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MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), has started conducting an inventory of the government's idle mining assets in preparation for their sale or re-operation supposedly to augment funds for pandemic response.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu said the MGB will update information on mineral reserves and resources of state-owned mining sites.

"This is in preparation for the bidding and sale of mining assets to gain revenues and help the country recover from the effects of the pandemic," Cimatu said.

MGB director Wilfredo Moncano said the inventory would determine the viability of state-owned mining facilities for future operations.

"Some of these mining assets stopped operating in the 1980s, which means these hold mining information that is around 40 years old," Moncano said.

"The data needs to be collated and evaluated to see if the reports of former geologists and mining engineers are compliant with the Philippine Mineral Reporting Code that is in place sometime in 2010 only," he added.

Moncano cited as example the Basay Mining Corp. in Negros Oriental, which stopped operations in 1983, as well as the Marinduque Mining and Industrial Corp. (MMIC Bagacay Mine) in Samar, which was foreclosed by the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine National Bank in 1984.



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Moncano said updating the information would also improve the “packaging” of the mining assets to help boost sales.

He said the data to be evaluated include the volume of mineral resources and reserves, technical basis of estimates and methodology of estimation.

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Meanwhile, Moncano said that some assets under the Privatization and Management Office (PMO) of the Department of Finance (DOF) have sufficient and updated data, thus they can be up for bidding soon.

“Once investors bid on these mining assets, operations will resume. However, documentary requirement to allow for the development and resumption of commercial operations will have to be submitted by the winning bidder to the MGB,” Moncano said.

The DOF’s PMO and the Philippine Mining Development Corp. are the ones responsible for the sale and disposal of state mining assets through public bidding.

Moncano said the DOF has been working with the MGB in preparations for the sale since the announcement last year to privatize several state-owned mining assets.

Mining assets earlier identified for bidding by the PMO included the Pacific Nickel Philippines Inc. in Surigao del Norte, North Davao Mining Property in Davao del Norte, Maricalum Mining Corp. in Negros Occidental and the Marcopper Mining Corp. in Marinduque.



## DENR-MGB magsasagawa ng imben taryo sa 'di nagagamit na mining assets ng gobyerno



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MANILA, Philippines – Tiniyak ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Mines and Geosciences (DENR-MGB) na nakahanda na ang DENR sa pamamagitan ng MGB na magsagawa ng “updating” ng essential mining information sa mga hindi nagagamit na mining assets ng gobyerno.

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Kabilang sa mga data na susuriin ang: “volume of mineral resources and reserves, technical basis of estimates, and methodology of estimation, among others,” paliwanag pa ni Moncano.



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Ang mineral resource ay tumutukoy sa "concentration of materials of economic interest found in the Earth's crust," habang ang mineral reserve naman ay ang "economically mineable portion of a mineral resource."

Sinabi pa ni Moncano, ang "updating" ng baseline information ay makapagsasaayos din sa "packaging" ng mining assets upang mapataas ang halaga nito.

"The MGB will allot some funds from its budget for the updating of data. The updating of the mining information will most likely advance first on those assets without pending legal cases like the Basay Mining Corp. and MMIC Bagacay Mine," saad pa nito.

Kaugnay nito, idinagdag pa ni Moncano na ang ibang assets na nasa ilalim ng Privatization and Management Office (PMO) ng Department of Finance ay mayroon nang sapat at "updated" data at nakatakda nang dumaan sa bidding.

"Once investors will bid on these mining assets, operations will resume. However, documentary requirements to allow for the development and commercial operations to resume will have to be submitted by the winning bidder to MGB," aniya.

Ang PMO ng DOF at ang Philippine Mining Development Corporation ay ang mga responsable sa pagbebenta at "disposal" ng mga nasabing state mining assets sa pamamagitan ng public bidding.

Simula nang ianunsiyo noong isang taon ang pag privatize ng state-owned mining assets, nakipagtulungan na ang DOF sa MGB sa paghahanda para sa pagbebenta.

Kabilang sa mga natukoy ng PMO na mining assets para sa "disposal" ay ang Pacific Nickel Philippines Inc. sa Surigao del Norte, North Davao Mining Property sa Davao del Norte, Maricalum Mining Corp. sa Negros Occidental at Marcopper Mining Corp. sa Marinduque. *Santi Celario*



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## MGB updating list of gov't mining assets ahead of disposal

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THE Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) said it will be updating the mineral resources and mineral reserves database on state-owned mining assets in preparation for their sale.

MGB Director Wilfredo G. Moncano said some of the information required for a possible sale is the volume of mineral resources and reserves, and the technical basis for the estimates.

"A mineral resource refers to the concentration of materials of economic interest found in the Earth's crust, while a mineral reserve is the economically mineable portion of a mineral resource," Mr. Moncano said in a statement Thursday.

Mr. Moncano identified Basay Mining Corp. in Negros Oriental which ceased operations in 1983, and the Marinduque Mining and Industrial Corp. in Samar which was foreclosed by the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Philippine National Bank in 1984 as some of the idle government mining assets to undergo the review.

"Data are necessary to be collated and evaluated to see if the reports of former geologists and mining engineers are compliant with the Philippine Mineral Reporting Code that was put in place sometime in 2010," Mr. Moncano said.

Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said the updating of the list of state-owned mining assets for sale will support government revenue.

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According to MGB, the PMO and the Philippine Mining Development Corp. are responsible for the sale of the government-owned mining assets via auction.

PMO mining assets include Pacific Nickel Philippines, Inc. in Surigao del Norte; North Davao Mining Property in Davao del Norte; Maricalum Mining Corp. in Negros Occidental; and Marcopper Mining Corp. in Marinduque.

President Rodrigo R. Duterte signed Executive Order No. 130 on April 14 which removed the nine-year ban on new mineral agreements and allowed the review of current mining deals for potential renegotiation.

The MGB has said that P21 billion in revenue can be generated by the 100 mining projects in the pipeline, which can be used to help support the economic recovery. — Revin Mikhael D. Ochave

## Mines regulator proposes 3-5% royalties for mining operations outside reservations

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THE MINES and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) said it supports a bill that would extract royalties for those mining outside designated mineral reservations.

At a hearing of the House Committee on Natural Resources Wednesday, MGB Director Wilfredo G. Moncano said that only those within mineral reservations currently pay mineral royalties of 5%.

"Those outside mineral reservation areas do not pay this 5%. These operations are about 75% (of the industry). There are more (miners) outside the mineral reservation areas that are not paying mineral royalties," Mr. Moncano said.

Mr. Moncano said the royalties will be a readily-available source of added to the government.

"We are proposing between 3-5% royalties for those outside the mineral reservation areas," he added.

Rowena S. Sta. Clara, a representative from the Department of Finance (DoF), said during the hearing that the department also backs such a royalty scheme.

"We are also proposing the imposition of mining royalties both inside and outside mineral reservation areas, applicable to metallic and non-metallic minerals in both small- and large-scale mines," Ms. Sta. Clara said, noting that the DoF also backs a range of 3-5%, but implemented in phases.

"We propose that the first year be at 3%, the fourth year 4%, and the fifth year 5% for those outside mineral reservations," Ms. Sta. Clara said.

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The government has said that 100 mining projects are in the pipeline, estimated to generate P21 billion in revenue which can be used to fund the government's pandemic response.

The MGB estimates that the value of metallic mineral output in the first quarter rose 14.11% to P28.91 billion.

Nickel ore and other nickel-by products accounted for 47.12% or P13.62 billion, followed by gold at 40.49% or P11.71 billion, copper 11.51% or P3.33 billion, and silver, chromite, and iron ore less than 1% or P254.92 million. — Revin Mikhael D. Ochave



## Quarrying suspended in Negros Oriental



By Eugene Adiong

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President Rodrigo Duterte. Contributed Photo

BACOLOD CITY: President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered the temporary suspension of all sand and gravel quarry permits in Negros Oriental effective immediately.

The order was posted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Central Visayas in an advisory posted on its Facebook account on Wednesday.

The said advisory was signed by DENR-7 regional director Paquito Melicor Jr., Gov. Roel Degamo and Negros Oriental Provincial Police director Col. Glenn Mayam.

Prior to the suspension order, the Regional and National Peace and Order Council met on May 24 in Dumaguete City to tackle environmental issues, among others. The meeting was presided over by President Rodrigo Duterte.

Operators and permit holders are required to submit their position papers on the matter to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/03/news/regions/quarrying-suspended-in-negros-oriental/1801682>



## 'Healing nature through ecosystem restoration'

BY ROY CIMATU AND DR. SELVA RAMACHANDRAN

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The well-being of humanity depends on healthy ecosystems. Nature purifies the air we breathe, regulates our climate, cleans our water and provides us with food and medicine. However, decades of unrelenting economic growth at the expense of our natural resources have taken a toll on our oceans, forests, wetlands and rivers. Now, the state of our natural ecosystems threatens the very survival of mankind.

Even prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, landmark reports from 2018-2019 have presented us with a bleak outlook for 2020 and beyond. Continuing at its current rate, global warming is likely to reach 1.5C between 2030 and 2052. Even if we strive to end emissions today, global emissions to date will persist for centuries, driving further changes to our climate. If that isn't worrying enough, around one million species are on the brink of extinction unless action is taken to reduce the drivers of biodiversity loss.

In addition, plastic waste pollution has emerged as a pressing environmental threat—scientists expect that by 2050, our oceans will contain more plastic than fish. Microplastics have entered our food chain, with many fish and marine mammals ingesting microplastics on an unprecedented scale.

The impacts of these threats vary across continents and communities. In the Philippines, global warming has caused frequent disasters that disproportionately affect vulnerable households. The ability of our natural ecosystems to protect at-risk communities is rapidly diminishing.

Over the years, the country has lost 10.9 million hectares of forest cover. That's 194,000 hectares of average loss each year. Fish stocks are drastically overfished in almost all areas except Eastern Luzon, Palawan, and the Southern Sulu Sea. Reef conditions, an indicator of fish productivity, have similarly declined. In 1997, just four percent were in excellent condition, down to less than one percent in 2012.

The country's rivers, coastal and marine areas have suffered from marine litter, especially uncollected plastic waste. The Philippines ranks as the third-largest contributor of marine plastics globally, which compromises fish productivity, tourism and human health.

Mangrove forests—together with seagrasses and coral reefs—provide protection against storm surges and rising seas. Unfortunately, they have suffered the same fate. Mangrove cover is down from around 500,000 hectares to almost half this amount.

