

**Situation Report # 2**  
**Coronavirus – PHILIPPINES**  
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**Part 1: The Overall Situation**

(general information is already included in IMT reports. You don't need to fill it. Just give the required info in green)

Please provide information about how the government and/or other institutions are ensuring the continuity of education or child protection services provision during the quarantine/confinement period (homeschooling, online education, distance education with homework, distribution of books, guides/brochures and educational or recreational material, education via radio, TV, among other alternatives).

The "**Bayanihan to Heal as One Act**" or **R. A. 11469** was signed last March 24, 2020 which gave the President additional powers to carry out urgent measures to respond to the COVID-19 national health emergency. The act will also provide emergency subsidy to low income households in the amount of P5,000.00 – P8,000 a month for two (2) months, computed based on the prevailing regional minimum wage rates. The subsidy received from the current conditional cash transfer program and rice subsidy shall be considered in the computation of the additional emergency subsidy.

To ensure education continuity, the Department of Education (DepEd) is planning on adopting online operations in response to a month-long class suspension due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Department has launched an online platform called "**DepEd Commons**" to help students continue their lessons amid the enhanced community quarantine. As of writing of this report, Educo cannot validate how "live" or operational is this platform, given no official department orders from DepEd have been issued to date.

The online platform which can be accessed by public school teachers to support remote learning, offers online review materials and Open Educational Resources (OERs). Open Educational Resources (OERs) in DepEd Commons are authored by public school teachers who are subject experts, properly cited and acknowledged.

The online classes are given as an option to those who have access to internet and equipment such as smartphones, tablets, laptops or desktop computers. Those who do not have access to the requirements can opt for paper-based homework. However, Educo is unsure how this paper-based homework is distributed to the students and how teachers receive them back for grading. The Department also recognized that there are some limitations of this platform like the number of contents, evaluation and ranking of work/performance are not included, no separate channels for teachers, parents, students and officials established.

The Department of Health also launched the **DOH COVID-19 emergency response hotlines 02-894-COVID (02-894-26843) and 1555** in partnership with the National Emergency Hotline of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and PLDT and its wireless subsidiary Smart

Communications. Callers can ask questions if they suspect they are infected with COVID-19, or request assistance if they have symptoms and/or known exposure to confirmed cases or patients under investigation. The information collected from emergency calls is transmitted to the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center and other relevant agencies for immediate facilitation and response.

## **Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where Educo/ChildFund Works**

### ***Province of Albay***

In the Province of Albay, there is now a total of **3 PUIs, 25, 752 PUMs** and **3 confirmed case**, as of 28 March 2020.

There are also municipalities and barangays that already have declared total lockdown due to the confirmation of positive cases in the province, namely: Bacacay, Sto. Domingo, Malilipot, Malinao, Tiwi and Tabaco City in 1<sup>st</sup> District, Barangays 8, 13 and 14 in Legazpi City for 2<sup>nd</sup> District and Guinobatan and Polangui in 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Albay.

### ***Province of Camarines Sur***

As of 28 March 2020, Province of Camarines Sur has **one (1) confirmed case, 7 PUIs** and **17,136 PUMs**.

### ***Province of Sorsogon***

For the Province of Sorsogon, as of 28 March 2020, there are **zero confirmed case** with **2 PUI** and **11, 586 PUMs**.

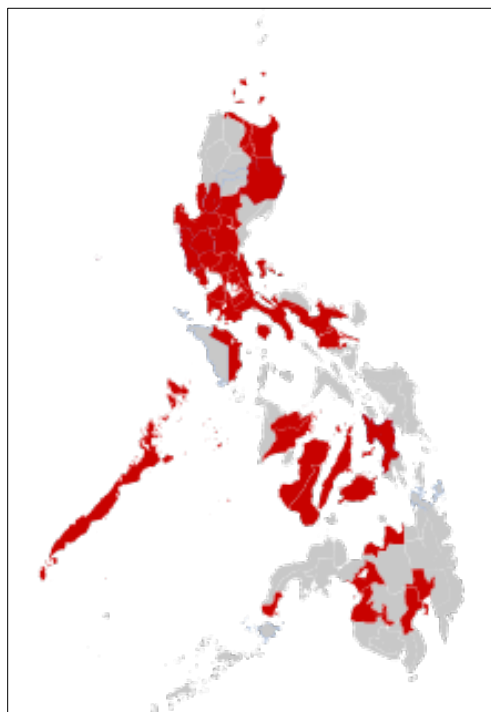
### ***Province of Catanduanes***

As of 28 March 2020, there are **zero confirmed case** of COVID-19 in Catanduanes with **zero PUI** and **3,883 PUMs**.

### ***Zamboanga City***

The City of Zamboanga imposed a total lockdown on March 20, 2020 at 1:00 am. Strict home quarantine will be imposed in all households, and movements of persons are limited to accessing necessities, with only two individuals per household allowed to leave the house. As of 28 March 2020, there is **one (1) confirmed case, 38 PUIs** and **1,099 PUMs** in Zamboanga City.

