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Good day, we hope all is well with you. I am Dr. Rosarita Siasoco, representing the PHAP Cares Foundation, to corporate social responsibility arm of the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines. We are almost on the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Global Scenario

- Last March 11, 2020, WHO declared Covid 19 as a Pandemic.
- Lockdowns and health protocols were implemented
- Vaccines were made and distributed.
- Based on the situation by WHO Region, Americas had the highest number of confirmed cases followed by Europe, Southeast Asia, Eastern Mediterranean, Western Pacific, and Africa
- Different variants were discovered of which the latest is the Omicron variant
- This early part of December 2021, there are almost 266 million confirmed cases of Covid19 that included almost 5.3 million cases of death and almost a total of 8 billion vaccine doses administered



WHO region	Variant	Genetic code	Number of cases	Global charges monitored	Documented samples	Date of designation
Global	B.1.1.7	GRY	281 (4%)	+8.434K +5.452K	United Kingdom, Sep-2020	18-Dec-2020
SA	B.1.351	GV501Y.V2	201 (72)	+8.119K	South Africa, May-2020	18-Dec-2020
EMEA	P.1	GV501Y.V3	204 (4%)	+5.689K	Brazil, Nov-2020	11-Jan-2021
WP	B.1.617.2	G478K.V1	214, 211, 213	+9.417K +8.484K	India, Oct-2020	VOC: 4-Apr-2021 VOC: 11-May-2021
Africa*	B.1.1.529	GR484A	21K	-	Multiple countries, Nov-2021	VLM: 24-Nov-2021 VOC: 28-Nov-2021



We are almost on the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Border controls means in effect. Vaccines continues to be rolled out with more than 8 billion vaccine doses administered. The Americas seem in top of the regions with the highest COVID disease burden, followed by Europe, Southeast Asia, Eastern Mediterranean, Western Pacific for the Philippines is included, then Africa. In December, we saw the emergence of a new variant concerned, the Omicron variant. More than 266 million cases have been confirmed and over 5.3 million people have died, as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

Philippine Scenario

- Based on the data made by the WHO as per location, the United States is on the top-most list followed by India up to the Netherlands.
- The Philippines had 2.83 million confirmed cases and recorded 48.21 thousand deaths.
- Based on the confirmed cases, almost 2.8 million already recovered.
- Top Regions with the greatest number of cases were from the National Capital Region, CALABARZON, Central Luzon, Central, and Western Visayas.
- Based on the Provinces and Cities, the greatest number of cases belong to Quezon City, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, and Bulacan. These areas were classified into a Bubble (Metro-Manila and the other 4 provinces).

Location	Cases (M)	Deaths (K)
USA	48.1	777
India	34.6	468
Brazil	22.1	614
United Kingdom	10.1	145
Russia	9.34	265
Turkey	8.7	76.04
France	7.59	120
Germany	5.74	101
Argentina	5.32	117
Spain	5.13	87.96
Colombia	5.06	128
Italy	4.98	134
Indonesia	4.26	144
Mexico	3.88	294
Ukraine	3.57	89.31
Poland	3.46	82.61
South Africa	2.95	89.77
Philippines	2.83	48.21
Malaysia	2.61	30.24
Netherlands	2.56	19.22



With the US on the top most list, the Philippines is in the top 28th of countries to the highest confirmed cases of COVID. We have more than 2.83 million confirmed cases and recorded more than 48 thousand deaths.

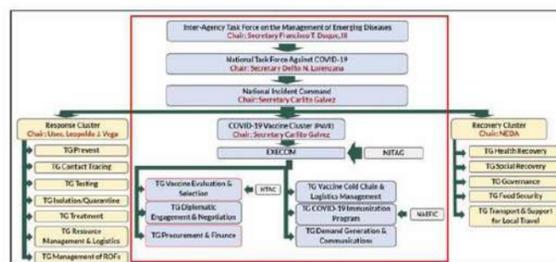
Please note that the figures I am citing would be higher between the time we have prepared this report and the time actually present it.

Top regions with the greatest number of cases mean to be from Metro Manila followed by other regions.

In Metro Manila, the highest number of cases belong to densely populated area, including Queson City in Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, and Bulacan. These areas are being classified as a Bubble areas.

Philippine Scenario

- The Philippines established an Inter-Agency Task Force is created through Executive Order No. 168 s. 2014 by the Philippine President to respond to affairs concerning infectious diseases in the country. For Covid19 vaccines, the IATF-ETD shall serve as the National Coordinating Council.
- The National Task Force Against Covid19 to oversee the operations of the national response.
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Vaccines available in the country are from AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, Sionovac, and Sputnik.

These vaccines sent being from government and private sectors, on government donations and go backs.

Metropolitan Manila

- Metro Manila is composed of 17 cities and 1 municipality.
- There are 861K confirmed cases in Metro Manila, 847.7K recoveries, and 10.8K recorded deaths.
- In the early and middle part of 2021, Metro Manila was placed under Level 3 status, lockdowns were implemented in cities with an increasing number of cases.
- Since cases were decreasing, the IATF declared Metro Manila to Alert Level 2 – transmission is low and decreasing, healthcare utilization is low, or case counts are low, and decreasing.
- Vaccine hesitancy is still observed but the government and the private sector are doing their part for advocacy on the value of vaccination.