Land degradation in the form of soil erosion and fertility decline has affected agricultural activities in the Philippines. The Global Assessment of Land Degradation and Improvement showed that there are an estimated 132,275 square kilometers of degraded lands, affecting about 33 million Filipinos.

The combined impact of these threats have yet to be fully realized in an economic sense. But, as is the case with many other countries, the Philippines may have already pushed resource usage beyond its limits, compromising long-term viability. Sadly, it's the small farmers, local fishermen, and vulnerable coastal and upland communities that are the most at risk of losing their livelihoods—and lives—as a consequence.



## 'Healing nature through ecosystem restoration'

All is not lost, however, and change is taking place.

Different parts of society have come together to contribute to the repair of the country's ecosystems. A massive greening program launched by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in 2011 aimed to plant 1.5 billion trees on 1.5 million hectares of degraded forest. Alongside this effort, NGOs have ramped up efforts alongside private sector organizations.

There are now 244 protected areas in the Philippines covering 7.8 million hectares. Marine protected areas are being incorporated into networks for more effective management. Strengthening wildlife protections have led to coordinated efforts among law enforcement agencies. Local communities and indigenous peoples are doing their part, with governments recognizing their effective contributions to conservation.

Innovative solutions to the plastics problem are beginning to pay off. Plastic users are finding new ways to reduce their footprint and there are growing efforts among the public to minimize plastics use. These are matched by government efforts to develop a National Action Plan on Marine Litter.

These efforts alone aren't just the right thing to do; they're also the economically smart thing to do. It is far more expensive to restore degraded forests, reef systems and wetlands than to protect existing ecosystems. But to support this, we need to think better. Legislators should aim to make protection the priority over restoration. Moreover, communities must be incentivized to protect ecosystems through participation in the benefits derived from them. Such incentives can result in the added benefit of lifting communities out of poverty.

Innovative financial mechanisms are needed to encourage investment in conservation. We need to understand nature programs as cost centers rather than revenue opportunities. Treating well-managed ecosystems as assets would go a long way in advancing protection and improved management and the proper valuation of natural resources and their integration into national accounting systems will provide a full picture of their value to the economy.

Finally, we should look to encourage the application of technology and science-based approaches to restoration and environmental management. Continued investment in research can contribute to cost-effective solutions to our biggest challenges. Appropriate monitoring can provide better policies and approaches.

As we celebrate this year's World Environment Day, we call on everyone to support the global campaign for the healing of nature through the restoration of our ecosystems. We must do our part as responsible stewards of our planet before it's too late. It is, after all, the only planet we've got.

*Roy Cimatu is the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Dr. Selva Ramachandran is the Resident Representative of the UNDP Philippines.*



## DENR carries out \$150 M project for enhanced ecosystems

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is carrying out a \$150 million (P7.25 billion) project for enhanced ecosystems through a bilateral assistance fund from the United States Agency for International Development (USAid).

As the United States government marks this year its 75th year of bilateral relations with the Philippines, it has further committed to a project to help the country in sustainable development.

The bilateral assistance agreement was signed last February by the Philippines National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and USAid.

"The agreement aims to protect ecosystems, promote the sustainable use of natural resources, and build the capacity of people, communities and institutions to withstand, cope and recover from shocks and stresses so that people and ecosystems thrive," said Sean Callahan, Acting Mission Director of USAid.

Two of the projects covered by the bilateral agreement are Sibol and Safe Water Project (SWP). Sibol or Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes is a five-year, P1.1 billion (\$22 million) project.

The project supports DENR in improving natural resource governance, stimulating public and private sector investments in conservation, and reducing environmental crime, leading to greater ecosystem stability and inclusive green growth. The project also includes provision for communities' access to clean water and sanitation services.

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/06/04/public-square/denr-carries-out-150-m-project-for-enhanced-ecosystems/1801875>



## Mt. Hamiguitan, UNESCO World Heritage Site, gets protection boost

Local communities engage in sustainable livelihood beekeeping

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Mount Hamiguitan in Davao Oriental, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is receiving its needed forest protection boost as its communities have engaged in beekeeping of native “kiyot,” generating sustainable income while protecting the environment.



With a more dependable livelihood and income, residents of the buffer zone of Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary (MHRWS) are becoming strong forest guards who help conserve forests and biodiversity of the protected site.

The beekeeping livelihood program is a special project called Beekeeping as Bio-diversity-Friendly Community-Based Enterprise in MHRWS and Expansion Areas of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to involve the community in forest conservation.

Mt. Hamiguitan is a wildlife sanctuary recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to have “universal value.” It is home to globally threatened flora and fauna, eight of which are found only on the mountain itself.

It is the sixth area in the Philippines to be accorded recognition as a World Heritage Site.

“Raising native bees will not only generate an alternative source of livelihood, but it is also considered significant in improving the diversity and productivity of the surrounding vegetation of Mt. Hamiguitan through an improved pollination process offered by the bees,” said Clint Michael Cleofe, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office management specialist.





## Mt. Hamiguitan, UNESCO World Heritage Site, gets protection boost

Fortunately, the native bee variety in San Isidro town, the kiyot, is known to be stingless, making it easier to harvest its honey.

The beekeeping livelihood program is supported by the local government of San Isidro. The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Tagum campus also has a development plan for the beekeeping livelihood program.

DENR's assistance to the beekeeping livelihood project includes a Capacity Development Plan or training of people's organizations (POs) on beekeeping and business management.

Beekeeping materials and equipment and start-up kits are provided to the people's groups. Assistance in product development and product marketing areas also extended to them.

As there is high demand for bees' products—honey and propolis—the project is expected to generate satisfactory income for the community.

There is a separate memorandum of agreement between DENR and the local government of the Governor Generoso municipality (also host community of MHRWS) for another livelihood program—sustainable almaciga resin.

The Lumad Almaciga Tappers of Governor Generoso (LATAGG) will benefit from the project. Monthly household income generated from almaciga resin production is P6,000 to P8,000. At the same time, LATAGG members become volunteer forest patrollers in Mt. Hamiguitan.

While generally pronounced to have a "good" state of protection, Mt. Hamiguitan is being strictly protected, as it faces threats of conversion of land for agriculture. There are also mining threats outside the site.

Potential risks from climate change and increasing tourism are now being addressed by DENR.

Mt. Hamiguitan is known for its highly diverse mountain ecosystem that makes it home to a number of endemic species known only in Mindanao, and particularly found only in Mt. Hamiguitan.

"The combination of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems within the boundaries of the property and the large number of species inhabiting each makes the MHRWS home to a total of 1,380 species with 341 Philippine endemics," according to UNESCO.

That includes the critically endangered and iconic Philippine Eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) and the endangered Philippine Cockatoo (*Cacatua haematuropygia*), the trees *Shorea polysperma*, *Shorea astylosa* and the orchid *Paphiopedilum adductum*.

"Its high level of endemism is well exemplified by the proportion of its amphibian (75% endemic) and reptile (84% endemic) species. The fragile tropical 'bonsai' forest that crowns the MHRWS epitomizes nature's bid to survive in adverse conditions," UNESCO said.



## Mt. Hamiguitan, UNESCO World Heritage Site, gets protection boost

Scientists believe there may be more undiscovered unique flora and fauna in the mountain range.

"In the lower elevations the agro-ecosystem and remnants of dipterocarp forests house some 246 plant species including significant numbers of endemic species such as the globally threatened dipterocarps of the genus *Shorea*," UNESCO said.

"The dipterocarp forest ecosystem is characterized by the presence of large trees and is home to 418 plant and 146 animal species, which include threatened species such as the Mindanao Bleeding-heart dove (*Gallicolumba crinigera*) and Philippine warty pig (*Sus philippensis*)," it added.



## Kabataan hinimok sa PH re-greening movement



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MANILA, Philippines – Hinikayat ni Rizal Representative Fidel Nograles ang mga kabataan na manguna sa pagbibigay solusyon sa environmental issues gaya ng nararanasang pagbaha sa pamamagitan ng pagtanim ng mga puno.

Ayon kay Nograles ang mga kabataan ang at mga susunod pang henerasyon ang makikinabang sa itatanim na puno kaya hinikayat nitong makiisa sa “Save Our Forest Now Initiative” na ngayon ay nasa ikatlog yugto na.

Pinangunahan ni Nograles kasama ang may 1,000 kabataan ang pagtanim ng 1,000 bamboo saplings sa ilog at mountain side ng Wawa sa Brgy. San Rafael, Rodriguez town.

“Our target for the 4th leg is to conduct a simultaneous planting in the district. Tapos mula doon, palalakingin natin para maging pambansang kilusan ito ng mga kabataang eco-warriors,” pahayag ni Nograles.

Ani Nograles kung hindi kikilos ngayon ay wala nang aabutan ang susunod na henerasyon.

“It is alarming that in surveys, the environment is not an urgent concern among our countrymen. But it is clear that with the super typhoons that constantly pummel us, the rising waters around our coastal towns, and the various threats to our ecosystems, that the environment and climate change should be one of our nation’s top priorities,” dagdag pa nito.

“Kung hindi kikilos ang kabataan para sa environment, sino? Kung hindi ngayon, kailan pa?” giit pa ng mambabatas.



## Kabataan hinimok sa PH re-greening movement

Sinabi ni Nograles na uunahin niya simultaneous planting sa kanyang distrito at kasunod nito ay hihingin na niya ang tulong at koordinasyon ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) para sa nationwide "re-greened" campaign" kung saan tutukuyin ang mga lugar na nangangailangan na ng kagyat na intervention para magtanim ng mga puno.

Ipinaliwanag ng mambabatas na ang mga kabataan ang syang target ng Save Our planet campaign dahil na rin sa kanilang idealism at sense of social responsibility.

"Their enthusiasm is reassuring. Patunay ito na napakarami sa ating kabataan ang handang kumilos para sa bayan at kapwa. We have to tap into their voluntary spirit if we are to make national re-greening a success. Hindi lang batas, kundi pagkukusa, ang susi sa tagumpay." Ani Nograles.

Ang Save Our Forests now ay inilunsad noong 2020 matapos hagupit ang bansa ng bagyong Ulysses. *Gail Mendoza*



## Pena: World Environment Day 2021

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TOMORROW, June 5, is World Environment Day (WED). This event was established by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. It was also on this date that the UN General Assembly created the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the principal body of the UN in the field of environment. The first celebration, under the slogan "Only One Earth" took place in 1974.

