

Situation Report # 5
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).

Transition to ECQ to GCQ/ Extension of ECQ

On April 24, 2020, the government put some areas in the country with moderate or low risk of coronavirus transmission under a “**General community quarantine**”, while others with high risk of infection remained under the “**Enhanced community quarantine**” until May 15. If no increase in COVID-19 cases occurs, GCQ in low-risk areas may be lifted after 15 May. Both measures are approaches deemed necessary to contain the spread of the virus in the country. Varying degrees of restrictions to be imposed were issued on April 30. However, population below 21 and 60 years old and above are required to stay at home except on indispensable circumstances. Movements of people are limited to accessing essential goods and services and going to work in offices and industries allowed to operate. Under both ECQ and GCQ, mass gatherings remain prohibited (except for essential work assemblies and religious activities as long as physical distancing of two meters are practiced), as are sports clubs, libraries, archives, museums, tourism, gambling and activities of membership organizations.

In line with the transition to GCQ, Congress has passed a new bill, on April 29, that would institutionalize new norms of physical distancing in public places and other safety measures. **House Bill 6623** or the proposed New Normal for the Workplace and Public Spaces Act of 2020 sets protocols to be implemented after the lifting of the enhanced community quarantine and resumption of businesses. The bill prescribes new norms of physical distancing and safety measures in government and private offices, schools, commercial establishments and other public spaces to prevent the transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), such as wearing of face masks,

Education Continuity

- **Free Access to DepEd Commons Online Platform.** The Department of Education, on April 20, taps telecom companies to enable learners and teachers to access the online learning platform without incurring data charges. The Department of Education ties up with the local telecommunication company

(Globe or TM-powered smartphones) in order to ensure educational continuity amidst the COVID-19 situation. The platform also integrates the Globe eLibrary, an online platform which features age-appropriate and engaging e-books ranging from storybooks for children and young adults to textbooks on core subjects such as Math, Science, English, Filipino, Music, Arts, among others.

The Department also secured the support of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) in the initiative backing delivery of public education services through connectivity. Based on the latest data, DepEd Commons has 4,236,667 users accessing online learning materials at the height of the ECQ. The number of users is projected to continue to rise in the coming days.

- **Classroom School Rescheduling.** The Department of Education (DepEd) has held that the reopening of classes cannot be done in June. Proposal however are on the table to reopen classes in September. "The recommendation of the IATF (Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases) placed the opening be in September at the earliest. However, the DepEd has yet to decide on this.

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

Bicol Region.

The DOH Covid Tracker reported total 38 cases in the entire Bicol region as of April 29; 28 recoveries and 4 on home quarantine, 4 admitted in hospitals and 4 have died. The region has 226 suspect cases who tested negative for COVID-19, while there are 27 still awaiting test results, of this 16 are in Albay, four (4) in Camarines Norte, five (5) in Camarines Sur and two (2) in Sorsogon. (PNA)

With regards to the implementation of the General Community Quarantine, the local IATF held that in quarantine status of GCQ and ECQ some key measures would be sustained such as the border closure, ECQ checkpoints, and implementation of protocols on curfew hours, social distancing, and mandatory wearing of face masks. Local residents from other COVID-19 affected areas, would be allowed to return to their respective town provided they undergo 21 days quarantine period in designated town and provincial quarantine facilities".



Province of Albay

The Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) removed the province of Albay from the list of places that will still be under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) as per IATF Resolution No. 29. Places included in the list that will extend their ECQ until May 15, 2020. As of April 29, total number of fatalities reached to 3 in the Province of Albay. There were 35 confirmed cases, 23 recoveries, 4 were still admitted at isolation facilities and 1 in home quarantine.

