

Philippines



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report #108

15 August 2022

Data reported by the Department of Health on 14 August 2022



			
3,831,941 Cases	3,730,889 Recoveries	61,036 Deaths	72,100,078 (64.6%)¹ Vaccinated with last dose of primary series

Please see the Philippines Department of Health (DOH) [Daily Case Bulletins](#) and [COVID-19 Tracker](#) for further information.

Summary of the epidemiological situation in Philippines²

Key numbers

28,008 cases (8 - 14 August 2022)	24 deaths* (8 - 14 August 2022)	173,591 tests (8 - 14 August 2022)	18.0% Test Positivity Rate (8 - 14 August 2022)
974 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	27.9% ICU bed occupancy for COVID-19 patients	2,579 ICU beds for COVID-19 cases	30.9% Non-ICU bed occupancy for COVID-19 patients
			21,968 Non-ICU beds for COVID-19 patients

*Obtained from FASSSTER COVID-19 death tally as of 14 August 2022

COVID-19 cases

As of 14 August 2022, a total of 3,831,941 COVID-19 cases had been recorded in the Philippines since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 28,008 new cases (25.1 cases per 100,000 population) reported in week 32 (8 - 14 August 2022), that is modestly higher (3.0%) than the previous week [1 - 7 August 2022: 27,315 new cases (24.5 cases per 100,000 population³)]. In week 32, the following regions recorded the highest case counts: National Capital Region (8,724 cases), Region IV-A: CALABARZON (5,765 cases), and Region III: Central Luzon (2,978 cases).

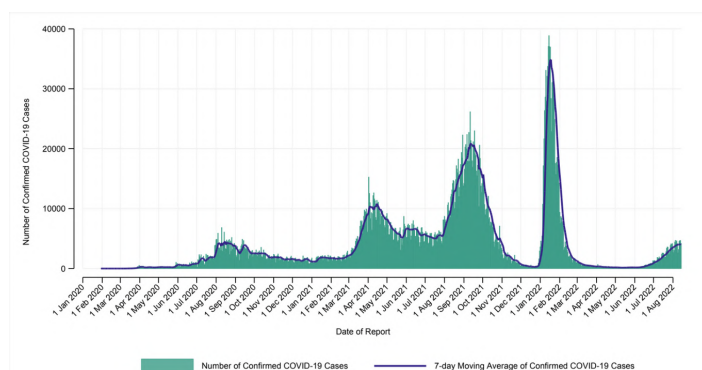


Figure 1. Daily reported COVID-19 cases in the Philippines (30 January 2020 – 14 August 2022)

Footnotes

¹Percent of total population (n = 111,572,254)

²Weekly case counts were obtained from FASSSTER COVID-19 PROJECT

³Total population (n=111,572,254)

Healthcare utilization

As of 14 August 2022, the COVID-19 ICU bed utilization is 27.9% and it has been increasing for five weeks [weeks 28 - 32 (Figure 2)]. The daily number (7-day average) of COVID-19 occupied ICU beds reported in week 32 (751 beds) increased by 4.6% from week 31 (718 beds), while the utilization of COVID-19 dedicated mechanical ventilators (7-day average) increased by 10.3%: 332 ventilators used in week 32, compared to 301 ventilators used in the previous week.

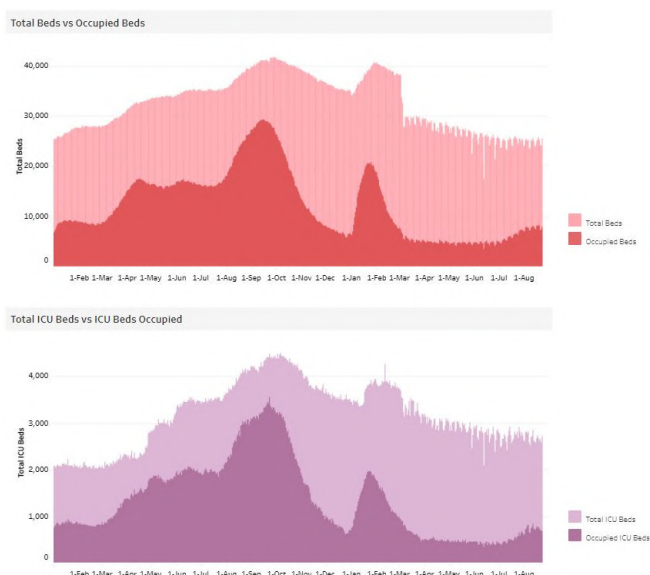


Figure 2. Total bed and ICU bed distribution over time stratified by occupancy (as of 14 August 2022)