In the Philippines, we commemorate WED but extended it. The whole month of June is observed as environment month. This yearly observance started in 1988 when President Corazon C. Aquino signed proclamation No. 237 declaring the month of June as Philippine Environment Month.

This 2021, Pakistan will host the WED celebration in partnership with the UNEP. The theme for this year's observance is "ecosystem restoration," focusing on resetting our relation with nature. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) translated the theme into "Sama-Samang Pag-kilos, Sama-Samang Paghilom- Ikaw, Ako, Tayo ang Kalikasan." Earth Day, another global event observed every April 22, has a similar theme for 2021 which is "Restore our Earth."

The WED observance will also mark the formal launch of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030. The aim of this observance is to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean. It can help to end poverty, combat climate change and prevent a mass extinction. It is also the deadline for the "Sustainable Development Goals" and the timeline scientists have identified critical for avoiding the worst impacts of climate change.

Ecosystem restoration means assisting in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact. Healthier ecosystems, with richer biodiversity, yield greater benefits such as more fertile soils, bigger yields of timber and fish, and larger stores of greenhouse gases. Ecosystem restoration can be done by growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coasts.

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# Philippines: Lutheran church holds Youth Climate Action Summit

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LCP youth: Being caretakers of creation “by ensuring a greener and sustainable environment for the next generations to enjoy.” All photos: LCP

## World Environment Day: A greener environment for the next generations

(LWI) – Ecosystem Restoration is the theme for this year’s World Environment Day on 5 June. Young members of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines (LCP) and the Philippine Lutheran Youth League (PLYL) have taken it to heart. They committed to being caretakers of creation “by ensuring a greener and sustainable environment for the next generations to enjoy” during the church’s recent Climate Action Summit.

“Equipped with God’s Word and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are ready to take climate action now,” said Dr. Stephanie Abnasan-Diong-An, who coordinated the project. She was a member of the Lutheran World Federation’s (LWF) delegation to COP25 in Madrid, Spain, and is actively engaged in her church’s advocacy for climate justice and the care for creation.

The project is one of a series of youth-led climate projects the LWF supports in member churches.

An acacia tree was dedicated to remind many generations of their God-given role as stewards of creation during the LCPs Climate Action Summit.

The Climate Action Summit was the first simultaneous onsite and online activity the LCP has organized. Participants learned about their role as stewards of the environment, the climate situation in the Philippines, the impacts of climate change on health and other aspects, and climate action initiatives.



## Philippines: Lutheran church holds Youth Climate Action Summit

"The project aimed to prepare young people in my church to face the impact of a changing climate by increasing environmental awareness," Abnasan explained. "It also encouraged them to take climate action as stewards of God's creation and to adapt to sustainable ways of living."

At the future site of an LCP church in Tiaong, Quezon Province, participants worked and tilled the land for vegetable gardening and planted fruit-bearing trees at the site as part of the activities at the Climate Action Summit.

"To conclude the summit, we dedicated an acacia tree to serve as a reminder of our God-given role as stewards of creation on 31 May," Abnasan said. The LCP president, Rev. Antonio Reyes, led the ceremony together with Rev. Nicodemus Tuban, missionary pastor in the South Luzon District, PLYL president Vincent Bilagot, and project coordinator Abnasan.

"The LWF is very proud of the engagement of young people in climate justice action, advocacy and the care for creation," says Elena Cedillo, LWF's Program Executive for Climate Justice. "Young people are taking an active role to tackle climate impacts all over the world. Projects like this one can be an inspiration to others, setting examples of creativity and leadership by young people in LWF's member churches."

By LWF/A. Weyermüller



## CCC lauds 2nd Reading House Approval of Single-Use Plastics Regulation Bill

By Ma. Elaine P. Allanigue Published on June 3, 2021



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QUEZON CITY, June 3 (PIA) -- The Climate Change Commission (CCC) welcomed the approval today on second reading of House Bill No. 9147 or the "Single-Use Plastics Products Regulation Act", legislation that would effectively address the country's high rate of plastic waste leakage and plastics' impacts on the environment, public health, and climate change through a nationwide phaseout of single-use plastics and implementation of producers responsibility schemes.

"We believe that this measure can finally put an end to our addiction to single-use plastics and will accelerate the ongoing research and development of more sustainable products and technologies, while creating green jobs," said Climate Change Commissioner Rachel Herrera.

House Bill 9147, sponsored by Rep. Jose Francisco "Kiko" Benitez, Chair of the House Committee on Ecology - Technical Working Group, seeks to phase-out drinking plastic straws; plastic stirrers; sticks for candy, balloons, and cotton bud; buntings; confetti; and packaging or bags with thickness of less than 10 microns, within one year. As a second category, plastic plates and saucers; cups, bowls, and lids; cutlery; food and beverage containers; oxo-degradable plastics; film wrap of 50 microns thickness or less; and sachets and pouches, are to be phased out within four years.

Producers and importers of single-use plastics shall also phase in extended producer responsibility programs within two years, which include recovery, transportation, and clean-up schemes for plastic wastes, as well as establishment of recycling, composting, and other waste diversion or disposal facilities. The bill also sets out fines and penalties ranging from P50,000 to P1,000,000 and revocation of permit.





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The CCC is committed to take a proactive role in promoting concrete actions to help achieve climate targets and reduce our carbon footprint such as by adoption of circular economy approaches and sustainable consumption and production practices. These measures to increase resilience and adaptive capacity have also been identified in the country's first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Last January 2021, the CCC together with member agencies of the Cabinet Cluster for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR) moved to approve Resolution No. 1 "Adopting the Principles of Sustainable Consumption and Production, Towards Regulation and Phaseout of Single-Use Plastics and a Responsible Transition to the Use of Environment-Friendly Products." (PIA NCR)



## QC residents warned: Creeks clogged with tons of garbage

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by [Rio N. Araja](#)

Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte on Thursday urged city residents to practice proper waste management as the city government continues to collect tons upon tons of waste in the city's waterways.

Based on the report of the City's Task Force on Solid Waste Management from January to April 2021, the city was able to collect over 810,000 kilos of garbage from the 20 creeks traversing the city.

"We have been able to implement major improvements to our city's waste management system even during this pandemic. Let us continue to support this effort. Isa pa, huwag po natin payagan ang pagtatapon ng kahit anung dumi o basura sa ating mga waterways." Belmonte said.

She stressed that proper waste management serves as a preemptive measure to prevent flooding with the onset of the rainy season.

Clogged drainage lines and obstructed waterways often result in unexpected flooding in various roads and barangays in the city as rainwater from a heavy downpour cannot pass freely and quickly to larger bodies of water, she noted.

"Right from the start, we want to ensure that the city and its (142) barangaya are segregating their wastes properly. Success stories, such as those being implemented in Barangay Lagro, Barangays Blue Ridge A and B as well as many other barangays in our city demonstrate how well our system can work. Let us help one another to implement the proper waste management," she said.

According to Belmonte, the TFSWM and the City Engineering Department have been regularly conducting cleanup and dredging activities respectively to declog the city's creeks and rivers.

Richard Santuile, action officer, said the city's waterway cleanup activities are also part of the city's compliance with the ongoing Supreme Court mandamus on the Manila Bay rehabilitation.

"We started our cleanup activities in January this year and this will continue throughout the year," he said.

Quezon City is also part of the San Juan River rehabilitation project serving as a complementary effort to the Manila Bay mandamus.



## Wastong waste segregation, giit ni Mayor Joy

By Angie dela Cruz(Pilipino Star Ngayon) - June 4, 2021 - 12:00am

Sa tala ng City's Task Force on Solid Waste Management (TFSWM), mula Enero hanggang Abril 2021, nakakolekta ang lokal na pamahalaan ng may 810,000 kilo ng basura mula sa 20 creeks na nag-uugnay sa QC.

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MANILA, Philippines — Nanawagan si Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte sa mga residente ng lungsod na sanayin na magsagawa ng tamang waste management habang patuloy ang pagkolekta ng lokal na pamahalaan sa mga basura sa waterways sa lungsod.

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Anyang tamang sistema sa pagtatapon ng basura ay may malaking tulong para maiwasan ang mga pagbaha lalo na sa panahon ng tag-ulan.

"Simula pa lang ay sinisigurado na ng lungsod at ng mga barangay na nase-segregate nang maayos ang ating mga basura. Success stories such as those being implemented in Bgy Lagro, Bgy Blue Ridge A and B as well as many other barangays in our city demonstrate how well our system can work. Magtulungan po tayo para mas maayos nating ma-implement ang tamang waste management," dagdag ni Mayor Belmonte.

## Want a zero-waste lifestyle? Here's how you can start

Leah C. Salterio

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Wonderhome Naturals, a new, plant-based brand that offers a fully sustainable homecare line that's also proudly made in the Philippines. Handout

Sustainable living is rapidly emerging as a mainstream movement because of climate change, waste reduction and minimizing consumption at the forefront. These concerns are understandably influencing the consumer mindset and generating a lot of demands for products that are more environmentally sustainable.

Anna Oposa, founder of Save the Philippine Seas, and Angel Mata-Jamilan, founder of Low Impact Filipina, are both frontliners and action heroes of sustainability.

"It has been said over and over again, the world has a plastic problem. Yet, we can't live without plastic. There are some plastic items we can't live without. Plastic is still a good product. You just have to be responsible where to dump it," Oposa said at the recent launch of Wonderhome Naturals, a new, plant-based brand that offers a fully sustainable homecare line that's also proudly made in the Philippines.

"Others are calling me 'Plastic Police,' but I'm not. Sometimes, people tend to hide things from me. Plastic is still a good product. Sometimes, it's even a life-saving product. You just have to be responsible where to dump it. You have to make sure they don't end up in the sea of the environment."

In disposal of plastics, there is always the right way to do it, she pointed out. "A lot of our plastics are getting into the seas for many different reasons," Oposa said, citing the lack of solid waste management infrastructure.



## Want a zero-waste lifestyle? Here's how you can start

The Philippines is ranked third as the ocean plastic polluters in the world., according to Bryan Chua, brand co-founder of Wonderhome Naturals. "We produce around 2.7 million kilograms of plastic waste per year. Quite surprisingly, 74 percent of the plastic that end up in the ocean are actually plastic that we already throw away in our trash can."