As of 29 April, the statistics are as follows:

Fatalities – 4			
Recovered and Discharged -23			
In quarantine - 5			
TOTAL CONFIRMED – 35			
Legaspi – 14	Guinobatan – 6	Daraga -- 4	Ligao – 1
Tabaco – 3	Bacacay – 1	Camalig – 1	

Source: <http://albay.gov.ph/albay-covid-19-update-april-29-2020-10pm/>(Source: Albay Provincial Health

In order to help the small farmers and fishermen, the government has encouraged local government units to buy from their produce for distribution to COVID affected barangays. And in accordance with the theme Bayanihan sa Albay and the Bahay Muna, Buhay Muna the PGA, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) continue their relief operations by providing rice packs and purchased vegetables and fish in order to cover the needs of the whole province. With this, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office delivered assorted vegetables such as squash, winged beans and watermelon from the coastal barangays of Libon, Albay including Pantao, Talin-Talin, Apod, Tambo, Rawis, Caguscog, and Macabugos, which were bought from farmers for distribution as food relief. Packs of rice

augmentation were also distributed to economically displaced families of the barangay Alcala, Banadero, Budiao, Kilicao, Malobago, Matnog, and Kiwalo, Daraga affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Province of Camarines Sur

Total confirmed case as of 29 April is 8 with 3 active cases in the City of Naga. Recovered 4, death 1

Province of Sorsogon (Municipalities of Donsol, Picasso and Castilla)

To date, the entire Sorsogon province continues to be a COVID-free.

Control measures

All ECQ security and safety measures are still strictly implemented and monitored such as the wearing of masks, continued implementation of curfew hours to minors and adults. All children are restricted to go outside and curfew to all minors are still in place. The checkpoints and border controls are still imposed by the PNP, BFP and HPG. Support to frontline border control are given such as additional base radio and distributed additional portable radio to other agencies and offices for effective and efficient communication. the Barangay Tanods regularly are on duty and roving within the vicinity.

Protection to children and Senior citizens

Tanods, BHWs and barangay council members are vigilant and protective to all children in their community. The 6-12 years old children are restricted to play with kites, so they just stay at home and play. All children and their families are strictly complying with the curfew hours. However, there were children who were caught violating the 24-hour curfew. They were taken to the barangay and parents were called to pick them up. These cases are not anymore recorded in the barangay. Parents are advised to keep their children at home. On the one hand, all senior citizens are not allowed to go out. The Barangay Health Workers monitor and check them regularly and likewise ensure that they receive their Senior Citizens Social Pension pay-out.

To support the continuing learning of children, children are advised to stay at home and spend their time playing, watching tv, reading, studying and using their cellphone. Parents and guardians provide them with learning materials such as used papers, crayons, pencil) while some mostly aged 6-12 years old read their old textbooks and write or draw anything they want just to continue their learning. Those who have access to internet were able to use the DepEd Common learning platform. Through this, children were able to learn with guidance of their parents and teachers.

There is no report of children abuse cases in the municipalities.

Relief and livelihood Assistance:

There is an on-going support of LGU in the form of food packs (canned goods, rice, dried fish and vegetables), medicine supplies and cash assistance continue to be provided to the residents. Municipal Councilors of the LGU gave relief assistance to all front liners (Brgy. Tanod, BHW, and BNS) in 34 barangays in Castilla amounting to 350 pesos. In coordination with LGU Manito, the DepEd elementary and secondary teachers also distributed 289 food packs to its 15 barangays. This is a charity project of Manito teachers entitled TABANG (Tabangan an Banwa Asin Nangangaipong Gayu) Maniteno. Senior citizens were given additional food packs coming from the MLGUs

Moreover, the LGU provided 100k assistance to all 34 barangays in Castilla as a relief support. Residents also receive free transportation under the Librang Sakay to residents of Barangay Calongay, Sta Fe, Guiron, Lumbang, Marifosque, Mabanate to and from market while observing physical distancing.

The LGU Manito started releasing the emergency subsidy of 5,000 under the Social Amelioration Program of DSWD last 27 April in the barangays of Cawayan, Malobago & Cabacongan which they target to complete by end April. The MLGU of Pilar and Castilla are also releasing the emergency subsidy of 5,000 under the Social Amelioration Program of DSWD. In Donsol. Social Amelioration program assistance were already disbursed to all the target beneficiaries in 51 barangays.

Social Amelioration Program Implementation Status as of April 30, 2020

- Castilla – 62.71% complete
- Donsol – 67.60% complete
- Pilar – 37.86%

With the disruption of livelihood opportunities, community residents turn to food catering services as alternative livelihood activities.