COVID-19 deaths

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 61,036 COVID-19 related deaths have been reported in Philippines as of 14 August 2022 (Figure 3). Between 1 May and 14 August, there were 280 deaths reported; of these 16 were in May, five were reported in June, 153 were in July, and 106 in 1 – 14 August. Delayed reporting of COVID-19 related deaths may occur due to ongoing verifications of cause of death.

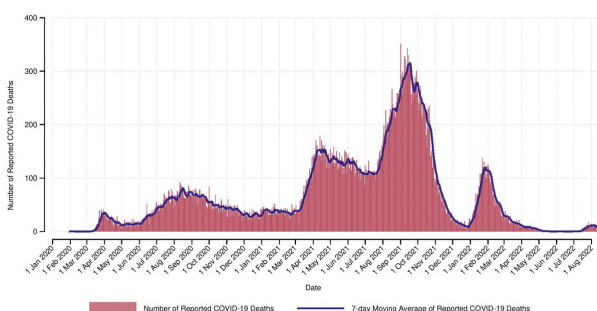


Figure 3. Daily number of COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines by date of death since 2020 (as of 14 August 2022)

Laboratory: testing rates, positivity rates and genomic surveillance

The testing rate (number of tests per 1,000 population) has remained stable in the Philippines - 1.56 tests per 1,000 population for week 32 (173,591 tests); compared to 1.52 tests per 1,000 population in week 31 (169,485 tests). There is little variation in the positivity rate (number of individuals that tested positive/number of individuals tested) between week 32 [18.0% (29,803/165,473)] and week 31 [18.8% (30,158/160,581)].

On 12 August 2022, Department of Health Officer-in-Charge Dr Maria Rosario Vergerie said that from the latest Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), 225 were confirmed to be Omicron Variant of Concern (VOC). The Omicron sublineages detected were: 190 (84.4%) BA.5, 34 (15.1%) BA.4, and 1 (0.4%) BA.2.12.1.

The 190 BA.5 cases were detected across five of the 17 regions. One hundred seventy five have already recovered, seven were still in isolation and the status of eight was still being verified. The 34 BA.4 cases came from two regions. Thirty-three of them have recovered while the status of one was still being verified. The one BA.2.12.1 case came from Region XI and has already recovered (Table 1).^[4]

Region	BA.5	BA.4	BA.2.12.1
NCR	1	0	0
Region XI	162	11	1
Region XII	23	23	0
Region XIII	1	0	0
BARMM	3	0	0
TOTAL	190	34	1

Table 1. Number of BA.5, BA.4 and BA.2.12.1 cases detected per region in Philippines, 12 August 2022

On 9 August 2022, Dr Maria Rosario Vergerie said that 924 were confirmed to be Omicron VOC from the latest WGS. The Omicron sublineages detected were: 906 (98.0%) BA.5, 11 (1.2%) BA.4, and 7 (0.8%) BA.2.12.1.

Of the 906 BA.5 cases, four are Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and 902 cases were detected across 12 of the 17 regions (Table 2). At the time of report, 814 had recovered, 49 were in isolation and the status of 43 was still being verified. Of those with known vaccination history (n=696), 682 were fully vaccinated and 14 were partially vaccinated.

The 11 BA.4 cases came from four regions (Table 2), and all of them have recovered. Nine of the cases were fully vaccinated while the vaccination status of the remaining cases are still being verified.

The 7 BA.2.12.1 cases came from four regions - with Region I recording the most number of cases (Table 2). All of the seven cases have recovered. Six of the cases were fully vaccinated while the vaccination status of the remaining case is being verified.^[5]

Region	BA.5	BA.4	BA.2.12.1
NCR	127	2	0
Region V	49	5	0
Cordillera Administrative Region	121	2	0
Region I	40	0	4
Region II	97	0	1
Region III	73	0	0
Region IV-A	56	0	1
Region IV-B	39	0	0
Region VI	265	2	1
Region VII	10	0	0
Region VIII	12	0	0
Region IX	13	0	0
Region X	0	0	0
Region XI	0	0	0
Region XIII	0	0	0
TOTAL	902	11	7

Table 2. Number of BA.5, BA.4 and BA.2.12.1 cases detected per region in Philippines, 9 August 2022

⁴ PH logs over 200 new Omicron subvariant cases (cnnphilippines.com).