Bryan Chua, brand co-founder of Wonderhome Naturals. Handout

"All LGUs are supposed to have material recovery facilities where you keep the trash or the garbage and so far, there's only 33 percent compliance," informed Oposa. "For sanitary landfills, there's only 24 percent in the last 24 years. We have a long way to go in terms of infrastructure.

"In behavior change, we have this idea that out of sight, out of mind. There really is no 'away.' Everything we dispose of has a final destination. Whether it's in a dumpsite, a landfill and unfortunately, even in the ocean or in the streets."

When Oposa started getting into marine conservation, one of the easiest changes she was able to make was to look for earth-friendly products. She particularly reads the ingredients used or the packaging done.

"If we can't do away with plastics right now, at least look for companies that are extended producer responsibility that are responsible like maybe the design," Oposa said.

Wonderhome Naturals wants to inculcate the circular way of thinking, encouraging and even monetizing customers to send the bottles back to them so they can recycle and reuse more bottles that they produce.

"As a company and a brand, it is our goal that in the next few years, we do end up recycling and re-using more bottles that we actually produce, so we can make some sort of a ripple in the clean revolution that we want to start," Chua said.



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Launched only last month, Wonderhome Naturals advocates that “clean and green can clean.”

As a company, the contribution of homecare into this waste is actually pretty big, according to Chua. “Back in 2019, there’s around 5 million units of homecare products being produced and it is projected to grow quite steadily as our economy and population also grow. Around seven million of packaging material being produced will also end up in our ocean.

“The tragic irony here is that homecare products which are supposed to be designed to help us clear our home to get rid of the bacteria and germs, is actually polluting the bigger home that we live in, which is our planet.”

Jamilan, for her part, shared how to get started with the less-waste journey or lifestyle, which is not new to her. Raised by frugal parents in a rural area in Mindoro, Jamilan grew up re-using the resources that she had as much as possible.

When she got to college in Manila, Jamilan got exposed to the convenience of disposables. “I can buy things and throw it away after,” she recalled. “That became my lifestyle.”

In 2017, she started working in Manila. “I used paper cups every day for my coffee,” she said. “I found out that paper cups are not easily recyclable because of the plastic lining inside. Out of curiosity, there I started to live a less-waste lifestyle.

“Zero waste is a long run for us to achieve. It’s not only on the consumer side, but we need the contribution from the corporations to the government and their policies. That’s why the name to Low Impact Filipina. It started with a cup of coffee.”

Day in, day out, it boils down to choices. Jamilan’s lifestyle changed so much since 2017 when she started the zero-waste lifestyle and especially since she became a mom. “Zero is the goal, but before we can even get there, why not start with less?” she said.

“As much as possible, before hoarding new stuff, I try to reduce or lower my purchase first. Four years ago, just looking at the Instagram feed of foreign products, I thought I need to buy a lot of things without knowing that I already have existing stuff at home. I am trying to use what I have first before buying a new one. I can apply it to everything.

“Especially as a mom, when I start to browse on some online shops, I thought I need everything I saw. Now, to lower my purchase, I just borrow or ask for some relatives if they have existing stuff before buying a new one.”

Meanwhile, in choosing cleaning products for the home, Jamilan was raised with choosing or buying cleaning products that are in glass packaging or paper from abroad and they travel far going to the Philippines.

“One of my considerations is make sure the product is made in the Philippines,” said Jamilan. “Supporting local, made with natural ingredients from the Philippines, gentler and better, ethically sourced, the farmers or workers who made these products are paid well.



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"As a person who has been using lemon and vinegar for years in cleaning, I think we were just caught in the marketing that strong is better. For products to be effective, they don't have to have strong chemicals to be effective."

Jamilan's mantra to buy less. "It saves the environment and it saves your pocket as well," she said. "It saves you money. You have to consider series of steps before buying. If you need something, do you know someone whom you can borrow from? If there's none, can you swap or buy something second hand. Maybe if you also have the resources, you can also make."

"I try to live a low-impact lifestyle. Zero waste is the aspiration, but it's not really realistic. Every year, I make what I call a re-use solution. I commit to just one thing. Sticking to it and doing it well. Sometimes you get overwhelmed. You want to do so many things, but you set up to fail. If there are ways that I can reduce and re-use, I try to commit to it."

Chua insists the commitment of Wonderhome Naturals toward sustainability doesn't just end with their product. "We do believe in practicing what we preach," he said. "So we're really committed to sustainability practices, not only in our marketing and products, but also in our actions."

"As a company, we try to make it a point to source product sustainability. We try to think of the circular thinking in terms of production design. When we ship out goods to our customers, we try to think of ways to reduce packaging materials or reduce waste commonly associated to shipping. We try to reduce it to at least 30 percent whenever we ship goods to our customers."

Wonderhome Naturals also accepts plastic waste from the public. They work with a company called The Plaf or short for The Plastic Flamingo, that tackles marine plastic pollution by collecting and recycling plastic.

"We encourage all our employees to bring their plastic waste from the house every week, so they don't have to throw them," Chua said. "Customers also bring their plastics to us and we recycle."



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The Salinggogon is just one of the beautiful native trees in Masungi and the Upper Marikina Watershed. These 'native cherry blossoms' will not thrive where there are rampant illegal activities and unregulated development. Places like Masungi and the watershed are protected and conserved areas precisely because of their unique ecological and geological importance and irreplaceable natural services to people. It is vital to maintain them as sanctuaries, free from human encroachments, and fight against attempts to convert the land. #SaveMasungi



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## Cycling on World Bicycle Day

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Cyclists use the dedicated bike lane along Commonwealth Avenue on World Bike Day, Thursday. Active transport has gained popularity in the country since the government started limiting the use of public transportation to curb the spread of COVID-19 with various government agencies working on the development of a bike lane network in the metro.

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## Climate change could ignite a financial crisis, IMF official says



By [Matt Egan, CNN Business](#)

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New York (CNN Business)Climate change poses serious risks to the [stability of the financial system](#), a senior International Monetary Fund official told CNN Business.

Tobias Adrian, [director of the IMF's](#) monetary and capital markets department, said the [climate crisis](#) could "absolutely" ignite a financial crisis.

"The climate crisis is slow in the making, but it's potentially disastrous," Adrian said in an interview from the sidelines of the Green Swan Conference, a virtual event focused on how the financial industry can take action against climate risks.

The climate crisis is an existential crisis."

TOBIAS ADRIAN, DIRECTOR OF THE IMF'S MONETARY AND CAPITAL MARKETS DEPARTMENT

Adrian, a former official at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, pointed to how the economies of the [Bahamas](#), [Philippines](#) and other nations have been crushed by hurricanes and typhoons in recent years.

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"There are many countries where you see the climate catastrophe is catastrophic for the financial system," he said. "Even if you don't believe it's the central scenario, there is still quite a bit of downside risk. And risk management is all about making sure that even in the worst cases, you are able to survive."

### 'Shocks to the financial system'

The comments echo a warning made last September in a [federal report](#) that acknowledged "climate change poses a major risk to the stability of the US financial system and to its ability to sustain the American economy."

The report, published by the climate subcommittee of the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, implored regulators to "more urgently and decisively" work to address looming economic damage from climate change.

In March, researchers at the Federal Reserve [wrote in a report](#) that climate-related economic or financial risks may not necessarily impact financial stability, though they acknowledged that is a possibility under certain scenarios.

Storms, floods, wildfires or other acute hazards can quickly change or reveal new information about the economic outlook or the value of financial assets, the Fed report said.



[Activist investor ousts at least two Exxon directors in historic win for pro-climate campaign](#)

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"Climate risks can manifest as shocks to the financial system," the researchers wrote.

The Fed researchers added that economic and financial risks can amplify one another, for example if weather-related property destruction sparked bank losses that led to less lending and reduced investment.

"With the potential for sudden, large shifts in perceptions of risk, chronic hazards could produce abrupt repricing events, if investor expectations or sentiment about the physical risks change abruptly," the report said, adding that more research is needed to better understand these risks.

### Climate stress tests

US financial regulators, after taking a largely hands-off approach during the Trump administration, have only just begun to examine these risk factors. In December, the [Fed formally joined](#) the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System, one of the co-sponsors of the Green Swan Conference.



### [Steel and lumber prices are sky-high. Lifting Trump's tariffs could help](#)

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said last month that she and President Biden are "committed to using the full power of the US federal government to address climate change."

Adrian outlined four key areas where climate should be incorporated into financial regulation, including by introducing climate stress testing of physical risks and how exposed economies are to the energy transition.

"The climate crisis is an existential crisis," the IMF official said. "It will require a certain degree of shifts in how we look at exposures. That is the point of climate stress tests: to make investors aware. In capital markets, the shift is already happening."



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While the IMF is already conducting climate stress tests on some countries, such an evaluation would require regulatory or even legislative changes in the United States.

Is climate in the Fed's mandate?

Adrian also called for revamped standards for data and disclosure around climate risks to boost transparency.

"Climate data is very noisy at the moment. It's very hard to classify to what degree a given company is green or brown," he said.

Gary Gensler, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, recently [told Congress he plans to introduce new rules](#) around corporate climate disclosures later this year.

Meanwhile, Adrian said regulators must do more work on how to regulate financial institutions in a way that makes the system more climate friendly. "That is still in its infancy," he said.

Lastly, Adrian said central banks need to evaluate how to incorporate climate into monetary policy and asset purchases — a step that the IMF official acknowledged is "quite controversial."



### [Fix the climate crisis, or get out of the way](#)

Indeed, a dozen Republican senators wrote a [letter](#) to Fed Chairman Jerome Powell in March questioning the central bank's jurisdiction and expertise in environmental matters.

"This effort is not grounded in science or economics," they wrote, "but is instead a self-fulfilling prophecy: claim there are financial risks with energy exploration and other disfavored investments then use the levers of government — via the unelected bureaucracy — to ban or limit those activities."



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Fed Chairman Jerome Powell pushed back by pointing out the US central bank supervises banks.

"The reason we're focused on climate change," Powell said during a [speech](#) in April, "is that our job is to make sure that financial institutions, banks, particularly the largest ones, understand and are able to manage the significant risks that they take."



## MMDA inihahanda na ang pumping stations para sa papalapit na tag-ulan

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MAYNILA - Naghahanda na ang Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) para sa posibleng pagbaha sa Kamaynilaan, ngayong inaasahan na sa susunod na araw idedeklara na ng state weather bureau na PAGASA ang tag-ulan.