### ***The Philippines -National status***



*Areas in the Philippines with confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of 28 March 2020.*

As of 28 March 2020, there are **1,075** confirmed cases (858 new cases starting from the first Sitrep provided), 68 deaths and 35 recovered patients in the entire country. Out of 68 deaths, 69% are male, ranging between 34 and 89 years of age with a median age of 54. Ninety percent (90 %) of deaths had either one or several known co-morbidities including diabetes, chronic kidney disease, hypertension, cardiac disease, bronchial asthma and cancer. Active contact tracing, case investigations, and identification of clusters of cases are ongoing.

#### **Health Concern:**

To date, no rapid testing kit for COVID-19 for in-country use has been certified by the WHO or by the DOH's Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This means there may be more COVID-19 cases but cannot be confirmed due to lack of testing. Likewise, such persons are not receiving the necessary treatment they need and are unknowingly spreading the virus.

The Department of Health intensified its surveillance to actively look for clusters of cases of COVID-19 at the municipal, provincial, and regional levels. Meanwhile, the DOH will continue to conduct case investigations in close collaboration with the Local Government Units.

Despite the activation and deployment of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams and other health responders in the communities, not all are trained in handling the COVID-19 cases, and some do not have the proper protective equipment that is necessary to protect themselves from contracting the disease.

#### **Social Protection Issues:**

**Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR) from SitRep 01**

#### **Security and Safety:**

**Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis (for example mental health problems/psychological distress, domestic violence, elder care, child labor, discrimination etc.)**

Presently, there has been no reported child abuse case in the areas where Educo work.

**How many of our beneficiaries and families are affected? NSTR from SitRep 01**

Educo Philippines operates in the Bicol Region and in the Zamboanga Peninsula. These two regions are affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine and localized lock down measures implemented by the national and local government unit. Such measures were implemented in response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19. In the Bicol Region, the 122 Educo covered schools were closed, affecting

13, 843 active children and 173 partner communities. In Zamboanga City, 16,282 direct beneficiaries (8,581 children, 7,701 adults) and 154,450 indirect beneficiaries have been affected. The organization has no record of the exact number of children and families who have become ill due to COVID 19, as monitoring is difficult due to the limited movement of staff and partners.

### **Part 3: Educo/ChildFund's Preparation, Response and/or Recovery action**

- Planned, desired or ongoing action – inside or outside current operational areas. (just mention it. It will be further developed in a separate template). **PLEASE SPECIFY IF DESIRED OR ONGOING**
- **Do any of the above initiatives cover the areas where we have sponsored children? If yes, please indicate which initiative and the area it covers.**
- Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our action?
- What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support are needed (or have been collected/distributed)?
- How is Educo/ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e. in which clusters or working groups do we participate at country level?
- Next steps

**Planned and Desired Response: NSTR from SitRep 01 – the desired response below also has been shared in the submitted CO COVID-19 Response Plan, summarized below.**

#### **Risk Communication and Community Engagement:**

1. Design COVID-19 information and communication materials in an inclusive and child-friendly manner intended for children (including children with disabilities and ECCD-aged children) youth and adolescents, women (including pregnant and lactating), elderlies and frontline workers.
2. Printing and dissemination of COVID-19 IEC Materials to partner communities and even outside Educo's coverage in partnership with NGA's and LGU's.
3. Dissemination of IEC Materials on online platform.
4. Develop feedback mechanism to adapt messages in the evolving situation.

#### **Education in Emergencies:**

1. Support disinfection of schools and provision of hygiene kits for school children thru Brigada Eskwela.
2. Reorientation of WASH in school program (Conduct WASH in school reorientation to school) children upon the resumption of classes.
3. Establishment of handwashing facilities (can utilize improvise and low-cost materials) in schools and partner communities thru cash voucher programming.
4. Conduct of psychosocial session to school children upon resumption of classes.
5. Develop sessions guides for FLO/ADMs/ ALS integrating COVID-19 education and awareness raising for continued education.
6. Maximize the use of technology- emails, group chat, FB, twitter and the likes to coordinate with the Region, Divisions and school levels. We need to know their plans for the next SY 2020 -2021
7. Contingency plans of each school or district to include COVID-19 may be reviewed with the technical assistance of Educo.

8. Establish effective relationship/rapport with all PSDSs in our area of influence particularly to influence them on the nature of Education in Emergency. As social distancing is a necessity, it is the technology now that plays a vital role.
9. All PCs must start establishing a Group Chat with their respective education personnel.

#### **Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies:**

1. Conduct/support child safeguarding and GBV risk mitigation, PSEA and safe referral practices orientation to health workers, educators, and other frontline workers.
2. Establish safe, child friendly complaints and feedback mechanism in health care facilities and communities.
3. Development and roll-out of child-friendly complaints and feedback mechanisms regarding COVID19 response in schools and other education facilities.
4. Train teachers and other school staff on signs of distress for them to be able to identify and refer children who may have been affected by the Enhance Community Quarantine and/or experienced any form of violence or abuse.
5. Integration of MHPSS to identified project activities to address the stigma and psychosocial effect of COVID-19 to affected population/ communities

#### **ECCD in Emergencies:**

1. Development of ECCD session plans that discuss about COVID-19 orientation and prevention with younger children.
2. Establishment of handwashing facilities in ECCD Centers and SNP sites thru cash voucher programming.
3. Development of PES, WASH and Nutrition session guides that includes for parents of ECCD-aged children including pregnant and lactating women that is COVID-19 contextualized and have it reproduced for dissemination to community partners and networks.