⁵ PH detects 906 more cases of Omicron BA.5 subvariant | Philippine News Agency (pna.gov.ph).

Overall, 4,203 (92.7%) cases of BA.5, 149 (3.3%) BA.4 cases, and 182 (4.0%) BA.2.12.1 cases have been confirmed from WGS in the Philippines. Meanwhile, the first two cases of BA.2.75 (detected on 2 August 2022) have recovered while their seven close contacts exhibited no symptoms.

Vaccination

As of 14 August 2022, 64.6% of the total population were vaccinated with the last dose of primary series. Among healthcare workers (A1 priority group), the coverage is 96.4%, with 57.8% having received the first booster dose and 18.1% received the second booster dose. The Philippine government continues to prioritize COVID-19 vaccination (primary series and booster shots) of the vulnerable sectors of the population - elderly population (A2 priority group), persons with comorbidities (A3) and poor population (A5); their respective vaccination coverage (vaccinated with last dose of primary series) is 78.0%, 94.4%, and 72.8% (Figure 4). For the first booster shot, 21.8% of the eligible population received the jab. The vaccination coverage of first booster dose for A2, A3, and A5 priority groups are 27.4%, 28.1%, and 12.2%, respectively.

Sub-nationally, the vaccination coverage (last dose of primary series) of A2 population is less than 70% in four regions (Table 3), and the vaccination coverage of the A5 group is below 50% in seven of the seventeen regions (Table 4). Fifteen of the 17 regions have a vaccination coverage of 80% and above in A3 population (Table 5).

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A2)								
REGION	Projected Pop (Priority Group A2)	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot
2	323,017	300,131	92.9%	10,190	3.2%	97,041	30.0%	9,251
CAR	135,093	122,612	90.8%	6,088	4.5%	53,131	39.3%	9,044
NCR	1,154,257	1,046,276	90.6%	20,289	1.8%	607,661	52.6%	230,825
1	501,412	445,402	88.8%	15,303	3.1%	165,500	33.0%	17,858
CARAGA	207,153	175,467	84.7%	(5,278)	-2.5%	34,592	16.7%	2,244
4A	1,273,740	1,044,265	82.0%	49,860	3.9%	399,974	31.4%	78,577
3	1,064,045	839,990	78.9%	31,125	2.9%	374,172	35.2%	66,054
6	735,157	566,822	77.1%	(5,568)	-0.8%	135,205	18.4%	7,769
5	466,893	359,400	77.0%	13,741	2.9%	79,034	16.9%	5,616
9	273,362	202,842	74.2%	7,800	2.9%	46,681	17.1%	3,221
10	384,311	281,653	73.3%	14,655	3.8%	78,553	20.4%	7,136
Mimaropa	235,283	165,039	70.1%	10,052	4.3%	41,703	17.7%	3,225
12	306,824	215,131	70.1%	10,814	3.5%	46,776	15.2%	2,727
8	389,645	271,948	69.8%	14,541	3.7%	54,807	14.1%	2,951
11	407,116	264,208	64.9%	31,708	7.8%	66,965	16.4%	9,810
7	677,107	406,578	60.0%	11,237	1.7%	94,558	14.0%	10,990
BARMM	186,876	91,078	48.7%	13,975	7.5%	12,084	6.5%	193
PHIL	8,721,291	6,798,842	78.0%	250,532	2.9%	2,388,437	27.4%	467,691