Pumunta na ang MMDA sa mga pumping station ng flood control unit, kung saan tinitiyak na masasala nila ang mga humaharang sa daluyan ng tubig.

Nasa 8 pumping stations, kabilang na ang pinakamalaking Tripa de Gallina sa Pasay City, ang gumagana.

Pero ang problema, ayon kay MMDA chairman Benhur Abalos, kailangan nang ayusin ang naturang pumping station dahil 45 anyos na ito.

"Itong pumping station na ito, ginawa noong 1976. This is a 45 year old pumping station, ganoon na siya katanda kaya it's now due for repair," ani Abalos.

"Heto nakikipag-isa na tayo sa World Bank para i-repair na ito. But for the meantime, para tumuloy-tuloy ito importante na huwag nang umabot ang basura dito, kasi once umabot, nasisira 'yong pumping station," dagdag niya.

Dagdag ni Abalos, sa oras na hindi masala ang mga basura, bibigay ang mga pumping station at maaaring bumaha ulit.

"Basta masira ito, delikado tayo sa Metro Manila. Again, inuulit ko these are 8 pumping stations. Ang pina-pump nito ay 7 cubic meter per second. So you could just imagine kung wala ito ano ang mangyayari sa kalakhang Maynila lalo na ang katabing Pasay, ang Makati, etcetera," ani Abalos.

Dahil dito, mahigpit na mino-monitor ang drainage at sewerage, gayundin ang mga estero sa mga lugar na laging lumulubog kapag tag-ulan gaya ng Maynila, Pasay, at Marikina.

Catch basin kasi ang mga mga ito kaya binabaha kahit kakaunti lang ang ulan.

Garbage nets din ang iniisip na ilagay ng MMDA sa mga ilog para di magbara sa pumping stations.

Wala namang tigil sa paglilinis ng mga estero ang MMDA katuwang ang mga LGU pero hindi pa rin maiwasan ang pagbabalik ng basura.

Dahil dito, paalala ni Abalos: "Ilagay ang basura sa tamang lalagyan, sa basurahan. 'Wag tayong magtatapon ng basura sa kalye o saan man lalo na sa ilog. Otherwise, babalik talaga sa atin ito."

Mahigit 6,000 cubic meters na basura ang nasabat sa major pumping stations sa Metro Manila noong nakaraang taon.

— Ulat ni Doris Bigornia, ABS-CBN News

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## EDITORIAL - Handa na ba sa mga bagyo?

(Pang-Masa)

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DALAWAMPUNG bagyo ang tumatama sa bansa taun-taon at karamihan sa mga ito ay mapaminsala at maraming tao ang namamatay. Sa kabila nito, marami pa rin ang hindi nakapaghahanda. Maski ang pamahalaan ay walang sapat na kahandaan at kung kailan nagbabanta na ang pagtama ng bagyo saka lamang nagpaplano. At ang resulta, marami ang napapahamak at nagbubuwis ng buhay.

Isang halimbawa ay ang pananalasa ng bagyong "Dante" sa Eastern Samar noong Miyerkules na nagresulta sa pagkamatay ng tatlong tao at pagkasira ng mga pananim at ari-arian. Pagkalunod at naguhuan ng lupa ang dahilan nang pagkamatay. Matapos manalasa sa Samar, tinungo ni "Dante" ang Southern Luzon at binayo ang mga probinsiya ng Romblon, Mindoro provinces, Marinduque, Quezon, Cavite, Batangas bago lumabas ng bansa kahapon. Sa report ng Department of Agriculture, tinatayang P14.6 milyon ang napinsala ng bagyong "Dante".

Hindi pa itinuturing na malakas na bagyo ang "Dante" kung ikukumpara sa mapaminsalang "Yolanda" na tumama sa Eastern Visayas noong 2013 na ikinamatay ng 6,000 katao.

Ngayong nagsisimula na ang paghataw ng mga bagyo, isang katanungan ang nararapat ipaalala hindi lamang sa mamamayan kundi mas lalo sa kinaukulan. Handa na ba sa mga kalamidad gaya ng bagyo? May plano na ba ang local government units (LGUs) kung kailan aalisin sa mga pampang ng ilog at estero ang mga informal settlers na apektado ng baha at pagguho ng lupa.

Mayroon na bang nakahandang evacuation centers sakali at mayroong mga ililikas? At may nakahanda na bang plano kung paano hindi magkakahawahan sa COVID-19 ang mga nasa evac centers? Mayroon na bang nakahandang mga rubber boat o mga pang-emergency na sasakyan sakali at tumaas ang tubig sa mga apektadong lugar.

Nakalabas na ng bansa si "Dante" pero tiyak na may kasunod uli ito dahil panahon na ng bagyo. Handa na ba sa mga susunod pa?

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## Kaso ng COVID-19 sa bansa 1.24 milyon na ngayong 7,217 bagong hawa

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Senior Marikina residents engage in outdoor activities at the city's River Park on Tuesday morning, June 1, 2021, as the government renews the general community quarantine status for the National Capital Region and four nearby provinces.

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health ng 7,217 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Huwebes, kung kaya nasa 1,247,899 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

Batay sa mga bagong nakalap na datos ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, narito ang bagong mga pasok na datos para araw na ito:

- Lahat ng kaso: 1,247,899
- Nagpapagaling pa: 55,790, o 4.5% ng total infections
- Kagagaling lang: 2,483, dahilan para maging 1,170,752 na lahat ng gumagaling
- Kamamatay lang: 199, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 21,357

Anong bago ngayong araw?

- [Ipinaalala](#) naman ng DOH sa publiko ang kahalagahan ng pagpapaturok ng ikalawang dose ng COVID-19 vaccines sa nakatakandang araw, matapos mapag-alamang kalahati sa nakatanggap ng first dose ang nagmintis sa tamang araw ng sunod na vaccination.
- Iniulat naman ng Bureau of Treasury ngayong araw na ["record high" na sa kasaysayan ng bansa ang naiipong utang ng gobyerno noong Abril](#) — kalakhan dito inilaan bilang tugon sa COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Nanindigan naman si presidential spokesperson Harry Roque proteksyong ibinibigay ng face shields laban sa COVID-19. Nanawagan kasi ngayon si Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso na 'wag na itong iobluga publiko dahil "dagdag gastusin" lamang aniya.



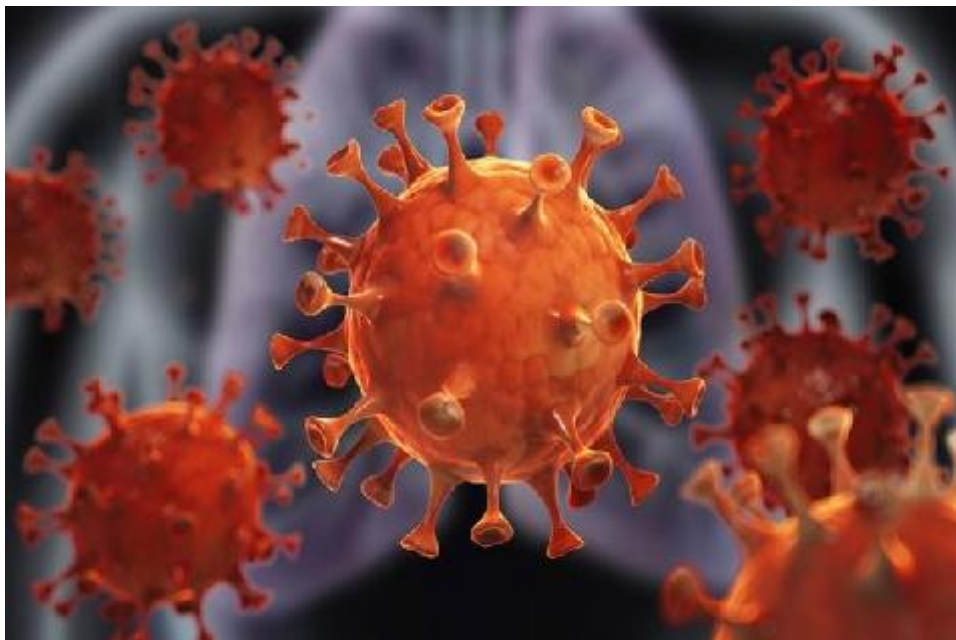
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- Nananawagan naman ngayon ang [Coalition for People's Right to Health](#) sa gobyernong suportahan ang Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights waiver, isang mungkahi para i-waive ang intellectual property rights ng COVID-19 technologies para mapigilan, magamot at kontrol ang pandemya.
  - Umabot na sa 170.81 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, ayon sa huling datos ng [World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang halos 3.5 milyong katao.
- James Relativo at may mga ulat mula kay Xave Gregorio



## MINDANAO NAKAPAGTALA NG MAS MATAAS NA AKTIBONG COVID-19 CASES KUMPARA SA NCR

written by [Judith Estrada-Larino](#) June 3, 2021



Nalampasan na ng Mindanao ang National Capital Region (NCR) kaugnay sa active cases ng COVID- 19.

Ayon sa DOH, hanggang nitong nakalipas na Hunyo 2, naitala sa 11, 391 ang active cases ng COVID -19 sa Mindanao kumpara sa 10, 174 na active cases sa Metro Manila.

Samantala ..ipinabatid ni Director Alethea De Guzman ng DOH Epidemiology Bureau na ang Cagayan at Central Luzon ang nakapagtala ng pinakamataas na kaso at mabilis na pagsirit ng kaso at nakita ang pagsirit ng mga bagong kaso ng COVID- 19 sa Davao City at Zamboanga regions dahil sa mas delikadong variants ng coronavirus sa basa at pagsuway sa health protocols tulad nang pagsusuot ng face masks at palagiang paghuhugas ng kamay.

Nitong linggo lamang ay 40 empleyado mula sa ibat ibang departamento ng Davao City Hall at Sangguniang pang lungsod ay nag positibo sa COVID -19.

Sa kabila ng pagtaas ng kaso,hindi naman inirerekomenda ng DOH ang regional lockdown.