Health

In terms of health and safety, the LGU had purchased additional beds and cubicle tents in preparation for mass quarantine while the identification of bigger and spacious quarantine areas. The LGU also provided personal protective gear, Personal Hygiene Kits, Electric Sprayer, and Disinfectant to all front liners in the 34 barangays in Castilla.

Local Ordinances

Castilla Sorsogon

- Ordinance No. 06- 2029 - An Ordinance Implementing the mandatory wearing of Face Mask or other Protective Equipment in Public Places and Imposing Sanctions to Non- Complainant Residents during the period of implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine relative to the COVID-19 outbreak
- Ordinance No. 05- 2020- An Ordinance imposing total liquor ban during the period of an Enhanced Community Quarantine Relative to the COVID19 outbreak in the Municipality of Castilla
- Executive Order No. 25 – 2020- An- Executive Order Creating and Organizing the Municipal Contact Tracing Team (CTT) Of Castilla, Sorsogon For Covid-19 which included the function of conducting contact tracing for all person with known exposure to a COVID-19 patient and monitoring the status of the suspected case and probable cases.

Donpicaso

- DepEd Division Memo No. 65, 2020 - Adoption of Alternative Work Arrangement for DepEd Schools Division of Sorsogon and other preventive measures for the duration of GCQ
- EO No. 37-2020 Providing Guidelines in the Implementation of a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the Province of Sorsogon.

As per EO No. 37. Sec 8. Closure of Schools, Public Parks and other Facilities. Tertiary schools may open with reduced manpower and only for purposes of completing requirements of the semester for faculty and personnel only

Barangays in Manito and Don Picasso under Project PACES

		Demographics Manito (Albay) (as of April 29)	Demographics DONPICASO (as of April 29)	Remarks
1	Suspect Case	3	0	Patients are from Nagotgot, Manito
2	Probable case	59	0	Patients are in Manito, 56 in Nagotgot; 3 in Buyo
3	Confirmed	0	0	
4	Deaths	0	0	
5	In Quarantine	0	0	
6	Recoveries	0	0	
7	TOTAL COVID-19 CASES	0	0	

Barangays in DONPICASO (under Project LEAD)

		Demographics As of April 28, 2020	Remarks
1	Suspect Case	17- (Pilar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - Outgoing • 16 - Completed
2	Probable case	Pilar: 1,299- Donsol: 1,121 Castilla: 1,313 – total 1,241- quarantine 14- Trans- out 58- On-going probable case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,279 - completed quarantine – Pilar • 21 - Ongoing Quarantine – Pilar • All (1,121) are cleared/ done for the home quarantine since April 11, 2020 • All (1,241) completed the 14days quarantine
3	Confirmed	0	
4	Deaths	0	
5	In Quarantine	21- Pilar	
6	Total Covid-19 Cases	0	

Province of Catanduanes

As of April 22, 2020, province of Catanduanes had recorded 1 positive case for COVID, 17 suspect cases including a 10 year old child. Of the 27 Barangays where our team works, 5 barangays registered probable cases of COVID totaling 28. Recovered 1

The populace continues to receive relief goods and vitamins like the Micronutrient Pack from BLGU & MLGU. Additionally, the BLGU in Mabini has conducted vaccination for selected children as per barangay, while the LGU Nutrition has conducted weighing of babies. Social Distancing and wearing of face masks were observed but the children have no masks.

More external help is needed by the people as the barangays run out of relief budget.

Province of Zamboanga

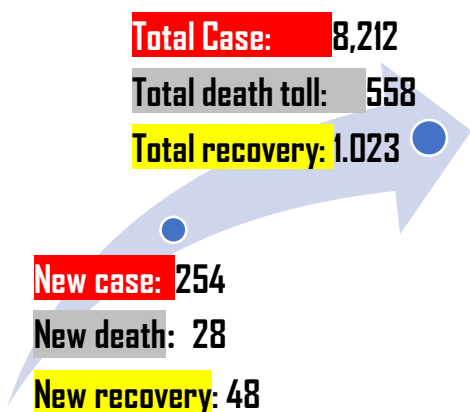
As of 28 April, Zamboanga has 83 suspect cases of Covid-19 according to the DOH data. The province has also recorded 6 mortalities.