As you know, Metropolitan Manila is composed of 17 cities and one municipality.

There are more than 861 thousand confirmed cases in Metro Manila, and 10,800 recorded death.

In the early and middle parts of 2021, Metro Manila was placed under levels 3 status, and strict lock-downs were implemented in cities with an increasing number of areas.

Since cases were decreasing following the Delta search, the IATF declared Metro Manila to alert Level 2.

Alert Level 2 is declared where transmission is low and decreasing, healthcare utilization is low, or case counts are low and decreasing.

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PHAPCares Foundation Initiative

Like other countries, the Philippine is experiencing an unprecedented and escalating health crisis, just called COVID-19.

An alarming number of healthcare workers have either tested positive or are under quarantine.

Both public and private hospitals are overstretched, exceeding their bed capacity, and operated with scarce medical supplies.

“We will not rest” Campaign

We will not rest until we have served our frontliners.



- The Philippines experienced an unprecedented and escalating health crisis due to COVID-19.
- An alarming number of healthcare workers have either tested positive or are under quarantine. Both public and private hospitals are overstretched, exceeding their bed capacity, and operating with depleting medical supplies.
- The campaign aimed to raise Php10 million for the procurement of immediate medical needs of at least 10 hospitals, including the identified referral hospitals for COVID-19 patients.
- To jumpstart the campaign, the PHAPCares Foundation has pledged a seed funding of Php1,000,000 for the procurement of personal protective equipment.



In response, PHAP Cares foundation launched "We will not rest" campaign. And we interest 10 million pesos for 200,500 US dollars for the procurement of immediate medical needs of 10 hospitals including the identified referral hospitals for COVID-19 patients. To jump-start the campaign, the PHAP Cares Foundation pledged a seed funding of one million pesos of 200,000 US dollars for the procurement of personal protective equipment.

“We will not rest” Campaign

- The Campaign exceeded its target of 10 Hospitals to 38 government and private hospitals, institutions, clinics and non-government organization.



Beneficiaries	
Cebu Doctors Hospital	Rizal Memorial Medical Center
Dagupan City Covid19 Testing Center	Rogacion Mercado Memorial Medical Center
Our Lady of Peace Mission Hospital	San Lorenzo Ruiz Women's Hospital
Binan City Health Office	Sta. Ana Hospital
Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center	World Citi Medical Center
East Avenue Medical Center	Office of the Presidential Spokesperson
League of Corporate Foundations	Mary Mediatrix Memorial Hospital
Metropolitan Manila Development Authority	Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital
One Corporate Plaza - Admin	Gat Andres Bonifacio Hospital
Philippine General Hospital	National Kidney and Transplant Institute
Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary	Ospital Ng Muntinlupa
UST Hospital	Outposts - PNP
Philippine Heart Center	San Lazaro Hospital
Provincial Health Office of La Union	Victory Art Laboratory
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center	Emilio Aguinaldo College Medical Foundation
Co Sy Fertility Clinic	Dr. Jesus C. Delgado Memorial Hospital
Accumed Advanced Reproductive Technology	V. Luna Medical Center
Center for Musculoskeletal Science - Asia	St. Martin de Porres Charity Hospital
La Union Medical Center	Fabella Memorial Hospital

Campaign benefited 38 government and private hospitals, institutions, clinics and non-government organizations throughout the country.



“We will not rest” Campaign

Donations benefit more than 1.5 million families and 155 health facilities nationwide

PHAP Members donate P120M for COVID-19 response

Driven by their commitment to corporate social responsibility, trusted medicines and vaccines providers belonging to the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP) and PHAPCares Foundation have contributed monetary and in-kind donations to the country's COVID-19 response.

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1.5 million families and over

155 hospitals nationwide

Beneficiaries include government and private hospitals, charitable institutions, government agencies, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), among others.

We are pleased to campaign supported by our member companies.

In response to the pandemic our members collectively donated 120 million pesos of about 2.4 million US dollars, benefiting 155 health facilities and 1.5 million people affected by the pandemic throughout the country.





Beyond the donation, also held the Forum in providing accurate information and banning misconceptions about vaccines, to boost vaccination confidence among Filipinos. The PHAP Cares Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Health, Department of Labor and Employment, and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, jointly founded the online forum with the team. Vaccine Hesitancy, the Impact of the life, and the nation.



For this forum, streamed live on Facebook, also partnered with the national media for greater public reach. Candidate of this forum is aligned and mandated to increase access for information in times of emergencies. We believe that the right information given at the right time can help save lives. We have guided speakers to deliver three main messages.