Source: <https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/mindanao-nakapagtala-ng-mas-mataas-na-aktibong-covid-19-cases-kumpara-sa-ncr/>



## WHO: COVID-19 variant first detected in Philippines to be called 'theta'

By JULIA MARI ORNEDO, GMA News  
Published June 3, 2021 7:16pm

The coronavirus variant first detected in the Philippines, P.3, has been assigned the name "Theta" by the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of a bid to avoid stigmatizing countries where new variants were first discovered.

On Monday, the WHO announced that letters of the [Greek alphabet would be used in identifying variants](#) of concern (VOC) and variants of interest (VOI).

"These labels do not replace existing scientific names (e.g. those assigned by GISAID, Nextstrain and Pango), which convey important scientific information and will continue to be used in research," it said in a statement.

"While they have their advantages, these scientific names can be difficult to say and recall, and are prone to misreporting. As a result, people often resort to calling variants by the places where they are detected, which is stigmatizing and discriminatory," it added.

The WHO said a VOI is one that has mutations "with established or suspected phenotypic implications," has been identified as the cause of community transmission or clustering, and has been detected in multiple countries.

The WHO may also classify a variant as one "of interest" upon consultation with the WHO SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution Working Group.

Currently, there are six VOIs, including the one first found in the Philippines:

- Epsilon (B.1.427 or B.1.429 variant first detected in the United States)
- Zeta (P.2 variant first detected in Brazil)
- Eta (B.1.525 variant detected in multiple countries in December)
- Theta (P.3 variant first detected in the Philippines)
- Iota (B.1.526 variant first detected in the United States)
- Kappa (B.1.617.1 variant first detected in India)

### Variants of concern

Meanwhile, the WHO defines a VOC as one associated with increased transmissibility or "detrimental" change in COVID-19 epidemiology, increased virulence, or decreased effectiveness of health protocols, diagnostics, vaccines, or therapeutics.

Four variants have been classified as one "of concern" by the WHO:

- Alpha (B.1.1.7 variant first detected in the United Kingdom)
- Beta (B.1.351 variant first detected in South Africa)



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- Gamma (P.1 variant first detected in Brazil)
- Delta (B.1.617.2 variant first detected in India)

All four VOCs have been detected in the Philippines.

The country has 1,071 Alpha cases, 1,246 Beta cases, 13 Delta cases, and two Gamma [cases as of May 26](#). —NB, GMA News



## DOH notes marked increase in COVID-19 cases across Philippines

(Philstar.com)

- June 3, 2021 - 4:07pm



Residents of Marikina City receive free food items from a community pantry at Barangay Malanday on Monday, May 24, 2021.

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of Health said Wednesday the increase in COVID-19 cases in the Philippines has become “more evident” as Mindanao and parts of Luzon experience spike in infections.

“Case increase nationally and across all island groups was more evident in the past week,” Dr. Alethea De Guzman, DOH Epidemiology Bureau Director Alethea De Guzman said in a forum.

The department observed that cases in Mindanao and the rest of Luzon “outpaced” those in the “NCR Plus” areas.

De Guzman said there is “slight upward trend” in “NCR Plus” areas, while there is gradual increase in COVID-19 infections in Visayas.

Meanwhile, parts of Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon “have highest cases and fastest incline.”

The average daily cases in the Philippines increased to 6,691 from May 27 to June 2 from 5,214 in the previous week. The average for April was 9,381 cases per day.

“Cases have plateaued this May,” De Guzman said. “We’re closely monitoring this because there’s a possibility that from a plateau, the trend may become upward.”

“NCR Plus” areas will be under general community quarantine “with restrictions” until the middle of June. Meanwhile, at least 14 areas will be under the stricter modified enhanced community quarantine.



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The DOH official urged the local governments to reduce the time spent between detecting COVID-19 cases and isolating them, and the public to continue following health protocols.

“As the pandemic is still ongoing despite the gains we’ve had in vaccination, we can’t let our guards down. What is crucial to the continuing decline of cases is individual accountability of adhering to minimum public health standards,” De Guzman said.

Only 1.2 million Filipinos have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 since the inoculation drive began in March. Meanwhile, 3.9 million Filipinos have received one of the two doses.

The Philippines, which has one of the worst COVID-19 outbreaks in Southeast Asia, has tallied 1.2 million cases, including 21,158 deaths. — Gaea Katreena Cabico





## Global death toll bunsod ng COVID-19, higit 3.70 milyon na

By Angellic Jordan June 03, 2021 - 01:51 PM



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Lagpas 3.70 milyon na ang bilang ng mga nasawing COVID-19 patient sa buong mundo.

Batay sa huling tala, umakyat na sa kabuuang 3,706,580 ang nasawi sa iba't ibang bansa bunsod ng nakakahawang sakit.

Nangunguna pa rin sa may pinakamaraming naitalang nasawi dahil sa COVID-19 ang Estados Unidos na may 611,020.

Sumunod na rito ang Brazil na may 467,706 na pumanaw bunsod ng pandemiya.

Nasa 338,013 naman ang death toll sa India habang 228,146 ang napaulat na nasawi sa Mexico.

Narito naman ang naitalang COVID-19 death toll sa iba pang bansa at teritoryo:

- Peru - 184,942
- United Kingdom - 127,794
- Italy - 126,283
- Russia - 122,267
- France - 109,758
- Colombia - 89,808
- Germany - 89,510
- Iran - 80,488
- Spain - 80,049
- Argentina - 79,320
- Poland - 73,984



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Samantala, lumabas din sa pinakahuling datos na umakyat na sa kabuuang 172,427,874 ang tinamaan ng nakakahawang sakit sa iba't ibang bansa.

Nasa 155,284,874 naman ang total recoveries ng COVID-19 pandemic sa buong mundo.

Read more: <https://rado.inquirer.net/293786/global-death-toll-bunsod-ng-covid-19-higit-3-70-milyon-na#ixzz6wUHddIZ>

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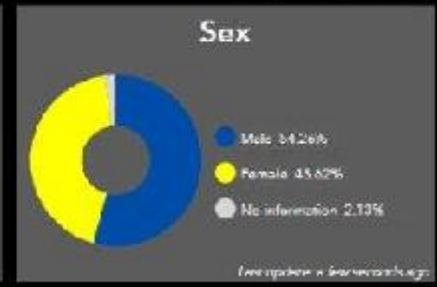
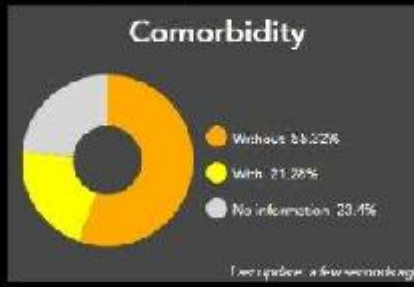
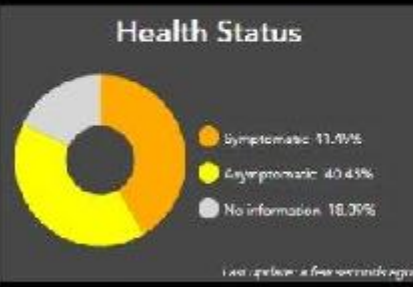
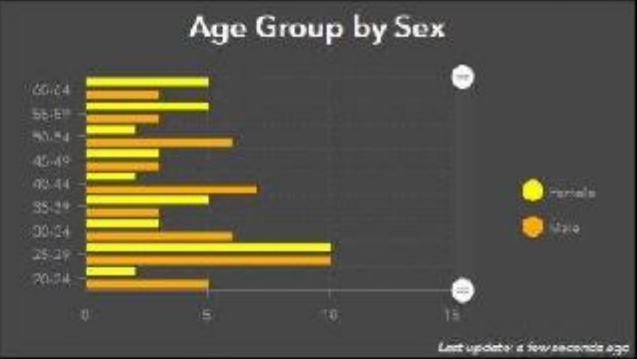
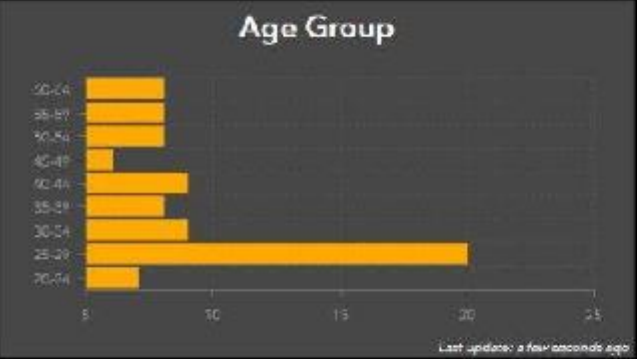
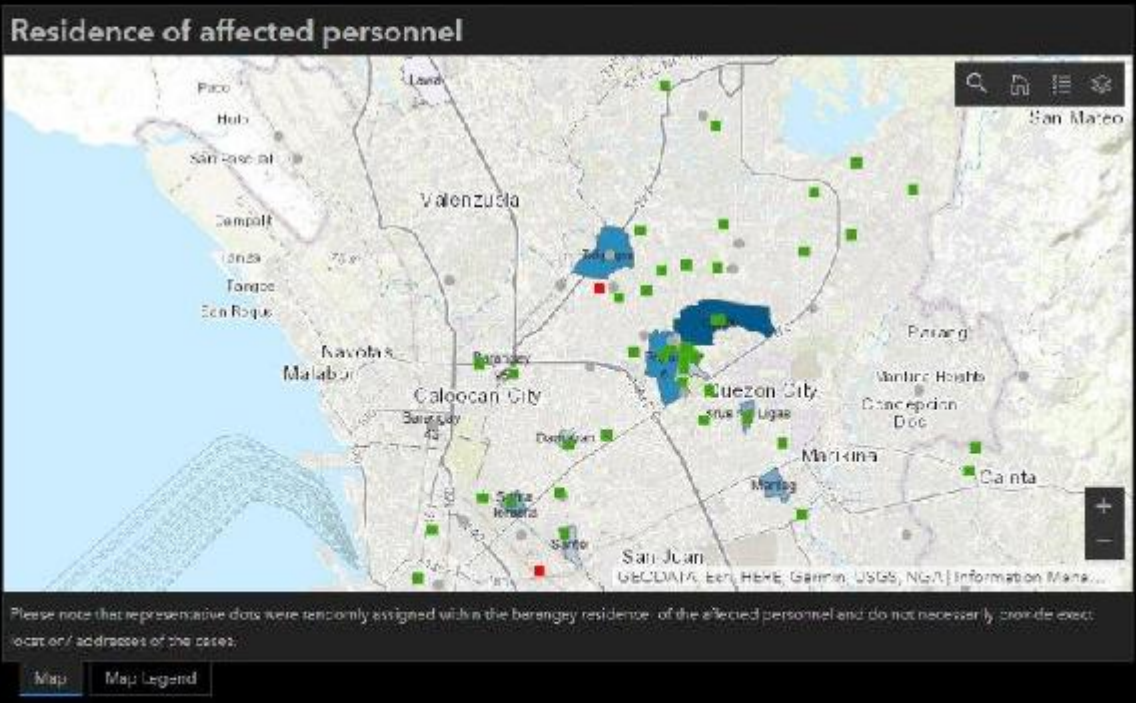
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Data on COVID-19 include reported cases of DENR employees (Permanent, Contract of Service/Job Order, Support Staff (Triumph/Security)) as collected by the Contact Tracing Team of DENR Central Office.