BLGU are still implementing the curfew hour is between 5:30am-8:00pm. As observed, children violating curfew hours are advise by Barangay Tanod to be at home during curfew hours. They are also accompanied by Tanod to get into their homes. But most of the children are already at home during curfew hours since parents are also afraid to violate curfew hours

The learners continued their education through online sessions utilizing social media platforms like group chats and Facebook page.

Provision of household support packages to poor families is ongoing.

The Philippines -National status



The number of people recovering from the coronavirus disease continues to rise with the Department of Health confirming 1,023 more survivors with the addition of 48 more recoveries, as of 29 April. Cases had risen to 8,212 with the addition of 254 new patients who have contracted the COVID-19 disease. Among the 8,212 confirmed cases, 4,434 are male (54%) and 3,778 are female (47%). The most affected age groups are 30-39 years (19.6%) followed by 50-59 (17.1%).

Meanwhile, 28 more people have died of the viral illness, bringing the nationwide death toll to 558. Out of total 558 confirmed deaths, 66% are male, with most affected age groups over 70 years, and 60-69 years (both at 34.7%). (WHO Phils.)

Provinces with NO confirmed COVID 19, As of April 29

While 17 regions in the Philippines have recorded cases of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), some 26 provinces remain free from infection since the country recorded its first case in January. Eleven (11) of the 26 COVID-19-free provinces are in Mindanao, 10 are in Luzon, while five are in Visayas.



Health Concern

Concern on mass testing

- Testing Laboratories.** As of April 28, the government-accredited laboratories have a testing capacity of 6,320, however, for the last three days, actual tests averaged 4,443 a day. The Philippines currently has 19 accredited COVID-19 testing centers. Assessments of additional laboratories is ongoing, with more and more private hospital laboratories signing up for accreditation.
- Set up of additional sample collection booth (SCBs)** In order to improve the country's testing capacity in its testing centers and hospitals without direct contact between the patient and the health worker, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), on March 27, started the sample collection booths (SCBs) to aid mass testing initiatives in the country. As of date there are an initial 132 SCBs which will be placed in hospitals identified by the DOH. They were designed to "remotely monitor the patient's temperature and is a good protective barrier between the frontliner and the suspected COVID-19 patient." The testing booths designed and fabricated by Futuristic Aviation and Maritime Enterprise Inc (FAME) is inspired by the telephone booth-style coronavirus testing stations in other Asian countries.
- Missing the targeted Covid test of 8,000 per day.** The Philippines, which has a population of over 100 million, currently has 18 testing centers for COVID-19. By end of April, the Philippines had expected to have 8,000 covid 19 tests per day. However, according to the Department of Health (DOH), the Philippines is likely to miss its target of 8,000 coronavirus tests per day as 'current testing capacity stood at just more than half of that number. "As of April 28, the Philippines' testing capacity for the virus averaged at around 4,900 per day. The Department cited the scaling down of operations at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) – the country's main testing center for the coronavirus – as one of the reasons why the Philippines would not likely reach its April target" due to the reduction of manpower after some of its staff got infected with the virus.

Concern on state of health workers. Medical workers in the country are dealing with the surge in the numbers of COVID-19 patients, while also facing a lack of protective gear and the fear they could be virus carriers too. As of 27 April, the total number of health care workers who have contracted the corona virus disease reached 1,245, this accounted to 16% of the country's confirmed infections, which stood at 7,777: 471 are nurses, 464 are doctors, 69 nursing assistants, 41 medical technologists, 25 radiologic technologists and 10 midwives.

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

Social Protection Concern:

The national government continue the provision of assistance under the social amelioration program (SAP) provided in Republic Act No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act. Likewise, the local governments continue the provision of relief goods including food, including farm products which were bought from farmers; medicines especially to the poorest of the poor and to those who were displaced or temporarily lost their livelihood such as the drivers and small informal vendor.

