphilippines/status/1359066301642117120)
5. [CNN Facebook Page post on #ShutDownOSEC](https://www.facebook.com/CNNPhilippines/posts/3077399285833283)
6. [Manila Bulletin's pick up of the Press Release on #OSECWarriorCDO](https://mb.com.ph/2021/02/09/children-protecting-children-young-warriors-get-together-to-fight-online-sexual-exploitation/)
7. Safer Internet Day feature on Teleradyo of ABS-CBN, Cable Channel no. 26 [ABS-CBN Primetime News (Headline Pilipinas)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Kuww0PkTrI)
8. Safer Internet Day feature on ABS-CBN News online/website (link to follow) [ABS-CBN News online portal Cagayan De Oro Youth take lead in fight vs OSEC](https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/02/10/21/cagayan-de-oro-youth-take-lead-in-fight-vs-online-sexual-exploitation-of-children)

**A Year in Review project**

**Description**

On March 16, 2020, Philippines was put in lockdown through the Proclamation no. 929 President Rodrigo Duterte placed the country on a State of Public Health Emergency.

Under the proclamation, the government imposes social distancing measures in the National Capital Region starting March 15 until April 12 to stop the possible spread of the virus. This includes the suspension of classes public offices, and mass gatherings, as well as flexible work arrangements in the private sector, and community quarantine in selected affected areas. A year after, what has changed? And how did Child Fund adapt through these changes and with the support of our donors and partners? What still needs to be done?

**Communication, Engagement and branding objectives:**

ChildFund aims to answer these questions and produce a communication product that will aim to :

* Feature our response effort to date – FDR (Family Disaster Resiliency) in particular
* Report to our donors/sponsors the outcome we have achieved through their support
* Report the condition of children a year after the lockdown
* Make a case on the existing gap that needs immediate action/ support/funding

The communication product will be a recognition platform for donors and awareness building at the same time. The main outline of the story board can also be co-developed with PQET (Program Quality and Effectiveness Team) and PMT (Portfolio Management Team).

**Target Audience:** Current donors, potential funders (i.e. From Embassy, reginal funding organizations) and national government partners

**Communication milestones and Activations**

* 2 OpeEd
* 4 Videos
* 4 infographics

**Delivery medium:** Facebook, email and PR (OpEd)

**Schedule: March 17 to April 30**

1. Local Partners update as of February 10, 2021 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 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 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/20201102%20Flash%20Update%20no.2%20on%20Typhoon%20Goni.Rolly\_final.pdf?utm\_source=OCHA+Philippines+SitRep+list&utm\_campaign=dec5a5ecc5-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2019\_03\_26\_12\_31\_COPY\_01&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_2172bc068e-dec5a5ecc5-179831857 [↑](#endnote-ref-1)