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**KUMAKALAT NA VIDEO NA NAGSASABI NA MAAARING  
MAKAKUHA NG PNEUMONIA SA PAGSUOT NG MASK**

**✓ 'ETO ANG FACT!**

- ✓ Hindi makukuha ang pulmonya sa pagsuot ng face mask. Batay sa pag-aaral, higit na mas mababa ang porsyento ng pagdami ng bakterya sa pag suot ng face mask.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Ang pagsuot ng face mask at face shield ay epektibo sa pag pigil na hindi mahawa ng COVID-19 ng hanggang 93%.<sup>2</sup>

**SOURCES:**

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KUMAKALAT NA VIDEO NA NAGSASABI NA MAS  
MAPANGANIB ANG BAKUNA KAYSA SA COVID-19

## ✓ 'ETO ANG FACT!

- ✓ Naging mabilis ang pagdevelop ng bakuna dahil sa world public health emergency na COVID-19.
- ✓ Ang mga bakuna ay dumaaan sa masusing pag-aaral ng ating mga eksperto. Hindi ito mag dudulot ng COVID-19.
- ✓ Sa buong mundo mahigit na 3,550,250 na ang binawian ng buhay dahil sa COVID-19. Walang naitala na namatay na sanhi ng COVID-19 vaccines.
- ✓ Ang bakuna at ang patuloy na pagsunod sa health protocols ay mabisang panangga laban sa COVID-19.

Source: Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases map developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Systems Science and Engineering ([bit.ly/3fw5AJ5](https://bit.ly/3fw5AJ5))



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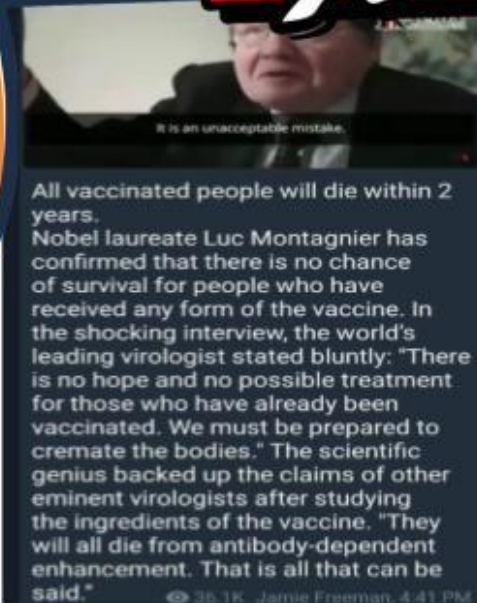




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**CIRCULATING POST CLAIMING THAT DEATH WILL OCCUR 2 YEARS AFTER VACCINATION**

## ✓ 'ETO ANG FACT!



- ✓ Ang bakuna ay hindi magpapahina ng iyong *immune system* o *resistensya*.
- ✓ Magkakaroon ng kumpleto at pinaka mataas na proteksyon laban sa COVID-19 dalawang linggo matapos makumpleto ang dosages ng bakuna.
- ✓ Ang nasabing post ay quoted mula sa Lifesitenews.com. Ugaliin na alamin ang tamang impormasyon mula sa mga **lehitimo at may kredibilidad na sources**.

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**CIRCULATING VIDEO CLAIMING THAT VACCINES  
CONTAIN MAGNET & MICROCHIPS**

**✓ 'ETO ANG FACT!**

- ✓ Hindi naglalaman ng magnets, microchips at “trackers” ang mga bakuna.
- ✓ Ang compilation ng videos na ito ay walang katotohanan at fake news lamang.
- ✓ Ugaliin na alamin ang tamang impormasyon mula sa mga lehitimo at may kredibilidad na sources.

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**X FAKE NEWS!**



**CIRCULATING VIDEO CLAIMING VACCINES  
CONTAIN CHOPPED PARTS OF A FETUS**

**✓ 'ETO ANG FACT!**

- ✓ Walang chop-chop na fetus sa mga bakuna. Ang mga COVID-19 vaccines ay hindi naglalaman ng mga cells ng mga ipinalaglag na sanggol.
- ✓ Ang COVID-19 ay walang pinipiling edad o estado ng kalusugan. Magpabakuna dahil ito ay **epektibo upang maiwasan na magkaroon ng malala o mamatay mula sa COVID-19.**
- ✓ Ang mga **bakuna na may EUA ay dumaan sa masusing pag aaral** ng ating mga experts. Ang rekomendasyon nila ay ayon sa data at ebidensya mula sa mga clinical trials na ginagawa sa iba't ibang mundo.
- ✓ Bagama't boluntaryo, **hinihikayat ang lahat na magpabakuna** para sa proteksyon at kaligtasan ng lahat.



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# CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY OF COVID-19 VACCINES?



TAKE A LOOK AT THE DATA:

DIED **FROM COVID-19**

**20,019\***

DIED **FROM COVID-19 VACCINES**

**0**

RECEIVED **1ST DOSE**

**3,466,314\***

RECEIVED **2ND DOSE**

**1,029,061\***

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# 1ST DOSE

## BEFORE VACCINATION



SCAN QR CODE to determine which priority group you belong

Only persons with any of the following conditions will be required a medical clearance:



### PRE-VACCINATION SCREENING

SCAN QR CODE to check if you need to defer/postpone vaccination



## VACCINATION DAY \*



- (a) Find out by consulting your barangay/BHWs/BHERTs or your LGU/Public Information Office hotlines or official platforms (eg. official FB page)
- (b) No walk-ins allowed!
- (c) These include any government ID, any proof of comorbidity, if needed (any one of the following: prescription, medical certificate, other hospital records), medical clearance, if needed, as well as your face mask, face shield, alcohol, and a ballpen.
- (d) These includes:
  - a vaccine fact sheet
  - a health screening form,
  - an informed consent form.
- (e) You'll be given your vaccination card with the date of your 2nd dose.
- (f) It should be marked on your card that you received your second dose of the vaccine, and you should take note of the health facility or hotline number to report in case you experience any adverse events following immunization.

## AFTER VACCINATION



If these symptoms persist or worsen:

- Consult a doctor
- Call LGU / vaccination site hotline
- Call nearest health facility

# 2ND DOSE

## BEFORE VACCINATION



## VACCINATION DAY \*



Before leaving, make sure your vaccination card is filled correctly. (f)

## AFTER VACCINATION



\* Remember to practice BIDA Behaviors every VACCINATION DAY



# Vaccination Process

**Disclaimer:** This is the Department of Health's recommended vaccination process flow on-site. Local Government Units may tweak or change it based on their needs and convenience.