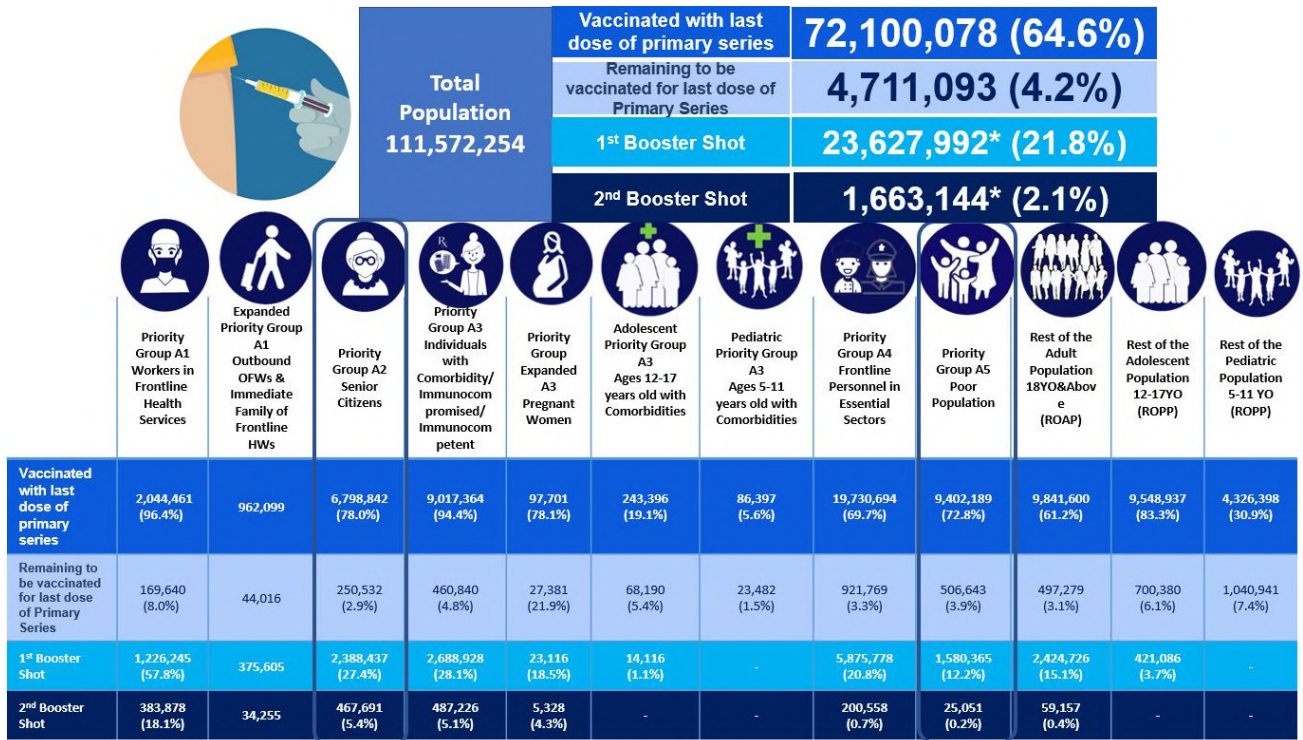
Table 3. Overview of vaccination of A2 population per region in Philippines (14 August 2022)

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A5)								
REGION	Projected Priority Group A5	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot
NCR	663,588	2,168,870	326.8%	62,986	9.5%	610,104	91.9%	3,570
4A	955,143	1,214,772	127.2%	48,085	5.0%	236,854	24.8%	6,760
6	967,299	974,641	100.8%	(101,427)	-10.5%	111,223	11.5%	3,568
CAR	179,565	150,395	83.8%	7,114	4.0%	25,661	14.3%	186
2	315,918	232,756	73.7%	19,775	6.3%	35,696	11.3%	606
3	882,423	636,717	72.2%	51,038	5.8%	138,578	15.7%	3,171
1	618,150	405,673	65.6%	34,825	5.6%	77,825	12.6%	1,195
7	854,691	506,183	59.2%	24,530	2.9%	54,220	6.3%	1,053
11	771,534	434,624	56.3%	38,156	4.9%	36,751	4.8%	1,222
9	896,151	451,407	50.4%	30,884	3.4%	57,626	6.4%	537
5	1,111,587	453,786	40.8%	49,811	4.5%	35,378	3.2%	1,040
8	839,772	338,806	40.3%	41,916	5.0%	30,171	3.6%	1,030
CARAGA	566,586	220,900	39.0%	24,476	4.3%	19,984	3.5%	285
BARMM	1,163,412	448,257	38.5%	99,430	8.5%	38,799	3.3%	248
10	798,837	304,603	38.1%	28,205	3.5%	37,260	4.7%	352
Mimaropa	583,026	210,836	36.2%	16,881	2.9%	19,530	3.3%	139
12	743,511	248,963	33.5%	29,958	4.0%	14,705	2.0%	89
PHIL	12,911,193	9,402,189	72.8%	506,643	3.9%	1,580,365	12.2%	25,051