Vaccine Hesitancy: Epekto Sa Buhay, Epekto Sa Bayan - Webinar

Vaccine Hesitancy: Epekto sa Buhay, Epekto sa Bayan
June 25, 2021
Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Live stream via Facebook: [FACEBOOK: PHAPCaresPH](https://www.facebook.com/PHAPCaresPH)
[WWW.BUSINESSMIRROR.COM.PH/PHAPCaresPH](https://www.businessmirror.com.ph/PHAPCaresPH)

Agenda:

- 9:30 - 9:40 AM: Opening Messages
- 9:40 - 9:50 AM: The Philippine Vaccination Plan in Support of the Economic Frontliners
- 9:50 - 10:00 AM: Guidelines relating to COVID-19 Vaccine Administration in the Workplace
- 10:00 - 10:20 AM: Q & A
- 10:20 - 10:30 AM: The Facts and Myths of COVID-19 Vaccines
- 10:30 - 10:50 AM: Metro Manila COVID Status and Initiatives on COVID-19 Vaccination of Economic Frontliners
- 11:00 - 11:25 AM: Reaction from LGU heads
- 11:25 - 11:40 AM: Q & A
- 11:40 - 11:45 AM: Closing Message

One: Vaccines are safe. Vaccines makers must follow very strict scientific and health authority process to bring a new vaccine to the people.

Second: Vaccines work. All of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines go beyond regularized minimum efficacy level which protects vaccinated from the expected virus.

And third: Vaccines are not only way to stop the virus, but they are a best chance of returning to normal. The more people who get COVID-19 vaccines, the more chances are to protect our communities from the rise of the other variants.

Our Advocacy

BIDA SOLUSYON Sa COVID19
(Our Solution against Covid19)

1. Wear Facemask
2. Wash your hands thoroughly
3. Social Distancing
4. Know the correct information

We have aligned advocacy messages to the Department of Health, as well as ensured that all our activities followed government mandate and health standards.

During the pandemic, our Foundation continues to go around the country to help victims of disasters, including volcanic eruptions and the recent super typhoon "Rai," which killed about 400 people.

Thank you and stay safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to present initiative alongside with you. Battle of the pandemic and other challenges will impact the lives and health of the people. Thank you and stay safe.



Questions and answers (Metro Manila)

Q1.

IATF, the Inter-Agency Task Force, is a structure built to deal with infectious diseases related measures. Was it organized after the pandemic became an emergency situation, or is it a system that is normally in place, connecting with local governments, making adjustments, etc.?

A1.

The Inter-Agency task force or the IATF was created through Executive Order No. 168 issued by then President Benigno Aquino III in 2014. It was created to assess, monitor, contain, control and prevent the spread of any potential epidemic in the Philippines. The Task Force may call upon any government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and the private sector for assistance as circumstances may require. It convened in January 2020 in response to the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q2.

The explanation in the slide said, "IATF declared Metro Manila to Alert Level 2." Is the IATF in charge of judging alert levels for the entire country, or is there leeway for individual localities to have their own standards for declaring alerts and deploying measures?

A2.

The IATF has the authority to declare alert levels and assess existing restrictions that may be enforced in the various parts of the country. The IATF base their declarations on the reports of the national agencies as well as the local chief executives. In the National Capital Region, the Metro Manila Council recommends the status for the declaration of alert levels depending on the increase or decrease of cases as well as the capacity of local hospitals.

Q3.

Alert levels are divided into 5 categories. What are the specific conditions concerning infection rates and medical services used to move from one level to the next (e.g., any predetermined quantitative criteria)?

A3.

The IATF together with the Metro Manila Council and Local Provincial, City and Municipal Chief Executives are aware of the different levels based on the cases and utilization of healthcare.

For Alert Level 1 - Areas with low and decreasing COVID-19 case transmission, total hospital bed utilization, and ICU utilization rates.

For Alert Level 2 - Areas with low and decreasing COVID19 cases, healthcare utilization is low or case counts are low but increasing and also utilization is increasing.

For Alert level 3 - Areas where cases are high and or increasing with rising healthcare utilization.

Alert Level 4 - Areas where cases are high and or increasing with healthcare utilization are already at a high level.

Alert Level 5 - Areas where cases are alarming with healthcare utilization at critical utilization.

Q4.

As of January 25, about 50% of people in the Philippines had at least one vaccination. What factors are preventing vaccination rates from expanding? Are any measures being considered to deal with this situation?

A4.

One of the reasons is vaccine hesitancy triggered by fake news and spread in the social media.

A national survey conducted in April to May 2021 said that 35% of respondents are uncertain about getting the vaccine while 33% responded that they would not get vaccinated. Fear of side effects is the top reason cited by respondents for being uncertain and unwilling about CoVID-19 vaccination. These sentiments were reflective of an international study that showed a dramatic drop in vaccine confidence among Filipinos from 93% "strongly agreeing" that vaccines are important in 2015 to 32% in 2018.

The IATF together with the local government and the private sector are helping in the dissemination of vaccination in the country. The PHAPCares Foundation held a major forum to disrupt vaccine hesitancy late last year. To date, many people are willing to be vaccinated especially in the prevention of the Omicron variant for which many cases have been reported in the early part of the year.