#### **Partnership and Coordination:**

1. Strong coordination and collaboration with partner agencies like Department of Health, OCD, DSWD, CRN and Joining Forces.
2. Support partner communities in enhancing Contingency Plans and/or response for COVID-19.
3. Provision of tents to partner agencies/ communities in need of temporary spaces/tents that will serve as health stations other COVID-19 related response.
4. Provision of educational materials, art materials, toys to children under quarantine.
5. Provision of IEC materials on prevention of COVID19, mental health and best parenting techniques, especially under the circumstances of parents working from home and children staying indoors due to the enhanced community quarantine.
6. Provision of PPE materials to frontline health workers.

### **PROGRAM STATUS**

Please indicate any communication established with external donors in relation to current and potential grants, especially with such donors that are directly managed through the Country Office. The purpose of this information is to keep HO informed, specifically the Resource Mobilization unit.

**ChildFund Korea:** CO has been engaged with donor in reviewing the pending activities under Project SAFE and ER Typhoon Kammuri Project, as donor is keen on perhaps supplementing or replacing the remaining activities and funds to address COVID-19. No final decisions made at this point. SMT (led by CD, AFM and PM) will meet to iron out the pending concerns of the Implementation (Program) and Operations Team.

CO will wait on report from RM HO on the meeting it had with CFK.

**UNICEF Philippines:** CO followed up with donor about the Expression of Interest (EoI) it submitted last March 6, 2020 – Project on developmental delay and disabilities in 0-4 children (ECCD). Because of COVID-19, the award may be put on hold until the end of April. Educo expressed with donor our interest to collaborate or participate in any possible ECCDiE response.

**AEICD (OTC Manila):** As discussed with HO during the feedback session on the CO Response Plan, we will share a Response Plan Log frame first for HO review and engagement with OTC, as any possible intervention would require us to be ready to forward the log frame.

- **Advocacy and communication actions at network and platform level**

1. Statement to the Press released last March 26, 2020 -with Educo donating 6,500 N95 masks to the Department of Health -Region V Bicol.
2. Communicated last March 27, 2020: Child Rights Network (CRN) will release another statement directed at national government agencies with the mandate to maintain peace and order to uphold children's rights while carrying out their respective mandates.
3. Joining Forces Philippines will create a **Communication Task Force**- to address the issue on COVID-19 in the social media platforms. This will include messaging and possible call to action to specific agencies like DSWD and DILG. Educo leads the Working Group for Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) or Child Justice.

- NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTION IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE WE SPONSOR AND HAVE PROJECTS (IF APPLICABLE)**

<b>Region V- Bicol Region</b>	<b>Albay</b> (Manito, Legazpi City & Libon)	3 Confirmed Cases 3 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) 25,752 Persons Under Monitoring
	<b>Camarines Sur</b> (Bato & Nabua)	1 Confirmed Case 7 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) 43,619 Persons Under Monitoring
	<b>Catanduanes</b> (Caramoran)	0 Confirmed case 0 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) 3,883 Persons Under Monitoring
	<b>Sorsogon</b> (Donsol, Pilar, Castilla)	0 Confirmed case 2 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) 11,586 Persons Under Monitoring
<b>Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula, Mindanao</b>	<b>Zamboanga City</b>	1 Confirmed Case 38 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) 1,099 Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs)

- Possible sources of funding**

- Provide information about potential sources of funding for these emergency response efforts using the chart below. **NSTR from SitRep 01**

Donor	Projects	Amount (Euro)	Requested? (Y/N)	Confirmed? (Y/N)
ChildFund Korea	TBD			
UNICEF	TBD			
AECID	TBD			

- Budget**

- Outline if there is any need of internal project reorientation (in terms of budget and activities) or any extra budget needed. **NSTR from SitRep 01**

For this reporting period, the CO cannot submit project amendments to the budget and activities. The Program Unit will revise the respective project detailed implementation plans (DIP) to anticipate any cancellation, revision, and/or postponement of activities. The project teams will revise the DIPs, with the assumption that the current enhanced community quarantine, in response to the public health

emergency crisis, will remain in effect for at least two (2) months. The situation is evolving rapidly, and the project teams will adapt to the context of the situation and make the appropriate adjustments.

- **Media/Communications NSTR from SitRep 01**
  - NO NEED TO FILL.
  - This information will be informed through IMTs
- **Program support needed or requested from HO – whether onsite or remote.**
  - Constant updates on the Global initiatives in line with COVID-19 Response
  - Resource Mobilization for Philippines COVID response **NSTR from SitRep 01**