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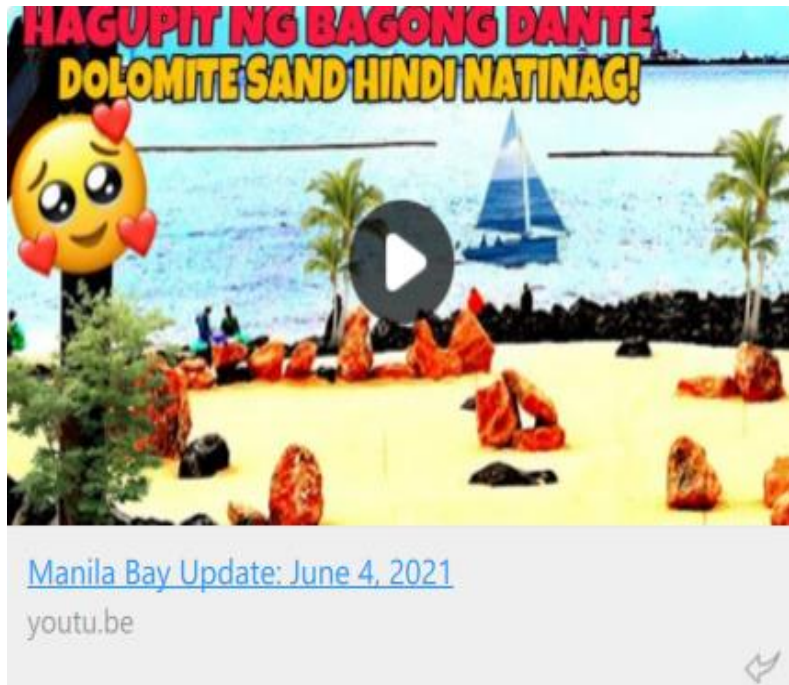
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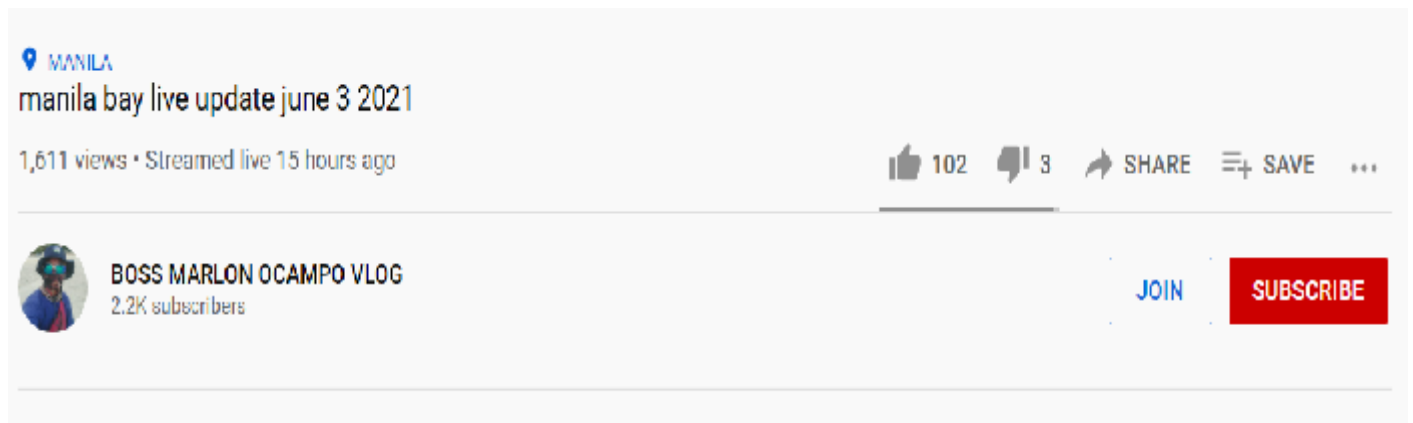
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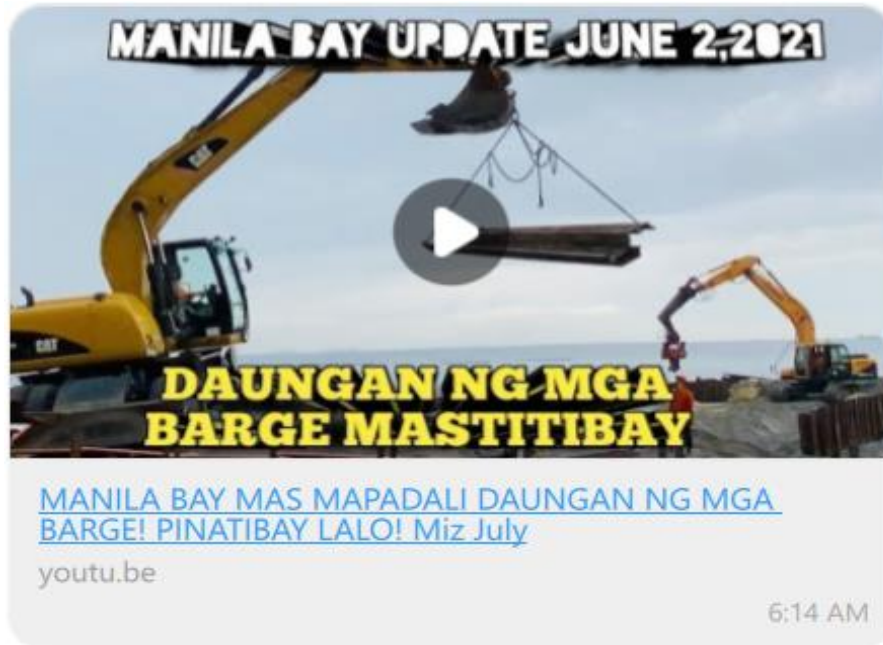
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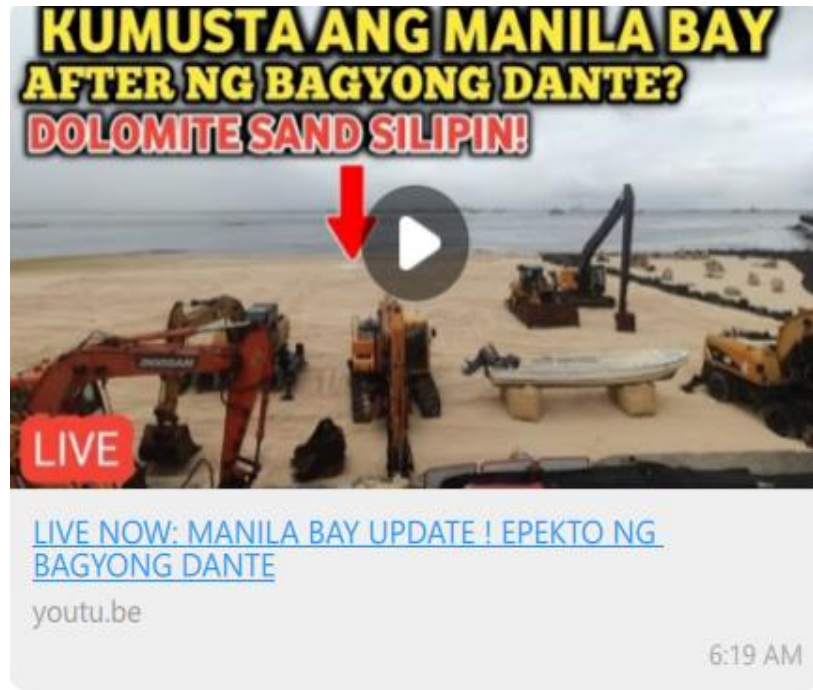
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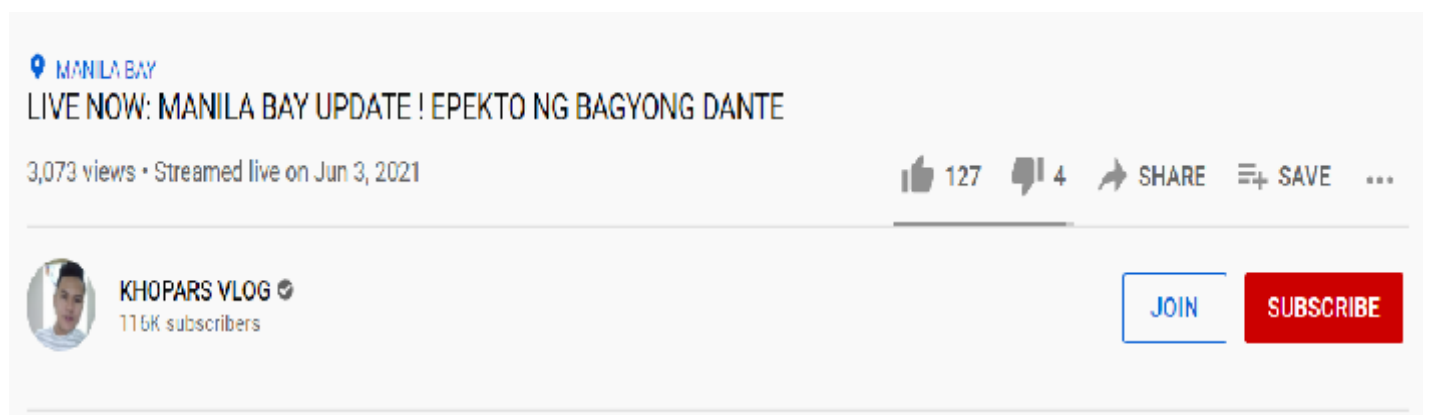
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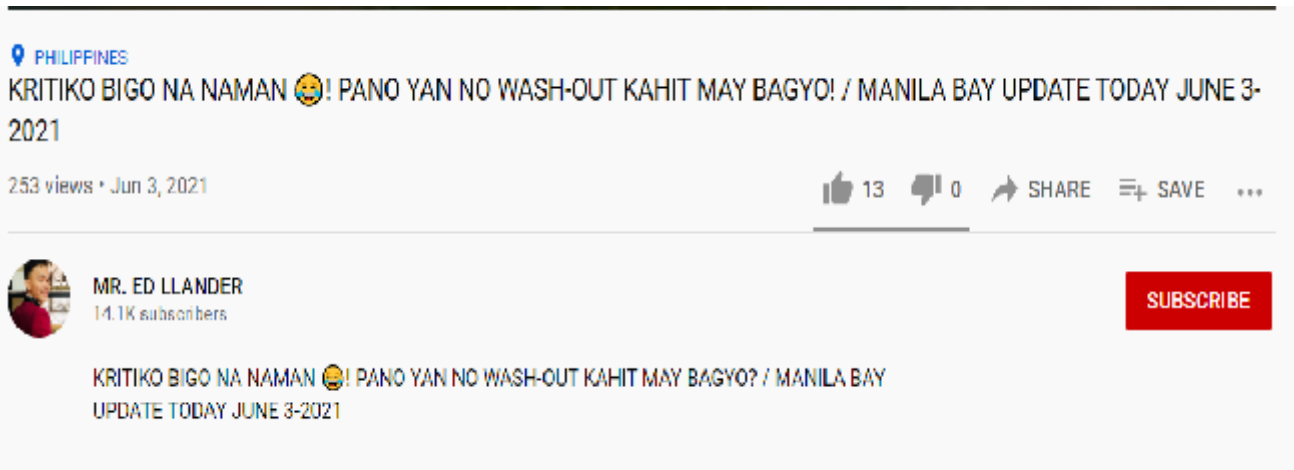
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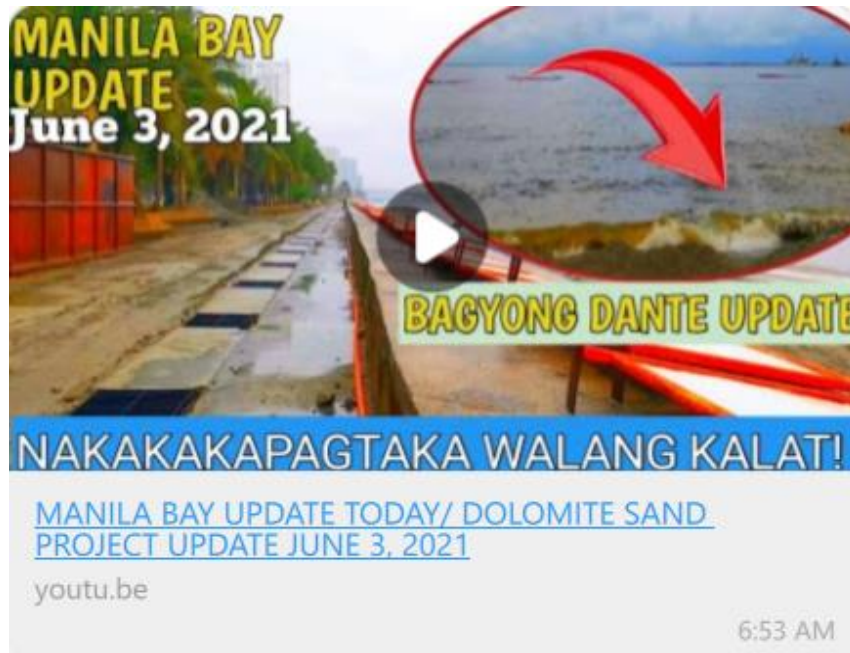
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