As of April 23, over 5.7 million beneficiaries have so far received assistance under the Social Amelioration Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) amid the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) crisis. Amount distributed have reached over P75.7 million assistance funds to 1,456 local government units in the county. (Source: press briefing with DSWD Undersecretary Rene Glen Paje, 23 April)

Below are updates on the various national socio-economic assistance extended since the start of the COVID 19 crisis:

	Name of Program/Fund	No. of beneficiaries	Amount Distributed
1	Social Amelioration Program (SAP)	5.7 million	Php 27.9 billion
2	Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4 Ps)	2.0 million non-beneficiary	Php 11.5 billion
		4 Ps beneficiaries	Php 16.3 billion
3	Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS),	4,250 beneficiaries (incl 2,388 stranded individuals)	
4	Social pension	92,100 indigent senior citizens in Regions VI, X, Cordillera and Caraga	Php 276.3 million
5	Transport livelihood assistance	40,000 drivers of public utility vehicles (NCR region)	Php 323 million

Security and Safety:

There is on going strict compliance to the guidelines of the Enhanced Community Quarantine and General Community Quarantine. Security protocols are enforced by the local officials, the PNP and in some areas, the military.

There were children who were caught violating the 24-hour curfew. They were taken to the barangay and parents were called to pick them up. There is no report of children abuse cases in the municipalities

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

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

There is no report of child abuse or death among Educo beneficiaries.

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

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. CO is waiting on CFK's comment on the shared Response Plan.

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 NSTR from SitRep 02**

1. As a member of the ENET (Education Network), Educo Philippines is now an official member of the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP). LCP is an offshoot of Philippine Forum for Quality Basic Education (Educ Forum) which was spearheaded by DepEd national. Educo belongs to subgroup no.2 of the LCP – Learning Strategies and Modalities. This sub-group is responsible for identifying feasible and practical learning strategies and modalities in the context of COVID 19 covering the topics of Learning strategies, Curriculum alignment, Learning resources and Learning delivery modalities and technologies, among others. Most of the members of the LCP are advocacy groups and education technocrats in contrast to us Educo Philippines which is veteran in the field.
2. Educo “education group” is also actively participating on the different activities/tasks requested to the organization by ENET, UNICEF, ECCD-UNICEF partnership and Educ Forum – Subgroup no.2 of DepEd CO; Likewise is actively participating in different webinars that involve Learning Continuity, Open Government Partnership and ABI (Alternative Budget Initiative) spearheaded by Social Watch Philippines, all in line with education continuity during the COVID 19 crisis.
3. Joining Forces Alliance in the Philippines released the communication messaging and call to action addressed to the Local Mandated Bodies and National Agencies that has directly concern on specific Child Rights issue that is an effect of Enhanced Community Quarantine like Online Sexual Exploitation (OSEC), Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL). And Educo leads the Working Group for CICL. Press Releases and Social Media cards were also disseminated to different members and its partner organization.
4. Educo participated on Rapid Information Communication Accountability Assessment (RICAA) as a member of Community of Practice on Community Engagement (CoPCE) under the Philippine Humanitarian County Team. It is a community survey and consultation to better understand and validate information needs, preferred communication channels and available accountability mechanisms in your community in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. The process was done with the Department of Health, with support from WHO, UN OCHA, and UNICEF to facilitate getting the right information to the right people at the right time through the right channel.
5. Child Rights Network (CRN) release statement last 02 April 2020 directed at national government agencies with the mandate on protecting children’s rights and welfare during ongoing public health emergency.
6. Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities in the community level was started. The group of children members of the Barangay Children Organization and Municipal Children Federation created a group chat that will be the platform for these children to expressed their opinions, feelings of the COVID19 Situation affecting them Likewise it could be the point of entry to other activities that will implement in next days.

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

As of 29 April,

Region V- Bicol Region	Albay	6 Suspect case 3 Death toll 23 Recovery
	Camarines Sur	0 Suspect case 1 Death 4 Recovery
	Catanduanes	1 Suspect case 1 Death 1 Recovery
	Sorsogon	2 Suspect 0 Death

Region IX - Zamboanga Peninsula, Mindanao	Zamboanga City	83 Suspect case 6 Death 598 Persons Under Probable case
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- Possible sources of funding**

.1 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**

.1 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**

- 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**