Table 4. Overview of vaccination of A5 population per region in Philippines (14 August 2022)

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A3 w/ Comorbidities, Immunocompromised and Immunocompetent)								
REGION	Projected Priority Group	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot
CARAGA	205,088	214,008	104.4%	(3,112)	-1.5%	53,847	26.3%	4,425
CAR	187,289	188,802	100.7%	5,235	2.8%	84,693	45.2%	4,183
9	281,047	282,005	100.3%	8,505	3.0%	82,084	29.2%	4,844
11	405,020	404,332	99.8%	7,416	1.8%	78,831	19.7%	10,139
1	467,742	463,329	99.1%	21,179	4.5%	162,156	34.7%	25,201
12	384,278	359,631	93.7%	16,430	4.3%	85,280	23.4%	3,654
3	1,043,162	1,029,188	98.7%	47,571	4.6%	361,753	34.7%	82,183
10	358,812	351,779	98.0%	12,908	3.6%	117,825	33.0%	11,110
NCR	2,301,372	2,263,315	98.3%	125,651	5.5%	829,031	36.0%	233,788
6	638,715	618,494	96.8%	41,331	6.5%	98,863	15.5%	7,298
2	299,165	288,228	96.3%	15,958	5.3%	105,787	35.4%	11,163
7	563,834	517,167	91.7%	22,029	3.9%	117,823	20.9%	10,812
4A	1,145,277	1,028,440	89.6%	59,359	5.2%	316,223	27.6%	66,229
Mimaropa	224,855	195,902	87.1%	9,771	4.3%	49,354	21.9%	5,611
BARMM	298,914	242,368	81.1%	22,040	7.4%	42,222	14.1%	1,170
5	433,505	327,090	75.5%	35,825	8.3%	59,173	13.6%	2,902
8	336,264	245,485	73.0%	12,544	3.7%	42,983	12.8%	2,414
PHIL	9,552,337	9,017,364	94.4%	460,840	4.8%	2,688,928	28.1%	487,226

Table 5. Overview of vaccination of A3 population per region in Philippines (14 August 2022)



*eligible population for booster

Figure 4. Overview of COVID-19 vaccination status of Philippines' population as of 14 August 2022

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection, and Control

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

Risk Communications

WHO Philippines published locally produced Filipino and Cebuano version of [WHO HQ's](#) video on how vaccines can help reduce severe COVID-19 cases that overwhelm hospitals.

WHO Philippines published photos from the official meetings and site visits of WHO and Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency from 26-28 July 2022 to formally start the agencies joint support to the Department of Health.



Maaalagaan ba ako ng mga ospital kung patuloy ang pagdami ng kaso ng COVID-19? 🤔

Maatiman ba ko o ang akong pamilya sa mga hospital samtang nagadaghan ang kaso sa COVID-19? 🤔

Hindi natin maikakaila ang paghihirap na dinaranas ng ating mga ospital at health workers. 🤔

Atong makita nga nabug-atan na ang mga ospital - apil na ang mga health workers nga nagkalisod. 🤔

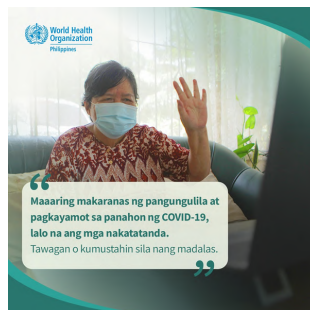
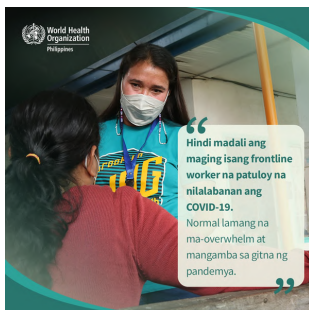
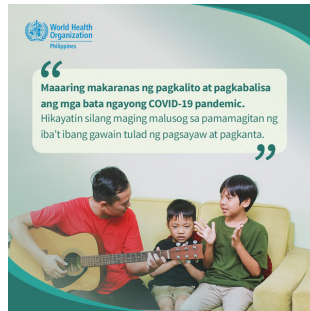
Mapoprotektahan mo ang iyong sarili at kapwa kapag kumpleto ang iyong bakuna.

Maprotektahan nimo ang imong kaugalingon ug ang uban kung kumpleto na ang imong bakuna.

Ang mga bakuna ay tumutulong para maiwasan ang pagpapa-ospital at pagkamatay dahil sa COVID-19. 🤔

Nagatabang ang mga bakuna aron malikayan ang pagpa-ospital ug pagkamatay tungod sa COVID-19. 🤔

WHO Philippines published localised messages on promoting mental health amid COVID-19 pandemic, with reminders for healthcare workers, parents and children, elderly, and workers.



Partner Coordination

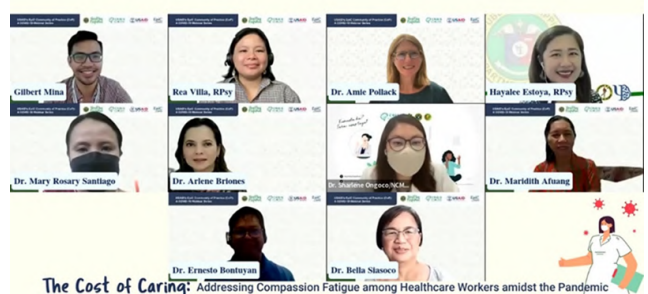
Updates from USAID

US Peace Corps Philippines Partners with USAID Reach Health Project to Support Vaccination Drive

Peace Corps Philippines, in collaboration with USAID's ReachHealth project, has supported the Philippine Government in vaccinating and protecting nearly 27,000 Filipinos against COVID-19 since February 2022. In the absence of American volunteers due to the pandemic, the organization's medical and non-medical staff have helped pre-screen patients, administer vaccines, provide post-vaccination health education, and encode vaccination data. To date, they have volunteered at clinics in the National Capital Region, Cebu, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Cavite, and Rizal. Vaccination sites have included schools, hospitals, malls, barangay halls, gymnasium, a provincial jail, a fire station, and private homes in mountain barangays on the outskirts of Cebu City.



Peace Corps Philippines, Reach Health, and local health officials at a vaccine clinic in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, on 3 August 2022



Esteemed panelists and representatives from USAID, EpiC, DOH, NCMH, and hospital partners joined together to highlight the importance of acknowledging and addressing compassion fatigue.

USAID's EpiC, partners organize a Community of Practice on mental health to increase awareness of compassion fatigue among healthcare workers

More than 600 participants joined USAID's EpiC's Community of Practice webinar on mental health centering on compassion fatigue among health workers on 15 July 2022. This webinar series on mental health is a collaborative learning activity of the Department of Health's Disease Prevention and Control Bureau and Health Emergency Management Bureau, the National Center for Mental Health's (NCMH) Crisis Hotline and Center for Wellness, and USAID's EpiC COVID-19 project implemented by FHI 360.

The webinar is a skill-building program that provides healthcare workers with the capabilities to identify indicators of compassion fatigue and strategies to overcome burnout to achieve a positive mental health state. Mental health professionals from EpiC supported hospitals and NCMH shared their challenges, lessons learned, and best practices in setting healthy boundaries and establishing goals to break the compassion fatigue cycle.

Updates from UNICEF

Support to COVID-19 infection, prevention, and control

To support children and families affected by the magnitude 7.0 earthquake in Northwestern Luzon, UNICEF delivered supplies to health facilities to support the adherence to minimum public health standards including 4,000 medical masks, 200 N95 masks, 300 hygiene kits, 200 water kits, and 5 drums of chlorine granules. These essentials will help them stay healthy and protected as they recover from the emergency.



UNICEF provided supplies to the Department of Health Center for Health Development Cordillera Administrative Region to support the adherence to minimum public health standards in health facilities as the region recovers from the recent earthquake. ©DOH CHD CAR/2022